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The vulnerabilities are listed on the [CVE](#) vulnerability naming standard and are organized according to severity, determined by the [Common Vulnerability Scoring System \(CVSS\)](#) standard. The vulnerabilities are categorized into the following scores:

Vulnerabilities will be labeled High severity if they have a CVSS base score of 7.0 - 10.0

Vulnerabilities will be labeled Medium severity if they have a CVSS base score of 4.0 - 6.9

Vulnerabilities will be labeled Low severity if they have a CVSS base score of 0.0 - 3.9

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This Vulnerability Summary Bulletin is created using information from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) [National Vulnerability Database](#) (NVD). In some cases, we have assigned CVSS scores. Please visit NVD for updated vulnerability entries, which include CVSS scores once they are available.

High Vulnerabilities

Primary - Product	Description	Published	CVSS Score
There were no high vulnerabilities recorded this week.			

Medium Vulnerabilities

Primary - Product	Description	Published	CVSS Score
There were no medium vulnerabilities recorded this week.			

Low Vulnerabilities

Primary - Product	Description	Published	CVSS Score
There were no low vulnerabilities recorded this week.			

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r	Adobe Experience Manager versions 6.2 and 6.3 have a Server-Side Request Forgery vulnerability. Successful exploitation could lead to sensitive information disclosure.	2018-20
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p	An out-of-bounds heap buffer read flaw was found in the way advancecomp before 2.1-2018/02 handled processing of ZIP files. An attacker could potentially use this flaw to crash the advzip utility by tricking it into processing crafted ZIP files.	2018-27

	An input validation vulnerability was found in Ansible's mysql_user module before 2.2.1.0, which may fail to correctly change a password in certain circumstances. Thus the previous password would still be active when it should have been changed.	2018-26
	A flaw was found in Ansible Tower's interface before 3.1.5 and 3.2.0 with SCM repositories. If a Tower project (SCM repository) definition does not have the 'delete before update' flag set, an attacker with commit access to the upstream playbook source repository could create a Trojan playbook that, when executed by Tower, modifies the checked out SCM repository to add git hooks. These git hooks could, in turn, cause arbitrary command and code execution as the user Tower runs as.	2018-27
	In Apache Kafka 0.9.0.0 to 0.9.0.1, 0.10.0.0 to 0.10.2.1, 0.11.0.0 to 0.11.0.2, and 1.0.0, authenticated Kafka users may perform action reserved for the Broker via a manually created fetch request interfering with data replication, resulting in data loss.	2018-26
	In Apache Kafka 0.10.0.0 to 0.10.2.1 and 0.11.0.0 to 0.11.0.1, authenticated Kafka clients may use impersonation via a manually crafted protocol message with SASL/PLAIN or SASL/SCRAM authentication when using the built-in PLAIN or SCRAM server implementations in Apache Kafka.	2018-26
	In PHP Runtime for Apache OpenWhisk, a Docker action inheriting one of the Docker tags openwhisk/action-php-v7.2:1.0.0 or openwhisk/action-php-v7.1:1.0.1 (or earlier) may allow an attacker to replace the user function inside the container if the user code is vulnerable to code exploitation.	2018-23
	In Docker Skeleton Runtime for Apache OpenWhisk, a Docker action inheriting the Docker tag openwhisk/dockerskeleton:1.3.0 (or earlier) may allow an attacker to replace the user function inside the container if the user code is vulnerable to code exploitation.	2018-23
	The TomEE console (tomee-webapp) has a XSS vulnerability which could allow javascript to be executed if the user is given a malicious URL. This web application is typically used to add TomEE features to a Tomcat installation. The TomEE bundles do not ship with this application included. This issue can be mitigated by removing the application after TomEE is setup (if using the application to install TomEE), using one of the provided pre-configured bundles, or by upgrading to TomEE 7.0.5. This issue is resolve in this commit: b8bbf50c23ce97dd64f3a5d77f78f84e47579863.	2018-23

	ARM mbed TLS before 2.12.0, before 2.7.5, and before 2.1.14 allows local users to achieve partial plaintext recovery (for a CBC based ciphersuite) via a cache-based side-channel attack.	2018-28
	ARM mbed TLS before 2.12.0, before 2.7.5, and before 2.1.14 allows remote attackers to achieve partial plaintext recovery (for a CBC based ciphersuite) via a timing-based side-channel attack. This vulnerability exists because of an incorrect fix (with a wrong SHA-384 calculation) for CVE-2013-0169.	2018-28
	ASUS HG100 devices with firmware before 1.05.12 allow unauthenticated access, leading to remote command execution.	2018-25
	The Webhooks component of Atlassian Jira before version 7.6.7 and from version 7.7.0 before version 7.11.0 allows remote attackers who are able to observe or otherwise intercept webhook events to learn information about changes in issues that should not be sent because they are not contained within the results of a specified JQL query.	2018-24
	An issue was discovered in aubio 0.4.6. A SEGV signal can occur in aubio_source_avcodec_readframe in io/source_avcodec.c, as demonstrated by aubiomfcc.	2018-23
	An issue was discovered in aubio 0.4.6. A SEGV signal can occur in aubio_pitch_set_unit in pitch/pitch.c, as demonstrated by aubionotes.	2018-23
	An issue was discovered in aubio 0.4.6. A buffer over-read can occur in new_aubio_pitchyinfft in pitch/pitchyinfft.c, as demonstrated by aubionotes.	2018-23
	AVEVA InTouch 2014 R2 SP1 and prior, InTouch 2017, InTouch 2017 Update 1, and InTouch 2017 Update 2 allow an unauthenticated user to send a specially crafted packet that could overflow the buffer on a locale not using a dot floating point separator. Exploitation could allow remote code execution under the privileges of the InTouch View process.	2018-24
	index.php?r=admini/admin/create in BageCMS V3.1.3 allows CSRF to add a background administrator account.	2018-24
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. A SEGV can occur in AP4_Processor::ProcessFragments in Core/Ap4Processor.cpp.	2018-24

	An issue was discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. There is a heap-based buffer over-read in AP4_Mpeg2TsVideoSampleStream::WriteSample in Core/Ap4Mpeg2Ts.cpp after a call from Mp42Hls.cpp, a related issue to CVE-2018-13846.	2018-23
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. AP4_MemoryByteStream::WritePartial in Core/Ap4ByteStream.cpp has a buffer over-read.	2018-24
	An issue was discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. There is an unspecified "heap-buffer-overflow" crash in the AP4_HvccAtom class in Core/Ap4HvccAtom.cpp.	2018-23
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. A NULL pointer dereference can occur in AP4_DataBuffer::SetData in Core/Ap4DataBuffer.cpp.	2018-24
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. AP4_Mp4AudioDsiParser::ReadBits in Codecs/Ap4Mp4AudioInfo.cpp has a heap-based buffer over-read.	2018-24
	There exists one NULL pointer dereference vulnerability in AP4_JsonInspector::AddField in Ap4Atom.cpp in Bento4 1.5.1-624, which can allow attackers to cause a denial-of-service via a crafted mp4 file. This vulnerability can be triggered by the executable mp4dump.	2018-23
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. AP4_AvccAtom::Create in Core/Ap4AvccAtom.cpp has a heap-based buffer over-read.	2018-24
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. AP4_BytesToUInt16BE in Core/Ap4Utils.h has a heap-based buffer over-read after a call from the AP4_Stz2Atom class.	2018-24
	There exists one invalid memory read bug in AP4_SampleDescription::GetFormat() in Ap4SampleDescription.h in Bento4 1.5.1-624, which can allow attackers to cause a denial-of-service via a crafted mp4 file. This vulnerability can be triggered by the executable mp42ts.	2018-23
	There exists one invalid memory read bug in AP4_SampleDescription::GetType() in Ap4SampleDescription.h in Bento4 1.5.1-624, which can allow attackers to cause a denial-of-service via a crafted mp4 file. This vulnerability can be triggered by the executable mp42ts.	2018-23
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. A SEGV can occur in AP4_Mpeg2TsAudioSampleStream::WriteSample in Core/Ap4Mpeg2Ts.cpp, a different vulnerability than CVE-2018-14532.	2018-24

	Brynamics "Online Trade - Online trading and cryptocurrency investment system" allows remote attackers to obtain sensitive information via a direct request for /dashboard/addplan, /dashboard/paywithcard/charge, /dashboard/withdrawal, or /privacy&terms, as demonstrated by reading database username, database password, database_name, and IP address fields, related to CVE-2018-12908.	2018-23
	huft_build in archival/libarchive/decompress_gunzip.c in BusyBox before 1.27.2 misuses a pointer, causing segfaults and an application crash during an unzip operation on a specially crafted ZIP file.	2018-26
devices	CalAmp LMU 3030 series OBD-II CDMA and GSM devices has an SMS (text message) interface that can be deployed where no password is configured for this interface by the integrator / reseller. This interface must be password protected, otherwise, the attacker only needs to know the phone number of the device (via an IMSI Catcher, for example) to send administrative commands to the device. These commands can be used to provide ongoing, real-time access to the device and can configure parameters such as IP addresses, firewall rules, and passwords.	2018-24
	In Ceph, a format string flaw was found in the way libradosstriper parses input from user. A user could crash an application or service using the libradosstriper library.	2018-27
	Directory traversal vulnerability in ChamaNet MemoCGI v2.1800 to v2.2200 allows remote attackers to read arbitrary files via unspecified vectors.	2018-26
	Chamilo LMS version 11.x contains an Unserialization vulnerability in the "hash" GET parameter for the api endpoint located at /webservices/api/v2.php that can result in Unauthenticated remote code execution. This attack appear to be exploitable via a simple GET request to the api endpoint. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in After commit 0de84700648f098c1fbf6b807dee28ec640efe62.	2018-23
uaa	Cloud Foundry UAA, versions 4.19 prior to 4.19.2 and 4.12 prior to 4.12.4 and 4.10 prior to 4.10.2 and 4.7 prior to 4.7.6 and 4.5 prior to 4.5.7, incorrectly authorizes requests to admin endpoints by accepting a valid refresh token in lieu of an access token. Refresh tokens by design have a longer expiration time than access tokens, allowing the possessor of a refresh token to authenticate longer than expected. This affects the administrative endpoints of the UAA. i.e. /Users, /Groups, etc. However, if the user has been deleted or had groups removed, or the client was deleted, the refresh token will no longer be valid.	2018-24
	adm-zip npm library before 0.4.9 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25

	curl before 7.53.0 has an incorrect TLS Certificate Status Request extension feature that asks for a fresh proof of the server's certificate's validity in the code that checks for a test success or failure. It ends up always thinking there's valid proof, even when there is none or if the server doesn't support the TLS extension in question. This could lead to users not detecting when a server's certificate goes invalid or otherwise be misled that the server is in a better shape than it is in reality. This flaw also exists in the command line tool (--cert-status).	2018-27
	SQL injection vulnerability in the Notifications application in the Cybozu Garoon 3.5.0 to 4.6.2 allows remote authenticated attackers to execute arbitrary SQL commands via unspecified vectors.	2018-26
products	Dahua IP camera products using firmware versions prior to V2.400.0000.14.R.20170713 include a version of the Sonia web interface that may be vulnerable to a stack buffer overflow. Dahua IP camera products include an application known as Sonia (/usr/bin/sonia) that provides the web interface and other services for controlling the IP camera remotely. Versions of Sonia included in firmware versions prior to DH_IPC-Consumer-Zi-Themis_Eng_P_V2.408.0000.11.R.20170621 do not validate input data length for the 'password' field of the web interface. A remote, unauthenticated attacker may submit a crafted POST request to the IP camera's Sonia web interface that may lead to out-of-bounds memory operations and loss of availability or remote code execution. The issue was originally identified by the researcher in firmware version DH_IPC-HX1X2X-Themis_EngSpnFrn_N_V2.400.0000.30.R.20160803.	2018-24
	The DBPOWER U818A WIFI quadcopter drone provides FTP access over its own local access point, and allows full file permissions to the anonymous user. The DBPower U818A WIFI quadcopter drone runs an FTP server that by default allows anonymous access without a password, and provides full filesystem read/write permissions to the anonymous user. A remote user within range of the open access point on the drone may utilize the anonymous user of the FTP server to read arbitrary files, such as images and video recorded by the device, or to replace system files such as /etc/shadow to gain further access to the device. Furthermore, the DBPOWER U818A WIFI quadcopter drone uses BusyBox 1.20.2, which was released in 2012, and may be vulnerable to other known BusyBox vulnerabilities.	2018-24
	It was found that subscription-manager's DBus interface before 1.19.4 let unprivileged user access the com.redhat.RHSM1.Facts.GetFacts and com.redhat.RHSM1.Config.Set methods. An unprivileged local attacker could use these methods to gain access to private information, or launch a privilege escalation attack.	2018-27

_for_android	The DHC Online Shop App for Android version 3.2.0 and earlier does not verify X.509 certificates from SSL servers, which allows man-in-the-middle attackers to spoof servers and obtain sensitive information via a crafted certificate.	2018-26
	The dotCMS administration panel, versions 3.7.1 and earlier, are vulnerable to cross-site request forgery. The dotCMS administrator panel contains a cross-site request forgery (CSRF) vulnerability. An attacker can perform actions with the same permissions as a victim user, provided the victim has an active session and is induced to trigger the malicious request. An unauthenticated remote attacker may perform actions with the dotCMS administrator panel with the same permissions of a victim user or execute arbitrary system commands with the permissions of the user running the dotCMS application.	2018-24
	The dotCMS administration panel, versions 3.7.1 and earlier, "Push Publishing" feature in Enterprise Pro is vulnerable to arbitrary file upload. When "Bundle" tar.gz archives uploaded to the Push Publishing feature are decompressed, there are no checks on the types of files which the bundle contains. This vulnerability combined with the path traversal vulnerability (CVE-2017-3188) can lead to remote command execution with the permissions of the user running the dotCMS application. An unauthenticated remote attacker may perform actions with the dotCMS administrator panel with the same permissions of a victim user or execute arbitrary system commands with the permissions of the user running the dotCMS application.	2018-24
	The dotCMS administration panel, versions 3.7.1 and earlier, "Push Publishing" feature in Enterprise Pro is vulnerable to path traversal. When "Bundle" tar.gz archives uploaded to the Push Publishing feature are decompressed, the filenames of its contents are not properly checked, allowing for writing files to arbitrary directories on the file system. These archives may be uploaded directly via the administrator panel, or using the CSRF vulnerability (CVE-2017-3187). An unauthenticated remote attacker may perform actions with the dotCMS administrator panel with the same permissions of a victim user or execute arbitrary system commands with the permissions of the user running the dotCMS application.	2018-24
zip.semvered	DotNetZip.Semvered before 1.11.0 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	It was found in EAP 7 before 7.0.9 that properties based files of the management and the application realm configuration that contain user to role mapping are world readable allowing access to users and roles information to all the users logged in to the system.	2018-26

i.lon	Echelon SmartServer 1 all versions, SmartServer 2 all versions prior to release 4.11.007, i.LON 100 all versions, and i.LON 600 all versions. An attacker can use the SOAP API to retrieve and change sensitive configuration items such as the usernames and passwords for the Web and FTP servers. This vulnerability does not affect the i.LON 600 product.	2018-24
i.lon	Echelon SmartServer 1 all versions, SmartServer 2 all versions prior to release 4.11.007, i.LON 100 all versions, and i.LON 600 all versions. The devices allow unencrypted Web connections by default, and devices can receive configuration and firmware updates by unsecure FTP.	2018-24
i.lon	Echelon SmartServer 1 all versions, SmartServer 2 all versions prior to release 4.11.007, i.LON 100 all versions, and i.LON 600 all versions. The devices store passwords in plaintext, which may allow an attacker with access to the configuration file to log into the SmartServer web user interface.	2018-24
i.lon	Echelon SmartServer 1 all versions, SmartServer 2 all versions prior to release 4.11.007, i.LON 100 all versions, and i.LON 600 all versions. An attacker can bypass the required authentication specified in the security configuration file by including extra characters in the directory name when specifying the directory to be accessed. This vulnerability does not affect the i.LON 600 product.	2018-24
	On F5 BIG-IP DNS 13.1.0-13.1.0.7, 12.1.3-12.1.3.5, DNS Express / DNS Zones accept NOTIFY messages on the management interface from source IP addresses not listed in the 'Allow NOTIFY From' configuration parameter when the db variable "dnsexpress.notifyport" is set to any value other than the default of "0".	2018-25
	A remote attacker may be able to disrupt services on F5 BIG-IP 13.0.0-13.1.0.5, 12.1.0-12.1.3.5, 11.6.0-11.6.3.1, or 11.2.1-11.5.6 if the TMM virtual server is configured with a HTML or a Rewrite profile. TMM may restart while processing some specially prepared HTML content from the back end.	2018-25
	A remote attacker via undisclosed measures, may be able to exploit an F5 BIG-IP APM 13.0.0-13.1.0.7 or 12.1.0-12.1.3.5 virtual server configured with an APM per-request policy object and cause a memory leak in the APM module.	2018-25
	Under certain conditions, on F5 BIG-IP ASM 13.0.0-13.1.0.7, 12.1.0-12.1.3.5, 11.6.0-11.6.3.1, 11.5.1-11.5.6, or 11.2.1, when processing CSRF protections, the BIG-IP ASM bd process may restart and produce a core file.	2018-25

	Through undisclosed methods, on F5 BIG-IP 13.0.0-13.1.0.7, 12.1.0-12.1.3.5, 11.6.0-11.6.3.1, or 11.2.1-11.5.6, adjacent network attackers can cause a denial of service for VCMP guest and host systems. Attack must be sourced from adjacent network (layer 2).	2018-25
	When F5 BIG-IP ASM 13.0.0-13.1.0.1, 12.1.0-12.1.3.5, 11.6.0-11.6.3.1, or 11.5.1-11.5.6 is processing HTTP requests, an unusually large number of parameters can cause excessive CPU usage in the BIG-IP ASM bd process.	2018-25
	F5 BIG-IP 13.0.0-13.0.1, 12.1.0-12.1.3.6, or 11.2.1-11.6.3.2 HTTPS health monitors do not validate the identity of the monitored server.	2018-25
	F5 BIG-IP 13.0.0-13.1.0.5, 12.1.0-12.1.3.5, or 11.6.0-11.6.3.1 virtual servers with HTTP/2 profiles enabled are vulnerable to "HPACK Bomb".	2018-25
	FFmpeg before commit bab0716c7f4793ec42e05a5aa7e80d82a0dd4e75 contains an out of array access vulnerability in MXF format demuxer that can result in DoS. This attack appear to be exploitable via specially crafted MXF file which has to be provided as input. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in bab0716c7f4793ec42e05a5aa7e80d82a0dd4e75 and later.	2018-23
	FFmpeg before commit 5aba5b89d0b1d73164d3b81764828bb8b20ff32a contains an out of array read vulnerability in ASF_F format demuxer that can result in heap memory reading. This attack appear to be exploitable via specially crafted ASF file that has to provided as input. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in 5aba5b89d0b1d73164d3b81764828bb8b20ff32a and later.	2018-23
	FFmpeg before commit 9807d3976be0e92e4ece3b4b1701be894cd7c2e1 contains a CWE-835: Infinite loop vulnerability in pva format demuxer that can result in a Vulnerability that allows attackers to consume excessive amount of resources like CPU and RAM. This attack appear to be exploitable via specially crafted PVA file has to be provided as input. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in 9807d3976be0e92e4ece3b4b1701be894cd7c2e1 and later.	2018-23
	FFmpeg before commit 2b46ebdbff1d8dec7a3d8ea280a612b91a582869 contains a Buffer Overflow vulnerability in asf_o format demuxer that can result in heap-buffer-overflow that may result in remote code execution. This attack appears to be exploitable via specially crafted ASF file that has to be provided as input to FFmpeg. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in 2b46ebdbff1d8dec7a3d8ea280a612b91a582869 and later.	2018-23
	FFmpeg before commit a7e032a277452366771951e29fd0bf2bd5c029f0 contains a use-after-free vulnerability in the realmedia demuxer that can result in vulnerability allows attacker to read heap memory. This attack appear to be exploitable via specially crafted RM file has to be provided as input. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in a7e032a277452366771951e29fd0bf2bd5c029f0 and later.	2018-23

	FFmpeg before commit cced03dd667a5df6df8fd40d8de0bff477ee02e8 contains multiple out of array access vulnerabilities in the mms protocol that can result in attackers accessing out of bound data. This attack appear to be exploitable via network connectivity. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in cced03dd667a5df6df8fd40d8de0bff477ee02e8 and later.	2018-23
	foreman before version 1.16.0 is vulnerable to a stored XSS in organizations/locations assignment to hosts. Exploiting this requires a user to actively assign hosts to an organization that contains html in its name which is visible to the user prior to taking action.	2018-26
	In fuse before versions 2.9.8 and 3.x before 3.2.5, fusermount is vulnerable to a restriction bypass when SELinux is active. This allows non-root users to mount a FUSE file system with the 'allow_other' mount option regardless of whether 'user_allow_other' is set in the fuse configuration. An attacker may use this flaw to mount a FUSE file system, accessible by other users, and trick them into accessing files on that file system, possibly causing Denial of Service or other unspecified effects.	2018-24
	A flaw was discovered in gdm 3.24.1 where gdm greeter was no longer setting the ran_once boolean during autologin. If autologin was enabled for a victim, an attacker could simply select 'login as another user' to unlock their screen.	2018-26
enterprise_edition	An issue was discovered in GitLab Community and Enterprise Edition before 10.8.7, 11.0.x before 11.0.5, and 11.1.x before 11.1.2. XSS can occur in the branch name during a Web IDE file commit.	2018-26
enterprise_edition	An issue was discovered in GitLab Community and Enterprise Edition 11.1.x before 11.1.2. A Denial of Service can occur because Markdown rendering times are slow.	2018-26
enterprise_edition	An issue was discovered in GitLab Community and Enterprise Edition before 10.8.7, 11.0.x before 11.0.5, and 11.1.x before 11.1.2. Information Disclosure can occur because the Prometheus metrics feature discloses private project pathnames.	2018-26
enterprise_edition	An issue was discovered in GitLab Community and Enterprise Edition before 10.8.7, 11.0.x before 11.0.5, and 11.1.x before 11.1.2. CSRF can occur in the Test feature of the System Hooks component.	2018-26
enterprise_edition	An issue was discovered in GitLab Community and Enterprise Edition before 10.8.7, 11.0.x before 11.0.5, and 11.1.x before 11.1.2. XSS can occur via a Milestone name during a promotion.	2018-26

enterprise_edition	An issue was discovered in GitLab Community and Enterprise Edition before 10.8.7, 11.0.x before 11.0.5, and 11.1.x before 11.1.2. XSS can occur in the tooltip of the job inside the CI/CD pipeline.	2018-26
	Untrusted search path vulnerability in the installer of Glarysoft Glary Utilities (Glary Utilities 5.99 and earlier and Glary Utilities Pro 5.99 and earlier) allows an attacker to gain privileges via a Trojan horse DLL in an unspecified directory.	2018-26
	Glezcms Gleez Cms version 1.3.0 contains a Cross Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability in Profile page that can result in Inject arbitrary web script or HTML via the profile page editor. This attack appear to be exploitable via The victim must navigate to the attacker's profile page.	2018-23
	camel/providers/imapx/camel-imapx-server.c in the IMAPx component in GNOME evolution-data-server before 3.21.2 proceeds with cleartext data containing a password if the client wishes to use STARTTLS but the server will not use STARTTLS, which makes it easier for remote attackers to obtain sensitive information by sniffing the network. The server code was intended to report an error and not proceed, but the code was written incorrectly.	2018-20
	dwg_decode_eeed in decode.c in GNU LibreDWG 0.5.1048 leads to a double free (in dwg_free_eeed in free.c) because it does not properly manage the obj->eeed value after a free occurs.	2018-23
	Cross-site scripting vulnerability in Mailman 2.1.26 and earlier allows remote authenticated attackers to inject arbitrary web script or HTML via unspecified vectors.	2018-26
	mholt/archiver golang package before e4ef56d48eb029648b0e895bb0b6a393ef0829c3 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in an archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	GolemCMS through 2008-12-24, if the install/ directory remains active after an installation, allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary PHP code by inserting this code into the "Database Information" "Table prefix" form field, or obtain sensitive information via a direct request for install/install.sql.	2018-24

	The add function in www/Lib/Lib/Action/Admin/TplAction.class.php in Gxlcms v1.1.4 allows remote attackers to read arbitrary files via a crafted index.php?s=Admin-Tpl-ADD-id request, related to Lib/Common/Admin/function.php.	2018-28
	An issue was discovered in H2 1.4.197. Insecure handling of permissions in the backup function allows attackers to read sensitive files (outside of their permissions) via a symlink to a fake database file.	2018-24
or_standard_edition	IBM Sterling B2B Integrator Standard Edition (IBM Sterling File Gateway 2.2.0 through 2.2.6) uses weaker than expected cryptographic algorithms that could allow a local attacker to decrypt highly sensitive information. IBM X-Force ID: 132032.	2018-20
or_standard_edition	IBM Sterling B2B Integrator Standard Edition 5.2.0 through 5.2.6 is vulnerable to cross-site scripting. This vulnerability allows users to embed arbitrary JavaScript code in the Web UI thus altering the intended functionality potentially leading to credentials disclosure within a trusted session. IBM X-Force ID: 141551.	2018-23
or_standard_edition	IBM Sterling B2B Integrator Standard Edition (IBM Sterling File Gateway 2.2.0 through 2.2.6) caches usernames and passwords in browsers that could be used by a local attacker to obtain sensitive information. IBM X-Force ID: 130812.	2018-20
	IBM Sterling File Gateway 2.2.0 through 2.2.6 could allow a remote authenticated attacker to obtain sensitive information displayed in the URL that could lead to further attacks against the system. IBM X-Force ID: 140688.	2018-20
	IBM WebSphere MQ 7.5, 8.0, and 9.0 could allow a remotely authenticated attacker to to send invalid or malformed headers that could cause messages to no longer be transmitted via the affected channel. IBM X-Force ID: 141339.	2018-23
	An SSRF vulnerability was discovered in idreamsoft iCMS V7.0.9 that allows attackers to read sensitive files, access an intranet, or possibly have unspecified other impact.	2018-23

k	The ReadMATImageV4 function in coders/mat.c in ImageMagick 7.0.8-7 uses an uninitialized variable, leading to memory corruption.	2018-23
	A vulnerability was found in ipa before 4.4. IdM's ca-del, ca-disable, and ca-enable commands did not properly check the user's permissions while modifying CAs in Dogtag. An authenticated, unauthorized attacker could use this flaw to delete, disable, or enable CAs causing various denial of service problems with certificate issuance, OCSP signing, and deletion of secret keys.	2018-27
tion	It was discovered that the XmlUtils class in jbpmmigration 6.5 performed expansion of external parameter entities while parsing XML files. A remote attacker could use this flaw to read files accessible to the user running the application server and, potentially, perform other more advanced XML eXternal Entity (XXE) attacks.	2018-26
	A cross-site scripting vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in the Stapler web framework's org/kohsuke/stapler/Stapler.java that allows attackers with the ability to control the existence of some URLs in Jenkins to define JavaScript that would be executed in another user's browser when that other user views HTTP 404 error pages while Stapler debug mode is enabled.	2018-23
	It was found that the use of Pipeline: Classpath Step Jenkins plugin enables a bypass of the Script Security sandbox for users with SCM commit access, as well as users with e.g. Job/Configure permission in Jenkins.	2018-27
	It was found that there were no permission checks performed in the Distributed Fork plugin before and including 1.5.0 for Jenkins that provides the dist-fork CLI command beyond the basic check for Overall/Read permission, allowing anyone with that permission to run arbitrary shell commands on all connected nodes.	2018-27
	A exposure of sensitive information vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in Plugin.java that allows attackers to determine the date and time when a plugin HPI/JPI file was last extracted, which typically is the date of the most recent installation/upgrade.	2018-23
	It was found that jenkins-ssh-slaves-plugin before version 1.15 did not perform host key verification, thereby enabling Man-in-the-Middle attacks.	2018-27

	A Improper authorization vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in Queue.java that allows attackers with Overall/Read permission to cancel queued builds.	2018-23
	A arbitrary file read vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in the Stapler web framework's org/kohsuke/stapler/Stapler.java that allows attackers to send crafted HTTP requests returning the contents of any file on the Jenkins master file system that the Jenkins master has access to.	2018-23
	jenkins-mailer-plugin before version 1.20 is vulnerable to an information disclosure while using the feature to send emails to a dynamically created list of users based on the changelogs. This could in some cases result in emails being sent to people who have no user account in Jenkins, and in rare cases even people who were not involved in whatever project was being built, due to some mapping based on the local-part of email addresses.	2018-27
	It was found that the Active Directory Plugin for Jenkins up to and including version 2.2 did not verify certificates of the Active Directory server, thereby enabling Man-in-the-Middle attacks.	2018-27
	A unauthorized modification of configuration vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in User.java that allows attackers to provide crafted login credentials that cause Jenkins to move the config.xml file from the Jenkins home directory. If Jenkins is started without this file present, it will revert to the legacy defaults of granting administrator access to anonymous users.	2018-23
	A cross-site scripting vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in BuildTimelineWidget.java, BuildTimelineWidget/control.jelly that allows attackers with Job/Configure permission to define JavaScript that would be executed in another user's browser when that other user performs some UI actions.	2018-23
	A Improper authorization vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in SlaveComputer.java that allows attackers with Overall/Read permission to initiate agent launches, and abort in-progress agent launches.	2018-23
	joyplus-cms 1.6.0 has XSS via the manager/collect/collect_vod_zhuiju.php keyword parameter.	2018-22
	manager/admin_ajax.php in joyplus-cms 1.6.0 has SQL Injection, as demonstrated by crafted POST data beginning with an "m_id=1 AND SLEEP(5)" substring.	2018-22
g	A flaw was found in katello-debug before 3.4.0 where certain scripts and log files used insecure temporary files. A local user could exploit this flaw to conduct a symbolic-link attack, allowing them to overwrite the contents of arbitrary files.	2018-27

	<p>It was found that while parsing the SAML messages the StaxParserUtil class of keycloak before 2.5.1 replaces special strings for obtaining attribute values with system property. This could allow an attacker to determine values of system properties at the attacked system by formatting the SAML request ID field to be the chosen system property which could be obtained in the "InResponseTo" field in the response.</p>	2018-26
	<p>keycloak before version 4.0.0.final is vulnerable to a infinite loop in session replacement. A Keycloak cluster with multiple nodes could mishandle an expired session replacement and lead to an infinite loop. A malicious authenticated user could use this flaw to achieve Denial of Service on the server.</p>	2018-23
	<p>It was found that when Keycloak before 2.5.5 receives a Logout request with a Extensions in the middle of the request, the SAMLsloRequestParser.parse() method ends in a infinite loop. An attacker could use this flaw to conduct denial of service attacks.</p>	2018-27
	<p>An authentication bypass flaw was found in the way krb5's certauth interface before 1.16.1 handled the validation of client certificates. A remote attacker able to communicate with the KDC could potentially use this flaw to impersonate arbitrary principals under rare and erroneous circumstances.</p>	2018-26
	<p>The IMM2 First Failure Data Capture function collects management module logs and diagnostic information when a hardware error is detected. This information is made available for download through an SFTP server hosted on the IMM2 management network interface. In versions earlier than 4.90 for Lenovo System x and earlier than 6.80 for IBM System x, the credentials to access the SFTP server are hard-coded and described in the IMM2 documentation, allowing an attacker</p>	2018-26

	with management network access to obtain the collected FFDC data. After applying the update, the IMM2 will create random SFTP credentials for use with OneCLI.	
	libcrypt before version 1.7.8 is vulnerable to a cache side-channel attack resulting into a complete break of RSA-1024 while using the left-to-right method for computing the sliding-window expansion. The same attack is believed to work on RSA-2048 with moderately more computation. This side-channel requires that attacker can run arbitrary software on the hardware where the private RSA key is used.	2018-26
	It was discovered that libICE before 1.0.9-8 used a weak entropy to generate keys. A local attacker could potentially use this flaw for session hijacking using the information available from the process list.	2018-27
	A missing patch for a stack-based buffer overflow in findTable() was found in Red Hat version of liblouis before 2.5.4. An attacker could cause a denial of service condition or potentially even arbitrary code execution.	2018-27
	An issue was discovered in mspack/chmd.c in libmspack before 0.7alpha. There is an off-by-one error in the TOLOWER() macro for CHM decompression.	2018-28
	An issue was discovered in kwajd_read_headers in mspack/kwajd.c in libmspack before 0.7alpha. Bad KWAJ file header extensions could cause a one or two byte overwrite.	2018-28

	An issue was discovered in mspack/chmd.c in libmspack before 0.7alpha. There is an off-by-one error in the CHM PMGI/PMGL chunk number validity checks, which could lead to denial of service (uninitialized data dereference and application crash).	2018-28
	An issue was discovered in mspack/chmd.c in libmspack before 0.7alpha. It does not reject blank CHM filenames.	2018-28
	An issue has been found in libwav through 2017-04-20. It is a SEGV in the function wav_write in libwav.c.	2018-23
	It was discovered that libXdmcp before 1.1.2 including used weak entropy to generate session keys. On a multi-user system using xdmcp, a local attacker could potentially use information available from the process list to brute force the key, allowing them to hijack other users' sessions.	2018-27
s	LICA miniCMTS E8K(u/i/...) devices allow remote attackers to obtain sensitive information via a direct POST request for the inc/user.ini file, leading to discovery of a password hash.	2018-25
	An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is a buffer overflow in truncate_inline_inode() in fs/f2fs/inline.c when umounting an f2fs image, because a length value may be negative.	2018-27
	An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is an out-of-bounds access in __remove_dirty_segment() in fs/f2fs/segment.c when mounting an f2fs image.	2018-27
	A flaw was found in Linux kernel's KVM virtualization subsystem. The VMX code does not restore the GDT.LIMIT to the previous host value, but instead sets it to 64KB. With a corrupted GDT limit a host's userspace code has an ability to	2018-26

	<p>place malicious entries in the GDT, particularly to the per-cpu variables. An attacker can use this to escalate their privileges.</p>	
	<p>Linux kernel is vulnerable to a stack-out-of-bounds write in the ext4 filesystem code when mounting and writing to a crafted ext4 image in <code>ext4_update_inline_data()</code>. An attacker could use this to cause a system crash and a denial of service.</p>	<p>2018-25</p>
	<p>An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is a NULL pointer dereference and panic in <code>hfsplus_lookup()</code> in <code>fs/hfsplus/dir.c</code> when opening a file (that is purportedly a hard link) in an hfs+ filesystem that has malformed catalog data, and is mounted read-only without a metadata directory.</p>	<p>2018-27</p>
	<p>It was found that the Linux kernel's Datagram Congestion Control Protocol (DCCP) implementation before 2.6.22.17 used the IPv4-only <code>inet_sk_rebuild_header()</code> function for both IPv4 and IPv6 DCCP connections, which could result in memory corruptions. A remote attacker could use this flaw to crash the system.</p>	<p>2018-27</p>
	<p>An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is out-of-bounds access in <code>write_extent_buffer()</code> when mounting and operating a crafted btrfs image, because of a lack of verification that each block group has a corresponding chunk at mount time, within <code>btrfs_read_block_groups</code> in <code>fs/btrfs/extent-tree.c</code>.</p>	<p>2018-27</p>
	<p>A flaw was found in the Linux kernel's handling of clearing SELinux attributes on <code>/proc/pid/attr</code> files before 4.9.10. An empty (null) write to this file can crash the system by causing the system to attempt to access unmapped kernel memory.</p>	<p>2018-27</p>

	<p>An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.11, as used in Xen through 4.11.x. The <code>xen_failsafe_callback</code> entry point in <code>arch/x86/entry/entry_64.S</code> does not properly maintain RBX, which allows local users to cause a denial of service (uninitialized memory usage and system crash). Within Xen, 64-bit x86 PV Linux guest OS users can trigger a guest OS crash or possibly gain privileges.</p>	2018-28
	<p>A kernel data leak due to an out-of-bound read was found in the Linux kernel in <code>inet_diag_msg_sctp{,l}addr_fill()</code> and <code>sctp_get_sctp_info()</code> functions present since version 4.7-rc1 through version 4.13. A data leak happens when these functions fill in <code>sockaddr</code> data structures used to export socket's diagnostic information. As a result, up to 100 bytes of the slab data could be leaked to a userspace.</p>	2018-26
	<p>A flaw was found in the Linux kernel's ext4 filesystem. A local user can cause an out-of-bounds write and a denial of service or unspecified other impact is possible by mounting and operating a crafted ext4 filesystem image.</p>	2018-26
	<p>An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is an invalid pointer dereference in <code>io_ctl_map_page()</code> when mounting and operating a crafted btrfs image, because of a lack of block group item validation in <code>check_leaf_item</code> in <code>fs/btrfs/tree-checker.c</code>.</p>	2018-27
	<p>An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is an invalid pointer dereference in <code>__del_reloc_root()</code> in <code>fs/btrfs/relocation.c</code> when mounting a crafted btrfs image, related to removing <code>reloc rb_trees</code> when <code>reloc control</code> has not been initialized.</p>	2018-27
	<p>An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is an invalid pointer dereference in <code>btrfs_root_node()</code> when mounting a crafted btrfs image, because of a lack of chunk block group mapping validation in <code>btrfs_read_block_groups</code> in <code>fs/btrfs/extent-tree.c</code>, and a lack of empty-tree checks in <code>check_leaf</code> in <code>fs/btrfs/tree-checker.c</code>.</p>	2018-27

	A flaw was found in the Linux kernel's ext4 filesystem. A local user can cause an out-of-bound access in <code>ext4_get_group_info</code> function, a denial of service, and a system crash by mounting and operating on a crafted ext4 filesystem image.	2018-26
	A flaw was found in the Linux kernel's ext4 filesystem. A local user can cause a use-after-free in <code>ext4_xattr_set_entry</code> function and a denial of service or unspecified other impact may occur by renaming a file in a crafted ext4 filesystem image.	2018-26
	A flaw was found in Linux kernel in the ext4 filesystem code. A use-after-free is possible in <code>ext4_ext_remove_space()</code> function when mounting and operating a crafted ext4 image.	2018-26
	A flaw was found in the Linux kernel's ext4 filesystem. A local user can cause an out-of-bound write in in <code>fs/jbd2/transaction.c</code> code, a denial of service, and a system crash by unmounting a crafted ext4 filesystem image.	2018-27
	An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is a use-after-free in <code>try_merge_free_space()</code> when mounting a crafted btrfs image, because of a lack of chunk type flag checks in <code>btrfs_check_chunk_valid</code> in <code>fs/btrfs/volumes.c</code> .	2018-27

	The timer_create syscall implementation in kernel/time/posix-timers.c in the Linux kernel before 4.14.8 doesn't properly validate the sigevent->sigev_notify field, which leads to out-of-bounds access in the show_timer function (called when /proc/\$PID/timers is read). This allows userspace applications to read arbitrary kernel memory (on a kernel built with CONFIG_POSIX_TIMERS and CONFIG_CHECKPOINT_RESTORE).	2018-26
	An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is a NULL pointer dereference in fsencrypt_do_page_crypto() in fs/crypto/crypto.c when operating on a file in a corrupted f2fs image.	2018-27
	A race condition was found in util-linux before 2.32.1 in the way su handled the management of child processes. A local authenticated attacker could use this flaw to kill other processes with root privileges under specific conditions.	2018-27
y_software	Untrusted search path vulnerability in LOGICOOL CONNECTION UTILITY SOFTWARE versions before 2.30.9 allows an attacker to gain privileges via a Trojan horse DLL in an unspecified directory.	2018-26
	Untrusted search path vulnerability in LOGICOOL Game Software versions before 8.87.116 allows an attacker to gain privileges via a Trojan horse DLL in an unspecified directory.	2018-26
	MathJax version prior to version 2.7.4 contains a Cross Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability in the \unicode{} macro that can result in Potentially untrusted Javascript running within a web browser. This attack appear to be exploitable via The victim must view a page where untrusted content is processed using Mathjax. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in 2.7.4 and later.	2018-23
on	Exploiting Incorrectly Configured Access Control Security Levels vulnerability in McAfee Data Loss Prevention (DLP) for Windows versions prior to 10.0.505 and 11.0.405 allows local users to bypass DLP policy via editing of local policy files when offline.	2018-23
	Authentication Bypass vulnerability in TPM autoboot in McAfee Drive Encryption (MDE) 7.1.0 and above allows physically proximate attackers to bypass local security protection via specific set of circumstances.	2018-27
	Configuration/Environment manipulation vulnerability in the administrative interface in McAfee Web Gateway (MWG) MWG 7.8.1.x allows authenticated administrator users to execute arbitrary commands via unspecified vectors.	2018-23

	Directory Traversal vulnerability in the administrative user interface in McAfee Web Gateway (MWG) MWG 7.8.1.x allows authenticated administrator users to gain elevated privileges via unspecified vectors.	2018-23
	mitmweb in mitmproxy v4.0.3 allows DNS Rebinding attacks, related to tools/web/app.py.	2018-22
	In Moxa NPort 5210, 5230, and 5232 versions 2.9 build 17030709 and prior, the amount of resources requested by a malicious actor are not restricted, allowing for a denial-of-service condition.	2018-24
boot_aes-cbc_encryption	Das U-Boot is a device bootloader that can read its configuration from an AES encrypted file. For devices utilizing this environment encryption mode, U-Boot's use of a zero initialization vector may allow attacks against the underlying cryptographic implementation and allow an attacker to decrypt the data. Das U-Boot's AES-CBC encryption feature uses a zero (0) initialization vector. This allows an attacker to perform dictionary attacks on encrypted data produced by Das U-Boot to learn information about the encrypted data.	2018-24
boot_aes-cbc_encryption	Das U-Boot is a device bootloader that can read its configuration from an AES encrypted file. Devices that make use of Das U-Boot's AES-CBC encryption feature using environment encryption (i.e., setting the configuration parameter CONFIG_ENV_AES=y) read environment variables from disk as the encrypted disk image is processed. An attacker with physical access to the device can manipulate the encrypted environment data to include a crafted two-byte sequence which triggers an error in environment variable parsing. This error condition is improperly handled by Das U-Boot, resulting in an immediate process termination with a debugging message.	2018-24
_products	Applications developed using the Portrait Display SDK, versions 2.30 through 2.34, default to insecure configurations which allow arbitrary code execution. A number of applications developed using the Portrait Displays SDK do not use secure permissions when running. These applications run the component pdiservice.exe with NT AUTHORITY/SYSTEM permissions. This component is also read/writable by all Authenticated Users. This allows local authenticated attackers to run arbitrary code with SYSTEM privileges. The following applications have been identified by Portrait Displays as affected: Fujitsu DisplayView Click: Version 6.0 and 6.01. The issue was fixed in Version 6.3. Fujitsu DisplayView Click Suite: Version 5. The issue is addressed by patch in Version 5.9. HP Display Assistant: Version 2.1. The issue was fixed in Version 2.11. HP My Display: Version 2.0. The issue was fixed in Version 2.1. Philips Smart Control Premium: Versions 2.23, 2.25. The issue was fixed in Version 2.26.	2018-24

shortest_path_first_protocol	Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) protocol implementations may improperly determine Link State Advertisement (LSA) recency for LSAs with MaxSequenceNumber. According to RFC 2328 section 13.1, for two instances of the same LSA, recency is determined by first comparing sequence numbers, then checksums, and finally MaxAge. In a case where the sequence numbers are the same, the LSA with the larger checksum is considered more recent, and will not be flushed from the Link State Database (LSDB). Since the RFC does not explicitly state that the values of links carried by a LSA must be the same when prematurely aging a self-originating LSA with MaxSequenceNumber, it is possible in vulnerable OSPF implementations for an attacker to craft a LSA with MaxSequenceNumber and invalid links that will result in a larger checksum and thus a 'newer' LSA that will not be flushed from the LSDB. Propagation of the crafted LSA can result in the erasure or alteration of the routing tables of routers within the routing domain, creating a denial of service condition or the re-routing of traffic on the network. CVE-2017-3224 has been reserved for Quagga and downstream implementations (SUSE, openSUSE, and Red Hat packages).	2018-24
interface	Navarino Infinity web interface up to version 2.2 exposes an unauthenticated script that is prone to blind sql injection. If successfully exploited the user can get info from the underlying postgresql database that could lead into to total compromise of the product. The said script is available with no authentication.	2018-24
interface	Some Navarino Infinity functions, up to version 2.2, placed in the URL can bypass any authentication mechanism leading to an information leak.	2018-24
interface	Navarino Infinity is prone to session fixation attacks. The server accepts the session ID as a GET parameter which can lead to bypassing the two factor authentication in some installations. This could lead to phishing attacks that can bypass the two factor authentication that is present in some installations.	2018-24
csdj_series_products	NEC Platforms Calsos CSDX and CSDJ series products (CSDX 1.37210411 and earlier, CSDX(P) 4.37210411 and earlier, CSDX(D) 3.37210411 and earlier, CSDX(S) 2.37210411 and earlier, CSDJ-B 01.03.00 and earlier, CSDJ-H 01.03.00 and earlier, CSDJ-D 01.03.00 and earlier, CSDJ-A 03.00.00) allows remote authenticated attackers to bypass access restriction to conduct arbitrary operations with administrative privilege via unspecified vectors.	2018-26
csdj_series_products	Cross-site scripting vulnerability in NEC Platforms Calsos CSDX and CSDJ series products (CSDX 1.37210411 and earlier, CSDX(P) 4.37210411 and earlier, CSDX(D) 3.37210411 and earlier, CSDX(S) 2.37210411 and earlier, CSDJ-B	2018-26

	01.03.00 and earlier, CSDJ-H 01.03.00 and earlier, CSDJ-D 01.03.00 and earlier, CSDJ-A 03.00.00) allows remote attackers to inject arbitrary web script or HTML via unspecified vectors.	
	A vulnerability is in the 'BSW_cxttongr.htm' page of the Netgear DGN2200, version DGN2200-V1.0.0.50_7.0.50, and DGND3700, version DGND3700-V1.0.0.17_1.0.17, which can allow a remote attacker to access this page without any authentication. When processed, it exposes the admin password in clear text before it gets redirected to absw_vfysucc.cgia. An attacker can use this password to gain administrator access to the targeted router's web interface.	2018-24
	There are few web pages associated with the genie app on the Netgear WNDR4500 running firmware version V1.0.1.40_1.0.6877. Genie app adds some capabilities over the Web GUI and can be accessed even when you are away from home. A remote attacker can access genie_ping.htm or genie_ping2.htm or genie_ping3.htm page without authentication. Once accessed, the page will be redirected to the aCongratulations2.htma page, which reveals some sensitive information such as 2.4GHz & 5GHz Wireless Network Name (SSID) and Network Key (Password) in clear text.	2018-24
	An out-of-bounds write vulnerability was found in netpbm before 10.61. A maliciously crafted file could cause the application to crash or possibly allow code execution.	2018-27
	An out-of-bounds read vulnerability was found in netpbm before 10.61. The expandCodeOntoStack() function has an insufficient code value check, so that a maliciously crafted file could cause the application to crash or possibly allows code execution.	2018-27
	A null pointer dereference vulnerability was found in netpbm before 10.61. A maliciously crafted SVG file could cause the application to crash.	2018-27
	A memory allocation vulnerability was found in netpbm before 10.61. A maliciously crafted SVG file could cause the application to crash.	2018-27
	An out-of-bounds write vulnerability was found in netpbm before 10.61. A maliciously crafted file could cause the application to crash or possibly allow code execution.	2018-27
	Network Manager VPNC plugin (aka networkmanager-vpnc) before version 1.2.6 is vulnerable to a privilege escalation attack. A new line character can be used to inject a Password helper parameter into the configuration data passed to VPNC, allowing an attacker to execute arbitrary commands as root.	2018-26

ness_basic	A file upload vulnerability in application/shop/controller/member.php in Niushop B2B2C Multi-business basic version V1.11 allows any remote member to upload a .php file to the web server via a profile avatar field, by using an image Content-Type (e.g., image/jpeg) with a modified filename and file content. This results in arbitrary code execution by requesting that .php file.	2018-23
	October CMS version prior to build 437 contains a Cross Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability in the Media module and create folder functionality that can result in an Authenticated user with media module permission creating arbitrary folder name with XSS content. This attack appear to be exploitable via an Authenticated user with media module permission who can create arbitrary folder name (XSS). This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in build 437.	2018-23
	October CMS version prior to Build 437 contains a Local File Inclusion vulnerability in modules/system/traits/ViewMaker.php#244 (makeFileContents function) that can result in Sensitive information disclosure and remote code execution. This attack appear to be exploitable remotely if the /backend path is accessible. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in Build 437.	2018-23
	Cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability in the Groups Page in Open-Audit Community 2.2.6 allows remote attackers to inject arbitrary web script or HTML via the group name.	2018-25
1 -- onos	Open Networking Foundation (ONF) ONOS version 1.13.2 and earlier version contains a Directory Traversal vulnerability in core/common/src/main/java/org/onosproject/common/app/ApplicationArchive.java line 35 that can result in arbitrary file deletion (overwrite). This attack appear to be exploitable via a specially crafted zip file should be uploaded.	2018-23
	A flaw was found in all Openshift Enterprise versions using the openshift elasticsearch plugin. An attacker with knowledge of the given name used to authenticate and access Elasticsearch can later access it without the token, bypassing authentication. This attack also requires that the Elasticsearch be configured with an external route, and the data accessed is limited to the indices.	2018-27
	ovirt-engine before version 4.1.7.6 with log level set to DEBUG includes passwords in the log file without masking. Only administrators can change the log level and only administrators can access the logs. This presents a risk when debug-level logs are shared with vendors or other parties to troubleshoot issues.	2018-27

	<p>PEAR HTML_QuickForm version 3.2.14 contains an eval injection (CWE-95) vulnerability in HTML_QuickForm's getSubmitValue method, HTML_QuickForm's validate method, HTML_QuickForm_hierselect's _setOptions method, HTML_QuickForm_element's _findValue method, HTML_QuickForm_element's _prepareValue method. that can result in Possible information disclosure, possible impact on data integrity and execution of arbitrary code. This attack appear to be exploitable via A specially crafted query string could be utilised, e.g. http://www.example.com/admin/add_practice_type_id[1]=fubar%27)%20OR%20die(%27OOK!%27);%20//&mode=live. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in 3.2.15.</p>	2018-23
	<p>An out-of-bounds write flaw was found in the way Pidgin before 2.12.0 processed XML content. A malicious remote server could potentially use this flaw to crash Pidgin or execute arbitrary code in the context of the pidgin process.</p>	2018-27
	<p>Pivotal Apps Manager included in Pivotal Application Service, versions 2.2.x prior to 2.2.1 and 2.1.x prior to 2.1.8 and 2.0.x prior to 2.0.17 and 1.12.x prior to 1.12.26, does not escape all user-provided content when sending invitation emails. A malicious authenticated user can inject content into an invite to another user, exploiting the trust implied by the source of the email.</p>	2018-24
hiver	<p>plexus-archiver before 3.6.0 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in an archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.</p>	2018-25
	<p>Poppler through 0.62 contains a Buffer Overflow vulnerability due to an incorrect memory access that is not mapped in its memory space, as demonstrated by pdfunite. This can result in memory corruption and denial of service. This may be exploitable when a victim opens a specially crafted PDF file.</p>	2018-25
	<p>Privilege escalation flaws were found in the Red Hat initialization scripts of PostgreSQL. An attacker with access to the postgres user account could use these flaws to obtain root access on the server machine.</p>	2018-27

	An issue has been found in the parsing of authoritative answers in PowerDNS Recursor before 4.0.8, leading to a NULL pointer dereference when parsing a specially crafted answer containing a CNAME of a different class than IN. An unauthenticated remote attacker could cause a denial of service.	2018-27
	Pydio version 8.2.0 and earlier contains a Cross Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability in ./core/vendor/meenie/javascript-packer/example-inline.php line 48; ./core/vendor/dapphp/securimage/examples/test.mysql.static.php lines: 114,118 that can result in an unauthenticated remote attacker manipulating the web client via XSS code injection. This attack appear to be exploitable via the victim opening a specially crafted URL. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in version 8.2.1.	2018-23
	Pydio version 8.2.1 and prior contains an Unvalidated user input leading to Remote Code Execution (RCE) vulnerability in plugins/action.antivirus/AntivirusScanner.php: Line 124, scanNow(\$nodeObject) that can result in An attacker gaining admin access and can then execute arbitrary commands on the underlying OS. This attack appear to be exploitable via The attacker edits the Antivirus Command in the antivirus plugin, and executes the payload by uploading any file within Pydio.	2018-23
	Pydio version 8.2.0 and earlier contains a Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF) vulnerability in plugins/action.updater/UpgradeManager.php Line: 154, getUpgradePath(\$url) that can result in an authenticated admin users requesting arbitrary URL's, pivoting requests through the server. This attack appears to be exploitable via the attacker gaining access to an administrative account, enters a URL into Upgrade Engine, and reloads the page or presses "Check Now". This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in 8.2.1.	2018-23
	An out-of-bounds memory access issue was found in Quick Emulator (QEMU) before 1.7.2 in the VNC display driver. This flaw could occur while refreshing the VNC display surface area in the 'vnc_refresh_server_surface'. A user inside a guest could use this flaw to crash the QEMU process.	2018-27

	<p>A heap buffer overflow flaw was found in QEMU's Cirrus CLGD 54xx VGA emulator's VNC display driver support before 2.9; the issue could occur when a VNC client attempted to update its display after a VGA operation is performed by a guest. A privileged user/process inside a guest could use this flaw to crash the QEMU process or, potentially, execute arbitrary code on the host with privileges of the QEMU process.</p>	2018-27
	<p>Quick emulator (QEMU) before 2.8 built with the Cirrus CLGD 54xx VGA Emulator support is vulnerable to an out-of-bounds access issue. The issue could occur while copying VGA data in cirrus_bitblt_cputovideo. A privileged user inside guest could use this flaw to crash the QEMU process OR potentially execute arbitrary code on host with privileges of the QEMU process.</p>	2018-27

	<p>The Network Block Device (NBD) server in Quick Emulator (QEMU) before 2.11 is vulnerable to a denial of service issue. It could occur if a client sent large option requests, making the server waste CPU time on reading up to 4GB per request. A client could use this flaw to keep the NBD server from serving other requests, resulting in DoS.</p>	2018-27
	<p>A stack buffer overflow flaw was found in the Quick Emulator (QEMU) before 2.9 built with the Network Block Device (NBD) client support. The flaw could occur while processing server's response to a 'NBD_OPT_LIST' request. A malicious NBD server could use this issue to crash a remote NBD client resulting in DoS or potentially execute arbitrary code on client host with privileges of the QEMU process.</p>	2018-27
	<p>A stack-based buffer overflow vulnerability was found in NBD server implementation in qemu before 2.11 allowing a client to request an export name of size up to 4096 bytes, which in fact should be limited to 256 bytes, causing an out-of-bounds stack write in the qemu process. If NBD server requires TLS, the attacker cannot trigger the buffer overflow without first successfully negotiating TLS.</p>	2018-27
	<p>An assertion-failure flaw was found in Qemu before 2.10.1, in the Network Block Device (NBD) server's initial connection negotiation, where the I/O coroutine was undefined. This could crash the qemu-nbd server if a client sent</p>	2018-26

	unexpected data during connection negotiation. A remote user or process could use this flaw to crash the qemu-nbd server resulting in denial of service.	
	QuaZIP before 0.7.6 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
cts	Quick Heal Total Security 64 bit 17.00 (QHTS64.exe), (QHTSFT64.exe) - Version 10.0.1.38; Quick Heal Total Security 32 bit 17.00 (QHTS32.exe), (QHTSFT32.exe) - Version 10.0.1.38; Quick Heal Internet Security 64 bit 17.00 (QHIS64.exe), (QHISFT64.exe) - Version 10.0.0.37; Quick Heal Internet Security 32 bit 17.00 (QHIS32.exe), (QHISFT32.exe) - Version 10.0.0.37; Quick Heal AntiVirus Pro 64 bit 17.00 (QHAV64.exe), (QHAVFT64.exe) - Version 10.0.0.37; and Quick Heal AntiVirus Pro 32 bit 17.00 (QHAV32.exe), (QHAVFT32.exe) - Version 10.0.0.37 allow DLL Hijacking because of Insecure Library Loading.	2018-25
	An input validation error was found in Red Hat Certificate System's handling of client provided certificates before 8.1.20-1. If the certreq field is not present in a certificate an assertion error is triggered causing a denial of service.	2018-26
	A number of unused delete routes are present in CloudForms before 5.7.2.1 which can be accessed via GET requests instead of just POST requests. This could allow an attacker to bypass the protect_from_forgery XSRF protection causing the routes to be used. This attack would require additional cross-site scripting or similar attacks in order to execute.	2018-27
	A flaw was found in CloudForms before 5.9.0.22 in the self-service UI snapshot feature where the name field is not properly sanitized for HTML and JavaScript input. An attacker could use this flaw to execute a stored XSS attack on an	2018-27

	application administrator using CloudForms. Please note that CSP (Content Security Policy) prevents exploitation of this XSS however not all browsers support CSP.	
	The dialog for creating cloud volumes (cinder provider) in CloudForms does not filter cloud tenants by user. An attacker with the ability to create storage volumes could use this to create storage volumes for any other tenant.	2018-27
	It was found that CloudForms does not verify that the server hostname matches the domain name in the certificate when using a custom CA and communicating with Red Hat Virtualization (RHEV) and OpenShift. This would allow an attacker to spoof RHEV or OpenShift systems and potentially harvest sensitive information from CloudForms.	2018-27
	A logic error in valid_role() in CloudForms role validation before 5.7.1.3 could allow a tenant administrator to create groups with a higher privilege level than the tenant administrator should have. This would allow an attacker with tenant administration access to elevate privileges.	2018-27
gement_engine	CloudForms Management Engine (cfme) is vulnerable to an improper security setting in the dRuby component of CloudForms. An attacker with access to an unprivileged local shell could use this flaw to execute commands as a high privileged user.	2018-24
gement_engine	CloudForms Management Engine (cfme) before 5.7.3 and 5.8.x before 5.8.1 lacks RBAC controls on certain methods in the rails application portion of CloudForms. An attacker with access could use a variety of methods within the rails application portion of CloudForms to escalate privileges.	2018-26
gement_engine	In CloudForms Management Engine (cfme) before 5.7.3 and 5.8.x before 5.8.1, it was found that privilege check is missing when invoking arbitrary methods via filtering on VMs that MiqExpression will execute that is triggerable by API users. An attacker could use this to execute actions they should not be allowed to (e.g. destroying VMs).	2018-26

	A regression was found in the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.9 version of httpd 2.2.15-60, causing comments in the "Allow" and "Deny" configuration lines to be parsed incorrectly. A web administrator could unintentionally allow any client to access a restricted HTTP resource.	2018-26
	It was found that sssd's sysdb_search_user_by_upn_res() function before 1.16.0 did not sanitize requests when querying its local cache and was vulnerable to injection. In a centralized login environment, if a password hash was locally cached for a given user, an authenticated attacker could use this flaw to retrieve it.	2018-27
	It was discovered that rpm-ostree and rpm-ostree-client before 2017.3 fail to properly check GPG signatures on packages when doing layering. Packages with unsigned or badly signed content could fail to be rejected as expected. This issue is partially mitigated on RHEL Atomic Host, where certificate pinning is used by default.	2018-27
server	It was found that a mock CMC authentication plugin with a hardcoded secret was accidentally enabled by default in the pki-core package before 10.6.4. An attacker could potentially use this flaw to bypass the regular authentication process and trick the CA server into issuing certificates.	2018-26
_data_virtualization_and_services	It was discovered that the Dashbuilder login page as used in Red Hat JBoss BPM Suite before 6.4.2 and Red Hat JBoss Data Virtualization & Services before 6.4.3 could be opened in an IFRAME, which made it possible to intercept and manipulate requests. An attacker could use this flaw to trick a user into performing arbitrary actions in the Console (clickjacking).	2018-27
rpm_suite	JBoss BRMS 6 and BPM Suite 6 before 6.4.3 are vulnerable to a stored XSS via several lists in Business Central. The flaw is due to lack of sanitation of user input when creating new lists. Remote, authenticated attackers that have privileges to create lists can store scripts in them, which are not properly sanitized before showing to other users, including admins.	2018-27

bpm_suite	<p>JBoss BRMS 6 and BPM Suite 6 before 6.4.3 are vulnerable to a reflected XSS via artifact upload. A malformed XML file, if uploaded, causes an error message to appear that includes part of the bad XML code verbatim without filtering out scripts. Successful exploitation would allow execution of script code within the context of the affected user.</p>	2018-27
	<p>It was found that the JAXP implementation used in JBoss EAP 7.0 for SAX and DOM parsing is vulnerable to certain XXE flaws. An attacker could use this flaw to cause DoS, SSRF, or information disclosure if they are able to provide XML content for parsing.</p>	2018-27
application	<p>It was found that the log file viewer in Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application 6 and 7 allows arbitrary file read to authenticated user via path traversal.</p>	2018-27
	<p>It was discovered that the hawtio servlet 1.4 uses a single HttpClient instance to proxy requests with a persistent cookie store (cookies are stored locally and are not passed between the client and the end URL) which means all clients using that proxy are sharing the same cookies.</p>	2018-26
m	<p>A design flaw issue was found in the Red Hat OpenStack Platform director use of TripleO to enable libvirt based live-migration. Libvirt is deployed by default (by director) listening on 0.0.0.0 (all interfaces) with no-authentication or encryption. Anyone able to make a TCP connection to any compute host IP address, including 127.0.0.1, other loopback interface addresses, or in some cases possibly addresses that have been exposed beyond the management interface, could</p>	2018-26

	use this to open a virsh session to the libvirtd instance and gain control of virtual machine instances or possibly take over the host.	
	Red Hat Satellite before 6.5 is vulnerable to a XSS in discovery rule when you are entering filter and you use autocomplete functionality.	2018-26
	A cross-site scripting (XSS) flaw was found in how an organization name is displayed in Satellite 5, before 5.8. A user able to change an organization's name could exploit this flaw to perform XSS attacks against other Satellite users.	2018-26
	It was found that spacewalk-channel can be used by a non-admin user or disabled users to perform administrative tasks due to an incorrect authorization check in backend/server/rhnChannel.py.	2018-27
	It was discovered that Undertow before 1.4.17, 1.3.31 and 2.0.0 processes http request headers with unusual whitespaces which can cause possible http request smuggling.	2018-27
	It was found in Undertow before 1.3.28 that with non-clean TCP close, the Websocket server gets into infinite loop on every IO thread, effectively causing DoS.	2018-27

	<p>It was discovered in Undertow that the code that parsed the HTTP request line permitted invalid characters. This could be exploited, in conjunction with a proxy that also permitted the invalid characters but with a different interpretation, to inject data into the HTTP response. By manipulating the HTTP response the attacker could poison a web-cache, perform an XSS attack, or obtain sensitive information from requests other than their own.</p>	2018-27
	<p>When updating a password in the rhvm database the ovirt-aaa-jdbc-tool tools before 1.1.3 fail to correctly check for the current password if it is expired. This would allow access to an attacker with access to change the password on accounts with expired passwords, gaining access to those accounts.</p>	2018-27
	<p>A race-condition flaw was discovered in openstack-neutron before 7.2.0-12.1, 8.x before 8.3.0-11.1, 9.x before 9.3.1-2.1, and 10.x before 10.0.2-1.1, where, following a minor overcloud update, neutron security groups were disabled. Specifically, the following were reset to 0: net.bridge.bridge-nf-call-ip6tables and net.bridge.bridge-nf-call-iptables. The race was only triggered by an update, at which point an attacker could access exposed tenant VMs and network resources.</p>	2018-26

ation	An access-control flaw was found in the OpenStack Orchestration (heat) service before 8.0.0, 6.1.0 and 7.0.2 where a service log directory was improperly made world readable. A malicious system user could exploit this flaw to access sensitive information.	2018-27
w	An accessibility flaw was found in the OpenStack Workflow (mistral) service where a service log directory was improperly made world readable. A malicious system user could exploit this flaw to access sensitive information.	2018-27
	RSA Archer, versions prior to 6.4.0.1, contain a stored cross-site scripting vulnerability. A remote authenticated malicious Archer user could potentially exploit this vulnerability to store malicious HTML or JavaScript code in a trusted application data store. When application users access the corrupted data store through their browsers, the malicious code gets executed by the web browser in the context of the vulnerable web application.	2018-24
	RSA Archer, versions prior to 6.4.0.1, contain an authorization bypass vulnerability in the REST API. A remote authenticated malicious Archer user could potentially exploit this vulnerability to elevate their privileges.	2018-24
	Sage XRT Treasury, version 3, fails to properly restrict database access to authorized users, which may enable any authenticated user to gain full access to privileged database functions. Sage XRT Treasury is a business finance management application. Database user access privileges are determined by the USER_CODE field associated with the querying user. By modifying the USER_CODE value to match that of a privileged user, a low-privileged, authenticated user may gain privileged access to the SQL database. A remote, authenticated user can submit specially crafted SQL queries to gain privileged access to the application database.	2018-24
	A flaw was found in the way samba client before samba 4.4.16, samba 4.5.14 and samba 4.6.8 used encryption with the max protocol set as SMB3. The connection could lose the requirement for signing and encrypting to any DFS redirects, allowing an attacker to read or alter the contents of the connection via a man-in-the-middle attack.	2018-27

	<p>An information leak flaw was found in the way SMB1 protocol was implemented by Samba before 4.4.16, 4.5.x before 4.5.14, and 4.6.x before 4.6.8. A malicious client could use this flaw to dump server memory contents to a file on the samba share or to a shared printer, though the exact area of server memory cannot be controlled by the attacker.</p>	2018-26
	<p>It was found that samba before 4.4.16, 4.5.x before 4.5.14, and 4.6.x before 4.6.8 did not enforce "SMB signing" when certain configuration options were enabled. A remote attacker could launch a man-in-the-middle attack and retrieve information in plain-text.</p>	2018-26

	SeaCMS 6.61 has two XSS issues in the admin_config.php file via certain form fields.	2018-23
	SEL AcSELeRator Architect version 2.2.24.0 and prior can be exploited when the AcSELeRator Architect FTP client connects to a malicious FTP server, which may cause denial of service via 100% CPU utilization. Restart of the application is required.	2018-24
	SEL AcSELeRator Architect version 2.2.24.0 and prior allows unsanitized input to be passed to the XML parser, which may allow disclosure and retrieval of arbitrary data, arbitrary code execution (in certain situations on specific platforms), and denial of service attacks.	2018-24
	SEL Compass version 3.0.5.1 and prior allows all users full access to the SEL Compass directory, which may allow modification or overwriting of files within the Compass installation folder, resulting in escalation of privilege and/or malicious code execution.	2018-24
ress	SharpCompress before 0.21.0 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	sharplibzip before 1.0 RC1 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	A vulnerability has been identified in Firmware variant IEC 61850 for EN100 Ethernet module (All versions < V4.33), Firmware variant PROFINET IO for EN100 Ethernet module (All versions), Firmware variant Modbus TCP for EN100 Ethernet module (All versions), Firmware variant DNP3 TCP for EN100 Ethernet module (All versions), Firmware variant IEC104 for EN100 Ethernet module (All versions). Specially crafted packets to port 102/tcp could cause a denial-of-service condition in the EN100 communication module if oscillographs are running. A manual restart is required to recover the EN100 module functionality. Successful exploitation requires an attacker with network access to send multiple packets to the EN100 module. As a precondition the IEC 61850-MMS communication needs to be activated on the affected EN100 modules. No user interaction or privileges are required to exploit the security vulnerability. The vulnerability could allow causing a Denial-of-Service condition of the network functionality of the device, compromising	2018-23

	<p>the availability of the system. At the time of advisory publication no public exploitation of this security vulnerability was known.</p>	
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	<p>There was an argument injection vulnerability in Sourcetree for macOS via filenames in Mercurial repositories. An attacker with permission to commit to a Mercurial repository linked in Sourcetree for macOS is able to exploit this issue to gain code execution on the system. Versions of Sourcetree for macOS from 1.0b2 before 2.7.6 are affected by this vulnerability.</p>	<p>2018-24</p>
	<p>There was an argument injection vulnerability in Sourcetree for Windows via filenames in Mercurial repositories. An attacker with permission to commit to a Mercurial repository linked in Sourcetree for Windows is able to exploit this issue to gain code execution on the system. Versions of Sourcetree for Windows before version 2.6.9 are affected by this vulnerability.</p>	<p>2018-24</p>
	<p>A vulnerability was discovered in SPICE before 0.13.90 in the server's protocol handling. An authenticated attacker could send crafted messages to the SPICE server causing a heap overflow leading to a crash or possible code execution.</p>	<p>2018-27</p>
	<p>A vulnerability was discovered in SPICE before 0.13.90 in the server's protocol handling. An attacker able to connect to the SPICE server could send crafted messages which would cause the process to crash.</p>	<p>2018-27</p>

	An issue was discovered in Suricata before 3.1.2. If an ICMPv4 error packet is received as the first packet on a flow in the to_client direction, it confuses the rule grouping lookup logic. The toclient inspection will then continue with the wrong rule group. This can lead to missed detection.	2018-23
	Suricata before 4.0.5 stops TCP stream inspection upon a TCP RST from a server. This allows detection bypass because Windows TCP clients proceed with normal processing of TCP data that arrives shortly after an RST (i.e., they act as if the RST had not yet been received).	2018-23
ent	The Inventory Plugin for Symantec Management Agent prior to 7.6 POST HF7, 8.0 POST HF6, or 8.1 RU7 may be susceptible to a privilege escalation vulnerability, which is a type of issue that allows a user to gain elevated access to resources that are normally protected at lower access levels.	2018-25
	Tenda AC7 through V15.03.06.44_CN, AC9 through V15.03.05.19(6318)_CN, and AC10 through V15.03.06.23_CN devices have a Stack-based Buffer Overflow via a long limitSpeed or limitSpeedup parameter to an unspecified /goform URI.	2018-21
cs	Thomson Reuters UltraTax CS 2017 on Windows, in a client/server configuration, transfers customer records and bank account numbers in cleartext over SMBv2, which allows attackers to (1) obtain sensitive information by sniffing the network or (2) conduct man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks via unspecified vectors. The customer record transferred in cleartext contains: Client ID, Full Name, Spouse's Full Name, Social Security Number, Spouse's Social Security Number, Occupation, Spouse's Occupation, Daytime Phone, Home Phone, Tax Preparer, Federal and State Taxes to File, Bank Name, Bank Account Number, and possibly other sensitive information.	2018-26
cs	Thomson Reuters UltraTax CS 2017 on Windows has a password protection option; however, the level of protection might be inconsistent with some customers' expectations because the data is directly accessible in cleartext. Specifically, it stores customer data in unique directories (%install_path%\WinCSI\UT17\DATA\client_ID\file_name.XX17) that can be bypassed without authentication by examining the strings of the .XX17 file. The strings stored in the .XX17 file contain each customer's: Full Name, Spouse's Name, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, Occupation, Home Address, Daytime	2018-26

	Phone Number, Home Phone Number, Spouse's Address, Spouse's Daytime Phone Number, Spouse's Social Security Number, Spouse's Home Phone Number, Spouse's Occupation, Spouse's Date of Birth, and Spouse's Filing Status.	
sdk	On the iOS platform, the ThreatMetrix SDK versions prior to 3.2 fail to validate SSL certificates provided by HTTPS connections, which may allow an attacker to perform a man-in-the-middle (MITM) attack. ThreatMetrix is a security library for mobile applications, which aims to provide fraud prevention and device identity capabilities. The ThreatMetrix SDK versions prior to 3.2 do not validate SSL certificates on the iOS platform. An affected application will communicate with https://h-sdk.online-metrix.net , regardless of whether the connection is secure or not. An attacker on the same network as or upstream from the iOS device may be able to view or modify ThreatMetrix network traffic that should have been protected by HTTPS.	2018-24
	An issue was discovered in libthulac.so in THULAC through 2018-02-25. A heap-based buffer over-read can occur in NGramFeature::find_bases in include/cb_ngram_feature.h.	2018-23
	An issue was discovered in libthulac.so in THULAC through 2018-02-25. A SEGV can occur in NGramFeature::find_bases in include/cb_ngram_feature.h.	2018-23
	An issue was discovered in libthulac.so in THULAC through 2018-02-25. "operator delete" is used with "operator new[]" in the TaggingLearner class in include/cb_tagging_learner.h, possibly leading to memory corruption.	2018-23
	An issue was discovered in libthulac.so in THULAC through 2018-02-25. A NULL pointer dereference can occur in the BasicModel class in include/cb_model.h.	2018-23
	Multiple TIBCO Products are prone to multiple unspecified cross-site scripting vulnerabilities because it fails to properly sanitize user-supplied input. An attacker may leverage these issues to execute arbitrary script code in the browser of an unsuspecting user in the context of the affected site. This can allow the attacker to steal cookie-based authentication credentials and to launch other attacks. The products and versions that are affected include the following: TIBCO Silver Fabric Enabler for Spotfire Web Player 2.1.2 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Analyst 7.5.0 TIBCO Spotfire Analyst 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Analyst 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Analytics Platform for AWS Marketplace 7.0.2 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Automation Services 6.5.3 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Automation Services 7.0.0, and 7.0.1 TIBCO Spotfire Connectors 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Deployment Kit 6.5.3 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Deployment Kit 7.0.0, and 7.0.1 TIBCO Spotfire Deployment Kit 7.5.0 TIBCO Spotfire Deployment Kit 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Deployment Kit 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 6.5.2 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 7.0.0, and 7.0.1 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 7.5.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Developer Edition 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Language Packs 7.0.1 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Language Packs 7.5.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Language Packs 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Language Packs 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Professional 6.5.3 and earlier TIBCO	2018-24

	Spotfire Professional 7.0.0 and 7.0.1 TIBCO Spotfire Web Player 6.5.3 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Web Player 7.0.0 and 7.0.1	
	Multiple TIBCO Products are prone to multiple unspecified SQL-injection vulnerabilities because it fails to properly sanitize user-supplied input before using it in an SQL query. Exploiting these issues could allow an attacker to compromise the application, access or modify data, or exploit latent vulnerabilities in the underlying database. The following products and versions are affected: TIBCO Spotfire Analyst 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Connectors 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Deployment Kit 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Developer Edition 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Language Packs 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Language Packs 7.7.0 The following components are affected: TIBCO Spotfire Client TIBCO Spotfire Web Player Client	2018-24
digital_signage	A Local File Inclusion (LFI) vulnerability exists in the Web Interface API of TightRope Media Carousel Digital Signage before 7.3.5. The RenderingFetch API allows for the downloading of arbitrary files through the use of directory traversal sequences, aka CSL-1683.	2018-23
tion_and_fusion	VMware ESXi (6.7 before ESXi670-201806401-BG, 6.5 before ESXi650-201806401-BG, 6.0 before ESXi600-201806401-BG and 5.5 before ESXi550-201806401-BG), Workstation (14.x before 14.1.2), and Fusion (10.x before 10.1.2) contain a denial-of-service vulnerability due to NULL pointer dereference issue in RPC handler. Successful exploitation of this issue may allow attackers with normal user privileges to crash their VMs.	2018-25
ents	VMware Horizon View Agents (7.x.x before 7.5.1) contain a local information disclosure vulnerability due to insecure logging of credentials in the vmmsi.log file when an account other than the currently logged on user is specified during installation (including silent installations). Successful exploitation of this issue may allow low privileged users access to the credentials specified during the Horizon View Agent installation.	2018-25
	wancms 1.0 through 5.0 allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (resource consumption) via a checkcode (aka verification code) URI in which the values of font_size, width, and height are large numbers.	2018-25
th	The Battle for Wesnoth Project version 1.7.0 through 1.14.3 contains a Code Injection vulnerability in the Lua scripting engine that can result in code execution outside the sandbox. This attack appear to be exploitable via Loading specially-crafted saved games, networked games, replays, and player content.	2018-23
	WildFly Core before version 6.0.0.Alpha3 does not properly validate file paths in .war archives, allowing for the extraction of crafted .war archives to overwrite arbitrary files. This is an instance of the 'Zip Slip' vulnerability.	2018-27

	Wizkunde SAMLBase may incorrectly utilize the results of XML DOM traversal and canonicalization APIs in such a way that an attacker may be able to manipulate the SAML data without invalidating the cryptographic signature, allowing the attack to potentially bypass authentication to SAML service providers.	2018-24
	The Mondula Multi Step Form plugin through 1.2.5 for WordPress allows XSS via the fw_data [id][1], fw_data [id][2], fw_data [id][3], fw_data [id][4], or email field of the contact form, exploitable with an fw_send_email action to wp-admin/admin-ajax.php.	2018-25
	A SQL injection was discovered in WUZHI CMS 4.1.0 that allows remote attackers to inject a malicious SQL statement via the index.php?m=promote&f=index&v=search keywords parameter.	2018-23
	An XSS vulnerability was discovered in WUZHI CMS 4.1.0. There is persistent XSS that allows remote attackers to inject arbitrary web script or HTML via the form[content] parameter to the index.php?m=feedback&f=index&v=contact URI.	2018-23
	An XSS vulnerability was discovered in WUZHI CMS 4.1.0. There is persistent XSS that allows remote attackers to inject arbitrary web script or HTML via the form[nickname] parameter to the index.php?m=core&f=set&v=sendmail URI. When the administrator accesses the "system settings - mail server" screen, the XSS payload is triggered.	2018-23
	It was found that xorg-x11-server before 1.19.0 including uses memcmp() to check the received MIT cookie against a series of valid cookies. If the cookie is correct, it is allowed to attach to the Xorg session. Since most memcmp() implementations return after an invalid byte is seen, this causes a time difference between a valid and invalid byte, which could allow an efficient brute force attack.	2018-27
pany	Feedback.asp in Xiao5uCompany 1.7 has XSS because the XSS protection mechanism in Safe.asp is insufficient (for example, it considers SCRIPT and IMG elements, but does not consider VIDEO elements).	2018-23
	system/edit_book.php in XYCMS 1.7 has stored XSS via a crafted add_do.php request, related to add_book.php.	2018-28

	xyhai.php?s=/Auth/addUser in XYHCMS 3.5 allows CSRF to add a background administrator account.	2018-24
	zt-zip before 1.13 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	zip4j before 1.3.3 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	unzipper npm library before 0.8.13 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	SQL injection vulnerability in all versions prior to V4.01.01 of the ZTE ZXCDN-SNS product allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary SQL commands via the aoData parameter, resulting in the disclosure of database information.	2018-25
	All versions prior to V5.09.02.02T4 of the ZTE ZXIPTV-EPG product use the Java RMI service in which the servers use the Apache Commons Collections (ACC) library that may result in Java deserialization vulnerabilities. An unauthenticated remote attacker can exploit the vulnerabilities by sending a crafted RMI request to execute arbitrary code on the target host.	2018-25
	SQL injection vulnerability in all versions prior to V2.01.05.09 of the ZTE ZXIPTV-UCM product allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary SQL commands via the opertype parameter, resulting in the disclosure of database information.	2018-25
	All versions prior to ZSRV2 V3.00.40 of the ZTE ZXR10 1800-2S products allow remote authenticated users to bypass the original password authentication protection to change other user's password.	2018-25

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High Vulnerabilities

Primary - Product	Description	Published	CVSS Score
There were no high vulnerabilities recorded this week.			

Medium Vulnerabilities

Primary - Product	Description	Published	CVSS Score
There were no medium vulnerabilities recorded this week.			

Low Vulnerabilities

Primary - Product	Description	Published	CVSS Score
There were no low vulnerabilities recorded this week.			

Assigned

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	Adobe Connect versions 9.7.5 and earlier have an Insecure Library Loading vulnerability. Successful exploitation could lead to privilege escalation.	2018-20

	Adobe Connect versions 9.7.5 and earlier have an Authentication Bypass vulnerability. Successful exploitation could lead to session hijacking.	2018-20
r	Adobe Experience Manager versions 6.2 and 6.3 have a Server-Side Request Forgery vulnerability. Successful exploitation could lead to sensitive information disclosure.	2018-20
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p	An out-of-bounds heap buffer read flaw was found in the way advancecomp before 2.1-2018/02 handled processing of ZIP files. An attacker could potentially use this flaw to crash the advzip utility by tricking it into processing crafted ZIP files.	2018-27

	An input validation vulnerability was found in Ansible's mysql_user module before 2.2.1.0, which may fail to correctly change a password in certain circumstances. Thus the previous password would still be active when it should have been changed.	2018-26
	A flaw was found in Ansible Tower's interface before 3.1.5 and 3.2.0 with SCM repositories. If a Tower project (SCM repository) definition does not have the 'delete before update' flag set, an attacker with commit access to the upstream playbook source repository could create a Trojan playbook that, when executed by Tower, modifies the checked out SCM repository to add git hooks. These git hooks could, in turn, cause arbitrary command and code execution as the user Tower runs as.	2018-27
	In Apache Kafka 0.9.0.0 to 0.9.0.1, 0.10.0.0 to 0.10.2.1, 0.11.0.0 to 0.11.0.2, and 1.0.0, authenticated Kafka users may perform action reserved for the Broker via a manually created fetch request interfering with data replication, resulting in data loss.	2018-26
	In Apache Kafka 0.10.0.0 to 0.10.2.1 and 0.11.0.0 to 0.11.0.1, authenticated Kafka clients may use impersonation via a manually crafted protocol message with SASL/PLAIN or SASL/SCRAM authentication when using the built-in PLAIN or SCRAM server implementations in Apache Kafka.	2018-26
	In PHP Runtime for Apache OpenWhisk, a Docker action inheriting one of the Docker tags openwhisk/action-php-v7.2:1.0.0 or openwhisk/action-php-v7.1:1.0.1 (or earlier) may allow an attacker to replace the user function inside the container if the user code is vulnerable to code exploitation.	2018-23
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	The TomEE console (tomee-webapp) has a XSS vulnerability which could allow javascript to be executed if the user is given a malicious URL. This web application is typically used to add TomEE features to a Tomcat installation. The TomEE bundles do not ship with this application included. This issue can be mitigated by removing the application after TomEE is setup (if using the application to install TomEE), using one of the provided pre-configured bundles, or by upgrading to TomEE 7.0.5. This issue is resolve in this commit: b8bbf50c23ce97dd64f3a5d77f78f84e47579863.	2018-23

	ARM mbed TLS before 2.12.0, before 2.7.5, and before 2.1.14 allows local users to achieve partial plaintext recovery (for a CBC based ciphersuite) via a cache-based side-channel attack.	2018-28
	ARM mbed TLS before 2.12.0, before 2.7.5, and before 2.1.14 allows remote attackers to achieve partial plaintext recovery (for a CBC based ciphersuite) via a timing-based side-channel attack. This vulnerability exists because of an incorrect fix (with a wrong SHA-384 calculation) for CVE-2013-0169.	2018-28
	ASUS HG100 devices with firmware before 1.05.12 allow unauthenticated access, leading to remote command execution.	2018-25
	The Webhooks component of Atlassian Jira before version 7.6.7 and from version 7.7.0 before version 7.11.0 allows remote attackers who are able to observe or otherwise intercept webhook events to learn information about changes in issues that should not be sent because they are not contained within the results of a specified JQL query.	2018-24
	An issue was discovered in aubio 0.4.6. A SEGV signal can occur in aubio_source_avcodec_readframe in io/source_avcodec.c, as demonstrated by aubiomfcc.	2018-23
	An issue was discovered in aubio 0.4.6. A SEGV signal can occur in aubio_pitch_set_unit in pitch/pitch.c, as demonstrated by aubionotes.	2018-23
	An issue was discovered in aubio 0.4.6. A buffer over-read can occur in new_aubio_pitchyinfft in pitch/pitchyinfft.c, as demonstrated by aubionotes.	2018-23
	AVEVA InTouch 2014 R2 SP1 and prior, InTouch 2017, InTouch 2017 Update 1, and InTouch 2017 Update 2 allow an unauthenticated user to send a specially crafted packet that could overflow the buffer on a locale not using a dot floating point separator. Exploitation could allow remote code execution under the privileges of the InTouch View process.	2018-24
	index.php?r=admini/admin/create in BageCMS V3.1.3 allows CSRF to add a background administrator account.	2018-24
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. A SEGV can occur in AP4_Processor::ProcessFragments in Core/Ap4Processor.cpp.	2018-24

	An issue was discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. There is a heap-based buffer over-read in AP4_Mpeg2TsVideoSampleStream::WriteSample in Core/Ap4Mpeg2Ts.cpp after a call from Mp42Hls.cpp, a related issue to CVE-2018-13846.	2018-23
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. AP4_MemoryByteStream::WritePartial in Core/Ap4ByteStream.cpp has a buffer over-read.	2018-24
	An issue was discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. There is an unspecified "heap-buffer-overflow" crash in the AP4_HvccAtom class in Core/Ap4HvccAtom.cpp.	2018-23
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. A NULL pointer dereference can occur in AP4_DataBuffer::SetData in Core/Ap4DataBuffer.cpp.	2018-24
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. AP4_Mp4AudioDsiParser::ReadBits in Codecs/Ap4Mp4AudioInfo.cpp has a heap-based buffer over-read.	2018-24
	There exists one NULL pointer dereference vulnerability in AP4_JsonInspector::AddField in Ap4Atom.cpp in Bento4 1.5.1-624, which can allow attackers to cause a denial-of-service via a crafted mp4 file. This vulnerability can be triggered by the executable mp4dump.	2018-23
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. AP4_AvccAtom::Create in Core/Ap4AvccAtom.cpp has a heap-based buffer over-read.	2018-24
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. AP4_BytesToUInt16BE in Core/Ap4Utils.h has a heap-based buffer over-read after a call from the AP4_Stz2Atom class.	2018-24
	There exists one invalid memory read bug in AP4_SampleDescription::GetFormat() in Ap4SampleDescription.h in Bento4 1.5.1-624, which can allow attackers to cause a denial-of-service via a crafted mp4 file. This vulnerability can be triggered by the executable mp42ts.	2018-23
	There exists one invalid memory read bug in AP4_SampleDescription::GetType() in Ap4SampleDescription.h in Bento4 1.5.1-624, which can allow attackers to cause a denial-of-service via a crafted mp4 file. This vulnerability can be triggered by the executable mp42ts.	2018-23
	An issue has been discovered in Bento4 1.5.1-624. A SEGV can occur in AP4_Mpeg2TsAudioSampleStream::WriteSample in Core/Ap4Mpeg2Ts.cpp, a different vulnerability than CVE-2018-14532.	2018-24

	Brynamics "Online Trade - Online trading and cryptocurrency investment system" allows remote attackers to obtain sensitive information via a direct request for /dashboard/addplan, /dashboard/paywithcard/charge, /dashboard/withdrawal, or /privacy&terms, as demonstrated by reading database username, database password, database_name, and IP address fields, related to CVE-2018-12908.	2018-23
	huft_build in archival/libarchive/decompress_gunzip.c in BusyBox before 1.27.2 misuses a pointer, causing segfaults and an application crash during an unzip operation on a specially crafted ZIP file.	2018-26
devices	CalAmp LMU 3030 series OBD-II CDMA and GSM devices has an SMS (text message) interface that can be deployed where no password is configured for this interface by the integrator / reseller. This interface must be password protected, otherwise, the attacker only needs to know the phone number of the device (via an IMSI Catcher, for example) to send administrative commands to the device. These commands can be used to provide ongoing, real-time access to the device and can configure parameters such as IP addresses, firewall rules, and passwords.	2018-24
	In Ceph, a format string flaw was found in the way libradosstriper parses input from user. A user could crash an application or service using the libradosstriper library.	2018-27
	Directory traversal vulnerability in ChamaNet MemoCGI v2.1800 to v2.2200 allows remote attackers to read arbitrary files via unspecified vectors.	2018-26
	Chamilo LMS version 11.x contains an Unserialization vulnerability in the "hash" GET parameter for the api endpoint located at /webservices/api/v2.php that can result in Unauthenticated remote code execution. This attack appear to be exploitable via a simple GET request to the api endpoint. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in After commit 0de84700648f098c1fbf6b807dee28ec640efe62.	2018-23
uaa	Cloud Foundry UAA, versions 4.19 prior to 4.19.2 and 4.12 prior to 4.12.4 and 4.10 prior to 4.10.2 and 4.7 prior to 4.7.6 and 4.5 prior to 4.5.7, incorrectly authorizes requests to admin endpoints by accepting a valid refresh token in lieu of an access token. Refresh tokens by design have a longer expiration time than access tokens, allowing the possessor of a refresh token to authenticate longer than expected. This affects the administrative endpoints of the UAA. i.e. /Users, /Groups, etc. However, if the user has been deleted or had groups removed, or the client was deleted, the refresh token will no longer be valid.	2018-24
	adm-zip npm library before 0.4.9 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25

	<p>curl before 7.53.0 has an incorrect TLS Certificate Status Request extension feature that asks for a fresh proof of the server's certificate's validity in the code that checks for a test success or failure. It ends up always thinking there's valid proof, even when there is none or if the server doesn't support the TLS extension in question. This could lead to users not detecting when a server's certificate goes invalid or otherwise be misled that the server is in a better shape than it is in reality. This flaw also exists in the command line tool (--cert-status).</p>	2018-27
	<p>SQL injection vulnerability in the Notifications application in the Cybozu Garoon 3.5.0 to 4.6.2 allows remote authenticated attackers to execute arbitrary SQL commands via unspecified vectors.</p>	2018-26
products	<p>Dahua IP camera products using firmware versions prior to V2.400.0000.14.R.20170713 include a version of the Sonia web interface that may be vulnerable to a stack buffer overflow. Dahua IP camera products include an application known as Sonia (/usr/bin/sonia) that provides the web interface and other services for controlling the IP camera remotely. Versions of Sonia included in firmware versions prior to DH_IPC-Consumer-Zi-Themis_Eng_P_V2.408.0000.11.R.20170621 do not validate input data length for the 'password' field of the web interface. A remote, unauthenticated attacker may submit a crafted POST request to the IP camera's Sonia web interface that may lead to out-of-bounds memory operations and loss of availability or remote code execution. The issue was originally identified by the researcher in firmware version DH_IPC-HX1X2X-Themis_EngSpnFrn_N_V2.400.0000.30.R.20160803.</p>	2018-24
	<p>The DBPOWER U818A WIFI quadcopter drone provides FTP access over its own local access point, and allows full file permissions to the anonymous user. The DBPower U818A WIFI quadcopter drone runs an FTP server that by default allows anonymous access without a password, and provides full filesystem read/write permissions to the anonymous user. A remote user within range of the open access point on the drone may utilize the anonymous user of the FTP server to read arbitrary files, such as images and video recorded by the device, or to replace system files such as /etc/shadow to gain further access to the device. Furthermore, the DBPOWER U818A WIFI quadcopter drone uses BusyBox 1.20.2, which was released in 2012, and may be vulnerable to other known BusyBox vulnerabilities.</p>	2018-24
	<p>It was found that subscription-manager's DBus interface before 1.19.4 let unprivileged user access the com.redhat.RHSM1.Facts.GetFacts and com.redhat.RHSM1.Config.Set methods. An unprivileged local attacker could use these methods to gain access to private information, or launch a privilege escalation attack.</p>	2018-27

_for_android	The DHC Online Shop App for Android version 3.2.0 and earlier does not verify X.509 certificates from SSL servers, which allows man-in-the-middle attackers to spoof servers and obtain sensitive information via a crafted certificate.	2018-26
	The dotCMS administration panel, versions 3.7.1 and earlier, are vulnerable to cross-site request forgery. The dotCMS administrator panel contains a cross-site request forgery (CSRF) vulnerability. An attacker can perform actions with the same permissions as a victim user, provided the victim has an active session and is induced to trigger the malicious request. An unauthenticated remote attacker may perform actions with the dotCMS administrator panel with the same permissions of a victim user or execute arbitrary system commands with the permissions of the user running the dotCMS application.	2018-24
	The dotCMS administration panel, versions 3.7.1 and earlier, "Push Publishing" feature in Enterprise Pro is vulnerable to arbitrary file upload. When "Bundle" tar.gz archives uploaded to the Push Publishing feature are decompressed, there are no checks on the types of files which the bundle contains. This vulnerability combined with the path traversal vulnerability (CVE-2017-3188) can lead to remote command execution with the permissions of the user running the dotCMS application. An unauthenticated remote attacker may perform actions with the dotCMS administrator panel with the same permissions of a victim user or execute arbitrary system commands with the permissions of the user running the dotCMS application.	2018-24
	The dotCMS administration panel, versions 3.7.1 and earlier, "Push Publishing" feature in Enterprise Pro is vulnerable to path traversal. When "Bundle" tar.gz archives uploaded to the Push Publishing feature are decompressed, the filenames of its contents are not properly checked, allowing for writing files to arbitrary directories on the file system. These archives may be uploaded directly via the administrator panel, or using the CSRF vulnerability (CVE-2017-3187). An unauthenticated remote attacker may perform actions with the dotCMS administrator panel with the same permissions of a victim user or execute arbitrary system commands with the permissions of the user running the dotCMS application.	2018-24
zip.semvered	DotNetZip.Semvered before 1.11.0 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	It was found in EAP 7 before 7.0.9 that properties based files of the management and the application realm configuration that contain user to role mapping are world readable allowing access to users and roles information to all the users logged in to the system.	2018-26

i.lon	Echelon SmartServer 1 all versions, SmartServer 2 all versions prior to release 4.11.007, i.LON 100 all versions, and i.LON 600 all versions. An attacker can use the SOAP API to retrieve and change sensitive configuration items such as the usernames and passwords for the Web and FTP servers. This vulnerability does not affect the i.LON 600 product.	2018-24
i.lon	Echelon SmartServer 1 all versions, SmartServer 2 all versions prior to release 4.11.007, i.LON 100 all versions, and i.LON 600 all versions. The devices allow unencrypted Web connections by default, and devices can receive configuration and firmware updates by unsecure FTP.	2018-24
i.lon	Echelon SmartServer 1 all versions, SmartServer 2 all versions prior to release 4.11.007, i.LON 100 all versions, and i.LON 600 all versions. The devices store passwords in plaintext, which may allow an attacker with access to the configuration file to log into the SmartServer web user interface.	2018-24
i.lon	Echelon SmartServer 1 all versions, SmartServer 2 all versions prior to release 4.11.007, i.LON 100 all versions, and i.LON 600 all versions. An attacker can bypass the required authentication specified in the security configuration file by including extra characters in the directory name when specifying the directory to be accessed. This vulnerability does not affect the i.LON 600 product.	2018-24
	On F5 BIG-IP DNS 13.1.0-13.1.0.7, 12.1.3-12.1.3.5, DNS Express / DNS Zones accept NOTIFY messages on the management interface from source IP addresses not listed in the 'Allow NOTIFY From' configuration parameter when the db variable "dnsexpress.notifyport" is set to any value other than the default of "0".	2018-25
	A remote attacker may be able to disrupt services on F5 BIG-IP 13.0.0-13.1.0.5, 12.1.0-12.1.3.5, 11.6.0-11.6.3.1, or 11.2.1-11.5.6 if the TMM virtual server is configured with a HTML or a Rewrite profile. TMM may restart while processing some specially prepared HTML content from the back end.	2018-25
	A remote attacker via undisclosed measures, may be able to exploit an F5 BIG-IP APM 13.0.0-13.1.0.7 or 12.1.0-12.1.3.5 virtual server configured with an APM per-request policy object and cause a memory leak in the APM module.	2018-25
	Under certain conditions, on F5 BIG-IP ASM 13.0.0-13.1.0.7, 12.1.0-12.1.3.5, 11.6.0-11.6.3.1, 11.5.1-11.5.6, or 11.2.1, when processing CSRF protections, the BIG-IP ASM bd process may restart and produce a core file.	2018-25

	Through undisclosed methods, on F5 BIG-IP 13.0.0-13.1.0.7, 12.1.0-12.1.3.5, 11.6.0-11.6.3.1, or 11.2.1-11.5.6, adjacent network attackers can cause a denial of service for VCMP guest and host systems. Attack must be sourced from adjacent network (layer 2).	2018-25
	When F5 BIG-IP ASM 13.0.0-13.1.0.1, 12.1.0-12.1.3.5, 11.6.0-11.6.3.1, or 11.5.1-11.5.6 is processing HTTP requests, an unusually large number of parameters can cause excessive CPU usage in the BIG-IP ASM bd process.	2018-25
	F5 BIG-IP 13.0.0-13.0.1, 12.1.0-12.1.3.6, or 11.2.1-11.6.3.2 HTTPS health monitors do not validate the identity of the monitored server.	2018-25
	F5 BIG-IP 13.0.0-13.1.0.5, 12.1.0-12.1.3.5, or 11.6.0-11.6.3.1 virtual servers with HTTP/2 profiles enabled are vulnerable to "HPACK Bomb".	2018-25
	FFmpeg before commit bab0716c7f4793ec42e05a5aa7e80d82a0dd4e75 contains an out of array access vulnerability in MXF format demuxer that can result in DoS. This attack appear to be exploitable via specially crafted MXF file which has to be provided as input. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in bab0716c7f4793ec42e05a5aa7e80d82a0dd4e75 and later.	2018-23
	FFmpeg before commit 5aba5b89d0b1d73164d3b81764828bb8b20ff32a contains an out of array read vulnerability in ASF_F format demuxer that can result in heap memory reading. This attack appear to be exploitable via specially crafted ASF file that has to provided as input. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in 5aba5b89d0b1d73164d3b81764828bb8b20ff32a and later.	2018-23
	FFmpeg before commit 9807d3976be0e92e4ece3b4b1701be894cd7c2e1 contains a CWE-835: Infinite loop vulnerability in pva format demuxer that can result in a Vulnerability that allows attackers to consume excessive amount of resources like CPU and RAM. This attack appear to be exploitable via specially crafted PVA file has to be provided as input. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in 9807d3976be0e92e4ece3b4b1701be894cd7c2e1 and later.	2018-23
	FFmpeg before commit 2b46ebdbff1d8dec7a3d8ea280a612b91a582869 contains a Buffer Overflow vulnerability in asf_o format demuxer that can result in heap-buffer-overflow that may result in remote code execution. This attack appears to be exploitable via specially crafted ASF file that has to be provided as input to FFmpeg. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in 2b46ebdbff1d8dec7a3d8ea280a612b91a582869 and later.	2018-23
	FFmpeg before commit a7e032a277452366771951e29fd0bf2bd5c029f0 contains a use-after-free vulnerability in the realmedia demuxer that can result in vulnerability allows attacker to read heap memory. This attack appear to be exploitable via specially crafted RM file has to be provided as input. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in a7e032a277452366771951e29fd0bf2bd5c029f0 and later.	2018-23

	FFmpeg before commit cced03dd667a5df6df8fd40d8de0bff477ee02e8 contains multiple out of array access vulnerabilities in the mms protocol that can result in attackers accessing out of bound data. This attack appear to be exploitable via network connectivity. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in cced03dd667a5df6df8fd40d8de0bff477ee02e8 and later.	2018-23
	foreman before version 1.16.0 is vulnerable to a stored XSS in organizations/locations assignment to hosts. Exploiting this requires a user to actively assign hosts to an organization that contains html in its name which is visible to the user prior to taking action.	2018-26
	In fuse before versions 2.9.8 and 3.x before 3.2.5, fusermount is vulnerable to a restriction bypass when SELinux is active. This allows non-root users to mount a FUSE file system with the 'allow_other' mount option regardless of whether 'user_allow_other' is set in the fuse configuration. An attacker may use this flaw to mount a FUSE file system, accessible by other users, and trick them into accessing files on that file system, possibly causing Denial of Service or other unspecified effects.	2018-24
	A flaw was discovered in gdm 3.24.1 where gdm greeter was no longer setting the ran_once boolean during autologin. If autologin was enabled for a victim, an attacker could simply select 'login as another user' to unlock their screen.	2018-26
enterprise_edition	An issue was discovered in GitLab Community and Enterprise Edition before 10.8.7, 11.0.x before 11.0.5, and 11.1.x before 11.1.2. XSS can occur in the branch name during a Web IDE file commit.	2018-26
enterprise_edition	An issue was discovered in GitLab Community and Enterprise Edition 11.1.x before 11.1.2. A Denial of Service can occur because Markdown rendering times are slow.	2018-26
enterprise_edition	An issue was discovered in GitLab Community and Enterprise Edition before 10.8.7, 11.0.x before 11.0.5, and 11.1.x before 11.1.2. Information Disclosure can occur because the Prometheus metrics feature discloses private project pathnames.	2018-26
enterprise_edition	An issue was discovered in GitLab Community and Enterprise Edition before 10.8.7, 11.0.x before 11.0.5, and 11.1.x before 11.1.2. CSRF can occur in the Test feature of the System Hooks component.	2018-26
enterprise_edition	An issue was discovered in GitLab Community and Enterprise Edition before 10.8.7, 11.0.x before 11.0.5, and 11.1.x before 11.1.2. XSS can occur via a Milestone name during a promotion.	2018-26

enterprise_edition	An issue was discovered in GitLab Community and Enterprise Edition before 10.8.7, 11.0.x before 11.0.5, and 11.1.x before 11.1.2. XSS can occur in the tooltip of the job inside the CI/CD pipeline.	2018-26
	Untrusted search path vulnerability in the installer of Glarysoft Glary Utilities (Glary Utilities 5.99 and earlier and Glary Utilities Pro 5.99 and earlier) allows an attacker to gain privileges via a Trojan horse DLL in an unspecified directory.	2018-26
	Gleezcms Gleez Cms version 1.3.0 contains a Cross Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability in Profile page that can result in Inject arbitrary web script or HTML via the profile page editor. This attack appear to be exploitable via The victim must navigate to the attacker's profile page.	2018-23
	camel/providers/imapx/camel-imapx-server.c in the IMAPx component in GNOME evolution-data-server before 3.21.2 proceeds with cleartext data containing a password if the client wishes to use STARTTLS but the server will not use STARTTLS, which makes it easier for remote attackers to obtain sensitive information by sniffing the network. The server code was intended to report an error and not proceed, but the code was written incorrectly.	2018-20
	dwg_decode_eeed in decode.c in GNU LibreDWG 0.5.1048 leads to a double free (in dwg_free_eeed in free.c) because it does not properly manage the obj->eeed value after a free occurs.	2018-23
	Cross-site scripting vulnerability in Mailman 2.1.26 and earlier allows remote authenticated attackers to inject arbitrary web script or HTML via unspecified vectors.	2018-26
	mholt/archiver golang package before e4ef56d48eb029648b0e895bb0b6a393ef0829c3 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in an archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	GolemCMS through 2008-12-24, if the install/ directory remains active after an installation, allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary PHP code by inserting this code into the "Database Information" "Table prefix" form field, or obtain sensitive information via a direct request for install/install.sql.	2018-24

	The add function in <code>www/Lib/Lib/Action/Admin/TplAction.class.php</code> in Gxlcms v1.1.4 allows remote attackers to read arbitrary files via a crafted <code>index.php?s=Admin-Tpl-ADD-id</code> request, related to <code>Lib/Common/Admin/function.php</code> .	2018-28
	An issue was discovered in H2 1.4.197. Insecure handling of permissions in the backup function allows attackers to read sensitive files (outside of their permissions) via a symlink to a fake database file.	2018-24
or_standard_edition	IBM Sterling B2B Integrator Standard Edition (IBM Sterling File Gateway 2.2.0 through 2.2.6) uses weaker than expected cryptographic algorithms that could allow a local attacker to decrypt highly sensitive information. IBM X-Force ID: 132032.	2018-20
or_standard_edition	IBM Sterling B2B Integrator Standard Edition 5.2.0 through 5.2.6 is vulnerable to cross-site scripting. This vulnerability allows users to embed arbitrary JavaScript code in the Web UI thus altering the intended functionality potentially leading to credentials disclosure within a trusted session. IBM X-Force ID: 141551.	2018-23
or_standard_edition	IBM Sterling B2B Integrator Standard Edition (IBM Sterling File Gateway 2.2.0 through 2.2.6) caches usernames and passwords in browsers that could be used by a local attacker to obtain sensitive information. IBM X-Force ID: 130812.	2018-20
	IBM Sterling File Gateway 2.2.0 through 2.2.6 could allow a remote authenticated attacker to obtain sensitive information displayed in the URL that could lead to further attacks against the system. IBM X-Force ID: 140688.	2018-20
	IBM WebSphere MQ 7.5, 8.0, and 9.0 could allow a remotely authenticated attacker to to send invalid or malformed headers that could cause messages to no longer be transmitted via the affected channel. IBM X-Force ID: 141339.	2018-23
	An SSRF vulnerability was discovered in idreamsoft iCMS V7.0.9 that allows attackers to read sensitive files, access an intranet, or possibly have unspecified other impact.	2018-23

k	The ReadMATImageV4 function in coders/mat.c in ImageMagick 7.0.8-7 uses an uninitialized variable, leading to memory corruption.	2018-23
	A vulnerability was found in ipa before 4.4. IdM's ca-del, ca-disable, and ca-enable commands did not properly check the user's permissions while modifying CAs in Dogtag. An authenticated, unauthorized attacker could use this flaw to delete, disable, or enable CAs causing various denial of service problems with certificate issuance, OCSP signing, and deletion of secret keys.	2018-27
tion	It was discovered that the XmlUtils class in jbpmmigration 6.5 performed expansion of external parameter entities while parsing XML files. A remote attacker could use this flaw to read files accessible to the user running the application server and, potentially, perform other more advanced XML eXternal Entity (XXE) attacks.	2018-26
	A cross-site scripting vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in the Stapler web framework's org/kohsuke/stapler/Stapler.java that allows attackers with the ability to control the existence of some URLs in Jenkins to define JavaScript that would be executed in another user's browser when that other user views HTTP 404 error pages while Stapler debug mode is enabled.	2018-23
	It was found that the use of Pipeline: Classpath Step Jenkins plugin enables a bypass of the Script Security sandbox for users with SCM commit access, as well as users with e.g. Job/Configure permission in Jenkins.	2018-27
	It was found that there were no permission checks performed in the Distributed Fork plugin before and including 1.5.0 for Jenkins that provides the dist-fork CLI command beyond the basic check for Overall/Read permission, allowing anyone with that permission to run arbitrary shell commands on all connected nodes.	2018-27
	A exposure of sensitive information vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in Plugin.java that allows attackers to determine the date and time when a plugin HPI/JPI file was last extracted, which typically is the date of the most recent installation/upgrade.	2018-23
	It was found that jenkins-ssh-slaves-plugin before version 1.15 did not perform host key verification, thereby enabling Man-in-the-Middle attacks.	2018-27

	A Improper authorization vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in Queue.java that allows attackers with Overall/Read permission to cancel queued builds.	2018-23
	A arbitrary file read vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in the Stapler web framework's org/kohsuke/stapler/Stapler.java that allows attackers to send crafted HTTP requests returning the contents of any file on the Jenkins master file system that the Jenkins master has access to.	2018-23
	jenkins-mailer-plugin before version 1.20 is vulnerable to an information disclosure while using the feature to send emails to a dynamically created list of users based on the changelogs. This could in some cases result in emails being sent to people who have no user account in Jenkins, and in rare cases even people who were not involved in whatever project was being built, due to some mapping based on the local-part of email addresses.	2018-27
	It was found that the Active Directory Plugin for Jenkins up to and including version 2.2 did not verify certificates of the Active Directory server, thereby enabling Man-in-the-Middle attacks.	2018-27
	A unauthorized modification of configuration vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in User.java that allows attackers to provide crafted login credentials that cause Jenkins to move the config.xml file from the Jenkins home directory. If Jenkins is started without this file present, it will revert to the legacy defaults of granting administrator access to anonymous users.	2018-23
	A cross-site scripting vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in BuildTimelineWidget.java, BuildTimelineWidget/control.jelly that allows attackers with Job/Configure permission to define JavaScript that would be executed in another user's browser when that other user performs some UI actions.	2018-23
	A Improper authorization vulnerability exists in Jenkins 2.132 and earlier, 2.121.1 and earlier in SlaveComputer.java that allows attackers with Overall/Read permission to initiate agent launches, and abort in-progress agent launches.	2018-23
	joyplus-cms 1.6.0 has XSS via the manager/collect/collect_vod_zhuiju.php keyword parameter.	2018-22
	manager/admin_ajax.php in joyplus-cms 1.6.0 has SQL Injection, as demonstrated by crafted POST data beginning with an "m_id=1 AND SLEEP(5)" substring.	2018-22
g	A flaw was found in katello-debug before 3.4.0 where certain scripts and log files used insecure temporary files. A local user could exploit this flaw to conduct a symbolic-link attack, allowing them to overwrite the contents of arbitrary files.	2018-27

	<p>It was found that while parsing the SAML messages the StaxParserUtil class of keycloak before 2.5.1 replaces special strings for obtaining attribute values with system property. This could allow an attacker to determine values of system properties at the attacked system by formatting the SAML request ID field to be the chosen system property which could be obtained in the "InResponseTo" field in the response.</p>	2018-26
	<p>keycloak before version 4.0.0.final is vulnerable to a infinite loop in session replacement. A Keycloak cluster with multiple nodes could mishandle an expired session replacement and lead to an infinite loop. A malicious authenticated user could use this flaw to achieve Denial of Service on the server.</p>	2018-23
	<p>It was found that when Keycloak before 2.5.5 receives a Logout request with a Extensions in the middle of the request, the SAMLsloRequestParser.parse() method ends in a infinite loop. An attacker could use this flaw to conduct denial of service attacks.</p>	2018-27
	<p>An authentication bypass flaw was found in the way krb5's certauth interface before 1.16.1 handled the validation of client certificates. A remote attacker able to communicate with the KDC could potentially use this flaw to impersonate arbitrary principals under rare and erroneous circumstances.</p>	2018-26
	<p>The IMM2 First Failure Data Capture function collects management module logs and diagnostic information when a hardware error is detected. This information is made available for download through an SFTP server hosted on the IMM2 management network interface. In versions earlier than 4.90 for Lenovo System x and earlier than 6.80 for IBM System x, the credentials to access the SFTP server are hard-coded and described in the IMM2 documentation, allowing an attacker</p>	2018-26

	with management network access to obtain the collected FFDC data. After applying the update, the IMM2 will create random SFTP credentials for use with OneCLI.	
	libcrypt before version 1.7.8 is vulnerable to a cache side-channel attack resulting into a complete break of RSA-1024 while using the left-to-right method for computing the sliding-window expansion. The same attack is believed to work on RSA-2048 with moderately more computation. This side-channel requires that attacker can run arbitrary software on the hardware where the private RSA key is used.	2018-26
	It was discovered that libICE before 1.0.9-8 used a weak entropy to generate keys. A local attacker could potentially use this flaw for session hijacking using the information available from the process list.	2018-27
	A missing patch for a stack-based buffer overflow in findTable() was found in Red Hat version of liblouis before 2.5.4. An attacker could cause a denial of service condition or potentially even arbitrary code execution.	2018-27
	An issue was discovered in mspack/chmd.c in libmspack before 0.7alpha. There is an off-by-one error in the TOLOWER() macro for CHM decompression.	2018-28
	An issue was discovered in kwajd_read_headers in mspack/kwajd.c in libmspack before 0.7alpha. Bad KWAJ file header extensions could cause a one or two byte overwrite.	2018-28

	An issue was discovered in mspack/chmd.c in libmspack before 0.7alpha. There is an off-by-one error in the CHM PMGI/PMGL chunk number validity checks, which could lead to denial of service (uninitialized data dereference and application crash).	2018-28
	An issue was discovered in mspack/chmd.c in libmspack before 0.7alpha. It does not reject blank CHM filenames.	2018-28
	An issue has been found in libwav through 2017-04-20. It is a SEGV in the function wav_write in libwav.c.	2018-23
	It was discovered that libXdmcp before 1.1.2 including used weak entropy to generate session keys. On a multi-user system using xdmcp, a local attacker could potentially use information available from the process list to brute force the key, allowing them to hijack other users' sessions.	2018-27
s	LICA miniCMTS E8K(u/i/...) devices allow remote attackers to obtain sensitive information via a direct POST request for the inc/user.ini file, leading to discovery of a password hash.	2018-25
	An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is a buffer overflow in truncate_inline_inode() in fs/f2fs/inline.c when umounting an f2fs image, because a length value may be negative.	2018-27
	An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is an out-of-bounds access in __remove_dirty_segment() in fs/f2fs/segment.c when mounting an f2fs image.	2018-27
	A flaw was found in Linux kernel's KVM virtualization subsystem. The VMX code does not restore the GDT.LIMIT to the previous host value, but instead sets it to 64KB. With a corrupted GDT limit a host's userspace code has an ability to	2018-26

	<p>place malicious entries in the GDT, particularly to the per-cpu variables. An attacker can use this to escalate their privileges.</p>	
	<p>Linux kernel is vulnerable to a stack-out-of-bounds write in the ext4 filesystem code when mounting and writing to a crafted ext4 image in <code>ext4_update_inline_data()</code>. An attacker could use this to cause a system crash and a denial of service.</p>	<p>2018-25</p>
	<p>An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is a NULL pointer dereference and panic in <code>hfsplus_lookup()</code> in <code>fs/hfsplus/dir.c</code> when opening a file (that is purportedly a hard link) in an hfs+ filesystem that has malformed catalog data, and is mounted read-only without a metadata directory.</p>	<p>2018-27</p>
	<p>It was found that the Linux kernel's Datagram Congestion Control Protocol (DCCP) implementation before 2.6.22.17 used the IPv4-only <code>inet_sk_rebuild_header()</code> function for both IPv4 and IPv6 DCCP connections, which could result in memory corruptions. A remote attacker could use this flaw to crash the system.</p>	<p>2018-27</p>
	<p>An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is out-of-bounds access in <code>write_extent_buffer()</code> when mounting and operating a crafted btrfs image, because of a lack of verification that each block group has a corresponding chunk at mount time, within <code>btrfs_read_block_groups</code> in <code>fs/btrfs/extent-tree.c</code>.</p>	<p>2018-27</p>
	<p>A flaw was found in the Linux kernel's handling of clearing SELinux attributes on <code>/proc/pid/attr</code> files before 4.9.10. An empty (null) write to this file can crash the system by causing the system to attempt to access unmapped kernel memory.</p>	<p>2018-27</p>

	<p>An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.11, as used in Xen through 4.11.x. The <code>xen_failsafe_callback</code> entry point in <code>arch/x86/entry/entry_64.S</code> does not properly maintain RBX, which allows local users to cause a denial of service (uninitialized memory usage and system crash). Within Xen, 64-bit x86 PV Linux guest OS users can trigger a guest OS crash or possibly gain privileges.</p>	2018-28
	<p>A kernel data leak due to an out-of-bound read was found in the Linux kernel in <code>inet_diag_msg_sctp{,l}addr_fill()</code> and <code>sctp_get_sctp_info()</code> functions present since version 4.7-rc1 through version 4.13. A data leak happens when these functions fill in <code>sockaddr</code> data structures used to export socket's diagnostic information. As a result, up to 100 bytes of the slab data could be leaked to a userspace.</p>	2018-26
	<p>A flaw was found in the Linux kernel's ext4 filesystem. A local user can cause an out-of-bounds write and a denial of service or unspecified other impact is possible by mounting and operating a crafted ext4 filesystem image.</p>	2018-26
	<p>An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is an invalid pointer dereference in <code>io_ctl_map_page()</code> when mounting and operating a crafted btrfs image, because of a lack of block group item validation in <code>check_leaf_item</code> in <code>fs/btrfs/tree-checker.c</code>.</p>	2018-27
	<p>An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is an invalid pointer dereference in <code>__del_reloc_root()</code> in <code>fs/btrfs/relocation.c</code> when mounting a crafted btrfs image, related to removing <code>reloc rb_trees</code> when <code>reloc control</code> has not been initialized.</p>	2018-27
	<p>An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is an invalid pointer dereference in <code>btrfs_root_node()</code> when mounting a crafted btrfs image, because of a lack of chunk block group mapping validation in <code>btrfs_read_block_groups</code> in <code>fs/btrfs/extent-tree.c</code>, and a lack of empty-tree checks in <code>check_leaf</code> in <code>fs/btrfs/tree-checker.c</code>.</p>	2018-27

	A flaw was found in the Linux kernel's ext4 filesystem. A local user can cause an out-of-bound access in <code>ext4_get_group_info</code> function, a denial of service, and a system crash by mounting and operating on a crafted ext4 filesystem image.	2018-26
	A flaw was found in the Linux kernel's ext4 filesystem. A local user can cause a use-after-free in <code>ext4_xattr_set_entry</code> function and a denial of service or unspecified other impact may occur by renaming a file in a crafted ext4 filesystem image.	2018-26
	A flaw was found in Linux kernel in the ext4 filesystem code. A use-after-free is possible in <code>ext4_ext_remove_space()</code> function when mounting and operating a crafted ext4 image.	2018-26
	A flaw was found in the Linux kernel's ext4 filesystem. A local user can cause an out-of-bound write in in <code>fs/jbd2/transaction.c</code> code, a denial of service, and a system crash by unmounting a crafted ext4 filesystem image.	2018-27
	An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is a use-after-free in <code>try_merge_free_space()</code> when mounting a crafted btrfs image, because of a lack of chunk type flag checks in <code>btrfs_check_chunk_valid</code> in <code>fs/btrfs/volumes.c</code> .	2018-27

	The timer_create syscall implementation in kernel/time/posix-timers.c in the Linux kernel before 4.14.8 doesn't properly validate the sigevent->sigev_notify field, which leads to out-of-bounds access in the show_timer function (called when /proc/\$PID/timers is read). This allows userspace applications to read arbitrary kernel memory (on a kernel built with CONFIG_POSIX_TIMERS and CONFIG_CHECKPOINT_RESTORE).	2018-26
	An issue was discovered in the Linux kernel through 4.17.10. There is a NULL pointer dereference in fscrypt_do_page_crypto() in fs/crypto/crypto.c when operating on a file in a corrupted f2fs image.	2018-27
	A race condition was found in util-linux before 2.32.1 in the way su handled the management of child processes. A local authenticated attacker could use this flaw to kill other processes with root privileges under specific conditions.	2018-27
y_software	Untrusted search path vulnerability in LOGICOOL CONNECTION UTILITY SOFTWARE versions before 2.30.9 allows an attacker to gain privileges via a Trojan horse DLL in an unspecified directory.	2018-26
	Untrusted search path vulnerability in LOGICOOL Game Software versions before 8.87.116 allows an attacker to gain privileges via a Trojan horse DLL in an unspecified directory.	2018-26
	MathJax version prior to version 2.7.4 contains a Cross Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability in the \unicode{} macro that can result in Potentially untrusted Javascript running within a web browser. This attack appear to be exploitable via The victim must view a page where untrusted content is processed using Mathjax. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in 2.7.4 and later.	2018-23
on	Exploiting Incorrectly Configured Access Control Security Levels vulnerability in McAfee Data Loss Prevention (DLP) for Windows versions prior to 10.0.505 and 11.0.405 allows local users to bypass DLP policy via editing of local policy files when offline.	2018-23
	Authentication Bypass vulnerability in TPM autoboot in McAfee Drive Encryption (MDE) 7.1.0 and above allows physically proximate attackers to bypass local security protection via specific set of circumstances.	2018-27
	Configuration/Environment manipulation vulnerability in the administrative interface in McAfee Web Gateway (MWG) MWG 7.8.1.x allows authenticated administrator users to execute arbitrary commands via unspecified vectors.	2018-23

	Directory Traversal vulnerability in the administrative user interface in McAfee Web Gateway (MWG) MWG 7.8.1.x allows authenticated administrator users to gain elevated privileges via unspecified vectors.	2018-23
	mitmweb in mitmproxy v4.0.3 allows DNS Rebinding attacks, related to tools/web/app.py.	2018-22
	In Moxa NPort 5210, 5230, and 5232 versions 2.9 build 17030709 and prior, the amount of resources requested by a malicious actor are not restricted, allowing for a denial-of-service condition.	2018-24
boot_aes-cbc_encryption	Das U-Boot is a device bootloader that can read its configuration from an AES encrypted file. For devices utilizing this environment encryption mode, U-Boot's use of a zero initialization vector may allow attacks against the underlying cryptographic implementation and allow an attacker to decrypt the data. Das U-Boot's AES-CBC encryption feature uses a zero (0) initialization vector. This allows an attacker to perform dictionary attacks on encrypted data produced by Das U-Boot to learn information about the encrypted data.	2018-24
boot_aes-cbc_encryption	Das U-Boot is a device bootloader that can read its configuration from an AES encrypted file. Devices that make use of Das U-Boot's AES-CBC encryption feature using environment encryption (i.e., setting the configuration parameter CONFIG_ENV_AES=y) read environment variables from disk as the encrypted disk image is processed. An attacker with physical access to the device can manipulate the encrypted environment data to include a crafted two-byte sequence which triggers an error in environment variable parsing. This error condition is improperly handled by Das U-Boot, resulting in an immediate process termination with a debugging message.	2018-24
_products	Applications developed using the Portrait Display SDK, versions 2.30 through 2.34, default to insecure configurations which allow arbitrary code execution. A number of applications developed using the Portrait Displays SDK do not use secure permissions when running. These applications run the component pdiservice.exe with NT AUTHORITY/SYSTEM permissions. This component is also read/writable by all Authenticated Users. This allows local authenticated attackers to run arbitrary code with SYSTEM privileges. The following applications have been identified by Portrait Displays as affected: Fujitsu DisplayView Click: Version 6.0 and 6.01. The issue was fixed in Version 6.3. Fujitsu DisplayView Click Suite: Version 5. The issue is addressed by patch in Version 5.9. HP Display Assistant: Version 2.1. The issue was fixed in Version 2.11. HP My Display: Version 2.0. The issue was fixed in Version 2.1. Philips Smart Control Premium: Versions 2.23, 2.25. The issue was fixed in Version 2.26.	2018-24

shortest_path_first_protocol	Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) protocol implementations may improperly determine Link State Advertisement (LSA) recency for LSAs with MaxSequenceNumber. According to RFC 2328 section 13.1, for two instances of the same LSA, recency is determined by first comparing sequence numbers, then checksums, and finally MaxAge. In a case where the sequence numbers are the same, the LSA with the larger checksum is considered more recent, and will not be flushed from the Link State Database (LSDB). Since the RFC does not explicitly state that the values of links carried by a LSA must be the same when prematurely aging a self-originating LSA with MaxSequenceNumber, it is possible in vulnerable OSPF implementations for an attacker to craft a LSA with MaxSequenceNumber and invalid links that will result in a larger checksum and thus a 'newer' LSA that will not be flushed from the LSDB. Propagation of the crafted LSA can result in the erasure or alteration of the routing tables of routers within the routing domain, creating a denial of service condition or the re-routing of traffic on the network. CVE-2017-3224 has been reserved for Quagga and downstream implementations (SUSE, openSUSE, and Red Hat packages).	2018-24
interface	Navarino Infinity web interface up to version 2.2 exposes an unauthenticated script that is prone to blind sql injection. If successfully exploited the user can get info from the underlying postgresql database that could lead into to total compromise of the product. The said script is available with no authentication.	2018-24
interface	Some Navarino Infinity functions, up to version 2.2, placed in the URL can bypass any authentication mechanism leading to an information leak.	2018-24
interface	Navarino Infinity is prone to session fixation attacks. The server accepts the session ID as a GET parameter which can lead to bypassing the two factor authentication in some installations. This could lead to phishing attacks that can bypass the two factor authentication that is present in some installations.	2018-24
csdj_series_products	NEC Platforms Calsos CSDX and CSDJ series products (CSDX 1.37210411 and earlier, CSDX(P) 4.37210411 and earlier, CSDX(D) 3.37210411 and earlier, CSDX(S) 2.37210411 and earlier, CSDJ-B 01.03.00 and earlier, CSDJ-H 01.03.00 and earlier, CSDJ-D 01.03.00 and earlier, CSDJ-A 03.00.00) allows remote authenticated attackers to bypass access restriction to conduct arbitrary operations with administrative privilege via unspecified vectors.	2018-26
csdj_series_products	Cross-site scripting vulnerability in NEC Platforms Calsos CSDX and CSDJ series products (CSDX 1.37210411 and earlier, CSDX(P) 4.37210411 and earlier, CSDX(D) 3.37210411 and earlier, CSDX(S) 2.37210411 and earlier, CSDJ-B	2018-26

	01.03.00 and earlier, CSDJ-H 01.03.00 and earlier, CSDJ-D 01.03.00 and earlier, CSDJ-A 03.00.00) allows remote attackers to inject arbitrary web script or HTML via unspecified vectors.	
	A vulnerability is in the 'BSW_cxttongr.htm' page of the Netgear DGN2200, version DGN2200-V1.0.0.50_7.0.50, and DGND3700, version DGND3700-V1.0.0.17_1.0.17, which can allow a remote attacker to access this page without any authentication. When processed, it exposes the admin password in clear text before it gets redirected to absw_vfysucc.cgia. An attacker can use this password to gain administrator access to the targeted router's web interface.	2018-24
	There are few web pages associated with the genie app on the Netgear WNDR4500 running firmware version V1.0.1.40_1.0.6877. Genie app adds some capabilities over the Web GUI and can be accessed even when you are away from home. A remote attacker can access genie_ping.htm or genie_ping2.htm or genie_ping3.htm page without authentication. Once accessed, the page will be redirected to the aCongratulations2.htma page, which reveals some sensitive information such as 2.4GHz & 5GHz Wireless Network Name (SSID) and Network Key (Password) in clear text.	2018-24
	An out-of-bounds write vulnerability was found in netpbm before 10.61. A maliciously crafted file could cause the application to crash or possibly allow code execution.	2018-27
	An out-of-bounds read vulnerability was found in netpbm before 10.61. The expandCodeOntoStack() function has an insufficient code value check, so that a maliciously crafted file could cause the application to crash or possibly allows code execution.	2018-27
	A null pointer dereference vulnerability was found in netpbm before 10.61. A maliciously crafted SVG file could cause the application to crash.	2018-27
	A memory allocation vulnerability was found in netpbm before 10.61. A maliciously crafted SVG file could cause the application to crash.	2018-27
	An out-of-bounds write vulnerability was found in netpbm before 10.61. A maliciously crafted file could cause the application to crash or possibly allow code execution.	2018-27
	Network Manager VPNC plugin (aka networkmanager-vpnc) before version 1.2.6 is vulnerable to a privilege escalation attack. A new line character can be used to inject a Password helper parameter into the configuration data passed to VPNC, allowing an attacker to execute arbitrary commands as root.	2018-26

ness_basic	A file upload vulnerability in application/shop/controller/member.php in Niushop B2B2C Multi-business basic version V1.11 allows any remote member to upload a .php file to the web server via a profile avatar field, by using an image Content-Type (e.g., image/jpeg) with a modified filename and file content. This results in arbitrary code execution by requesting that .php file.	2018-23
	October CMS version prior to build 437 contains a Cross Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability in the Media module and create folder functionality that can result in an Authenticated user with media module permission creating arbitrary folder name with XSS content. This attack appear to be exploitable via an Authenticated user with media module permission who can create arbitrary folder name (XSS). This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in build 437.	2018-23
	October CMS version prior to Build 437 contains a Local File Inclusion vulnerability in modules/system/traits/ViewMaker.php#244 (makeFileContents function) that can result in Sensitive information disclosure and remote code execution. This attack appear to be exploitable remotely if the /backend path is accessible. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in Build 437.	2018-23
	Cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability in the Groups Page in Open-Audit Community 2.2.6 allows remote attackers to inject arbitrary web script or HTML via the group name.	2018-25
1 -- onos	Open Networking Foundation (ONF) ONOS version 1.13.2 and earlier version contains a Directory Traversal vulnerability in core/common/src/main/java/org/onosproject/common/app/ApplicationArchive.java line 35 that can result in arbitrary file deletion (overwrite). This attack appear to be exploitable via a specially crafted zip file should be uploaded.	2018-23
	A flaw was found in all Openshift Enterprise versions using the openshift elasticsearch plugin. An attacker with knowledge of the given name used to authenticate and access Elasticsearch can later access it without the token, bypassing authentication. This attack also requires that the Elasticsearch be configured with an external route, and the data accessed is limited to the indices.	2018-27
	ovirt-engine before version 4.1.7.6 with log level set to DEBUG includes passwords in the log file without masking. Only administrators can change the log level and only administrators can access the logs. This presents a risk when debug-level logs are shared with vendors or other parties to troubleshoot issues.	2018-27

	<p>PEAR HTML_QuickForm version 3.2.14 contains an eval injection (CWE-95) vulnerability in HTML_QuickForm's getSubmitValue method, HTML_QuickForm's validate method, HTML_QuickForm_hierselect's _setOptions method, HTML_QuickForm_element's _findValue method, HTML_QuickForm_element's _prepareValue method. that can result in Possible information disclosure, possible impact on data integrity and execution of arbitrary code. This attack appear to be exploitable via A specially crafted query string could be utilised, e.g. http://www.example.com/admin/add_practice_type_id[1]=fubar%27)%20OR%20die(%27OOK!%27);%20//&mode=live. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in 3.2.15.</p>	2018-23
	<p>An out-of-bounds write flaw was found in the way Pidgin before 2.12.0 processed XML content. A malicious remote server could potentially use this flaw to crash Pidgin or execute arbitrary code in the context of the pidgin process.</p>	2018-27
	<p>Pivotal Apps Manager included in Pivotal Application Service, versions 2.2.x prior to 2.2.1 and 2.1.x prior to 2.1.8 and 2.0.x prior to 2.0.17 and 1.12.x prior to 1.12.26, does not escape all user-provided content when sending invitation emails. A malicious authenticated user can inject content into an invite to another user, exploiting the trust implied by the source of the email.</p>	2018-24
hiver	<p>plexus-archiver before 3.6.0 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in an archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.</p>	2018-25
	<p>Poppler through 0.62 contains a Buffer Overflow vulnerability due to an incorrect memory access that is not mapped in its memory space, as demonstrated by pdfunite. This can result in memory corruption and denial of service. This may be exploitable when a victim opens a specially crafted PDF file.</p>	2018-25
	<p>Privilege escalation flaws were found in the Red Hat initialization scripts of PostgreSQL. An attacker with access to the postgres user account could use these flaws to obtain root access on the server machine.</p>	2018-27

	An issue has been found in the parsing of authoritative answers in PowerDNS Recursor before 4.0.8, leading to a NULL pointer dereference when parsing a specially crafted answer containing a CNAME of a different class than IN. An unauthenticated remote attacker could cause a denial of service.	2018-27
	Pydio version 8.2.0 and earlier contains a Cross Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability in ./core/vendor/meenie/javascript-packer/example-inline.php line 48; ./core/vendor/dapphp/securimage/examples/test.mysql.static.php lines: 114,118 that can result in an unauthenticated remote attacker manipulating the web client via XSS code injection. This attack appear to be exploitable via the victim opening a specially crafted URL. This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in version 8.2.1.	2018-23
	Pydio version 8.2.1 and prior contains an Unvalidated user input leading to Remote Code Execution (RCE) vulnerability in plugins/action.antivirus/AntivirusScanner.php: Line 124, scanNow(\$nodeObject) that can result in An attacker gaining admin access and can then execute arbitrary commands on the underlying OS. This attack appear to be exploitable via The attacker edits the Antivirus Command in the antivirus plugin, and executes the payload by uploading any file within Pydio.	2018-23
	Pydio version 8.2.0 and earlier contains a Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF) vulnerability in plugins/action.updater/UpgradeManager.php Line: 154, getUpgradePath(\$url) that can result in an authenticated admin users requesting arbitrary URL's, pivoting requests through the server. This attack appears to be exploitable via the attacker gaining access to an administrative account, enters a URL into Upgrade Engine, and reloads the page or presses "Check Now". This vulnerability appears to have been fixed in 8.2.1.	2018-23
	An out-of-bounds memory access issue was found in Quick Emulator (QEMU) before 1.7.2 in the VNC display driver. This flaw could occur while refreshing the VNC display surface area in the 'vnc_refresh_server_surface'. A user inside a guest could use this flaw to crash the QEMU process.	2018-27

	<p>A heap buffer overflow flaw was found in QEMU's Cirrus CLGD 54xx VGA emulator's VNC display driver support before 2.9; the issue could occur when a VNC client attempted to update its display after a VGA operation is performed by a guest. A privileged user/process inside a guest could use this flaw to crash the QEMU process or, potentially, execute arbitrary code on the host with privileges of the QEMU process.</p>	2018-27
	<p>Quick emulator (QEMU) before 2.8 built with the Cirrus CLGD 54xx VGA Emulator support is vulnerable to an out-of-bounds access issue. The issue could occur while copying VGA data in cirrus_bitblt_cputovideo. A privileged user inside guest could use this flaw to crash the QEMU process OR potentially execute arbitrary code on host with privileges of the QEMU process.</p>	2018-27

	<p>The Network Block Device (NBD) server in Quick Emulator (QEMU) before 2.11 is vulnerable to a denial of service issue. It could occur if a client sent large option requests, making the server waste CPU time on reading up to 4GB per request. A client could use this flaw to keep the NBD server from serving other requests, resulting in DoS.</p>	2018-27
	<p>A stack buffer overflow flaw was found in the Quick Emulator (QEMU) before 2.9 built with the Network Block Device (NBD) client support. The flaw could occur while processing server's response to a 'NBD_OPT_LIST' request. A malicious NBD server could use this issue to crash a remote NBD client resulting in DoS or potentially execute arbitrary code on client host with privileges of the QEMU process.</p>	2018-27
	<p>A stack-based buffer overflow vulnerability was found in NBD server implementation in qemu before 2.11 allowing a client to request an export name of size up to 4096 bytes, which in fact should be limited to 256 bytes, causing an out-of-bounds stack write in the qemu process. If NBD server requires TLS, the attacker cannot trigger the buffer overflow without first successfully negotiating TLS.</p>	2018-27
	<p>An assertion-failure flaw was found in Qemu before 2.10.1, in the Network Block Device (NBD) server's initial connection negotiation, where the I/O coroutine was undefined. This could crash the qemu-nbd server if a client sent</p>	2018-26

	unexpected data during connection negotiation. A remote user or process could use this flaw to crash the qemu-nbd server resulting in denial of service.	
	QuaZIP before 0.7.6 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
cts	Quick Heal Total Security 64 bit 17.00 (QHTS64.exe), (QHTSFT64.exe) - Version 10.0.1.38; Quick Heal Total Security 32 bit 17.00 (QHTS32.exe), (QHTSFT32.exe) - Version 10.0.1.38; Quick Heal Internet Security 64 bit 17.00 (QHIS64.exe), (QHISFT64.exe) - Version 10.0.0.37; Quick Heal Internet Security 32 bit 17.00 (QHIS32.exe), (QHISFT32.exe) - Version 10.0.0.37; Quick Heal AntiVirus Pro 64 bit 17.00 (QHAV64.exe), (QHAVFT64.exe) - Version 10.0.0.37; and Quick Heal AntiVirus Pro 32 bit 17.00 (QHAV32.exe), (QHAVFT32.exe) - Version 10.0.0.37 allow DLL Hijacking because of Insecure Library Loading.	2018-25
	An input validation error was found in Red Hat Certificate System's handling of client provided certificates before 8.1.20-1. If the certreq field is not present in a certificate an assertion error is triggered causing a denial of service.	2018-26
	A number of unused delete routes are present in CloudForms before 5.7.2.1 which can be accessed via GET requests instead of just POST requests. This could allow an attacker to bypass the protect_from_forgery XSRF protection causing the routes to be used. This attack would require additional cross-site scripting or similar attacks in order to execute.	2018-27
	A flaw was found in CloudForms before 5.9.0.22 in the self-service UI snapshot feature where the name field is not properly sanitized for HTML and JavaScript input. An attacker could use this flaw to execute a stored XSS attack on an	2018-27

	application administrator using CloudForms. Please note that CSP (Content Security Policy) prevents exploitation of this XSS however not all browsers support CSP.	
	The dialog for creating cloud volumes (cinder provider) in CloudForms does not filter cloud tenants by user. An attacker with the ability to create storage volumes could use this to create storage volumes for any other tenant.	2018-27
	It was found that CloudForms does not verify that the server hostname matches the domain name in the certificate when using a custom CA and communicating with Red Hat Virtualization (RHEV) and OpenShift. This would allow an attacker to spoof RHEV or OpenShift systems and potentially harvest sensitive information from CloudForms.	2018-27
	A logic error in valid_role() in CloudForms role validation before 5.7.1.3 could allow a tenant administrator to create groups with a higher privilege level than the tenant administrator should have. This would allow an attacker with tenant administration access to elevate privileges.	2018-27
gement_engine	CloudForms Management Engine (cfme) is vulnerable to an improper security setting in the dRuby component of CloudForms. An attacker with access to an unprivileged local shell could use this flaw to execute commands as a high privileged user.	2018-24
gement_engine	CloudForms Management Engine (cfme) before 5.7.3 and 5.8.x before 5.8.1 lacks RBAC controls on certain methods in the rails application portion of CloudForms. An attacker with access could use a variety of methods within the rails application portion of CloudForms to escalate privileges.	2018-26
gement_engine	In CloudForms Management Engine (cfme) before 5.7.3 and 5.8.x before 5.8.1, it was found that privilege check is missing when invoking arbitrary methods via filtering on VMs that MiqExpression will execute that is triggerable by API users. An attacker could use this to execute actions they should not be allowed to (e.g. destroying VMs).	2018-26

	A regression was found in the Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.9 version of httpd 2.2.15-60, causing comments in the "Allow" and "Deny" configuration lines to be parsed incorrectly. A web administrator could unintentionally allow any client to access a restricted HTTP resource.	2018-26
	It was found that sssd's sysdb_search_user_by_upn_res() function before 1.16.0 did not sanitize requests when querying its local cache and was vulnerable to injection. In a centralized login environment, if a password hash was locally cached for a given user, an authenticated attacker could use this flaw to retrieve it.	2018-27
	It was discovered that rpm-ostree and rpm-ostree-client before 2017.3 fail to properly check GPG signatures on packages when doing layering. Packages with unsigned or badly signed content could fail to be rejected as expected. This issue is partially mitigated on RHEL Atomic Host, where certificate pinning is used by default.	2018-27
server	It was found that a mock CMC authentication plugin with a hardcoded secret was accidentally enabled by default in the pki-core package before 10.6.4. An attacker could potentially use this flaw to bypass the regular authentication process and trick the CA server into issuing certificates.	2018-26
_data_virtualization_and_services	It was discovered that the Dashbuilder login page as used in Red Hat JBoss BPM Suite before 6.4.2 and Red Hat JBoss Data Virtualization & Services before 6.4.3 could be opened in an IFRAME, which made it possible to intercept and manipulate requests. An attacker could use this flaw to trick a user into performing arbitrary actions in the Console (clickjacking).	2018-27
bpm_suite	JBoss BRMS 6 and BPM Suite 6 before 6.4.3 are vulnerable to a stored XSS via several lists in Business Central. The flaw is due to lack of sanitation of user input when creating new lists. Remote, authenticated attackers that have privileges to create lists can store scripts in them, which are not properly sanitized before showing to other users, including admins.	2018-27

bpm_suite	<p>JBoss BRMS 6 and BPM Suite 6 before 6.4.3 are vulnerable to a reflected XSS via artifact upload. A malformed XML file, if uploaded, causes an error message to appear that includes part of the bad XML code verbatim without filtering out scripts. Successful exploitation would allow execution of script code within the context of the affected user.</p>	2018-27
	<p>It was found that the JAXP implementation used in JBoss EAP 7.0 for SAX and DOM parsing is vulnerable to certain XXE flaws. An attacker could use this flaw to cause DoS, SSRF, or information disclosure if they are able to provide XML content for parsing.</p>	2018-27
application	<p>It was found that the log file viewer in Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application 6 and 7 allows arbitrary file read to authenticated user via path traversal.</p>	2018-27
	<p>It was discovered that the hawtio servlet 1.4 uses a single HttpClient instance to proxy requests with a persistent cookie store (cookies are stored locally and are not passed between the client and the end URL) which means all clients using that proxy are sharing the same cookies.</p>	2018-26
m	<p>A design flaw issue was found in the Red Hat OpenStack Platform director use of TripleO to enable libvirt based live-migration. Libvirt is deployed by default (by director) listening on 0.0.0.0 (all interfaces) with no-authentication or encryption. Anyone able to make a TCP connection to any compute host IP address, including 127.0.0.1, other loopback interface addresses, or in some cases possibly addresses that have been exposed beyond the management interface, could</p>	2018-26

	use this to open a virsh session to the libvirtd instance and gain control of virtual machine instances or possibly take over the host.	
	Red Hat Satellite before 6.5 is vulnerable to a XSS in discovery rule when you are entering filter and you use autocomplete functionality.	2018-26
	A cross-site scripting (XSS) flaw was found in how an organization name is displayed in Satellite 5, before 5.8. A user able to change an organization's name could exploit this flaw to perform XSS attacks against other Satellite users.	2018-26
	It was found that spacewalk-channel can be used by a non-admin user or disabled users to perform administrative tasks due to an incorrect authorization check in backend/server/rhnChannel.py.	2018-27
	It was discovered that Undertow before 1.4.17, 1.3.31 and 2.0.0 processes http request headers with unusual whitespaces which can cause possible http request smuggling.	2018-27
	It was found in Undertow before 1.3.28 that with non-clean TCP close, the Websocket server gets into infinite loop on every IO thread, effectively causing DoS.	2018-27

	<p>It was discovered in Undertow that the code that parsed the HTTP request line permitted invalid characters. This could be exploited, in conjunction with a proxy that also permitted the invalid characters but with a different interpretation, to inject data into the HTTP response. By manipulating the HTTP response the attacker could poison a web-cache, perform an XSS attack, or obtain sensitive information from requests other than their own.</p>	2018-27
	<p>When updating a password in the rhvm database the ovirt-aaa-jdbc-tool tools before 1.1.3 fail to correctly check for the current password if it is expired. This would allow access to an attacker with access to change the password on accounts with expired passwords, gaining access to those accounts.</p>	2018-27
	<p>A race-condition flaw was discovered in openstack-neutron before 7.2.0-12.1, 8.x before 8.3.0-11.1, 9.x before 9.3.1-2.1, and 10.x before 10.0.2-1.1, where, following a minor overcloud update, neutron security groups were disabled. Specifically, the following were reset to 0: net.bridge.bridge-nf-call-ip6tables and net.bridge.bridge-nf-call-iptables. The race was only triggered by an update, at which point an attacker could access exposed tenant VMs and network resources.</p>	2018-26

ation	An access-control flaw was found in the OpenStack Orchestration (heat) service before 8.0.0, 6.1.0 and 7.0.2 where a service log directory was improperly made world readable. A malicious system user could exploit this flaw to access sensitive information.	2018-27
w	An accessibility flaw was found in the OpenStack Workflow (mistral) service where a service log directory was improperly made world readable. A malicious system user could exploit this flaw to access sensitive information.	2018-27
	RSA Archer, versions prior to 6.4.0.1, contain a stored cross-site scripting vulnerability. A remote authenticated malicious Archer user could potentially exploit this vulnerability to store malicious HTML or JavaScript code in a trusted application data store. When application users access the corrupted data store through their browsers, the malicious code gets executed by the web browser in the context of the vulnerable web application.	2018-24
	RSA Archer, versions prior to 6.4.0.1, contain an authorization bypass vulnerability in the REST API. A remote authenticated malicious Archer user could potentially exploit this vulnerability to elevate their privileges.	2018-24
	Sage XRT Treasury, version 3, fails to properly restrict database access to authorized users, which may enable any authenticated user to gain full access to privileged database functions. Sage XRT Treasury is a business finance management application. Database user access privileges are determined by the USER_CODE field associated with the querying user. By modifying the USER_CODE value to match that of a privileged user, a low-privileged, authenticated user may gain privileged access to the SQL database. A remote, authenticated user can submit specially crafted SQL queries to gain privileged access to the application database.	2018-24
	A flaw was found in the way samba client before samba 4.4.16, samba 4.5.14 and samba 4.6.8 used encryption with the max protocol set as SMB3. The connection could lose the requirement for signing and encrypting to any DFS redirects, allowing an attacker to read or alter the contents of the connection via a man-in-the-middle attack.	2018-27

	<p>An information leak flaw was found in the way SMB1 protocol was implemented by Samba before 4.4.16, 4.5.x before 4.5.14, and 4.6.x before 4.6.8. A malicious client could use this flaw to dump server memory contents to a file on the samba share or to a shared printer, though the exact area of server memory cannot be controlled by the attacker.</p>	2018-26
	<p>It was found that samba before 4.4.16, 4.5.x before 4.5.14, and 4.6.x before 4.6.8 did not enforce "SMB signing" when certain configuration options were enabled. A remote attacker could launch a man-in-the-middle attack and retrieve information in plain-text.</p>	2018-26

	SeaCMS 6.61 has two XSS issues in the admin_config.php file via certain form fields.	2018-23
	SEL AcSELErator Architect version 2.2.24.0 and prior can be exploited when the AcSELErator Architect FTP client connects to a malicious FTP server, which may cause denial of service via 100% CPU utilization. Restart of the application is required.	2018-24
	SEL AcSELErator Architect version 2.2.24.0 and prior allows unsanitized input to be passed to the XML parser, which may allow disclosure and retrieval of arbitrary data, arbitrary code execution (in certain situations on specific platforms), and denial of service attacks.	2018-24
	SEL Compass version 3.0.5.1 and prior allows all users full access to the SEL Compass directory, which may allow modification or overwriting of files within the Compass installation folder, resulting in escalation of privilege and/or malicious code execution.	2018-24
ress	SharpCompress before 0.21.0 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	sharplibzip before 1.0 RC1 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	A vulnerability has been identified in Firmware variant IEC 61850 for EN100 Ethernet module (All versions < V4.33), Firmware variant PROFINET IO for EN100 Ethernet module (All versions), Firmware variant Modbus TCP for EN100 Ethernet module (All versions), Firmware variant DNP3 TCP for EN100 Ethernet module (All versions), Firmware variant IEC104 for EN100 Ethernet module (All versions). Specially crafted packets to port 102/tcp could cause a denial-of-service condition in the EN100 communication module if oscillographs are running. A manual restart is required to recover the EN100 module functionality. Successful exploitation requires an attacker with network access to send multiple packets to the EN100 module. As a precondition the IEC 61850-MMS communication needs to be activated on the affected EN100 modules. No user interaction or privileges are required to exploit the security vulnerability. The vulnerability could allow causing a Denial-of-Service condition of the network functionality of the device, compromising	2018-23

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	There was an argument injection vulnerability in Sourcetree for macOS via filenames in Mercurial repositories. An attacker with permission to commit to a Mercurial repository linked in Sourcetree for macOS is able to exploit this issue to gain code execution on the system. Versions of Sourcetree for macOS from 1.0b2 before 2.7.6 are affected by this vulnerability.	2018-24
	There was an argument injection vulnerability in Sourcetree for Windows via filenames in Mercurial repositories. An attacker with permission to commit to a Mercurial repository linked in Sourcetree for Windows is able to exploit this issue to gain code execution on the system. Versions of Sourcetree for Windows before version 2.6.9 are affected by this vulnerability.	2018-24
	A vulnerability was discovered in SPICE before 0.13.90 in the server's protocol handling. An authenticated attacker could send crafted messages to the SPICE server causing a heap overflow leading to a crash or possible code execution.	2018-27
	A vulnerability was discovered in SPICE before 0.13.90 in the server's protocol handling. An attacker able to connect to the SPICE server could send crafted messages which would cause the process to crash.	2018-27

	An issue was discovered in Suricata before 3.1.2. If an ICMPv4 error packet is received as the first packet on a flow in the to_client direction, it confuses the rule grouping lookup logic. The toclient inspection will then continue with the wrong rule group. This can lead to missed detection.	2018-23
	Suricata before 4.0.5 stops TCP stream inspection upon a TCP RST from a server. This allows detection bypass because Windows TCP clients proceed with normal processing of TCP data that arrives shortly after an RST (i.e., they act as if the RST had not yet been received).	2018-23
ent	The Inventory Plugin for Symantec Management Agent prior to 7.6 POST HF7, 8.0 POST HF6, or 8.1 RU7 may be susceptible to a privilege escalation vulnerability, which is a type of issue that allows a user to gain elevated access to resources that are normally protected at lower access levels.	2018-25
	Tenda AC7 through V15.03.06.44_CN, AC9 through V15.03.05.19(6318)_CN, and AC10 through V15.03.06.23_CN devices have a Stack-based Buffer Overflow via a long limitSpeed or limitSpeedup parameter to an unspecified /goform URI.	2018-21
cs	Thomson Reuters UltraTax CS 2017 on Windows, in a client/server configuration, transfers customer records and bank account numbers in cleartext over SMBv2, which allows attackers to (1) obtain sensitive information by sniffing the network or (2) conduct man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks via unspecified vectors. The customer record transferred in cleartext contains: Client ID, Full Name, Spouse's Full Name, Social Security Number, Spouse's Social Security Number, Occupation, Spouse's Occupation, Daytime Phone, Home Phone, Tax Preparer, Federal and State Taxes to File, Bank Name, Bank Account Number, and possibly other sensitive information.	2018-26
cs	Thomson Reuters UltraTax CS 2017 on Windows has a password protection option; however, the level of protection might be inconsistent with some customers' expectations because the data is directly accessible in cleartext. Specifically, it stores customer data in unique directories (%install_path%\WinCSI\UT17\DATA\client_ID\file_name.XX17) that can be bypassed without authentication by examining the strings of the .XX17 file. The strings stored in the .XX17 file contain each customer's: Full Name, Spouse's Name, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, Occupation, Home Address, Daytime	2018-26

	Phone Number, Home Phone Number, Spouse's Address, Spouse's Daytime Phone Number, Spouse's Social Security Number, Spouse's Home Phone Number, Spouse's Occupation, Spouse's Date of Birth, and Spouse's Filing Status.	
sdk	On the iOS platform, the ThreatMetrix SDK versions prior to 3.2 fail to validate SSL certificates provided by HTTPS connections, which may allow an attacker to perform a man-in-the-middle (MITM) attack. ThreatMetrix is a security library for mobile applications, which aims to provide fraud prevention and device identity capabilities. The ThreatMetrix SDK versions prior to 3.2 do not validate SSL certificates on the iOS platform. An affected application will communicate with https://h-sdk.online-metrix.net , regardless of whether the connection is secure or not. An attacker on the same network as or upstream from the iOS device may be able to view or modify ThreatMetrix network traffic that should have been protected by HTTPS.	2018-24
	An issue was discovered in libthulac.so in THULAC through 2018-02-25. A heap-based buffer over-read can occur in NGramFeature::find_bases in include/cb_ngram_feature.h.	2018-23
	An issue was discovered in libthulac.so in THULAC through 2018-02-25. A SEGV can occur in NGramFeature::find_bases in include/cb_ngram_feature.h.	2018-23
	An issue was discovered in libthulac.so in THULAC through 2018-02-25. "operator delete" is used with "operator new[]" in the TaggingLearner class in include/cb_tagging_learner.h, possibly leading to memory corruption.	2018-23
	An issue was discovered in libthulac.so in THULAC through 2018-02-25. A NULL pointer dereference can occur in the BasicModel class in include/cb_model.h.	2018-23
	Multiple TIBCO Products are prone to multiple unspecified cross-site scripting vulnerabilities because it fails to properly sanitize user-supplied input. An attacker may leverage these issues to execute arbitrary script code in the browser of an unsuspecting user in the context of the affected site. This can allow the attacker to steal cookie-based authentication credentials and to launch other attacks. The products and versions that are affected include the following: TIBCO Silver Fabric Enabler for Spotfire Web Player 2.1.2 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Analyst 7.5.0 TIBCO Spotfire Analyst 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Analyst 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Analytics Platform for AWS Marketplace 7.0.2 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Automation Services 6.5.3 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Automation Services 7.0.0, and 7.0.1 TIBCO Spotfire Connectors 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Deployment Kit 6.5.3 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Deployment Kit 7.0.0, and 7.0.1 TIBCO Spotfire Deployment Kit 7.5.0 TIBCO Spotfire Deployment Kit 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Deployment Kit 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 6.5.2 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 7.0.0, and 7.0.1 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 7.5.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Developer Edition 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Language Packs 7.0.1 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Language Packs 7.5.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Language Packs 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Language Packs 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Professional 6.5.3 and earlier TIBCO	2018-24

	Spotfire Professional 7.0.0 and 7.0.1 TIBCO Spotfire Web Player 6.5.3 and earlier TIBCO Spotfire Web Player 7.0.0 and 7.0.1	
	Multiple TIBCO Products are prone to multiple unspecified SQL-injection vulnerabilities because it fails to properly sanitize user-supplied input before using it in an SQL query. Exploiting these issues could allow an attacker to compromise the application, access or modify data, or exploit latent vulnerabilities in the underlying database. The following products and versions are affected: TIBCO Spotfire Analyst 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Connectors 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Deployment Kit 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Developer Edition 7.7.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Language Packs 7.6.0 TIBCO Spotfire Desktop Language Packs 7.7.0 The following components are affected: TIBCO Spotfire Client TIBCO Spotfire Web Player Client	2018-24
digital_signage	A Local File Inclusion (LFI) vulnerability exists in the Web Interface API of TightRope Media Carousel Digital Signage before 7.3.5. The RenderingFetch API allows for the downloading of arbitrary files through the use of directory traversal sequences, aka CSL-1683.	2018-23
tion_and_fusion	VMware ESXi (6.7 before ESXi670-201806401-BG, 6.5 before ESXi650-201806401-BG, 6.0 before ESXi600-201806401-BG and 5.5 before ESXi550-201806401-BG), Workstation (14.x before 14.1.2), and Fusion (10.x before 10.1.2) contain a denial-of-service vulnerability due to NULL pointer dereference issue in RPC handler. Successful exploitation of this issue may allow attackers with normal user privileges to crash their VMs.	2018-25
ents	VMware Horizon View Agents (7.x.x before 7.5.1) contain a local information disclosure vulnerability due to insecure logging of credentials in the vmmsi.log file when an account other than the currently logged on user is specified during installation (including silent installations). Successful exploitation of this issue may allow low privileged users access to the credentials specified during the Horizon View Agent installation.	2018-25
	wancms 1.0 through 5.0 allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (resource consumption) via a checkcode (aka verification code) URI in which the values of font_size, width, and height are large numbers.	2018-25
th	The Battle for Wesnoth Project version 1.7.0 through 1.14.3 contains a Code Injection vulnerability in the Lua scripting engine that can result in code execution outside the sandbox. This attack appear to be exploitable via Loading specially-crafted saved games, networked games, replays, and player content.	2018-23
	WildFly Core before version 6.0.0.Alpha3 does not properly validate file paths in .war archives, allowing for the extraction of crafted .war archives to overwrite arbitrary files. This is an instance of the 'Zip Slip' vulnerability.	2018-27

	Wizkunde SAMLBase may incorrectly utilize the results of XML DOM traversal and canonicalization APIs in such a way that an attacker may be able to manipulate the SAML data without invalidating the cryptographic signature, allowing the attack to potentially bypass authentication to SAML service providers.	2018-24
	The Mondula Multi Step Form plugin through 1.2.5 for WordPress allows XSS via the fw_data [id][1], fw_data [id][2], fw_data [id][3], fw_data [id][4], or email field of the contact form, exploitable with an fw_send_email action to wp-admin/admin-ajax.php.	2018-25
	A SQL injection was discovered in WUZHI CMS 4.1.0 that allows remote attackers to inject a malicious SQL statement via the index.php?m=promote&f=index&v=search keywords parameter.	2018-23
	An XSS vulnerability was discovered in WUZHI CMS 4.1.0. There is persistent XSS that allows remote attackers to inject arbitrary web script or HTML via the form[content] parameter to the index.php?m=feedback&f=index&v=contact URI.	2018-23
	An XSS vulnerability was discovered in WUZHI CMS 4.1.0. There is persistent XSS that allows remote attackers to inject arbitrary web script or HTML via the form[nickname] parameter to the index.php?m=core&f=set&v=sendmail URI. When the administrator accesses the "system settings - mail server" screen, the XSS payload is triggered.	2018-23
	It was found that xorg-x11-server before 1.19.0 including uses memcmp() to check the received MIT cookie against a series of valid cookies. If the cookie is correct, it is allowed to attach to the Xorg session. Since most memcmp() implementations return after an invalid byte is seen, this causes a time difference between a valid and invalid byte, which could allow an efficient brute force attack.	2018-27
pany	Feedback.asp in Xiao5uCompany 1.7 has XSS because the XSS protection mechanism in Safe.asp is insufficient (for example, it considers SCRIPT and IMG elements, but does not consider VIDEO elements).	2018-23
	system/edit_book.php in XYCMS 1.7 has stored XSS via a crafted add_do.php request, related to add_book.php.	2018-28

	xyhai.php?s=/Auth/addUser in XYHCMS 3.5 allows CSRF to add a background administrator account.	2018-24
	zt-zip before 1.13 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	zip4j before 1.3.3 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	unzipper npm library before 0.8.13 is vulnerable to directory traversal, allowing attackers to write to arbitrary files via a ../ (dot dot slash) in a Zip archive entry that is mishandled during extraction. This vulnerability is also known as 'Zip-Slip'.	2018-25
	SQL injection vulnerability in all versions prior to V4.01.01 of the ZTE ZXCDN-SNS product allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary SQL commands via the aoData parameter, resulting in the disclosure of database information.	2018-25
	All versions prior to V5.09.02.02T4 of the ZTE ZXIPTV-EPG product use the Java RMI service in which the servers use the Apache Commons Collections (ACC) library that may result in Java deserialization vulnerabilities. An unauthenticated remote attacker can exploit the vulnerabilities by sending a crafted RMI request to execute arbitrary code on the target host.	2018-25
	SQL injection vulnerability in all versions prior to V2.01.05.09 of the ZTE ZXIPTV-UCM product allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary SQL commands via the opertype parameter, resulting in the disclosure of database information.	2018-25
	All versions prior to ZSRV2 V3.00.40 of the ZTE ZXR10 1800-2S products allow remote authenticated users to bypass the original password authentication protection to change other user's password.	2018-25

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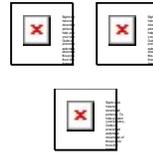


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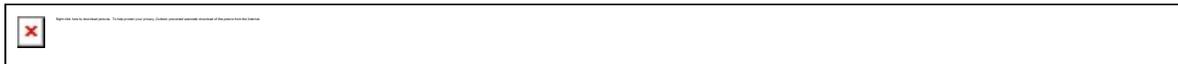
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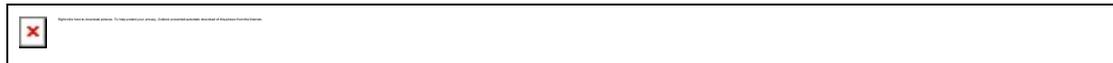


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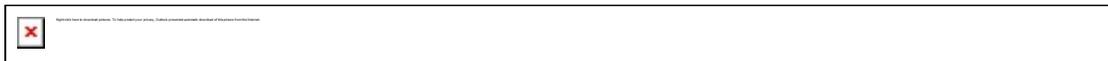
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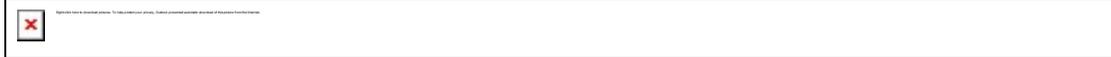
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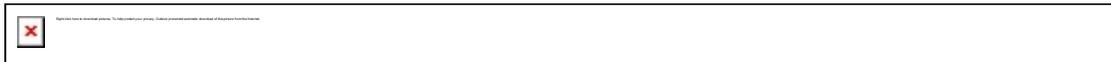
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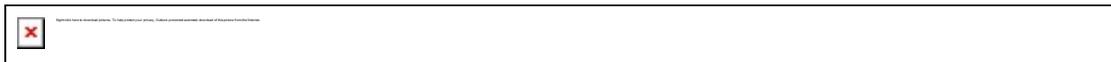
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[At a digital-forensics conference in 2011, British police asked Tim Grant if he could help undercover agents pose as young girls online.](#) Grant, the director of Aston University's Center for Forensic Linguistics, had just given a talk on how to identify the author of online messages by parsing their language. An officer in a regional organized-crime unit came up to him, he says, and told him there was a case the police wanted help with.

Surely we can find, and stop, high-tech spies



[It's rumored that the U.S. intelligence community has commissioned The Eagles to rewrite some of their famous lyrics to serve as a deterrent to Russia](#)

[and China. The hope is that this new song will stop the apparently unabated espionage activities occurring in the National Capital Region, known as the NCR. It's called "You Can't Hide Your Spyin' Eyes."](#)

Concerns about enhanced technical espionage have circulated for a long time. A very provocative technology, currently being used by law enforcement and our military, is a cell-site simulator. Known as an IMSI-catcher, or commercially as a Stingray, it's a box about the size of an oversized pair of sneakers.

'Bitcoin Maven' sentenced to a year in prison for money laundering



[Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies have for years been a preferred payment method on the so-called dark web — anything-goes corners of the internet where you can find drugs and other illegal products and services.](#)

But once a drug dealer accepts cryptocurrency, how do they turn that money into real currency? The case of Theresa Tetley is instructive.

The Marina del Rey woman exchanged millions of dollars in cash for bitcoin, including for a suspected online drug dealer. She was sentenced Monday to a year in federal prison after pleading guilty to money laundering.

New EU Anti-Money Laundering Rules Come Under Fire



[New anti-money laundering rules instituted by the European Union on Monday are already coming under criticism for being insufficient, Reuters reported.](#)

The rules, which are listed in the fifth review of the EU anti-money laundering directive, are the result of talks aimed at increasing controls on company owners and digital payments using virtual currencies.

Police credit technology for helping reduce bloodshed in Chicago this year



[CHICAGO — As a pastor, Curtis Britt Sr. has counseled numerous grieving parents from his West Side congregation who lost children to Chicago's unrelenting gun violence.](#)

Now, with the killing last month of his own 26-year-old son in broad daylight, he truly understands the depth of their pain — and the obstacles to meaningful progress.

“It’s sad that in certain neighborhoods ... the violence is such where it almost seems like you’re in a situation where it’s nothing you can do about it,” said Britt, 51, who delivered both the sermon and eulogy at the funeral of his son and namesake. “A lot of (residents) have gotten to the point where they just feel like this is something that they’re going to have to live with because it’s not going to change.”

**Calif. moving away from gang injunctions
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[LOS ANGELES — Recent court orders prohibiting police in Los Angeles and elsewhere in California from enforcing gang injunctions are prompting law enforcement leaders to rethink how they employ the tool that for decades was considered a critical weapon in the state’s war on gangs.](#)

The shift away from the injunctions, which can severely restrict a suspected gang member’s movements, relationships and even clothing choice in certain neighborhoods, comes amid growing criticism that they are overly broad and often ensnare people who have a tenuous connection to gang life. At the same time, gang crime has sharply declined since its peak in the 1990s, leading some law enforcement officials to question if the court orders are still needed.

Which 3-letter agency is enforcing US immigration laws at the border?



[\(THE CONVERSATION\) You may have heard the “Abolish ICE” slogan chanted or seen it on signs at rallies against the Trump administration’s immigration policies.](#)

This slogan has become popular after it was reported that children were being separated from their families at the border. As an immigration scholar, I have been writing about immigration law enforcement for over a decade. I find the slogan somewhat counterintuitive because what is happening at the border is primarily under the purview of Customs and Border Patrol, not Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Here’s a breakdown of which agencies are doing what to enforce immigration laws in the U.S.

New President of Mexico Has Many Internal Problems to Address



In a landslide victory, Mexicans elected the nation's first socialist president since the 1930s. Andrés Manuel López Obrador campaigned on the promise to restore a semblance of normalcy after the rampant corruption of his predecessor, Enrique Peña Nieto, and his conservative Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI).

Under Peña Nieto, the Mexican economy stagnated, with crime out of control and corruption intertwined with rampant poverty. These nationwide problems convinced Mexicans to elect a socialist in what will be a vain attempt to revive the country.

Fitness app Polar exposed locations of spies and military personnel



A popular fitness app that tracks the activity data on millions of users has inadvertently revealed the locations of personnel working at military bases and intelligence services.

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President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's future public security minister Alfonso Durazo said the force would stop undocumented immigrants and human traffickers, drugs and guns from flooding into Mexico.

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[Senior police chiefs and other law enforcement officials from across the Americas have gathered in Uruguay's resort town of Punta del Este to address some of the region's most pressing organized crime and terrorism issues.](#)

The three-day Interpol Americas Regional Conference follows the recent Operación Libertad that rescued some 350 potential victims of sexual exploitation and forced labor across the Caribbean, Central, and South America.

“This conference will be dealing with issues of great importance for our citizens,” said Uruguay’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Rodolfo Nin Novoa, during the opening ceremony. “Interpol strengthens the necessary dialogue between countries to ensure effective and efficient information exchange to tackle organized crime.”

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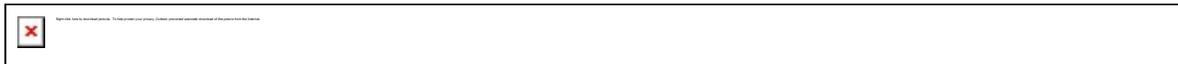
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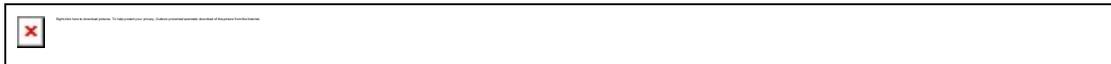


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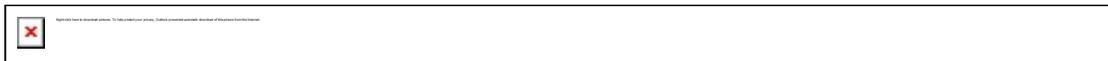
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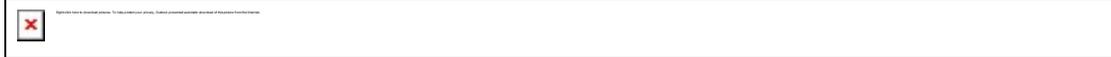
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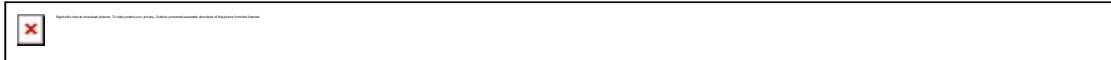
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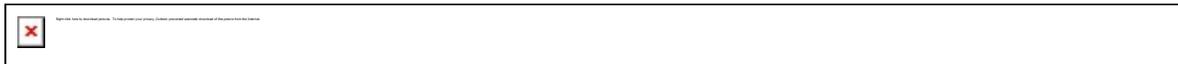
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The 30th Semiannual LEIU National Gambling Intelligence Sharing Group (NGISG) meeting will be held September 25th & 26th, 2018, in Hershey, Pennsylvania at the Pennsylvania State Police Academy. The NGISG meetings have proven to be a great opportunity to discuss gaming-related issues, share criminal intelligence information and network with others involved with gaming enforcement and intelligence. In addition, we have some great speakers and training we're working on for the meeting. The training and agenda are tentative, subject to change.

Registration: To register for this event, please email Kimberly Trobe at ktrobe@pa.gov and cc: Kylie Dickneite at Kylie.Dickneite@mgc.dps.mo.gov, with your name, agency, and telephone number. There is NO registration fee. We hope you can join us!

Hotel: A hotel block has been negotiated and reserved for NGISG at the Days Inn, 350 W. Chocolate Avenue, Hershey, PA 17033, to assist in making travel accommodations. You can make reservations by contacting Linda Lovenstein with Days Inn directly at (717) 534-2162. You will need to specify room block NGISG Conference.

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Should police use computers to predict crimes and criminals?



[HARTFORD, Conn. \(AP\) — Years of secrecy by America's police departments about their use of computer programs predicting where crimes will occur, and who will commit them, are under fire in legal cases nationwide.](#)

The largest departments — New York, Chicago and Los Angeles — are all being sued for not releasing information about their “predictive policing” programs, which use algorithms to crunch data and create lists of people and neighborhoods for officers to target. Some smaller departments also have been brought to court and before public records agencies.

How law enforcement is using genealogy testing services to solve cold cases



[Recent news headlines highlight the creative and effective ways law enforcement agencies are using commercial direct to consumer \(DTC\) genealogy tests to close decades-old cold cases.](#)

By using DTC genealogy testing services, police have been able to identify suspects linked to the murders of Christy Mirack, Tanya Van Culenborg and Jay Cook, and the many victims of the Golden State Killer. This investigation technique opens the door to potentially solving many more cold cases, but law enforcement must be sure they remain within legal boundaries.

Surge in Illegal California Pot Shops Undercuts Legal Market



LOS ANGELES (AP) — A slight marijuana smell wafted out as a steady stream of customers walked into a warehouse, its doors and windows covered by bars. Suddenly, police swooped in.

"Sheriff's department! Search warrant!" a Los Angeles County deputy shouted as the team thundered through the front door and began hauling out people in handcuffs.

The Compton 20 Cap Collective just south of Los Angeles that was raided earlier this spring is one of hundreds of illegal marijuana stores operating in LA County, where marijuana is legal for anyone 21 and over and retailers must be licensed to sell to them.

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[A year-long investigation into organized crime in central Alberta has resulted in the seizure of \\$250,000 in drugs and cash, as well as five firearms.](#)

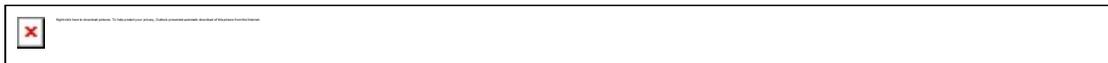
On June 21, The Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) arrested two suspects and laid 57 charges as part of Project Rails.

Police Foundation to Launch Center for Mass Violence Response Studies



[WASHINGTON--\(BUSINESS WIRE\)--Jul 9, 2018--To further its mission to advance public safety through innovation and science, the Police Foundation — a national, non-partisan, non-profit research organization — is establishing the . The mission of the Center is to prepare public safety, government, school, and business and community leaders to think critically about mass violence events, so as to develop and implement comprehensive prevention, response and recovery strategies.](#)

Controversial AI that 'detects political beliefs, sexuality and IQ' based on facial features could be used by CCTV cameras to spot dangerous people BEFORE they commit a crime



[Facial recognition AI could help police to spot 'potentially dangerous' criminals before they've even broken the law, according to one expert.](#)

Dr Michal Kosinski - who last year invented a controversial AI he claimed could detect your sexuality - said such face-reading technology may one day help

CCTV cameras monitor public spaces for people predisposed to violent behaviour.

While the concept raises privacy issues, it has the potential to save lives, the Stanford University academic claims.

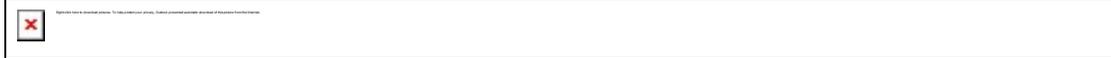
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[Convinced that apps on your phone are secretly eavesdropping on your conversations and to target you with advertisements?](#)

As Gizmodo reported, researchers from Northeastern University conducted a yearlong study to find out if this conspiracy theory is true.

Cops Have Been Losing Tech Race, but That's Changing



[A 16-year-old landed in jail last week for allegedly gunning down a man in cold blood on a road in Stockton, California.](#)

[During the same time, Terry Emerson found himself behind bars after Stockton police found three illegal handguns in his car during a traffic stop.](#)

These events, while unfortunate, would not be out of the ordinary for an area that has historically struggled with crime. Of particular interest, however, is how these men were tracked: using a police surveillance drone.

Stopping terrorism requires interagency communication



WASHINGTON: The Austin serial bombing in March of 2018 killed two innocents in addition to the bomber. Another five civilians and a police officer were injured. The Boston Marathon Bombing on April 15, 2013 killed three, injuring another 260 people. Sixteen of which lost their legs.

The youngest amputee was a seven-year-old girl. The youngest fatality was an eight-year-old boy.

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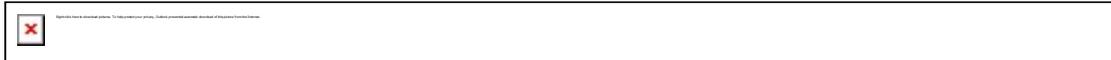
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[plug into the Lightning port and remove prolonged delays between PIN code attempts, allowing law enforcement \(or criminals\) to brute-force an unlock.](#)

The new USB Restricted Mode in iOS 11.4.1 simply prevents any USB accessories from connecting if the phone has not been unlocked in the last hour. As it typically takes more than an hour to get a warrant for police to be allowed to use a Grayshift box, this is quite a significant roadblock.

However, ElcomSoft note that the behaviour can be worked around in some cases ...

England: Prisoners to get phones in cells in bid to curb violence



[Thousands of prisoners will be able to make calls from their cells, as part of government plans to reduce violence and crime in prisons in England and Wales.](#)

The move is part of a £30m package of measures to be announced later today by Justice Secretary David Gauke.

The scheme, already in place at 20 prisons, is to be extended to a further 20 over the next two years.

Las Vegas police investigating LVCVA airline gift card scandal



[Las Vegas police are conducting a criminal investigation into the handling of \\$90,000 worth of Southwest Airlines gift cards secretly purchased by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, the Review-Journal has learned.](#)

Detectives with the police department's criminal intelligence section showed up on June 28 at the office of Ed Finger, the convention authority's chief financial officer, and left with records related to an audit that found the agency misused the airline cards, informed sources said.

A new intelligence ecosystem to fight terrorism and organised crime



While organised crime and terrorist (OCT) groups are often at the forefront of technological innovation for planning, executing and concealing their criminal activities, law enforcement agencies (LEAs) lag behind when tackling criminal activities. Within this “cat and mouse” scenario, the use of new information and communication technologies by OCT groups, or criminals is a key challenge for policy-makers and LEAs due to the complexity of the phenomenon, the quantity of factors and actors involved, and the great set of criminal technological activities used to finance and support criminal and terrorist actions.

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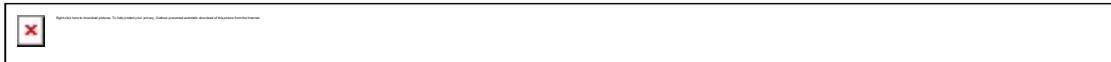


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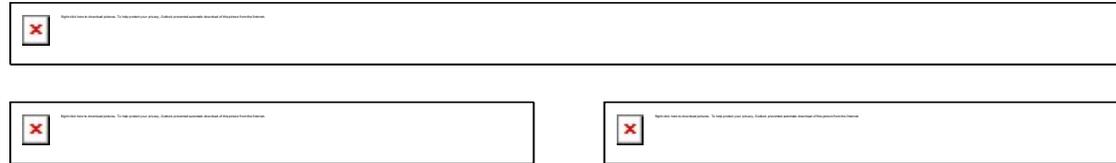


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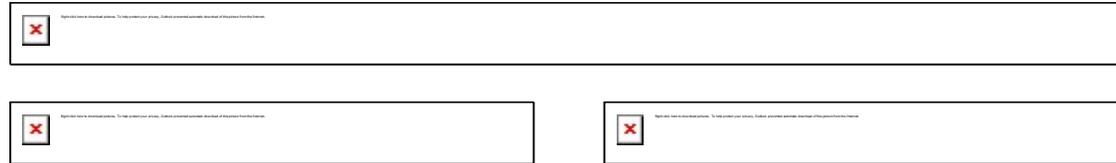


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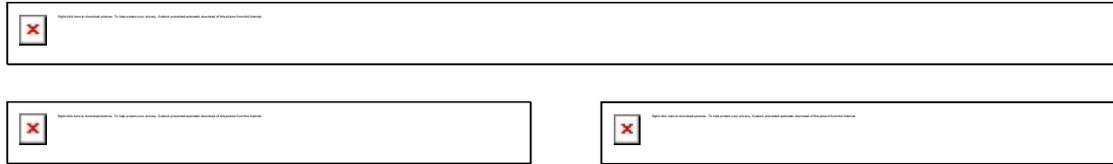
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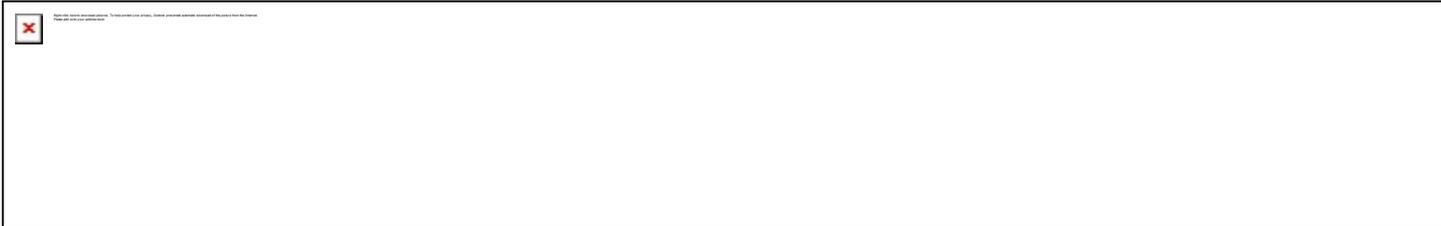
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“spending \$150,000 on software updates and dispatcher training.” The system “does have limits: For now, metro Phoenix dispatch centers don’t offer translation services for texts sent in languages other than English.” The system “also can’t determine where a text is coming from unless the texter provides a location.” For those reasons, and “because dispatchers can more quickly ask questions on voice calls, public-safety officials still encourage anyone safely able to call 911 to do so.”

California Lawmakers Propose Change In Police Lethal Force Standard.

[CNN](#) (4/3, Sanchez) reports California lawmakers “proposed a dramatic change Tuesday in the standard under which police officers can use deadly force.” Legislators “announced a bill replacing the current ‘reasonable force’ rule with a stricter ‘necessary force’ standard.” The legislation “would authorize officers to use deadly force ‘only when it is necessary to prevent imminent and serious bodily injury or death – that is, if, given the totality of the circumstances, there was no reasonable alternative to using deadly force, including warnings, verbal persuasion, or other nonlethal methods of resolution or de-escalation,’” according to the measures co-author Democratic Assemblywoman Shirley Weber.

CRIME & DRUGS

New US Law Enforcement Team Targets Online Opioid Sales.

The [AP](#) (4/3) reports on “a new team of federal agents, computer experts and analysts tasked with fighting the kind of online opioid trafficking that law enforcement officials say can be more persistent and vexing than more traditional trafficking by cartels.” Authorities’ investigation of online dealers have been “frustrat[ed]” by “the anonymity in which they work.” Still, the team has had its first arrests. Additionally, the new “team has forged a new level of cooperation that its members say is critical in increasingly sophisticated darknet cases that combine tech savvy with old-fashioned drug dealing.” Emily Odom, chief of the FBI’s Hi-Tech Organized Crime Unit, said, “They share their secrets, they share their tradecraft.” She added, “They’re working together, so we have to do a better job working together as well.”

Law Enforcement Turns Attention To Spain’s South To Stop Drug Smuggling.

The [AP](#) (4/3, Parra) reports law enforcement has turned their attention to areas in the south of Spain that have become a “key European entry point for Moroccan cannabis resin” for crime gangs. The AP says “three dozen” criminal clans are “believed to be working in Campo de Gibraltar.” The AP adds that, on a “clear day, the contours of the coast of Morocco, the world’s top producer of hashish, are visible across a busy shipping waterway at the mouth of the Mediterranean, just 30 kilometers (less than 19 miles) away.” The criminal clans, a “new generation of bolder gangsters,” are “challenging underfunded law enforcement agencies, as local families watch their teenagers lured into a life of easy money.” Criminals that “in the past dropped their few hundred kilograms of cargo in the sea as soon as they came across a customs surveillance boat are now ready to defend their bigger, bulkier shipments.”

Thai Police Seize \$54 Million In Meth.

The [AP](#) (4/3) reports Thailand police “announced Tuesday that they confiscated an estimated \$54 million worth of methamphetamine in one of their biggest-ever drug seizures and arrested 11 people in recent days as illegal drug cases surge in the country.” Police in the northern province of Chiang Rai “discovered 9.4 million methamphetamine pills and 788 kilograms (1,737 pounds) of crystal methamphetamine in a pickup truck, apparently abandoned by its driver.”

US Charges Three In Largest Meth Bust In Ohio History.

The [AP](#) reports from Cleveland that “federal authorities say three men have been charged in what might be Ohio’s largest-ever seizure of methamphetamine.” Federal prosecutors said on Tuesday that “more than 140 pounds of crystal and liquid methamphetamine were found March 24 by investigators at a warehouse in northern Summit County, about 28 miles south of Cleveland.” Prosecutors said “a 36-year-old Cleveland man and two Mexican nationals, ages 24 and 26, have been charged with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.” US Attorney Justin Herdman “says the busts show Mexican drug organizations are a ‘very real’ threat to the region.”

London Murder Rate Overtakes New York.

[Reuters](#) reports, “London police investigated more murders than their New York counterparts did over the last two months, statistics show, as the British capital’s mayor vowed to fight a ‘violent scourge’ on the streets.” British politicians and police are “increasingly expressing concern about London’s rising murder rate, which is driven by a surge in knife crime.” London has experienced 47 murders this year, and “31 have been committed with knives.” London Metropolitan Police Chief Cressida Dick “said gangs were using online platforms to glamorize violence, adding that disputes between young people could escalate within minutes on social media.”



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Some Call For Creation Of US Cyber Department.

[Federal Computer Week](#)   (4/3, Johnson) reports, “As some nations unify their cybersecurity operations, there are calls for a similar effort to create a single agency for civilian cyber authorities in the U.S.” Some members of Congress and other policymakers have “increasingly called for a ‘whole of government’ response to cybersecurity threats, including foreign election meddling and critical infrastructure protection, and a formal, unified cyber doctrine to govern U.S. policy.” FCW says that the “NSA, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense and the Federal Bureau of Investigation occupy leading positions in the hierarchy, overseeing major policy areas like electronic warfare, cybercrime, defense of federal networks and critical infrastructure.” FCW adds that the NPPD “has emerged as a hub for many – but not all – federal civilian cybersecurity initiatives.”

Baltimore Ransomware Attack Illustrates Vulnerability Of US Emergency Response Networks. [NBC News](#)   (4/3, Schuppe) reports that the Baltimore ransomware attack “served as another reminder that America’s emergency-response networks remain dangerously vulnerable to criminals bent on crippling the country’s critical infrastructure.” NBC says, “There have been 184 cyberattacks on public safety agencies and local governments in the past 24 months.”

Artificial Intelligence May Enhance Police Surveillance.

The [Wall Street Journal](#)   (4/3, Mahtani, Elinson) reports several technology companies have partnered with police departments across the US to develop the means to use artificial intelligence in conjunction with body cameras and video surveillance that would work to identify faces in real time. The Journal says the new software uses algorithms to alert an officer if a suspect has been found.

NATIONAL SECURITY

US Homeland Security Confirms Presence Of Apparent StingRays In Washington.

The [AP](#)   (4/3, Bajak) reports that for “the first time,” the federal government has acknowledged “the existence in Washington of what appear to be rogue devices that foreign spies and criminals could be using to track individual cellphones and intercept calls and messages.” [ABC News](#)   (4/3, Khan) reports that the US Department of Homeland Security “did not say how or where any devices might have been used, admitting only that ‘anomalous activity’ observed ‘appears to be

consistent' with the cellphone-site simulators and that it's 'not aware of any current DHS technical ability to detect' them." The [Washington Post](#) (4/3, Zapotosky) reports that the technology, "commonly known as a StingRay, has been deployed for years by federal and local law enforcement to pinpoint suspects' locations, though its unauthorized use in the Washington area raises fears that foreign adversaries might also be taking advantage of it to spy on U.S. citizens."

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Subject: Re: Stingray Reference Materials Request

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Cheers,
Joshua
LM Aeronautics

> On Feb 9, 2018, at 8:51 AM, Jim Vaughn <laforensicguy@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hello All,

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> I understand the basics of the stingray, how it operates, etc, but trying to do a much deeper dive on it. Any suggested respectable reference materials would be greatly appreciated.

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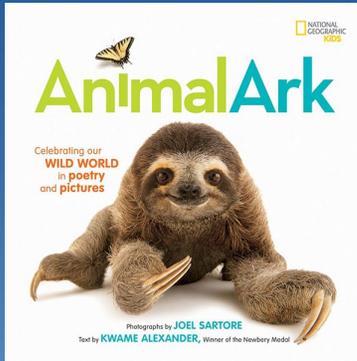
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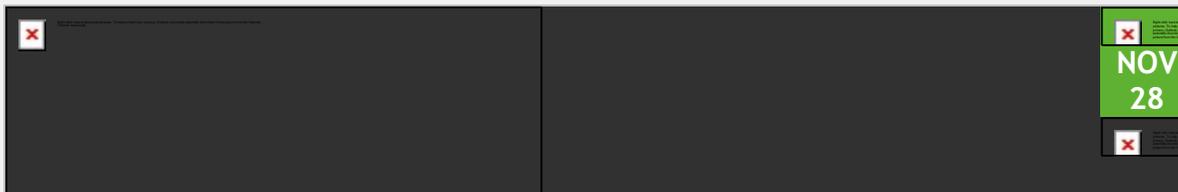
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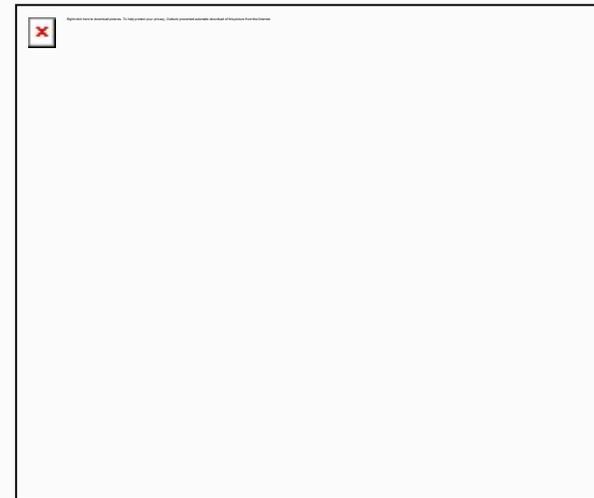
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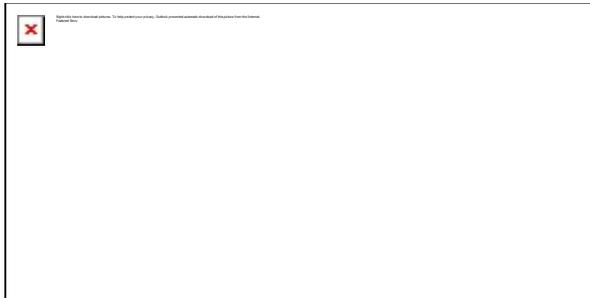


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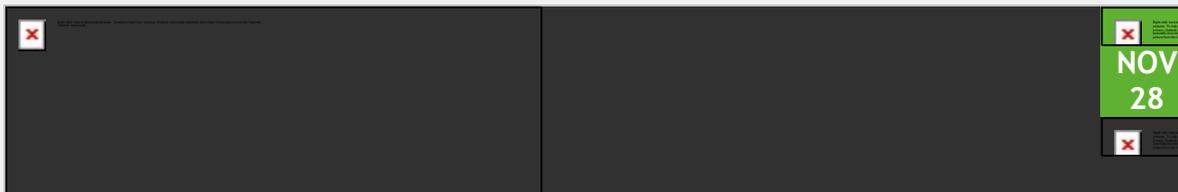
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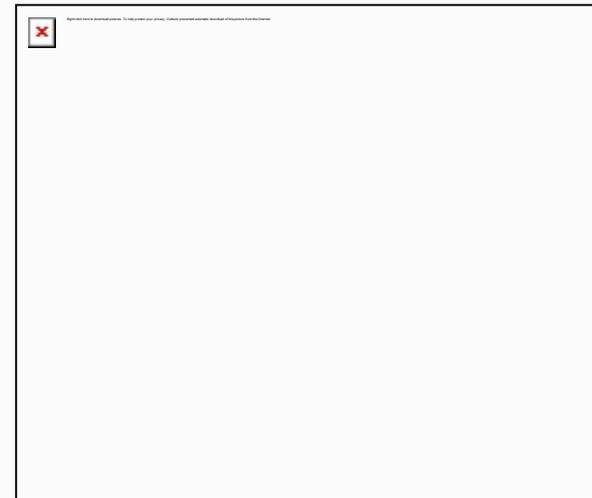
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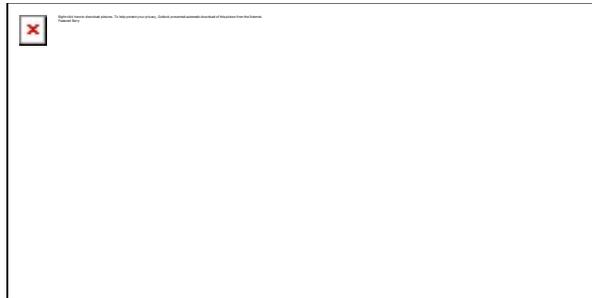


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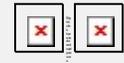
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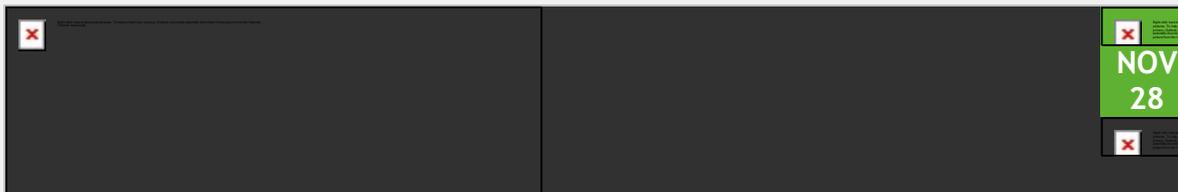
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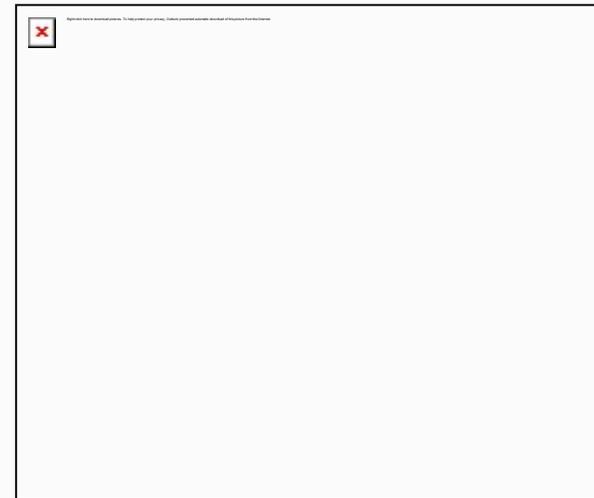
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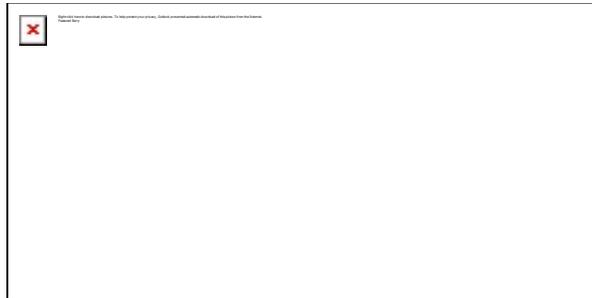


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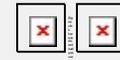
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CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

Law Enforcement Shuts Down Counterfeit Credit Card Scheme.

The [Miami Herald](#) (11/27, Neal) reports, "A fake credit card factory in a Hialeah condominium capable of cranking out 1,000 pieces of fraudulent plastic per day operated as the foundation of a nationwide scam, according to federal prosecutors." Jaime Fernandez Del Pino, of Miami, "ran the counterfeit factory, according to the criminal complaint." After co-conspirators around the country "stole credit card numbers via websites or skimming devices at gas stations, federal prosecutors say, the stolen numbers would be fed to South Florida, where the fake credit cards would be made." The criminal complaint alleges Del Pino and Arjona Gomez "put the cards in play by giving them to various drones to use in the Miami area or around the nation." The joint investigation by the Secret Service and the Organized Crime Section of the Miami-Dade Police Economic Crimes Bureau "reached its climax earlier this month, around Nov. 13" when "15 search warrants were executed in Hialeah, Orlando, West Palm Beach and Colorado Springs." During the search of a location in Hialeah, law enforcement found a room "dedicated to the manufacture of counterfeit credit cards" that "contained thousands of counterfeit credit cards, over 50,000 blank credit card plastics, several credit card printers, a magnetic

strip encoder, modified gasoline pump skimmer devices, computers, and electronic media storage devices such as USB flash drives.”

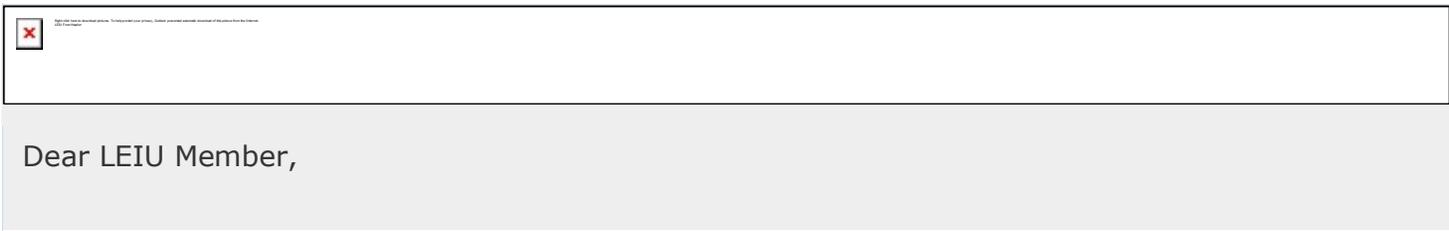
US Charges Three Chinese Nationals In Hacking Targeting Corporations.

The [AP](#) (11/27) reports that a US Federal indictment unsealed Monday in Pittsburgh accused three Chinese national of “operating a cybersecurity firm that used phishing scams and malware to steal data from international corporations.” The indictment “says the trio’s targets included Siemens AG, Moody’s Analytics in New York and Trimble Inc. in Sunnyvale, California.” The [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) (11/27, Ove) reports that an investigation “by a team of agents led by the Pittsburgh FBI revealed that starting in 2011, the Chinese conspirators and others exploited vulnerabilities in computer systems or used malware to hack into corporate computers.”

[CNN](#) (11/27, Perez) reports that the three are “presumed to live in China and are either employed or associated with Guangzhou Bo Yu Information Technology Co., known as Boyusec, court documents say. US intelligence and private cybersecurity experts say Boyusec works as a contractor for the Chinese ministry of state security, that nation’s version of the National Security Agency.” However, the Administration “is stopping short of publicly confronting the Chinese government about its role in the breach.” [Reuters](#) (11/27, Keppler, Freifeld, Walcott) reports that Soo C. Song, the acting US Attorney for Western Pennsylvania, “said arrest warrants had been issued for the three men, but the case was not being prosecuted as state-sponsored hacking.” However, Reuters adds that the DOJ’s National Security Division “participated in the case, according to the indictment.”

Officer Credits Training For Being Able to Stop Ohio State Attacker.

The [AP](#) (11/27) reports Ohio State Officer Alan Horujko “credits his training for allowing him to quickly stop the man responsible for a car-and-knife attack at Ohio State University a year ago, according to a video released Monday.” Horujko said his training “kept my whole world from collapsing in on me” during the 14-minute video released by the University. Horujko “said he’d trained for a knife attack just a month earlier.”



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[USA Today](#) (11/27, Wolf) reports the US Supreme Court will hear arguments on Wednesday over law enforcement's use of cellphone location data. Lower courts have "upheld the search of cell tower records under the theory that people who give information to third parties have no expectation of privacy." ACLU attorney Nathan Freed Wessler is quoted as saying, "This is the most important Fourth Amendment case we've seen in a generation." The case arose out of convictions for multiple armed robberies in Michigan and Ohio, where law enforcement used cellphone records to locate the suspect. USA Today says that in 2016, police "made some 125,000 requests for cellphone location data from Verizon and AT&T alone, often involving several suspects over periods of months." USA Today explains that the case is not focused on the contents of the suspect's phone, but on his whereabouts.

US Supreme Court Upholds State Bans On Assault Weapons, Open-Carry.

The [Washington Times](#) (11/27, Swoyer) reports that the US Supreme Court "declined to take up two Second Amendment cases on Monday, which challenged laws banning assault weapons and open-carry in Maryland and Florida." The court denied review for both cases without comment, keeping lower court rulings in place. In the Florida challenge, the state Supreme Court "upheld Florida's ban on open carry finding the Second Amendment doesn't guarantee a right to open carry." In the Maryland challenge, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals "said the state's ban on semi-automatic rifles and large-capacity magazines was legal." Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh "said the Supreme Court's decision not to review his state's 'common-sense law' confirms all states have the right to protect their citizens from 'weapons of war.'"

Under Trump, 29 Police Departments Join ICE Program.

[Reuters](#) (11/27, Rosenberg, Levinson) reports that dozens of police departments across the country "have been granted new powers, or are seeking them, to check the immigration status of people they arrest, aiding President Donald Trump's broad crackdown on people living in the country illegally." Since Trump took office in January, 29 departments have joined "a special program under which they are deputized to perform some tasks of immigration agents, doubling its size in 10 months," according to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency. Documents obtained through a Freedom

of Information Act request show that the Administration “has also had contact with scores of additional jurisdictions about the program, and 38 of those told Reuters in interviews they have submitted applications for the program or are potentially interested in joining.”

TECHNOLOGY

Michigan Police To Test For Drug-Impaired Drivers As Part Of Pilot Program.

The [AP](#) (11/27) reports Michigan State Police officers are “conducting roadside saliva tests on suspected drug-impaired motorists as part of a program.” State Police Special First Lt. Jim Flegel “told the South Bend Tribune that the program uses a portable saliva-testing device that can tell officers if there are certain drugs in a driver’s system, such as marijuana or opiates.” The program will test the accuracy of the “Alere DDS2 device, which is meant to assess the presence of drugs in about five minutes.”

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Sessions Orders Review Of Federal Background Check System After Sutherland Springs Shooting.

[The Hill](#) (11/22, Byrnes) reported that in a memorandum to the FBI and ATF, US Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Wednesday ordered a review of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) following the Sutherland Springs shooting and “directed officials to identify any agencies that are not ‘fully and accurately’ reporting” to the system. Sessions wrote, “The recent tragedy in Sutherland, Springs, Texas has revealed that the U.S. Air Force and other military branches may not be fully reporting relevant information to NICS.” The [New York Times](#) (11/22, Cochrane, Subscription Publication) reported Sessions also wrote that it was “alarming” that there were discrepancies in the records of the Defense Department and other federal agencies.

[USA Today](#) (11/22, Johnson, Toppo) reports that last year, “the FBI official overseeing NICS was forced to transfer personnel from construction projects and units that oversee the gathering of crime statistics to keep up with the surge of requests for background checks. The office processed a record 27.5 million background checks in 2016.” USA Today adds, “At the ATF’s National Tracing Center,

shipping containers and cardboard boxes brimming with unexamined paper purchase records have languished in hallways and in the center's parking lot in recent years, awaiting transfer to an electronic system."

According to [NBC News](#) (11/25), "As federal lawmakers seek to improve record reporting to the federal background check system...Pennsylvania offers a potential roadmap: The state has spent the last six years aggressively overhauling records reporting, hunting down reporting gaps...and modernizing the technology they use to keep guns out of the wrong hands." NBC says "police have upgraded the Pennsylvania Instant Check System's (PICS) technology and system processes and hunted down gaps in record reporting."

Over 200,000 Would-Be Gun Buyers Submitted Background Check Requests Friday. [USA Today](#) (11/25, Johnson) reports the FBI "was flooded Friday with more than 200,000 background check requests for gun purchases, setting a new single day record, the bureau reported Saturday." The "203,086 requests on Black Friday" are a new "single-day high," up from "185,713 last year and 185,345 in 2015. The two previous records also were recorded on Black Friday."

TSA Notifies Law Enforcement Of Terror Threats To Rail Lines.

[ABC News](#) (11/26) reports, "With terrorist groups renewing calls for would-be attackers to target American rail lines, at least one local law enforcement agency in the U.S. is using drones to help guard against such a threat." Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority police chief Thomas Nestel "initiated the drone program after an article in the latest issue of al Qaeda's English-language publication gave step-by-step instructions for fashioning a 'homemade derail tool' and claimed that railroads are among America's 'easiest targets.'" The al Qaeda article "prompted the federal Transportation Security Administration to send a security notice to law enforcement across the nation, ABC News has learned."

Tampa Police Department Using Horse Patrols Amid Fears Of Serial Killer.

The [AP](#) (11/25) reports the Tampa Police Department is "using horse patrols in a neighborhood that's been plagued by homicides in recent weeks." Law enforcement in the Tampa area have been "searching for the person – or people – responsible for shooting and killing four in the Seminole Heights neighborhood since October 9," and the department "has received some 1,100 tips." The AP says the police began using horse patrols last Friday and planned to use them throughout the weekend.

Chicago Police, Community Leaders Suggest Social Media Use Contributing To Violent Crimes.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (11/24, Mahtani, Subscription Publication) reports that community leaders and law enforcement officers in Chicago say social media use has contributed to violent crimes there by causing disputes to escalate. While no official data is being kept, police say that anecdotally they have seen an increase in conflicts that began on social media and then became violent crimes in real life. However, online social media exchanges have proved useful for prosecutors, as they provide additional evidence, such as Facebook photos, that can be used in court. Meanwhile, the Journal says its own count discovered at least 100 cases across the US where violent crimes were streamed on Facebook Live since its launch in 2016.

USMS Warns Of Phone Scam.

The [Williamson \(WV\) Daily News](#) (11/26) reports that the US Marshals Service "is warning the public of an ongoing nationwide phone scam from individuals claiming to be with the Marshal Service." The News adds that "according to the U.S. Marshals Service of the Southern District of West Virginia, scammers are calling individuals claiming to be U.S. Marshals, court officers or other law enforcement officials in an effort to collect prepaid debit or gift cards from victims." The News adds that "during the calls, scammers attempt to collect a fine in lieu of an arrest for failing to report for jury duty or other offenses," and "they tell victims they can avoid the arrest by purchasing the cards and reading the card number over the phone." US Marshal Pete Tobin of the Southern District of Ohio said "victims have lost thousands of dollars to these scammers, who use many tactics to sound credible, including using names of actual law enforcement officials, judges and courthouse addresses."

Hackathon Focuses On Improving Software To Combat Child Exploitation.

The [New York Times](#) (11/24, Mzezewa, Subscription Publication) reports on a hackathon held this month in New York City, where 100 engineers from around the world gathered "to work with Thorn, a nonprofit that uses technology to fight adolescent and child sexual exploitation." The hackathon project involved "how to help authorities identify missing or exploited children that appear in escort ads" by creating a program that could quickly filter through thousands of images. Thorn says its original search tool, Spotlight, which the hackathon volunteers were working to improve, is currently "used by more than 1,200 law enforcement agencies across the country and Canada."



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[The Hill](#) (11/26, Williams) reports that as lawmakers return to Washington, they are facing “a rapidly-shrinking timeline to reform and renew an authority the intelligence community says is critical to identifying and disrupting terrorist plots.” Section 702, which is “part of foreign surveillance measures passed in 2008,” allows the NSA “to collect the texts and emails of foreigners abroad without an individualized warrant – even when the subjects communicate with Americans in the US.” It is “set to expire at the end of the year.” In the House, the Freedom Caucus “has banded together with privacy-minded Democrats to advocate for tighter restrictions on how government investigators can use data gathered under the program.” As the Dec. 31 deadline approaches, “even those tracking the debate closely aren’t sure what reforms, if any, will see the floor in either chamber.”

TECHNOLOGY

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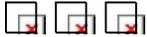
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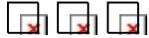


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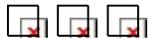


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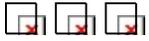


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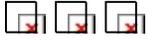


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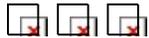
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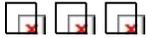
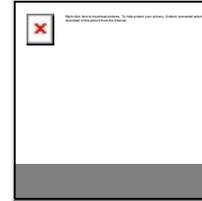


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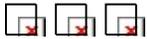


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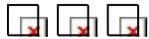


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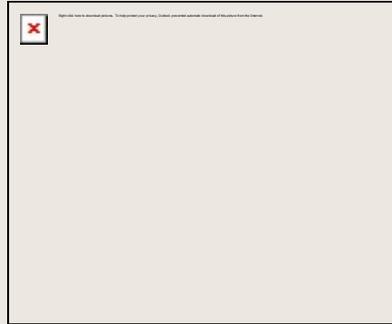
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In *Jones v. United States*, ___ A.3d ___, 2017 WL 4211499 (D.C. Sept. 21, 2017), the District of Columbia Court of Appeals was asked to decide whether law enforcement's use of a cell-site simulator (a/k/a a "stingray") without first obtaining a warrant violated Defendant Prince Jones' Constitutional rights. After consideration, the DC Court of Appeals joined a line of other courts in holding that law enforcement must obtain a warrant before using a stingray and that any evidence obtained by the use of the cell-site simulator without the prior issuance of a warrant permitting the intercept must be excluded. The relevant facts are as follows.

A jury found Jones guilty of various offenses arising out of two alleged incidents of sexual assault and robbery at knifepoint. Jones appealed his convictions on the ground that much of the evidence offered against him at trial was the direct or indirect product of a warrantless, unlawful search involving a cell-site simulator or "stingray." Jones presented this Fourth Amendment claim to the trial court in a pretrial motion to suppress, but the trial court denied it under the inevitable-discovery doctrine.

At the suppression hearing, Detective Rachel Pulliam, a member of the Sexual Assault Unit of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), testified that she investigated a sexual assault that occurred around 12:30 a.m. on October 9, 2013, and another that occurred around 1:30 a.m. on October 11. The two sexual-assault complainants were women who had advertised escort services on the classified-advertising website Backpage. Detective Pulliam testified that, on each occasion, the perpetrator contacted the complainant by telephone in response to an advertisement and arranged to pay the complainant for sexual services. According to Detective Pulliam, when each complainant arrived at the arranged meeting place, the perpetrator "forced [her] to perform oral sex on [him] at knifepoint" and robbed her of her cellphone and other property. Detective Pulliam testified that on one of the two occasions, the perpetrator also robbed the complainant's cousin who had been waiting in a car outside the meeting location.

Detective Pulliam testified that, in the morning following the second incident, she and her colleagues obtained telephone records for the sexual-assault complainants. The telephone records revealed a possible suspect. Both complainants had received calls from the same number during the relevant time periods. Accordingly, Detective Pulliam sought the assistance of the MPD's Technical Services Unit (TSU) to track the suspect's and the complainants' phones.

Sergeant Todd Perkins, a supervisor in the TSU, testified about his office's efforts to track the phones that morning. He testified that he and his team sought "subscriber information" for the suspect's number from the provider associated with that number but were unsuccessful because the cellphone "was just a generic prepaid" with "no subscriber information whatsoever." The TSU also sought and obtained

information about the locations of the suspect's and complainants' cellphones from the relevant telecommunication providers. According to Sergeant Perkins, the TSU received updated location information from the providers every fifteen minutes. The information came in the form of geographic coordinates-latitude and longitude-with a "degree of uncertainty" specified in meters.

Sergeant Perkins further testified that the real-time location information that they had received that morning had a high degree of uncertainty ("within several hundred meters") indicating that the phones' GPS capabilities were inactive. He explained that "if it [had been] true GPS," his team would have been "getting two meter, three meter, five meter hits." Despite the lack of precision in the location information, Sergeant Perkins and his team were able to tell that one of the complainants' phones and the suspect's phone were traveling in the same general direction as if they were together. The location information suggested that the two phones stopped in the general vicinity of the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station.

Based on this information, Sergeant Perkins and other TSU officers took a truck equipped with a cell-site simulator to the area of the Minnesota Avenue Metro station and used the device to track the suspect. Sergeant Perkins could not remember whether he and his team used the cell-site simulator to track the suspect's phone or the complainant's phone that they believed was traveling with it, but whichever signal they were tracking led them, at around 11:30 a.m., to a parked Saturn. Inside the Saturn were Jones and Jones' girlfriend, Nora Williams. The police arrested Jones and recovered evidence from Jones' person and his car and from Ms. Williams, including a folding knife and the complainants' and the suspect's cellphones. Jones also made an incriminating statement to the police. Williams later testified against Jones at trial.

Sergeant Perkins testified at the suppression hearing about how the cell-site simulator that they used worked based on the information that's "publicly available." He explained that his team engages the cell-site simulator by programming into it a unique identifier associated with the target phone. The simulator then begins listening for the target phone that, as part of its normal operation, is "constantly transmitting to and receiving from a tower." The officers operating the cell-site simulator drive around and as soon as the simulator comes across the target phone's signal, it grabs it, and it holds on to it. Once the cell-site simulator "grabs" the target phone, the simulator begins reporting general location information and signal strength that can be used to locate the target phone's exact location. Sergeant Perkins testified that, once the cell-site simulator "grabs" the target phone, the target phone is prevented from communicating with an actual tower.

Further information about the cell-site simulator was provided at the suppression hearing by Ben Levitan, an expert on "cellular telephone networks and systems" called by the defense. According to Mr. Levitan, cell phones are "dumb devices" that "generally connect themselves to the strongest cell tower signal that they detect." Mr. Levitan explained that a cell-site simulator "acts as a portable cell tower," which, when turned on or brought into an area, may appear to be a stronger signal and cause a phone to break its connection with the cell phone network and re-attach itself to the newly found simulator. Mr. Levitan testified that, when the cellphone "attaches" itself to the cell-site simulator, it "identifies itself by phone number and various codes." Although Mr. Levitan had never used the type of cell-site simulator utilized by law enforcement, he testified that he had used similar devices working within the telecommunications industry and that the devices allow the user to determine the target phone's direction and distance relative to the simulator device. Moreover, because the cell-site simulator is not a true cell tower connected with

the cellular network, any cellphone connected to the cell-site simulator will not be able to communicate with the network. In other words, "your call doesn't go through, period. Nothing happens."

At the conclusion of the suppression hearing, the trial court did not decide whether the use of a cell-site simulator was a search within the meaning of the Fourth Amendment or whether the government was required to obtain a warrant to use the cell-site simulator. Instead, the trial court focused on the issues of standing, exigent circumstances, and inevitable discovery. Ultimately, the trial court agreed with the government's argument that, regardless of whether there had been a Fourth Amendment violation, the inevitable-discovery doctrine rendered the exclusionary rule inapplicable. The trial court found that "even if [the police] were using [Mr. Jones's] phone on the cell site simulator, . . . had they switched over . . . to use the [complainant's] number instead, . . . they would have eventually gotten to the exact same place because the phones were together [a]nd it's the same technology." The trial court agreed with the government's assertion that "there [was] a separate lawful means" by which the government "would have gotten to the exact same place." Accordingly, the trial court denied Jones' motion to suppress and allowed the government to use the evidence at trial that law enforcement had obtained by using the stingray based upon the inevitable discovery doctrine.

On appeal, Jones argued that the government's use of a cell-site simulator violated his Fourth Amendment rights and that the trial court erred in failing to grant his motion to suppress. The District of Columbia Court of Appeals agreed with Jones, and the Court of Appeals became the fourth court in the nation to hold that police must first obtain a warrant before using a cell-site simulator and that failure to do so results in the suppression of any evidence obtained through the use of the stingray.

Specifically, the Court of Appeals held that the use of a cell-site simulator to locate Jones' cell phone invaded his reasonable expectation of privacy, and therefore, it constituted a search for purposes of the Fourth Amendment. Because a warrantless search occurred via the use of the stingray, the evidence obtained against Jones was not admissible. The Court of Appeals also disagreed with the trial court's conclusion that the evidence was admissible under the inevitable discovery doctrine. According to the Court of Appeals, the inevitable discovery doctrine was inapplicable because a lawful search of Jones' cell phone never occurred, thereby making the seizure unlawful and not the result of any lawful, inevitable discovery.

Furthermore, the Court of Appeals held that the evidence that the police obtained by use of the stingray was not subject to the good-faith exception to the exclusionary rule. The Court of Appeals made this determination because the United States Supreme Court has never applied the good-faith exception in any case remotely close to this one and because, even assuming that the police believed that the warrantless use of the cell-site simulator was lawful, the police could not have reasonably relied on that belief given the secrecy surrounding the device and the lack of law on the issue.

Finally, the Court of Appeals concluded that the trial court erred and that the trial court should have found that the incriminating statement that Jones made after the police found him by using the cell-site simulator should have been excluded as being fruit of the poisonous tree. The Court of Appeals reached the same conclusion regarding the evidence that the police obtained from a search of Jones' girlfriend's purse; it should have been excluded as being fruit of the poisonous tree.

In short, a trend has developed in the law whereby courts are holding that law enforcement's use of a cell-site simulator or stingray to find a suspect's location constitutes a search for purposes of the Fourth Amendment. Because the use of the device constitutes a search for purposes of the Fourth Amendment, law enforcement must first obtain a warrant before using the device. Finally, courts-including the Court of Appeals in this case-have concluded that no exception to the warrant requirement exists in these situations. Therefore, courts have excluded any evidence from use at trial that police have discovered by using a stingray without first obtaining a warrant to use a cell-site simulator.

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POLICING & POLICY

Florida County Joins FBI Pilot Program Recording Use-of-Force.

The [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#)   (8/25, Varn) reported the Pinellas County, Florida Sheriff's Office is participating in a six-month pilot program for the FBI's National Use-of-Force data collection program. The county, along with 63 around the US, will record incidents classified within "three categories: any time officers shoot at someone, any time use of force results in serious bodily injury, or any time it results in death." The Times adds that the FBI's National Use-of-Force data collection program "will help law enforcement and the public better understand geographic and demographic trends in use-of-force incidents, said Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, who worked on the task force that created the program."

US President Trump Plans To Lift Ban On Transfer Of Military Equipment To Local Police.

[USA Today](#) (8/27, Johnson) reports that the US President Donald Trump plans “to lift a controversial ban on the transfer of some surplus military equipment to police departments.” USA Today cites documents outlining the plan that would “roll back an Obama administration executive order that blocked armored vehicles, large-caliber weapons, ammunition and other heavy equipment from being re-purposed from foreign battlefields to America’s streets.” Attorney General Sessions “may outline the program changes” Monday in an address to the annual meeting of the Fraternal Order of Police. The [AP](#) (8/27) cites documents indicating that Trump “plans to sign an executive order” undoing the Obama-era ban. The AP says national police organizations have been pushing Trump “to hold his promise to once again make the equipment available to local and state police departments, saying it is needed to ensure officers aren’t put in danger when responding to active shooter calls and terrorist attacks.”

Justice Department Fires Back At Chicago Over Sanctuary Cities Lawsuit.

The [Chicago Tribune](#) (8/25, Byrne) reports the Justice Department in a Thursday court filing “urged a judge to reject Chicago’s request to stop new rules for the distribution of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants.” The city filed suit against the DOJ, “arguing it’s unlawful and unconstitutional for Attorney General Jeff Sessions to make the grants contingent on cities sharing information about a person’s immigration status with federal officials enforcing deportation laws.” Federal officials said they are seeking only “modest cooperation” from cities for “the removal of aliens who have committed crimes.”

Texas Hotel Slaying May Prompt Direct-Dial 911.

The [AP](#) (8/26) reports, Under a measure that is nearing final approval in the US Congress, “businesses would be required to include direct-dial 911 on any new telephone system they install.” The legislation stems from a situation where a young girl in Texas was unable to dial 911 for her dying mother because she didn’t know that she had to dial the number “9” for an outside line.

Saskatchewan To Launch New Protection, Response Team.

[CBC \(CAN\)](#) (8/25) reported, “The Saskatchewan deputy minister responsible for corrections and policing says conservation and commercial vehicle enforcement officers seem to be enthusiastic about their expanded powers and responsibilities, announced earlier this week.” The Canadian province “announced it will launch a protection and response team made up of 120 RCMP and municipal police officers, 98 provincial conservation officers and 40 commercial vehicle enforcement officers (CVEOs) with the province’s Ministry of Highways.” The policy changes are “part of the province’s decision to create a rural crime response team, stemming from recommendations made by a committee earlier this year.” The rural response team was created to “improve police response times to emergency calls for service and police visibility in rural areas, and increase road safety and drug enforcement on provincial roads and highways.”

CRIME & DRUGS

Hate Crimes Rise In Major US Cities.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (8/25, Winton) reported, “The number of hate crimes in Los Angeles and other major cities rose in the first half of 2017 amid more polarized politics and protests, according to new data.” The Los Angeles Police Department “documented a 12.6% increase in hate crimes in the first half of 2017, 161 compared to 143 in the same period last year.” Violent crimes that were motivated by hate “climbed from 24 to 36 for the first six months in Los Angeles.” The Times explained that the LAPD and other agencies in California “have been stepping up hate crime investigations in recent months, setting up task forces and investigating not only crimes but ‘hate speech.’” The Times added, “Of the six largest cities in the nation – New York, L.A., Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia and Phoenix – all except Houston saw their number of hate crimes climb in the first half of 2017.”

US Border Patrol Agents Seize “Massive Load” Of Marijuana Catapulted Over Arizona Border Wall.

The [Washington Times](#) (8/25, Dinan) reports US Border Patrol agents in Douglas, Arizona confiscated nearly 100 pounds of marijuana that was launched over the border wall earlier this week. The agency said the “massive load” of marijuana has a value of \$48,000. Arrests have not yet been made in the case.


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Law Enforcement Community “Jarred” By Recent Attacks.

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TECHNOLOGY

Secret Service Tests New Gunshot Detection System.

The [AP](#) (8/26) reports the US Secret Service is testing a new detection system in Washington, DC on Saturday and Sunday, which will help identify the source and direction of gunshots. The agency said in a statement that the system “provides real time detection and geolocation of gunshots fired within proximity of protected sites.” It is warning DC residents that there will be multiple rounds of live gunfire “from various weapons in three-shot increments.”

Privacy Advocates Call For California Oversight Of StingRay Use.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (8/27, Ulloa) reports privacy advocates in California are calling for the creation of a state agency to handle oversight of law enforcement use of StingRay devices and compliance with reporting guidelines. The Times explains that California passed a law that took effect in 2016 that “requires cities and counties that operate a stingray to create guidelines for how and when officers use the equipment,” and any agency that wants to purchase a device “must first receive approval at a public hearing.” Privacy advocates and lawyers “have kept up the public pressure in some cities and counties...calling on officials to put ordinances and guidelines in place to bar police from collecting data from those not under investigation.” Under most of the written policies, “officers can use the technology only when it is critical to a case and is approved by higher-ranking officers, or in emergency situations such as natural disasters.” Investigators must obtain search warrants, and “any data not considered official evidence can’t be sought, recorded or stored.” The policies usually also require officers to “delete or destroy all information gathered by the equipment related to an investigation at the end of the period in which they’re authorized to use the technology.” Privacy advocates argue that a state agency is needed for oversight because of a “loophole in the law that allows some law enforcement agencies to avoid reporting their use of the devices.” The loophole allows police departments that partner with another agency that owns a StingRay to avoid issuing guidelines.

NATIONAL SECURITY

London Police Investigating Sword Attack As Act Of Terror.

The [New York Times](#) (8/26, Kirkpatrick) reports, “A man arrested outside Buckingham Palace on Friday night had deliberately driven his blue Toyota Prius at a police van, attempted to pull out a four-foot sword and repeatedly shouted ‘Allahu

akbar,' the London police said in a statement on Saturday that added fresh details about the episode." The Police are now looking into whether the assault was a terrorist attack. The Times explains that when the man approached, "three unarmed officers stepped out of the police van and subdued him with a tear-gas spray, the police statement said." Three officers sustained minor injuries. Cmdr. Dean Haydon, who runs the Metropolitan Police's counterterrorism squad, "paid tribute to the officers involved." Haydon said, "Their vigilance, courage and the swiftness of their response demonstrates how our officers are protecting the public at this time." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (8/26, Douglas) says the incident follows a series of terrorist attacks across Europe this year, including three attacks in Britain alone. The incident also came just one day after Belgian authorities launched a terror investigation into a failed knife attack on soldiers in Brussels, for which ISIS claimed responsibility.

Britain's Weapons Crackdown Correlates With Acid Attack Spike. The [Washington Post](#) (8/26, Adam, Booth) reports the number of acid attacks in Britain has tripled over the last three years, "stoking fears that almost anyone can be the victim – from a moped rider to the city banker or politician." The "alarming surge of acid attacks in Britain" coincides with "a clampdown on weapons and fears of a frightening new crime fad involving teenage motorbike thieves using corrosive substances, in part because they are relatively easy to obtain." The Post notes Britain introduced a "two strikes" rule in 2015 under which "those convicted of carrying a knife for the second time received a mandatory six-month prison sentence." Acid Survivors Trust International executive director Jaf Shah suggested acid may be gang members' new "weapon of choice" because, in light of the two strikes rule, it is a "safe crime to commit because you can't be charged for carrying acid, only charged if police can prove intent."

TSA Reviewing Cargo Screening Procedures Over Terrorism Concerns.

[CNN](#) (8/25, Marsh, Cohen) reports US officials have said the Transportation Security Administration is reviewing screening procedures for cargo flown into the US over security concerns that have emerged in the wake of last month's foiled terror plot in Australia. Australian law enforcement investigators "revealed that a senior ISIS commander shipped partially assembled components of a bomb on a commercial cargo plane from Turkey to Australia." Two men were arrested in connection with a terror plan to assemble the bomb and place it on an Etihad Airlines passenger plane. US officials have raised concerns over what experts call the "IKEA-style" bomb assembly method. TSA said in a written statement that it is working to "raise the baseline on transportation security domestically and internationally and cargo security is a part of that effort."

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HEADLINE	07/17 Racist emails reveal Chicago 'safari tours'
SOURCE	http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/politics/ct-chicago-water-department-report-met-0718-20170717-story.html
GIST	In a city scarred by a deep and troubling history with guns, a supervisor in the scandal-plagued water department used his city email account to negotiate firearms deals and make light of deadly Fourth of July violence in black neighborhoods by offering "Chicago Safari" tours, a new watchdog report revealed Monday.

The latest development in the ongoing investigation, which the Tribune first disclosed in May, emerged as Inspector General Joseph Ferguson detailed how ousted district water superintendent Paul Hansen emailed with individuals over personal purchases or sales of at least four firearms and five cars.

Those emails about firearms started the investigation over his use of a government account for personal business, which is against city rules. And it quickly spread to other emails sent by Hansen, who is white and the son of a former alderman, to other water department bosses, according to City Hall sources.

In his quarterly report, Ferguson revealed a fresh string of anti-black emails sent to multiple high-ranking water department workers that touted a fake "Chicago Safari" package. It cited the number of shootings during a July Fourth weekend and guaranteed tourists would observe "at least one kill and five crime scenes" and also see "lots of animals in their natural habitat."

Hansen's racially charged emails included messages to fellow workers purported to be in "Ebonics," sometimes called American black English, and a picture describing a swimming pool for a small African-American child who sits in a bucket filled with water while holding a slice of watermelon, the report found.

Ferguson also cited Hansen's "Watermelon Protection" email that featured a picture depicting a Ku Klux Klan scarecrow guarding a field of watermelons, part of a cache of racist, sexist and homophobic emails the Tribune first disclosed online Friday.

The inspector general's quarterly report comes as Mayor Rahm Emanuel finds himself fighting the proliferation of firearms in the city and facing the fallout from another deadly July Fourth weekend in Chicago.

As Emanuel seeks to recapture support from African-American voters still upset over his handling of the 2014 fatal police shooting of Laquan McDonald, the mayor and his aides have stressed that he installed a new commissioner and sought to remake the culture in the long-troubled department.

Still, Ferguson's report raised questions about whether he found all the troubling emails. Ferguson said the mayor's Law Department imposes restrictions that do not allow "unfettered access to city emails," which has hampered the investigation. He said the Law Department requires that his office submit requests for emails using limited search terms and date ranges.

"Given the lack of direct access to emails," Ferguson said that his office "cannot be certain it has identified all relevant documents."

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HEADLINE | **07/18 China urges India withdrawal in standoff**

SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/china-urges-india-withdrawal-standoff-stages-drills-48695862?cid=clicksource_76_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>China on Tuesday renewed a call for India to immediately withdraw its troops from disputed territory high in the Himalayan mountains, following a report that Chinese forces recently held live firing drills in the region.</p> <p>Foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang said Indian forces had to leave the area to avoid an "escalation of the situation."</p> <p>"We have stated many times that we hope the Indian side will get a clear understanding of the situation (and) immediately take measures to withdraw the troops that illegally crossed the border back to the Indian side of the border," Lu said at a regularly scheduled news briefing.</p> <p>Beijing and New Delhi have engaged in more than a month of saber-rattling as officials from both sides talk of a potential clash even bloodier than their 1962 war that left thousands dead.</p> <p>Lu's comments came after Chinese state broadcaster CCTV reported late last week that an army brigade equipped with rocket launchers, heavy machine guns and mortars recently practiced a simulated live-firing assault on an enemy position in Tibet.</p> <p>The drills also involved tracking and targeting enemy aircraft, the report said.</p> <p>The current standoff is in the southernmost part of Tibet in an area also claimed by Indian ally Bhutan, although the report did not say exactly when or where the drills took place.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/18 Ukraine separatists proclaim new state
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/ukrainian-separatists-proclaim-state-48695669?cid=clicksource_76_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Separatists in eastern Ukraine on Tuesday proclaimed a new state that aspires to include not only the areas they control but also the rest of Ukraine.</p> <p>The surprise announcement in the rebel stronghold of Donetsk casts further doubt on the 2015 cease-fire deal that was supposed to stop fighting in Ukraine's industrial heartland and bring those areas back into Kiev's fold while granting them wide autonomy. It also caught unawares some rebels who said they have no intention of joining the new state.</p> <p>More than 10,000 people have died in fighting after Russia-backed rebels took control of parts of Ukraine's Donetsk and Luhansk regions in April 2014 after Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean peninsula.</p>

	<p>The rebels originally sought to join Russia but the Kremlin stopped short of annexing the area or publicizing its military support for the rebels.</p> <p>Donetsk separatist leader Alexander Zakharchenko said in comments broadcast on Russian television that rebels in Donetsk, Luhansk as well as representatives of other Ukrainian regions would form a state called Malorossiya.</p> <p>Most of the areas which are currently part of Ukraine were referred to as Malorossiya, or Little Russia, when they were part of the Russian Empire.</p> <p>Zakharchenko said they are drawing up a constitution that would be put up to a popular vote later.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Vancouver B.C. drug users group: VANDU
SOURCE	http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/vancouver-drug-users-group-1.4208467
GIST	<p>A copy of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms graces a wall around the corner from where a woman lies on the floor as a needle full of heroin is injected into her neck.</p> <p>She rises quickly, sweeps her long brown hair over one shoulder and sits on a chair as a man is handed a needle by another woman also wanting his help at an overdose prevention site located at the office of the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU).</p> <p>Vancouver Coastal Health has operated the site since December, but the peer support group known as VANDU began in 1997 with political activists who wanted drug users to demand health services when sharing of needles in the Downtown Eastside led to skyrocketing hepatitis C rates and the highest HIV prevalence of the AIDS virus in the western world.</p> <p>These days, the painkiller fentanyl has been implicated in hundreds of opioid overdose deaths in the neighbourhood and around British Columbia, the epicentre of an ongoing crisis in Canada.</p> <p>Hugh Lampkin, vice-president of VANDU, stands at the door as the first woman walks out about five minutes after her injection, past an attendant trained in CPR and administration of the overdose-reversing drug naloxone.</p> <p>"Right now the most popular thing is probably heroin, but there's side," Lampkin says, referring to crystal meth, also called jib.</p> <p>"We have a horn, and if somebody goes down they call me," the current drug user says. "With the fentanyl that's around now I try to tell people when I'm training them, 'Just look to see if people are staggering or they're slurring their words.'"</p>

The not-for-profit organization, which is marking its 20th anniversary this month, shares its office on East Hastings Street in the heart of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside with several sub groups.

They include the British Columbia Association of People on Methadone and the Western Aboriginal Harm Reduction Society, which on this day is holding its weekly meeting by remembering people who've died of fentanyl overdoses.

"Let this moment of silence be for them and for many more," says the group's secretary-treasurer Shelda Kastor, as ambulance sirens wail past the building.

Ann Livingston, a founding member of VANDU, says the group's first meeting was at a park 20 years ago.

Livingston says stigmatized drug users were being treated as "less than human" so she used her organizing skills to bring them together, eventually helping to create a group led by the people who best know the issues affecting them.

They soon began reporting desperate users grinding up drywall into a powder and selling it as drugs or repackaging used needles, Livingston says.

"It was a real place for action and that was my job, constantly, to have my mind blown over and over again."

"It's hard to describe how hated drug users are and how disregarded their lives were," she says of the years when 27 per cent of injection drug users in the impoverished neighbourhood became infected, says the Vancouver-based Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS.

Victories that involved VANDU members include the distribution of clean needles and the 2003 opening of Insite, North America's first supervised injection site in the heart of the Downtown Eastside.

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HEADLINE	07/17 Gov. to drivers: put cellphones down
SOURCE	http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/article161874198.html
GIST	<p>From the steps of the Capitol Monday, Gov. Jay Inslee had a warning for all the drivers trying to sneak in one last text.</p> <p>"When you are driving while you are on a cellphone, you are more dangerous to yourself and everyone else on the road than a drunk driver with a .08 blood alcohol (level)," Inslee told the crowd.</p> <p>"We have a simple message today: Put the cellphones down."</p>

State officials are working to get the word out about [Washington's Driving Under the Influence of Electronics Act](#), which goes into effect Sunday and bans the use of handheld devices while driving, even when stopped in traffic.

Fines start at \$136 and can go up to \$234; violations will be reported to insurance companies, meaning violators could see their rates increase.

Other distractions, such as grooming, smoking, eating or reading, could result in a \$99 ticket if you are pulled over for another offense.

The bill the Legislature passed would have delayed implementation of the law until 2019, but Inslee vetoed that part. At Monday's event, he said the change in law is too important to wait.

State troopers are seeing more distracted drivers, said Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste.

"Last year, troopers contacted nearly 17,000 drivers for driving while using their cellphones and/or texting. We even had one collision caused last year by someone who was playing the game Pokemon GO," he said.

"Every single one of these collisions is, in fact, preventable."

The Washington Traffic Safety Commission reports fatalities in Washington from distracted driving increased 32 percent from 2014 to 2015. The majority of distracted drivers — 71 percent — are using a cellphone while driving.

Under the law, devices can be used if they are hands-free and can be started with a single touch or swipe. Drivers can use handheld devices when they are parked or out of the flow of traffic, or to contact emergency services.

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HEADLINE	07/17 Report: US worst healthcare system
SOURCE	http://health.usnews.com/wellness/health-buzz/articles/2017-07-17/report-us-has-the-worst-health-care-system-compared-to-these-countries
GIST	<p>As the U.S. is embroiled in a bitter battle to overhaul its current health care system, a new report finds that the country has the worst health care system among high-income countries.</p> <p>America ranked last for overall performance and last or near last when it came to data points like access to care, administrative efficiency, equity and health care outcomes, according to a new report published Friday by the Commonwealth Fund, a private foundation that strives to improve health care in America.</p>

Paradoxically, the U.S. spends more money on health care compared to other high-income countries, which is notable given its poor performance, the report states.

Though the U.S. ranked lowest in [health care](#) outcomes – and performed badly when it came to population health outcomes involving infant mortality and life expectancy at age 60 – it performed better on certain measures like in-hospital deaths in the month following a heart attack or stroke, according to the report.

The Commonwealth Fund compared the U.S. to Australia, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the U.K.

"The results suggest the U.S. health care system should look at other countries' approaches if it wants to achieve an affordable high-performing health care system that serves all Americans," the report's abstract states.

Data for the study came from comparative survey research, in addition to comparative data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, and the World Health Organization.

The U.S. [health care](#) system has been under a finely-tuned microscope in recent months as Republicans strive to repeal and replace former President Obama's Affordable Care Act. While the House managed to pass a [controversial health care bill](#) back in May, the Senate is struggling to do the same.

"Current proposals being debated in Congress could undo most of that progress by increasing the number of people without health insurance by more than 20 million over the next decade," [Benjamin Sommers](#) of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health told [New Scientist](#). "Rather than narrowing the gap with its rivals, the US might fall further behind."

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Click on link to review the healthcare report: <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Publications/Fund-Reports/2017/Jul/Mirror-Mirror-International-Comparisons-2017>

HEADLINE	07/18 Germany: G20 riots cost \$13M damage
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/APFN_EU_GERMANY_G20_VIOLENCE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2017-07-18-03-42-46
GIST	<p>BERLIN (AP) -- A group representing German insurers says the rioting that accompanied the Group of 20 summit earlier this month could cost insurance companies up to 12 million euros (\$13.8 million).</p> <p>Host city Hamburg saw three nights of violence amid anti-globalization protests as leaders of the world's biggest economic powers met July 7-8.</p>

	<p>The German Insurance Association said in an initial estimate Tuesday that insured damage totaled as much as 12 million euros, with damaged cars accounting for up to a third of that sum. It also includes damage to houses and companies.</p> <p>Chancellor Angela Merkel promised immediately after the summit to work with Hamburg authorities to help people affected by the riots. The federal and city governments have set up a "hardship fund."</p>
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HEADLINE	07/18 Turkey jails 6 human rights activists
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/E/EU_TURKEY_ACTIVISTS_ARRESTED?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2017-07-18-02-59-34
GIST	<p>ISTANBUL (AP) -- A court in Istanbul ordered six human rights activists - including Amnesty International's Turkey director - formally arrested Tuesday pending a trial over accusations that they aided an armed terror group, adding to concerns over rights and freedoms in the country.</p> <p>Four others activists were released from custody pending the outcome of a trial. They have been barred from traveling abroad and have to report regularly to police.</p> <p>The group was detained earlier this month in a police raid at a hotel on Buyukada island where they were attending a training workshop on digital security.</p> <p>They are suspected of "committing crime in the name of a terrorist organization without being a member." Amnesty International described the court decision as a "crushing blow for rights in Turkey."</p> <p>"This is not a legitimate investigation, this is a politically motivated witch-hunt that charts a frightening future for rights in Turkey," said Salil Shetty, Amnesty International's secretary general.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Fate of National Monument in Oregon?
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/695183/interior-secretary-ponders-fate-of-natl-monument-in-oregon/
GIST	<p>SALEM, Ore. (AP) — After touring the “unique” Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in Oregon and speaking to ranchers, loggers and environmentalists, U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke must next make a recommendation on whether it should be abolished or resized.</p> <p>It’s going to require a lot of study, Zinke indicated, given that the monument was created — and expanded by former President Barack Obama— to protect biodiversity in an area where three mountain ranges converge, creating diverse habitats for species that would normally be living apart.</p>

	<p>Zinke toured the area Saturday and said he wants to find out how the boundaries of the 113,000 acre (45,730 hectare) monument were made. Zinke said he also wants to protect local traditions and “make sure the monument doesn’t have unintended consequences.”</p> <p>President Donald Trump in April ordered a review of two dozen monuments established by former presidents over more than two decades.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Seattle requires SPD to collect data
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/694746/seattle-officers-bias-policing-bill-passes/
GIST	<p>The Seattle City Council approved a bill Monday aimed at cracking down on biased policing.</p> <p>The new legislation requires officers to collect data on the people they stop to ensure they’re not targeting persons based on race, sex, or ethnicity. It was passed 8-0 (Councilmember Kshama Sawant was absent).</p> <p>The Seattle Police Department already has a bias-free policing policy in place. It began in 2015 after DOJ investigators raised concerns about discrimination by SPD officers.</p> <p>Council President Bruce Harrell and Councilmember Lorena Gonzalez say the legislation “sends a strong message that the city is committed to ensuring constitutional policing now and in the future.”</p> <p>The police department found itself once again being publicly scrutinized after the fatal shooting of a black pregnant mother of four in June. Charleena Lyles was killed after calling 911 about an alleged burglary — neither of the two officers who responded had a Taser when Lyles allegedly attacked them.</p> <p>Since that shooting, some, including the head of the Seattle Police Guild, said shooting Lyles fell within the department’s use-of-force policy.</p> <p>Jeffery Robinson, a Seattle attorney who also works at ACLU headquarters in New York, told KIRO Radio he doesn’t believe the officers involved will be charged. He partially blames the way Washington state law is written.</p> <p>“As you know, Seattle has the most extreme use-of-force statute in the country. What I can tell you is that the police officers who shot and killed that woman in Seattle, nobody should expect them to be charged with a crime. It absolutely, positively will not happen under the law as it is in Seattle.”</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Mayor orders SPD wear body-cams
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/695125/murray-orders-seattle-police-body-cams/

GIST

Mayor Ed Murray has ordered Seattle police officers to begin wearing body cameras despite ongoing deliberations with their union.

“We can no longer deprive Seattle of this important tool to provide a detailed record of what happens during critical incidents; a public record that will hold police officers accountable to their own high standards and our community’s important expectations,” Murray said Monday.

Murray signed an executive order Monday that instructs all patrol officers and sergeants to wear body cameras. The roll out will begin with bike cops in the West Precinct who will start wearing them by July 22. All officers in the West Precinct are to be wearing the cameras by Sept. 30. Seattle’s other police precincts will be phased in over the coming months.

The Seattle Police Officers Guild continues to negotiate a contract with the mayor’s office. Body cam policy has been one debated point of that contract. With his executive order, Murray is sidestepping union negotiations.

“Today, as we continue to bargain with the police union about the particulars of the implementation, I am going to take us forward,” he said.

Body cams were previously slated to be phased into the department by the end of 2017. But progress has been stalled by policy conflicts between police, the mayor’s office, and the federal monitor assigned to oversee reforms.

One point, for example, is that **police want to watch body camera footage before they write reports** of an incident. Many best practices for body cams, however, state officers should write a report first, then have access to the footage.

Murray noted the recent fatal shooting of Charleena Lyles by Seattle police officers. He said that cameras would have been helpful following that incident. Seattle police currently use dash cams, which record audio even when the officer is out of view. But that view is limited to the windshield perspective of the patrol car. There is currently no point-of-view cameras for Seattle police.

“There is an accountability tool,” Murray said. “One that is already standard in other big cities like Washington D.C. and Atlanta and local cities like Spokane. One that would be valuable to us during the investigation into this police shooting. There is a way for the public to know what happens during these use-of-force incidents. A way to resolve disputed facts in police shootings – body cameras for police.”

Murray argues that the body cams reduce use-of-force incidents and community complaints, and also provide evidence of misconduct. The executive order furthers that argument by stating that 92 percent of Seattleites want cops to use the body cams. It also states that the Seattle Police Department has already run a successful pilot using the technology.

HEADLINE	07/17 Seattle mayor refuses to step down
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/694893/councilmember-calls-for-seattle-mayor-to-step-down/
GIST	<p>Seattle Mayor Ed Murray will not step down following comments from city council members Monday.</p> <p>“I know that today a member of the council has issued a statement calling on me to resign, and warning of action against me if I do not,” Murray said Monday afternoon. “I continue to believe such a course of action would not be in the city’s best interest. That is why I am not going to resign, and intend to complete the few remaining months of my term as mayor.”</p> <p>That council member was Lorena Gonzalez who said she is “deeply concerned” by an Oregon Child Protective Services investigation that found Mayor Ed Murray allegedly abused a foster son in the 1980s. The investigation also concluded that he should never be a foster parent again.</p> <p>Though the investigation is not proof of criminal guilt, “the gravity of the materials in the finding and the continued attention to these issues will receive, raise questions about the ability of the Mayor, his office, his Department heads, and senior management to remain focused on the critical issues facing our city,” Gonzalez wrote.</p> <p>“As a result, I am asking the Mayor to consider stepping down as Mayor and to work collaboratively with a subcommittee of the City Council to craft an Executive Leadership Transition Strategy.”</p> <p>Gonzalez says if the mayor does not step down, the city council should convene its own committee to determine if a “transition” in leadership is merited.</p> <p>“A collaborative approach is my preferred approach but the leadership of this City, including the Mayor, must proceed in a manner that will balance the ongoing need to effectively govern while acknowledging the grave harm caused by proceeding with a status-quo mentality. This situation is unprecedented in our city’s history. We cannot pretend otherwise.”</p> <p>Murray disagrees with Gonzalez. He said this administration has continued to do good work for the city, such as his body cam executive order and the opening of the Navigation Center for homeless individuals.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Merkel rules out Germany refugee cap
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/07/17/europe/germany-refugees-merkel/index.html
GIST	(CNN)German Chancellor Angela Merkel has ruled out setting an upper limit on refugees coming to Germany, defying her long-term coalition partner on an issue that threatens to open up a rift between the country's ruling political parties just two months before federal elections.

	<p>"On the issue of an upper limit, my position is clear," Merkel said in an interview broadcast live on Germany's ARD on Sunday. "I won't accept one."</p> <p>Merkel will need the support of the Christian Social Union -- the more conservative sister party to Merkel's Christian Democratic Union -- in order to remain Chancellor after September elections.</p> <p>On Monday, CSU leader Horst Seehofer reiterated his party's pledge to make the limit on refugees a reality.</p> <p>"The cap is and remains a goal of the CSU," Seehofer said, although he refused to make the issue a red line in a coalition deal -- a softening of his previous stance.</p> <p>In an interview in December, Horst Seehofer, head of the CSU, promised a cap of 200,000 refugees per year if his party is in a coalition government after the election.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Russia warns US over seized compounds
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/07/17/politics/russia-us-diplomatic-compounds/index.html
GIST	<p>Moscow (CNN)Russia has described any possible conditions set by Washington to return two of the country's diplomatic compounds in the US that were closed down late last year as "unacceptable."</p> <p>"We have repeatedly said that we think any conditions are unacceptable. We think that the diplomatic property must be returned without any conditions and talks," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told CNN Monday.</p> <p>"What is happening is -- de facto and de jure -- a violation of international law," he said. "Contacts are happening between the foreign policy departments. Kremlin, as it is, does not really participate but as you know this issue was raised by President [Vladimir] Putin during his G20 meeting with President Trump in a quite straightforward manner."</p> <p>Last December, then-President Barack Obama imposed a range of sanctions against the Russian government for its alleged meddling in the 2016 presidential election, including the closure of two Russian compounds located in New York State and Maryland.</p> <p>Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov is expected to meet with US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Thomas Shannon in Washington later Monday to discuss the diplomatic compounds.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 More Venezuelans flee as crisis deepens
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SOURCE	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/17/venezuela-migrants-americas-leaving-home
GIST	<p>As Venezuela falls further into a humanitarian disaster of economic collapse and political repression, more of its citizens are fleeing a country which once served as a haven for economic migrants and political refugees from around the world.</p> <p>In the past, many Venezuelans headed to rich countries like US and Spain, but the latest wave of émigrés are increasingly choosing to stay in Latin America – often putting pressure social services that are unprepared to accommodate an increase of migrants.</p> <p>“For the first time, Venezuela is producing rather than receiving migrants,” said Tomás Páez, a Caracas-based sociologist who in 2015 published a study on the Venezuelan diaspora in which he estimated that 7% of Venezuela’s native population of 31 million lived outside the country.</p> <p>It was wealthy and professional Venezuelans who spearheaded the exodus after the late Hugo Chávez began his self-styled socialist “revolution” in 1999 – often citing rampant crime or political discontent as their reason behind leaving.</p> <p>On Chavez’s death in 2013 from cancer, Nicolás Maduro was elected to succeed him as president. Since then, the situation has deteriorated dramatically, with triple-digit inflation, snaking food lines, shortages of medical supplies and vicious repression against the opposition.</p> <p>The worsening conditions have left the social safety nets put in place by Chávez in tatters, and the new migrants include many poorer Venezuelans who once considered themselves Chavistas.</p> <p>Only a fraction of those leaving formally seek asylum but the number of those who do is soaring. Last year, there were 27,000 Venezuelan asylum seekers worldwide. So far in 2017, more than 52,000 have applied for asylum, according to UNHCR, the UN’s refugee agency.</p> <p>For many, the easiest destination to reach is Colombia, just across a porous and largely unprotected border. And Colombia’s government is bracing for more. It recently sent a delegation to Turkey to study that country’s experience with Syrian refugees.</p> <p>Not so long ago, the countries’ fortunes were reversed: Venezuela took in millions of Colombians during the 1970s and 1980s, when Venezuela was riding an oil boom and political stability while Colombia was trapped between narco-terror and a rebel insurgency.</p> <p>Today, Colombia is steadier politically and economically than its neighbour, but officials say it lacks the financial and social resources to be able to respond to large numbers of migrants.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 State ferries' travel woes
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/hurry-up-to-wait-state-ferries-give-reasons-for-travel-woes
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- Hurry to wait. That's part of the summer sailing mantra for ferry passengers, but this last weekend, waits and cancellations got even longer as two more vessels abruptly went out of service.</p> <p>Monday on the 12:20 p.m. ferry from Seattle-to-Bainbridge ride it was smooth sailing, but Sunday was a perfect storm system wide, and it's far from blue skies.</p> <p>There's no sugar coating it.</p> <p>"When you have 22 vessels operating nearly 24 hours a day, things happened, " said Matt Vonruden, Director of Vessel Engineering and Maintenance for the Washington State Ferries, WSF.</p> <p>At one point this weekend, three of those 22 ferries were out of service. Two went down without warning - including on the Bainbridge-Seattle sail.</p> <p>"Summertime is the Superbowl of ferries," said Washington State Ferries Spokesman Ian Sterling. "It's frustrating for us and frustrating for folks trying to get around."</p> <p>WSF says ridership increases by more than 50% in the summer months, and that adds wear and tear on the ferries.</p> <p>Five of the fleet's vessels are at least 50 years old. The average age is 30 years, said Sterling. Like a car, ferries can unexpectedly break down, despite regular and preventative maintenance.</p> <p>"High demand and incidents like this makes it even more difficult," said Vonruden.</p> <p>The Ferry Maintenance Director said unlike many other transit systems nationwide, who have two backup vehicles for every 12 vehicles in their fleet, WSF has only one backup.</p> <p>That is one backup ferry for all 22 vessels.</p> <p>While they'd prefer no unscheduled repairs, Vonruden pointed out cancelled trips make up less than one percent of all of the state's ferry trips each year. But WSF said this summer is making it tough.</p> <p>The state is seeing even more passengers than ever before.</p> <p>Sterling said WSF could be headed for a record-setting year of riders.</p> <p>"Virtually every vessel we have is out working on the water, sometimes 20 hours a day," said Sterling.</p>

	Sterling adds when possible, walking instead of driving on board reduces wait times.
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HEADLINE	07/17 Spokane PD needs more officers
SOURCE	http://www.khq.com/story/35906429/spokane-police-department-needs-additional-officers-to-keep-up-with-crime-rate
GIST	<p>SPOKANE, Wash. - Spokane's finest, despite their best efforts, aren't always able to cover all the bases. As the incident with the ax-wielding vandal on July 12th showed, Spokane Police often have their hands full.</p> <p>SPD's Public Information Officer, John O'Brien, said while it isn't uncommon for there to be times of the day when there are no units available to respond to a particular call right when it's reported, the 12th was unusual because police had their hands tied with a lengthy standoff when a man court documents identify as 28-year-old Torin Ford began swinging an ax-shaped piece of steel through several downtown windows.</p> <p>While the incident is rather bizarre, it highlights a problem local police have been facing, with increases in property and other crime stretching their resources.</p> <p>"Our numbers are spreading us a little thin with the number of crimes in Spokane," said O'Brien. "It would sure be good to put some more bodies out there."</p> <p>O'Brien says part of the issue is that, on top of having less funding than they would like, the department has seen a lack of applicants to join the police force. They have been intensifying their recruiting efforts, and O'Brien says that anyone who is interested in joining law enforcement should begin the process to see if it's a good fit for them.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Protest PSE gas pipeline construction
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2017/07/17/about-100-protest-construction-of-pses-liquid-natural-gas-pipeline-at-port-of-tacoma/
GIST	<p>FIFE, Wash. — About 100 protesters turned out Monday night to demonstrate against construction of the Puget Sound Energy's liquid natural gas pipeline and facility site at the Port of Tacoma, Fife Police Chief Pete Fisher said.</p> <p>That gas comes from fracking, and members of the Puyallup Tribe have gone to court to try and stop the pipeline.</p> <p>The protesters issued the following statement:</p>

	<p>“For two years citizens have been fighting plans to construct a fracked gas pipeline and processing facility at the Port of Tacoma, directly adjacent to Puyallup tribal lands and waters and only six blocks from private homes. Now, even though the Puyallup Tribe and others have legal contests underway in the courts, PSE (Puget Sound Energy) has begun laying pipeline and construction of the facility.</p> <p>“Public awareness of this project has been intentionally limited and dangers of this facility continue to be misrepresented by PSE and the City of Tacoma. However, through continued education and outreach in recent weeks, opposition has grown substantially.”</p> <p>Fisher said the protest has been peaceful and there have been no arrests.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/18 Russia: ready to retaliate US sanctions
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/russia-says-it-s-ready-retaliate-u-s-election-sanctions-n783951
GIST	<p>MOSCOW — Russia reserves the right to take retaliatory measures against the United States for its "illegal seizure" of Russian diplomatic property, its Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Tuesday after a meeting in Washington ended without a deal.</p> <p>Former President Barack Obama in December ordered the seizure of two Russian diplomatic compounds in New York and Maryland, and expelled 35 Russian diplomats over what he said was their involvement in hacking the 2016 U.S. presidential election campaign, something Russia flatly denies.</p> <p>Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov and U.S. Undersecretary of State Thomas Shannon met on Monday to discuss the diplomatic row.</p> <p>But the Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Tuesday that a resolution to the problem had not yet been found.</p> <p>"Russia stressed that if Washington does not address this and other concerns, including persistent efforts to hinder the operation of Russia's diplomatic missions, Russia has the right to take retaliatory measures in accordance with the principle of reciprocity," the statement said.</p> <p>U.S. intelligence officials have said that the mansions doubled as surveillance outposts for Russian spies. At the time of the property seizures and expulsions, Russian President Vladimir Putin declined to retaliate against the United States.</p> <p>Russian officials said Tuesday that they also want to resume regular dialogue with the Americans about strategic stability, but insisted that it is up to Washington to take steps forward.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/18 Who pays rising cost natural disasters?
SOURCE	https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-07-18/who-pays-for-the-rising-cost-of-natural-disasters-quicktake-g-a
GIST	<p>The force of Mother Nature cost mankind <u>\$175 billion</u> in 2016, enough money to rebuild New York’s One World Trade Center <u>44 times</u>. About 8,700 people globally lost their lives or went missing in disasters that included earthquakes in Japan, New Zealand and Ecuador, floods in the U.S. and China, and <u>Hurricane Matthew</u> in the Caribbean. That compares with <u>\$380 billion</u> in 2011 when earthquakes in Japan and New Zealand pushed economic disaster losses to a record. In both years, less than a third of the damage was covered by insurers.</p> <p>1. Why don’t people carry more insurance against disasters? For starters, insurance is less accessible and less affordable for people in poorer nations. Elsewhere, the insurance industry struggles with what’s known as negative selection, which means clients tend to buy coverage only for the risks they are most exposed to. If you own a house on a storm-exposed shore in Florida, you might think more about disaster insurance than if your house is in the countryside. Another factor: Many people expect their government will compensate them for damages in natural disasters. This is <u>one reason</u> why insurance demand is low in earthquake-prone regions in countries such as Italy or Turkey.</p> <p>2. Can insurers offer more appealing coverage? It’s not so easy. Insurers face challenges in balancing the statistical risks of disasters, the potential payouts involved, and consumer demand for policies, which rarely align. Demand itself tends to wax and wane, depending on how much time passes between catastrophic events. One key is diversification: In order to be able to pay claims from the largest disasters (typically windstorms and earthquakes in the U.S., Japan and Europe), an insurer needs to do enough business elsewhere or set aside enough capital to pay for potential claims.</p> <p>3. So who pays the bill after disasters? With insurers <u>covering only about a third</u> of the damages, the <u>protection gap</u> is substantial. Government-created organizations like the <u>California Earthquake Authority</u> and the <u>Texas Windstorm Insurance Association</u> act as insurers of last resort, offering coverage the free market won’t provide. Turkey requires earthquake insurance for urban residential buildings and provides coverage, in conjunction with the World Bank, through the <u>Turkish Catastrophe Insurance Pool</u>. Caribbean nations formed a <u>catastrophe risk pool</u> that <u>paid</u> Haiti \$23 million following Hurricane Matthew (a fraction of the \$1.4 billion in total damages, reflecting the lower use of insurance in poorer countries). Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru <u>are discussing</u> a similar pool. One of the financing tools that these pools have are catastrophe bonds.</p> <p>4. What are catastrophe bonds? They’re securities sold by insurers, the reinsurers who back them or government-backed catastrophe pools. Cat bonds help them spread the risk of paying out on disasters. Buyers of the bonds enjoy <u>higher</u></p>

returns when Mother Nature is quiet. Most cat bonds cover against U.S. wind risks, which led to some of the insurance industry's biggest losses in the past. Cat bonds are about 25 years old and have yet to be fully tested by a major loss. It remains to be seen how investors would react if a hurricane or earthquake wiped out a whole series of them.

5. Are natural disasters really on the rise?

Yes, according to reinsurers such as Munich Re and Swiss Re, which help primary insurers shoulder costs from catastrophes. Munich Re counted 772 "natural loss events" last year, up from 248 in 1980. Of course, reinsurers might be biased, since they make their living from helping offer coverage against catastrophes. It's also possible that some disasters recorded today would have gone unnoticed in decades past. Of the more objective sources, the World Health Organization says that the number of disasters has been declining over the last 15 years while the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction reports a rise to 346 in 2015 from 205 in 1983.

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HEADLINE	07/18 Stormy start to 2017 in US
SOURCE	https://www.usatoday.com/story/weather/2017/07/18/u-s-battered-2nd-most-natural-disasters-record-so-far-2017/485167001/
GIST	<p>Dozens of savage hailstorms and tornadoes wreaked havoc across the U.S. so far this year, causing billions of dollars of damage and leading to the second-most disaster-laden season on record.</p> <p>So far in 2017, the U.S. has endured 49 separate weather, climate and flood disasters, according to data from Munich Re, a global reinsurance firm.</p> <p>That's tied with 2009 as the second-highest January-June number on record. Only 2012, with 59 events, had more. Munich Re data goes back to 1980.</p> <p>Ferocious hailstorms that battered Denver (in May) and Dallas (in March) were among the top costliest U.S. disasters, according to Munich Re meteorologist Mark Bove. This isn't necessarily unusual, he said.</p> <p>"In an average year, hail causes more losses than tornadoes."</p> <p>At over \$2.1 billion in damage, the Denver hailstorm was likely the city's costliest on record.</p> <p>The number of events is also more than the 10-year average of 45. According to Munich Re, a disaster is defined as an event that causes at least one death and/or causes \$3 million in damages. The firm also calls them "loss events."</p>

Fortunately, the high number doesn't translate into an unusually high damage cost: As for the overall cost of the USA's disasters this year, Munich Re estimates a total of \$21 billion, of which \$14.2 was insured. "That's fairly close to average for the past decade," Bove said.

Several of the severe weather events hit sparsely populated areas without much exposed value.

"The unusual atmospheric conditions in the USA in the first half of 2017 provided the perfect conditions for powerful supercell thunderstorms, which invariably bring major hailstorms and tornadoes," said Peter Höppe, head of Munich Re's Geo Risks Research.

"The number of tornadoes observed in the first quarter of 2017 was twice as high as the average for the last 10 years," he said.

Through the end of June, tornadoes have killed 34 Americans, which is just under half the typical yearly fatality toll, the Storm Prediction Center said.

The high number of severe thunderstorms in the U.S., especially from January to March, was likely influenced by abnormally warm water in the eastern Pacific Ocean off the northwest coast of South America. This warm Pacific ocean water affects weather patterns in the U.S. and around the world.

The next threat for natural disasters may come from the tropics: Looking to the weeks and months ahead, Bove warns that the U.S. is about to enter the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season. "More than 80% of hurricanes occur after July 31," he said.

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HEADLINE	07/17 China filling void US drone restrictions
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/china-selling-drones-instead/2017/07/17/id/802188/
GIST	<p>The United States is getting a double-whammy from China, whose proliferating drone weaponry represents both a commercial and strategic blow, the Wall Street Journal reported.</p> <p>Satellite images from October 2016 have shown Chinese-made replicas of America's Predator and Reaper drones deployed in the Middle East and Africa by several countries, including allies the United States blocked from buying American models.</p> <p>According to the Journal, the Obama administration led efforts to forge a global "drone code" that would curb proliferation and keep the weapons from misuse – but China is now filling the void.</p> <p>China's sales have enabled multiple countries — including some with weak legal systems and scant public oversight of the military — to use unmanned aerial vehicles to spy and kill remotely as the United States has done since 9/11, the Journal reported.</p>

	<p>U.S. export policy that drives partners to buy Chinese "hurts U.S. strategic interests in so many ways," Paul Scharre, a former Pentagon official at the nonpartisan Center for a New American Security, told the Journal.</p> <p>"It damages the U.S. relationship with a close partner. It increases that partner's relationship with a competitor nation, China. It hurts U.S. companies trying to compete."</p> <p>The Trump administration is trying to remove obstacles to American companies' ability to compete, an unnamed official told the Journal. "We are attuned to what China is doing," the official said.</p> <p>China began exporting strike-enabled drones around 2014-2015, heralding a new phase in its arms industry as a global competitor that can influence conflicts and alliances worldwide, the Journal reported.</p> <p>It is now the world's third-biggest arms seller by value, behind the U.S. at No. 1 and Russia, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.</p> <p>The Pentagon estimates China could produce almost 42,000 aerial drones — sale value more than \$10 billion — in the decade up to 2023.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 British Columbia fires force evacuations
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/wildfires-bc-forced-40000-evacuate-48690329?cid=clicksource_76_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Fast-moving wildfires in British Columbia have forced nearly 40,000 people to leave their homes and residents are flooding into crowded evacuation centers amid a provincial state of emergency.</p> <p>Federal Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale announced Monday that Ottawa was deploying military aircraft and Australia was sending 50 firefighters to battle the wildfires. A group of elite Nova Scotia firefighters will also join the front lines.</p> <p>Speaking in Pilot Butte, Saskatchewan, Goodale said 500 additional Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers have also been sent in to assist with evacuation and police communities when they have been cleared out.</p> <p>More than 3,000 staff, including firefighters, support staff and 450 personnel brought in from other provinces, are hard at work, said BC Wildfire Service chief information officer Kevin Skrepnek.</p> <p>Goodale said the fires were expected to worsen.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Strong quake hits Peru southern coast
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/magnitude-64-quake-shakes-perus-southern-coast-48692562?cid=clicksource_76_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Authorities say a magnitude 6.4 earthquake has rattled the coast of southern Peru and was felt in the cities of Tacna, Moquegua and Arequipa, among others.</p> <p>The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake's epicenter was 61 miles (98 kilometers) west of Camana in Arequipa province. It struck at 2:05 a.m. GMT — Monday evening local time — and had a depth of 27 miles (44 kilometers).</p> <p>Peru's Civil Defense Institute did not immediately report any damage or casualties.</p> <p>Earthquakes are common in Peru, which is home to a major stretch of the Andes and is on the Pacific's Ring of Fire.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/18 US certifies Iran 'complying' nuke deal
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/iran-legally-complying-nuclear-deal-defaulting-spirit-agreement/story?id=48693039&cid=clicksource_76_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>The U.S. has certified with Congress that Iran is legally in compliance on the nuclear deal, but senior Trump administration officials said both Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and President Donald Trump will couch that certification with an accusation that Iran is “unquestionably in default of the spirit of the [agreement].”</p> <p>The officials pointed to “a range of malign activities” including Iran’s ballistic missile development, support of militant groups in the region and Syria's Assad regime, its hostility to Israel and its continued detention of foreigners including U.S. citizens.</p> <p>The officials said that moving forward the administration will “employ a strategy” that seeks to address Iran’s aggressive behavior in the region.</p> <p>They did not specifically outline any measures they would press for but said they expect to implement new sanctions in the near future targeting Iran’s ballistic missile program and other “misbehavior” in the region.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/18 Australians: shooting American nightmare
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SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/australians-stunned-minneapolis-police-shooting-woman-48694515?cid=clicksource_76_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Half a world from where an Australian woman was shot dead by a Minneapolis police officer, Tuesday's front-page headline in her hometown Sydney newspaper summarized Australia's reaction in blunt terms: "AMERICAN NIGHTMARE."</p> <p>In Justine Damond's native country, news of the meditation teacher's baffling death has dominated the airwaves, newspapers and websites for days, feeding into Australians' long-held fears about America's notorious culture of gun violence.</p> <p>"The country is infested with possibly more guns than people," said Philip Alpers, a gun policy analyst with the University of Sydney who has studied the stark differences in gun laws between the nations. "We see America as a very risky place in terms of gun violence — and so does the rest of the world."</p> <p>While police officers carry guns in Australia, deadly shootings by police are exceedingly rare; there are only a handful reported each year, according to the Australian Institute of Criminology. And though the U.S. doesn't keep a national database of deadly police-involved shootings, even incomplete statistics show there are hundreds every year.</p> <p>America's reluctance to strengthen its gun regulations and its seemingly endless stream of shooting deaths have long been a source of confusion and concern in Australia, which instituted tough gun ownership laws in 1996 following a deadly mass shooting. At the time, then-Prime Minister John Howard — a conservative — warned Australians against following America's lead on gun control, saying: "We have an opportunity in this country not to go down the American path."</p> <p>The Australian government's official travel advice to those heading to the U.S. specifically warns tourists to be on guard for gun crime, and urges Australians living in the U.S. to be familiar with "active shooter" training drills. Australian media coverage of America's frequent mass shootings is often tinged with disbelief — "another day, another shooting in America" is a common refrain on newscasts.</p> <p>The death of Damond, a 40-year-old meditation teacher who was reportedly dressed in her pajamas when she was shot by a police officer late Saturday, has sparked a similarly stunned reaction. The story has led network newscasts and was splashed across newspapers' front pages. Sydney's Daily Telegraph ran an editorial headlined "A senseless and tragic death."</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Bike shares wheeling back to Seattle
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/transportation/bike-shares-to-wheel-back-soon-into-seattle-but-will-vary-from-pronto-in-2-big-ways/

GIST

Bike shares are returning to Seattle. Soon. And bigger than before. When, earlier this year, the city folded Pronto, the bike-share system it owned, it took 500 bikes off the streets.

Sometime this week, there should be 1,000 shareable bikes on the streets. And in the coming months, there will likely be even more.

Two big differences between these bikes and Pronto: The new bikes have no stations where bikes must be picked up and returned to. Pick one up wherever you find it and leave it at your destination. And, unlike Pronto, the bikes are privately owned and are receiving no government funding.

Bike shares are booming in the United States. Nationwide, riders took about 320,000 rides on bike-share bikes in 2010, according to the National Association of County Transportation Officials. Last year, that number was 28 million.

But bike shares of the sort launching in Seattle — private, for-profit and stationless — are just starting in the United States.

Six weeks ago, the two companies that plan to spread bikes throughout Seattle weren't operating anywhere else in the United States. Seattle, one of the largest U.S. cities without a traditional bike share, is poised to become a testing ground for this new breed of bike share, as the two companies, and perhaps a half-dozen more, battle for riders.

Both companies say they're ready to launch and are waiting on approval from the Seattle Department of Transportation. SDOT says it expects to approve the companies' applications this week. Once approvals are in, bikes will start showing up on the streets.

Here's what you need to know about the bikes and the bike-share companies that want you to ride them. Two companies are launching in Seattle — Spin and LimeBike. Both are privately owned, based in the Bay Area and funded with millions of dollars of venture-capital money.

LimeBike, in the last several weeks, has started smaller bike shares in South Bend, Indiana, and at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Spin did a trial launch in Austin, Texas, earlier this year, but Seattle would be its first permanent city.

Each company will open with 500 bikes (a number mandated by the city), but plans to expand. The city's rules allow them to expand to 1,000 bikes each in early August, 2,000 bikes in September and however many they want in October.

Both companies say they'll start with bikes placed around downtown, Capitol Hill, South Lake Union and other center-city neighborhoods, and will branch out more to other neighborhoods as they're allowed to expand.

At least two other companies — VBikes and Koloni Share — say they have plans to open in Seattle in the coming weeks or months, but are not as far along in the application process.

Both companies work the same way. Download their app on your smartphone and enter your credit-card information. On the app, a map will pop up showing nearby bikes. Find one. The bikes have a lock through their back wheel. You unlock it by scanning a QR code on the bike with your phone’s camera, or typing a numerical code into your phone.

Like magic, the bike unlocks. Ride it where you want to go. When you’re done, put the lock back through the wheel and leave it.

The companies tout the service as ideal for a quick trip across a neighborhood or as a first- and last-mile option for commutes — take a bike from your house to the light rail or from your bus stop to your workplace.

Not much — \$1 for a 30-minute ride and another \$1 for each 30 minutes after that.

Both companies say they can make money by attracting a high volume of riders and by ditching the overhead costs associated with docking stations.

But both companies will likely also look to sell advertising within the app at some point. Picture the app, which knows your location and also — if you use it frequently — your riding habits, recommending a local coffee shop.

Pretty much wherever, but use common sense. You can’t block the street or the sidewalk. Bikes are supposed to be parked in the “landscape/furniture zone” of the sidewalk. That’s the strip of pavement between the street and the traveled part of the sidewalk, where trees, parking meters and bike racks tend to be.

Don’t leave the bikes on grassy areas, at bus stops, in loading zones or on sidewalk corners. SDOT wrote the rules and has authority over streets and sidewalks; it can’t give permission for the bikes to be left in public parks (which aren’t under SDOT jurisdiction) or on college campuses. So those are a gray area, for now.

If it’s a place where you’d lock your own bike, it’s probably a good place to leave a bike-share bike.

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HEADLINE	07/17 SPD to start wearing body-cams
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/spd-officers-to-start-wearing-body-cameras

GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- Seattle Police officers will now be required to wear body cameras, mayor Ed Murray announced Monday in signing an executive order.</p> <p>Starting next week, bike patrol officers in the West Precinct will be outfitted with cameras that record both audio and video. Once those deployments have been made, cameras will then be distributed to the rest of the patrol officers in the West Precinct by Sept. 30.</p> <p>Murray says other precincts will follow on a month-by-month basis.</p> <p>“Body cameras improve behavior and de-escalation on both sides of the camera,” Murray said in a statement announcing the order.</p> <p>“We have taken far too long to fully implement the body camera program due to legislative gridlock—it is past time to move forward. This order will get cameras on officers on the street, so we know what happens during interactions with the public. This level of accountability is good for both officers and the public, and will help build trust in a time where the community, particularly the African American community, is hurting.”</p> <p>Officers' every interaction on the job will be recorded -- from crime scenes, to protests to on the street conversations.</p> <p>The department had said in late December they had hoped to have over 800 officers outfitted by the end of 2017.</p> <p>More than 50 police departments across the state have experimented with body cameras, but only a handful actually use them daily.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 DHS allows more temporary workers
SOURCE	https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2017/07/17/DHS-allows-15000-more-seasonal-foreign-workers-this-year/4341500310928/?utm_source=fp&utm_campaign=ls&utm_medium=1
GIST	<p>July 17 (UPI) -- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security on Monday announced it would allow 15,000 more foreign workers to obtain temporary non-immigrant visas due to a shortage of qualified laborers in the United States.</p> <p>DHS Secretary John Kelly filed the required paperwork with the Federal Register to increase the number of H-2B visas for fiscal year 2017 after meeting with Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta, who said there weren't enough U.S. workers to satisfy the needs of businesses across the country. Petitioners seeking to hire more visa workers must prove their businesses would sustain "irreparable harm" if they're unable to bring in the foreign workers.</p>

	<p>"Congress gave me the discretionary authority to provide temporary relief to American businesses at risk of significant harm due to a lack of available seasonal workers," Kelly said. "As a demonstration of the administration's commitment to supporting American businesses, DHS is providing this one-time increase to the congressionally set annual cap."</p> <p>H-2B visas allow non-agricultural workers to gain temporary employment in the United States if businesses are unable to find qualified U.S. workers. Foreign workers with H-2B visas are qualified for positions in hospitality, maintenance, retail, warehouses, theme parks, landscaping and security.</p> <p>Congress set the maximum number of H-2B visas to be issued at 66,000 for the fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30. Half of the visas are available during the first half of the year and the remaining available in the second half. The cap was met on March 13 this year.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Questions in Minn. police shooting
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-minnesota-police-shooting-idUSKBN1A20EZ
GIST	<p>MINNEAPOLIS (Reuters) - The probe into the fatal shooting of an Australian woman over the weekend by Minneapolis police who she called to report a strange noise behind her home turned on Monday to why the officers' body cameras were not on at the time.</p> <p>Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and the American Civil Liberties Union called for answers on why responding officers failed to turn on their body cameras when they arrived at the home of Justine Damond in a quiet, upper-middle-class neighborhood shortly before midnight Saturday.</p> <p>Police shot Damond, originally of Sydney, through the door of their patrol car as she approached them in an alley near her home, the Minneapolis Star-Tribune reported, citing three unnamed sources.</p> <p>"I have a lot of questions about why the body cameras weren't on, questions that I hope and anticipate will be answered in the next few days," Hodges told reporters late Sunday.</p> <p>Minneapolis Police Chief Janee Harteau in a statement on Monday called Damond's death tragic.</p> <p>"I've asked for the investigation to be expedited to provide transparency and to answer as many questions as quickly as we can," Harteau said.</p> <p>Hundreds took to the streets of Minneapolis Sunday to protest Damond's shooting in a neighborhood dotted with brick and stucco houses, where violent crimes are relatively rare.</p>

The state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which reviews police-involved shootings in Minneapolis, said the dashboard camera in the officers' patrol car did not capture the shooting. The BCA is currently seeking any civilian video of the incident.

The American Civil Liberties Union on Minnesota called for the release of the audio from Damond's 911 call, along with any audio from the officers' dash camera. The group's executive director, Teresa Nelson, said the officers failed to obey department rules by not having their body cameras on.

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HEADLINE	07/17 Court upholds FBI surveillance orders
SOURCE	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-surveillance-idUSKBN1A21XJ
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A U.S. federal appeals court on Monday upheld nondisclosure rules that allow the FBI to secretly issue surveillance orders for customer data to communications firms, a ruling that dealt a blow to privacy advocates.</p> <p>A unanimous three-judge panel on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco sided with a lower court decision in finding that rules permitting the Federal Bureau of Investigation to send national security letters under gag orders are appropriate and do not violate the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution's free speech protections.</p> <p>Content distribution firm Cloudflare and phone network operator CREDO Mobile had sued the government in order to notify customers of five national security letters, or NSLs, received between 2011 and 2013.</p> <p>The FBI's use of NSLs has drawn increased scrutiny as new transparency laws have let companies publish some of the letters, which has shown the agency may have run afoul of rules restricting their use.</p> <p>Andrew Crocker, an attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, which represented the companies in the consolidated case, said no immediate decision whether to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court had been made. He called the ruling disappointing.</p> <p>The Justice Department declined comment.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Somalia back online after 3wk outage
SOURCE	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/18/somalia-cut-off-from-internet-entire-country-three-weeks

GIST	<p>Somalia’s internet has returned after an outage of more than three weeks cost the Horn of Africa nation about \$10m a day.</p> <p>Hormuud Telecom, the country’s largest telecom company, announced the restoration of service in a message to subscribers.</p> <p>The loss of internet service sparked anger across Somalia and affected the central and southern parts of the country including the capital, Mogadishu. The government called it a “major disaster.”</p> <p>Officials and internet providers attributed the problem to a commercial ship that they said cut an undersea cable.</p> <p>Major companies reported millions of dollars in revenue losses. University studies were disrupted.</p> <p>The internet outage also complicated efforts to combat a nationwide drought that has half of the country’s 12 million people in need of assistance.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 CoinDash’ token sale site hacked
SOURCE	https://www.hackread.com/coindash-token-sale-ico-website-hacked-ethereum-stolen-2/
GIST	<p>CoinDash (ISO), an Israeli cryptocurrency social trading start-up has announced that it has suffered a massive security breach in which the company’s crowdfunding page was hacked during Token Sale event earlier today — As a result, unknown hackers stole Ethereum worth \$7 million.</p> <p>The incident took place when hackers breached the CoinDash’s website and replaced the official Ethereum address to a fraudulent Ethereum address. The users then sent ETH to the fraudulent Ethereum address rather than the CoinDash’s official address.</p> <p>As of now, CoinDash has shut down their website and is currently investigating the issue. The company has also assured their clients and customers that it will issue certified digital tokens (CDTs) to those who had sent ETH to the fraudulent Ethereum address. However, those who had sent transactions after the CoinDash’s site was shut down will not be compensated.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Dow Jones leaks personal info
SOURCE	https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/dow-jones-leaks-personal-info/
GIST	<p>Financial giant Dow Jones & Company has inadvertently leaked the sensitive personal and financial details of millions of the company’s customers.</p>

The UpGuard Cyber Risk Team found that a cloud-based file repository owned by the publishing firm had been configured to allow semi-public access to least 2.2 million customers as confirmed by Dow Jones; however, UpGuard conservatively estimates that the number may be as high as four million, per analysis of the size and composition of the repository.

The exposed data includes the names, addresses, account information, email addresses and last four digits of credit card numbers of millions of subscribers to Dow Jones publications like *The Wall Street Journal* and *Barron's*. Also exposed were the details of 1.6 million entries in a suite of databases known as Dow Jones Risk and Compliance, a set of subscription-only corporate intelligence programs used largely by financial institutions for compliance with anti-money laundering regulations.

The discovery was made May 30, and the database was secured June 6—since then, Dow Jones had made little effort to notify affected users other than an article in *the Journal* covering the leak on July 16, more than a month after the remediation.

“The data exposed in this cloud leak could be exploited by malicious actors employing a number of attack vectors already known to have been successful in the past,” said UpGuard researcher Dan O’Sullivan, in a post. “The aversion of Dow Jones and Company to notifying affected customers of this data exposure denies consumers the ability to swiftly act to protect their own personal information.”

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HEADLINE	07/17 Lithuania to extradite email fraud suspect
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/lithuania-extradite-100-million-email-fraud-suspect-us
GIST	<p>A Lithuanian man who allegedly swindled \$100 million (87 million euros) from tech giants Google and Facebook must be extradited to the United States, a court ruled on Monday.</p> <p>"The court has ruled in favour of extraditing Lithuanian citizen Evaldas Rimasauskas to the United States for criminal prosecution," Judge Aiva Surviliene said.</p> <p>The 48-year-old was arrested in March in the Baltic state at the request of US authorities, who accuse him of deceiving the two US firms in 2013-2015 by posing as a large Asia-based hardware vendor.</p> <p>Facebook and Google are mentioned in the indictment, Rimasauskas's lawyer confirmed to AFP.</p> <p>In a public statement, US prosecutors said Rimasauskas used "email accounts that were designed to create the false appearance that they were sent by employees and agents" of the Asian manufacturer.</p> <p>He is also accused of forging invoices, contracts and letters to trick the companies into wiring over \$100 million to overseas bank accounts under his control, according to prosecutors.</p>

	The scam was pulled off using deception and no Google systems were hacked, according to the California-based internet giant.
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HEADLINE	07/17 Securitas CEO identity stolen; bankrupt
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/identity-of-securitas-chief-executive-stolen-bankruptcy-filed/article/675343/
GIST	<p>The chief executive of Swedish security firm Securitas AB, Alf Göransson, has been declared bankrupt after having his identity stolen.</p> <p>The company announced on Wednesday in a release that a fraudulent loan application in Göransson's name was made in March.</p> <p>As a result, Göransson was declared bankrupt on 10 July by the Stockholm District Court.</p> <p>The company claims there was no attempt made by the court to contact Göransson before the decision was made to declare him bankrupt.</p> <p>"The decision by the Stockholm District Court is based on a falsified application," the company said. "The incident has been reported to the police and the decision will be appealed to the Court of Appeal immediately today."</p> <p>The bankruptcy officer appointed by Stockholm District Court says he will support the appeal of the bankruptcy decision, which is therefore expected to be removed.</p> <p>Göransson reportedly has not been told the size of the loan, if it has been paid, or the kind of loan application that was filed.</p> <p>Securitas says that Göransson is not a victim of theft for which the group provides protection.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 WhatsApp subscription phishing scam
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/whatsapp-phishing-attack-look-to-steal-payment-credentials/article/675560/
GIST	<p>ESET researchers warn users to beware of phishing messages purportedly from WhatsApp warning users they have been using the service for more than a year and that a subscription would be required for further use.</p> <p>An email version of the scam reads: "Our records indicate that your WhatsApp trial service is exceeding the one year [sic] period. At the completion of your trial period your WhatsApp will no longer be able to</p>

send or receive message. To continue using WhatsApp without interruption, we need you to subscribe for any of our subscription periods.”

An added extra bit of flavor that helps make an attack attempt even more convincing is that prior to January 2016, the messaging service charged a fee after a year of service before [announcing](#) it would make the app completely free for everyone, according to a July 14 [blog](#) post.

Researchers have also spotted the scam being sent via unsolicited text messages warning that they need to verify their information and offering a lifetime subscription for about \$1.30.

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HEADLINE	07/17 GhostCtrl silently haunts Android users
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/ghostctrl-malware-silently-haunts-android-users-hijacking-functionality/article/675562/
GIST	<p>Researchers have uncovered a highly versatile Android remote access trojan that hijacks device functionality, steals information and can even perform ransomware attacks.</p> <p>The malicious backdoor, dubbed GhostCtrl, is part of a larger campaign that also involves the Windows-based information-stealing worm RETADUP.A, according to Trend Micro, whose researchers found both malwares. RETADUP was discovered on June 27 after samples were detected and blocked after attempting to infect two Israeli hospitals.</p> <p>"The actors behind the attacks utilized both RETADUP and GhostCtrl. One targeted PCs while the other targeted Android users," said Jon Clay, director of global threat communication at Trend Micro, in an email interview with SC Media. "We're seeing more targeted attack actors utilize multiple malicious tools in their arsenal to ensure they are able to gather information and/or intelligence from their target victims."</p> <p>Trend Micro did not further elaborate on why the two malwares are linked to the same actor, or if GhostCtrl similarly targeted health care institutions in Israel, or otherwise. SC Media has reached out for additional answers.</p> <p>In a Monday blog post detailing the GhostCtrl threat, Trend Micro further reported that GhostCtrl gives attackers significant flexibility and options in terms specifying which malicious actions to perform and what content to steal. For instance, the malware can secretly upload and download files, intercept and send out SMS and MMS messages, run shell commands, call phone numbers, and even record voice and auto and exfiltrate those recordings to a malicious server.</p> <p>Even more unusual for RATS, the spyware can clear or reset specific account passwords, control Bluetooth in order to search and connect other devices, and disconnect active phone calls. The ability to</p>

	reset passwords, as well as lock device screens, allows some versions of GhostCtrl to potentially act as ransomware, forcing users to pay up in order to regain control of their devices.
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HEADLINE	07/17 FBI warns on IoT toy security
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/cloud/fbi-issues-warning-on-iot-toy-security/d/d-id/1329373?
GIST	<p>Internet-connected toys carry the potential of violating children's privacy and safety, given the amount of information the toys can collect and store, the Federal Bureau of Investigation warned on Monday.</p> <p>The sensors, microphones, data storage capabilities, cameras, and other multi-media features of IoT toys could potentially gather information on a child regarding their name, school, activity plans and physical location.</p> <p>And if those toys are hacked, the information and data collected could potentially be used by attackers to do a child harm, the FBI warned. The FBI advisory offered advice on selecting an IoT toy, such as only connecting it to a secure and trusted WiFi network, research the toy to ensure it can receive firmware and software updates, and investigate where the information entered into the toy is stored.</p>
Return to Top	<i>Read more about the FBI advisory here.</i>

HEADLINE	07/17 Britain: porn sites must verify age
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/britain-make-porn-sites-check-users-18-48680562?cid=clicksource_76_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>The British government says that starting next year pornography websites will have to verify that their users are at least 18.</p> <p>The government says that from April 2018 websites will have to show they are blocking access by minors, possibly by making users supply credit-card details. A regulator will have the power to fine those that fail to comply.</p> <p>The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children says the move will protect young people from "deeply damaging" imagery.</p> <p>But the Open Rights Group says the rule may let websites build up databases of users' personal information and porn habits. Executive director Jim Killick said Monday that the information "could be vulnerable to Ashley Madison-style hacks." In 2015, hackers stole details of millions of users of the infidelity website.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 China censors block Winnie the Pooh
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-china-blog-40627855
GIST	<p>The blocking of Winnie the Pooh might seem like a bizarre move by the Chinese authorities but it is part of a struggle to restrict clever bloggers from getting around their country's censorship.</p> <p>When is a set of wrist watches not just a set of wrist watches? When is a river crab not just a river crab? Inside the Great Firewall of China of course.</p> <p>Winnie the Pooh has joined a line of crazy, funny internet references to China's top leaders.</p> <p>The Chinese name for and images of the plump, cute cartoon character are being blocked on social media sites here because bloggers have been comparing him to China's president.</p> <p>When Xi Jinping and Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe endured one of the more awkward handshakes in history netizens responded with Winnie the Pooh and Eeyore shaking hands.</p> <p>And then there was the time President Xi popped his head out of the roof of his special Red Flag limousine to inspect the troops - a photo appeared online of a toy Winnie the Pooh popping out of his own little car.</p> <p>It is not only that China's censors will not tolerate ridicule of the country's leader, they do not want this beloved children's character becoming a kind of online euphemism for the Communist Party's general secretary.</p> <p>In other countries such comparisons might be thought of as harmless enough and some might even think that having Winnie as your mascot could even be quite endearing: not in China.</p> <p>Winnie the Pooh has actually fallen foul of the authorities here before. This renewed push against online Pooh is because we are now in the run-up to the Communist Party Congress this autumn.</p> <p>The meeting takes place every five years and, amongst other things, sees the appointment of the new Politburo Standing Committee: the now seven-member group at the top of the Chinese political system.</p> <p>Xi Jinping will also be using the Congress, which marks the beginning of his second term in office, to further solidify his grip on power by promoting allies and sidelining those seen as a threat.</p> <p>It had been thought that China has transformed into a system of two-term governance for the country's supreme leader but this is merely a recent convention rather than a rule.</p> <p>So, because President Xi has made so many enemies within the Party as a result of his widespread anti-corruption crackdown, many have questioned whether he can afford to give up power after the next five-year term.</p>

	<p>In order to stay on he will believe that he needs to ensure there are no cracks in the absolute loyalty he demands.</p> <p>And, in this climate, there is seen to be no room for even the most frivolous challenges to his supreme authority.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 French registrar Gandi domains hijacked
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/hundreds-domains-hijacked-french-registrar-gandi
GIST	<p>Hundreds of domains were hijacked earlier this month and redirected to an exploit kit landing page as part of an attack targeting the French domain name registrar and hosting services provider Gandi.</p> <p>According to an incident report published by Gandi last week, the hacker attack involved one of its technical partners, which helps the company connect to some of the 200 registries that allow it to manage more than 2.1 million domain names across 730 top level domains (TLDs).</p> <p>The attacker managed to obtain credentials to a web portal of this technical partner. It's unclear how the credentials were stolen, but Gandi suspects that the data may have been intercepted from the HTTP connection to its partner's portal. The company highlighted that its own systems or the infrastructure of its technical partner have not been breached.</p> <p>Once they gained access to the web portal, the attacker modified the name servers for 751 domains in an effort to redirect their visitors to an exploit kit.</p> <p>According to SWITCH, the registry for .ch (Switzerland) and .li (Liechtenstein) domain names, which had 94 of its domains hijacked, victims were redirected to the RIG exploit kit. One of the affected domains belongs to Swiss security firm SCRT, which also had its incoming emails redirected to a foreign mail server.</p> <p>Gandi said it learned about the incident on July 7 from a registrar and immediately started reverting the changes made by the attacker. The company has also reset all login credentials to the platforms used to connect to registries and technical partners.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Parents warned over Blue Whale challenge
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2017/07/17/parents-urged-to-be-on-alert-over-blue-whale-challenge-aimed-at-kids-online/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE — — It's called the "Blue Whale Challenge" and it allegedly targets teens on social media platforms. At least two families say the game has led to their child's suicide.</p>

As part of this ‘challenge,’ the teens reach out to game administrators, called “curators”, by using specific hashtags. The “curator” is said to give players daily tasks that range from harmless to horrifying –watching scary movies, cutting themselves and taking pictures of themselves in dangerous situations.

After 50 days of dares, the user is allegedly told to kill themselves. At least two families say the game led to their child's suicide; a 16-year-old Georgia girl and a 15-year-old boy from Texas.

“In this age of likes and followers, kids are a lot more vulnerable to following these challenges because they want to be on that social media cutting edge with their friends and fans and followers,” says Kim Estes of Savvy Parents Safe Kids.

Estes says parents must be watching their kids’ social media platforms. And beyond that, dig deeper. Talk to them about these online challenges and the dangers behind them; get their perspective and understand their feelings.

It’s still unclear where this alleged social media challenge originated; various websites say it reportedly started overseas. But Estes says the bottom line is that it’s trending and kids know about it and we need to talk to them about it sooner rather than later.

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HEADLINE	07/15 DHS sifts thru data on energy cyber threat
SOURCE	https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060057379
GIST	<p>Department of Homeland Security specialists are in the "early" stages of decoding a sophisticated hacking campaign targeting energy, nuclear power and manufacturing firms this year, according to an official familiar with the case.</p> <p>Mark Bristow, deputy division director for the Hunt and Incident Response Team [HIRT] at DHS's National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center, said the agency had not identified any risk to public safety from the cyber incidents, which date back to at least May and were first reported by E&E News last month (Energywire, June 27).</p> <p>Bristow said that there was so far nothing "abnormal or unusual" about the recent malicious activity but added that federal officials treat any such events as "a serious matter."</p> <p>"We take even what might be considered reasonably mundane intrusions into corporate environments of critical infrastructure asset owners very seriously, in the event that this is just the first stage of an intrusion with an intention to cause physical damage or anything like that," Bristow said. "The challenge with [cybersecurity] is that the difference in time between an adversary just gaining access and poking around</p>

and attempting to have an effect or consequence can be very short. So we have to take it seriously from the beginning to ensure that public safety impact won't — or can't — be realized."

The recent hacking campaign relied on "spearphishing" emails to lure employees into clicking on a hijacked resume for a "controls engineer," according to multiple sources and documents. The hackers also booby-trapped webpages likely to be visited by power-sector workers in a "watering hole" attack, among other tactics.

The Washington Post reported Saturday that U.S. government officials have already linked the digital assailants to Russia (*Energywire*, July 10). *The New York Times* first disclosed last week that the Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp. was among the companies affected by the breach.

A spokeswoman for the Kansas-based nuclear power facility declined to comment on security matters but said there has been no impact to safety systems. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which monitors safety and cybersecurity at the reactor level of nuclear power plants, said the case "is not related to the cyber assets under our regulations and oversight," indicating the cyberthreat never reached that tightly guarded level.

But were hackers aiming for nuclear operations?

Bristow declined to name targets or speculate on the adversary's ultimate goals. But he offered a general warning about jumping to conclusions so early in any investigation.

"Even if you see something that's targeted at control engineers, it doesn't necessarily mean that they're going after control systems — or it could," he said. "This is the challenge that we have: trying to make sense of a mountain of data and make assessments."

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HEADLINE	07/18 Volunteer fighters in forward role vs ISIS
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/us-british-volunteer-fighters-forward-role-battle-48695771?cid=clicksource_76_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed
GIST	Hunkered down in sniper positions on the top floor of an abandoned building in the Syrian city of Raqqa, two Americans and a British volunteer face off Islamic State snipers on the other side of the front line. The trio, including two who were battle-hardened by experience in the French Foreign Legion and the war in Iraq, have made the war against IS in Syria their own.

They are among several U.S. and British volunteers in the decisive battle against the Islamic State group for Raqqa, the city in northeastern Syria that the militants declared the capital of their self-proclaimed caliphate in parts of Syria and neighboring Iraq.

The men joined U.S.-allied Syrian militias for different reasons — some motivated by testimonies of survivors of the unimaginable brutality that IS flaunted in areas under its control.

Others joined what they see as a noble quest for justice and a final battle with the "heart of darkness," in a belief that violence can only be met with violence.

Taylor Hudson, a 33-year old from Pasadena, compares the fight for Raqqa to the 1945 Battle of Berlin in World War II that was critical to ending the rule of Adolf Hitler.

"This is the Berlin of our times," said Hudson, who doubles as a platoon medic and a sniper in the battle against the militants. For him, IS extremists "represent everything that is wrong with humanity."

Syria's war, now in its seventh year, has attracted foreign fighters to all sides of the complicated conflict.

Islamic extremists from Europe, Asia and North Africa have boosted the ranks of the Islamic State group, as well as rival radical al-Qaida-linked groups. Shiite Iranian and Lebanese militias have sided with the Syrian government, deepening the sectarian nature of the conflict that has killed over 400,000 people and displaced over 11 million, half of Syria's pre-war population.

On the anti-IS side — though far less in numbers than the thousands of foreigners who swelled the IS ranks — most Western foreign volunteers have been drawn to the U.S.-allied Kurdish militia known as The People's Protection Units, or by their Kurdish initials as the YPG. The U.S. military has developed a close relationship with the YPG and its extension, the Syrian Democratic Forces, in the war against IS.

Some Western volunteers have died in battle — earlier in July the YPG announced that 28-year-old Robert Grodt, of Santa Cruz, California, and 29-year-old Nicholas Alan Warden, of Buffalo, died in the battle for Raqqa.

Since launching the push on Raqqa on June 6, the U.S.-backed forces have conquered a third of the city.

Hudson, who has been fighting in Syria for the past 13 months, said he was moved to tears by stories in the media of Iraqi Yazidi women who were enslaved by IS militants and looked for a way to help. A pharmacy student who learned combat medicine in the field, he said he had treated some 600 wounded ahead of the march onto Raqqa.

The presence of Western anti-IS volunteers in Syria has created something of a conundrum for their governments, which have often questioned them on terrorism charges.

"I am not a terrorist," said Macer Gifford, a 30-year former City broker in London, who came to Syria three years ago to volunteer first with the Kurdish militia. Now he is fighting with an Assyrian militia, also part of the U.S-backed forces battling IS militants.

"I am here defending the people of Syria against terrorists," he added.

Gifford has been questioned by both his British government and by the U.S government. At home, he has written and lectured about the complex situation in Syria, offering a first-hand experience of IS' evolving tactics.

He believes the militants can only be defeated by sheer force.

"The Islamic State (group) is actually an exceptional opponent," Gifford said. "We can't negotiate them away, we can't wish them away. The only way we can defeat them is with force of arms."

For Kevin Howard, a 28-year old former U.S. military contractor from California who fought in Iraq in 2006, the war against the Islamic State group is more personal.

A skilled sniper who prides himself in having killed 12 IS militants so far, Howard said he is doing it for the victims of the Bataclan theatre in France, where the sister of one of his best friends survived. The Nov. 13, 2015 attacks claimed by IS killed 130 people at Paris cafes, the national stadium and the Bataclan, where 90 died.

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HEADLINE	07/17 Pentagon: Qatar base still open
SOURCE	http://www.militarytimes.com/articles/qatar-airbase-uae-caoc
GIST	<p>The U.S. still has full use of al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar but has considered alternatives in case the diplomatic rift between the U.S. ally and four other Arab nations further escalates, Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis said.</p> <p>"I think any time you are doing military operations, you are always thinking ahead to Plan Bs and Plan Cs ... we would be remiss if we didn't do that," Davis said. "In this case, we have confidence that our base in Qatar is still able to be used."</p> <p>Al-Udeid is home to more than 11,000 U.S. forces and houses the Combined Air Operations Center, where the U.S. coordinates airstrikes against the Islamic State in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan.</p> <p>Last month, al-Udeid's continued viability as the major U.S. air operations center was put into question after Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates cut diplomatic ties with Qatar and</p>

pledged to block all flights from entering the country. The countries have accused Qatar of actively supporting extremist and terror groups, and they have created a list of demands to be met before the ban is lifted. In the weeks since, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis have tried to mollify tensions between the countries but the diplomatic crisis continues.

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HEADLINE	07/17 ISIS conspirator pleads guilty to murder
SOURCE	http://www.hickoryrecord.com/news/morganton-isis-conspirator-pleads-guilty-to-st-degree-murder-judge/article_78218f53-9ea8-5c72-a8ce-af299d6d3faa.html
GIST	<p>MORGANTON – A 21-year-old Morganton man, who was sentenced to life in prison less than a month ago for plotting acts of terrorism, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and was handed a second life sentence in Burke County Superior Court on Monday.</p> <p>Burke County Superior Court Judge Robert C. Ervin sentenced Justin Nojan Sullivan to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the murder of John Bailey Clark, and said the two life sentences will be served consecutively.</p> <p>Sullivan elected to stand and speak after being sentenced and said, “I didn’t mean for things to happen this way.”</p> <p>Clark was slain either late Dec. 17, 2014, or early Dec. 18, 2014, N.C. 25th District Attorney David Learner said, presenting the Burke County Sheriff’s Office documents to the courtroom.</p> <p>The victim, while in bed, was shot three times in the head and buried in his backyard by Sullivan, Learner said. Sullivan, who lived with his parents approximately 0.2 miles from Clark, committed the murder while his parents were out of town.</p> <p>Sullivan stole a rifle from a gun cabinet owned by his father to slay the victim, he said.</p> <p>“In my opinion, this was a killing to prove, I guess to himself, that he could kill someone,” Learner said after Sullivan’s sentencing.</p> <p>Learner commented multiple times in court that Sullivan had never expressed remorse for the crimes he was convicted of Monday.</p> <p>Learner shared details about Sullivan’s ties to the Islamic State terrorist group.</p> <p>Sullivan wanted to start an “Islamic State of North America” that eventually led to him offering to pay an undercover Federal Bureau of Investigation officer money to murder his parents, Learner said.</p>

	<p>Learner referenced documents outlining Sullivan’s plan to attack a night club and target as many as 500-1,000 people.</p> <p>Sullivan also planned to buy an assault weapon at a gun show in Hickory in June 2015, and attempted to buy ammunition to use with that weapon, according to a press release from the district attorney’s office.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Syria army captures Raqqa oil wells
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-oil-idUSKBN1A223D?il=0
GIST	<p>BEIRUT (Reuters) - The Syrian army supported by Iranian backed militias seized new oil fields in the desert in the southwest of Raqqa province on Monday in new advances against retreating Islamic state militants.</p> <p>The Syrian army said on state media they had taken al Daylaa oil field alongside the Zamla gas field in large stretches of territory the militant group have been pulling out of in recent weeks to defend their remaining possessions in Syria.</p> <p>On Saturday the army said they taken control of Wahab, al Fahd, Dbaysan, al-Qseer, Abu al Qatat and Abu Qatash oil fields and several other villages in the desert area that lies in the southwest of Raqqa province.</p> <p>Most of Syria's oil fields are mainly located in the northeastern province of Hasaka which is the hands of Kurdish YPG militia and also in Raqqa province where the militants have been losing large swathes of territory to advancing U.S. backed forces now battling them inside Raqqa city.</p> <p>The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the Syrian army, supported by Iranian-backed militias from Iraq and Lebanon, was now on the edge of the Bushra chain of mountains, a main militant hideout 55 km west of Deir Zor city.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Egypt: militants kill 5 police in Sinai
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/militants-kill-police-complex-attack-egypts-sinai-48679899?cid=clicksource_76_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Egyptian security officials say suspected Islamic militants have attacked police in the northern Sinai Peninsula, killing five of them and wounding another five.</p> <p>They say the militants opened fire on an armored vehicle before setting it ablaze in the city of el-Arish on Monday. When reinforcements arrived, the militants set off a roadside bomb. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters.</p>

	<p>Egypt has been struggling to combat an insurgency in the northern Sinai that has gathered strength since the military overthrew Islamist President Mohammed Morsi in 2013. Most of the attacks, including an assault on an army post earlier this month that killed 23 soldiers, have been claimed by an Islamic State affiliate.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 UN reports rise in Afghan war deaths
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/afghan-official-key-southern-district-retaken-taliban-48675732?cid=clicksource_4380645_5_heads_posts_headlines_hed
GIST	<p>Afghanistan's protracted war killed a record number of civilians during the first six months of this year, according to a U.N. report released Monday, which blamed the majority of the deaths on bombings by insurgents.</p> <p>U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein said the "horrifying" figure of 1,662 people killed between January and June of this year "can never fully convey the sheer human suffering of the people of Afghanistan."</p> <p>"Each one of these casualty figures reflects a broken family, unimaginable trauma and suffering and the brutal violation of people's human rights," he added.</p> <p>The report confirmed that a massive truck bomb in the center of Kabul on May 31, which killed at least 90 people, was the deadliest attack since the U.S.-led invasion that toppled the Taliban in 2001. It also noted that more women and children were among the dead this year.</p> <p>Insurgent attacks killed 1,141 civilians, a 12 per cent increase over the same period last year, according to the report, which said such attacks wounded another 2,348 people.</p> <p>The report commended Afghanistan's security forces, saying fewer civilians were caught in the crossfire compared to last year. It said 434 civilians were killed during military operations against insurgents.</p> <p>Gen. Dowlat Waziri, a Defense Ministry spokesman, blamed the high toll on the insurgents' use of human shields. "The army is being very careful during operations to prevent civilian deaths," Waziri told The Associated Press.</p> <p>Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid rejected the "biased" report, saying it did not take into account civilians killed by Afghan and coalition forces in areas controlled by the Taliban. He did not provide any figures and there was no way to verify his claims.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 JBLM: soldiers return from Afghanistan
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/200-soldiers-return-to-jblm-after-9-month-deployment-overseas
GIST	<p>JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. -- Two hundred soldiers returned to Joint Base Lewis-McChord Monday after a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan and Iraq.</p> <p>Nine months after they first deployed, the blue curtain went up inside the Wilson Fitness Center and 200 soldiers with the 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment (5-5 ADA) emerged. They were stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan working to keep the skies clear of rockets and mortars.</p> <p>5-5 ADA, which is a part of the 31st ADA Brigade at Ft. Sill, Okla. and attached to the 17th Field Artillery Brigade, was first constituted on June 13, 1861, as Battery H, 5th Regiment of Artillery, according to a JBLM spokesman. Since their creation, they have been reorganized multiple times until Oct. 1, 2005, where they officially became 5-5 ADA and moved from Korea to Ft. Lewis, Washington, he added.</p> <p>This is their third deployment in three years, a JBLM spokesman said.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 UN: Iraq major challenges post-Mosul
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/envoy-warns-iraq-faces-major-challenges-mosul-48681733?cid=clicksource_76_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>The U.N. envoy for Iraq warned Monday that the road ahead for the Mideast nation is "extremely challenging" following the liberation of Mosul, stressing that freeing other territory controlled by Islamic State extremists won't be easy.</p> <p>Jan Kubis told the Security Council that supporters of the militant group are also continuing "their vicious terrorist activities against civilians in Iraq and beyond."</p> <p>With the liberation of Mosul declared on July 10 by Iraq's Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, the country's coalition-backed forces must now reclaim other IS-controlled territory in parts of Ninawa and Anbar governorates, in Hawija in Kirkuk governorate and in pockets elsewhere, he said.</p> <p>At the same time, Iraq must start demining, stabilizing and rebuilding Mosul so people who fled the fighting can return home, Kubis said, and it must eliminate IS cells, criminal gangs and militias operating outside government control.</p> <p>Since military operations began in October to retake Mosul from IS extremists, he said approximately one million people have been displaced.</p>

Addressing the issue of civilian casualties, Kubis said that at al-Abadi's direction, the liberation operation was marked by "an exceptional effort" by Iraqi forces and their international partners to avoid civilian deaths.

In stark contrast, he said, IS "terrorists showed absolute disregard for human lives and civilization" by booby-trapping and destroying houses, infrastructure and religious and cultural monuments and deliberately targeting civilians.

The extremist group used civilians as human shields, locked people in their homes and used rooftop snipers to kill those attempting to flee to safety, Kubis said. "They butchered them by using suicide bombers who included females and brainwashed children," even in camps for the displaced.

Kubis said it is also "crucial" for the government to enforce law and order, the rule of law, justice and accountability as well as implement reforms and good governance practices and promoting development. He said this must also be done in southern Iraq, which was far from the battleground.

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HEADLINE	07/16 New tool: cost of collisions in Seattle
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/seattle/new-map-shows-costs-of-collisions-in-seattle/457175867
GIST	<p>There's a new tool to help explain the cost of collisions in Seattle. The interactive map shows how many crashes have happened over the past 10 years.</p> <p>“The city does a great job of making all this data available and open and accessible; the problem is it's kind of in this giant spreadsheet-like format that's hard to make sense of,” said Tim Ganter, a web designer and developer who developed the online map.</p> <p>The website allows users to see not only what kind of crashes occurred, but also the costs of injuries, fatalities, and property damage.</p> <p>“I just hadn't realized the cost, even as a professional safety advocate, \$3.2 billion over ten years is a staggering number,” said Gordon Padelford, the incoming executive director of the group Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, which worked with Ganter to develop the map. They discovered some interesting trends.</p> <p>“Capitol Hill has more parked cars hit over the past 10 years compared to other neighborhoods,” Ganter said.</p>

	<p>The map also shows a constellation of damage around the intersection of Denny and Stewart. The crossroads was recently voted Seattle's worst intersection for pedestrians in an informal poll by a pedestrian safety advocate.</p> <p>Ganter hopes his map will help educate the city about a persistent problem on nearly every block.</p>
Return to Top	<p>Click on link to view interactive map of collisions in Seattle since 2006: http://seattlecollisions.timganter.io/collisions</p>

HEADLINE	07/16 Tacoma Narrows Bridge short on tolls
SOURCE	http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/traffic/article161545883.html
GIST	<p>The third bridge built over the Tacoma Narrows turned 10 on Saturday without the fanfare that marked its opening, and a region's eyes remain trained on how it's doing.</p> <p>The answer is mixed.</p> <p>The bridge's structure remains solid — its life has far outstripped that of its famous predecessor, Galloping Gertie — and commuters fill its lanes every weekday.</p> <p>But traffic and toll collections have fallen far short of what state officials projected before 2007.</p> <p>The state Department of Transportation says it remains on track to pay off the bridge's debts by 2032.</p> <p>The head of the committee that makes toll recommendations for the bridge, however, said the paucity of bridge traffic could reverberate one day with toll hikes or pleas to the Legislature for more money.</p> <p>To assess the bridge's financial state, the News Tribune compared a consultant's traffic projection for the state Department of Transportation in 2006 with the reported traffic through this March.</p> <p>It found the bridge will have to see 27 million drivers — nearly two years' worth of traffic — between April and December 2017 to catch up to early expectations.</p> <p>"The traffic hasn't materialized," said Bruce Beckett, chairman of the bridge's Citizen Advisory Committee, which is in charge of making toll rate recommendations.</p> <p>Instead of nearing 17 million vehicles a year as predicted, the bridge has not yet had a 15 million-vehicle year, Beckett noted. As a result, revenue from tolls is well behind what was originally predicted.</p> <p>The bridge was projected to be taking in a little more than \$100 million a year in tolls by now. It isn't close. After the last toll increase, in July 2015, revenues for the next year were about \$78 million. As of March, the bridge was on pace to bring in about \$82 million for the fiscal year that ended June 30.</p>

	<p>The life-of-the-bridge toll collections by the end of March were \$537 million. That’s about \$225 million short of what the 2006 projection said would be in bridge coffers by the end of this year.</p> <p>The causes of this shortfall are debatable.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 EU limits inflatable boat sales to Libya
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/migrant-crisis-eu-limits-sale-inflatable-boats-libya-48678453?cid=clicksource 76 4 article%20roll articleroll hed
GIST	<p>The European Union is allowing members to restrict sales of inflatable boats and outboard motors to Libya in an effort to stop dangerous migrant smuggling across the Mediterranean.</p> <p>EU foreign ministers agreed Monday to allow member countries to ban such export or supply "where there are reasonable grounds to believe that they will be used by people smugglers and human traffickers."</p> <p>A statement said the measure will also apply to boats and motors transiting through the EU, but not to fishermen or others with legitimate need for them.</p> <p>The foreign ministers also agreed to extend a border aid mission in Libya through the end of 2018 that helps Libyan security forces, notably in the lawless south.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Questions in deaths 8 prominent Russians
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/eight-prominent-russians-dead/2017/07/17/id/802182/
GIST	<p>Eight high-profile Russians have died since President Donald Trump won the election in November and questions remain surrounding the circumstances of their deaths, <u>CNN reported Monday.</u></p> <p>The death of former intelligence official Oleg Erovinin, who CNN reported had close ties to Russian intelligence, has conspiracy theorists speculating that he might have been a source in the inflammatory dossier that said Russian President Vladimir Putin has been “cultivating, supporting and assisting Trump for at least five years.”</p> <p>Vitaly Churkin, 64, and Russia’s ambassador to the United Nations died of a heart attack on February 20, while 67-year-old Alexander Kadakin, the Russian ambassador to India, died in January of an undisclosed illness. Denis Voronenkov, 45, a Russian politician who spoke out against Putin after he fled to Ukraine, was shot dead in March outside a hotel in Kiev, and Andrey Malanin, a 54 year old senior diplomat at the Russian embassy in Greece, reportedly died from natural causes in January.</p>

	<p>Andrey Karlov, 62, and Petr Polshikov, 56, were shot to death on December 20 in separate incidents. Karlov was the Russian ambassador to Turkey and Polshikov was a senior Russian diplomat. Another Russian diplomat, 63-year-old Sergei Krivov, was <u>found unresponsive on Election Day in New York City</u> with blunt force trauma to the head. Consular officials said he had a heart attack.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Fabled Northwest Passage melting
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/global-warming-melts-ice-alters-fabled-northwest-passage-48690113
GIST	<p>More than a century has passed since the first successful transit of the treacherous, ice-bound Northwest Passage by Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen in 1906.</p> <p>Now The Associated Press is sending a text, video and photo team through the passage, where global warming is melting sea ice and glaciers at an historic rate, altering and opening up the Arctic in a way unprecedented in recorded history.</p> <p>Although the passage presents an attractive shortcut for maritime traffic between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, only a dozen or two vessels attempt to navigate the poorly charted Canadian Arctic Archipelago during the brief summer window each year. Many are sturdy coast guard icebreakers, adventure cruises and thrill-seekers in small, nimble boats hoping to pick their way through fields of floating ice that can easily strand unprepared mariners.</p> <p>Some also consider the Northwest Passage a future alternative for freighters aiming to save fuel on the route from Asia to Europe, and there have been several test runs over the years. The region has become a magnet for nations wanting to tap into the Arctic's rich oil reserves and other natural resources and for scientists seeking to understand global warming and its impacts on the sea and wildlife.</p> <p>The AP is accompanying an international group of researchers for a weeks-long expedition on MSV Nordica, a 27-year-old Finnish government-owned icebreaker, to view firsthand the changes taking place in one of the planet's most forbidding corners.</p> <p>This is the first post from the voyage, which began July 5 in Vancouver, British Columbia, entered the passage at the Bering Strait nine days later and ends in Greenland toward the end of July.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Squatters behind warehouse fire?
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/squatters-may-be-to-blame-for-fire-at-empty-warehouse/562776781
GIST	SEATTLE, Wash. - Fire officials say squatters may be responsible for causing a huge fire at an empty warehouse in Seattle's Rainier Valley Sunday morning.

	<p>Dozens of firefighters were called to the scene as the empty warehouse at the corner of South Grand and 22nd Avenue went up in flames.</p> <p>The fire was shooting through the roof at one point and thick black columns of smoke could be seen from miles away.</p> <p>Fire officials say they initially had trouble accessing the warehouse because the building was vacant.</p> <p>Investigators are looking into whether vagrants may have been inside at one point, potentially setting the fire.</p> <p>Fire crews say they have been working for years to deal with squatters at the site.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Pentagon ignores IG fiscal report
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/pentagon-ignores-watchdog-calls-33-6-billion-savings-n783511
GIST	<p>The Department of Defense's failure to act on recommendations from its own watchdog may have cost \$33.6 billion, a new report says.</p> <p>The Pentagon's Inspector General's Office released a 458-page report last week that detailed how the Department of Defense responded to 288 Inspector General audits that went back as far as 2006. The report concluded that the Pentagon addressed very few problem areas and may have cost itself and American taxpayers \$33.6 billion in wasteful spending.</p> <p>The costliest example provided in the report listed the Marine Corps purchase of the CH-53K helicopter. The military branch planned to buy 44 more helicopters than it needed in 2013, according to the IG, costing taxpayers an additional \$22.2 billion.</p> <p>Despite the IG's warning against the purchase, the Marine Corps went ahead with the acquisition.</p> <p>The Department of Defense did not respond to requests for comment.</p> <p>Some of that money can still be recovered if the department follows 58 of the IG's suggestions that contain "associated potential monetary benefits," though the report, released Thursday, notes that a number of those opportunities may have passed.</p> <p>"We believe that [the Department of Defense] senior managers should focus attention on the 1,298 open recommendations and ensure that prompt resolution and action is taken," the report said.</p>

The Pentagon “agreed to take corrective action on 1,251” of the recommendations, according to Acting Inspector General Glenn Fine.

As of March 31, when the office concluded its overview, 832 recommendations had been pending for more than a year, 109 had languished for more than three years and two had gathered dust for more than a decade.

The second-highest dollar amount in waste came from the Air Force's purchase of \$8.8 billion worth of MQ-9 Reaper drones. The IG said it was a waste as the Air Force had spent the same amount on the drones in previous years.

Despite the admitted losses, the report also made a few suggestions that could save the Department of Defense money in the future — if the recommendations are followed. Some of that information, particularly reports related to the F-35 program and Cyber Command, was classified and redacted from the public version of the report.

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HEADLINE	07/18 Greece: anarchist protest turns violent
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/greece-anarchist-protest-leaves-dozens-stores-damaged-48697050?cid=clicksource_76_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>The mayor of Athens says more than 60 stores have been damaged in the city's busiest shopping area following a violent protest organized by anarchist groups.</p> <p>George Kaminis visited Athens' central Ermou Street early Tuesday, and said the violent protesters were trying to bring the city's commercial activity "to its knees."</p> <p>Late Monday, dozens of youths carrying hammers and metal bars smashed storefronts before being dispersed by police who used tear gas. Thirteen people were detained for questioning and later released, and one other was arrested on unrelated charges.</p> <p>The protest was sparked after an Athens court rejected a motion to suspend a sentence for a 29-year-old teacher who was convicted of being a member of militant anarchist group. More protests are planned later Tuesday.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Teen charged in Seattle park shooting
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/local/crime/article/Teen-charged-in-shooting-at-Seattle-s-Gas-Works-11295194.php

GIST	<p>A teen accused in a May shooting at a popular park on Seattle’s Lake Union has been charged with assault.</p> <p>King County prosecutors say Deshawn Wild shot two other young men at Gas Works Park on May 26. Wild, 17, had been at large until earlier in July.</p> <p>Writing the court, Senior Deputy Prosecutor Dana Cashman described Wild as a danger to the public. “He shot two young men who were apparently strangers to him,” said Cashman, noting that witnesses said the shooting wasn’t preceded by an argument.</p> <p>Police were called to the Fremont-neighborhood park shortly after 2 a.m. Officers arrived to find that two people had been shot; detectives identified Wild as a suspect shortly after the shooting.</p> <p>That night, Wild was at the park with three friends when he approached another group that had gathered around a fire pit, a Seattle Police Department detective said in charging papers. Wild asked a member of the other group “What’s up?” before drawing a pistol and opening fire, the detective continued.</p> <p>Police say Wild appeared to have targeted a particular member of the other group, shooting him in the stomach at a range of about 10 feet.</p> <p>“It was apparent that Wild was shooting at the victim and not just into the group of people,” the detective said in court papers.</p> <p>The injured man told police he and his assailant had a brief argument before the shooting. According to charging papers, he said doubted he would be able to identify the man who shot him.</p> <p>Wild and his friends fled the park, according the charging papers. He had not been located by police when charges were filed.</p> <p>Wild’s criminal history includes several gun crimes. He appears to have lost his firearms rights in 2014. Wild was booked into the King County Regional Justice Center on Thursday, and is currently being held at the Kent jail on \$500,000 bail. He has been charged with first-degree assault.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Record cocaine production in Colombia
SOURCE	http://www.insightcrime.org/news-analysis/record-cocaine-production-colombia-fuels-new-criminal-generation
GIST	Colombia is now producing more cocaine than ever before, just as a new chapter in the country's criminal history begins and the government tries to implement a peace agreement with Marxist rebels.

The 2016 illicit crop monitoring data for Colombia has just been published by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The report contains a wealth of data on Colombia's drug production, none of it encouraging. The top line is that annual cocaine production rose more than 34 percent to 866 metric tons. The number of hectares under coca cultivation leapt from 96,000 in 2015 to 146,000 in 2016, a 52 percent increase. This means that Colombia is producing more cocaine than it ever has.

The UN data, while often disputed, is the benchmark for those seeking to put some kind of number on Colombia's cocaine trade. In March, the US Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) unveiled its estimates for Colombia, stating that there were 188,000 hectares of coca crops in 2016. While higher than the UN estimates, the gap between the two institutions has begun to narrow.

This must be of particular concern to the Colombian government and the security forces, as these two departments are home to the most powerful dissident group of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia - FARC): the First Front.

This FARC unit pronounced itself dissident in July last year, even before the government signed the November 2016 peace agreement, which is now being implemented and has seen more than 7,000 guerrillas concentrate in special zones around the country and hand over weapons.

The FARC were the single most important players in the Colombian, and therefore the global cocaine trade. They controlled over 60 percent of the coca crops in the country, charging taxes on production and getting involved in almost every link in the drug chain. Their departure changes the dynamics of the drug trade.

This takes us to the new generation of criminal groups in Colombia that are profiting from the cocaine bonanza. The first thing is to forget about traditional drug cartels along the lines of the Medellín and Cali Cartels. They are long gone as organized crime structures. Forget also the heavily-armed paramilitary army of the United Self Defense Forces of Colombia (Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia – AUC). While the generation of criminal groups born out of the AUC demobilization, the BACRIM (so named after the Spanish for criminal bands, "bandas criminales") has its roots in the AUC, it does not have the same military capacity nor territorial control of its paramilitary predecessors.

Today it is all about networks, and the most powerful one is group under what we call the "Urabeños" franchise, although this group prefers to call itself the Gaitanista Self Defense Forces of Colombia (Autodefensas Gaitanistas de Colombia – AGC). This franchise has reach across Colombia and is responsible for moving the lion's share of cocaine across the Colombian border.

The Urabeños used to work closely with the FARC. The guerrillas would sell them coca base and protect shipments going through their territory. However the departure of the FARC from the criminal scene has changed the drug trafficking landscape, just as the demobilization of the AUC in 2006 did.

	The new chapter in Colombia's criminal history is now unfolding as the cocaine industry adapts to the FARC withdrawal and seeks to fill the vacuum left by the rebel army.
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HEADLINE	07/17 DOJ signals increase in asset forfeiture
SOURCE	http://reason.com/blog/2017/07/17/sessions-announces-justice-department-wi
GIST	<p>U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the Justice Department will issue new directives to increase the federal government's use of civil asset forfeiture, a controversial practice that allows law enforcement to seize property from suspected criminals without charging them with a crime.</p> <p>Speaking at a National District Attorneys Association conference in Minneapolis Monday, Sessions said state and local law enforcement could expect changes from U.S. Attorneys in several areas: increased prosecution of gun crimes, immigration offenses, gang activity, and prescription drug abuse, as well as increased asset seizure by the federal government.</p> <p>"[W]e hope to issue this week a new directive on asset forfeiture—especially for drug traffickers," Sessions said. "With care and professionalism, we plan to develop policies to increase forfeitures. No criminal should be allowed to keep the proceeds of their crime. Adoptive forfeitures are appropriate as is sharing with our partners."</p> <p>The Justice Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment and for more information about the directive.</p> <p>Asset forfeiture became a prized hammer in law enforcement's tool chest in the 1980s, when the government was struggling to combat organized drug cartels. Law enforcement groups say the laws allow them to disrupt drug trafficking operations by targeting their proceeds—cars, cash, and guns.</p> <p>However, the practice has exploded since then, and civil liberties groups and political advocacy organizations, both liberal and conservative, say the perverse profit incentives and lack of due process for property owners lead to far more average citizens having their property seized than cartel bosses.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/18 US-Mexico drug tunnels evolving
SOURCE	https://ww2.kqed.org/news/2017/07/18/u-s-mexico-drug-tunnels-evolving-amid-increased-border-security/
GIST	Under the corrugated steel plates that divide the U.S. and Mexico in Otay Mesa, dozens of clandestine cross-border tunnels slash through the soil.

As President Donald Trump looks to build new barriers along the border, criminal organizations in Mexico are improving the tunnels they use to smuggle people and drugs under the border fence — making them smaller and maintaining a high level of sophistication, featuring electricity and railways.

Smuggling tunnels vary in shape and size, but generally fall under one of these three categories, according to U.S. Border Patrol:

- **Rudimentary tunnels**, or “gopher holes,” are cheaply made and stretch short distances, maybe 50 feet. They are used to smuggle humans or small quantities of drugs under the border.
- **Interconnecting tunnels** exploit existing municipal infrastructure, linking up with storm drains and sewer lines. They are used to smuggle humans and drugs under the border.
- **Sophisticated tunnels** can stretch for long distances (the longest ever found was equivalent to the length of eight football fields) and are often equipped with lighting, electricity, ventilation, water pumps, railways and more. They are used to move large volumes of drugs under the border.

In San Diego, tunnels are usually sophisticated, partly because of the highly organized criminal organization operating in Baja California — the Sinaloa Cartel — as well as the characteristics of Otay Mesa, a neighborhood that exists on both sides of the border. In the U.S. and in Mexico, Otay Mesa is crowded with warehouses, providing numerous spaces to hide tunnel entry and exit points.

According to the U.S. Border Patrol, in the past three decades, 29 of the 62 sophisticated tunnels that have been found along the U.S.-Mexico border were in the San Diego sector. Meanwhile, of the 197 total tunnels discovered along the border, 62 were in the San Diego sector. These figures exclude about 100 unfinished tunnels found on the Mexican side of the border.

Drug tunnels began to proliferate in response to increased border security, particularly border fence construction launched in the 1990s, according to U.S. and Mexican researchers.

“The more sophisticated our border infrastructure has become, the more the smugglers have upped their game,” said David Shirk, director of the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego.

Shirk said cartels are going as far as consulting with top engineers in Europe to perfect their tunnel architecture.

“And they have every incentive to do so. If it costs \$1 million to make a tunnel like that, they can make that back on the first run,” he said.

Drug seizures in tunnels are often in the multi-million dollar range, which suggests that cartels are making hundreds of millions of dollars on these tunnels.

Lance Lenoir is captain of Border Patrol’s five-person tunnel entry team, known as the Tunnel Rats. When a tunnel is discovered with an exit in the U.S., the Tunnel Rats get to work.

	<p>“What we do is assess the tunnel, characterize it, go in, pull out evidence, map it, get rid of it,” Lenoir said.</p> <p>By “get rid of it,” Lenoir means they fill the tunnel with cement on the U.S. side of the border — what Border Patrol calls “remediation” of the tunnel. The tunnels often remain open on the Mexican side.</p> <p>Lenoir said the sophisticated tunnels centered around San Diego are becoming narrower and harder to detect — ranging anywhere from 36 inches to less than four feet in diameter.</p> <p>So far, the most reliable method of detection has been what Lenoir called “good old-fashioned police work,” with officials pursuing leads from informants who notice suspicious jackhammer sounds, large piles of dirt, or people coming and going at unusual hours. But U.S. federal agencies are now seeking to improve tunnel detection technologies.</p> <p>“We need to bring the technology piece. Right now, it’s lacking,” Lenoir said. “I mean we’re talking about a niche problem that doesn’t have any parallel to commercial or industry standard.”</p> <p>Existing technology — ranging from ground-penetrating radar to sensors that detect changes in microgravity — gets thrown off by surface clutter and noise, and there is a lot of cross-border traffic in this area. Radio and electromagnetic interference is another problem. Heterogeneous geology along the U.S.-Mexico border — a mix of porous, sandy and rocky — also makes it hard to see what is underground.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Drug cartels spark violence in Cancun
SOURCE	http://plenglish.com/index.php?o=rn&id=15681&SEO=drug-cartels-battles-spark-off-violence-and-insecurity-in-cancun
GIST	<p>Mexico, July 17 (Prensa Latina) Cancun, one of Mexico’s main tourist resorts, is currently experiencing unprecedented high-levels of violence and insecurity caused by battles between drug cartels.</p> <p>This situation forced people and tourists to change their habits and avoid from participating in night activities, who are afraid to be involved in violent events.</p> <p>A diagnosis regarding public security and governance, commissioned by Quintana Roo government, points out the presence of criminal gangs, particularly in the municipalities of Benito Juarez, Solidaridad, Othon P. Blanco, Cozumel and Felipe Carrillo Puerto; that is, nearly half of the state.</p> <p>These are cells from the Pacific and Jalisco Nueva Generacion drug cartels operating in Cancun, Chetumal and other municipalities.</p>

	<p>In Quintana Roo, Los Sureños drug cartel is closely related to Los Zetas, and Los Pelones linked with El Golfo Cartel, according to the report.</p> <p>The same diagnosis unveils that there are local criminal groups 'sometimes related to political actors or groups', who are engaged in goods piracy and human trafficking, informal commerce, as well as drug dealing.</p> <p>It also confirms the statements made by the military officers, following the attack on the Attorney General's office last January, relating to the existence of the so-called Cancun drug cartel made up of deserters from other criminal organizations.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Car in deadly 'surfing' accident found
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/694718/one-killed-in-possible-car-surfing-accident-on-i-405/
GIST	<p>Investigators have found the car they believe was involved a deadly accident on southbound I-405 in Kirkland Monday morning.</p> <p>Witnesses tell the Washington State Patrol they saw someone fell out of the sunroof. Troopers believe the man who was killed was either car surfing or standing in a sunroof when the car hit a guard rail, causing him to fall from the car. The driver has not been located.</p> <p>A short time after the incident, someone called 911 and said they had information about the accident and wanted to meet investigators. When they showed up the person wasn't there, but investigators did find the car in the area.</p> <p>Troopers aren't sure if the person who called 911 may be the driver or someone else who may have been in the car. They're working with Kirkland Police to track the caller down and find the driver.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Court: pot scent not enough for search
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/07/17/colorado-appeals-court-rules-scent-marijuana-not-enough-to-search-vehicle.html
GIST	<p>A Colorado appeals court ruled Thursday that the possible presence of marijuana in a vehicle, detected by drug-sniffing dogs, does not give police the authority to search the vehicle.</p> <p>A three-judge panel ruling in the case of a Craig resident agreed that police officers need more cause to search a vehicle without permission, according to the Grand Junction Sentinel.</p>

Return to Top	<p>Judge Daniel Dailey wrote in his ruling that it could be legal marijuana in the certain vehicle.</p> <p>“Because Amendment 64 legalized possession for personal use of one ounce or less of marijuana by persons 21 years of age or older in Colorado, it is no longer accurate to say, at least as a matter of state law, that an alert by a dog which can detect marijuana — but not specific amounts — can reveal only the presence of ‘contraband,’” he wrote.</p> <p>Dailey added the dog sniffing the vehicle could “infringe upon a legitimate expectation of privacy.”</p> <p>The judges ruled in a February 2015 case. Craig police Cpl. Bryan Gonzalez followed a truck driven by Kevin McKnight that was leaving a house authorities had raided two months earlier.</p> <p>Gonzalez said in testimony that he pulled McKnight over for making a turn without signaling and later called for a drug-sniffing dog. The dog sniff revealed a pipe that is mostly associated with meth smoking, according to the paper.</p> <p>McKnight was convicted of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. However, the appeals court ruled the drug-sniffing dog could not tell what he was sniffing because marijuana is legal in Colorado. Thus, officers did not have enough probable cause to search the vehicle.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/16 Alarm over administrative subpoenas
SOURCE	https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2017/07/16/concerns-raised-over-prosecutors-power-seize-phone-internet-records/JKdVWqjFNUSMkaboOoAhZK/story.html
GIST	<p>When prosecutors first pushed for the power to seize telephone and Internet records themselves, bypassing the need for a judge to approve a warrant, they argued the power was necessary to help them quickly track down missing children and sexual predators.</p> <p>But records obtained by the American Civil Liberties Union show prosecutors have used that significant subpoena power hundreds of times a year in routine investigations related to larceny, check fraud, assault, and other common crimes.</p> <p>The explosion in the use of these administrative subpoenas, as they are formally known, has alarmed civil libertarians, who point out that, under the law, the targets do not have to be criminal suspects and are generally unaware that law enforcement is tracking their phone logs and online histories.</p> <p>The law allows prosecutors to issue the subpoenas as long as they have “reasonable grounds to believe” the records “are relevant and material to an ongoing criminal investigation.” Unlike for a warrant issued by a judge, prosecutors do not need to present evidence that there is probable cause to believe a crime has been committed, and no independent arbiter oversees the process.</p>

“It’s a sanctioned fishing expedition tool,” said Kade Crockford, director of the Technology for Liberty Program at the ACLU of Massachusetts. “It shouldn’t be easy for law enforcement to dig around in our communications records, and find out who we’re talking to, and for how long, and be able to strip us of our anonymity online, simply by signing a piece of paper.”

Prosecutors argue the subpoenas are a critical tool to help investigators move quickly. They point out that the subpoenas allow them to obtain call logs, the names of telephone subscribers, and the IP addresses and names associated with social media and e-mail accounts, which can allow them to find a user’s physical location. Prosecutors cannot, under the law, obtain the contents of telephone calls, text messages, or e-mails.

“Administrative subpoenas enable us to build probable cause in the early stages of investigations into serious cases like human trafficking, child pornography, and drug trafficking,” said Chloe Gotsis, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Maura Healey. “Without them, we would not be able to successfully pursue many of our cases.”

Prosecutors were granted the power to issue administrative subpoenas under a 2008 state law called An Act Further Protecting Children. District attorneys and then-attorney general Martha Coakley pushed for the law — which also toughened penalties for child rapists — saying it would help them locate missing children and combat cybercrime.

But the ACLU has long been concerned that there is no independent oversight to prevent the law from being abused. In one case cited by the group, Suffolk District Attorney Daniel F. Conley issued a subpoena in 2011 to find the subscriber information for several Twitter handles and for anyone who used the hashtag #BostonPD after the police removed an Occupy Boston encampment in Dewey Square.

Conley’s office said the records were needed to investigate the hacker group Anonymous, which was stealing data and attempting to intimidate law enforcement officers. But the ACLU argued the subpoena could net any Twitter users who criticized police and used the #BostonPD hashtag. Conley’s office later narrowed the subpoena to two specific Twitter handles, but no indictments ever resulted from the investigation.

To shed more light on the issue, the ACLU recently asked Healey and the state’s 11 district attorneys how many administrative subpoenas they issued between 2014 and 2016, and the types of investigations for which they were needed.

District attorneys Thomas M. Quinn of Bristol County and David E. Sullivan of the Northwestern District did not respond to the request.

Conley, Michael W. Morrissey of Norfolk County, Anthony D. Gulluni of Hampden County, and Jonathan W. Blodgett of Essex County declined to provide data, saying they did not track their use of the subpoenas

or would not release the information because it relates to investigations and is therefore exempt from the public records law. As a result, for six district attorneys, almost nothing is known about how many people were targeted, and for what purpose.

Four other district attorneys disclosed a limited amount of data. But Healey and Middlesex District Attorney Marian T. Ryan turned over a large trove of information that revealed how frequently the subpoenas are used.

Ryan's office said it issued more than 2,400 over the last three years, while Healey's office said it sent more than 1,200 during the period.

Healey's office did not disclose all of the criminal matters involved but said some were related to human trafficking, child sex abuse, larceny, and drugs.

Ryan's office said the subpoenas were used to investigate crimes ranging from annoying calls and destruction of property to stabbing and rape of a child.

District Attorney Michael O'Keefe of the Cape and Islands, who issued 450 subpoenas over the last three years, said his prosecutors used them most frequently to investigate homicides, unattended deaths, and drug crimes. He said investigators cannot always wait for a judge or grand jury to approve a search warrant.

"You might lose some valuable time in the initial stages of the investigation, so the use of the administrative subpoena moves things along fairly quickly," he said.

Senator Cynthia S. Creem, a Newton Democrat, said she is frustrated that prosecutors initially told lawmakers the subpoenas were needed to protect vulnerable children from predators.

"We were promised that it was limited, and that immediacy required it," Creem said. "It seems like they took a tool that was voted for one purpose, and used it for their own purposes, and that's not how it works."

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HEADLINE	07/17 Police: 40,000 minks set free from cages
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/trending-now/up-to-40000-mink-set-free-when-people-break-into-minnesota-mink-fur-farm-police-say-1/563440323
GIST	Police say intruders freed up to 40,000 minks, highly valued for their fur, from their cages at a farm in Richmond, Minnesota.

	<p>WJON reported that Stearns County Sheriff Don Gudmonson said that someone or a group of people broke into Lang Mink Farm between 10:30 p.m. Sunday and 5:30 a.m. Monday. Gudmonson said parts of the farm's outside fence were taken apart and the animals were released from their cages.</p> <p>The 30,000 to 40,000 minks that were released have a collective value of over \$750,000, the Sheriff's Office told WCCO.</p> <p>The Sheriff's Office said the minks will struggle to survive in the wild because they are all domesticated. They may also threaten natural habitats in the area.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Coast Guard: more criminal migrants
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/coast-guard-arrests-migrants-criminal-records-rises-48688503?cid=clicksource_76_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>The number of apprehensions of migrants with criminal records trying to illegally re-enter the U.S. after being deported has increased in the Caribbean, the U.S. Coast Guard said Monday.</p> <p>The recent uptick has authorities concerned, said Rear Admiral Peter Brown, the newly appointed commander for the Coast Guard's 7th District, which covers the Caribbean and the southeastern U.S.</p> <p>"Smugglers are exploiting the route with whatever will profit them, and in this case, it's these criminal elements," he told The Associated Press while on a brief official trip to Puerto Rico. "These are dangerous and violent criminals who are trying to get back into the United States presumably to resume a criminal career."</p> <p>Many of those migrants are trying to illegally re-enter the United States from the Bahamas via boat, or attempting to enter the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico from nearby islands such as the British Virgin Islands, he said.</p> <p>Jeffrey Quinones, spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, said that while the number of migrants detained has dropped in recent months, the number of those with a criminal record has increased. He said 24 percent of the 375 migrants detained in waters Puerto Rico since October have been prosecuted, compared with 10 percent of 557 detained two years ago.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 'Anti-Semitic' imam wanted in Canada
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-40634993
GIST	A Palestinian-Jordanian imam accused of giving an anti-Semitic sermon is wanted by Canadian police for hate crimes.

	<p>A Montreal judge issued an arrest warrant for Sheikh Muhammad ibn Musa Al Nasr on Sunday for promoting hate.</p> <p>Jewish organisation B'nai Brith said Mr Al Nasr preached Jews were the "worst of mankind" and should be slaughtered, in a sermon in Montreal in December.</p> <p>Mr Al Nasr's whereabouts are unknown and B'nai Brith is calling for his extradition to Canada.</p> <p>"Today, the Jewish community of Montreal can sleep safer, knowing that there is a price to pay for inciting violence against our community," said Michael Mostyn, chief executive officer of B'nai Brith Canada in a statement.</p> <p>Mr Al Nasr is charged with the willful promotion of hatred under Canada's anti-hate crime laws.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Guatemala hands over ex-Mexico gov.
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/guatemala-hands-mexico-governor-wanted-corruption-case-48681121
GIST	<p>The former governor of the Gulf coast state of Veracruz was extradited from Guatemala to Mexico on Monday to face corruption charges.</p> <p>Former Gov. Javier Duarte was flown to Mexico City after dropping a fight against extradition. Duarte appeared at the Mexico City airport clean-shaven, guarded and unsmiling, a contrast with his appearance in Guatemala, when he wore a full beard and often grinned broadly.</p> <p>Duarte fled to Guatemala after resigning as governor of one of Mexico's most populous states amid mounting allegations of corruption. He faces charges that include organized crime, influence trafficking, embezzlement and abuse of authority.</p> <p>The Mexican Attorney General's Office said Duarte was taken to a Mexico City prison for the first hearings in his case. The seriousness of the charges appears to rule out the possibility of his release on bail.</p> <p>The case is sensitive for Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, which is trying to clean up its image ahead of next year's presidential vote.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Iran: soldier kills 3 troops, wounds 6
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SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/state-tv-soldier-kills-comrades-wounds-iran-48684943?cid=clicksource_76_4_article%20roll_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Iranian state TV is reporting that a soldier has opened fire on his comrades, killing three and injuring six others.</p> <p>The Monday report says the incident took place when soldiers were resting at a military base in the town of Abyek, some 62 miles (100 kilometers) west of the capital Tehran.</p> <p>The report said the assailant was injured after he shot himself and he was taken to a nearby hospital.</p> <p>The attack happened after higher officers opposed the attacker's request for a transfer to his hometown.</p> <p>None of the soldiers was identified in the report.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Ex-Texas cop indicted murder charge
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/texas-officer-indicted-murder-charge-teens-death-48685636?cid=clicksource_4380645_1_hero_headlines_headlines_hed
GIST	<p>A white former Texas police officer has been indicted on a murder charge in the April shooting death of a black teenager who was leaving a party, prosecutors said Monday.</p> <p>Dallas County District Attorney Faith Johnson announced that a grand jury indicted former Balch Springs police officer Roy Oliver in the death of 15-year-old Jordan Edwards. Oliver was fired in May for violating department policies after police department officials reviewed body camera footage of the incident, which showed Oliver shooting his rifle into a moving vehicle that was traveling away from him and another officer.</p> <p>Edwards, a high school freshman, was leaving the party with his two teenage brothers and two other teens. Police arrived at the scene in Balch Springs, a suburb about 15 miles (24 kilometers) east of downtown Dallas, to investigate an underage drinking complaint when they heard unrelated gunshots and spotted the vehicle leaving.</p> <p>Shots from Oliver's rifle pierced the front passenger window, hitting Edwards in the head as he sat in the front seat.</p> <p>Johnson said Oliver also was indicted on four charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon by a public official related to the other four teens who were in the car.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/17 Death cult gains favor w/Mexico gangs
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/07/17/mexican-folk-religion-involving-human-sacrifice-gaining-status-among-criminals.html
GIST	<p>A Mexican folk religion involving human sacrifice and devoted to "Holy Death" is growing in popularity among drug traffickers and violent criminals, prompting Texas officials and the Catholic Church to warn about honoring the so-called "Saint Death."</p> <p>Authorities are speaking out about the religion devoted to La Santa Muerte, which translates to "Holy Death" and "Saint Death," that has gained popularity steadily since the late 1980s among Mexican-American Catholics.</p> <p>"She's not a saint. There is nothing good that can come out of praying to her," Sante Fe Archbishop John Wester said in February. "We have a lot of saints who represent the teaching of Jesus Christ. This is an aberration."</p> <p>Clad in a black nun's robe and holding a scythe in one hand, Santa Muerte appeals to people seeking all manner of otherworldly help, from fending off wrongdoing and carrying out vengeance to people seeking protection for their drug shipments against law enforcement.</p> <p>Devotees often use Catholic prayers and set up shrines in "her" honor.</p> <p>The Catholic Church in Mexico and the U.S. denounces the skeleton "saint," and warns that worship is spiritually dangerous. In February, Wester, El Paso Bishop Mark Seitz and San Angelo Bishop Michael Sis in Texas joined their counterparts in Mexico in urging Catholics to avoid honoring the folk saint and called her "antithetical" to the teachings of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Law enforcement officials in Austin, Texas told KVUE the religion has become prominent among drug traffickers and violent criminals.</p> <p>"We're seeing more and more criminals that are praying to Santa Muerte," Robert Almonte, a former narcotics detective, told the television station.</p> <p>Almonte, who now gives seminars across the country educating law enforcement on the signs of the folk religion, said officers are now "encountering elaborate Santa Muerte shrines" when entering homes on drug search warrants.</p>
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CRIME & DRUGS

Over 400 Medical Professionals Charged In Largest Healthcare Fraud Enforcement Operation In US History.

[USA Today](#)  (7/13, Johnson) reports that Justice Department officials “announced charges Thursday against 412 physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other medical professionals, in what Attorney General Jeff Sessions called the largest health care fraud enforcement operation in US history.” According to Sessions, those charged were responsible for over \$1.3 billion in fraudulent transactions in over 20 states. Of the 412 charged, “at least 120 people were charged for their alleged roles in overprescribing and distributing opioids, making it also the largest-ever opioid-related fraud takedown.”

The [Washington Post](#) (7/13, Horwitz, Merle) reports that Sessions ‘said the operation began with tips from people in the affected communities and from “very sophisticated computer programs that identify outliers.”’

The [New York Times](#) (7/13, Ruiz) reports that almost 50 physicians were charged with having “billed Medicare and Medicaid for drugs that were never purchased; collected money for false rehabilitation treatments and tests; and gave out prescriptions for cash.”

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (7/13, Tanfani) reports that Sessions “said the record number of arrests...are a preview of a more aggressive approach to combating the nation’s spiraling epidemic of drug addiction.”

[Bloomberg News](#) (7/13, Schoenberg, McLaughlin) reports that “arrests were made in cities including Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and Miami, as well as in southern Florida, which is home to hundreds of residential drug addiction treatment centers.” The enforcement effort “comes as a fight brews in Congress over how much money to allot for opioid treatment and as Republicans spar over how to repeal or replace the ACA,” with some Republicans wanting “more funding to help states combat the opioid addiction epidemic.”

NYPD Reports Drop In Serious Crimes In First Half Of 2017.

[Newsday \(NY\)](#) (7/12) reports, “With 2017 half over, New York City reported significant drops in all kinds of serious crimes, with a nearly 40 percent reduction in June, according to NYPD records reviewed by Newsday and law enforcement sources.” Homicides are “trending close to 21 percent lower than in 2016, with shootings down by about 17 percent, putting the city on track to set record lows.” Newsday says the “significant drop in killings and shootings is believed by experts to be a result of an aggressive NYPD gang offensive coupled with an explosion in weapons conspiracy cases brought by federal prosecutors that have led to prison sentences averaging about five years.” One police source said the “fear of heavy sentences in federal cases is driving gang members to cooperate with police in weapons conspiracy cases.”

HSI Arrests Philadelphia’s “Narcoboss.”

[Philly \(PA\)](#) (7/13, Wood) reports HSI investigated and arrested Henry Koffie in Philadelphia, known as the “Narcoboss,” for multiple felony drug trafficking offenses. Koffie was described by federal prosecutors as a “nationwide drug dealer,” who used the postal service to ship fentanyl across the country. He is allegedly “responsible for the overdose deaths of two men in Portland, Ore., and has been linked to more overdoses in Florida, Idaho, Michigan, North Dakota, and Oregon.” He used the dark web to advertise and “allegedly ordered bulk quantities of fentanyl 14 times from China and Hong Kong.” HSI Philadelphia special agent in charge Brian Michael is quoted as saying, “He was a top-10 target. ... He was a large importer of fentanyl.” HSI “determined that Narcoboss had filled more than 6,615 orders for fentanyl at \$40 a gram,” and “sold more than seven kilograms of the deadly drug and netted at least \$260,000” over a one-year period.

Crime Around Betting Shops In London Rises.

[BBC News \(UK\)](#)  (7/13) reports, "Assaults and criminal damage in and around betting shops are on the rise in London, new figures show." The number of violent crimes "went up by 24% from 2014 to 2016, according to Metropolitan Police figures."

POLICING & POLICY

Milwaukee Police Target Heroin Dealer's Phones.

The [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#)  (7/12) reports Milwaukee Police are trying a new strategy to thwart heroin dealers in the area by getting a "seize and freeze" order. The Journal Sentinel says even as officers "busts and haul suspects to jail, the dealer's key source of cash – the cellphone number where orders roll in – often is quickly back up and running, sometimes in just an hour." Police "say many dealers, knowing they could get arrested, have set up contingency plans to transfer the prized 10-digit number to a new phone, preserving its value and keeping the drugs – and cash – flowing." A "seize and freeze" order allows law enforcement to "freeze the phone number for a period of time, rendering the line unable to send or receive calls or text messages." The theory is that if the number is dead, then "it loses its value and dealers lose the stream of income."



An IACP Women's Leadership Institute session has been added in Washington, DC, August 14-19. Registration for this session will also include a free registration for the Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving Conference, August 12-14, in National Harbor, MD. [Register now.](#)

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Car Crashes, Job-related Illnesses Driving Up 2017 Police Deaths.

[NBC News](#)  (7/13) reports, "The number of police officers and federal agents who died in the line of duty has jumped this year, an increase largely attributable to a spike in car crashes and job-related illnesses, according to a new report." The report, from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, covers "deaths in the first six months of 2017 and compares them to same period last year." The report found that "65 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty through the end of June, up from 50 during that same period last year." The figure "puts mid-year 2017 among the safest periods for police officers in the last four decades." The largest rise in 2017 is attributed to the category of "other," which includes illnesses, such as heart attacks, and single vehicle crashes.

TECHNOLOGY

Australia Proposes New Cybersecurity Law Forcing Tech Companies To Decrypt Messages.

The [AP](#) (7/14) reports, “The Australian government on Friday proposed a new cybersecurity law to force global technology companies such as Facebook and Google to help police by unscrambling encrypted messages sent by suspected extremists and other criminals.” The new law is “modeled on Britain’s Investigatory Powers Act, which was passed by the British Parliament in November and gave intelligence agencies some of the most extensive surveillance powers in the Western world, the government said.” The bill “would allow courts to order tech companies to quickly unlock communications [and] will be introduced to Parliament by November, officials said.” The Australian Federal Police “say the proportion of communication traffic they monitor that was encrypted had grown from 3 percent to more than 55 percent in only a few years.” Police “say 65 percent of organized crime investigations including terrorism and pedophile rings involved some kind of encryption.”

Secret Service Highlights Prevalence Of Credit Card Skimmers.

[WFXT-TV](#) Boston (7/13) reports, “Skimmers that steal your credit card information from places like gas pumps and ATMs are more high-tech now than ever before.” Matt Quinn with the Secret Service “says they’re seeing a surge in credit and debit card skimming from gas stations and ATMs.” Quinn said, “The large organized criminal groups tend to be eastern European and the gas pump skimming lately tends to be Cuban nationals. ... We’re starting to see them using antennas. We believe they can be as far as a mile away.”

ALSO IN THE NEWS

Court To Allow Pacemaker Data In Arson Trial.

[CNET News](#) (7/12, Matyszczyk) reports Ross Compton, of Ohio, is charged with arson and insurance fraud for his house fire. Compton’s lawyer “moved to have the court suppress any evidence obtained in a search he deemed illegal,” including data from the defendant’s pacemaker. Police “obtained the data from Compton’s artificial heart implant and asked a cardiologist to examine whether it offered data consistent with Compton’s telling of events.” Compton had told police that the fire woke him up, and that he jumped out the window, but a cardiologist “concluded that a comparison of his heart rate, his cardiac rhythms and the demands placed on his pacer were inconsistent with that story.” On Tuesday, a judge “decided the pacemaker evidence can be presented at trial.” [Engadget](#) (7/13) reports privacy advocates “worry that the case could put the privacy of...medical records at risk.” Compton’s lawyer “told CNET that allowing someone’s medical information collected by a device to be used as evidence ‘further expands the government’s ability to access some of our most fundamental private information.’”

LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

Dallas Police Recruits Consider The Job A “Calling.”

The [Dallas Morning News](#) (7/13, Tsiaperas) reports on the 36 members of Class 354 of the Dallas Police Academy, who “joined the force at a time when the Dallas Police Department is down about 500 officers.” The class is “one of the largest in recent years, and the interim police chief touted them as an answer to the department’s retention problems.” The recruits “consider policing a calling,” and “say they were drawn to the service.” Maj. Latoya Porter “says officers need to get to know the neighborhoods they patrol to build trust” because that “trust could prevent riots seen in other cities after police shootings.” The Morning News adds that many of the recruits are military veterans, and “nearly half aren’t native Texans.”

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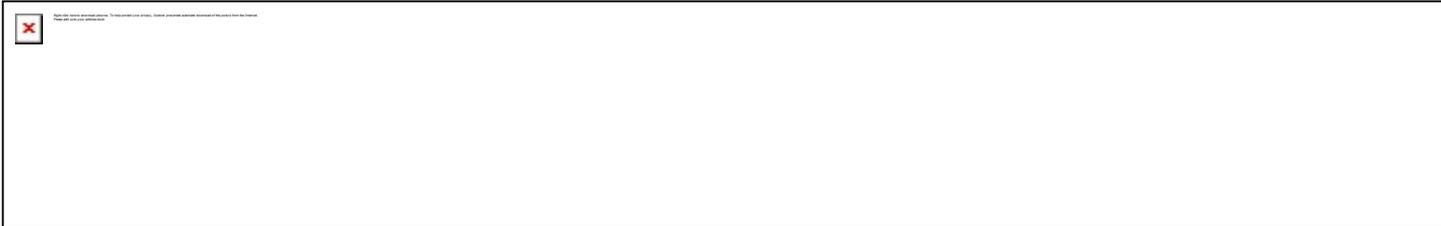
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POLICING & POLICY

More Police Agencies Joining National Push To Prepare Officers For Contacts With Mentally Ill.

In a story primarily focusing on the Los Angeles Police Union's decision to join a "national push for federal funding and other resources to help officers better prepare for interactions with people who are mentally ill," the [Los Angeles Times](#) (7/13, Mather) reports LaGrange, Georgia, Police Chief and vice president of IACP Louis Dekmar "said the [international] policing group launched its own effort last year, trying to get agencies to pledge to craft policies and train officers to better handle situations involving mentally ill people." Dekmar is quoted as saying, "We've taken what should be a public health issue and we've turned it into a criminal issue...And the sad commentary is, of the 900 and some fatal police shootings a year, about 25% are affected by mental illness." He added that a problem for agencies is the lack of resources to tackle these issues. The Times says a

coalition of more than a dozen police unions will unveil the “Compassionate and Accountable Responses for Everyone” agenda on Thursday in New York. The coalition “hopes that federal involvement will standardize mental health training for officers across the country and help departments create teams pairing police and mental health clinicians that respond to people who are in crisis.”

Senate Holds Hearing On Wray’s Appointment To Lead FBI.

FBI Director nominee Christopher Wray’s appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday received notably positive coverage from nearly all the media outlets that covered his testimony. The vast majority of analyses suggest that Wray successfully established his intention to remain independent of the White House. In a representative piece, Matt Ford of [The Atlantic](#) (7/10, Ford) writes: “Wray spent most of his confirmation hearing...declaring his independence from the very White House that tapped him for the post, apparently winning over skeptical Democrats...and potentially setting up an easy vote to approve him.”

[The Hill](#) (7/12, Williams) calls Wray’s testimony “calm and understated.” The [Washington Post](#) (7/12, Nakashima, Demirjian) describes Wray as “an accomplished lawyer with a classic establishment pedigree...and a strong résumé as a former federal prosecutor who rose high within Justice’s ranks.”

Democrats Signal Willingness To Back Wray’s Confirmation. The [Washington Times](#) (7/12, Ernst) reports that Sen. Al Franken (D-MN), one of the President’s “most ardent critics, said he was ‘impressed’” with Wray’s performance, and [Townhall](#) (7/12, O’Brien) reports that Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) also indicated that she will back his confirmation.

Wray Pledges To Get Up Speed On Cybersecurity Issues. [Federal Computer Week](#) (7/12, Carberry) reports that Wray said on Wednesday that he “will drill down on cyber in his first 90 days, and prioritize reauthorizing foreign surveillance powers and finding a solution to the encryption debate.” FCW notes Wray “said he is not a cyber expert and will need to get up to speed if confirmed.” Wray said: “Whereas cyber was a sort of discrete topic back in, say, 2005 that had a lot of attention, now in 2017 cyber in many ways permeates every aspect of national security, of the intelligence community, of every type of criminal conduct we deal with. It’s become part of the fabric both of our security but also the threats to our security.”

House Approves Overhaul Of Law To Combat Human Trafficking.

[USA Today](#) (7/12, Kinery) reports the US House of Representatives on Wednesday “approved a sweeping reauthorization of the nation’s most comprehensive law to combat human trafficking, in a rare bipartisan vote.” The bill “allocates \$520 million over four years toward programs that aim to identify and aid victims of trafficking and prevent it from occurring.” USA Today says, “Programs covered by the act include educating children on how to avoid traffickers and training certain employers such as airlines on how to identify potential victims of trafficking.” The bill also “calls for both domestic and international efforts to combat trafficking and to prevent the sale in the U.S. of goods made by forced labor.” The House also passed the Empowering Law Enforcement to Fight Sex Trafficking Demand Act, which “would allow law enforcement to use Byrne JAG grants to fund anti-human-trafficking programs.” President Trump released a statement that said he is “hopeful that the Senate will take up

and pass these three bills as soon as possible and I look forward to my continued work with the Congress on this important issue.”

Michigan Governor Signs Law Regarding Body Camera Footage.

The [AP](#) (7/12) reports, “Beginning in January, Michigan will have rules in place for the disclosure and retention of audio or video recordings from body cameras worn by police officers.” Gov. Rick Snyder signed legislation that “exempts the recordings from public-records request under certain circumstances, including if the recordings were made in a ‘private place.’”

Recordings, under the law, will “also will be kept private during ongoing criminal or internal investigations but only for listed reasons such as public disclosure interfering with law enforcement proceedings or invading personal privacy.” Law enforcement agencies covered by the law will also be required to create a written policy regarding the use of body cameras by their officers.

CRIME & DRUGS

ICE Director: MS-13 Currently “Most Violent” Gang in The US.

[The Blaze](#) (7/12) reports acting ICE Director Thomas Homan is “making no bones about his agency’s commitment to dismantle the notorious MS-13 gang, a transnational criminal organization based in El Salvador.” Homan told the Daily Caller, “My gang is bigger than theirs.” Homan “went on to say that ICE’s Homeland Security Investigations ‘targets many gangs’ but noted that the investigative team is decidedly focused on MS-13 because ‘they seem to be the most violent right now and they think they can act with impunity.’”

In a 2,800-word piece, the [New York Times](#) (7/12, Robbins, Rodriguez) reports on the deaths of three students and a cousin visiting from out of state in April on Long Island by machete at the hands of MS-13. The Times says, “On Long Island, MS-13 has been around for decades, but it has surfaced with a vengeance in the last 18 months, responsible for 17 murders, the Suffolk County police say.” The Times adds that schools on Long Island “have witnessed a remarkable population change with the influx of these young immigrants,” and “MS-13 graffiti has showed up in bathrooms and other places hidden from surveillance cameras” in some schools.

In related news, [Reuters](#) (7/12, Walsh) reports that Attorney General Sessions “said on Wednesday the Justice Department plans to hire 300 additional assistant U.S. attorneys to help fight a recent national increase in crime, including a focus on transnational gangs such as MS-13. ‘As you all know, we have a multi-front battle in front of us right now: an increase in violent crime, vicious gangs, an opioid epidemic, threats from terrorism and human traffickers,’ Sessions said in a speech in Las Vegas.” Sessions “noted the U.S. murder rate had risen 10 percent nationwide in just one year, marking the largest increase since 1968.”

Sessions Reportedly Planning Healthcare Fraud Crackdown.

[Bloomberg News](#) (7/12, Smith, Edney, Schoenberg) reports that attorney General Sessions “is poised to announce a major law enforcement action this week targeting health-care fraud, focusing on opioid treatment programs exploiting Obamacare insurance plans, according to two people familiar with the matter.” According to Bloomberg, “in what is described as a nationwide sweep with hundreds of arrests being carried out across the U.S., the Justice Department is cracking down on fraudulent claims made to some of the nation’s biggest insurers, said one of the people.” Bloomberg adds that “people who run drug addiction treatment centers that have filed bogus claims and those who have filed reimbursement claims for drugs they then sell illegally are among those to be charged, the person said.” Arrests “will be carried out in cities including Miami, Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles, the person said,” and “scores of arrests are expected in southern Florida, which is home to hundreds of residential drug addiction treatment centers, said the person.”

Survey Finds One-Third Of College Student Venmo Users Have Used App To Buy Drugs.

The [San Antonio Express-News](#) (7/11) details a survey of college student users of the mobile payment app Venmo that found “nearly-one third of respondents...said they have used Venmo to pay for drugs.”

Drugged Driving Summit Held In Ohio.

The [Columbus \(OH\) Dispatch](#) (7/12) details the Ohio Drugged Driving Summit held on Tuesday. The summit, “hosted by AAA and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, brought together impaired-driving experts, law enforcement officers, educators and other safety professionals to highlight what many deem a ‘crisis’ of drugged driving.” Figures from the Ohio Department of Transportation show that there were “at least 4,615 drug-related crashes on Ohio roads last year, an increase of more than 21 percent since 2013.” The article also discusses the Drug Recognition Expert program, and the state of Ohio has become a big proponent of the program since joining in 2011, according to state program coordinator Sgt. Adam Burkhardt of the Ohio Highway Patrol.



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[Ars Technica](#) (7/12) reports from Oakland, CA that “weeks before a key hearing, federal prosecutors have submitted their formal opposition to an attempted murder suspect’s recent efforts to suppress evidence found through the warrantless use of an FBI cell-site simulator, better known as a stingray.” The filing on Tuesday “reiterates the government’s position in the case known as *United States v. Ellis*, setting the stage for a key upcoming hearing next month.” Justice Department officials “say that law enforcement’s use of a stingray should not be considered an unreasonable search under the Fourth Amendment and, therefore, it never required a warrant.”

NATIONAL SECURITY

Europol Chief Defends EU Counterterrorism Efforts.

Europol Director Rob Wainwright told the [Washington Times](#) (7/12, Taylor) in an interview that Europe’s “top intelligence and counterterrorism officials are bracing for a surge of battle-hardened Islamic State foreign fighters returning home to the continent as the jihadi group loses its territorial base in the Middle East.” Wainwright also “vehemently challenged American criticism of EU counterterrorism efforts” in the wake of a series of ISIS-inspired attacks. He pointed to last year’s attack in Nice as “an illustration of the problem that we face here in Europe, with such a large number of largely disconnected radicalized people who are operating in almost a randomized way to carry out the attacks that we’ve seen now on a regular scale in the EU.”

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Greetings Robert Rausch
Monday, July 10, 2017



POLICING & POLICY

Third Circuit Rules People Have Right To Record Police In Public.

The [AP](#)  (7/7, Dale) reports the Third Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday joined five other circuits in ruling that “citizens have a First Amendment right to videotape police in public.” The piece says the court joined what it said was a “‘growing consensus’ that the public can photograph or record police without retaliation.” American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania staff attorney Molly Tack-Hooper said, “There’s just no question in 2017 that the right to record the police is part of the liberty protected by the First Amendment, even more so now that smartphones are as ubiquitous as they are.”

After Shooting At Congressional Baseball Practice, Some Lawmakers Want To Relax Gun Laws.

The [New York Times](#) (7/9, Cochrane) reports, “After the nation’s worst mass shootings, in Newtown, Conn.; Aurora, Colo.; Orlando, Fla.; and Columbine High School in Colorado, gun control advocates” called for “stricter background checks, limits on magazine capacities, bans on assault weapons and tougher controls on gun shows and online firearms markets – almost always to no avail.” However, in the wake of “the June 14 shooting of Republicans at a congressional baseball practice,” during which House Majority Whip Steve Scalise was gravely wounded, “the response has had a twist: Conservative lawmakers, some of whom were nearly the victims of gun violence, have pressed to loosen gun controls.” For example, a trio of “bills introduced in the Republican-held House during the past two weeks would allow lawmakers to almost always carry a concealed weapon.” The Times adds, “To Republican advocates, it is now personal.”

Sessions To Visit Las Vegas To Discuss Sanctuary Cities.

The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (7/7, Davidson) reports Attorney General Jeff Sessions is slated to visit Las Vegas on Wednesday, where he will meet with federal, state and local law enforcement representatives to discuss the issue of sanctuary cities and combating violent crime. The Review-Journal says the city is under scrutiny by the Justice Department, “which has demanded the jurisdictions prove that they cooperate with federal agencies to enforce immigration laws or risk losing federal funding.”

CSMonitor Analysis: Cleveland Is Leader In Trying To Eradicate Human Trafficking.

The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (7/9, Johnston) reports from Cleveland that Renee Jones is “driving around Cleveland’s seedier neighborhoods, visiting some of this city’s most notorious strip clubs,” and her intention “is to connect with them in hopes of preventing the women from falling prey to one of the country’s most overlooked but vexing social problems: sex trafficking.” The Monitor adds that Jones “is on a crusade to stamp out sex trafficking and provide women survivors with a place of comfort and safety,” and “her novel outreach effort is part of a broader campaign under way in Cleveland that is making the heartland city a leader in trying to eradicate a problem that affects thousands of young people each year.” The initiatives “range from tougher laws against sex and labor trafficking, to special ‘safe harbor’ courts that treat children caught up in prostitution more humanely.”

Prosecutors Nationwide Offer Plea Deals To Help Immigrants Avoid Deportation.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (7/7, A1, Ramey) reports that an increasing number of district attorneys across the country have indicated they are offering plea deals to immigrants accused of crimes in an attempt to help them avoid deportation. In at least six jurisdictions on both the East and West coasts, DA’s have purposely sought to avoid agreements or sentences that would trigger an immigrant’s deportation or prevent that person from being allowed to re-enter the country. Critics, including Attorney General Jeff Sessions, argue that this practice is unethical because citizens and immigrants are treated differently. In April, Sessions said, “It troubles me that we’ve seen district attorneys openly brag about not charging cases appropriately under

the laws of our country, so that provides an opportunity for individuals not to be convicted of a crime that might lead to deportation.”

CRIME & DRUGS

Efforts Made To Improve Hate Crime Statistics Noted.

[Voice of America](#) (7/9, Farivar) reports that in March, as part of an effort to get a better understanding of the volume of hate crime charges, Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA) “introduced legislation that aims to aid the FBI in its transition to a more comprehensive crime reporting system known as the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).” In May, the Senate Judiciary Committee “held a hearing on combating religious hate crimes, with several Democratic members pledging support for making hate crime reporting mandatory.” VOA also notes that last week, Attorney General Jeff Sessions “told a hate crimes summit in Washington that he’d tasked a newly formed subcommittee on hate crimes with finding ways to improve training, community outreach and data collection.”

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A [New York Times](#) (7/7, Blinder) analysis reports that archivists in Dallas’s central library have been “sorting more than 10,000 tributes that flowed in after five law enforcement officers were killed in an ambush on July 7, 2016.” The collection of tributes is “one of the largest of its kind” and is “a staggering chronicle of public grief and support that followed the attack, the first anniversary of which Dallas marked on Friday.” According to the Times, “archivists, historians and librarians have been asked to curate the aftermath of catastrophes: school massacres, a nightclub siege, a bombing, a rampage during a Bible study” in recent years. With the death of officers Lorne Ahrens, Michael Krol, Michael J. Smith, Brent Thompson and Patrick Zamarripa, the Times states “Tributes surged into Dallas.”

NYTimes Examines “One Square Mile Of Danger” Of Bronx Police Officer’s Death.

The [New York Times](#) (7/9, Mueller) reports there is a block of Bronx Police Precinct 46 referred to as “one square mile of danger,” but Officer Miosotis Familia “never let the hazards change how she treated people, residents said.” Though “guns, crack cocaine and hot tempers still seem to pool” on the block, Familia’s familiarity with the local culture meant “she had earned the respect of a steady visitor” – until she was fatally shot July 5 by “a man with a history of mental illness and an apparent plan to shoot a cop.” One resident said that while the number of murders may be lower than in 1990, now there is more “tension in the air.” Another added that because the city didn’t invest sufficiently in schools, health services, sports programs, and jobs, children increasingly have been drawn to gangs in an area whose streets, the Times says, are “flush with guns” and violence that has “grown more wanton.”

NATIONAL SECURITY

Kelly Calls Mexico “Great Partner,” While Acknowledging US’s Role In Fueling Drug Violence.

The [AP](#) (7/7) reports that in a meeting with his Mexican Interior Secretary Miguel Angel Osorio Chong on Friday, US Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly said “the United States’ demand for drugs was responsible for much of the violence on both sides of the border.” In a joint statement, Kelly said “I acknowledged to my counterpart that America’s insatiable appetite for drugs is the cause of much of the turmoil on both sides of the border.” The statement follows similarly statements made by Kelly and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson in May when Mexican officials visited Washington DC.

DHS Worries ISIS Could Use Drones To Attack US.

The [Washington Times](#) (7/8, Wood) reports that the Department of Homeland Security has become concerned about the strides the Islamic State has been making in developing the use of drone technology, which it worries “could be transferred to terror attacks in the West and specifically the United States.” A DHS spokesman said, “DHS does consider commercial drones configured or modified to employ explosives or weapons a concern. This is due to low-cost, ease of access, and the quick-pace of this evolving technology to adapt beneficial Unmanned System equipment for nefarious purposes.”

ALSO IN THE NEWS

Program Aims At Treatment To Keep Frequent Nonviolent Offenders Out Of Jail.

The [Columbus \(OH\) Dispatch](#) (7/9, Perry) reports that Sidney Jackson “has been arrested 190 times in Franklin County since 1993, costing the public at least \$519,000 – a sum last calculated when he had 162 arrests.” According to the Dispatch, 12 of Jackson’s arrests “were fifth-degree felonies, the lowest felony level in Ohio, but his 178 misdemeanor arrests show that Jackson needs more than jail, said Michael Daniels, Franklin County’s new justice-policy coordinator.” Daniels “is working to keep Jackson out of jail in a program he said is being eyed as a potential national model. ‘What we should be doing is treating them for underlying issues,’ Daniels said,” noting that “programs for substance-abuse or mental-health issues are cheaper and more beneficial than arresting, jailing and processing Jackson and dozens like him through the criminal-justice and court systems.”

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CRIME & DRUGS

CDC: Opioid Prescriptions Down, But Not Enough.

[NBC Nightly News](#) (7/6, story 7, 1:50, Guthrie) reported the CDC warned that while the number of opioid prescriptions dropped almost 20 percent between 2010 and 2015, “far too many people are still” having them prescribed “and for too long.” CDC Acting Director said there are enough opioids prescribed “for every American to be on opioid medications around the clock for three weeks. That’s just too much.” NBC (Gosk) added the CDC study found “the most prescriptions were written in low-income white communities with high unemployment.”

The [New York Times](#)   (7/6, Goodnough) reports the CDC analysis “found that the prescribing rate in 2015 remained three times as high as in 1999,” as well as “tremendous regional variation in how many opioids doctors dole out.” Schuchat said, “We still have too many people getting medicine at too high a level and for too long.” Recent anti-opioid efforts, such as CDC guidelines and state and insurer limits, aren’t reflected in the analysis, but efforts prior to 2015, such as tightened prescribing rules for hydrocodone combined with a second analgesic, state crackdowns on pain clinics and Veterans Affairs prescribing guidelines could have helped cause the decline. Dr. Caleb Alexander, co-director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Drug Safety and Effectiveness, said an issue with efforts to reduce opioid prescriptions is that despite their new restrictions on opioid prescribing, many insurers “are strictly limiting or not yet covering alternative treatments for pain.”

Boston Dealing With Spate Of Shooting And Stabbings Despite Improving Crime Rate.

The [Boston Globe](#)   (7/6, Cramer, Ransom) reports that although “crime in Boston is at a two-decade low,” it “doesn’t always feel that way in places where violent crimes remain a looming presence: sections of Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan” where a “spate of shootings and stabbings...has left at least five people injured and two dead” just this week. The Globe notes that, “according to police statistics, serious crimes such as murder, rape, and assaults have fallen in those areas between 10 and 22 percent since 2014,” and there have been 23 homicides in Boston so far this year. The Globe also points out that in 2015, “according to police statistics reported to the FBI,” Boston “had 706 violent crimes per 100,000 people, much lower than cities with comparable populations.”

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Surveillance Video Of Fatal NYPD Officer Shooting Released.

The CBS Evening News (7/6, story 5, 0:45, Brown) reported, “Surveillance video released [on Thursday] shows the moment New York City police officer Miosotis Familia was shot to death in her police vehicle early [Wednesday]. The gunman, Alexander Bonds, is seen running away with officers in pursuit. Bonds was shot and killed not far away.” ABC World News Tonight (7/6, story 4, 1:35, Muir) showed Police Commissioner James O’Neill saying, “Officer Familia is dead because of one reason and one reason only. That’s Alexander Bonds’ hatred for police.” ABC’s Eva Pilgrim said “the execution style killing of Familia comes as new NYPD recruits are being sworn in.” O’Neill told them, “Perhaps you and your families are questioning whether you are making the right decision today, especially after yesterday’s tragedy in the Bronx. I’m here to tell you are making the right decision.”

In the wake of the fatal shooting, NBC Nightly News (7/6, story 9, 0:30, Guthrie) reported NYPD yesterday “announced it will retrofit all of its vehicles with bullet-resistant glass. That includes mobile command units like the one Officer Miosotis Familia was sitting in when she was gunned down yesterday.”

Missouri Enacts “Blue Alert” System For Violence Against Police.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch   (7/6, Erickson) reports that “Missouri soon will have a system to notify the general public when a law enforcement officer is killed or injured.” The report says, “patterned after the Amber Alert system for missing children, the so-called ‘Blue Alert’ law was signed Thursday by Gov. Eric Greitens, who had championed the idea.” The Post-Dispatch says “the Blue Alert provisions are designed to promote public safety and protect police officers.” According to Justice Department figures, “when the law goes into effect, Missouri will be the 28th state to adopt such a program.” Greitens said, “We must stand up for those who stand guard for us.”

One Year After Slayings, Dallas Police Train In “Mindfulness.”

The [AP](#)   (7/6, Lauer) reports from Dallas that “only hours after the ambush that killed five Dallas law enforcement officers, mental health experts began thinking ahead, searching for ways to ease the long-term effects of the attack on the men and women who patrol the nation’s ninth-largest city.” According to the AP, “police psychologists in Dallas were quickly joined by counselors from the Houston and Los Angeles police departments, the FBI and the federal air marshals service,” and “as she watched the July 7, 2016, assault unfold on the news, Dallas philanthropist Lyda Hill immediately thought of research she had funded to help returning combat veterans.” A year later, “Dallas officers are still grieving, but scores of them have received or are on track to receive specialized training in ‘mindfulness’ and other stress-management techniques that aim to teach police how to better understand and control their emotions, both on and off the job.”

TECHNOLOGY

MIT Researcher Creates Gunshot Detector That Turns On Stingray Devices For The USAF.

[CSO](#)   (7/6) reports on the potential for a “gunshot detector that automatically turns on stingray surveillance devices,” which “impersonate cell phone towers and force nearby mobile devices to connect to it instead of the cell tower.” MIT’s John Houston has created a “system and method of automatically identifying mobile communication devices within the vicinity of a gunshot.” According to CSO, “it’s problematic that stingrays are often used without a warrant; law enforcement and even the device makers don’t want to talk about it capabilities or how often the devices are used.” Houston, whose patent was approved last month, “says the invention was made with support by the U.S. Air Force, and the government ‘has certain rights in the invention.’”

NATIONAL SECURITY

Real ID Bill Passes Oregon Legislature.

The [AP](#)   (7/6, Hansen) reports that “the Oregon Legislature has passed a bill to allow local motor-vehicle offices to issue state driver’s licenses and other forms of identification that comply with federal requirements borne out of 9/11 security concerns.” The AP says “Senate Bill 374 overwhelmingly passed the Oregon House on Thursday on a 56-1 vote and now heads to Gov. Kate Brown for signing.” The report explains that “the state hopes that this week’s passage of SB 374 will be enough to earn the state another federal extension, thereby enabling Oregon residents to keep using their existing state-issued IDs in the interim at TSA security checkpoints.”

Kentucky Gets Real ID Compliance Extension. The [AP](#)   (7/6) reports that “the Department of Homeland Security has given Kentucky until Oct. 10 to comply with the federal Real ID act. State officials say they will ask for another extension in October that will give the state until January 2019.” The AP says that “earlier this year, state lawmakers passed a law allowing Kentuckians to purchase a ‘voluntary travel ID.’” The report says “the travel IDs are optional, but if you don’t have one you won’t be able to use your standard driver’s license to board a domestic flight or enter a U.S. military base.”

GAO: DHS Expedited Chemical Security Approval Program Fully Implemented, But Lacks Participation.

[Homeland Preparedness News](#)   (7/6) reports the Department of Homeland Security “has fully implemented its chemical facility anti-terrorism standards (CFATS) expedited approval program, but participation to date has been limited, “according to a recent report by the Government Accountability Office. In a congressionally mandated report to lawmakers, “DHS stated that it was difficult to assess the impact of the expedited program on security due to the fact that only one facility had used it at the time of the report.” The report says “GAO found that only two of the 2,496 eligible facilities opted to use the program and a variety of factors affected its participation.” Meanwhile, “officials from the two facilities that adopted the program said they found its prescriptive nature helped them quickly determine what they need to do to implement required security measures and reduced the time and cost to prepare and submit their security plans to DHS.”

ALSO IN THE NEWS

Security Forces Clash With Protesters In Hamburg.

The [Washington Post](#)   (7/6, Stanley-Becker) reports that “security forces clad in riot gear clashed with protesters” in Hamburg on the eve of the summit, “using water cannons and pepper spray to disperse a group with anarchist sympathies that had refused to stand down.” An estimated 100,000 protesters were expected for Friday. The [New York Post](#)   (7/6, Calder) reports that New York Mayor Bill de Blasio will be in Hamburg to protest.

[NBC Nightly News](#) (7/6, lead story, 2:35, Guthrie) reported, “12,000 people showed up to the Welcome 2 Hell protest, just hours before 20 world leaders including President Trump and the leaders of Britain, France and Russia, meet blocks away. Many here protesting capitalism and globalization. ... Tonight, authorities in Germany bracing to even bigger showdowns tomorrow.” [ABC World News Tonight](#) (7/6, lead story, 3:25, Muir) reported “violent clashes” erupted in Hamburg between protesters “fighting against globalism” and police officers. The [CBS Evening News](#) (7/6, lead story, 2:40, Brown) also had a report.

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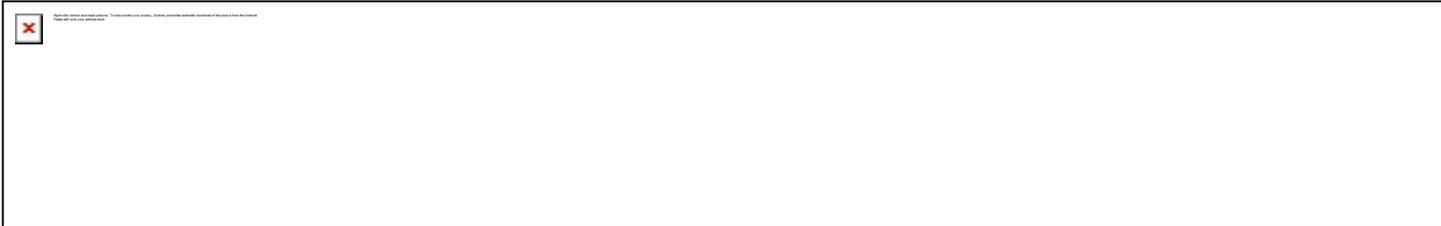
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Also reporting are [The Hill](#) (7/6, Seipel), [CNN](#) (7/6, De Vogue, Reporter), the [Huffington Post](#) (7/6), and [Politico](#) (7/6, Hesson).

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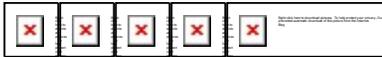
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HEADLINE	06/01 Dakota Access pipeline begins service
SOURCE	http://fox11online.com/news/nation-world/38-billion-dakota-access-oil-pipeline-begins-service-06-01-2017-193504583
GIST	<p>BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The \$3.8 billion Dakota Access pipeline began shipping oil for customers on Thursday, as Native American tribes that opposed the project vowed to continue fighting.</p> <p>Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners announced that the 1,200-mile line carrying North Dakota oil through South Dakota and Iowa to a distribution point in Illinois had begun commercial service. The Dakota Access pipeline and the Energy Transfer Crude Oil Pipeline from Illinois to the Gulf Coast together make up the \$4.8 billion Bakken Pipeline system, which ETP said has commitments for about 520,000 barrels of oil daily.</p> <p>"The pipeline will transport light, sweet crude oil from North Dakota to major refining markets in a more direct, cost-effective, safer and more environmentally responsible manner than other modes of transportation, including rail or truck," the company said in a statement.</p> <p>Four Sioux tribes in the Dakotas are still fighting in federal court in Washington, D.C., hoping to persuade a judge to shut down the line. Tribes and environmental groups fear it might pollute water sources. More than half a year of protests in North Dakota resulted in 761 arrests before President Donald Trump's administration and the courts allowed the pipeline to be completed earlier this year.</p> <p>"Now that the Dakota Access pipeline is fully operational, we find it more urgent than ever that the courts and administration address the risks posed to the drinking water of millions of American citizens," Standing Rock Sioux Chairman Dave Archambault said in a statement. "This pipeline became operational today, yet it has already leaked at least three times."</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Secret Service: threats remain the same
SOURCE	https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2017/06/01/secret-service-trump-faces-same-number-threats-obama/102400210/

GIST

WASHINGTON – Despite a spate of White House security breaches and other attention-grabbing stunts, there has been no change in the number of threats to directed at President Trump during his first five months in office as compared to his predecessor Barack Obama, according to the Secret Service.

On average, agents have been pursuing six to eight threat reports each day, the new Secret Service Director Randolph "Tex" Alles told reporters Thursday.

That number that has remained relatively consistent for the past decade, regardless of the officeholder, the retired Marine Corps major general said in his first briefing since his appointment by Trump in April.

The remarks come as the agency was confronted just this week with a grim stunt organized by actress Kathy Griffin who was photographed holding a fake, severed head in the image of Trump. Griffin's actions, which drew direct rebukes from Trump and First Lady Melania Trump, has set in motion a formal investigation. The Secret Service will question the actress.

Alles, the first director selected from outside the agency in 70 years, did acknowledge however that the size of the current president's family and his multiple residences have placed added "stress" on the agency's protective division which has carried a crushing workload since Pope Francis' 2015 visit to the U.S. The visit, which required an enormous security operation, was followed quickly by a contentious election season and January's inauguration.

"There are more places we have to protect by statute," Alles said, referring to Trump's frequent retreats in Florida, New Jersey and his home located in Manhattan's Trump Tower. "That and the fact that he has a large family. That's just more stress on the organization. We recognize that. It's not something I have any flexibility on.

"I can't change the size of the president's family," Alles said, chuckling. "Nor will I attempt to do that."

Just 38 days on the job, Alles did outline an ambitious agenda to increase the size of the agency from its current 6,800 agents and uniform officers to 9,500 by 2025. The bolstered force is needed, he said, to improve persistent morale problems caused by unpredictable staffing demands and limited funds to pay overtime.

In October, USA TODAY reported that slightly more than 1,000 agents – about a third of the agent workforce – had maxed out annual overtime and salary allowances. Many of them had reached their limits in June and were not eligible for overtime during the national political conventions, which the agency secures.

The disclosure prompted Congress to approve additional funding to cover the overtime costs, but that fix only applied to last year's overtime expenditures. Unless Congress approves a permanent fix, Alles said a "couple hundred" agents and officers will max out their pay allowances this year.

HEADLINE	06/01 Rank: 114th most peaceful nation on Earth
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jun/1/us-ranked-the-114th-most-peaceful-nation-on-earth/
GIST	<p>Land of the free, home of the brave - but America may not be the most peaceful spot on earth according to the 11th annual “Global Peace Index,” which bases judgement calls on a complex gauge of social, economic and political factors, including rates of homicide and terrorism activities.</p> <p>The U.S. is now at No. 114, falling 11 places in the last year, the analysis says. Armenia and Rwanda are just in front of America on the list, El Salvador and China follow.</p> <p>“Iceland remains the most peaceful country in the world, a position it has held since 2008. It is joined at the top of the index by New Zealand, Portugal, Austria, and Denmark. There was also very little change at the bottom of the index. Syria remains the least peaceful country in the world, followed by Afghanistan, Iraq, South Sudan, and Yemen,” the report said.</p> <p>Most U.S. allies are in the top-20 of the index, including Canada, Japan, Australia, Ireland and Germany. The United Kingdom is at No. 41, however.</p> <p>“The U.S. deterioration is primarily driven by the growing intensity of internal conflict within the country, which was partly seen in the divisive 2016 Presidential election, as well as increases in the perceptions of criminality across American society,” the analysis said, also citing the impact of “rising homicide rates in several major American cities” and several terrorist attacks on American soil.</p> <p>The index is produced by the Australia-based Institute for Economics and Peace, which figures that the impact of strife worldwide is \$14.3 trillion. News is not all bad, though. In a nutshell, the index found that 93 nations became “more peaceful” in the last year, 68 were “less peaceful.”</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Record: wettest fall through spring
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/649876/seattle-breaks-rain-record-in-first-few-hours-of-june/
GIST	<p>Hours before the calendar flipped to June 1, Sea-Tac broke the record for the wettest fall through spring.</p> <p>When .08 inches of rain fell late Wednesday night, it meant a total of 47.27 inches of rain had hit from Oct. 1 to May 31, according to the National Weather Service. Even if it doesn’t rain the rest of the month, we’ve already received enough to set the rain record for October through June.</p> <p>It’s the most rainfall for the October through June period since record-keeping began back in 1895. It’s just slightly above the previous record of 47.23 inches, which was set last year.</p>

	<p>There have been 95 days with measurable rain at Sea-Tac in 2017. Gary Schneider with the National Weather Service says that's three days shy of the record through June 1, set back in 1961.</p> <p>Though the rainfall was recorded at Sea-Tac, Schneider says it is representative of most of Western Washington.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Sound Transit, Mercer Island agree
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/650091/sound-transits-10m-agreement-will-eliminate-any-legal-challenges/
GIST	<p>Mercer Island has dropped its lawsuit against Sound Transit and the Washington State Department of Transportation. It was suing the agencies for breaking a decades-old agreement that would allow solo access into the express lanes.</p> <p>Those express lanes are being turned over to Sound Transit for light rail construction on Sunday. New HOV lanes that operate in each direction also go active on Sunday.</p> <p>Under the agreement reached just before a midnight deadline on Wednesday, Sound Transit will pay just over \$10 million for traffic safety and mitigation programs and for parking spaces to replace the South Bellevue Park-and-Ride lot, which will be closed for five years.</p> <p>After a closed meeting that lasted more than six hours, the Mercer Island City Council voted (5-1) to approve Sound Transit's offer just minutes before it was set to expire on Thursday.</p> <p>Details of the offer:</p> <p>Transit Access and Safety: \$5.3 million to address vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian access issues resulting from the closure of the Center Roadway or fund "last-mile solutions" that enable Islanders to access transit without driving.</p> <p>Parking: \$4.6 million that will provide approximately 100 additional commuter parking stalls during the East Link construction period (2017-2023), and will fund construction of new commuter parking for residents.</p> <p>Bus-Rail Integration: No bus facility will be built on 80th Avenue – instead, all pick-up and drop-offs will continue to occur on North Mercer Way, as they do today, and bus volumes are comparable to today.</p> <p>"While this has been an all-consuming and expensive process for Council and staff, I'm pleased that we have finally reached a settlement that advances the mobility needs of our residents," Mercer Island Mayor Bruce Bassett said in a news release, "and we appreciate the last-minute effort to reach an agreement by members of the Sound Transit Board."</p>

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HEADLINE	06/01 Snohomish Co. settles jail death lawsuit
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Snohomish-County-to-pay-600-000-in-man-s-jail-11188059.php
GIST	<p>EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — Snohomish County has agreed to pay \$600,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by the family of a mentally ill man who died in jail in 2012.</p> <p>The Daily Herald says the family of 59-year-old Bill Williams sued the county, alleging jail staff failed to provide adequate medical care.</p> <p>The County Council approved the settlement earlier this week. The county did not admit wrongdoing.</p> <p>Williams died 17 minutes after he was brought to the jail on Sept. 14, 2012. A medical examiner concluded that a struggle with corrections officers led Williams to suffer from excited delirium, a form of mania that follows severe physical agitation. His death was ruled a homicide.</p> <p>Prosecutors said in court papers that the officers used appropriate force given their safety concerns.</p> <p>Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Roe declined to file criminal charges against the five corrections officers who struggled to restrain Williams. He said the officers' actions were within the boundaries of the law.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Friday is National Donut Day
SOURCE	https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2017/06/01/national-doughnut-day-free-donuts-krispy-kreme-dunkin-donuts/361383001/
GIST	<p>What better way to celebrate National Doughnut Day than with a free treat?</p> <p>Shops across the country are marking the occasion with free pastries June 2.</p> <p>Some, such as Dunkin' Donuts and Cumberland Farms, require purchase of a beverage to get the freebie.</p> <p>National Doughnut Day was established in 1938 by the Chicago Salvation Army to honor women who served doughnuts to soldiers during World War I. The holiday is traditionally celebrated on the first Friday of June.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Putin: US missiles challenging Russia
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-economic-forum-putin-idUSKBN18S4NS

GIST	<p>Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday that elements of a U.S. anti-missile system in Alaska and South Korea were a challenge to Russia and that Moscow had no choice but to build up its own forces in response.</p> <p>Putin, speaking at an economic forum in St Petersburg, said Russia could not stand idly by and watch while others increased their military capabilities along its borders in the Far East in the same way as he said had been done in Europe.</p> <p>He said Moscow was particularly alarmed by the deployment of the U.S. THAAD anti-missile system to South Korea to counter a North Korean missile threat and to reported U.S. plans to beef up Fort Greely in Alaska, a launch site for anti-ballistic missiles.</p> <p>"This destroys the strategic balance in the world," Putin told a meeting with international media, the start of which was broadcast on state TV.</p> <p>"What is happening is a very serious and alarming process. In Alaska, and now in South Korea, elements of the anti-missile defence system are emerging. Should we just stand idly by and watch this? Of course not. We are thinking about how to respond to these challenges. This is a challenge for us."</p> <p>Washington was using North Korea as a pretext to expand its military infrastructure in Asia in the same way it had used Iran as a pretext to develop a missile shield in Europe, charged Putin.</p> <p>Putin said the Kurile Islands, a chain of islands in the Far East where Moscow and Tokyo have rival territorial claims, were "quite a convenient place" to deploy Russian military hardware to respond to such threats.</p> <p>Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said last year Russia planned to deploy some of its newest missile defence systems and drones to the islands, part of a drive to rearm military units already stationed there. He has also spoken of Russia building a military base there.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Doc's 1980 letter create opioid crisis?
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/drug-companies-1980-doctors-letter-widespread-opioids-use/
GIST	<p>Nearly 40 years ago, a respected doctor wrote a letter to the New England Journal of Medicine with some very good news: Out of nearly 40,000 patients given powerful pain drugs in a Boston hospital, only four addictions were documented.</p> <p>Doctors had been wary of opioids, fearing patients would get hooked. Reassured by the letter, which called this "rare" in those with no history of addiction, they pulled out their prescription pads and spread the good news in their own published reports.</p>

And that is how a one-paragraph letter with no supporting information helped seed a nationwide epidemic of misuse of drugs like Vicodin and OxyContin by convincing doctors that opioids were safer than we now know them to be.

On Wednesday, the journal published an editor's note about the 1980 letter and an analysis from Canadian researchers of how often it has been cited — more than 600 times, often inaccurately. Most used it as evidence that addiction was rare, and most did not say it only concerned hospitalized patients, not outpatient or chronic pain situations such as bad backs and severe arthritis that opioids came to be used for.

"This pain population with no abuse history is literally at no risk for addiction," one citation said. "There have been studies suggesting that addiction rarely evolves in the setting of painful conditions," said another.

"It's difficult to overstate the role of this letter," said Dr. David Juurlink of the University of Toronto, who led the analysis. "It was the key bit of literature that helped the opiate manufacturers convince front-line doctors that addiction is not a concern."

Hospital databases were so limited in 1980 that we can't be confident there weren't more problems, or cases discovered after patients were discharged, Juurlink said.

The letter was written by Dr. Hershel Jick, a drug specialist at Boston University Medical Center, and a graduate student.

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HEADLINE	06/01 NIH new push to fight opioid crisis
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/americas-heroin-epidemic/opioid-crisis-nih-launches-new-push-epidemic-n766826
GIST	<p>The National Institutes of Health announced a new push Wednesday to fight the opioid crisis, with fresh efforts to develop better drugs to fight addiction, to treat pain, and to stop overdoses.</p> <p>The giant agency — the world's biggest funder of medical research — is meeting with drugmakers to figure out the best and fastest ways to come up with a better solution to treating pain than the current addictive opioid class of drugs.</p> <p>"Every day, more than 90 Americans die from opioid overdoses," NIH director Dr. Francis Collins and Dr. Nora Volkow, head of the NIH's National Institute for Drug Abuse, wrote in a special report for the New England Journal of Medicine.</p>

	<p>Collins said the NIH will be meeting with "a dozen or more" drug companies over the coming weeks to develop better overdose drugs; better drugs to treat opioid addiction; and pain drugs that not only work better, but that are not addictive.</p> <p>"The NIH will now work with private partners to develop stronger, longer-acting formulations of antagonists, including naloxone, to counteract the very-high-potency synthetic opioids that are now claiming thousands of lives each year," Collins and Volkow wrote.</p> <p>"Industry is very interested and committed," Collin added in the phone briefing.</p> <p>Drug companies and science alike have failed to keep moving, in part because it took a while to realize that new formulations of synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, were even more deadly and addictive than heroin and morphine.</p> <p>"It was partly because we believed as recently as 20 years ago that we had this problem solved," Collins said.</p> <p>"The holy grail was to develop an opioid that was not addictive ... but it's failed completely," Volkow added. One big mistake was believing that if people were taking opioids to treat pain, they would not become addicted, Volkow said.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Russia: will respond NATO buildup
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/russia-envoy-moscow-respond-nato-buildup-47766752
GIST	<p>Russia's envoy to NATO warned Thursday that Moscow is concerned by the alliance's military deployment in the Baltic States and Poland, and will respond to the buildup, as thousands of U.S. and European troops trained on land, sea and in the air in central and eastern Europe.</p> <p>"NATO is building a new military security situation that we cannot ignore, that we should address using our own military instruments," Ambassador Alexander Grushko said in Brussels.</p> <p>He declined to spell out what kind of measures Russia might take, saying only that "NATO's movements will not be left without a response in terms of military planning."</p> <p>Twelve NATO countries are deploying a total of around 4,600 troops to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland and the four battlegroups are due to be fully up and running within two weeks.</p> <p>NATO says it's a deterrent move aimed at countering aggression by Russia, which seized Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014.</p>

	<p>"NATO is a defensive alliance and we do not seek confrontation with Russia," NATO spokesman Piers Cazalet said. "NATO had no plan to deploy forces in the region before Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea."</p> <p>Separately, around 4,000 U.S. and European troops from 14 nations were taking part in the annual Baltic Operations navy exercise that opened Thursday in the Baltic Sea port of Szczecin, in Poland, one of Russia's neighbors. The war games involve ground forces backed by about 50 ships and submarines and over 50 aircraft, and will run through June 16.</p> <p>In Romania, meanwhile, another 2,000 soldiers, 1,000 assistance personnel and 500 vehicles from 11 NATO nations were training in the alliance's "Noble Jump 2017" drill.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 NATO, partners train in eastern Europe
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/us-european-troops-open-massive-navy-baltic-sea-47763755?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleoll_hed
GIST	<p>Thousands of troops from NATO and its partner nations are training on land and sea in central and eastern Europe Thursday, in two major exercises that aim to demonstrate their cooperation and rapid response capabilities at a time when the region feels threatened by Russia.</p> <p>Around 4,000 U.S. and European troops from 14 nations took part in the annual Baltic Operations navy exercise that opened Thursday in Poland's Baltic Sea port of Szczecin. The 45th edition of the so-called BALTOPS exercise involves maritime, air and ground forces with about 50 ships and submarines and over 50 aircraft, and will run through June 16.</p> <p>The training includes "tracking down and fighting submarines and sea mines, the use of air defense and landing troops as well as defense against navy vessels," said Lt. Cmdr. Jacek Kwiatkowski, spokesman for the exercise.</p> <p>The European troops come from Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Lithuania, Latvia, Germany, Norway, Britain, Sweden and host nation Poland.</p> <p>BALTOPS began in 1972 as a NATO exercise. Former Eastern Bloc nations joined in 1993, as they opened efforts to become alliance members.</p> <p>In Romania, meanwhile, another 2,000 soldiers, 1,000 assistance personnel and 500 vehicles from 11 NATO nations are training within the alliance's so-called "Noble Jump 2017" drill that opened in Greece Monday.</p>

Poland, Romania and other countries on NATO's eastern flank are concerned for their security and defense following Russia's seizure of the Crimea Peninsula from Ukraine, and because of its support for rebels in eastern Ukraine and its air force activity over the Baltic Sea. To allay these concerns, NATO and the U.S. have deployed thousands of troops to the region and hold regular joint exercises there.

About 300 troops traveling in a military convoy arrived in Romania from Bulgaria on Thursday. Other troops are expected to join in from bases in Britain, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Poland, Norway and Albania.

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HEADLINE	06/01 Prescription drugs, pot risk road safety
SOURCE	http://www.marketwatch.com/story/tiger-woods-dui-arrest-prescription-drugs-are-a-growing-threat-to-us-road-safety-2017-05-30
GIST	<p>Crashes involving drugged drivers have nearly doubled over the last decade. In 2015, 21% of the 32,166 fatal crashes in the U.S. involved one driver who tested positive for drugs, up from 12% of the 39,252 fatal crashes in 2005, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, according to data released last year by the government's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "Use of marijuana and prescription drugs is increasingly prominent among drivers on America's roads, which raises a new safety challenge," the NHTSA says. "While it's illegal across the United States to drive while drunk, the laws involving drugged driving vary across the states."</p> <p>Video footage released online showed former "Dynasty" star Linda Evans, 74, being arrested in 2014 in Washington State for a DUI after driving erratically. "Unfortunately, I believe that you are under the influence," the police officer told the actress. She was given a ticket for DUI in the footage first released last March, but this was later amended to reckless driving. Police found 30 pink pills in her car, which Evans said she used as muscle relaxers. "It's true I was driving while being in physical pain," Evans told People magazine, but I was not impaired by any narcotic. I did not take any opiate or alcohol." (Her management did not immediately reply to a request for comment.)</p> <p>Marijuana is another problem for road safety. Fatal crashes involving drivers who recently used marijuana doubled in Washington State to 17% in 2014 from 8% in 2013 after the legalization of the drug there, according to a study released last year by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Legal limits for marijuana and driving are arbitrary and unsupported by science, "which could result in unsafe motorists going free and others being wrongfully convicted for impaired driving," AAA spokeswoman Tamra Johnson said. Recreational sales of marijuana ballooned 80% to \$1.8 billion in 2016, according to data from Marijuana Business Daily.</p> <p>Another recent survey by the NHTSA found that marijuana users are more likely to be involved in accidents, which may be due to the legalization of marijuana in many states, but that the increased risk may be due in part because they are more likely to be in groups at higher risk of crashes. "In particular,</p>

marijuana users are more likely to be young men — a group already at high risk,” the study found. While fatal traffic accidents have declined gradually over the last 10 to 15 years helped by stricter laws related to drunk driving and public safety awareness campaigns, it has crept back up over the last year amid other concerns related to texting while driving.

The spike in fatalities involving drugged drivers is likely an indication of the wider problem. The rate of drug overdose deaths in the U.S. in 2015, adjusted for age, was more than 2.5 times the rate in 1999, according to recent data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, due to a fall in the price of heroin and accessibility to prescription drugs. The rate of drug overdose deaths increased to 16.3 per 100,000 in 2015 from 6.1 per 100,000 people in 1999, an average rise of 5.5% a year. The biggest spike in fatal drug overdoses took place among Generation X and baby boomers, the CDC concluded.

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HEADLINE	06/01 Unflappable 12yr old wins Nat'l Spelling Bee
SOURCE	https://apnews.com/3b68e6914bb446258d0884d0febf47b/Unflappable-Ananya-Vinay-wins-National-Spelling-Bee
GIST	<p>OXON HILL, Md. (AP) — Ananya Vinay never looked all that impressed by any of the words she was given in the finals of the Scripps National Spelling Bee.</p> <p>The 12-year-old from Fresno, California, showed little emotion and didn't take much time as she plowed through word after word. Sometimes she would blurt out questions, with little intonation — “Part of speech?” “Language of origin?” — and sometimes she didn't even bother.</p> <p>Unflappable to the end, Ananya seized the opportunity when her steely opponent, Rohan Rajeev, flubbed a simple-looking but obscure Scandinavian-derived word, “marram,” which means a beach grass. She calmly nailed two words in a row, ending on “marocain,” which means a type of dress fabric of ribbed crepe, to win the 90th Scripps National Spelling Bee on Thursday.</p> <p>“I knew them all,” Ananya said.</p> <p>Ananya barely cracked a smile even when her parents and younger brother stormed onto the stage to embrace her as the confetti fell. And she took time to console Rohan, who remained in his seat, wiping tears from his eyes.</p> <p>“It's like a dream come true,” Ananya said. “I'm so happy right now.”</p> <p>Later, she flashed a broad and toothy grin as she lingered on stage accepting congratulations. She will take home more than \$40,000 in cash and prizes.</p>

	Ananya is the 13th consecutive Indian-American to win the bee and the 18th of the past 22 winners with Indian heritage, a run that began in 1999 with Nupur Lala’s victory, which was featured in the documentary “Spellbound.” Like most of her predecessors, she honed her craft in highly competitive national bees that are limited to Indian-Americans, the North South Foundation and the South Asian Spelling Bee, although she did not win either.
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HEADLINE	06/02 Parking to get worse at state Capitol
SOURCE	http://www.theolympian.com/news/politics-government/article153932249.html
GIST	<p>If you’re driving to the state Capitol, beware: Beginning this summer, there will be less parking available, and you will be charged more if you manage to find a spot.</p> <p>It’s a double whammy for state workers and visitors sparked by colliding budget concerns at the Legislature and the state Department of Enterprise Services (DES), which manages the campus.</p> <p>The parking scarcity stems from the new five-story 1063 Block building under construction at the corner of Capitol Way South and 11th Avenue that has a September move-in date for tenants such as the State Patrol.</p> <p>A 261-spot parking garage was torn down to make way for the roughly \$86 million project, which officials expect will bring an estimated 300 new parkers to the campus along with more visitors.</p> <p>On top of the parking crunch, DES is hiking parking rates July 1 to help fund its budget. It’s the first time prices have been raised in more than eight years and deemed necessary because the agency is running a deficit, Reynolds said.</p> <p>Reynolds said the price still will be below market value for a similar, privately owned parking spot in Olympia.</p> <p>Enterprise Services uses parking fees to operate and maintain the Capitol Campus, and parking must be at a rate that “meets financial requirements,” according to a slideshow presentation by DES.</p> <p>State workers without reserved spots will see their rates jump from \$25 to \$35 a month unless they get a discount for ridesharing. Reserved spots will go from \$35 to \$49 a month. Metered visitor parking will see an increase of just 50 cents, from \$1.50 an hour to \$2 an hour.</p> <p>The combination of higher prices for fewer spaces has some state workers steamed.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/02 AAA: ‘100 deadliest days’ for teen drivers
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SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/nation-world/aaa-100-deadliest-days-for-teen-drivers-is-here
GIST	<p>HARRISBURG, Pa — We are now in what is commonly referred to as the "100 deadliest days" for teen drivers.</p> <p>According to AAA, between Memorial Day and Labor Day new teen drivers are three times as likely to be involved in a deadly crash.</p> <p>Over the past five years, more than 1,600 people were killed in crashes involving inexperienced teen drivers during this period.</p> <p>"So the main message is for parents to be involved, set a good example, have conversations early and often with your teen drivers about this serious situation, we're talking about a loss of life here."</p> <p>AAA says three factors commonly cause deadly crashes: distractions (cell phones, passengers), speeding and not wearing a seat belt.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Recall: Tacoma pickups
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/auto/2017/06/02/toyota-recalls-36000-tacoma-pickups-for-stalling-risk.html
GIST	<p>Toyota is recalling 36,000 Tacoma pickups in North and South America because they can stall without warning.</p> <p>The recall involves Tacomas with V-6 engines from the 2016 and 2017 model years. Most of the trucks — 32,000 — are in the U.S. The rest are in Canada, Mexico, Bolivia and Costa Rica.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Aging Japan faces healthcare crisis
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/news/dementia-timebomb-ageing-japan-faces-healthcare-crisis-030948375.html
GIST	<p>One of the world's most rapidly ageing and long-lived societies, Japan is at the forefront of an impending global healthcare crisis. Authorities are bracing for a dementia timebomb and their approach could shape policies well beyond its borders.</p> <p>By 2025, one in five of the over 65s -- around 7.3 million people -- in Japan will have dementia, the health ministry estimates, up from around 4.6 million now.</p> <p>Alzheimer's Disease, a syndrome in which cognitive ability, emotional control, and social behaviour deteriorate, accounts for the majority of cases.</p>

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is aiming to increase the number of nursing homes and raise care worker wages to tackle the problem.

There is also a goal to ease the burden of family caregivers and reduce the number of people who quit work -- such as Ito -- to care for dementia-stricken relatives -- from 100,000 a year to zero.

Dementia is a major global health issue with cases soaring as people live longer. The World Health Organization estimates a new case is diagnosed every four seconds.

Many developed countries are already facing challenges on how to fund care, but Japan's issue is pronounced because its population has aged at a faster pace.

According to a 2016 OECD report, Japanese social spending as a percentage of GDP stands at 23.1 percent, lower than other developed countries with high percentages of elderly people, such as France and Italy.

"Japan has run its social welfare system on the premise that family members would take charge," said Katsuhiko Fujimori, chief research associate at Mizuho Information & Research Institute.

The government, he said, simply can't achieve its goals without more money. But a cash injection seems unrealistic given that Japan's public debt is already more than twice the size of its economy.

And with a shrinking and ageing population and workforce, some elderly with higher incomes are already being forced to pay more out of pocket for nursing care expenses under the national insurance scheme.

The overwhelming mental, physical and economic burden of caregiving has led to tragedy.

The total number of cases of abuse of the elderly rose to 16,384 in the fiscal year 2015 -- up from 12,623 in fiscal 2006, the majority of which involved relatives, according to figures from the health ministry. The reality of caring for an incapacitated loved one can push people to the brink.

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HEADLINE	06/01 San Diego heightened risk of quakes
SOURCE	http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-san-diego-quake-20170601-htlstory.html
GIST	<p>New research released this week found that a fault under the heart of San Diego can produce stronger and more frequent earthquakes than previously thought.</p> <p>It's the second study in recent months pointing to heightened quake risks in the San Diego area. San Diego's Rose Canyon fault produces powerful earthquakes more frequently than once believed, according to researchers from San Diego State University.</p>

SDSU scientists who studied the fault in Old Town determined that the system — which before about 1990 was thought to be inactive — generates a magnitude 6.5 to 6.8 earthquake about once every 700 years.

Seismologist Tom Rockwell said that earlier work indicated that such quakes occur every 1,000 to 1,500 years on the 40-mile-long fault, which extends from San Diego Bay, through Old Town and across Mission Valley, and up Rose Canyon through Mt. Soledad, to offshore at La Jolla.

The fault is known to extend as far north as Oceanside offshore.

“A powerful quake in the mid-to-upper 6s could cause liquefaction around San Diego and Mission bays and locally in Mission Valley, and cause the land to be offset across the fault, which would damage buildings,” said Rockwell, one of California’s most experienced seismologists.

The research team said they also found evidence at a dig site in Old Town that the strike-slip fault has produced at least two additional quakes in the magnitude 5.0 to 6.0 range in recent centuries— shaking referred to as background seismicity.

In March, scientists proved how San Diego’s Rose Canyon should give residents of Los Angeles and Orange counties something to worry about.

Researchers said the discovery of missing links between earthquake faults shows how a magnitude 7.4 temblor could rupture virtually simultaneously underneath Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties. Such an earthquake would be 30 times more powerful than the magnitude 6.4 Long Beach quake in 1933, which killed 120 people.

But to get to a 7.4, the earthquake would not only have to again rupture the Newport-Inglewood fault in Los Angeles and Orange counties. It would also have to jolt the Rose Canyon fault system, which runs all the way through downtown San Diego and hasn’t ruptured since roughly 1650.

“These two fault zones are actually one continuous fault zone,” Valerie Sahakian, the study’s lead author, said earlier this year. Sahakian wrote the study while working on her doctorate at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. Sahakian is now a research geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey.

In the past, scientists reported gaps between the two fault systems of as much as 3 miles. But this study showed the gaps are actually less than 1¼ miles apart.

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[Read more about that research here.](#)

HEADLINE	06/01 Secret Service relaxes marijuana policy
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/06/01/politics/secret-service-new-marijuana-policy/index.html
GIST	<p>(CNN)Thirty-eight days into the job, the new director of the US Secret Service, Randolph Alles, is getting to know his agency.</p> <p>Alles told reporters Thursday that he's working to grow the Secret Service, including by relaxing the agency's drug policy on marijuana.</p> <p>Instead of a policy that would disqualify an applicant who has used the drug more than a certain number of times, the agency will now use a "whole-person concept" to measure marijuana use, potentially allowing candidates who admit to marijuana use based on the last age at which they used the drug and the amount of time between then and their application to the agency.</p> <p>The Secret Service has two primary missions: To investigate and prevent financial crimes, and to protect the US President as well as former US leaders and their families.</p> <p>The new director acknowledged that around-the-clock shifts and last-minute assignments have affected morale among the force, which now numbers roughly 6,500.</p> <p>He explained he is aiming to boost the ranks to almost 10,000 agents within the next eight years.</p> <p>"We need more people. The mission has changed," Alles said, citing post-9/11 threats that include terror groups like al Qaeda and ISIS, as well as homegrown terrorists. "It's more dynamic and way more dangerous than it has been in years past," Alles said.</p> <p>But despite a change in the drug policy, Alles vowed to keep standards high for agents, saying there is no consideration of downgrading the role of the polygraph in the process, as has been discussed by other federal law enforcement agencies facing staffing droughts.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Landmarks around the globe go green
SOURCE	http://time.com/4802727/paris-climate-accord-landmarks-green/?xid=homepage
GIST	<p>Municipal governments around the world are bathing their city halls and landmarks with green light to show their support for the Paris Agreement on climate action, after President Donald Trump announced Thursday that the U.S. would withdraw from the accord.</p> <p>In France, the 2015 climate accord's namesake lit up its city hall in a vibrant hue, fresh on the heels of Trump's announcement. "Regardless of Trump's decision, cities will apply [the] Paris Agreement," tweeted Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo, in both French and English.</p>

	<p>Several landmarks across New York also shone green Thursday night, including One World Trade Center, the Kosciuszko Bridge and the New York City Hall.</p> <p>"World: the Empire State stands with you," tweeted New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. "New York shines green for our planet, our health and our children's future."</p> <p>The mayors of New York City, Boston, Montreal, Mexico City and others around the world joined in the show of emerald light.</p> <p>Cities in other time zones like Sydney plan to join in the action on Friday.</p> <p>Several foreign governments, and even three U.S. states, have banded together to defend the climate agreement despite Trump's decision to withdraw.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Property values spike in King Co.
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/assessed-property-values-spike-in-king-county/445039991
GIST	<p>Skyrocketing home values are not all good news for homeowners. In King County, some are being put on notice now that a big bill could be coming soon.</p> <p>Tim Sandner says he bought his home in Rainier Valley six years ago for \$270,000. Today, he says it is valued around \$475,000.</p> <p>"I think it's good," said Sandner. "I mean property values going up means your area is kind of on the rise."</p> <p>At the Office of the King County Assessor, they agree Rainier Valley is on the rise. Home values are spiking 19.3% on average in the area. In White Center, home values have climbed 18.6%, in Bellevue 19%, and SeaTac more than 21%.</p> <p>"It could mean several hundred more dollars a year that you are going to be paying in property taxes," said assessor John Wilson.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 US imposes new sanctions on NKorea
SOURCE	https://www.aol.com/article/news/2017/06/01/us-sanctions-north-korea-arms-program/22121679/
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON, June 1 (Reuters) - The United States on Thursday blacklisted nine companies and government institutions, including two Russian firms, and three people for their support of North Korea's weapons programs.</p>

The announcement from the U.S. Treasury came as diplomats said the United States and China were likely to propose on Thursday that the U.N. Security Council blacklist more North Korean individuals and entities over the country's repeated ballistic missile launches.

Russia's Interfax news agency quoted Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov as saying Moscow was puzzled and alarmed by the U.S. decision to sanction a Russian citizen and firms over alleged connections to North Korea.

He said Russia is preparing retaliatory measures, and that the sanctions would not help efforts to restore relations between Moscow and Washington, RIA news agency reported.

The United States has struggled to slow North Korea's nuclear and missile programs, which has become a security priority given Pyongyang's vow to develop a nuclear-tipped missile capable of hitting the U.S. mainland.

The measures announced by the U.S. Treasury on Thursday sanctioned Ardis-Bearings Llc, which it said is based in Moscow, and its director, Igor Aleksandrovich Michurin, for acting as a supplier to a North Korean trading company involved in the country's missile and weapons of mass destruction programs.

Another Russian firm, Independent Petroleum Company, and a subsidiary were blacklisted for signing a contract to provide oil to North Korea and shipping over \$1 million worth of petroleum products to North Korea, Treasury said.

The Treasury also sanctioned a major North Korean zinc company, the Korea Zinc Industrial Group, and the Korea Computer Center, which it said is a state-run information technology research center that generates foreign currency for the North Korean government through programming and software development.

The center is believed to have offices in Germany, China, Syria, India and the Middle East, Treasury said. A North Korean intelligence official, Kim Su-Kwang, was also sanctioned. The Treasury said he had worked undercover at a United Nations organization in Europe.

The steps freeze any funds the individuals or companies may have in the United States, and bar Americans from dealing with them.

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HEADLINE	06/01 Governors unite to back climate pact
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/california-york-washington-unite-back-climate-pact-47778881

GIST	<p>Three Democratic governors said Thursday they won't let the United States back away from a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, despite President Donald Trump decision to withdraw from an international pact.</p> <p>"This is an insane move by this president," California Gov. Jerry Brown said, blasting the decision as "deviant behavior from the highest office in the land."</p> <p>Brown joined Gov. Jay Inslee of Washington state and Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York to form the U.S. Climate Alliance to uphold the Paris climate agreement, a pact involving nearly 200 nations aimed at slowing the warming of the planet.</p> <p>The three states already belong to an emissions reduction pact of states and cities worldwide, but Thursday's action marked a direct stand against the Trump administration and a formal commitment to upholding the targets of the Paris agreement.</p> <p>Connecticut Gov. Dan Malloy and Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe also expressed interest in joining the new pact.</p> <p>"We governors are going to step into this cockpit and fly the plane," Inslee told reporters. "The president wants to ground it — we're going to fly it."</p>
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HEADLINE	06/02 Europe: Paris deal can't be renegotiated
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/world-leaders-reaffirm-commitment-fighting-climate-change-47770526
GIST	<p>Top European leaders pledged Thursday to keep fighting against global warming as President Donald Trump announced he was pulling out of the Paris climate accord, but they rejected his suggestion that the deal could later be renegotiated.</p> <p>The leaders of France, Germany and Italy said in a joint statement that they regretted the United States' decision to withdraw from the accord, but affirmed "our strongest commitment" to implement its measures and encouraged "all our partners to speed up their action to combat climate change."</p> <p>While Trump said the United States would be willing to rejoin the accord if it could obtain more favorable terms, the three European leaders said the agreement cannot be renegotiated, "since it is a vital instrument for our planet, societies and economics."</p> <p>President Emmanuel Macron of France repeated that belief in an English-language speech from the presidential palace, unprecedented from a French president in an address at home. He said, "I do respect this decision but I do think it is an actual mistake both for the U.S. and for our planet."</p>

	<p>"Wherever we live, whoever we are, we all share the same responsibility: make our planet great again," Macron added.</p> <p>The European Union's top climate change official, Miguel Arias Canete, said in a statement that Trump's decision to leave the Paris accord made it "a sad day for the global community," adding that the bloc "deeply regrets the unilateral decision."</p> <p>Canete also predicted that the EU would seek new alliances from the world's largest economies to the most vulnerable island states, as well as U.S. businesses and individuals supportive of the accord.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 DHS signals shift 'temporary status'
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/homeland-security-chief-signals-shift-immigration-program-47778916?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Immigrants who have legally lived and worked in the U.S. since disasters in their countries years ago may have to start thinking about going home, the U.S. Homeland Security chief said Thursday.</p> <p>In an interview with The Associated Press, Secretary John Kelly sent strong signals that immigration benefits known as "temporary protected status" should not be as open-ended as they have become for tens of thousands of people from Haiti and Central America.</p> <p>"The point is not that there be a complete recovery of all ills in the country," Kelly said. "The point is, whatever the event is that caused TPS to be granted — that event is over, and they can return."</p> <p>That might shock 86,000 immigrants from Honduras and another 263,000 from El Salvador, who constitute the vast majority of the program's current beneficiaries.</p> <p>The Hondurans, along with more than 5,000 immigrants from Nicaragua, became eligible for the temporary protections in 1999 because of destruction from Hurricane Mitch a year earlier. Immigrants from El Salvador were included in 2001 after a series of earthquakes.</p> <p>Immigrants from those three countries make up 80 percent of the 435,000 people from 10 nations currently eligible. Their status has been renewed every 18 months, and it will be up for renewal again early next year.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/02 Philippines: gunman sets fire to resort
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SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/police-respond-resorts-world-manila-philippines-injuries-reported/story?id=47770870&cid=clicksource_76_null_bsq_hed
GIST	<p>At least 36 people died from smoke inhalation after a gunman stormed Resorts World Manila in the Philippines Thursday, after he torched gambling tables, creating a choking amount of smoke, law enforcement officials said.</p> <p>The office of Metro Manila Police Chief Oscar Albayalde confirmed the deaths to ABC News. In addition to the 36 victims, the gunman is also dead.</p> <p>Police told ABC News the initial investigation indicates that all of the victims, who were found mostly on two floors, died from smoke inhalation as the resort was set on fire.</p> <p>The bodies will be taken in for identification and families will be notified before any identities are made public.</p> <p>Teams are still going through the hotel to look for more victims.</p> <p>President Donald Trump had initially referred to the attack as a "terrorist attack," but authorities said the motive behind the shooting was not clear but it was not believed to be terrorism.</p> <p>Philippines National Police Chief Ronald Dela Rosa denied reports that the incident is related to ISIS.</p> <p>Police said one gunman fired at an LED screen at the resort and lit a table on fire but did not shoot anyone. Police said there were no confirmed reports of gunshot wounds. At least 21 people were injured while trying to escape, police added.</p> <p>The suspect was found dead after setting his hotel room on fire, police said.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Intel agencies seek DOJ probe on 'leaks'
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/us-intel-agencies-formally-doj-investigate-russia-related/story?id=47779764
GIST	<p>Looking to stem the tide of bombshell news reports linking Russian operatives with associates of President Donald Trump, U.S. intelligence agencies have taken the significant step of formally referring as many as six recent leaks to the Justice Department for criminal investigation, according to sources familiar with the matter.</p> <p>Word of the criminal referrals comes as President Trump tries to use growing hostility toward the press as a means of making money for the Republican National Committee.</p>

"Do your part to fight back against the media's attacks and deceptions," the president said Friday in a fundraising email blasted out by the RNC and obtained by ABC News. "They don't care about the truth."

Meanwhile, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein may issue a private memorandum to his entire workforce in the coming weeks, reinforcing department guidelines that govern when employees can engage with members of the media, according to Justice Department insiders.

For months, President Trump and key Republican lawmakers have been calling on the Justice Department to investigate who told reporters about classified information uncovered during the U.S. government's ongoing probe of Russian meddling in last year's presidential election. But there's only one voice that can really prompt a Justice Department leak investigation: the U.S. intelligence community.

And now, according to sources familiar with the matter, U.S. intelligence agencies have officially asked the Justice Department to get to the bottom of "several" recent leaks. It's unclear if the Justice Department has opened any cases so far.

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HEADLINE	06/02 Travel ban appeal to Supreme Court
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/trump-administration-appeals-travel-ban-supreme-court/story?id=47782915&cid=clicksource_81_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>The Trump administration on Thursday petitioned the Supreme Court to review its contentious travel ban, a move that could set up a high-stakes final verdict on a policy to restrict immigration from several Muslim-majority nations that has so far been stymied in several lower court decisions.</p> <p>"We have asked the Supreme Court to hear this important case and are confident that President Trump's executive order is well within his lawful authority to keep the Nation safe and protect our communities from terrorism," Justice Department spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores said in a statement released Thursday night. "The President is not required to admit people from countries that sponsor or shelter terrorism, until he determines that they can be properly vetted and do not pose a security risk to the United States."</p> <p>After news of the petition broke, Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson tweeted, "Federal judges at all levels repeatedly and consistently agree with my argument that President Trump's illegal and unconstitutional travel ban cannot go into effect. I am confident the Supreme Court will agree."</p> <p>The Justice Department petition comes after the latest setback for Trump's controversial executive order to temporarily restrict immigration from Somalia, Libya, Iran, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. Last week, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit declined to lift an existing lower court ban on the administration's revised travel ban.</p>

	In order to hear the case, the Supreme Court would now have to grant certioari -- or accept the case -- by having four of its nine justices to vote in the affirmative.
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HEADLINE	06/02 Cause of Wisconsin mill blast unclear
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/wisconsin-corn-mill-blast-unclear-worker-missing-47784377?cid=clicksource_81_null_headlines_hed
GIST	<p>Recovery crews pulled one more body from the rubble of a Wisconsin corn mill that exploded a day earlier, bringing the death toll to two, and another worker remains missing.</p> <p>The blast at the Didion Milling Plant in Cambria, a rural village about 45 miles (72.42 kilometers) northeast of Madison, left at least two people dead. Columbia County Sheriff Dennis Richards confirmed the body of the second worker was found late Thursday afternoon. Emergency crews were still searching for a third worker. Nearly a dozen other employees were taken to area hospitals.</p> <p>None of the workers have been identified.</p> <p>The cause of the blast remained unknown as of Thursday afternoon, Didion officials said.</p> <p>U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration investigators were on the scene.</p> <p>At a news conference Thursday evening, Cambria Fire Chief Cody Doucette said a smaller fire occurred in a different part of the facility on Monday. Investigators were working to determine whether there was a link between that fire and Wednesday night's explosion, Doucette said.</p> <p>The plant processes corn for ethanol and other uses. A review of online OSHA records shows the plant was cited in January 2011 for exposing its workers to dust explosion hazards. The records state that plant filters lacked an explosion protective system.</p> <p>Dust explosions are a serious problem in handling grain, according to the U.S. Agriculture Department. There were five grain dust explosions in the United States last year and two of the incidents resulted in fatalities, Purdue University said in an annual report. Keeping facilities clean of dust and equipment in good working order to reduce the possibility of igniting the dust are critical to preventing explosions, the report said.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 US withdraws from Paris climate deal
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-withdrawing-us-paris-climate-agreement/story?id=47767077&cid=clicksource_4380645_1_hero_headlines_bsq_hed

GIST	<p>President Trump will pull the United States out of the Paris climate accord, he said this afternoon.</p> <p>"The United States will withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord, but begin negotiations to re-enter either the Paris Accord or really an entirely new transaction on terms that are fair to the United States," the president said in the Rose Garden. "So we are getting out, but we are starting to negotiate and we'll see if we can make a deal that's fair."</p> <p>All implementation of the non-binding portions of the agreement will cease to be enforced by the United States, he said.</p> <p>The decision fulfills a key promise Trump made on the campaign trail and overturns a major accomplishment by his predecessor, Barack Obama.</p> <p>Trump's speech in the rose garden centered on what he argued is the negative economic impact of the accord, calling it a bad deal for America.</p> <p>"The bottom line is that the Paris Accord is very unfair at the highest level to the United States," he said.</p> <p>Referring to the Paris deal as a "massive redistribution of United States wealth" to other countries, the president made the case that the deal fundamentally disadvantages the U.S. economically, relative to other countries.</p> <p>"I was elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris," Trump continued. "I promised I would exit or renegotiate any deal which fails to serve America's interests."</p> <p>He said the Paris accord would "undermine our economy, hamstring our workers, weaken our sovereignty [and] impose unacceptable legal risk."</p> <p>Despite the withdrawal, the president noted he would be willing to rejoin the deal under terms that are more favorable to the U.S., or to work on an entirely new agreement.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/02 Researchers 'wardrive' to find spy tool
SOURCE	https://www.wired.com/2017/06/researchers-use-rideshares-sniff-stingray-locations/
GIST	LAW ENFORCEMENT'S USE of the surveillance devices known as stingrays, fake cell towers that can intercept communications and track phones, remains as murky as it is controversial, hidden in non-

disclosure agreements and cloak-and-dagger secrecy. But a group of Seattle researchers has found a new method to track those trackers: by recruiting ridesharing vehicles as surveillance devices of their own.

For two months last year, researchers at the University of Washington paid drivers of an unidentified ridesharing service to keep custom-made sensors in the trunks of their cars, converting those vehicles into mobile cellular data collectors. They used the results to map out practically every cell tower in the cities of Seattle and Milwaukee—along with at least two anomalous transmitters they believe were likely stingrays, located at the Seattle office of the US Customs and Immigration Service, and the Seattle-Tacoma Airport.

Beyond identifying those two potential surveillance operations, the researchers say their ridesharing data-collection technique could represent a relatively cheap new way to shed more light on the use of stingrays in urban settings around the world. “We wondered, how can we scale this up to cover an entire city?” says Peter Ney, one of the University of Washington researchers who will present the study at the Privacy Enhancing Technology Symposium in July.

He says they were inspired in part by the notion of “wardriving,” the old hacker trick of driving around with a laptop to sniff out insecure Wi-Fi networks. “Actually, cars are a really good mechanism to distribute our sensors around and cast a wide net.”

Stingrays, also known as cell-site simulators or IMSI catchers, have become a powerful but little-understood tool for law enforcement surveillance. They work by tricking phones into connecting with the stingray, instead of a real cell tower, enabling them to intercept communications, track a suspect’s location, and even inject malware onto a target phone.

Police and federal agencies have shared as little information as possible about how and when they use them, even dropping cases against criminal suspects to avoid revealing stingray details. And in many states, the tool still remains legal to use without a search warrant.

In the absence of publicly available stingray information, the University of Washington researchers tried a new technique to find out more. Starting in March of 2016, they paid \$25 a week to 15 rideshare-service drivers to carry a suitcase-sized device they called SeaGlass. That sensor box contained about \$500 worth of gear the team had assembled, including a GPS module, a GSM cellular modem, a Raspberry Pi minicomputer to assemble the data about which cell towers the modem connects to, a cellular hotspot to upload the resulting data to the group’s server, and an Android phone running an older program called SnoopSnitch, designed by German researchers to serve as another source of cell-tower data collection. The sensor boxes drew their power from the cigarette lighter electric sockets in the cars’ dashboards, and were designed to boot up and start collecting data as soon as the car started.

For the next two months, the researchers collected detailed data about every radio transmitter that connected to SeaGlass modems and Android phones as they moved through the two cities. They identified and mapped out roughly 1,400 cell towers in Seattle, and 700 in Milwaukee. They then combed that data

for anomalies, like cell towers that seemed to change location, appeared and disappeared, sent localized weaker signals, appeared to impersonate other towers nearby, or broadcast on a wider range of radio frequencies than the typical cellular tower.

In those two months of data, the team found three noteworthy anomalies, all in the Seattle area. (They acknowledge that their coverage of Milwaukee may have been too sparse, since only 6 of their 15 drivers were based there, and they didn't work as long hours as the Seattle drivers.)

Around the Seattle office of the US Customs and Immigration Service, the researchers pinpointed an apparent cell tower that frequently changed the channel on which it broadcast, cycling through six different kinds of signal. That's far more than any other tower they tested—96 percent of their data showed towers transmitting on just one channel—and represents a telltale sign of a stingray. The devices often broadcast on multiple frequencies, so that they can impersonate a cell tower while broadcasting on a neighboring frequency to avoid interfering with the real tower, the researchers explain.

In another instance, the team spotted clues of a possible stingray at the SeaTac airport. In the midst of thousands of readings at that location that appeared to come from stable, nearby towers, they found one signal that had entirely unique identifiers—unlike any of the other millions of data points they'd collected—and appeared for only a short window of time, around the evening of April 9th, 2016.

The third outlier was a signal that appeared just once at a location in the West Seattle neighborhood, but matched all the identifiers of a cell tower they'd otherwise spotted hundreds of times at another location in downtown Seattle, more than 3 miles away. While that strange data point could be a sign of a stingray briefly appearing at that location, the researchers say it could also be a false positive.

The researchers concede that they don't have any hard evidence of a stingray being used at either the USCIS office or the airport, only strong hints in their data. But they point to a report by the Detroit News that found FBI and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents used one of the devices to locate and deport an El Salvadorean immigrant with no criminal record other than allegations of drunk driving and a hit-and-run car crash. In the airport, the researchers speculate, a stingray could be a powerful tool for sifting through a large crowd to find a criminal suspect's phone.

“You can imagine they were looking for a person of interest,” says Washington researcher Ian Smith. “They're very good for figuring out if a person or set of people is in that crowd.”

The researchers say they have no illusion that they've found anywhere close to all of the stingray operations in Seattle.

When WIRED reached out to law enforcement agencies to ask about the two possible stingrays, both the Seattle police and the Port of Seattle police responsible for the SeaTac airport denied ownership of any such device at the two locations. A Port of Seattle police spokesperson said the airport police “don't have

one of those,” and a Seattle Police Department spokesperson said “it’s not one of ours.” The FBI didn’t respond to requests for comment, but an ICE spokesperson wrote that ICE agents “use a broad range of lawful investigative techniques in the apprehension of criminal suspects. Cell-site simulators are invaluable law enforcement tools that locate or identify mobile devices during active criminal investigations.” A DEA spokesperson refused to confirm or deny any specific operations, but noted that stingrays are a “lawful investigative tool that can be utilized in the dismantlement of criminal organizations.”

The researchers, for their part, say their intention wasn’t to disrupt any specific law enforcement investigation, which they suggest would likely be over given that they collected their data a year ago. Instead, they say they wanted to pilot a new method to gather generalized data about how and where stingrays are being used. They hope to follow up by combining SeaGlass’s data with corroborating evidence in open record requests and journalistic investigations.

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HEADLINE	06/01 DHS: WannaCry could linger
SOURCE	https://fcw.com/articles/2017/06/01/dhs-wannacry-concerns.aspx
GIST	<p>In the days following the massive WannaCry ransomware attack that infected hundreds of thousands of computers worldwide, the Department of Homeland Security told critical infrastructure providers they would be less affected by the malware than consumers -- but that they should continue to be on guard.</p> <p>The unclassified memo, sent out on May 14 and posted on the Public Intelligence open-source website on May 28, told critical infrastructure providers that WannaCry was aimed at day-to-day business systems, not their critical operational IT. The exploits that formed the basis of the malware were allegedly obtained by the hacker group Shadow Brokers from the National Security Agency.</p> <p>The WannaCry attack that began on May 12 infected almost 300,000 computers in 50 countries, largely by leveraging a gap in aging Windows software that had been left unpatched. It hit the U.K.'s National Health Service, Spain's Telefónica, as well as international operations of corporations such as FedEx.</p> <p>The impact in the U.S. was relatively minimal. Even so, DHS warned critical infrastructure providers such as electric companies and financial service providers that the malware might show up in their business systems. Catastrophic failure of operational systems, however, was unlikely, DHS said.</p> <p>"Impacts will be largely financial from business interruption" to critical infrastructure owners and operators' business control systems, said the memo, and not to process control systems.</p> <p>The memo, prepared by DHS' Office of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis said the biggest impact for critical infrastructure providers "will be short-term financial losses from business interruption, some of which could be covered by cyber insurance, based on a review of previous ransomware attacks."</p>

	The OCIA warned, however, that if some critical infrastructure providers' industrial control systems used similar IT components as their business control systems, those systems could be theoretically affected.
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HEADLINE	06/01 Evolution of the cyber hunter
SOURCE	http://www.afcea.org/content/?q=evolution-cyber-hunter
GIST	<p>The U.S. Defense Department's cyber warriors continue to improve their ability to sniff out intruders who sneak past the defenses at the network's perimeter—a perimeter that is disintegrating with the march toward mobile devices.</p> <p>Cyber hunting is a more proactive approach to locating network threats. (See also “In Cyberspace, It's Always Hunting Season.”) It offers the opportunity to observe and analyze an adversary's actions, and it provides insights into a network intruder's tactics, techniques and procedures.</p> <p>Actively hunting for cyberthreats also enhances investigatory capabilities, explains Roger Greenwell, chief of cybersecurity and authorizing official, Office of the Risk Management Executive, Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA).</p> <p>“As we collect more data, bringing that together gives you a much better ability to deal with the investigation of an incident that may be detected on the network without having to go back and do post-forensic gathering of data. You would already have a lot of that information readily available to support incident analysis,” Greenwell says.</p> <p>In an article posted on the DISA website, agency officials list three components to cyber hunting: cyber protection teams, integrated security and identity management. The cyber protection teams under DISA's control receive extensive training, including immersion training alongside red teams responsible for finding vulnerabilities. The teams also receive enhanced training on tools and systems that provide broad visibility across the Department of Defense Information Network (DODIN).</p> <p>John Hickey, DISA's cyber development executive, underscores in the DISA online article the need for industry to deliver integrated security capabilities. Along those lines, officials tout milCloud 2.0, a commercial-grade private cloud being built exclusively for defense customers. The system is expected to increase security, save money and reduce the number of separate clouds serving the defense community.</p> <p>In the area of identity management, DISA is working on derived credentials and form-factor initiatives to support mobile devices, including tablets and laptops. Adversaries, regardless of their origins, are going after credentials, which give them access to key information. Whether they gain entry through phishing activities or as insiders, the credentials are the literal keys. Once in, the intruders will move laterally through the networks to seek out stronger credentials for further access, the online article explains.</p>

	<p>The concept of cyber hunting always has been a part of protecting the Defense Department’s networks, but it originally focused more on the forensics investigation after an intruder had been successful, Greenwell says.</p> <p>Now, the department’s cyber forces are evolving into a band of hunters capable of taking action before the damage is done. “We have in place capabilities such as firewalls, intrusion detection systems and other protective capabilities, but when an adversary escapes past that point, we want to actually look for their presence on the network,” Greenwell says.</p> <p>“That’s where we’re trying to evolve to with the concept of hunt.”</p>
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HEADLINE	06/02 Financial malware more prevalent
SOURCE	http://www.computerweekly.com/news/450420057/Financial-malware-more-than-twice-as-prevalent-as-ransomware
GIST	<p>Although crypto ransomware is becoming a common choice for cyber criminals, there is still a significant amount of malware targeting financial organisations and their customers, Symantec has warned.</p> <p>In 2016, attacks saw several such institutions lose millions to cyber criminals and nation state-supported attackers such as the Lazarus group, Symantec research has revealed.</p> <p>Attacks against financial institutions are on the rise, with the emergence of a handful of sophisticated cyber crime groups going after financial institutions themselves rather than customers last year.</p> <p>Researchers found that 38% of all financial threat detections were against corporations rather than consumers. Even though such attacks are harder to carry out and take longer to prepare, they yield a much higher profit, the report said.</p> <p>Although there was a 36% fall in detection numbers for financial malware in 2016 due to earlier detection in the attack chain, with more than 1.2 million annual detections, the financial threat space is still 2.5 times bigger than that of ransomware, the Symantec report said.</p> <p>For example, the number of Ramnit (W32.Ramnit) detections was roughly the same as all ransomware detections combined.</p> <p>“With all the attention ransomware is getting lately, it is easy to overlook other threats, such as those that target the financial sector and its customers,” said Symantec threat researcher Candid Wueest. “However, these types of threats are a serious and costly problem for both businesses and consumers.</p>

Return to Top	<p>“Financial threats are still profitable and therefore continue to be popular among cyber criminals. From financial Trojans that attack online banking, to attacks against ATMs, point of sale [PoS] machines and fraudulent interbank transactions, there are many different attack vectors utilised by criminals,” he wrote in a blog post.</p> <p>The financial Trojan threat landscape is dominated by three malware families – Ramnit, Bebloh (Trojan.Bebloh), and Zeus (Trojan.Zbot). These three families were responsible for 86% of all financial Trojan attack activity in 2016.</p> <p>Globally, financial institutions in the US were targeted the most, followed by Poland and Japan, with the UK ranked 8th.</p> <p>Japan is the country with the most financial malware infections. It saw a spike in infections in 2016, with 37% of global detections, up from 3% in 2015. By contrast, the US accounted for just 6% of global detections.</p> <p>The UK and Germany were among the top 10 countries targeted globally by financial Trojans, but Symantec saw a big increase in financial Trojan detections across Asia, with Japan, China and India notably appearing in the top 10 list, which researchers said shows the attackers are expanding to new markets that are less saturated and less protected.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Cyberattacks hit half UK businesses
SOURCE	http://www.supplychainedigital.com/cloud-computing/cyber-attacks-hit-half-uk-businesses-2016-will-political-parties-be-next
GIST	<p>The number of UK businesses that suffered a cyber- attack doubled last year, with almost half of firms detecting a breach in 2016.</p> <p>Now, James Norton, a leading security researcher, has warned that a British political party will be the victim of a hack similar to those suffered by the Clinton and Macron presidential campaigns.</p> <p>Norton, a former official at the US Department of Homeland Security, said: “It wouldn’t surprise me if there’s already been some emails stolen ... it would surprise me if it didn’t happen.”</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Putin: hackers are like artists; they paint
SOURCE	http://thehackernews.com/2017/06/putin-russian-hackers.html
GIST	Talking to international media at the St Petersburg Economic Forum on Thursday, Russian President Vladimir Putin made a number of statement surrounding alleged Russia's involvement in hacking.

If you are not aware, Russia has been the focus of the U.S. investigations for its purported role in interfering with the 2016 US presidential election, which saw several major hacks, including Democratic National Committee and Hillary Clinton campaign emails.

The US authorities and intelligence community concluded in January that Mr. Putin had personally directed cyber attacks against Democrats and the dissemination of false information in order to influence US election and help Mr. Trump win the election.

Today Mr. Putin denied all the allegations of Russian engagement in the U.S. election hacking, saying that the Russian state had ever been involved in hacking.

"We don't engage in that at the state level," Mr. Putin said, according to the Associated Press.

"I'm deeply convinced that no hackers can radically influence another country's election campaign," Mr. Putin added. "No hackers can influence election campaigns in any country of Europe, Asia or America."

Besides insisting that the Russian government has no involvement in such cyber attacks, Mr. Putin said that some individual "patriotic" hackers who love their country could mount such attacks against those who "speak negatively about" their country.

"If they are patriotically minded, they start making their contributions – which are right, from their point of view – to fight against those who say bad things about Russia," Mr. Putin said.

"Hackers are free people, just like artists who wake up in the morning in a good mood and start painting," Mr. Putin said.

"The hackers are the same, they would wake up, read about something going on in interstate relations and if they have patriotic leanings, they may try to add their contribution to the fight against those who speak badly about Russia."

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HEADLINE	06/01 WikiLeaks: CIA 'Pandemic' silently hacks
SOURCE	http://thehackernews.com/2017/06/windows-hacking-implant.html
GIST	<p>WikiLeaks has published a new batch of the ongoing Vault 7 leak, this time detailing an alleged CIA project that allowed the agency to turn Windows file servers into covert attack machines that can silently infect other computers of interest inside a targeted network.</p> <p>Codenamed Pandemic, the tool is a persistent implant for Microsoft Windows machines that share files with remote users on a local network.</p>

The documents leaked by the whistleblower organisation date from April 2014 to January 2015.

According to WikiLeaks, Pandemic infect networks of Windows computers through the Server Message Block (SMB) file sharing protocol by replacing application code on-the-fly with a trojanized version of the software.

"Pandemic is a tool which is run as kernel shellcode to install a file system filter driver," a leaked CIA manual reads. "The filter will 'replace' a target file with the given payload file when a remote user accesses the file via SMB (read-only, not write)."

Once compromised, the infected Windows file server acts as a "Patient Zero" – the first identified carrier of any communicable disease during an outbreak – which is then used to deliver infections on machines inside the network.

Now, whenever any targeted computer attempts to access a file on the compromised server, Pandemic intercepts the SMB request and secretly delivers a malicious version of the requested file, which is then executed by the targeted computer.

According to the user manual, Pandemic takes only 15 seconds to be installed on a target machine and can replace up to 20 legitimate files (both 32-bit and 64-bit files) at a time with a maximum file size of 800MB.

Since the tool has been specifically designed to infect corporate file sharing servers and turns them into a secret carrier for delivering malware to other persons on the target network, it has been named Pandemic.

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HEADLINE	06/01 Concerns rise over password managers
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/onelogin-breach-reignites-concerns-over-password-managers/d/d-id/1329034?
GIST	<p>The data breach is another reminder of the risks organizations are taking in entrusting all of their passwords to a single vendor. Security experts generally consider the use of password managers a best practice because the technology can help organization implement and enforce strong password practices. However, the downside is that password managers can also become a single point of failure.</p> <p>"OneLogin and servlces like it are what I call the holy grail of hacking targets," says Paul Calatayud, CTO at security vendor FireMon. "Many security-minded companies and individuals rely on these services to reduce the complexity of password management by essentially creating a master key that holds more complex passwords in one location."</p>

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A hacker that gains access to these password vaults automatically gains access to all accounts for which they are used, Calatayud says.

Organizations and individuals using OneLogin will need to change every single password that was being stored in the system and do additional monitoring of their assets as a precaution. "Any accounts that can be elevated to using two-factor should be. This removes the value of the passwords that are stolen because the second factor allows for additional protection," Calatayud says.

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HEADLINE	06/01 UK healthcare in 43% all breaches
SOURCE	https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/uk-healthcare-43-breaches/
GIST	<p>The British healthcare system experienced 2447 incidents and accounted for 43% of all reported incidents between January 2014 and December 2016.</p> <p>According to data received from the Information Commissioner's office and analyzed by Egress Software Technologies, the number of incidents rose by 20% compared to the previous time period from 184 incidents in the last quarter of 2014, to 221 in the last quarter of 2016.</p> <p>"Following the WannaCry exploit, the vulnerability of the healthcare industry, and the critical importance of improving its cybersecurity, has come into sharp focus," said Tony Pepper, CEO and co-founder of Egress Software Technologies. "While it's clear there is a security problem in healthcare, these figures show that it is as much about internal activity as external threat."</p> <p>The incidents were attributable to: theft or loss of paperwork (24%), data faxed or posted to incorrect recipient (19%), data sent by email to incorrect recipient (9%) and failure to redact data (5%).</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 OneLogin probes data center breach
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/onelogin-investigating-breach-us-data-center

GIST	<p>Identity and access management solutions provider OneLogin informed customers on Wednesday that it had detected unauthorized access at its U.S. data center.</p> <p>OneLogin CISO Alvaro Hoyos said the breach was detected on May 31 and blocked the same day. Law enforcement has been notified and an independent security firm has been called in to assess the impact and cause of the intrusion.</p> <p>While Hoyos' statement contains few details, the emails sent to affected customers reveal that all users served by the company's U.S. data center are impacted and may have had their information compromised.</p> <p>OneLogin said it can't provide additional information on the incident due to the ongoing law enforcement investigation, but a support page made available to customers mentions that the exposed information can be used to decrypt encrypted data.</p> <p>The company, whose services are used by more than 2,000 enterprises in 44 countries, is requiring affected customers to force a OneLogin directory password reset for all their users, generate new certificates for apps that use SAML SSO, generate new API credentials and OAuth tokens, and generate new directory tokens for Active Directory and LDAP connectors.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Decoy files found in Jaff ransomware
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/decoy-files-found-pdfs-dropping-jaff-ransomware
GIST	<p>Jaff is a new ransomware family that emerged in early May, and has been distributed through the infamous Necurs spam botnet. After fueling a surge in malicious spam last year, Necurs went dark in December 2016, only to return in April 2017.</p> <p>The Locky ransomware, historically associated with spam emails distributed by the Necurs botnet, went silent in December as well, and made only a brief return in April. As of early May, Necurs switched to distributing the Jaff ransomware and continues to do so.</p> <p>The reason for this appears to be simple: Jaff was supposedly developed by the same group behind Locky and Dridex, considering the use of resources previously associated with these threats. The first Jaff variant even used a ransom note similar to Locky's, but the second variant adopted a redesigned one, along with few other changes.</p> <p>The distribution campaign uses PDF files attached to the spam emails, but with Word documents hidden inside. The email subject ranges from fake invoice notifications to fake payment receipts, and from alleged image scans to random file copies.</p>

	<p>The ultimate goal remains the same: the Word document inside the PDF file is meant to download and drop a malware executable. According to Trustwave, however, the PDF campaigns have been evolving almost daily, with a larger number of embedded files discovered inside recent attachments and with additional layers of obfuscation.</p> <p>“These additional files do nothing, and are probably just decoys. But the main .docm file, with its malicious macro, still acts as the malware downloader,” Trustwave’s Homer Pacag explains.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Univ. Alaska phishing scam data breach
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/phishing-scam-compromises-data-on-25000-individuals-at-university-of-alaska/article/665470/
GIST	<p>A phishing scam in December 2016 resulted in a data breach at the University of Alaska, affecting around 25,000 students, staff and faculty members, according to a report on Wednesday by local CBS affiliate KTUU Anchorage.</p> <p>The breach exposed names and corresponding social security numbers, reportedly, after one or more employees clicked on material inside an email message in their inbox. This gave the scammers access to several secured accounts.</p> <p>In response, the university terminated the perpetrator's access and locked the system down, pending an investigation. It is unclear if anyone's information was accessed in the end in the brief window of time.</p> <p>Those who were compromised weren't notified until April 2017, five months after the incident or intrusion. Last year, something else happened. Those who receive the letter will be eligible to enroll in an ID theft loss reimbursement insurance program.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 'Fireball' infects 20% corporate networks
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/threat-intelligence/chinese-fireball-malware-infects-20--of-global-corporate-networks/d/d-id/1329025?
GIST	<p>A new cybercrime operation with roots in China has infected 250 million computers and 20% of corporate networks around the world.</p> <p>The Fireball malware, operated by Beijing-based digital marketing agency Rafotech, was discovered by researchers at security software firm Check Point. It acts as a browser-hijacker but could become a fully functioning malware downloader under attackers' control.</p>

	<p>"It's not technically more advanced than other malware," says Maya Horowitz, threat intelligence group manager at Check Point. "But it is able to pull any other malware to the infected devices, so it has a maliciousness."</p> <p>The browser-hijacking malware typically spreads via two types of bundling: with other Rafotech products, or with freeware distributed online. Horowitz says users who download freeware unknowingly also get the malware, which could be dropped at a later stage.</p> <p>Fireball manipulates the browser to change users' search engines and home pages into a Rafotech search engine, and redirects all search results to Google, Yahoo, and more. The fake search engines contain tracking pixels, which give Fireball the power to collect personal data.</p> <p>The greatest hit rates were in India (10.1%) and Brazil (9.6%). While the US was on the low end at 2.2%, it still witnessed 5.5 million hits. Corporate network infections were also greatest in India (43%) and Brazil (38%); the US represented 10.7% of business networks affected.</p> <p>"We don't know how it got to so many devices worldwide," says Horowitz, adding how Fireball may have spread in ways that haven't been discovered.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Putin points to patriotic Russia hackers
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/threat-intelligence/putin-points-to-patriotic-russian-hackers-as-possible-culprits/d/d-id/1329027?
GIST	<p>Russian President Vladimir Putin today said patriotic Russian hackers may be responsible for some of the cyberattacks against countries that are at odds with the former Soviet Union, but he noted they are doing it on their own accord and not as a nation-sponsored campaign, according to a Reuters report.</p> <p>Putin, addressing the media at an economic forum in St. Petersburg, responded to allegations that his country may find ways to interfere with Germany's elections, similar to claims that Russia is facing in the US.</p> <p>"If they (hackers) are patriotically minded, they start to make their own contribution to what they believe is the good fight against those who speak badly about Russia. Is that possible? Theoretically it is possible," Putin stated, according to a Reuters report. He denied that his government was involved with hacking against other countries; Russia is fighting cyberattacks within its own country, he said.</p> <p>Putin said he doubts hackers could materially change the outcome of an election in the US, Europe, or other countries.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 France: no trace Russia election hacking
SOURCE	https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/the-latest-putin-says-attempts-to-contain-russia-wont-work/2017/06/01/0f5d81fc-46b3-11e7-8de1-cec59a9bf4b1_story.html?utm_term=.f11276f83b94
GIST	<p>The head of the French government’s cyber security agency, which investigated leaks from President Emmanuel Macron’s election campaign, says they found no trace of a notorious Russian hacking group behind the attack.</p> <p>In an interview in his office Thursday with The Associated Press, Guillaume Poupard said the Macron campaign hack “was so generic and simple that it could have been practically anyone.”</p> <p>He said they found no trace that the Russian hacking group known as APT28, blamed for other attacks including on the U.S. presidential campaign, was responsible.</p> <p>Poupard is director general of the government cyber-defense agency known in France by its acronym, ANSSI. Its experts were immediately dispatched when documents stolen from the Macron campaign leaked online on May 5 in the closing hours of the presidential race.</p> <p>Poupard says the attack’s simplicity “means that we can imagine that it was a person who did this alone. They could be in any country.”</p>
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HEADLINE	06/02 ISIS forbids fighters to use social media
SOURCE	http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/daily-news-analysis/single-article/isis-forbids-its-fighters-to-use-social-media/e67c5baf81fcb3f34a1a605a12282ee.html
GIST	<p>ISIS’s Delegated Committee, a central body overseeing ISIS's institutions, recently issued a decree forbidding its jihadi fighters from using social media on the grounds they are being used by Western intelligence services to spy on ISIS fighters and to target them.</p> <p>The memo, a copy of which was circulated on pro-ISIS Telegram channels, stated, “To all Islamic State soldiers ... The enemies of the religion are using a variety of tactics to infiltrate the ranks of the monotheists and learn their secrets. Among those tactics [are] social media websites. The increasing use of these websites by Islamic State soldiers is very harmful to the collective, especially given that they were created by the enemies of Allah and His Messenger, who monitor them day and night. Many jihad fighters have been killed because of them and many bases have been destroyed. Therefore, as of the date of this memo, it is completely prohibited to use social media websites. Any transgressor will be held accountable and dealt with.”</p> <p>While there’s been much debate about whether the US government in particular should put more pressure on social media sites to remove jihadi social media messaging, US counterterrorism officials have been ambivalent about whether this should be done given the data mining of jihadi social media some of these</p>

	<p>officials have told Homeland Security Today on background have proven useful in connecting the dots between known and suspected jihadists and direct ties by some of them to ISIS leaders, recruiters and attack facilitators.</p> <p>They also said jihadists' social media sites have proved valuable for data mining purposes to key in on specific individuals they believe have become radicalized and could become lone wolves, or who may be involved in developing jihadi ideological-motivated terrorist cells plotting attack on their own, or with the direct help of ISIS operatives.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/02 Insider breached L.A. plastic surgery clinic
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/health/2017/06/02/massive-security-breach-at-prominent-los-angeles-clinic-puts-thousands-at-risk.html
GIST	<p>Prominent Los Angeles celebrities are some of the thousands of patients that might be at risk after a massive security breach at a plastic surgery clinic.</p> <p>A spokesperson for the Beverly Hills plastic surgery center told CBS Los Angeles records of 15,000 of Dr. Zain Kadri's patients were stolen. The spokesperson said some of the doctor's clients include celebrities.</p> <p>The spokesperson told the station that a disgruntled former staffer allegedly committed the privacy breach after being fired for stealing. The staffer is accused of stealing financial information and stealing photos of the patients while they were unconscious and posted the pictures on social media.</p> <p>Staffers discovered the stolen photos on a company phone.</p> <p>The clinic said Los Angeles police were notified of the breach.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 France warns: risk of war in cyberspace
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/ap-interview-france-warns-risk-war-cyberspace-47769054
GIST	<p>Cyberspace faces an approaching risk of "permanent war" between states and criminal or extremist organizations because of increasingly destructive hacking attacks, the head of the French government's cybersecurity agency warned Thursday.</p> <p>In a wide-ranging interview in his office with The Associated Press, Guillaume Poupard lamented a lack of commonly agreed rules to govern cyberspace and said: "We must work collectively, not just with two or three Western countries, but on a global scale."</p>

"With what we see today — attacks that are criminal, from states, often for espionage or fraud but also more and more for sabotage or destruction — we are getting closer, clearly, to a state of war, a state of war that could be more complicated, probably, than those we've known until now," he said.

His comments echoed testimony from the head of the U.S. National Security Agency, Adm. Michael Rogers, to the Senate Armed Services Committee on May 9. Rogers spoke of "cyber effects" being used by states "to maintain the initiative just short of war" and said: "'Cyber war' is not some future concept or cinematic spectacle, it is real and here to stay."

Poupard said "the most nightmare scenario, the point of view that Rogers expressed and which I share" would be "a sort of permanent war — between states, between states and other organizations, which can be criminal and terrorist organizations — where everyone will attack each other, without really knowing who did what. A sort of generalized chaos that could affect all of cyberspace."

Poupard is director general of the government cyber-defense agency known in France by its acronym, ANSSI. Its agents were immediately called to deal with the aftermath of a hack and massive document leak that hit the election campaign of President Emmanuel Macron just two days before his May 7 victory.

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HEADLINE	06/02 Inside the ISIS social network
SOURCE	http://www.newstatesman.com/world/2017/06/inside-isis-social-network
GIST	<p>We are learning ever more about Salman Abedi, the terrorist who walked into the Manchester Arena and killed 22 other people, including ten in their teens or younger. From the moment Abedi detonated his device on 22 May, it was clear this was a more sophisticated and ambitious plot than most previous acts of terrorism on our shores. He was not acting alone.</p> <p>Since 2013, along with several colleagues from King's College London, I have mapped the flow of foreign fighters travelling to Syria and Iraq. It has become clear to us, having closely examined these clusters, looking at the networks of interpersonal relationships and offline socialisation, that the challenge facing this country is complex and diverse.</p> <p>What the data shows is that real-world interactions play a highly significant role in the process of someone moving from merely supporting extremism to becoming a terrorist.</p> <p>It is best to think of this in the following terms. A large pool of people consumes extremist content for all sorts of reasons – by accident, for professional purposes, out of curiosity or through experimentation.</p>

Significantly smaller numbers then subscribe to it ideologically and become active supporters. An even smaller proportion mobilises and either travels abroad for terrorist purposes or conducts attacks at home.

The testimony of Jake Bilardi, an Australian convert who joined Islamic State at the age of 17, brings this into sharp relief. A self-published account on his blog reveals that he wanted to join IS for several months but was thwarted because he “hit one key roadblock, how was I to get in? I had no contacts to assist me. After failed attempts at finding a contact I gave up all hope of making hegira [migrating: in this case to Syria].”

He then decided to launch a series of bomb attacks in Melbourne; these he never carried out, but he eventually found a way into Syria. Within months of doing so, he became a suicide bomber for IS, blowing himself up in Ramadi, Iraq, in March 2015.

Bilardi’s case underscores the importance of real-world networks, which often help the transition into terrorism. This is why we see concentrations of fighters emerging from specific locations. A small cluster of people from the Manchester areas of Chorlton, Moss Side and Fallowfield, the area where Abedi was raised, have joined IS. Pull at the threads of his connections and a worrying picture emerges.

Abedi knew and was linked to perhaps one of the worst young men from Britain to have joined IS, Raphael Hostey, who took the nom de guerre Abu Qaqa al-Britani (it is worth pointing out that two British fighters took this name and they are frequently confused by the media). Even by IS’s depraved standards, Hostey was particularly doctrinaire and sadistic.

Within weeks of arriving in Syria, towards the end of 2013, Hostey was shot in the foot while fighting in Deir az-Zour province. His recovery was slow, involving multiple operations in makeshift field hospitals run by IS surgeons. Unable to fight, Hostey was confined to the back room. There he concentrated on propaganda, recruitment and inspiring attacks at home, something that suited his personality, as he fancied himself as an intellectual of sorts.

He was part of a network of fighters from Manchester, including Anil Raoufi and Mohammed Javeed. The group travelled to Turkey together after Javeed’s elder brother, Jamshed, gave them £1,400 to buy tickets. Jamshed Javeed was arrested for trying to join IS, too, after his family called the police.

Hostey’s group is connected to two more, one from Portsmouth and the other from Cardiff. The Portsmouth cluster was led by Ifthekar Jaman, who became the most prolific and significant IS recruiter in the country. Without him, the other prospective jihadis from Portsmouth, Cardiff and Manchester would probably have found it much harder to make the journey.

Jaman initiated a chain reaction of exponential recruitment – akin to a pyramid selling scheme – in which each one of his recruits would recruit another group of people. This is the pattern of mobilisation apparent

across the country and it explains why groups of fighters are often concentrated in some communities and areas.

It is not only in Britain that this pattern occurs. More than 59 people affiliated with Sharia4Belgium, an international chapter of a group founded in Britain by Anjem Choudary, travelled to Syria, most of its members originating from the geographical axis of Antwerp, Mechelen, Vilvoorde and Brussels. The same is true in Sweden, where 11 fighters were identified as having resided in two small neighbouring suburbs of Gothenburg – Angered and Bergsjön.

When the Dutch intelligence service, AIVD, investigated Sharia4Holland, it concluded that such movements create “an environment in which people with similar ideas meet and develop radical ideas into jihadist ideologies. This group dynamic has led to a rapid radicalisation of many individuals as well as concrete attempts to join the jihad in Syria.”

Many of the fighters maintain contact with friends back home who, as a result, are far more likely to engage in terrorist activity of some kind. It is precisely from within this kind of milieu that Abedi and his deadly plot emerged.

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HEADLINE	06/02 Bomber's cousins: 'he did it secretly'
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-40122572
GIST	<p>Two cousins of the Manchester bomber say they had no idea he was planning his attack, which killed 22 people.</p> <p>Isaac and Abz Forjani were arrested by police after the suicide bombing - and were questioned for a week - but have since been released without charge.</p> <p>They say they did not know about Salman Abedi's extremist views - adding that he may have been radicalised abroad.</p> <p>It comes as police released new CCTV images of Abedi before the attack at Manchester Arena on 22 May. Sixteen people have been arrested over the bombing at an Ariana Grande concert and 10 remain in custody.</p> <p>Meanwhile, police said they had so far found no record of any calls to the anti-terrorist hotline about Abedi. After the attack, a community worker said two people had made separate calls to the hotline about five years ago to raise concerns about his behaviour.</p> <p>The Forjani brothers were arrested in Fallowfield, south Manchester, the day after the attack.</p>

Isaac, 24, said: "It's not easy being connected to 22 lost, innocent lives. The fact that the person that did this is related to us by blood is something that's going to stay with me for the rest of my life. My thoughts are with the families of the victims. I really do feel for them. We went in, we could come out, we can try and move on with our lives. They've lost their loved ones."

The two brothers said they last saw Abedi three months before the attack, when he got his hair trimmed at Abz Forjani's barber shop.

Abz, 21, said he had a "pretty close relationship" with Abedi. He said his cousin was not part of "a big network".

He said: "I believe it was all done by one man, (who) developed some sort of thoughts in the past few years which he kept to himself, secretly to himself. He never shared it with any members of the family - if he would of, we could have done something to stop that happening. He never admitted extremist views - it was just political opinions, so it wasn't focused or aimed at a particular group," Abz added.

"The thought was he was just a religious man taking it way too far, becoming judgmental maybe. "There's never been a hint of extremism."

The brothers also insisted they shared the same British values as everyone else.

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HEADLINE	06/02 Ireland police on alert as fighters return
SOURCE	https://www.thesun.ie/news/1079467/irelands-terror-cops-on-high-alert-as-30-irish-jihadis-set-to-return-after-fighting-war-in-syria/
GIST	<p>GARDAI are secretly preparing for the return of Irish nationals who travelled to fight with Islamic militants, we can reveal.</p> <p>Foreign fighters in Mosul, Iraq, and Raqqa in Syria are expected to flee in the coming months as US-backed local troops continue to pound Islamic State's de facto capitals.</p> <p>Earlier this month US Air Force Colonel John Dorrian said IS is "on the brink of total defeat in Mosul", while soldiers inch ever closer to the extremists' Raqqa stronghold. And we can reveal that security officials in Ireland have now drawn up a list of 30 individuals based abroad that they are tracking.</p> <p>Gardai are "worried" by the prospect of IS and Free Syrian Army fighters travelling here in the coming months and have stepped up monitoring of "interested parties".</p> <p>Returning jihadis are also of major concern to authorities in the United Kingdom, who have estimated that 850 British-born foreign fighters remain in the Middle East.</p>

A source said: “IS are urging those fighting in Iraq and Syria to return home and cause more carnage. They know the end is coming. That’s the big worry at the moment. Whether it actually happens is another question. But we have to be prepared and watch those coming into the country. We are not just talking about Irish nationals. There have been a number of foreign-born individuals who have Irish children, and who have left from Ireland. In many cases they lived here for a number of years beforehand. If they return with their child then they cannot be stopped.”

Our source explained: “There are a number of different levels of radicals here in Ireland. There are a few hardcore lads but it’s mostly sympathisers or those who provide financial support. A lone wolf is the biggest threat though.”

It’s understood that dozens of radicals have travelled from Ireland to the Middle East to fight with IS. In many cases, such as suicide bomb frop Khalid Kelly, their travel was organised by a Jordanian man booted out of Ireland last year.

The Jordanian — who we are not allowed to name — was kicked out in July after the High Court dismissed his appeal to stay.

The State dubbed him the “main recruiter” of IS in Ireland. He is still communicating with supporters on social media from Jordan.

As we revealed after his death, Kelly went to the Middle East after being radicalised by the recruiter, who also had a role in radicalising the two men arrested in Dublin in connection to a terror group.

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HEADLINE	06/02 Singapore terror threat at highest level
SOURCE	http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/terror-threat-to-singapore-at-highest-level-in-recent-years
GIST	<p>The rising tide of extremism worldwide has not left Singapore untouched, and it faces its highest terror threat level in recent years, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said yesterday.</p> <p>"Singapore was specifically targeted in the past year, and the regional threat has heightened," the MHA said in its first Singapore Terrorism Threat Assessment Report.</p> <p>In October last year, an Arabic online publication titled The Fall Of The Idol: External Action And Individual Jihad singled out two entities here as potential targets - part of a wider bid to bring down United States and Western interests.</p> <p>The Straits Times understands that the targets were the Singapore Exchange and a port. MHA said security measures have been ramped up in the areas.</p>

Saying that security agencies remain on high vigilance, it added: "The public should continue to stay alert and be prepared."

The report said that the worsening threat in the region arose mainly from terror group Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and its affiliates.

In the Philippines, a group calling itself "IS East Asia" overran Marawi City in Mindanao late last month. While Philippine forces have moved to retake the city, the MHA said the siege of Marawi attests to the group's potential to turn parts of Mindanao into an "ISIS wilayat", or province for militants in the region.

"Should this entity proliferate into a regional network, like the Jemaah Islamiyah had done previously, the terrorism threat will deepen further in South- east Asia," it said.

At home, the threat remains very serious, the ministry added.

"Singapore is a key target. We have taken part in international coalitions against terrorism, and we represent many things that are anathema to ISIS," said the report.

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HEADLINE	06/01 Center: police training needs updating
SOURCE	http://www.bnd.com/news/local/article153937674.html
GIST	<p>Police protocol and training may need to be updated after recent terrorists attacks, <u>according to a new paper</u> by the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point.</p> <p>The law enforcement foundation reviewed how police responded to the Orlando, Fla., nightclub attack in June 2016, where a gunman carried out the deadliest terrorist attack in the U.S. since 9/11, fatally shooting 49 people, and the terrorist attacks at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, Calif., that killed 14 people.</p> <p>Hostage situations and terrorist attacks are usually handled by SWAT team members, the paper says, but patrol officers are usually the first on the scene.</p> <p>“Recent incidents have demonstrated that the actions taken by patrol and other non-tactical unit officers greatly impacts the outcome of the event,” the authors wrote. “Routine patrol work places officers in neighborhoods where terrorists hide, plan and attack, giving them the opportunity to gather critical intelligence as well as to identify potential threats.”</p> <p>And local police training agencies like the Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission, agree. They recently created courses designed to teach local officers how to handle terrorism threats on a local level.</p>

“When these incidents occur, everybody has to be trained the same way in response to them,” said David Hayes, director of SILEC. “Even if they’re from a local small agency, they may not be as susceptible or as high a target, but they may be used as manpower in larger areas where manpower needed.”

SILEC’s courses teach first responders, civilian partners and telecommunicators about what to do in case of a terrorist attack. A recent class focused on Islamist terrorism and the impact of global terror threats on U.S. law enforcement.

Police training needs to match the emerging trends seen from terrorist groups, Hayes said. That’s where intelligence centers can come in — they can figure out what tactics may be used.

“I don’t know if we can ever fully prepare for a terrorist incident, “ Hayes said. “If they’re bound and determined to give up their own life to take others, it’ll be hard to prevent.”

Even so, the authors of the West Point paper say that because the Islamic State is calling for attacks all across the nation, police need to be prepared for improvised explosive devices, suicide bombers and hostage situations.

“Terrorist attacks and other instances of mass public violence ... demonstrate that no community is immune from the threat and that local law enforcement, in particular, must develop strategies that, in the words of former (Department of Homeland Security) Secretary Jeh Johnson, ‘anticipate the next attack — not the last one,’” according to the paper.

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HEADLINE	06/01 What is the Haqqani Network?
SOURCE	https://www.voanews.com/a/what-haqqani-network/3883271.html
GIST	<p>Afghan officials are blaming Wednesday's massive truck bombing that killed more than 100 and injured over 400 in the Afghan capital on the Taliban-affiliated and al-Qaida-linked Haqqani network. Here's what is known about the group:</p> <p>What is the Haqqani network? The Haqqani network is a militant group that continues to fight Afghan and U.S. forces in Afghanistan. Afghan officials and international terrorism authorities consider it the most lethal terrorist group in Afghanistan. It has been blamed for some of the deadliest violence in the country, including attacks on embassies in Kabul, the Afghan parliament building, local residents and U.S. military bases.</p> <p>When was the network founded? Jalaluddin Haqqani, a former anti-Soviet commander in Afghanistan, formed the network. In 1995, he pledged allegiance to the Taliban, which emerged a year earlier from a network of madrassas in</p>

Afghanistan and Pakistan. The network became a component of the Taliban and helped it capture the capital, Kabul, in 1996. Haqqani was appointed minister of tribal affairs, a position he held through 2001, when the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan ousted the Taliban.

Haqqani is believed to have studied in the Dar al-Ulum Haqqaniyaa madrassa in Pakistan, which is widely known for links to, and has publicly expressed sympathies for, the Taliban. One of his two wives is from the United Arab Emirates. He is held in high regard in largely Sunni Gulf Arab states.

Who leads the network?

Because of ill health, Haqqani handed over operational control of the group to his son, Sirajuddin, who also acts as deputy leader of the Taliban. Khalil al-Rahman Haqqani, a U.S.-designated foreign terrorist, is a major fundraiser for the network. He has reportedly engaged in weapons training and distribution by the network, according to a Stanford University research paper on the group.

Anas Haqqani, Jalaluddin Haqqani's son from his Emirati wife, is in Afghan custody and has been sentenced to death by a local court. The Taliban has warned of "disastrous consequences" if Anas is executed.

Where is the network based?

The group is reportedly based in Miram Shah, a town in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas in northern Pakistan where it operates base camps for conducting activities, including weapons acquisitions, training of suicide bombers and logistical planning for military operations, according to media reports. Kabul and U.S. officials have long accused Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence of covertly providing sanctuaries to the Afghan Taliban and the Haqqani network. Pakistan denies any links.

How large is the network?

According to various estimates, the number of group members ranges from 3,000 to over 10,000. The network is reportedly well-funded with support from various sources, including from wealthy Arab Gulf individuals. Haqqani and his sons have frequently traveled to the Arab Gulf countries to solicit funds. Haqqani, who speaks fluent Arabic, established personal connections with many individuals and organizations in the Arab Gulf region. The network has also generated funds through criminal activities such as smuggling of Afghan mineral supplies.

How is the network linked to militant groups?

In addition to its Taliban ties, the network has forged alliances with several militant groups, including al-Qaida, Tehreek-i-Taliban in Pakistan, the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan and Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, which has been accused of orchestrating a 2008 attack in India that killed 166 people. The network is believed to be holding several Western nationals, including two faculty members of American University who were abducted from Kabul last year.

What are the possible links to Wednesday's bombing?

	<p>"The attack has a signature of the Haqqani network," Marvin Weinbaum, an analyst at the Middle East Institute in Washington, told VOA's Urdu service. "They've pulled off some of the most dramatic attacks on Kabul over the last several years. So in that sense, you cannot separate this from the Taliban in general, because Sirajuddin, who heads the Haqqani network, is effectively the military commander of the whole Taliban. ... Of course, the Afghans will identify Haqqani because that's the link to, and they want to pin this on, ISI. Whether or not they were involved is another matter. At least that much is clear — that it probably was Haqqani network."</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Philippine ISIS faction claims credit
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jun/1/philippine-isis-faction-claims-assault-manila/
GIST	<p>Members of the Islamic State faction battling Filipino forces in the southern part of the country are claiming credit for an ongoing armed assault on a hotel resort in downtown Manila.</p> <p>A representative of the Filipino faction of the terror group known as ISIS or ISIL claims the gunmen currently laying siege to the Resort World hotel and casino were “lone wolf soldiers of Khilafa,” SITE Intelligence Group reported.</p> <p>Explosions and gunfire enveloped the resort complex, located near Ninoy Aqino International Airport in the Pasay district of metropolitan Manila early Friday morning, The Associated Press reported. Local reports claim several gunmen clad in black hoods and clothing were responsible for the ongoing gunfight inside the hotel complex.</p> <p>Philippine police and assault units have been sent to the scene, as hotel management warned guests to shelter in place, while State Department officials warned U.S. citizens to avoid the area.</p> <p>The hotel assault comes as Philippine military and police have been engaged in pitched, street-to-street fighting with Islamic State gunmen in and around the besieged city of Marawi in Mindanao’s Lanao del Sur province in the country’s south over the last several days.</p> <p>Manila’s counterattack came a week after Islamic State fighters raised the group’s black banners over Marawi, prompting Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte to declare martial law in the Mindanao region.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Taliban warns govt. against retaliation
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-afghanistan-blast-idUSKBN18S42J?il=0
GIST	<p>The Taliban warned the Afghan government on Thursday against harming any of their prisoners after reports that President Ashraf Ghani would order the execution of 11 militants on death row in revenge for the devastating truck bomb attack in Kabul.</p>

Ghani's fragile and divided government has come under increasing pressure over its failure to provide security following a series of high-profile attacks that have killed hundreds of soldiers and civilians so far this year.

Wednesday's blast, at the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, ripped through a traffic-clogged street, packed with people on their way to school or work during the morning rush hour, causing hundreds of casualties in an instant and sending a tower of black smoke into the sky.

One of the worst such attacks since the U.S.-led campaign to oust the Taliban in 2001, it was only the latest in a grim series that has killed thousands of civilians over the years.

The Taliban have denied responsibility. But the National Directorate for Security, Afghanistan's main intelligence agency, has blamed the Haqqani network, an affiliate group directly integrated into the Taliban, and said it had acted with the help of Pakistan's intelligence service.

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HEADLINE	06/01 Taliban recruits young: rape, blackmail
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/06/01/taliban-using-rape-blackmail-to-recruit-young-terrorists.html
GIST	<p>KABUL, Afghanistan -- Tucked deep inside the compound of Afghanistan's paramount foreign and domestic intelligence agency is a detention facility that houses the country's most hardened accused terrorists. It's a quiet place of old pale buildings, few windows and layers upon layers of security.</p> <p>Outside, a low-profile, gray Toyota Hilux pulls up and two freshly captured terrorists, blind-folded, are carefully pulled from the back of the pickup and led into their new confinement at the National Directorate of Security (NDS) facility.</p> <p>Inside, a young Taliban fighter is brought upstairs from the cell he shares with several others and led into a small, dimly lit ground floor room. Wearing his prison garb of black flip-flops and a deep green, orange-trimmed shalwar -- the traditional men's Afghan dress -- he sits down, appearing nervous. There are neither handcuffs nor blindfolds.</p> <p>His name is Haibatullah, and like many Afghans only uses one name. He is 18 years old. Haibatullah agrees to speak to Fox News, of his own will, to detail his descent into the dark path of Taliban terrorism, which started when he was 17, some 10 months ago.</p> <p>A friend, he says, convinced him to travel more than 300 miles from his home in the southeastern province of Ghazni to the Pakistan border city of Quetta, a city known to be a haven for Taliban members and one filled with people who support the group's hard-line ideology.</p>

"He said that the Americans and foreigners do whatever they want to our country," Haibatullah says, referring to his friend's "motivation" speech. "And we must fight the foreigners."

Once in the Quetta camp, which he refers to as the "secret brick camp," the indoctrination of hate only went deeper. For two months, Haibatullah was trained to use an array of guns and weapons and recite verses from the Quran to convince him that it was "mandatory to use jihad against foreigners" and "fight the infidels."

Haibatullah -- a timid, unshaven, almost child-like figure -- cowers a little more and suddenly announces that he has something to say. He buries his head in his hands and weeps silently. For long moments, nothing is said.

During training, a mullah told him to prepare to be a suicide bomber, but he refused on the grounds that he "was not ready." He says he was repeatedly told to engage in sexual acts with the mullah, but he continued to say no. Then one day after lunch, Haibatullah -- just 17 at the time -- claims that the mullah called him away. He woke up in a state of confusion and excruciating pain some time later, his legs covered in blood.

"After that," Haibatullah goes on, fidgeting and grief catching his voice. "He told me that he filmed the rape and if I didn't follow his orders and bomb myself, he would reveal the tape."

Haibatullah was raped two more times after that. The mullah, he says, called his parents and told them that their son was with the Taliban and because of that he had nowhere to go, nobody wanted him. Haibatullah suspects others also were drugged and raped, but he never said a word and nor did anyone else.

Haibatullah is currently awaiting trial and will be moved to another detention facility after sentencing. Typically, notes an NDS official, terrorists found guilty receive anything from a 20-year sentence, to life behind bars, to execution, depending on their crimes.

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HEADLINE	06/01 Germany arrests suspect terror member
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/german-authorities-arrested-suspected-nusra-front-member-47770444?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>German authorities have arrested a Syrian man on suspicion of membership in the extremist Nusra Front group.</p> <p>Federal prosecutors say the 22-year-old suspect, identified only as Ahmet A. A., was arrested Wednesday in the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia.</p> <p>In a statement Thursday, prosecutors said the man is suspected of having joined the Nusra Front in 2012 together with a previously arrested other man, Abdul Jawad A. K.</p>

	<p>The men's full surnames weren't released because of German privacy laws.</p> <p>Prosecutors said Ahmet A. A. took part in fighting against Syrian government troops, including during fighting in the Syrian city of Tabqa in 2013.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 ISIS mortar fire strikes fleeing civilians
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-mosul-idUSKBN18S4KB
GIST	<p>At least seven civilians were killed and 23 wounded by Islamic State mortar shells as they tried to flee Mosul's militant-controlled Zanjili district on Thursday, Iraqi police said.</p> <p>Zanjili is part of the enclave that remains in the hands of Islamic State in the northern Iraqi city, alongside the Old City centre and the Medical City hospitals complex.</p> <p>U.S.-backed Iraqi government forces retook eastern Mosul in January and began a new push on Saturday to capture the enclave where about 200,000 people are trapped, regularly dropping leaflets telling families to flee.</p> <p>The wounded from Zanjili were taken to a field clinic, a police officer told Reuters, adding that more people could have been killed while trying to flee. They were part of the first group of civilians who have managed to escape.</p> <p>Several dozen other civilians managed to reach government-held lines unhurt, using the same exit route, the officer said.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 ISIS seals off symbolic mosque in Mosul
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/seals-off-area-symbolic-mosque-mosuls-city-47765313
GIST	<p>Islamic State group militants have blocked the area around a highly symbolic mosque in Mosul's Old City where the group's leader made his first and only public appearance in 2014, a resident said Thursday.</p> <p>The move came as U.S.-backed Iraqi forces are pushing to recapture the city's remaining pockets.</p> <p>The militants have ordered families living near al-Nuri mosque — also known as the Great Mosque — to leave their houses and sealed all the roads leading to it, said the resident who lives in the IS-held sections of Mosul.</p>

	<p>Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi delivered a Friday sermon in al-Nuri mosque in 2014 after IS seized almost a third of Iraq and declared an Islamic "caliphate" on territory it controlled in Iraq and neighboring Syria.</p> <p>The iconic 840-year-old "Crooked Minaret," which leans somewhat like Italy's Tower of Pisa, survived destruction by IS militants as residents formed a human chain to protect it when the militants came to blow it up. The extremists demolished dozens of historic and archaeological sites in and around Mosul, saying they promote idolatry.</p> <p>"The militants are not moving in groups anymore, we see one or two from time to time in the streets as a majority of them are moving through the houses, using the holes they made in the walls," he told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear for his safety.</p> <p>According to U.N. estimates, more than 100,000 people are still trapped in their houses in IS-held areas. Mosul's Old City is an ancient district of narrow alleyways and tightly packed homes, two main challenges to security forces.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 UN Mali camp attacked; 4 wounded
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/wounded-mali-attack-camp-swedish-military-47767882?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleoll_hed
GIST	<p>Sweden's defense forces say four soldiers "from another nation" have been wounded when a United Nations camp in Mali's northern city of Timbuktu was attacked.</p> <p>The command says those hurt in the Thursday morning attack were being treated by Swedish medics.</p> <p>Per Nilsson, head of the Swedish contingent in Mali, says the camp includes medics from several nations.</p> <p>The U.N. peacekeeping mission in Mali is the deadliest active mission in the world. Multiple extremist groups still carry out attacks throughout the vast region.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Top ISIS figure killed in Syria
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/06/01/middleeast/top-isis-figure-killed-in-syria/index.html
GIST	<p>(CNN)One of ISIS' most important figures has been killed by an airstrike in eastern Syria, according to sources close to his family and Telegram accounts of ISIS supporters.</p> <p>Sources tell CNN that Turki al-Binali was killed in Mayadin, near Deir ez-Zor, in recent days. The US Department of Defense confirmed Saturday that coalition forces had conducted strikes near Mayadin on May 25 and 26.</p>

	<p>The strikes were conducted against ISIS propaganda production facilities in Iraq and Syria, the Pentagon said.</p> <p>The Telegram account of ISIS supporters posted a brief eulogy and a biography of the ISIS leader. Telegram is an instant messaging service.</p> <p>Binali, a Bahraini who was about 32 years old, was regarded as one of the group's most influential ideologues and preachers.</p> <p>ISIS has not confirmed his death through its official media outlets.</p> <p>The terror group has come under increased pressure in Syria in recent months, steadily losing ground to US-backed Kurdish fighters and Syrian government forces.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/02 Violence in protest at Kabul bombing site
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/protest-at-site-of-kabul-afghanistan-bombing-turns-violent/
GIST	<p>Violence broke out in Kabul Friday after hundreds of protesters gathered near the site of this week's car bomb attack to demand the resignation of Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's government. At least 7 demonstrators were killed and several wounded.</p> <p>On Wednesday, at least 90 people were killed and hundreds wounded when a sewage tanker packed with explosives blew up near the entrance to Kabul's secure Green Zone area in what was the city's deadliest attack since 2001.</p> <p>Afghan security forces fired into the air to hold the demonstrators back as they approached the Presidential Palace, some throwing rocks. Police used water hoses to disperse the crowds.</p> <p>The protesters accused Afghan president Ashraf Ghani and his chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah of being responsible for the attack, with some demanding that the government execute prisoners from the Taliban-affiliated Haqqani network, which intelligence officials blamed for the bombing. They installed a tent and said they would block a main road until their demands were met.</p> <p>One sign showed images of bloodstained children and read "Ghani! Abdullah! Resign! Resign!" Reuters reported.</p> <p>Some protesters were chanting, "Death to America, Pakistan, Ghani, Abdullah."</p>

	Despite its relatively moderate size, the protest highlighted a growing public anger towards the government for failing to ensure public security nearly three years after most international troops left the country.
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HEADLINE	06/01 ISIS turns Ramadan into killing season
SOURCE	http://time.com/4801216/isis-ramadan-killing-season-muslims/?xid=homepage
GIST	<p>On May 21, President Donald Trump stood in a vast bejeweled auditorium in Saudi Arabia's capital and delivered a challenge to the world's 1.8 billion Muslims: Rid your communities of extremists. "Drive them out," he intoned. The same day, he joined Saudi Arabia's King Salman and Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi as the three leaders placed their hands on a glowing white orb in a ceremony to inaugurate a new counter-extremism center.</p> <p>In the 10 days that followed, the extremists answered with acts of killing across the planet. A suicide bomber detonated explosives at a pop concert in the British city of Manchester, killing 22 people. In Egypt, masked gunmen opened fire on a convoy carrying Coptic Christians to a monastery in the country's Minya province. In Baghdad, ISIS militants set off a pair of bombs, targeting families queuing up for ice cream and older people collecting their pensions. In the Philippines, the government battled to regain control of the southern city of Marawi, which had been seized by gunmen linked to ISIS.</p> <p>Then in Afghanistan, a truck bomb killed more than 80 people on Wednesday in a central district of Kabul near the country's presidential palace. The attack has not yet been claimed by any group, but the Taliban denies responsibility, heightening speculation of the Islamic State's role.</p> <p>The global tableau of violence is beginning to look like a repeat of a campaign of attacks carried out by ISIS and affiliated groups in 2016 timed to coincide with Ramadan, a holy month of dawn-to-dusk fasting and prayer. For the overwhelming majority of the world's practicing Muslims, Ramadan is a month for reflection, for heightened spirituality, for spending time with family. Adherents of the Islamic State have identified the month as a season for killing. "The group has made it into sort of its own sick tradition to make Ramadan an especially bloody month," says Mokhtar Awad, a research fellow at George Washington University's Program on Extremism.</p> <p>During Ramadan last year, militants carried out attacks on Istanbul's main airport, on civilians out after dark in Baghdad, and on people in an embassy district of Dhaka. ISIS also attached its name to the mass shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida. Before Ramadan in 2016, ISIS spokesperson Abu Mohammed al-Adnani issued a call for attacks in western states. In May 2017, the group's Nashir news service issued a similar call, and urging "righteous believers" to action in a message distributed over the smartphone app Telegram.</p>

Experts say it is unlikely that ISIS' central organization based in Syria and Iraq planned the current wave of attacks, but rather that affiliates and individuals in several countries chose to mount attacks during Ramadan and in the days leading up to it. "It's more a case of individual groups separately commemorating the month with a view to make it look like it was centrally-planned Ramadan offensive," says Charlie Winter, a senior fellow with the International Center for the Study of Radicalization in London.

The wave of attacks exposes some of the naive assumptions of the Saudi summit. The world's governments are fighting not one monolithic extremist threat—as Trump's speech suggested—but a loose network of groups embedded in local insurgencies around the world. Even as a U.S.-backed military coalition moves to roust the Islamic State from its central base of operations in Iraq and Syria, satellite branches of the organization in the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia reassert the group's persistence. And lone attackers, many radicalized from afar, continue to do the group's bloody work in Europe.

The sheer number of different ISIS franchises and affiliates throughout the world present a dizzyingly complex challenge to counterterrorism efforts. The organization thrives where state institutions collapse, such as in Iraq, Syria, Libya, and Yemen, and seeks to recruit and inspire individuals—whether Muslim or non-Muslim—across the world. But it has also been successful insinuating itself into homegrown insurgencies — as in Egypt, where the group has launched a series of attacks on Coptic Christians, bombing a cathedral in December and a pair of churches on Palm Sunday.

ISIS is behaving less like a single strategic organization, in other words, and more like a franchisor — selling its brand to radicalized individuals and small jihadi groups across the world to extend its influence. The ambition, says analyst Michael S. Smith II, the co-founder of a consultancy that has advised U.S. government officials, is to draw in a range of rival militant groups under a single banner. "This is an important feature of their larger strategic calculus when it comes to that effort to eclipse the specter of al-Qaeda, the Afghan Taliban, and other groups that refuse to merge with Islamic State," he says.

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HEADLINE	06/02 Saudi official: extremists killed inside car
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/saudi-official-extremists-killed-inside-car-47785840?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>A spokesman for Saudi Arabia's Interior Ministry says security forces have fired at a car, setting it on fire, and killing two extremists inside in a restive town in the country's eastern province.</p> <p>Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki said in a statement early Friday that security forces in the heavily Shiites populated town of Qatif spotted a stolen car on Thursday evening and found inside it weapons and remain of munition that cause the explosion.</p>

The incident was reported late Thursday by state-linked Saudi media showing a car engulfed in fire and thick plumes of black smoke.

Violence between Shiite militants and security forces there has increased in recent weeks, with several incidents of militants firing rocket-propelled grenades at police. The Islamic State group has previously launched attacks on Shiites in Qatif.

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HEADLINE	06/01 'Violent threat' Evergreen State College
SOURCE	http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/article153815799.html
GIST	<p>Officials at The Evergreen State College in Olympia evacuated the campus late Thursday morning because of a threat, and the campus will remain closed Friday.</p> <p>“In response to a direct threat to campus safety, the college is closing immediately for the day,” college officials posted on Evergreen’s website. “All are asked to leave campus or return to residence halls for instructions.”</p> <p>College spokesman Zach Powers told The Olympian that the closure was “out of an abundance of caution ... due to a violent threat against the college received by local law enforcement.”</p> <p>Powers said the threat was called in late Thursday morning to the business line for Thurston 911 Communications, which dispatches emergency calls in Thurston County. Officials at that agency informed Evergreen Police Services about the threat, and they passed it on to college president George Bridges.</p> <p>Powers posted to the college’s website at 5:25 p.m. on Thursday evening, to suspend Friday’s classes. His post says college officials were notified around 10:30 a.m. about an individual using an unknown phone number, who claimed to be armed and headed toward Evergreen’s campus.</p> <p>Powers said students and staff were notified of the original closure on Thursday morning through an emergency alert system that many subscribe to, and intercom messages that were broadcast in buildings, and through social media posts.</p> <p>“Evergreen police are being supported on site by members of local law enforcement,” Powers said. “There are other (law enforcement) agencies on site as people leave.”</p> <p>College spokeswoman Sandra Kaiser said Olympia police officers and Thurston County Sheriff’s deputies were assisting in the investigation, which was being led by the nine-person Evergreen police department.</p>

	<p>During a news conference at 1 p.m. Thursday at the nearby McLane Fire Department, Kaiser said she didn't know many details about the nature of the threat.</p> <p>The evacuation came after weeks of unrest on campus. Hundreds of students protested last week, citing institutional racism and bias on the campus by some of the college's employees.</p> <p>When asked whether there was any reason to believe that Thursday's threat was connected to recent events on campus, Kaiser said: "There's nothing that I know of that connects these things directly. But, of course, we live in troubled times and you've got to take public safety as a priority for everybody."</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Deadbeat dads as UN peacekeepers?
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-haiti-un-feature-idUSKBN18S4LO
GIST	<p>For Roseleine Duperval, the United Nations mission to stabilize Haiti will always remind her of one thing - her 8-year-old daughter, who she says was fathered by a Uruguayan peacekeeper.</p> <p>Duperval is among a group of Haitian women who embarked on a long and largely fruitless journey to try to force peacekeepers who they say fathered their children to contribute to their upbringing. While some have succeeded with their paternity claims, barely any have secured any form of child support.</p> <p>"Since I became pregnant, he never sent money," said Duperval, who still has identity documents she says her daughter Sasha Francesca's father left behind, apparently because he wanted to be legally recognized as the father. "I have to call friends all the time to help me support my (child)."</p> <p>The paternity and child support issue is another awkward legacy of the 13-year U.N. mission, known as MINUSTAH, which is winding up in October after being sent in to stabilize a country riven by political turmoil. The mission introduced a cholera epidemic that killed about 10,000 people and has also been dogged by accusations of sexual assault.</p> <p>Paternity cases in recent years have confirmed seven children in Haiti as having had U.N. peacekeepers as their fathers, according to figures released on the peacekeeping body's conduct and discipline website. More than two dozen Haitian women are still pursuing paternity claims, second only to Democratic Republic of Congo in the number of claims against a U.N. mission worldwide since 2010, according to U.N. data.</p> <p>The cases also highlight a lack of accountability, critics say, since many of the women's paternity claims are never confirmed either way. Even when paternity is proven, the process rarely delivers any financial support for mothers.</p>

	<p>Under the United Nations' "zero-tolerance policy" against sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual relationships between peacekeepers and residents of countries hosting a U.N. mission are strongly discouraged.</p> <p>However, the world body says its peacekeeping arm does not take responsibility for financial assistance to children fathered by peacekeepers. It says the peacekeepers' countries, or the fathers themselves, must organize payment.</p> <p>In practice, that often means mothers must raise children alone in some of the world's poorest, most troubled nations.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Sweden: 76% child refugees are adults
SOURCE	https://heatst.com/world/tests-show-76-of-suspicious-child-refugees-in-sweden-are-actually-over-18/
GIST	<p>Age verification tests carried out on migrants who claim to be children have found that 76% of them are actually aged 18 or over.</p> <p>Swedish migration authorities released the findings of a wave of tests carried out on new arrivals to the Scandinavian country who claimed to be underage, but raised the suspicions of authorities.</p> <p>Medical examinations, which included analysis of migrants’ teeth and knee joints, found that the majority of those claiming to be children actually were not.</p> <p>Sweden’s Rättsmedicinalverket (forensic medical agency) has so far tested 581 migrants, and found evidence that 442 of them were 18 or older.</p> <p>The tests were only carried out on “children” who migration authorities thought could be lying – those who were clearly younger than 18 were not put through the procedure.</p> <p>There are around 3,700 suspicious cases still due to be assessed by the medical experts, according to the Swedish TT news agency.</p> <p>If the proportions from the previous tests hold true, a total of around 2,800 alleged child migrants will have been found not to actually be children, around 7.5% of all applicants.</p> <p>Correctly assessing the ages of people claiming asylum in Europe as part of the ongoing migrant crisis has proved a contentious issue across the continent.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 China trying hard enough with NKorea?
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SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/06/01/north-korea-is-china-trying-hard-enough-to-stop-pyongyang-threat.html
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON – Recent actions by South Korea President Moon Jae-in and China's President Xi Jinping have raised questions about the sincerity of both countries in helping the U.S. reign in North Korea's nuclear program.</p> <p>President Trump invited President Xi to visit Mar-a-Lago last winter, and expressed optimism about the good intentions of President Xi in this Monday tweet: "North Korea has shown great disrespect for their neighbor, China, by shooting off yet another ballistic missile...but China is trying hard!"</p> <p>But some analysts believe President Xi and South Korean President Moon are playing a duplicitous game – with China hoping to pull South Korea, as well as North Korea, closer into its orbit and away from the U.S. sphere of influence.</p> <p>South Korea's President Moon lashed out at the U.S. on Tuesday after his own defense ministry failed to notify him that the Pentagon sent four more batteries of THAAD (Theatre High Altitude Area Defense missiles) to South Korea.</p> <p>China is also wary of those missiles, fearing the U.S. may place them in Japan, too, as a part of a NATO-like alliance of Japan, South Korea and the U.S. to block Chinese ambitions.</p> <p>"It's another symptom of the fact that relations between the U.S. and South Korea today and will become ever more troubled as we see the events on the Korean peninsula unfold," said Graham Allison, professor of government at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and author of the new book, "Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides's Trap?"</p> <p>South Korea's Jeju Air said on Tuesday that China had approved a plan to double its flights to China starting Friday. Cultural exchanges between the two countries are also being increased. That, as it becomes clear China's moratorium on the purchase of North Korean coal exports have largely been a ruse.</p> <p>"We know that the Chinese bought North Korean coal in February after the announcement [of the moratorium] in March, in April, and in May," said Gordon Chang, author of "The Coming Collapse of China." "The Chinese have been buying minerals that the UN Security Council resolution prohibits North Korea from selling."</p> <p>Indeed, in the first quarter of 2017, China-North Korea trade was up 37.4 percent from the same period in 2016.</p> <p>Yet, the U.S. remains hopeful that it will be Chinese influence that ultimately gets North Korea to halt its nuclear program.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/31 Drone delivers donuts to police, fire
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_DENVER_DRONE_DOUGHNUTS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2017-05-31-19-42-50
GIST	<p>DENVER (AP) -- Doughnuts were delivered Wednesday by drone to Denver's mayor and the city's police and fire departments in an event that provided a glimpse into what companies hope will be a quick, inexpensive way to get merchandise to customers.</p> <p>Denver's LaMar's Donuts hired Austin, Texas-based company Drone Dispatch to deliver four boxes of doughnuts using piloted drones flown from parking lots within a block of the delivery targets.</p> <p>LaMar's spokesman Tami Osifodunrin said Federal Aviation Administration regulations prohibit commercial drone pilots from losing sight of drones.</p> <p>Denver Mayor Michael Hancock was outside city hall when a drone delivered doughnuts.</p> <p>"We're doing it completely legal, we have very, very short deliveries from the drone where we have a safe takeoff location and the landing area is a Drone Dispatch team member who's receiving the box of doughnuts," said Chris Bonnet, CEO of Drone Dispatch.</p> <p>The drones took off from parking lots near the Denver City and County Building, the police department, the fire department and an alleyway near a pedestrian mall.</p> <p>Amazon and other companies have been testing autonomous drones for deliveries, while drone maker Flirtey last year began limited deliveries for 7-Eleven in Reno, Nevada.</p> <p>The doughnuts were delivered as part of a week of celebrating a tradition that dates to World War I, where Salvation Army volunteers made doughnuts for soldiers on the front lines. National Doughnut Day is celebrated the first Friday of every June.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Scenic view? Buy homes' 'air rights'
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2017/06/01/want-to-protect-your-scenic-view-you-can-buy-the-air-rights-above-homes/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE — Seattle is one of the fastest growing cities in the nation, and now a popular trend in some of the country's largest metropolitan areas is becoming more common here in Seattle.</p> <p>People are buying air above homes to protect views, usually from new construction or neighbors wanting to remodel and build larger homes that will block views.</p> <p>Imagine a house lower down on a hill and a home above it. The home above has a nice view and suddenly the person down below decides to put on a second story and the view up top gets obstructed. Buying air legally, known as air rights, or view rights, is becoming a growing protection option for residents.</p>

	<p>Call it air rights or view rights, these days people can buy anything and in Seattle’s hot housing market, a slice of the sky can also be bought.</p> <p>Real estate agents say residential air rights aren’t as popular in Seattle as they are in places like Los Angeles or New York, but the trend here is growing, and as Seattle’s population continues to grow at a rapid pace, the precious views become more valuable.</p> <p>“Welcome to Magnolia, Queen Anne, Clyde Hill, Somerset, Blue Ridge, wherever there’s a view there’s somebody who want to keep it, and money is going to be discussed,” said Richard Hagar of American Home Appraisal.</p> <p>The cost is anywhere from \$10,000 to hundreds of thousands of dollars, depending on location.</p> <p>“We just did some view rights over in Clyde Hill and we were able to determine the view was worth \$600,000 -- not the land, just the right for the guy behind him to look over and have his view,” said Hagar.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/02 Hezbollah more powerful than NATO?
SOURCE	http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20170602-diplomat-hezbollah-is-now-more-powerful-than-most-nato-members
GIST	<p>The Iran-backed terrorist group Hezbollah is “now more militarily powerful than most North Atlantic Treaty Organization members,” a former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations says.</p> <p>In violation of UN Resolution 1701, which was adopted to end the 2006 Lebanon War, Hezbollah has acquired an estimated 150,000 missiles — more than the combined arsenals of 27 NATO nations — with a range capable of striking “anywhere in Israel” and the ability to “launch 1,500 of them a day,” Ron Prosor wrote.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 UK police warn: cocaine w/levamisole
SOURCE	http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/cocaine-taking-brits-risk-faces-10540662
GIST	<p>Cocaine-taking Brits are at risk of their faces rotting away as ruthless gangs are 'cutting' drugs with de-worming chemicals for farm animals.</p> <p>A shocking report claims there is a four in five chance the UK's supply has been 'cut' with levamisole, which causes human flesh to decay.</p> <p>Levamisole poisoning can cause skin lesions and discolouration and rotting of the skin when blood cells rupture, particularly in the ears, nose and fingers.</p>

	<p>Doctors also claim the drug that is used on pigs, cows and horses causes white blood cells to drop - leaving the sufferer 'feeling they have HIV.'</p> <p>Drug deaths have hit record levels across the country as the purity of heroin and cocaine increased, according to figures released last year.</p> <p>But it seems the risk to users is even higher now it's emerged gangs are routinely using the powerful deworming agent to cut the class A drugs.</p> <p>Police have issued the warning amid reports of a series of deaths and overdoses in a quiet seaside town, where super-strength heroin and cocaine is being sold.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Dubai police enlist first robotic cop
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/tech/first-robotic-cop-joins-dubai-police-092135132.html
GIST	<p>Dubai (AFP) - After bringing in Lamborghinis and Ferraris to patrol roads, Dubai police have enrolled a robotic officer, the first in a unit that aims to make up a quarter of the force by 2030.</p> <p>The robotic cop stood to attention Wednesday night at the foot of Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest tower, as tourists and passersby snapped selfie souvenir photos by its side.</p> <p>Wearing a police cap and moving on wheels, the robot features a computer touch-screen on its chest that can be used to report a crime or inquire about speeding tickets.</p> <p>"Our aim is to raise the number of robots to 25 percent of the police force by 2030," said Brigadier Khaled al-Razzooqi, head of Smart Services at Dubai police.</p> <p>The robot, to be deployed mainly at tourist spots, is equipped with a camera that transmits live images to the operations room and it can identify suspects wanted by police.</p> <p>The main purpose is to "find a new way to deal with people", said Razzooqi, while acknowledging that robots could not replace humans on tasks such as making arrests.</p> <p>Police in Dubai, a growing tourism hub which attracted nearly 15 million visitors last year, have previously attracted media attention by parading expensive luxury cars as patrol vehicles.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Shortest international flight North America
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SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/the-shortest-international-flight-in-north-america-comes-to-friday-harbor/444990379
GIST	<p>Rick Hughes says he just trying to be romantic when he looked at whisking away his wife for a Valentine's Day weekend in Victoria.</p> <p>That was until he realized how tough it would be to make the roughly 16-mile journey from Friday Harbor to Vancouver Island. So close, yet so far.</p> <p>That time of the year, there is no state ferry service from the San Juans to Sidney, BC, and getting to Vancouver Island would require an exhausting trip to Anacortes, north to the Canadian Border, to Tsawwassen, and a BC ferry across to Victoria - or, says Hughes, "a \$700 charter flight."</p> <p>Even using the ferry to Sidney during the summer months often requires an overnight stay, he says. The San Juan County commissioner says that's when he decided something needed to change.</p> <p>Hughes lobbied his friends in local government, like Duncan Wilson, the Friday Harbor town administrator.</p> <p>"To be 14-16 miles away from an area that shares so much with us, and to not be able to get there easily is very bad," he said.</p> <p>So they started pitching the idea of regular plane service between Friday Harbor and Victoria. The U.S. Office of Customs and Border Protection said there would need to be security screening, and they had very little money to contribute. But it would provide staffing if the opportunity came to fruition.</p> <p>"We didn't have the infrastructure in place," acknowledged CBP Blaine District leader Ken Williams.</p> <p>Hughes says local leaders wrote to both U.S. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and Congressman Rick Larsen. They also pitched their fellow elected Port officials on an idea: paying for a customs screening facility at the Friday Harbor Airport. They found \$30,000 in local lodging tax revenue to build out a former airport office, complete with handheld scanners. CBP agreed to staff it for 1 1/2 hours every morning and afternoon in return.</p> <p>It led to a moment months in the making on Thursday, when customs officials, along with Hughes and Wilson, cut the ribbon on the facility and welcomed the first official "Shortest International Flight in North America."</p> <p>Sidney, BC, town crier Kenny Podmore made the official welcome on the tarmac at Friday Harbor. Canada-based Northstar Air says it is planning on offering daily, 12-minute service between Friday Harbor and Victoria, perhaps as early as July. Northstar's Henry Emson says early-bird rates will be \$49 each way.</p>

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HEADLINE	06/01 Newspaper circulation falls to 77yr low
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/newspaper-circulation-hits-low/2017/06/01/id/793684/
GIST	<p>Circulation of daily newspapers has dropped to a 77-year low, a precipitous decline as the industry moves to digital delivery for a growing online audience, a new analysis found.</p> <p>The Pew Research Center review, released Thursday, found that print newspaper circulation has reached a new low of 34.6 million, 6 million less than papers sold in 1940.</p> <p>According to Pew Research, the estimated total U.S. daily newspaper circulation (print and digital combined) last year was 35 million for weekday and 38 million for Sunday, both of which fell 8 percent over 2015.</p> <p>The research found that declines were highest in print circulation, however, with weekday print circulation down 10 percent, and Sunday circulation down 9 percent.</p> <p>The analysis found digital circulation last year held steady, with weekday down 1 percent and Sunday up 1 percent.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Florida officials: outbreak of dog flu
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Health/outbreak-virulent-dog-flu-florida-suspected-infecting-13/story?id=47767417
GIST	<p>Florida officials are monitoring an outbreak of "dog flu" that has been confirmed or suspected in 13 dogs. Seven of the cases are confirmed, and six are suspected, according to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.</p> <p>This is the first time the highly contagious H3N2 virus has appeared in Florida, according to the department.</p> <p>Dog flu is usually not life threatening, but it can lead to pneumonia. While the virus can spread rapidly among dogs, it cannot infect humans.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/02 South Sudan botched vaccine campaign
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/south-sudan-15-children-die-botched-vaccine-campaign-47785841?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed

GIST	<p>South Sudan's government says 15 young children have died in a botched measles vaccination campaign that saw people as young as 12 years old administering the vaccines.</p> <p>The health ministry on Friday blamed the deaths on human error. One syringe was used for all the children, and the vaccine was not stored properly.</p> <p>The government says all of the children who died were under the age of 5. It is setting up a commission to determine who is responsible and whether victims' families will be compensated.</p> <p>The measles vaccination campaign is targeting more than 2 million children across the country.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 DC mayor reacts to fake ICE flyers
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/tear-dc-mayor-reacts-fake-ice-flyers-posted/story?id=47773474
GIST	<p>Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser ordered the removal of the fake U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) flyers that were posted around the city Thursday, calling it an effort to divide residents in the nation's capital.</p> <p>Bowser confirmed via Twitter that she is working with the D.C. Police Department and the Department of Public Works to remove the official-looking flyers that show a U.S. Department of Homeland Security logo beside U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement written in large block letters.</p> <p>The flyer reads, "Sanctuary City Neighborhood Public Notice," and goes into claims about possible penalties for supporting illegal immigration.</p> <p>Balkans Bohemia, who posted an original image of the flyer that the Mayor retweeted, told ABC News that he first spotted the flyers a little after 9.a.m Thursday local time on his walk to the train.</p> <p>Bohemia said he knew the posters were fake when he spotted a D.C. government logo at the bottom corner and said "anyone who knows D.C. government knows they are a pro-sanctuary city."</p> <p>ICE immediately responded to the fake flyers via Twitter disowning the flyers.</p> <p>"The immigration enforcement notices appearing across Washington, D.C., were not issued or sanctioned by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)," spokesperson Carissa Cutrell told ABC News.</p> <p>"Just like false reports of immigration checkpoints or random sweeps, notices like these are dangerous and irresponsible. Any person who actively incites panic or fear of law enforcement is doing a disservice to the community, endangering public safety and the very people they claim to support and represent," Cutrell added.</p>

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HEADLINE	06/01 Car prowls remain a problem in Seattle
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2017/06/01/despite-some-arrests-car-prowls-remain-a-problem-in-seattle/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE, Wash. — An early morning arrest served as a good reminder to always take valuables out of your car. And always lock your car doors.</p> <p>About 12:20 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 8800 block of 42nd Avenue with report of a car prowler, Seattle police said. Before they could arrive, the call was updated to say the suspect was rummaging through multiple cars, and trying to open locked doors.</p> <p>Police arrested the suspect after he was positively identified by witnesses.</p> <p>But the sobering fact remains: there's more car prowls in Seattle than there were five years ago.</p> <p>One thousand and eighty two car prowler thefts were reported in April, bringing this year's total to well over 4,000. That's about the same as last year, but a roughly ten percent increase from 2012.</p> <p>Seattle Police Detective Mark Jamieson calls car prowls "crime of opportunities" that happen year-round.</p> <p>But as more people head to crowded summer parks, clothes or other valuables are often left in the car. That's when car prowlers strike.</p> <p>"They'll check parks and do their own kind of surveillance in the parks," Captain Marcia Harnden of the Bellevue Police Department said. "They're watching. When the person goes off into the park they smash the window and pop the trunk."</p> <p>Police say it takes less than a minute for an experienced car prowler to break into a parked vehicle.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Germany: Russian mafia in fraud scam
SOURCE	https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/6525-germany-russian-mafia-plundering-billions-through-nursing-services
GIST	<p>German authorities are investigating some 230 nursing services believed to be charging the government more than €1.2 billion annually for fictitious staff and hours spent on caring for the elderly and sick, media reported Tuesday.</p> <p>A police report leaked to Die Welt am Sonntag allegedly linked the services to the Russian mafia.</p>

Its network of companies allegedly routinely defraud insurance providers, patients and pharmacies by claiming for services they are not providing, falsifying documents, employing unqualified carers and making multiple claims for a single patient.

The fraud scheme works by making contact – via, for example, church communities – with relatives of severely ill people in need of 24-hour care and offering them a private nursing service, according to the Welt am Sonntag.

In reality, untrained nursing staff only check on patients two or three times a day, but then charge the government for 24-hour care by highly qualified staff. In some cases, patients’ family members are complicit and take a cut of the profits.

Due to the presence of shell companies, signs of money-laundering and links to the gambling industry, police suspect that organized crime networks from Russia and Eurasia are behind the scam.

The leaked report is based on searches of nursing offices and private apartments made last September, in which two Kalashnikov assault rifles and two semi-automatic weapons were also seized, Deutsche Welle reported.

The report also found that some former heads of the companies under investigation were already known to police as suspected contract killers.

The ‘roof’ of the criminal association are believed to be the notorious gang Thieves-in-Law, who staff the organizations mainly with Eastern European immigrants, according to Crime Russia.

Thieves-in-Law was founded in Stalin’s labor camps by ethnic Russians from across the Soviet Union. They have their own ‘laws’ and a secret language, and are thought to recruit members today from within German prisons, the Welt am Sonntag reported.

Care work is reportedly a particularly juicy target for fraud, as it offers big profits against low risk. With Germany’s aging population, authorities expect such opportunities to increase in the future.

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HEADLINE	06/01 Vietnam busts country’s largest drug ring
SOURCE	http://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/vietnam-busts-largest-ever-drug-cartel-3593664.html
GIST	Police raided 13 drug-producing labs across Vietnam, seizing over \$8.8 million worth of narcotics. Ho Chi Minh City police have arrested more than 20 people believed to be members of what they call the country's largest drug ring operating across the country.

The ring, headed by Van Kinh Duong, 36, has allegedly produced nearly 300 kilograms (660 pounds) of ecstasy pills and other synthetic drugs.

Duong was sentenced to six years in prison for illegal possession of drugs in 2008, according to Ho Chi Minh City's Cong An newspaper. However, he managed to escape from prison and set up his own drug production ring using the fake name Tran Ngoc Hieu.

His network included many labs in Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi, Nha Trang and some southern provinces, according to the police. The labs were often set up in deserted areas and they would be relocated after every batch of narcotics produced. To avoid police detection, Duong would manage and monitor these labs through a social network and a camera system instead of physically visiting them.

The dozens of people working in the labs are all Duong's relatives.

Duong's network has churned out nearly 300 kilograms of synthetic drugs and sold about 200,000 ecstasy pills between early 2016 until it was busted.

Police arrested Duong just as he landed at Ho Chi Minh City's Tan Son Nhat airport on April 6. At the same time, more than 200 police officers raided 13 of his ring's establishments across the country and arrested many members of the ring.

More than 500,000 ecstasy pills and 120 kilograms of narcotic powders with an estimated value of VND200 billion (\$8.8 million) were seized during the raids. Police also seized VND10 billion (\$440,000), 7 cars including a VND25 billion supercar and some real estate related to the crime.

The drug seizure was the largest ever in Vietnam, Phan Anh Minh, deputy director of the Ho Chi Minh City police department, said.

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HEADLINE	06/01 Soldier lied for Purple Heart; jailed 3yrs
SOURCE	http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/nation-world/article153895434.html
GIST	<p>SEATTLE - A federal judge on Thursday sentenced a former soldier who lied his way to a Purple Heart to three years in prison and ordered him to repay nearly \$650,000 in stolen government benefits.</p> <p>Darryl Wright, 48, a former Idaho National Guardsman, feigned injuries from an explosion in Iraq in 2005 and doctored statements from fellow soldiers to obtain two awards, a Combat Action Badge and a Purple Heart, which is reserved for those wounded in action.</p> <p>The Army has since revoked the awards, though Wright still has the medals.</p>

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HEADLINE	06/01 Palestinian teen stabs Israel soldier
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/army-palestinian-woman-attacks-soldier-knife-47763452?cid=clicksource_76_null_article%20roll_hed
GIST	<p>An Israeli soldier was injured on Thursday in a stabbing attack by a 15-year-old Palestinian girl who was then shot and critically wounded by troops at the scene, the army and the girl's father said.</p> <p>The attack took place near an Israeli settlement in northern West Bank.</p> <p>Okab Infeat said his 15-year-old daughter Nouf had gone to school on Thursday to pick up her eighth-grade report card and didn't return home.</p> <p>Infeat said he was questioned by Israeli security forces for four hours about the girl and her family life. Infeat said his daughter did not suffer from social or psychological problems.</p> <p>The Israeli military said the soldier was moderately wounded. In its initial statement, it referred to the assailant as a woman, not a teenage girl.</p> <p>The army said the soldier and the assailant were taken by ambulance to an Israeli hospital.</p>

	Since violence escalated in 2015, Palestinians have killed 42 Israelis, two visiting Americans and a British student in attacks. During that time, some 246 Palestinians died by Israeli fire; Israel has said most of them were attackers.
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HEADLINE	06/01 Ex-nurse pleads guilty serial killings
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/canadian-nurse-plead-guilty-murder-charges-47769119?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>A former nurse pleaded guilty Thursday to first-degree murder in the deaths of eight nursing home residents in one of the worst serial-killer cases in Canadian history.</p> <p>Elizabeth Wettlaufer also pleaded guilty to four counts of attempted murder and two counts of aggravated assault.</p> <p>The 49-year-old, who appeared in a Woodstock, Ontario, courtroom, admitted to killing eight seniors and hurting six others in part because she said she felt angry with her career and her life's responsibilities.</p> <p>Wettlaufer acknowledged under questioning from the judge that she injected all 14 with insulin for no medical reason.</p> <p>All the incidents allegedly occurred between 2007 and 2014 in three Ontario long-term care facilities where Wettlaufer worked as a registered nurse, and at a private home.</p> <p>The prosecution read from an agreed statement of facts, saying that Wettlaufer told police she knew that "if your blood sugar goes low enough, you can die." She also told police she had refrained from logging her use of insulin in order to avoid detection, court heard.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Chicago violence decreasing so far
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/chicago-sees-decrease-violence-year-long-bloody-2016/story?id=47766800
GIST	<p>After a long and violent 2016 in Chicago ended with a record number of shootings and the most homicides in two decades, the city has seen a decrease in killings and shootings so far this year.</p> <p>There were 56 homicides and 257 shootings in the city in May 2017, down from 68 and 316, respectively, in May 2016, the Chicago Police Department said.</p> <p>Overall, shootings are down nearly 14 percent this year compared to last year and this is the third straight month when shooting incidents have decreased citywide, the police said.</p>

	<p>Last year homicides in the Windy City reached 762, which was the highest level since 1996, when 796 homicides were recorded, according to historical data from the Chicago Police Department.</p> <p>In a statement released overnight, the Chicago police pointed to several policies implemented in May that may have contributed to the decrease, including: the launch of a police "Summer Mobile team" to target lakefronts and parks; the deployment of 1,300 additional police officers citywide over Memorial Day weekend; multiple raids over Memorial Day weekend; and the launch of "the fourth annual Summer of Faith and Action, a citywide initiative designed to promote positive community engagement and alternative programming for youth throughout the summer months."</p> <p>In the police statement, spokesman Anthony Guglielmi added, "more work certainly remains to be done."</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Child sex sting nets 3 arrests
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/news/crime/article/Child-sex-sting-in-Washington-lands-3-arrests-11188082.php
GIST	<p>TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Three Washington men have been arrested after they contacted an undercover agent who posed as a mother offering her underage children for sex.</p> <p>KCPQ-TV reported Wednesday that the men were charged with attempted child rape. They are 56-year-old Paul Hobgood, 34-year-old Gregory Harrison and 35-year-old Daniel Moody Jr.</p> <p>The men are accused of answering an online advertisement posted in late April by the undercover agent. Their bail was set at \$500,000 each.</p> <p>Prosecutor Mark Lindquist's office states the men described the acts they wanted the children to perform, and agreed to meet the mother to pick up the kids. They were arrested at the arranged meeting point.</p> <p>Washington authorities have conducted seven "net nanny" stings since 2015, arresting 84 people.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Juvenile offenders: Shakespeare or jail
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/juvenile-offenders-massachusetts-alternative-sentence-shakespeare-acting-stage/
GIST	To act or not to act, that is the question for some juvenile offenders in Massachusetts. They can choose to be part of an alternative sentencing program involving Shakespeare instead of lockup.

Jail time or acting seems like a pretty obvious choice for someone facing hard time. But if you think that's getting off easy, ask the kids who now say they believe in the genius of William Shakespeare and his sonnets of life lessons, reports CBS News correspondent Michelle Miller.

Reciting Shakespeare is tough enough for novices, without adding fight scenes with real broadswords.

"They're like the huge weapons," said the girl who portrays the character Titania from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Titania, queen of the fairies, and Puck, the sprite, are stage names we're using to protect the minors' identities.

What baffles leads Titania and Puck more than anything is that they would be trusted with a weapon at all.

"I think that what they're trying to do is prove that like even though you have a juvenile delinquent, you can trust them and they can, like, move on from assault and battery. Also, I think it's to get our anger out," Titania said.

Titania and Puck landed in Berkshire juvenile court after committing misdemeanor offenses, which could be anything from breaking and entering to substance abuse or assault.

"When I was fighting my dad, I had no clue I actually fought him until the cops came," Puck said.

This was their second chance. Puck thought he'd get "more probation and a week or two in jail."

"If Shakespeare were alive he most definitely would probably end up in this court," said Paul Perachi.

The former first justice began sentencing troubled teens to the bard 17 years ago, because he saw the 16th century playwright as the ultimate outsider.

"That gives him instant credibility with the kids," Perachi said. "Shakespeare was a tyrant. He was always against the way people were doing things."

Not everyone was sold.

"They think we're coddling them. Whether they're placed on probation or whether they're sent away, someday going to come out, come back into the same environment and if we don't help them get some new skills they're going to continue on to a life of crime," Perachi said.

The hope is, after six weeks of playing the part, something sticks -- and in front of family, friends and parole officers, all the world's a stage.

Three hundred fifty kids have been sentenced to the stage.

	The current judge, Joan McMenemy, says it has been a success by her standards.
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HEADLINE	06/01 Oakland police settle teen sex scandal
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/teen-in-oakland-police-sex-scandal-settles-for-nearly-1-million/
GIST	<p>OAKLAND, Calif. -- The city of Oakland, California, will pay a teenager nearly \$1 million to settle claims that city police officers sexually abused her while she worked as an underage prostitute - a settlement that comes as she pursues similar cases against five other San Francisco Bay Area law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>Saying she was relieved with the settlement announced Wednesday, the woman said she appreciates the support she received from family and friends once she came forward last summer.</p> <p>"I thought I was alone," said the woman, who is now 19.</p> <p>CBS News is not identifying her because she is the alleged victim of sex crimes.</p> <p>She appeared nervous and gave short and terse answers during a news conference Wednesday in her lawyer's Oakland office. She said she was "very satisfied" with the settlement.</p> <p>Her mother is a dispatcher with the Oakland Police Department. Neither of her parents, who are divorced, attended the news conference.</p> <p>The scandal emerged last summer when a federal judge overseeing the troubled Oakland Police Department said he was dissatisfied with the internal affairs investigation of an officer who committed suicide in 2015.</p> <p>The teen said the officer was among those who abused her over a nearly three-year period. Most of the implicated officers worked in Oakland.</p> <p>The Oakland City Council voted 7-1 to pay \$989,000 to settle the claims against the city. Councilwoman Desley Brooks voted against the settlement, saying the city should have paid more.</p> <p>"Think about this young girl, who was victimized under the color of authority," Brooks said. "There is something wrong with this."</p> <p>Mayor Libby Schaaf said she approved of the deal.</p>

	The woman's lawyer, John Burris, said she has similar legal claims pending against police departments in San Francisco, Richmond and Livermore, and the sheriff's offices of Alameda and Contra Costa counties.
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HEADLINE	06/01 Older gang members spurring violence?
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/are-older-gang-members-spurring-an-increase-in-violence
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- The surge in violent crime washing over parts of King and Pierce counties is more than a mere "uptick," according to King County Sheriff John Urquhart.</p> <p>"An uptick is an extra two or three shootings than what we saw before. This is an avalanche. This is war."</p> <p>In Lakewood, police Detective Jeff Martin says he knows where it's coming from.</p> <p>The past.</p> <p>Martin, whose work is focused on gang activity, says the perpetrators of gang violence 25 years ago are coming back to haunt us.</p> <p>"We're seeing a lot of elder gang members who have been to prison and completed their sentences are coming back on the street," he says.</p> <p>The '90s were tough times for police nationwide. Many departments found their officers literally outgunned by gangs who could finance their arsenals with money from the sale of crack cocaine. The number of deaths attributed to handguns had more than doubled between 1985 and 1990 according to a Rutgers University study.</p> <p>But by the end of the decade, violent crime began to drop nationwide. As more gang members were sent to prison, the number of homicides dropped 42 percent compared to figures from 1990. Violent crime fell by a third.</p> <p>The worst, it seemed, was over.</p> <p>But in southern King and Pierce County, the number of gun crimes has been on the rise. Martin believes that's directly related to the release of criminals who finished serving their sentences for crimes committed in the violent '90s.</p> <p>He recalls a case from late April where a recent parolee, convicted of "a very violent crime" in the mid-90s was killed after apparently returning to his criminal ways.</p>

In some cases, the old-school gang members are being turned away by the younger gangsters who replaced them when they were sent to prison. In others, Martin says, the paroled gang members were hailed as returning heroes.

"In some places, you see a lot of respect being paid to the members who are just returning from prison. And the younger people immediately look up to them -- unfortunately -- because they have paid the price of their work on the street, which is to go to prison, come out and share their experiences," Martin points out.

But the return of criminals who've completed doing their time was not unexpected by law enforcement. "Tactics have changed," Martin says. "They've changed tremendously. We try not to sit back and wait for the violent crimes to happen."

One of the most significant tools at Martin's disposal is the high priority offender program, instituted last year by Pierce County Prosecutor Mark Lindquist. The program correlates arrest data from different points throughout Pierce County, allowing detectives like Martin to piece together a complete picture of crimes committed in places like Tacoma, Puyallup and Sumner.

In many cases, high priority offender status comes as a surprise to suspects who are dubbed high priority offenders, says Lindquist.

"Once an offender is identified as 'high priority,' " he says, "police take note. My office takes note. And when they re-offend, we hit them hard."

Lindquist credits his high priority offender program in part for a 60 percent reduction in Pierce County gang violence. The program is so effective that Lindquist says his office is now sending letters to high priority offenders, notifying them that they've been identified as high priority offenders and warning them that, if they do more crimes, they'll be specially targeted for prosecution.

"When we take a high priority offender off the streets," Lindquist says, "we're preventing dozens - sometimes hundreds - of future crimes."

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HEADLINE	06/01 Man dead after standoff with police
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2017/06/01/man-dead-after-standoff-with-police-at-marysville-home/
GIST	MARYSVILLE, Wash. (AP) — Police say a 31-year-old man officers were trying to arrest was found dead after a standoff at a home in Marysville. Marysville police say SWAT officers were called to a home Wednesday where a wanted felon had barricaded himself.

	<p>Police say officers earlier had seen the man driving away from his home and were planning to arrest him for arson and possessing a firearm when he sped away, returned to his residence and refused to come out.</p> <p>Police say the man's father escaped the home and told police the man had a shotgun.</p> <p>Police say the man came out to the front porch at one point and officers shot him with a rubber bullet that hit him in the torso.</p> <p>The suspect then ran back inside.</p> <p>Police say SWAT officers entered the home later and found him dead of self-inflicted wounds.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Calif. jail guards guilty in death of inmate
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/california-jail-guards-guilty-2nd-degree-murder-mentally-ill-inmate-michael-tyree/
GIST	<p>SAN JOSE, Calif. -- Three jail guards were found guilty by a Santa Clara County Superior Court jury Thursday afternoon of second-degree murder for the death of mentally ill inmate Michael Tyree, 31, at San Jose's Main Jail in 2015, reports CBS San Francisco.</p> <p>Jereh Lubrin, 30, Rafael Rodriguez, 28, and Matthew Farris, 28, had been on trial since March for the beating of Tyree on the night of Aug. 26, 2015.</p> <p>The trio was also charged with assault under color of authority of 48-year-old schizophrenic inmate Juan Villa on the same night Tyree died, and Lubrin was charged for a separate beating of Villa on July 25, 2015. However, a mistrial was declared on those charges.</p> <p>Family members of the jail guards were in tears, CBS San Francisco reports, though the guards themselves were stoic and calm after the verdicts were read.</p> <p>Farris, Rodriguez and Lubrin face sentences of 15 years to life in prison.</p> <p>Tyree's injuries included lacerations to the liver and spleen, which was nearly severed in two, when he was found in his cell naked and covered in vomit and feces.</p> <p>The defense argued that Santa Clara County medical examiner Joseph O'Hara jumped to the conclusion that Tyree had been beaten to death.</p>

	<p>Text messages between some of the deputies, who are out on \$1.5 million bail and on paid administrative leave, included boasts of beating inmates in areas of the jail without security cameras.</p> <p>Rodriguez's Google search history showed search queries the morning Tyree was found dead in his cell including "can you die from punches to you," "can you die if someone punches you in the armpit" and "can you die if someone punches you in the rib."</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Hate on display; string high-profile crimes
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/hate-on-display-high-profile-crimes/
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON -- LeBron James is now playing in the NBA finals, but basketball isn't the only thing on his mind during a week in which hate has been on display in places like Washington, Portland and Los Angeles.</p> <p>"Racism will always be a part of the world, a part of America," James said.</p> <p>When LeBron James speaks, the world listens. At an NBA championship press conference, James responded to his L.A. home getting spray-painted with the "N-word."</p> <p>"No matter how much money you have, no matter how famous you are, no matter how many people admire you, you know, being black in America is tough," James said.</p> <p>It's one of many recent crimes that have become more public and brazen.</p> <p>On Wednesday, someone left a noose at the National Museum of African American History and Culture in the "segregation" exhibit.</p> <p>"A noose is not something that is simply a symbol. It really is something -- to me -- that symbolizes loss," said historian and museum director Lonnie Bunch.</p> <p>"I'm a historian, so one thing I know that as America has evolved and improved, race is still a major factor in America," Bunch says.</p> <p>Hate crimes like this are on the rise, up six percent in 25 of the largest cities in 2016, according to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University. African Americans are the most common target of hate crimes -- nearly 30 percent, according to the FBI.</p> <p>In March, James Jackson got on a bus from Baltimore to New York City to target black people. He ended up killing 66-year-old Timothy Caughman for no other reason.</p>

	And lately, several videos have gone viral, showing people spewing hateful speech on a daily basis.
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HEADLINE	06/02 Sad twist deadly Portland train stabbings
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/portland-stabbing-victim-stolen-bag-ring/
GIST	<p>PORTLAND, Ore. -- A man is wanted for allegedly stealing a backpack and wedding ring from Ricky Best, one of the two men killed in the May 26 attack on the light rail train here.</p> <p>Portland police say Best's family realized the items were missing while making funeral arrangements Thursday. While reviewing surveillance video of the crime scene, police determined the bag had been stolen, reports CBS Portland affiliate KOIN-TV.</p> <p>The suspect was caught on video carrying Best's black backpack off of the train. The suspect was also carrying another backpack but police said they don't know who it belongs to.</p> <p>"They've suffered an immense loss and this is just one more layer of tragedy to their already awful experience," Sgt. Pete Simpson said, adding that it was "really an unconscionable act" and "awful scenario for this family."</p> <p>Simpson said the news has angered detectives involved with the attack investigation.</p> <p>"Everybody that's learning about this in the police bureau wants to find this person, wants this property back for these family members who suffered an incredible loss," Simpson said.</p> <p>Police are hoping the thief has some humanity, as Simpson put it, and will see that he has stolen something priceless and return it.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/02 Botched Philippine casino robbery; 36 dead
SOURCE	https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2017/06/02/gunman-attacks-philippine-casino/102415428/
GIST	<p>At least 36 people died after a lone gunman stormed a casino resort in the Philippines, opened fire and set gaming tables alight on Friday. Authorities believe it was a botched robbery and have ruled out terrorism.</p> <p>An official from Resorts World Manila, which says it is the country's largest casino resort, said 13 employees and 22 guests were among the dead. Videos posted on social media showed people fleeing in terror amid several loud bangs.</p>

Ernesto Abella, a spokesman for President Rodrigo Duterte, said there was no evidence to link the attack with fighting between Islamist extremists and government forces in the south of the county.

"All indications point to a criminal act by an apparently emotionally disturbed individual," Abella told reporters. "Although the perpetrator gave warning shots, there apparently was no indication that he wanted to do harm or shoot anyone."

He said the victims died "due to suffocation at the second floor gaming area, which had been set on fire by the perpetrator" before the gunman committed suicide on the fifth floor of the resort's Maxim Hotel.

"This particular situation in Manila is not related in any way to a terrorist attack," Abella said.

Manila police chief Oscar Albayalde said firefighters found the bodies in smoky rooms. He said the victims died from suffocation and smoke inhalation and none had gunshot wounds.

Police spokesperson Kimberly Molitas said authorities recovered 113 million Philippine pesos (\$2.27 million) worth of casino chips that were stolen during the raid.

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HEADLINE	06/01 Hacked credit cards to buy \$1M cigarettes
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/sentenced-hacked-credit-cards-buy-cigarettes-47773813?cid=clicksource_79_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Seven people are facing prison sentences after they were accused of using stolen credit card numbers and counterfeit gift cards to buy more than \$1 million in cigarettes in North Carolina, federal prosecutors said.</p> <p>The defendants then sold those cigarettes on the black market, completing a scheme that began with stolen credit information they obtained from overseas hackers.</p> <p>Federal prosecutors said the group encoded the credit card information onto gift cards, which they took to Walmart stores and bought genuine Walmart gift cards. The genuine gift cards were then taken to Sam's Club stores to buy the cigarettes, which were then sold to a vendor, according to prosecutors.</p> <p>U.S. Attorney John Stuart Bruce said in a statement that the seven received sentences on Wednesday ranging from about three years to 12 years after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering and aggravated identity theft. Four of the seven are from Raleigh, and the other three are from Charlotte, Durham and New York.</p> <p>Tendai Munyaradzi Makoni, 34, of Durham received the harshest sentence of the seven when he was given a 12-year prison term. An eighth person was convicted at trial last September and was sentenced to 30 months in prison.</p>

	<p>The seven were forced to forfeit 117 items, ranging from gift cards and debit cards to iPhones, video game systems and computers.</p> <p>"This group sounds very well-organized. You don't see this every day," said Avivah Litan, an analyst for Gartner, Inc., a Connecticut-based technology research firm. "It certainly is very sophisticated. They knew exactly what they were doing."</p>
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HEADLINE	06/01 Utah opioid bust: far reach of small ring
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/officials-oidium-bust-utah-shows-reach-small-ring-47771621
GIST	<p>U.S. authorities said they have busted a multimillion-dollar opioid-drug ring based in a suburban Salt Lake City basement, underscoring how a small operation can quickly turn out hundreds of thousands of potentially fatal fentanyl pills to buyers nationwide.</p> <p>The seizure of nearly 500,000 pills ranks among the largest in the country, U.S. Attorney for Utah John Huber said Wednesday. The group, who met working at eBay, bought drugs from China and pressed them into fake prescription drugs sold online, Huber said.</p> <p>"What disturbs me is people can so easily get into this business and exploit it for their profit," he said.</p> <p>The drugs were especially dangerous because they were manufactured to look like prescription pain pills, he said. Users could have overdosed more easily because they didn't realize they were taking the more powerful fentanyl — the drug blamed for the death of entertainer Prince.</p> <p>Officials believe they can trace 8,000 drug shipments to buyers around the country back to the operation in the upscale suburb of Cottonwood Heights, Huber said. Investigators say it made \$2.8 million in less than a year.</p> <p>Authorities unveiled an 11-count indictment against six people accused of participating in an operation that first came to light in November with the arrest of 27-year-old Aaron Shamo, the group's suspected ringleader.</p> <p>If convicted on the first count alone, knowingly engaging in a criminal enterprise, Shamo could face up to life in prison. His lawyer, Greg Skordas, could not immediately be reached for comment.</p> <p>Prosecutors say he had a partner, Drew Wilson Crandall, 30, who was arrested in Hawaii in early May.</p>

	<p>Agents found guns and more than \$1 million in cash stuffed in garbage bags in the raid on Shamo's Cottonwood Heights home, prosecutors say, as well as the pills made to look like Xanax, an anti-anxiety drug, and the painkiller oxycodone.</p> <p>Four other people also are charged with helping package the drugs and send them to customers, many through the mail.</p> <p>The case shows that a relatively small number of people can have an outside effect as the country deals with an opioid crisis, said Brian Besser, district agent in charge for the Drug Enforcement Administration.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/02 Bangladesh seizes arms cache near capital
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/bangladesh-recovers-arms-ammunition-capital-47785108?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Police in Bangladesh recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition near the capital and were questioning three people, officials said Friday.</p> <p>Police official Faruk Hossain said 62 Chinese-made machine guns, two rocket launchers, 40 magazines and grenades were found in a canal at Rupganj, just outside Dhaka, in an overnight raid.</p> <p>He said three people have been arrested but their identities were not immediately clear.</p> <p>Bangladesh's police chief Shahidul Hoque said at the scene that they suspected the arms and ammunition were brought for "sabotage" but he would not elaborate.</p> <p>"Some quarters want to destabilize the country, they want to thwart the development," he said.</p> <p>Hossain said they conducted the operation based on information from a man who had been arrested earlier. Divers continued their search of the canal where most of the weapons were found submerged.</p>
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HEADLINE	06/02 Disgruntled driver sets school bus on fire
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/police-bus-driver-killed-chinese-korean-kids-fire-47784907?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Chinese police say a disgruntled driver started a fire aboard his school bus last month that killed 13 people, including 11 children from China and South Korea.</p> <p>A statement from the city government of Weihai on Friday said the driver in the May 9 fire had apparently been angered by the halting of his overtime bonus and night shift pay.</p>

He bought gasoline which he ignited while the bus was travelling through a tunnel in the coastal city that is home to many South Korea businesses. Police determined that the fire started on the floor of the bus next to the driver's seat, where the cap to a cigarette lighter and gasoline residue were found, the statement said.

Investigators ruled out a traffic accident or electrical short circuit as potential causes of the fire, the statement said.

All 13 people aboard the bus were killed, including the driver himself, a female teacher and 11 children between the ages of 3 and 6, five of them from South Korea.

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Subject: RE: Mark Green Log

You laugh. I do too, but only to hide the tears.... lol

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HA!

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To: Tonya Erhardt <tonya.erhardt@veterans.idaho.gov>
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...that's not cool

I'm not really a beach person anyhow, too afraid someone will try and harpoon me.

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Nope, but they have them in Oregon and Washington. And I've heard they may have one or two small sandy areas in California.

From: Slack, Howard [<mailto:howard.slack@isp.idaho.gov>]
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To: Tonya Erhardt <tonya.erhardt@veterans.idaho.gov>
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Beach? We don't have a beach in Idaho.

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The hours were faxed to and received by the VA on 5-31-17.

Had a great vacay at the beach. 😊

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I hope you have any amazing long weekend.

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From: Olson, Jared
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Sherri J. Harper
Subject: RE: Vehicular Homicide Class Information

Looks great. Thanks Sherri!

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To: Olson, Jared
Subject: Vehicular Homicide Class Information
Importance: High

Jared,

I have attached a letter with the class details, a PDF containing an agenda, an aerial map of the crash location, and the hotel details page for your convenience.

We will be conducting a mock pedestrian crash in the parking lot of Harpoon Harry's Restaurant next door to the hotel. Everyone is to report directly to the restaurant parking lot Tuesday morning, not the hotel meeting room!

Should you have any questions, please contact via email or at the number listed below.

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HEADLINE	05/21 Tribe donates 200 defibrillators to police
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Snoqualmie-Tribe-donates-200-defibrillators-to-11162761.php
GIST	<p>SEATTLE (AP) — The Snoqualmie Tribe donated 200 defibrillators to the King County Sheriff's Department, Snoqualmie Police Department and the Snoqualmie Tribe Police Department.</p> <p>KING-TV reported last week the donation, which cost the tribe \$180,000, will allow every deputy's car to have an electronic device.</p> <p>Snoqualmie Tribal Council Member Richard Zambrano got the idea for the donation after hearing King County Sheriff John Urquhart speak on the radio about the need for every deputy's car in King County to have a defibrillator after one deputy had a heart attack on the job.</p> <p>Soon after, the tribal council approved the purchase.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 Flames rip thru Salmon Bay boat house
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/breaking-news-crews-respond-to-fire-at-shilshoal
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- Several boats were burned when a fire ripped through a boat house on Salmon Bay, Seattle fire officials said.</p> <p>The fire broke out just before 8 p.m. in the 5100 block of Shilshole Avenue Northwest in Ballard, sending a plume of smoke visible throughout much of the Seattle area.</p>

	<p>Fire officials said a 70-foot wooden boat inside the boat house was on fire. Video from witnesses on nearby boats showed flames shooting through the boat house amid small explosions.</p> <p>Fire officials said other smaller boats were burned. People who were in the boat house escaped and no one was injured.</p> <p>The cause of the fire is unknown at this point and is under investigation.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 Teen presumed drown Snoqualmie River
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/missing-teen-presumed-drowned-after-trying-to-swim-across-snoqualmie-river/441707046
GIST	<p>A 16-year-old boy is missing and presumed to have drowned after trying to swim across the Snoqualmie River Sunday afternoon.</p> <p>Rescue crews with Eastside Fire and the King County Sheriff's Office suspended the search for the teen Sunday night after a lengthy afternoon search near Weeks Falls. Divers were not able to enter the water due to the dangerous currents.</p> <p>Sheriff's deputies said the missing boy was with two other teens who were trying to cross the river when two of them got into trouble. One of the teens was able to swim to safety while the other was swept downstream by the currents.</p> <p>As temperatures rise, people will often try to find relief at nearby rivers and lakes but do not realize that the water temperature is extremely cold.</p> <p>Crews from both Eastside Fire and the Sheriff's Office will resume a surface level search and rescue efforts Monday morning.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 SCSO honored with national safety award
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2017/05/21/snohomish-county-sheriffs-office-honored-with-national-award-for-officer-traffic-safety/
GIST	<p>EVERETT — A change in culture is never easy for any organization but Snohomish County Sheriff Ty Trenary knew his department needed to drastically improve efforts to keep officers and the public safe. “We’d had a series of collisions. We had a series of litigation claims, lost work time and injured people and knew that one change to policy or some new training wasn’t going to cut it,” said Sheriff Trenary.</p>

Nationwide, traffic-related deaths continue to be one of the leading causes of line-of-duty deaths for law enforcement. In 2016, 53 officers were killed in traffic-related incidents which accounted for almost 40% of all US police line-of-duty deaths that year, a 10% increase from 2015.

So, the department changed their pursuit policy in early 2016 to protect the public and deputies so that they would only give chase if the public was in imminent danger. “They are so courageous and they work so hard that sometimes catching a bad guy, they’ll put themselves in harm’s way and sometimes, we just have to put the reins on,” said Undersheriff Rob Beidler.

It’s one step in a 15 prong approach to safety that has earned them national recognition. The Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office was selected as the 2017 recipient of the Officer Traffic Safety Award by the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund. To be recognized as the top agency nationally for officer traffic safety is a big deal to us. We’ve worked really, really hard to make some improvements. We had a long ways to go,” said Sheriff Trenary.

The agency experienced 11 on-duty collisions in 2015 that resulted in major injury for employees and civilians. The cost of these collisions included \$151,000 in medical, legal and wage costs, three totaled patrol cars and \$2.3 million in litigation costs.

The Sheriff’s Office incorporated the tenets and testimonials of Below 100, a national program designed to eliminate preventable line-of-duty deaths and injuries, into agency-wide communications and mandatory training. At the end of 2016, the Sheriff’s Office saw a significant reduction in traffic-, pursuit-, and collision-related injuries and damages, decreasing major injury collisions by 32% and pursuits by 38%. “We’re not saving pennies here. We’re saving millions or potentially millions. Litigation, equipment costs, fuel savings, not to mention injuries to our citizens, to our deputies.” said Undersheriff Breidler.

In addition, all Sheriff’s Office commissioned employees – deputies and supervisors were required to attend or watch a presentation by Kim Schlau, the mother of two daughters killed by a speeding Illinois State trooper. “That’s a tough thing to listen to a woman who has lost two children at the hands of law enforcement but she’s there to make us better,” said Sheriff Trenary.

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HEADLINE	05/19 FBI intel analysts input for next director
SOURCE	http://gsnmagazine.com/node/48411?c=federal_agencies_legislative
GIST	WASHINGTON The FBI Intelligence Analysts Association — which seeks to elevate the importance of the FBI’s intelligence mission and to represent the professional interests of the FBI’s 3,100 plus Intelligence Analysts (IAs) — recently requested the President, members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the Attorney General to consider the association’s views on the critical matter of selecting the next Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

In its letter to senior government officials, the FBI IAA articulated the need for the selection of a nonpartisan Director who will maintain the FBI's traditional neutrality and independence. The FBI IAA believes it is vital that the next Director come without attachment to, or a background as, a partisan elected official in a political party. Additionally, the FBI IAA listed three necessary traits for a successor to manage the FBI in the 21st century, specifically that the next Director:

- Has Deep Understanding of and Commitment to the FBI's Dual Intelligence and Law Enforcement Mission;
- Has the Ability to Strengthen a Culture of Collaboration within the FBI and Across the Law Enforcement and Intelligence Communities; and
- Is Innovative, Adaptable, and Forward-Leaning to Effectively Target the Nation's Criminal and National Security Threats

The FBI IAA emphasized that it is vital for the next Director continue to build the FBI's Intelligence Career Service (ICS), with intelligence leadership, and be committed to strengthening a culture of collaboration, which engages the diverse talents of the entire FBI workforce. The next Director must also quickly adapt the FBI's priorities and develop new ways of doing business, including technology advancements, in the face of an ever-changing set of diverse and sophisticated threats.

While the association chose not to endorse a specific candidate as the ideal successor, the FBI IAA will welcome a Director who will be as strong of an advocate for the FBI's intelligence mission as former Director Comey.

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HEADLINE	05/21 Cholera outbreak spreading in Yemen
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2017/05/21/Cholera-outbreak-spreading-at-unprecedented-speed-kills-315-in-Yemen/4721495383985/?utm_source=fp&utm_campaign=lh&utm_medium=3
GIST	<p>May 21 (UPI) -- A cholera outbreak in war-torn Yemen has killed 315 people since April 27 and is spreading with "unprecedented" speed, the United Nations' World Health Organization said Sunday.</p> <p>More than 29,300 suspected cases have been reported in 19 of the country's 22 provinces, the agency posted on Twitter. The highest number of likely cases -- more than 6,000 -- are in the capital city, Sana'a, where the Houthi government declared a state of emergency one week ago.</p> <p>On Friday, the WHO warned that Yemen could have as many as 300,000 cases of cholera within six months and an "extremely high" number of deaths.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/22 Montenegro jilts Russia by joining NATO
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-montenegro-nato-idUSKBN1810W3?il=0
GIST	<p>Tiny Montenegro will take a huge step towards integrating with the West when it becomes the 29th member of NATO this week, but it risks paying a heavy price for spurning Russia.</p> <p>For nearly a decade after Montenegro split from Serbia in 2006, Moscow cultivated close ties with the former Yugoslav republic, and money poured in from Russian investors and tourists.</p> <p>It was a love affair underpinned not just by commercial and diplomatic logic but also by historic, religious and linguistic ties between the two Slav countries.</p> <p>"Back in 2006 Montenegro was advertised as a desirable destination for Russians, because it is a beautiful country and an Orthodox Christian one," said Vadim Verhovski, a Russian investment banker who, with partners, has invested 25 million euros (\$28 million) to buy land near the coastal town of Budva.</p> <p>Now the romance has turned to rancor. Montenegro blamed Russia for an alleged plot to assassinate its prime minister last October which officials said was aimed at blocking its entry to NATO. The Kremlin called that absurd.</p> <p>In April, Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova warned of a "surge of anti-Russian hysteria" in Montenegro.</p> <p>The chill is hitting tourism: latest available data, for March, showed Russians accounted for 7.3 percent of all tourist overnight stays that month compared to nearly 30 percent in March 2014 and 19.2 percent in March 2016.</p> <p>Advertising hoardings in Russian, promoting luxury apartments with views of the Adriatic, were once ubiquitous along the coastal highway. Now they have vanished, and Russian-language signs have largely disappeared from shops.</p> <p>Prime Minister Dusko Markovic said a recent Russian ban on imports of wine from Montenegro was linked to its NATO membership. Moscow said it had discovered banned pesticides in the wine.</p> <p>"We are prepared for any decision (by Russia) and nothing is going to deter us from the path we decided to take," Markovic told reporters.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/22 Iran accuses US of 'Iranophobia'
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-iran-warning-idUSKBN1810X9?il=0

GIST	<p>Iran accused the United States on Monday of selling arms to "dangerous terrorists" in the Middle East and of spreading "Iranophobia".</p> <p>"America is reinvigorating terrorists in the region by its hostile policies," state television quoted Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi as saying a day after U.S. President Donald Trump signed an arms deal with Tehran's arch-foe Saudi Arabia and singled out Iran as a source of support for militants.</p> <p>"America should stop selling arms to dangerous terrorists," Qassemi added.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 Australia targets 'fake refugees'
SOURCE	http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-05-21/peter-dutton-october-deadline-asylum-seekers-protection/8544890
GIST	<p>Immigration Minister Peter Dutton has given 7,500 asylum seekers living in Australia until October to lodge an application for protection, or face deportation, declaring the "game is up" for "fake refugees".</p> <p>Mr Dutton said the asylum seekers had all arrived by boat under the previous Labor government, most without identity documents, and had so far either failed or refused to present their case for asylum with the Immigration Department.</p> <p>"They need to provide the information, they need to answer the questions and then they can be determined to be a refugee or not."</p> <p>The asylum seekers have now been given until October 1 to lodge an application for processing or they will be cut off from Government payments, subject to removal from Australia, and banned from re-entering the country.</p> <p>According to Mr Dutton, the group is costing taxpayers about \$250 million each year in income support alone and the deadline would ensure the Government is "not providing financial support to people who have no right to be in Australia".</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 Another quake shakes Kitsap Co.
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/another-earthquake-shakes-kitsap-county/441654637
GIST	<p>A small earthquake shook Kitsap County on Sunday afternoon, the most recent in a swarm of earthquakes that have affected the region this month.</p> <p>The earthquake occurred around 1:45 p.m. Sunday about 3 miles from Bremerton and 11 miles from Seattle, according to the Pacific Northwest Seismic Report. It was recorded as a 2.7 magnitude event.</p>

	There were no initial reports of injuries.
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HEADLINE	05/21 Fire engulfs Federal Way businesses
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/fire-engulfs-federal-way-businesses/441605160
GIST	<p>Fire crews continue to put out hot spots after a massive fire destroyed nearly a dozen Federal Way stores early Sunday morning.</p> <p>The call came in around 4:20 a.m. after a person reported seeing smoke coming out of a coffee shop at a strip mall near The Commons.</p> <p>Firefighters from several districts quickly responded and crews spent several hours battling the flames.</p> <p>Ten shops were destroyed, including a Subway sandwich shop and a Mexican bakery Mi Tiendita Latina.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/22 America's cities running out of room
SOURCE	https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-05-22/america-s-cities-are-running-out-of-room
GIST	<p>A shortage of homes for sale has bedeviled U.S. house hunters in recent years, so why don't builders build more? One problem is that they're running out of lots to build on—at least in the places that people want to live.</p> <p>Cities that were sprawling before the Great Recession have begun to sprawl again. Space-constrained cities, meanwhile, have run out of room to build. That reality has spurred developers to focus on center-city neighborhoods where high-density building is allowed—and new units command exceedingly high prices.</p> <p>At some point, said Issi Romem, chief economist at BuildZoom, vacant lots in desirable urban neighborhoods will run out. “If you have three days of rations left, you’ll be fine on day one, two, three,” said Romem, author of new research demonstrating home construction patterns. “On day 4, you have a problem.”</p> <p>Historically, cities grew outward, as builders developed tracts on the periphery—then filled in the land between various developments over time. When these so-called expansive cities of the South and Southwest run out of infill land on which to build, developers simply pushed out further.</p> <p>Some of these cities, like Austin and Nashville, have seen downtown boomlets. But more broadly, the building trends in those metros looks more like Dallas: Inside a 30-mile radius from the center of the city, new home sales decreased from 2000 to 2015. Outside the radius, though, sales are up by more than 50</p>

	<p>percent. The same trend has played out to varying degrees in Phoenix, Atlanta, and San Antonio, among other cities.</p> <p>In America's most expensive cities, however, that dynamic has been turned inside out (or perhaps outside in). New construction trends in places like New York City have been tightly focused on downtown clusters where zoning rules permit high-density construction. These cities stopped expanding their geographic footprint decades ago, leaving builders to concentrate on finding buildable lots inside existing boundaries. As those lots became harder to find, land prices increase, reducing options for builders hoping to turn a profit. Developers building on pricey lots generally seek to offset land prices by building more densely, Romem said. In many cases, that means focusing on high-end apartments that offer better profit margins. The wealthiest residents are the only ones who can buy, and a vicious cycle is created.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/22 NKorea: ready mass-produce new missile
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/north-korea-ready-deploy-mass-produce-missile-47552675
GIST	<p>North Korea says it's ready to deploy and start mass-producing a new medium-range missile capable of reaching Japan and major U.S. military bases there following a test launch it claims confirmed the missile's combat readiness and is an "answer" to U.S. President Donald Trump's policies.</p> <p>The solid-fuel Pukguksong-2 missile flew about 500 kilometers (310 miles) and reached a height of 560 kilometers (350 miles) Sunday before plunging into the Pacific Ocean. North Korea's media said more missiles will be launched in the future.</p> <p>Trump, traveling in Saudi Arabia, had no immediate public comment.</p> <p>North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ordered the launch and watched from an observation post, state media reported Monday. The Korea Central News Agency said the test verified technical aspects of the weapon system and examined its "adaptability under various battle conditions" before it is deployed to military units.</p> <p>Kim reportedly said the launch was a success, "approved the deployment of this weapon system for action" and said that it should "be rapidly mass-produced."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 Pentagon to accept transgender troops
SOURCE	https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2017/05/21/defense-secretary-jim-mattis-chelsea-manning-transgender-troops-ash-carter-army-recruiting-president-obama/101891308/

GIST	<p>WASHINGTON — A top Pentagon official has called on the civilian and uniformed leaders of the armed services to report on their plans to begin accepting new transgender troops by July 1, according to a memo obtained by USA TODAY.</p> <p>Last year, the Pentagon rescinded its ban on transgender troops, allowing those in uniform to serve openly. The policy, established under then-Defense Secretary Ash Carter in the Obama administration, also called for the services to develop plans to educate troops about transgender issues and to accept enlisted recruits and officer candidates by this summer.</p> <p>The May 8 memo from Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work instructs the service secretaries and chiefs of the armed services to assess the military’s “readiness to begin accepting transgender applicants on July 1, 2017.” Their assessments are due May 31.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 NKorea fires ‘unspecified missile’
SOURCE	http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/north-korea-fires-unspecified-missile-10465007
GIST	<p>North Korea has fired an 'unspecified missile' in a latest act of aggression, according to military sources.</p> <p>A South Korean news agency are claiming that the projectile took off from a location near Pukchang. However, NHK News, a Japanese new agency, claims the missile 'fell into the Sea of Japan'.</p> <p>South Korea's Office of Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that the projectile was launched on Sunday afternoon (local time).</p> <p>The South Korean military added that the missile flew "about 500 kilometers (310 miles)" and was believed to have landed in waters off its east coast.</p> <p>Foreign ministry officials for the republic have condemned the north's behaviour, calling it "irresponsible and reckless".</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Firefighters: enjoy but be careful
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/firefighters-enjoy-the-water-as-temperatures-climb-but-be-extremely-careful
GIST	<p>LAKE SAMMAMISH, Wash. -- It seems like we’ve waited a long time for them, but the blue skies and sunshine are back across Western Washington.</p> <p>Lakes and rivers were popular go-to's on Saturday across the Puget Sound region, but they can be very dangerous if you’re not prepared, firefighters said.</p>

Return to Top	<p>One of the biggest problems firefighters see this time of year is people who underestimate the temperature of the water and their swimming abilities, said Eastside Fire & Rescue Lt. Mark Vetter.</p> <p>That's why the Eastside Fire Fighters Benevolent Fund launched a new life jacket loaner program at the Lake Sammamish boat launch in early May. The Paris White Foundation donated all of the life jackets for the stations, firefighters said. The Benevolent Fund also received a grant from Seattle Children's Hospital to help pay for the signs.</p> <p>In early May, technical crews with Eastside Fire & Rescue spent two days training for rescues on area rivers. With most lakes, the water really hasn't had a chance to warm up yet, Vetter said. The flow in many rivers can change from day to day, he added. You really need to watch out for strainers, or trees, that fall into the water.</p> <p>"We're gonna be busy and we know that. Just 'cause everybody wants to get out and enjoy the sun. It's been 7 months since we've seen the sun," he added.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Wash. loses major fight to save salmon
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/washington-loses-fight-might-pay-up-to-2b-to-save-salmon/524830574
GIST	<p>Washington state lost a major legal battle Friday, which could force it spend nearly \$2 billion to restore salmon habitat by removing barriers that block fish migration.</p> <p>A panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last year affirmed a lower court's 2013 ruling ordering the state to fix or replace hundreds of culverts — large pipes that allow streams to pass beneath roads but block migrating salmon.</p> <p>Idaho and Montana joined Washington state in asking the appeals court to reconsider the case. The court declined to do so Friday, but several judges dissented from that decision, saying it should be reconsidered because of its significance.</p> <p>"This is a win for salmon, treaty rights and everyone who lives here," Lorraine Loomis, chair of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, said in a statement. The group represents 21 tribes in western Washington that challenged the state over the culverts in 2001, part of decades-long litigation over tribal fishing rights.</p> <p>"Fixing fish-blocking culverts under state roads will open up hundreds of miles of habitat and result in more salmon," she said.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 Junta deeply embedded in Thai life
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SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-thailand-military-idUSKCN18G0ZJ
GIST	<p>On Friday evenings in Thailand, sandwiched between the evening news and a popular soap opera, is a prime-time program that has been running for three years, or ever since the military took power in a May 22, 2014 coup.</p> <p>Called "Sustainable Development from a Royal Philosophy" it stars junta leader and former army chief Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha speaking on a range of topics, from the virtues of modesty to the state of the economy.</p> <p>The military has always played a prominent role in Thai life. But Prayuth's show is just one of many examples of how embedded the junta has become in Thai society.</p> <p>Thailand's military government has acknowledged it wants to weaken political parties and maintain permanent influence over future elected governments, partly through a new constitution approved by Thailand's king last month.</p> <p>But data compiled by Reuters shows the military is not just trying to influence Thailand's political life. It is leaving an imprint on nearly every institution of Thai society, with brass hats far more entrenched in senior positions than under previous military governments.</p> <p>The military now controls 143 out of 250 parliamentary seats. Under the previous junta after the 2006 coup, the military held 67 out of 242 seats. The cabinet is stacked with soldiers. Out of the 36 cabinet members, 12 have a military background. In 2006, only four military officers were among the 37 cabinet members.</p> <p>The military is also entwined with the powerful monarchy - the name of Prayuth's show is derived from the philosophy of the late king Bhumibol Adulyadej, who died last October after seven decades on the throne.</p> <p>More than half of the 13 members of the Privy Council, the body that advises new King Maha Vajiralongkorn – himself a former soldier - are military men. It was just under half in the previous Council.</p> <p>Cinema and television stations are increasingly showing pro-military themes and the school curriculum features military slogans.</p> <p>"The military coup of 2014 offered the armed forces the chance to put in place a wider footprint and they are doing so," Paul Chambers, a professor at Naresuan University and an expert on the Thai military, told Reuters in an e-mail.</p>

	<p>"A younger generation of retired military officers are, since the end of 2016, sitting on the Privy Council," he noted.</p> <p>The public does not appear too concerned. The government says military recruitment numbers doubled in 2017 from the previous year and attribute that to public approval of their hard-line tactics in breaking a political impasse that had persisted for years.</p> <p>Polls backed by the military government show Thais are content with military rule, although no such polls have been published in recent months.</p> <p>Perhaps more revealing than a military government stacked full of military men is the number of orders issued by the junta: 358 in total since 2014.</p> <p>The orders aimed to impose discipline on every aspect of Thai public life. They ranged from making seatbelts mandatory for passengers in the backseats of cars to holding parents accountable for student fights.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Recall: Nathan's, Curtis Beef hotdogs
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/money/consumer/over-100-tons-of-hot-dogs-recalled-due-to-possible-metal-contamination/441480871
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON – Ohio-based John Morrell and Co. is recalling over 100 tons of hot dogs over possible metal contamination, the United States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced Friday.</p> <p>According to the USDA, the beef franks were produced on January 26, 2017, and the recall will affect two products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 oz. sealed packages of Nathan's skinless eight-count beef franks with a use-by date of August 19, 2017 • 16 oz. sealed packages of Curtis Beef Master beef franks with a use-by date of June 15, 2017. <p>The problem was discovered after the company received three complaints of metal objects in the hot dogs. Affected items were shipped nationwide and have "EST. 296" on the side of the packaging.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Italy: 2,000 migrants rescued at sea
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/more-than-2000-migrants-rescued-in-mediterranean-sea-italian-coast-guard-says/

GIST	<p>ROME -- Some 2,100 migrants have been rescued at sea to be brought to safety in Italy, the Italian coast guard said Saturday.</p> <p>The onset of warmer weather has encouraged even more human traffickers based in Libya to launch overcrowded, unseaworthy dinghies or small wooden boats, leaving migrants to the mercy of the deadly Mediterranean Sea.</p> <p>Besides Italian coast guard vessels and a Spanish navy ship, two cargo ships and boats operated by NGOs helped in the rescue effort.</p> <p>The migrants, most lately from sub-Saharan Africa, are fleeing war, conflict as well as poverty.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 Pacific ministers commit to move ahead
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/pacific-ministers-commit-move-ahead-pact-us-47539240
GIST	<p>The Pacific Rim trade ministers meeting in Vietnam committed Sunday to move ahead with the Trans Pacific Partnership trade pact after the United States pulled out.</p> <p>New Zealand Trade Minister Todd McClay said the remaining 11 TPP countries are open to others joining provided they accept the trade agreement's high standards on labor and environmental protection. He said the door remains open to the U.S., even after President Donald Trump withdrew from the pact in January, saying he prefers bilateral free trade deals.</p> <p>"It's clear that each country is having to consider both economic values and strategic importance of this agreement, but in the end there are a lot of unity among all of the countries and a great desire to work together to come up with an agreement among 11 that not only delivers for all of our economies and the people of our countries, it's also open to others countries in the world to join if they can meet the high standards in the TPP agreement," McClay told reporters.</p> <p>Since the U.S withdrawal, Japan and New Zealand have been spearheading efforts to revive the deal. In its current form, the TPP requires U.S. participation before it can go into effect. That means the remaining countries would need to change the rules for any deal to go ahead, and it would be significantly smaller without the involvement of the world's largest economy.</p> <p>The 11 countries represent roughly 13.5 percent of the global economy, according to the World Bank.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Venezuela unrest 50 days of protests
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/news/venezuela-anti-government-unrest-marks-50th-day-huge-205225227.html

GIST	<p>CARACAS/SAN CRISTOBAL, Venezuela (Reuters) - Hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans took to the streets on Saturday to mark 50 days of protests against the unpopular government of President Nicolas Maduro, with unrest gaining momentum despite a rising death toll and chaotic scenes of nighttime looting.</p> <p>At least 46 people have been killed in the worst turmoil faced by Maduro since he won the presidency in 2013. Venezuelans from civilians to police have been killed, sometimes during increasingly frequent spates of looting or street melees.</p> <p>Many Venezuelans are furious with Maduro's government, blaming it for soaring inflation, shortages of everything from food to medicine, and a crackdown on human rights. They are demanding elections, freedom for jailed activists, foreign aid, and autonomy for the opposition-led legislature.</p> <p>Major opposition marches took place across the oil-rich nation of 30 million on Saturday, with protesters in Caracas brandishing placards that read "No More dictatorship in Venezuela" while in the volatile border city of San Cristobal masked youths threw rocks, and a Reuters witness saw two protesters wielding machetes.</p> <p>The Andean area near Colombia suffered a week of mayhem that included looting, prompting the government to send in 2,000 troops.</p> <p>Opposition protesters say the government is trying to maintain its grip on power despite the economic crisis. More than 2,600 protesters have been arrested across the country, more than a third of whom remain detained, according to a local rights group.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 CBP rogue agent clouds hiring process
SOURCE	https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/20/us/politics/border-patrol-immigration-trump.html
GIST	<p>BROWNSVILLE, Tex. — Joel Luna was just the kind of job candidate the Border Patrol covets. He grew up on both sides of the border, in Mexico and South Texas. He participated in the Reserve Officers Training Corps in high school and later served in the Army, seeing combat in Iraq.</p> <p>Mr. Luna joined the agency as part of a hiring surge that began under the George W. Bush administration, patrolling a rural area about 100 miles north of Mexico. But six years later, his decorated career came to a shocking end: He was arrested and charged with helping to send illegal weapons to Mexico and ship drugs into the United States. He was convicted in January and sentenced to 20 years in prison.</p> <p>Now, as President Trump plans a similar hiring surge at the Border Patrol, Mr. Luna's case is casting a large shadow. The president wants to make 5,000 new hires, under a streamlined process that critics fear could open a door to other rogue agents like Mr. Luna.</p>

Agency officials, some members of Congress and the Border Patrol union say the current process has made it too hard to hire agents. It typically takes more than a year to vet candidates and get them on the job.

At the center of this notoriously slow and stringent process — which Customs and Border Protection, the patrol’s parent agency, put in place after a number of corruption cases — is a mandatory polygraph test. Officials are considering changing the test, and in some cases the agency would simply waive it.

“C.B.P. has a big problem in not being able to hire agents because of the polygraph test,” said Senator Jeff Flake, Republican of Arizona, who has sponsored the legislation to make hiring agents easier and faster. “I’m not saying that we should get rid of the polygraph, but we want to make sure the process isn’t an overall detriment to good candidates.”

Three weeks ago, the agency began using a different lie detector test that takes less time than the current one and asks fewer questions. And legislation moving through Congress would grant the agency the authority to waive the polygraph for some former law enforcement officers and military veterans.

Top officials said the changes would allow the agency, which is losing agents faster than it can replace them, to compete for qualified candidates with other law enforcement agencies more effectively without sacrificing standards. Applicants would still undergo a background check in addition to the shorter polygraph test, officials said.

“No one wants corrupt agents inside the Border Patrol,” said Jayson Ahern, a former acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection. “What C.B.P. is proposing is a sensible way to weed out corruption but speed up the hiring.”

But some current and former Department of Homeland Security officials said the proposed changes could expose the agency to corrupt individuals who could use their position to help drug cartels or human smugglers. Border Patrol agents work largely by themselves in isolated areas and are routinely targeted by criminal organizations.

“It could put C.B.P. at significant risk,” said John Roth, the Department of Homeland Security’s inspector general. “While it may sound reasonable to say you could waive requirements from former military personnel because they have passed a polygraph, Border Patrol agents work in a different environment that is not as controlled as the military.”

Mr. Roth said the agency needed to identify other ways to make hiring “more efficient without sacrificing integrity and effectiveness.”

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SOURCE	https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/20/world/asia/china-cia-spies-espionage.html? r=0
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON — The Chinese government systematically dismantled C.I.A. spying operations in the country starting in 2010, killing or imprisoning more than a dozen sources over two years and crippling intelligence gathering there for years afterward.</p> <p>Current and former American officials described the intelligence breach as one of the worst in decades. It set off a scramble in Washington’s intelligence and law enforcement agencies to contain the fallout, but investigators were bitterly divided over the cause. Some were convinced that a mole within the C.I.A. had betrayed the United States. Others believed that the Chinese had hacked the covert system the C.I.A. used to communicate with its foreign sources. Years later, that debate remains unresolved.</p> <p>But there was no disagreement about the damage. From the final weeks of 2010 through the end of 2012, according to former American officials, the Chinese killed at least a dozen of the C.I.A.’s sources.</p> <p>According to three of the officials, one was shot in front of his colleagues in the courtyard of a government building — a message to others who might have been working for the C.I.A. Still others were put in jail. All told, the Chinese killed or imprisoned 18 to 20 of the C.I.A.’s sources in China, according to two former senior American officials, effectively unraveling a network that had taken years to build.</p> <p>Assessing the fallout from an exposed spy operation can be difficult, but the episode was considered particularly damaging. The number of American assets lost in China, officials said, rivaled those lost in the Soviet Union and Russia during the betrayals of both Aldrich Ames and Robert Hanssen, formerly of the C.I.A. and the F.B.I., who divulged intelligence operations to Moscow for years.</p> <p>The previously unreported episode shows how successful the Chinese were in disrupting American spying efforts and stealing secrets years before a well-publicized breach in 2015 gave Beijing access to thousands of government personnel records, including intelligence contractors. The C.I.A. considers spying in China one of its top priorities, but the country’s extensive security apparatus makes it exceptionally hard for Western spy services to develop sources there.</p> <p>At a time when the C.I.A. is trying to figure out how some of its most sensitive documents were leaked onto the internet two months ago by WikiLeaks, and the F.B.I. investigates possible ties between President Trump’s campaign and Russia, the unsettled nature of the China investigation demonstrates the difficulty of conducting counterespionage investigations into sophisticated spy services like those in Russia and China.</p> <p>The C.I.A. and the F.B.I. both declined to comment.</p> <p>Details about the investigation have been tightly held. Ten current and former American officials described the investigation on the condition of anonymity because they did not want to be identified discussing the information.</p>

HEADLINE	05/20 Crews dismantle Bertha chunk by chunk
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/transportation/with-torches-and-a-crane-crews-dismantle-berthas-massive-cutter-head-chunk-by-chunk/
GIST	<p>Within a few days, the final pieces of tunnel-boring machine Bertha's famed cutting disc will be removed and taken to a scrap-metal yard.</p> <p>Only two of the eight longest spokes, plus the center, remained Friday afternoon, after a pair of workers wielding high-power torches sliced away another 100,000-pound piece — still a mere one-third of a spoke. Even in afterlife, Bertha continues to generate jobs.</p> <p>Frontier-Kemper, the disassembly subcontractor, employs 50 people. They are beginning to remove arc-shaped shield pieces and hydraulic thrusters behind the cutter head. Dozens of other workers, predominantly local union members, remain on the job with Seattle Tunnel Partners (STP), continuing to build the road decks of the Highway 99 tunnel.</p> <p>More than 35 lifts will be needed to remove all the pieces from the pit near Seattle Center where Bertha's trip under downtown Seattle ended. The giant drill's re-usable trailing gear, more than 200 feet long, will be extracted mainly through the rear of the 1.7-mile tunnel in Sodo.</p> <p>Flatbed trucks carry the scrap crosstown to Seattle Iron & Metals Corp. in the Duwamish industrial area. There, three more workers carve the spokes into yet smaller chunks.</p> <p>Seattle Iron & Metals cuts the pieces to 5 feet by 2 feet by 2 feet so they can be trucked, unloaded and melted down by Nucor Steel in West Seattle, which calls itself the state's biggest recycler.</p> <p>A few spoke lengths are being saved in case someone wants them as historical artifacts or public art, Thomas said.</p> <p>Talks continue between Hitachi Zosen, the Japanese company that built and owns Bertha, and the Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI) in South Lake Union to save some parts of the machine.</p> <p>At more than 57 feet in diameter, Bertha was the world's largest tunnel drill when it was launched on July 30, 2013. It emerged April 4, more than two years behind schedule.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 NOAA: 50% odds hotter summer
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/635996/western-washington-may-have-warmer-than-usual-summer/

GIST	<p>The odds of a “warmer than normal” summer in Western Washington are tilting toward above average, according to NOAA.</p> <p>Areas around Puget Sound have as high as a 50 percent chance of being hotter than a typical summer. Seattle has a 48 percent probability of seeing higher than normal temps, according to NOAA.</p> <p>That may come as a surprise — or perhaps relief — for a region that has put up with record-breaking rainfall for months. Seattle measured 44.7 inches (114 centimeters) of rain between October and April, making it the wettest such period since records began in 1895, according to the National Weather Service. It’s been a bit of a drag for a region that typically experiences cold-weather systems with dry breaks in between.</p> <p>Forecast models from NOAA indicate below-normal precipitation beginning Sunday. That dry period is expected to continue through at least Thursday.</p> <p>University of Washington Professor of Climatology Cliff Mass says a dry period in mid-May isn’t unusual. It represents “the interregnum between the weakening storms of the winter season and the unpleasant June-gloom of late May and June.”</p> <p>Though the Puget Sound region has a higher than normal chance for a hot summer, it isn’t guaranteed. There is a 33 percent chance for a near-average summer and 27 percent chance for a cooler summer, according to NOAA.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Earthquakes near Bremerton continue
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/636789/earthquakes-near-bremerton-continue-but-you-likely-cant-feel-them/
GIST	<p>Earthquakes continue to be recorded near Bremerton, but there aren’t many people who are reporting that they feel them.</p> <p>The last noteworthy quake was recorded Thursday morning. Six people reported to the USGS that they felt it, including one person in Carnation and another in Anacortes — the other four were more local.</p> <p>Seismologist Bill Steele told the Kitsap Sun that “hundreds” of quakes have been recorded since the beginning of the month. However, most go unnoticed. That’s because of how deep the quakes are.</p> <p>Most of the quakes are about 15 miles beneath the Earth’s surface. Many are also fairly weak, registering in below magnitude 2.</p>

	The earthquake swarm caught the attention of Puget Sound area residents after several were felt by people around the region, and not just necessarily those who live nearby. Seismologists have said that a swarm like this can slightly increase the chances of a larger event, but not by much.
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HEADLINE	05/19 Quakes in Mount St Helens 'recharging'
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/local/article/Swarm-of-quakes-sign-of-Mount-St-Helens-11159234.php
GIST	<p>With well over 100 earthquakes detected on Mount St. Helens since early April, things are getting a little rumbly up there.</p> <p>The earthquakes are likely a sign of the volcano "recharging," as magma moves beneath it again, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.</p> <p>Coincidentally, yesterday marked 37 years since the mountain blew its top, sending ash 80,000 feet in the air and destroying a swath of the landscape 23 miles wide and 19 miles long with a combination of the blast, landslide and volcanic mud flows (lahars). The eruption killed 57 people and is considered the most destructive volcanic eruption in U.S. history.</p> <p>But fear not, as the earthquakes have come to be almost common since the mountain began its recharging process back in 2008, with swarms detected regularly.</p> <p>"The similarity of swarms at Mount St. Helens leads us to believe that similar processes cause them, and they are likely tied to magma recharge first detected in 2008," USGS said in a May 5 blog post.</p> <p>The USGS said the earthquakes are not a sign of a coming eruption.</p> <p>The earthquakes detected in this swarm have depths that vary from sea level to roughly 3 miles deep and magnitudes up to 1.3 on the Richter scale.</p> <p>What exactly is causing the quakes — the specific process, that is — is hard to pinpoint, according to the USGS.</p> <p>But the signs all point to the swarms not being a sign of an imminent eruption.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Special session costing \$87K so far
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/heres-what-youve-paid-so-far-for-the-special-session-in-olympia/524399833

GIST	<p>Lawmakers are racking up extra pay as they continue negotiating a budget in special session this year, sticking taxpayers with a growing bill that was more than \$87,500 halfway through the current 30-day overtime.</p> <p>With no compromise in sight, a second overtime is all but certain. That means the costs will keep climbing.</p> <p>Records show lawmakers took roughly \$75,500 in per diem between April 24 and May 7. The money typically pays for session expenses such as rent and dry cleaning.</p> <p>Legislators also pocketed around \$11,600 in reimbursement for the cost of travel related to legislative work. That might be an incomplete figure since senators have up to 60 days to submit travel expenses, Senate counsel Jeannie Gorrell said.</p> <p>The first overtime period ends on Tuesday and follows a 105-day regular session where the majority-Democrat House and the GOP-led Senate failed to reach a deal on a final budget.</p> <p>Lawmakers can take their \$120-a-day stipend, also known as per diem, any time the Legislature is in session or when they have legislative obligations such as a committee hearing during the interim.</p> <p>But the money draws more scrutiny during a special session. House Chief Clerk Bernard Dean said that's in part because only key budget writers are actually at the Capitol for most of the special session, making it harder for other lawmakers to justify taking the allowance even if they do some legislative work away from Olympia.</p> <p>Leadership at the Capitol typically sends rank-and-file lawmakers home while negotiators iron out a deal.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Jury: Starbucks pay \$100K coffee spill
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/starbucks-ordered-to-pay-woman-100000-over-hot-coffee-spill/524567257
GIST	<p>A jury ordered Starbucks to pay up – to the tune of \$100,000 – after a woman was burned when the lid on her coffee cup came off in her car and the hot coffee burned her.</p> <p>It's not the first time there has been a lawsuit over hot coffee that injured someone.</p> <p>In 1994, a 79-year-old woman suffered third-degree burns when a McDonald's cup of coffee accidentally spilled on her lap. She was awarded \$640,000.</p>

	<p>In the Starbucks case, the lawsuit claimed a Starbucks employee contributed to a customer being injured after a 190-degree Venti spilled on the lap of a Jacksonville, Fla., woman and severely burned her. According to the woman, the lid popped off the cup when the employee handed her the drink at a drive-through.</p> <p>During the trial a Starbucks employee testified they receive about 80 complaints a month related to loose lids.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Seattle's mayoral race: 21 candidates
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/open-seattle-mayors-race-draws-a-long-list-of-candidates/
GIST	<p>Seattle voters will have no shortage of choices to replace outgoing Mayor Ed Murray when the August primary rolls around.</p> <p>Twenty-one candidates filed in the race by the Friday 4:30 p.m. deadline — the most in any King County contest.</p> <p>The roster includes former Mayor Mike McGinn, former U.S. Attorney Jenny Durkan, state Rep. Jessyn Farrell, state Sen. Bob Hasegawa, educator and attorney Nikkita Oliver, and urban planner Cary Moon — and more than a dozen others.</p> <p>The city's first open-seat mayoral contest since 1997 was spurred by Murray's decision to forgo his re-election bid amid allegations — which he has strongly denied — that he sexually abused teenagers decades ago.</p> <p>"Seattle is exploding, in terms of influence ... it's a place that many people want to put their imprint on, and we're seeing that in the caliber of the candidates running for mayor," said Marco Lowe, a Seattle University politics professor and former aide in the mayoral administrations of McGinn and Greg Nickels.</p> <p>The top two vote-getters in each race in the Aug. 1 primary will advance to November's general election. With the crowded mayoral field, candidates could advance with support in the high teens or low 20s, Lowe said.</p> <p>Voting in the all-mail primary will begin July 14.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Treatment plant failures \$57M damage
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/seattle/failure-caused-up-to-57m-in-damage-to-west-point-treatment-plant/441362127

GIST	<p>Equipment failures caused between \$49 million and \$57 million of damage to the West Point Wastewater Treatment Plant, according to an analysis released Friday.</p> <p>The repair costs are expected to be covered by property insurance and will not impact King County sewer rate in 2017-18, according to the King County Wastewater Treatment Division. King County will be responsible for a \$250,000 deductible.</p> <p>Insurance is not expected to cover potential regulatory fines or additional environmental monitoring.</p> <p>CH2M engineers calculated the repair cost to include existing orders for broken equipment, work orders, staff labor changes, and asset inventories. It also accounts for unknown costs, such as building code changes and highly specialized equipment.</p> <p>King County's property insurance covers costs up to \$500 million, with a flood-related damage sub-limit of \$250 million.</p> <p>The West Point Treatment Plant in Discovery Park suffered a historic breach February 9 when an equipment failure caused untreated wastewater and stormwater to flow into the Puget Sound.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Why office snacks make you fat
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/better/diet-fitness/are-office-snacks-making-you-fat-why-n761551
GIST	<p>Confession time: Even though I eat a (mostly) healthy diet at home, I often find myself mindlessly drifting from M&M to Cheeto and back during a stressful day at work.</p> <p>Snacks have become such a common office perk that one recent survey from Jobvite found millennial workers were more likely to get free food at work than they were to receive health care or retirement plans.</p> <p>In our office, we have bagel Wednesdays, guacamole Thursdays and occasional pizza Fridays on top of the day-to-day snacks that fill our multiple snack drawers.</p> <p>Just having those snacks available — and visible — could be the problem. Add in stress, multitasking, boredom and procrastination, and you have a perfect storm of office snackery.</p> <p>"Oftentimes hunger is less about legitimate hunger and more about decisions based on psychological influences like stress, boredom, impulse, happiness and fatigue," says nutritionist Keri Glassman. "When food is easily accessible, and also free, we are more likely to reach for it, and continue to overeat."</p> <p>Problem 1: Location, Location, Location</p>

In one frequently cited study, researchers at the Cornell Food & Brand Lab gave secretaries containers of Hershey's kisses and [recorded how many they ate](#). When the candies were on the secretaries' desks, they ate 48 percent more than they did if they were placed 2 meters away. When the containers were see-through instead of opaque, they ate about 2 extra kisses per day.

So reducing snacking might be as easy as changing where and how the snacks are displayed. [Google set out to hack its snacking problem](#) with help from researchers from the Yale Center for Customer Insights. First, they targeted their most popular snack item: bulk M&Ms. Google had been giving them out self-serve in 4 oz cups. Switching to individual snack packets reduced the average serving by 58 percent, from 308 calories to 130.

Then they hid the M&Ms in opaque containers, while using glass jars to display healthier snacks like dried fruit and nuts. They found that in the New York office alone, employees ate 3.1 million fewer calories from M&Ms over seven weeks - equivalent to nine regular-sized packages of M&Ms for each of the office's 2,000 workers.

Then they prominently displayed bottled water at eye level behind clear glass, and hid sugary sodas down below behind foggy glass. That helped water consumption rise 47 percent while sugary drinks dropped 7 percent.

And as with secretaries and chocolates, the Google study found location mattered. One drink station was 6.5 feet from the snack bar; the other was 17.5 feet from the snack bar. The researchers found that people who used the beverage station closer to the snacks were 50 percent more likely to grab a snack with their drink. For men, the researchers said that would add up to about a pound of fat per year for each daily cup of coffee.

Problem 2: It's FREE!

Next, we must acknowledge that special frenzy that happens around free food. Anyone who's been near a Costco sample table understands this phenomenon. But why is free food so tempting? We're usually talking about a \$1 snack pack here, not champagne and truffles. In other words, you're not saving that much money. But not having to pay for something removes one barrier to eating it, says Traci Mann, a University of Minnesota psychology professor and author of ["Secrets from the Eating Lab: The Science of Weight Loss, the Myth of Willpower, and Why You Should Never Diet Again."](#)

Another factor: Nabbing those extra snacks might make you feel better if you think you don't get paid enough, says Dr. Susan Albers, clinical psychologist at the Cleveland Clinic and author of the New York Times best-selling ["Eat Q: Unlock the Weight-Loss Power of Emotional Intelligence."](#)

"Before you reach for the free snack, ask yourself why you are taking it," says Albers, "If you don't love it, leave it is my motto."

Problem 3: You're a Mess

Sitting at your desk for long stretches, you're likely to encounter a range of emotions that could trigger snacking. Stress. Boredom. Procrastination.

In a 2012 study published in Health Psychology, students were more likely to cite boredom as a reason for eating than any other emotion. [Work burnout](#) is another significant trigger for emotional eating. And because eating feels purposeful, it can be "a rock solid way" to avoid a task you're dreading, Albers says. There's even a special term for this: [Procrastin-eating](#).

Grabbing a snack may even be a sneaky way to socialize if you're feeling isolated or lonely. Earlier this year, the [Washington Post conducted its own informal study](#) of the office candy jar and found that people felt compelled to comment as they took the candy - even if they were saying they shouldn't eat it, or that the candy wasn't very good. They called this "The Kevin effect," for the guy who had the candy jar on his desk.

A correlary to the Kevin effect: People are less likely to eat the candy if it's on the boss' desk.

Problem 4: You're Multitasking

I assume most office snacks are consumed the way I eat them: Shamefully, while staring straight ahead and spreading Cheeto dust across the keyboard. Eating at your desk is among the worse things you can do for your diet. It's the opposite of mindful eating.

A 2001 study of French women found that those who were distracted by a detective story [ate 15 percent more](#). And women in particular are [more likely to eat while using digital devices](#), according to a 2014 survey of global snack habits by the Nielsen organization.

Albers says her best advice is to avoid eating at your desk: "If you are going to have a snack, that is fine, just move to a different location. Or, swivel away from your desk. This will ensure that you don't mindlessly much in front of your screen."

Glassman has even suggested leaving empty wrappers on your desk as a reminder of just how much you've eaten.

And the Solution?

Here's the good news: Your office snacking problem isn't a problem with your willpower, at least not entirely.

"It is very difficult to use willpower to resist tempting food," Mann says. "But putting obstacles between oneself and food does help slow us down."

	<p>The best solution, of course, is nixing the candy jar. People who keep candy at their desks weigh 15.4 pounds more than people who don't, according to Cornell's Brian Wansink.</p> <p>Learn from the Google team and keep healthier snacks and water at hand. Chewing gum can help in a pinch. Or if you're feeling bored, stressed or lonely — try taking a walk with a colleague.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Ferris wheel riders blamed for accident
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/human-error-caused-ferris-wheel-accident-company-says/441303124
GIST	<p>A spokesperson for the amusement ride company involved in a Ferris wheel accident in Port Townsend Thursday night says the people on board the ride are to blame.</p> <p>The spokesperson, who asked that his name not be used, said no mechanical problems were found on the ride and indicated those who were injured were moving around inside the Ferris wheel basket, causing it to tip.</p> <p>A family of three, including a 7-year-old boy, were hurt when their basket flipped, sending them plummeting about 15 feet to a steel platform below. Mikhail Groth Swartwood, 7, and Crystal Groth, 47, suffered minor injuries. Shawn Swartwood, 59, is in satisfactory condition at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.</p> <p>The incident happened at the annual Rhododendron Festival in Port Townsend. The festival is going on as planned Friday, although the ride in question has been shut down by the state until further notice. There are conflicting reports as to exactly what happened.</p> <p>Oregon-based Funtastic claims those who fell from the ride were told to sit still and caused the basket to flip themselves.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Hanford: signs of another leaking tank
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/hanford/radioactive-contamination-found-of-clothes-of-hanford-worker/441263419
GIST	<p>Hanford's owner, The U.S. Department of Energy, is scrambling to deal with the second emergency at the nuclear site in 10 days' time.</p> <p>Signs have emerged that a massive underground double shell nuclear waste holding tank may be leaking. The tank is known as AZ 101 and was put into service in 1976. The tank's life was expected to be 20 years. Now it has been holding hot, boiling radioactive and chemically contaminated waste for 41 years.</p>

A seven-person crew was undertaking a routine job around 7 p.m. Thursday night. They had deployed a remote controlled device into the safety space of what is known as a double shell tank. The device is used to evaluate structural integrity of the aging tanks. Normally, equipment lowered in this two-foot wide outer shell of the tank comes up clean. But not this time. A radiation specialist on the crew detected higher than expected readings.

“Radiological monitoring showed contamination on the unit that was three times the planned limit. Workers immediately stopped working and exited the area according to procedure,” said Rob Roxburgh, deputy manager of WRPS Communications & Public Relations, the government contractor in charge of all 177 underground storage tanks at the nuclear site.

Detection equipment was then used to check for contamination that might have become airborne and adhered to the workers. They found radioactive material on one worker in three spots: on one shoe, on his shirt, and on his pants in the knee area. According to workers in the field, the contaminated items were removed, bagged and appropriately disposed of.

“Everybody was freaked, shocked, surprised,” said a veteran worker, who is in direct contact with crew members. “(The contamination) was not expected. They’re not supposed to find contamination in the annulus (safety perimeter) of the double shell tanks.”

Of Hanford’s 177 underground tanks, 28 of them are double-shells. They were built to withstand the test of time – a more robust model that was supposed to hold the worst nuclear waste on the reservation until a permanent solution for disposal is developed. But Thursday night’s incident means this could be the second double shell tank to fail.

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HEADLINE	05/19 Inside CPS: taking kids into custody
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/inside-cps-how-workers-help-comfort-kids-taken-into-state-custody/441215374
GIST	<p>Child Protective Service’s Tumwater office is a nondescript state building where some of the state’s most troubled children start their lives over.</p> <p>But the state, with the help of volunteers, tries to make it a soothing place.</p> <p>When the state removes children from homes or adults considered unsafe, before they’re placed with relatives or foster parents, they may have to spend time at a state office.</p> <p>At the Tumwater location, the children are fed, can play with toys, pick new clothes and toiletries, and they get to take a quilt with them to their new homes.</p>

	<p>“It can be really comforting to kids,” said Social Service Specialist Tara Kessel.</p> <p>The quilts are created and donated by members of the Washington Stars Quilt Guild.</p> <p>“Some poor little child that doesn’t have anything, needs something to hold onto, something to get comfort from,” said Jayne Schilke, who co-chairs the guild’s charity committee.</p> <p>Members also donate items to the food bank and hospitals.</p> <p>“It makes us feel good, happy and definitely it makes us feel worthwhile,” said Schilke.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Last 1992 L.A. riots victim identified
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/authorities-identify-victim-who-died-1992-los-angeles-riots/
GIST	<p>LOS ANGELES -- Authorities on Friday identified the last of the 53 people killed during the riots in Los Angeles -- more than 25 years later.</p> <p>The man was recently identified through fingerprints as 18-year-old Armando Ortiz Hernandez, said Los Angeles County coroner's spokesman Ed Winter.</p> <p>Hernandez died of "inhalation of smoke, soot, carbon monoxide and thermal burns," Winter said. His body was found May 2, 1992, inside an auto parts shop that was set ablaze during the unrest in South Los Angeles.</p> <p>Investigators have said they were able to lift a single fingerprint from the man's left middle finger. The coroner's office did not immediately respond to questions Friday about whether Hernandez's fingerprints had been run through databases previously.</p> <p>The looting and violence that would turn into one of the deadliest race riots in American history was sparked after a jury acquitted four white police officers in the beating of black motorist Rodney King. Video footage captured officers repeatedly striking, kicking and using a stun gun on King, even after he was on the ground.</p> <p>A total of 53 people were killed and more than 2,000 injured during several days of unrest.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Forecasters: another hot summer
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/us-forecasters-another-hot-summer/

GIST	<p>WASHINGTON -- U.S. forecasters are predicting another warmer than normal summer for most of the country along with wetter weather in a swath of states stretching from Texas to Montana.</p> <p>The hot weather forecast came amid what's already shaping up to be another unusually hot year. The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said last month was the second warmest April on record globally — just a fraction of a degree behind the hottest in 2016. And so far 2017 is the second warmest year-to-date on record.</p> <p>The National Weather Service's summer outlook issued Thursday predicts greater chances for hot weather in states that fall along the East Coast, Texas, Alaska and pretty much everywhere else.</p> <p>The exceptions are Montana, Wyoming, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and parts of Missouri and Colorado.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 'Clock boy' loses federal lawsuit
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/clock-boy-ahmed-mohamed-discrimination-lawsuit-dismissed/
GIST	<p>A federal judge has dismissed a discrimination lawsuit brought by the family a Muslim student who was arrested for bringing a homemade clock to school that officials believed to be a bomb, saying the student's attorneys failed to prove he was treated differently based on his race or religion.</p> <p>In September 2015, Ahmed Mohamed, an avid hobbyist who was 14 at the time, assembled the clock using a circuit board and digital display and proudly brought the clock to school to show to his teachers. One of his teachers heard the device beeping and brought Mohamed to the principal's office. He was then arrested and suspended for three days.</p> <p>Mohamed's arrest sparked a social media firestorm over his treatment, with supporters alleging he faced discrimination because of his religion and ethnicity. Users dubbed Mohamed "clock boy" and expressed support with the hashtag #IStandWithAhmed. Mohamed was among the guests invited to the White House for an astronomy event and spoke with President Obama several weeks after his arrest.</p> <p>Mohamed Mohamed, the student's father, filed a federal lawsuit in August 2016 against the Irving Independent School District (IISD), MacArthur High School principal Daniel Cummings and the city of Irving, Texas, alleging officials violated the boy's civil rights by imposing a 3-day suspension for bringing the clock to school.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Iran reciprocates; sanctions US links
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SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/iran-strikes-back-us-reciprocal-sanctions-47528601?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Iran has sanctioned nine more U.S.-linked businesses, organizations and people over America's sanctions over its ballistic missile program.</p> <p>Iran's Foreign Ministry published a new sanctions list on its website Saturday, which added nine targets.</p> <p>The sanctions mean Iran could seize local assets of the companies targeted and bar its employees from the country.</p> <p>Those targets include Booz Allen Hamilton of McLean, Virginia; shipbuilder Huntington Ingalls Industries of Newport News, Virginia; cyber-security firm Kingfisher Systems of Falls Church, Virginia; and DynCorp International, also of McLean.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Indonesia ferry catches fire; 5 dead
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/dead-indonesian-ferry-catches-fire-java-sea-47524878?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>A search for survivors of a ferry that caught fire in the Java Sea, killing five people, has been suspended for the night, an Indonesian search and rescue official said Saturday.</p> <p>The national search and rescue agency's operations director, Ivan Ahmad Riski, said 193 people have been rescued. The number of missing was unclear.</p> <p>The agency's initial figure for the number of people aboard, apparently based on the vessel's manifest, was 178. It is not uncommon for ferries, a regular form of transport in the Indonesian archipelago, to be overcrowded or to carry more passengers than declared.</p> <p>The accident happened on Friday night about 3 kilometers (2 miles) from Masalembo Island. A nearby ship went to the aid of the stricken ferry, which was also carrying many cars and trucks.</p> <p>Riski said survivors told authorities that the fire started on the ferry's vehicle deck and spread uncontrollably, forcing the captain to order all on board to abandon ship. In panic, some people jumped into the sea without wearing lifejackets or waiting for lifeboats, they said, according to Riski.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Last batch rebels leave Homs, Syria
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/batch-rebels-leaving-central-homs-syria-47528970?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed

GIST	<p>Syrian state TV and an opposition monitoring group are reporting that the final batch of opposition fighters and their families are leaving a besieged neighborhood in the central city of Homs.</p> <p>The evacuation from al-Waer that started two months ago is expected to be completed Saturday bringing the city under full government control for the first time in more than five years.</p> <p>Homs governor Talal Barrazi said that once al-Waer is free of rebels, Syrian government forces will enter.</p> <p>The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 12,000 people were meant to be evacuated from al-Waer but that the figure has exceeded 20,000 as many fear that if they stay their sons will be drafted into the army.</p> <p>The Observatory says Russian military police began entering parts of al-Waer.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Court strikes down federal drone rule
SOURCE	http://thehill.com/policy/transportation/334233-appeals-court-strikes-down-federal-registration-rule-for-toy-drones
GIST	<p>A D.C.-based appeals court struck down a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rule on Friday requiring recreational drone users to register their model aircraft with the federal government, in a major win for drone hobbyists.</p> <p>The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit sided with plaintiff John A. Taylor, a recreational drone pilot, who argued that the FAA doesn't have the power to make him register his toy drones because Congress already said the FAA can't regulate model aircraft.</p> <p>"The FAA's 2015 registration rule, which applies to model aircraft, directly violates that clear statutory prohibition," the opinion said. "We therefore grant Taylor's petition and vacate the registration rule to the extent it applies to model aircraft."</p> <p>In December 2015, the FAA issued an interim rule requiring drone hobbyists to register their recreational aircraft with the agency.</p> <p>The court called the registration process "quite extensive, as one would imagine for airplanes."</p> <p>The rule — which had not been formally finalized — requires model aircraft owners to provide their name, email address and physical address; pay a \$5 registration fee; and display a unique drone ID number at all times. Those who fail to comply could face civil and criminal penalties.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Mayor sorry in honoring cop killer
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/05/19/us/cincinnati-mayor-apology-proclamation-cop-killer/index.html
GIST	<p>(CNN)Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley apologized after his office inadvertently issued a proclamation honoring a man who ambushed and killed a Cincinnati police officer.</p> <p>"I am really sorry that my office, that we mistakenly issued a proclamation on behalf of a man that killed, murdered Sonny Kim," Cranley said Thursday night.</p> <p>Cranley choked back tears as he spoke at a local police union hall. His face was red as he paused several times during his brief, tear-filled statement.</p> <p>"He was a hero," Cranley said about Kim, a father of three, who was fatally shot in June 2015.</p> <p>Last week, the mayor's office received a request for a proclamation from Ronald Hummons for his son's birthday. The request didn't contain his son's full name and the staff member reviewing the request wasn't aware that the man being honored had killed Kim, according to the mayor's letter of apology to the Cincinnati Fraternal Order of Police.</p> <p>A staff member wrote the proclamation, granting June 1, 2017, "Tre Day" in Cincinnati. The proclamation was then approved by the communications director.</p> <p>Once the mayor's office became aware of the mistake, it retracted the proclamation.</p> <p>"This was a huge mistake," Cranley said. "It was not done intentionally. It was a human error, but the buck stops with me."</p> <p>The mayor said he apologized to Kim's widow, the Cincinnati Police chief and the officer who returned fire when Kim was shot. Cranley voiced his support for the police department, got choked up and stepped away from the podium.</p> <p>Cincinnati Fraternal Order of Police President Dan Hils said he felt sick when he heard about the proclamation, but that Cranley appeared to own up to the error.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 States take closer look under bridges
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/05/20/us/bridges-atlanta-collapse-states-policies/index.html
GIST	<p>(CNN)When an elevated section of Atlanta's Interstate 85 crashed to the ground in a fire this spring, motorists already navigating one of the nation's most congested cities braced for what the city's mayor called a transportation crisis.</p>

The span was rebuilt in six weeks and reopened last weekend, sooner than expected. But the closure inflicted pain. Traffic volume on nearby surface streets more than doubled, drivers endured longer commutes and rebuilding the bridge cost more than \$16 million.

Investigations aren't finished, but officials say someone started the fire beneath the highway, apparently fueled in part by construction materials -- flexible plastic and fiberglass tubes -- that the state had stored on a lot for nearly six years.

It was enough to shock other states into taking a look at themselves and asking: What exactly are we storing under our elevated roads? And could it pose a threat?

To address these questions, CNN contacted departments of transportation in all 50 states. Of the 44 that responded, more than two-thirds said the Atlanta I-85 collapse prompted them to reinspect their bridges or consider changes to their storage policies.

Some said they didn't allow material under bridges anyway, but practices vary from state to state, and even the definition of "hazardous" may be part of the reckoning.

Before the Atlanta fire, few would have identified these tubes -- including the plastic ones, otherwise known as high-density polyethylene, or HDPE -- as being dangerous, said Pete Rahn, secretary of Maryland's transportation department.

Until now, Maryland might have allowed contractors or its own workers to store HDPE on state-owned space under bridges during a construction project, Rahn said. Not anymore.

"(It was) unimaginable that plastic conduit could cause damage like this," Rahn said.

Meanwhile a federal investigation into the bridge collapse is ongoing and the Federal Highway Administration is pushing states to take another look at their practices is pushing states to take another look at their practices.

"Until the investigation is completed, this event highlights the need for concern about storing materials under bridges," Thomas D. Everett, associate administrator of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) infrastructure office, wrote to state transportation officials last month.

Whether such plastic tubes should have been considered too hazardous to store under the bridge will be part of a National Transportation Safety Board investigation.

"A couple points of interest include the integrity of the infrastructure, the flammability of the materials and the issue of storing flammable material under a bridge," NTSB spokesman Keith Holloway said.

The state safety fire commissioner is helping GDOT review its policies on storing materials under bridges and elevated highways, spokesman Glenn Allen said. McMurry said the storage was not believed to have broken any current state policy.

The tubes don't catch fire easily, McMurry says. In a letter to the FHWA, he said the flash point for these particular HDPE tubes is 341 degrees Celsius (645 degrees Fahrenheit).

The flammability of HDPE is relatively low, agreed Tony Radoszewski, president of the Plastics Pipe Institute, a trade group based in Irving, Texas. HDPE would have to be exposed to a high-temperature flame for a considerable amount of time for it to burn, he said.

"Somebody had to start a fire. It doesn't combust by itself -- it needs fuel," Radoszewski said. "Someone had to do it. It's not like someone would have dropped a match and it started."

McMurry has said the fire raises questions about whether the materials were stored securely enough. The materials were behind a chain-link fence with a locked gate and a "no trespassing" sign, he said.

"Obviously, what we know now, if we knew then, we would not have the material stored in the fashion that it was stored," he said April 4, responding to a question about how secure the site was. "The gating and the fencing was really to keep the material from being stolen or removed from the area," as opposed to keeping people out, he said.

A check after the fire revealed that no other bridge in Georgia had HDPE stored under it, McMurry said.

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HEADLINE	05/20 Iran president wins re-election
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/05/20/middleeast/iran-rouhani-election/index.html
GIST	<p>Tehran, Iran (CNN)Iranian President Hassan Rouhani handily won re-election in what amounts to a victory for the Shiite nation's reformist camp and a sign that citizens favor fruitful engagement with the outside world.</p> <p>Rouhani, who defeated his conservative challenger Ebrahim Raisi in the Friday elections, garnered 57% of the vote, Interior Minister Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli said. He'll serve another four years in the post.</p> <p>Rouhani, a moderate, was a key architect of the 2015 nuclear deal with the United States, the European Union and other partners, and his first term was marked by an emergent international outreach.</p> <p>The agreement has been controversial in both the United States and Iran, and it emerged as a top campaign issue, with the election seen in part as a referendum on the deal.</p>

	More than 40 million Iranian voters flocked to polling stations Friday, according to the head of Iran's Interior Ministry State Elections Committee. More than 70% of eligible voters cast ballots.
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Cyber Awareness

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HEADLINE	05/19 WannaCry infected medical devices
SOURCE	https://www.hackread.com/wannacry-responsible-infecting-medical-devices/
GIST	<p>It is not surprising to know that Internet-connected Medical devices are vulnerable to cyber attacks. There have been several cases in the recent past in which cyber criminals took over life-saving devices and held them to ransom.</p> <p>Now, it has been identified that WannaCry ransomware, the heinous ransomware that has been on the loose for over a week now, has been reported to have infected not only computer systems but also medical devices that were connected to the overall network of healthcare organizations.</p> <p>The British National Health System: As you may already know, a number of organizations were attacked by the WannaCry ransomware and victims are still being targeted. However, the British National Health System (NSH) was among the most heavily infected with a number of healthcare organizations having their systems hacked by the ransomware.</p> <p>Initial reports said that it was mainly the management systems that were affected. Later, however, the Health Information Trust Alliance in the U.S, stated that medical devices had also been infected. This is because these devices were connected to the infected networks and had Windows running on them. Therefore, WannaCry was able to spread to these devices as such.</p> <p>Advisories released to fight the ransomware: As part of warning the customers who might have such devices, ICS-CERT released a list of vendors who have issued security advisories so as to protect customers from the attack. Companies including General Electric, Rockwell Automation, Philips, Siemens and much more are part of the list.</p> <p>Beckton, Dickson, and Company have provided a list of a number of affected devices along with guidelines as to how Windows-based systems can be secured. Similarly, Siemens has reported that it is working to fix the flaw in the SMB system of Windows.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 WannaCry exploit spreads spy Trojan
SOURCE	https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/wannacry-exploit-used-to-spread/

GIST	<p>Threat actors are using the same EternalBlue exploit employed by WannaCry to deliver other malware—specifically, a remote access trojan (RAT) typically used to spy on people’s activities or take control of their computers.</p> <p>During the recent pandemic attack, CyphortLabs discovered a similar attack to one of its honeypot servers. “We initially thought this is WannaCry, but upon further investigation, we discovered a stealthier RAT,” researchers said, in an analysis. “Unlike WannaCry, this threat infects only once and does not spread. It is not a worm.”</p> <p>The RAT has plenty of spy features, the firm said, including screen and keyboard monitoring, audio and video surveillance, the ability to transfer, download or delete files and data, and general control of the infected machine. It also takes care to block the exploit from being used for other malware.</p> <p>“The threat actors probably did not want other threats mingling with their activity,” CyphortLabs said.</p> <p>Researchers added, “At first glance, the threat we discovered may not appear to be as destructive as the WannaCry ransomware, but it may be equally dangerous if not more, depending on the attacker’s intent.”</p> <p>Interestingly, the analyzed sample was first seen on VirusTotal on April 2—and since then, there have been 12 other similar samples reported. “This is an indication that they might have been using the EternalBlue exploit well before the WannaCry outbreak on May 12,” CyphortLabs said.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/22 UK WannaCry phishing scam spotted
SOURCE	https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/wannacry-bt-phishing-scam-spotted/
GIST	<p>Fraud experts are warning UK netizens of a sophisticated new phishing scam which uses the recent WannaCry ransomware attack campaign in an attempt to trick users into clicking on malicious links.</p> <p>ActionFraud issued an alert late last week, claiming to have already received several reports of the BT-branded scam email.</p> <p>“After analyzing the email, the domains appear very similar and this could easily catch out those who are concerned about the security of their data after the global attack”, the fraud prevention organization warned.</p> <p>The message itself is pretty convincing, urging recipients in near flawless English to click on a “confirm security upgrade” button to re-establish full access to a BT account it claims has been restricted following the WannaCry outbreak.</p>

	“If you receive one of these emails do not click on any links and follow our advice on how to stay safe. Instead, go to the BT website directly and log in from there,” Action Fraud advised.
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HEADLINE	05/19 Experts: WannaCry isn't NKorea style
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/wannacry-does-not-fit-north-koreas-style-interests-experts
GIST	<p>Some experts believe that, despite malware code similarities, the WannaCry ransomware is unlikely to be the work of North Korea, as the attack does not fit the country's style and interests.</p> <p>The WannaCry ransomware, also known as Wanna Decryptor, WanaCrypt0r, WannaCrypt, Wana Decrypt0r and WCry, has hit hundreds of thousands of systems worldwide, including ones housed by banks, hospitals, ISPs, government agencies, transportation companies and manufacturing plants.</p> <p>The first clue that the WannaCry ransomware may have been created by North Korea was uncovered by Google researcher Neel Mehta. The expert noticed that a variant of WannaCry making the rounds in February, when the threat was less known, had code similarities with a tool used by the North Korea-linked cyber espionage group named Lazarus. The code in question was removed from later versions of the ransomware.</p> <p>Security firms such as Symantec and Kaspersky confirmed the connection to Lazarus, and Kaspersky said it was “improbable” that this was a false flag. Even the Shadow Brokers, the group that leaked the Equation Group exploits leveraged by WannaCry, attributed the attack to North Korea.</p> <p>However, not everyone agrees that North Korea is behind WannaCry. The threat intelligence team at endpoint security firm Cybereason believes North Korea is unlikely to be behind the campaign.</p> <p>“Nothing in North Korea's past cyber campaigns or in their conventional military and foreign policy fit this mold. Looking at national identity, foreign policy and strategic messaging will greatly reduce the likelihood that Pyongyang ordered this campaign,” the company said in a blog post on Friday.</p> <p>One reason is that North Korea, guided by its self-reliance ideology, has never used commodity malware or generic tools in its cyberattacks. All the tools and exploits leveraged by the Lazarus group have been custom-built, Cybereason said.</p> <p>Another reason for which North Korea is unlikely to be behind the WannaCry ransomware attack is the fact that China and Russia, two of the country's biggest allies, were among the most affected. Furthermore, some of Pyongyang's biggest enemies, including the U.S., Japan and South Korea, had fairly low infection rates.</p>

	<p>Cybereason is not the only company that is skeptical of North Korea’s involvement in the WannaCry attack. Bogdan Botezatu, senior e-threat specialist at Bitdefender, also believes that the scenario in which a state-sponsored actor – especially one as sophisticated as Lazarus – would switch to ransomware is unlikely.</p> <p>“The attack wasn't targeted and there was no clear gain for them,” Botezatu told SecurityWeek. “It's doubtful they would use such a powerful exploit for anything else than espionage.”</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 Terror EK gets fingerprint capabilities
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/terror-exploit-kit-gets-fingerprinting-capabilities
GIST	<p>Recent changes made to the Terror exploit kit (EK) allow it to fingerprint victims and target specific vulnerabilities instead of carpet bombing the victims with many exploits at the same time, Talos researchers discovered.</p> <p>Terror was initially detailed in January this year, when security researchers observed that it was targeting vulnerabilities with exploits taken from Metasploit or from either Sundown or Hunter EKs. Terror activity increased last month, after the Sundown EK inexplicably disappeared from the threat landscape.</p> <p>Previously, the EK was observed carpet bombing victims with many exploits at the same time, even if those exploits didn’t match the targeted browser environment. Now, the threat has added more exploits and is fingerprinting victim’s system to determine what exploit would be successful based on operating system, patch level, browser version, and installed plugins.</p> <p>The use of more targeted exploits makes it more difficult for investigators to determine which exploits the toolkit has. However, “it is interesting to note that the adversaries are using an URL parameter in cleartext for the vulnerability they are going to exploit,” Talos says.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/22 WikiLeaks details malware made by CIA
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/wikileaks-details-malware-made-cia-and-us-security-firm
GIST	<p>WikiLeaks has published documents detailing another spy tool allegedly used by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The latest files describe “Athena,” a piece of malware whose developers claim it works on all versions of Windows.</p> <p>Documents apparently created between September 2015 and February 2016 describe Athena as an implant that can be used as a beacon and for loading various payloads into memory. The tool also allows its operator to plant and fetch files to or from a specified location on the compromised system.</p>

	<p>A leaked diagram shows that Athena can be loaded onto the targeted computer by an asset, a remote operator, or via the supply chain. The implant is said to work on all versions of Windows from XP through 10, including Windows Server 2008 and 2012, on both x86 and x64 architectures.</p> <p>While WikiLeaks has not made available the actual Athena tool, experts pointed out that the leaked documents include information on file and registry changes made by the implant, which can be useful for determining if a system has been compromised.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 ACLU FOIA on CBP stingrays usage
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/aclu-files-foia-request-to-see-how-ice-uses-cell-phone-trackers/article/663167/
GIST	<p>Through a Freedom of Information Act request filed Friday, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is seeking to find out how Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) are using cell phone trackers known as Stingrays.</p> <p>“We’re troubled to see evidence of ICE using invasive surveillance equipment for immigration enforcement purposes, especially given this administration’s hyper-aggressive approach in this area,” ACLU attorney Nathan Freed Wessler said in a release. “It’s crucial that the government release this information so the public can understand how immigration authorities are using Stingrays and what limits they’re placing on this technology.”</p> <p>The Detroit News had reported earlier in the day that a search warrant was issued to ICE agents, authorizing them to use one of the devices to find a deportable immigrant. The civil rights organization said it’s the first time it’s uncovered evidence that ICE is using the technology.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Google adds Android malware scanner
SOURCE	http://thehackernews.com/2017/05/google-play-protect-android.html
GIST	<p>In order to keep its billions of users safe, Google has introduced another security defense for its Android devices, called Google Play Protect.</p> <p>Google Play Protect, which is part of the Google Play Store app, uses machine learning and app usage analysis to weed out the dangerous and malicious apps, which have always been albatross around the tech giant’s neck.</p> <p>Since Google Play Protect actually comes with the Google Play Store, users do not need to install or activate this security feature separately.</p> <p>Google Play Protect for Android devices consists:</p>

- App scanning
- Anti-Theft Measures
- Browser Protection

Google Play Protect is an always-on service on devices which said to scan 50 billion apps each day across a billion Android devices to ensure they are safe.

Google already has a number of security measures in place to help keep your smartphones safe, including Verify Apps and its Bouncer service, but once apps are uploaded to the Play Store and installed on your device, Google does not have anything in place to monitor the behavior of those apps – something that most malware apps were abusing.

Running automatically in the background, Google Play Protect is actually built into devices, which will not only analyse apps before appearing on the Play Store, but also monitor them once installed on the device, including apps that have been installed from third-party stores as well.

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HEADLINE	05/22 Hackers hit Russia bank customers
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-cyber-banks-idUSKBN18I0VE
GIST	<p>Russian cyber criminals used malware planted on Android mobile devices to steal from domestic bank customers and were planning to target European lenders before their arrest, investigators and sources with knowledge of the case told Reuters.</p> <p>Their campaign raised a relatively small sum by cyber-crime standards - more than 50 million roubles (\$892,000) - but they had also obtained more sophisticated malicious software for a modest monthly fee to go after the clients of banks in France and possibly a range of other western nations.</p> <p>Russia's relationship to cyber crime is under intense scrutiny after U.S. intelligence officials alleged that Russian hackers had tried to help Republican Donald Trump win the U.S. presidency by hacking Democratic Party servers.</p> <p>The Kremlin has repeatedly denied the allegation.</p> <p>The gang members tricked the Russian banks' customers into downloading malware via fake mobile banking applications, as well as via pornography and e-commerce programs, according to a report compiled by cyber security firm Group-IB which investigated the attack with the Russian Interior Ministry.</p>

	<p>The criminals - 16 suspects were arrested by Russian law enforcement authorities in November last year - infected more than a million smartphones in Russia, on average compromising 3,500 devices a day, Group-IB said.</p> <p>The hackers targeted customers of state lender Sberbank, and also stole money from accounts at Alfa Bank and online payments company Qiwi, exploiting weaknesses in the companies' SMS text message transfer services, said two people with direct knowledge of the case.</p> <p>Although operating only in Russia before their arrest, they had developed plans to target large European banks including French lenders Credit Agricole, BNP Paribas and Societe General, Group-IB said.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 Leak: Facebook rules on violent content
SOURCE	https://www.theguardian.com/news/2017/may/21/revealed-facebook-internal-rulebook-sex-terrorism-violence?CMP=share_btn_tw
GIST	<p>Facebook’s secret rules and guidelines for deciding what its 2 billion users can post on the site are revealed for the first time in a Guardian investigation that will fuel the global debate about the role and ethics of the social media giant.</p> <p>The Guardian has seen more than 100 internal training manuals, spreadsheets and flowcharts that give unprecedented insight into the blueprints Facebook has used to moderate issues such as violence, hate speech, terrorism, pornography, racism and self-harm.</p> <p>There are even guidelines on match-fixing and cannibalism.</p> <p>The Facebook Files give the first view of the codes and rules formulated by the site, which is under huge political pressure in Europe and the US.</p> <p>They illustrate difficulties faced by executives scrambling to react to new challenges such as “revenge porn” – and the challenges for moderators, who say they are overwhelmed by the volume of work, which means they often have “just 10 seconds” to make a decision.</p> <p>“Facebook cannot keep control of its content,” said one source. “It has grown too big, too quickly.”</p> <p>Many moderators are said to have concerns about the inconsistency and peculiar nature of some of the policies. Those on sexual content, for example, are said to be the most complex and confusing.</p> <p>One document says Facebook reviews more than 6.5m reports a week relating to potentially fake accounts – known as FNRP (fake, not real person).</p>

Using thousands of slides and pictures, Facebook sets out guidelines that may worry critics who say the service is now a publisher and must do [more to remove hateful, hurtful and violent content](#).

Yet these blueprints may also alarm free speech advocates concerned about Facebook’s de facto role as the world’s largest censor. Both sides are likely to demand greater transparency.

The Guardian has seen documents supplied to Facebook moderators within the last year. The files tell them:

- [Remarks such as “Someone shoot Trump” should be deleted](#), because as a head of state he is in a protected category. But it can be permissible to say: “To snap a bitch’s neck, make sure to apply all your pressure to the middle of her throat”, or “fuck off and die” because they are not regarded as credible threats.
- [Videos of violent deaths](#), while marked as disturbing, do not always have to be deleted because they can help create awareness of issues such as mental illness.
- Some [photos of non-sexual physical abuse and bullying of children](#) do not have to be deleted or “actioned” unless there is a sadistic or celebratory element.
- [Photos of animal abuse can be shared](#), with only extremely upsetting imagery to be marked as “disturbing”.
- All “handmade” art showing nudity and sexual activity is allowed but digitally made art showing sexual activity is not.
- Videos of abortions are allowed, as long as there is no nudity.
- [Facebook will allow people to livestream attempts to self-harm](#) because it “doesn’t want to censor or punish people in distress”.
- Anyone with more than 100,000 followers on a social media platform is designated as a public figure – which denies them the full protections given to private individuals.

Other types of remarks that can be permitted by the documents include: “Little girl needs to keep to herself before daddy breaks her face,” and “I hope someone kills you.” The threats are [regarded as either generic or not credible](#).

In one of the leaked documents, Facebook acknowledges “people use violent language to express frustration online” and feel “safe to do so” on the site.

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HEADLINE	05/21 YouTubers make money targeting kids
SOURCE	http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2017/05/21/youtube-toy-channels-target-kids-who-watch-instead-of-play
GIST	Ms. Hands (who asks I keep her real name private) uploads a video a day to each of her three channels: Fizzy Toy Show, Fizzy Fun Toys, and ZigZag Toys. Today, she is rescuing Boss Baby and the Smurfs from Gargamel’s Dragon. The toys are carefully organized on a clean living room table, and her palms are

stretched out in front of the camera to introduce our crisis. The dragon is threatening to eat Boss Baby and the Smurfs alive. As usual, the only way we can stop him is by opening more toys.

The plot is entirely tertiary—a simple angle to get shiny things in front of five-year olds. So, a plushie Boss Baby gets a pair of Num Nom Lights Mystery Packs (a line of small, scented chibis that retail for \$7 a pop at your local Target). Smurfette receives a Hello Kitty Chocolate Surprise Egg (with a Hello Kitty magnet inside), and Ms. Hands squeezes a Thomas the Tank Engine gummy, which she ranks a “10 out of 10” on her homebrew “squish meter.”

The video is 13 minutes long, which is the perfect length to maximize profits from YouTube’s advertisement algorithms. This is the seventh Boss Baby-centric episode she’s released this week, standing shoulder to shoulder alongside previous entries like “Don’t Wake Boss Baby! Trolls Smurf Play and Try Not Wake The Bad Crying Baby,” or “Boss Baby Opens Lots of LOL Surprise Dolls Spit, Cry, or Tinkle.” The customer is always right, and in this particular moment in the spring of 2017, the customers want Boss Baby.

In a sense, Ms. Hands is a professional pantomimer—she plays with toys the way all parents do when they’re desperate to keep a young child sated. But she’s also broadcasting to a one million subscriber count. In a single day, the dragon video has racked up 190,000 views, which is low compared to the 1.7 million views on last week’s “Greedy Grandma Chef Game! Trolls & Boss Baby Try to Get Food and Not Wake Granny!”

YouTube is notoriously reticent with concrete revenue specifics for their creators, but the SocialBlade, the touted third-party resource that calculates for YouTube and Twitch channels, estimates that Ms. Hands is making at least six figures a year for her work. “I can’t say how much I’m pulling in,” she says, when I ask. “I can say I’m making more than I did as a school psychologist!”

Ms. Hands, who’s tells me she’s over 30 but declines to give her exact age as some of her fans think she’s a teenager, quit that psychology job after the birth of her son. The long hours drafting cognitive evaluations ate into her off-time, and after five years of miscarriages and failed IVF treatments, she wanted a schedule that would afford her more time with her new family.

“I started thinking of other ways to earn money. One day I was watching videos on YouTube to figure out how to highlight my hair. I looked at the views on these videos and it hit me—these women were making pretty good money making these videos.” she says.

“I did some research and saw the top YouTube earners were gamers and toy reviewers. Since I worked with kids, I thought toy reviews was right up my alley. But, I had no toys, no camera and had never edited a movie. I bought some toys, a cheap camcorder and learned iMovie. Slowly, but surely, I started cranking out videos.”

Ms. Hands has made 922 videos since she started Fizzy Toy Show in the November of 2014. In a few months she'll eclipse one billion total views, undoubtedly solidifying her as one of the true moguls of Toy YouTube.

It's an industry that happened by total accident. Exhausted parents started off-loading babysitting duties to the family iPad, and those boys and girls represented a pretty lucrative market. By 2015, four of the five most popular channels on YouTube were aimed at kids. A generation of content creators realized that they could build a channel presence that would mine those juvenile clicks all day long.

Right now, it's Boss Baby; last year it was Moana and Zootopia. It's similar to the strategies employed by Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network for years—filling up hours of after-school television with garish, hypnotizing reruns. But people like Ms. Hands realized they could have the same success with far less overhead. Fizzy Toy Show is a one woman job. YouTube's autoplay feature slams all her videos together in a neat, never-ending playlist. Her mortgage is paid by kids in the backseats of mini-vans all over the world.

Last year, The Guardian reported that for the first time, children aged between 5 and 15 were spending more time on the internet than watching TV. In March of 2015, four of the five most popular channels on YouTube were focused squarely on a primary-school audience. However, this genuine enterprise can often look hilarious from the outside.

There is a long, long history of marketing executives pushing shameless junk on kids, so it seems strange to bellyache about it now. But it's also never been easier to get in the game. There is no watchdog authority to children's content on YouTube. All it takes is a camera and a small toy collection. The sector is percolating, and naturally, people who've never had any humanitarian interest in children's entertainment are getting involved.

“If you look at the top toy channels you'll see the same the content. If it performs well for one big channel you'll see everyone else try to replicate that success,” says Melissa Hunter, the mommy from the “Mommy and Gracie Show”—one of the first prominent kid-centric channels on the site. “Everybody has quit their job. They bought their big house and drive their fancy car—it then becomes imperative for the channel to continue to perform at that level to support that family's lifestyle. Because you never know what's going to catch on or not, I think it's really hurt the originality and innovation.”

It can often feel that Kid YouTube is founded on the premise that young children lack distinguishing taste. That they cannot tell the difference between an FCC-approved, million-dollar television show and a mom unwrapping action figures on a kitchen counter. It is a cynical, and potentially accurate perspective. It's a hard thing to argue against when there are reams and reams of highly profitable Boss Baby videos being uploaded everyday.

	To be clear, Ms. Hands works incredibly hard. She shoots a week's worth of videos all at once, and reserves an entire day to edit late into the night. Her breaks are rare, but she has absolutely no guilt about the monotony of her craft. Ms. Hands makes kids laugh, and in turn she makes a lot of money. Squeezing a Thomas the Tank Engine mini has never been so fulfilling.
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HEADLINE	05/21 NKorea special cyber cell: Unit 180
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-cyber-northkorea-exclusive-idUSKCN18H020
GIST	<p>North Korea's main spy agency has a special cell called Unit 180 that is likely to have launched some of its most daring and successful cyber attacks, according to defectors, officials and internet security experts.</p> <p>North Korea has been blamed in recent years for a series of online attacks, mostly on financial networks, in the United States, South Korea and over a dozen other countries.</p> <p>Cyber security researchers have also said they have found technical evidence that could link North Korea with the global WannaCry "ransomware" cyber attack that infected more than 300,000 computers in 150 countries this month. Pyongyang has called the allegation "ridiculous".</p> <p>The crux of the allegations against North Korea is its connection to a hacking group called Lazarus that is linked to last year's \$81 million cyber heist at the Bangladesh central bank and the 2014 attack on Sony's Hollywood studio. The U.S. government has blamed North Korea for the Sony hack and some U.S. officials have said prosecutors are building a case against Pyongyang in the Bangladesh Bank theft.</p> <p>No conclusive proof has been provided and no criminal charges have yet been filed. North Korea has also denied being behind the Sony and banking attacks.</p> <p>North Korea is one of the most closed countries in the world and any details of its clandestine operations are difficult to obtain. But experts who study the reclusive country and defectors who have ended up in South Korea or the West have provided some clues.</p> <p>Kim Heung-kwang, a former computer science professor in North Korea who defected to the South in 2004 and still has sources inside North Korea, said Pyongyang's cyber attacks aimed at raising cash are likely organized by Unit 180, a part of the Reconnaissance General Bureau (RGB), its main overseas intelligence agency.</p> <p>"Unit 180 is engaged in hacking financial institutions (by) breaching and withdrawing money out of bank accounts," Kim told Reuters. He has previously said that some of his former students have joined North Korea's Strategic Cyber Command, its cyber-army.</p>

"The hackers go overseas to find somewhere with better internet services than North Korea so as not to leave a trace," Kim added. He said it was likely they went under the cover of being employees of trading firms, overseas branches of North Korean companies, or joint ventures in China or Southeast Asia.

The U.S. Department of Defense said in a report submitted to Congress last year that North Korea likely "views cyber as a cost-effective, asymmetric, deniable tool that it can employ with little risk from reprisal attacks, in part because its networks are largely separated from the Internet".

"It is likely to use Internet infrastructure from third-party nations," the report said.

South Korean officials say they have considerable evidence of North Korea's cyber warfare operations. "North Korea is carrying out cyber attacks through third countries to cover up the origin of the attacks and using their information and communication technology infrastructure," Ahn Chong-ghee, South Korea's vice foreign minister, told Reuters in written comments.

North Korea was also suspected of staging cyber attacks against the South Korean nuclear reactor operator in 2014, although it denied any involvement.

That attack was conducted from a base in China, according to Simon Choi, a senior security researcher at Seoul-based anti-virus company Hauri Inc.

"They operate there so that regardless of what kind of project they do, they have Chinese IP addresses," said Choi, who has conducted extensive research into North Korea's hacking capabilities.

Dmitri Alperovitch, co-founder of prominent U.S. security firm CrowdStrike Inc, added: "Their capabilities have improved steadily over time, and we consider them to be a threat actor that is capable of inflicting significant damage on U.S. private or government networks."

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HEADLINE	05/19 Victims' call hackers bluff in deadline
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/victims-call-hackers-bluff-as-ransomware-deadline-nears/
GIST	<p>With the clock ticking on whether a global hacking attack would wipe out his data, Bolton Jiang had no intention of paying a 21st-century ransom.</p> <p>Since a week ago, when the malware first struck, Jiang had been fixing and replacing computers at the electronics company where he works in Shanghai. Meeting the hackers' demands was a bother, he said, and there was no guarantee he would get his data back.</p> <p>"Even if you do pay, you won't necessarily be able to open the files that are hit," he said.</p>

Tens of thousands of computer users worldwide made the same decision, refusing to pay the anonymous hackers behind the ransomware attack known as WannaCry. The attackers had demanded that individuals pay up to \$600 by Friday to regain control of their machines, or face losing their data.

As of Friday evening in New York, about 300 payments had been made, netting the hackers about \$95,000 worth of the digital currency bitcoin, according to companies monitoring the hackers' payment accounts.

But the malicious software, which attacked versions of Microsoft's Windows software, exposed the widespread vulnerability of computers to such attacks and offered a peek at a new type of crime capable of being committed on a global scale.

The latest strain of ransomware was particularly troubling, security experts warned, because it was based on software stolen from the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) that had been posted online last month.

Law-enforcement agencies in the United States and elsewhere have been searching for the WannaCry culprits, with attention focused on hackers linked to North Korea.

Along with broad attacks in Europe, many of the estimated 200,000 computers hit by WannaCry were in Asia, where widespread use of pirated software has increased their vulnerability. Those affected, including hospitals, government offices and universities, have lost access to business information, term papers and medical records.

Some victims have struck a defiant tone. The Japanese conglomerate Hitachi, which was identified in the news media as a victim, declined to confirm those reports Friday but said it had no intention of paying a ransom and that it expected to be fully secure against future attacks by Monday. Nissan Motor, another Japanese industrial giant, also said it would not pay a ransom.

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HEADLINE	05/19 Ford over-the-air software updates
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-ford-motor-software-idUSKCN18F2BJ
GIST	<p>Ford Motor Co said on Friday it would delve into the growing arena of "over-the-air" software updates, adding Android Auto and Apple CarPlay to its Sync 3-equipped 2016 vehicles for the first time via a wireless software update.</p> <p>The latest upgrade to Sync 3, Ford's interactive touch-screen system, will be accomplished through an over-the-air (OTA) update using Wi-Fi, not unlike how new software gets uploaded to smartphones by manufacturers.</p>

	<p>After Tesla Inc's early lead in 2015 introducing OTAs, traditional automakers are slowly beginning to embrace the new technology, within limits. Concerns about security and resistance from dealers worried about losing service revenue have hampered its adoption.</p> <p>Thus far, established automakers have not used OTAs for safety systems, only for non-critical systems like infotainment.</p> <p>Customers can also get the update via the traditional means of visiting their dealer or using a USB drive, Ford said.</p> <p>Android Auto and Apple CarPlay are operating systems from Alphabet's Google and Apple Inc that allow drivers to connect their smartphones to their vehicles' dashboard.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Social media's impact on mental health
SOURCE	http://www.marketwatch.com/story/lonely-people-are-more-likely-to-share-on-facebook-2017-03-06
GIST	<p>Being constantly bombarded by other people's supposedly successful and happy lives may not be good for your mental health.</p> <p>Instagram, an app that people use to share photos of their lives as seen through a series of flattering filters, was rated worst for the mental health of young people in a study by the Royal Society for Public Health in the U.K. The researchers asked nearly 1,500 British social media users aged 14 to 25 about five of the most popular social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and YouTube. The aim of the survey was to find out how they feel each of these platforms impacts their health and well-being.</p> <p>Based on the 14 health-related questions, Instagram came out the worst, followed by Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.</p> <p>"Social media has been described as more addictive than cigarettes and alcohol," Shirley Cramer, chief executive of the Royal Society for Public Health, said in a statement. "It is no longer possible to ignore it when talking about young people's mental health issues." (Indeed, one-quarter of millennials look at their phone more than 100 times a day compared with just 10% of baby boomers, a study released this week found.) Both Instagram and Snapchat "are very image-focused and it appears they may be driving feelings of inadequacy and anxiety in young people," she says. (The social networks mentioned in the report did not immediately reply to request for comment.)</p> <p>What's more, teenagers suffering from depression or anxiety often use smartphones as a coping skill rather than learning to sit with their emotions and developing relationships, according to Cole Rucker, co-founder and chief executive of Paradigm Malibu, an adolescent mental health and drug abuse treatment center.</p>

Oversharing on Facebook has previously been linked to loneliness. People who spent the most time on social media had twice the odds of having greater perceived social isolation, a recent study of more than 1,700 people published in the academic “American Journal of Preventive Medicine.” Social isolation, a state in which an individual lacks a sense of social belonging, true engagement with others, and fulfilling relationships, is associated with increased morbidity and mortality, the researchers said.

It isn’t the first time scientific research has linked sadness and Facebook either. More than 79% of the users who describe themselves as “lonely” disclosed personal information, such as their favorite books and movies, compared with less than 65% of other users, according to a 2014 study published by researchers at Charles Sturt University in New South Wales, Australia, which appeared in the journal, “Computers in Human Behaviour.” The study analyzed Facebook postings of more than 600 women — half of them described themselves as “lonely.”

What’s more, nearly 98% of the lonely users shared their relationship status publicly on Facebook instead of restricting it to just friends, and they even publicly shared their home address online, according to the study’s authors, associate professor Yeslam Al-Saggaf and lecture Sharon Neilson from CSU’s School of Computing and Mathematics. People who don’t explicitly state that they’re lonely on Facebook (though some might be) tend to share more about subjects like religion and politics, the study found.

Of course, social media is also a boon for people who feel isolated. “It makes sense that the people who felt lonely would disclose this type of information,” Al-Saggaf says. “They want to make it easier for others to initiate contact with them, which may help them overcome their feelings of loneliness.” But over-dependence on social networks as a social outlet can also lead to what some doctors call “Facebook Depression,” according to a 2010 report, “The Impact of Social Media on Children, Adolescents and Family,” by the American Academy of Pediatrics. (A spokesman for Facebook pointed to its own research that shows connecting with friends online improves well-being.)

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HEADLINE	05/22 Claim: Dylann Roof’s jihad envy
SOURCE	http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2017/05/22/inside-the-head-of-dylann-roof-a-terrorist-paradigm
GIST	<p>He is the classic “lone wolf,” radicalized in front of the glowing computer screen in the darkened room of his own home, brooding over what he reads on the internet, but going back there again and again to feed his frustrations, his dreams of glory, his anger, and his hatred until finally he feels compelled to act.</p> <p>He could be the shooter in Orlando’s Pulse nightclub last June, or the man who drove a truck through the crowd on the seaside promenade in Nice, France, last July; those, too, were people with no clear links to</p>

any terrorist organization (despite ISIS claims), but long histories as losers who couldn't get their lives together.

But those murderers died at the scene of their crimes. This one didn't have the courage to kill himself, and didn't emerge from the carnage he inflicted to die in a hail of bullets as he'd expected.

This one was arrested, and confessed, and was interrogated, and given multiple psychological exams. And now the records of those many hours of interviews have been unsealed by a federal court, giving us some of the most detailed information we will ever have about a murderous lone wolf's psychology—if only we recognize that's what he is.

The catch is that this terrorist is Dylann Roof, who is not a Muslim. He is the young white supremacist who murdered nine black men and women in a Bible study group at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, one evening in June 2015, and because his atrocity does not fit into the category of "radical Islamic terror," it's assumed his way of thinking must be very different from other lone wolves.

As terrorism authority Peter Bergen points out in his book, *United States of Jihad*, "By any reasonable standard, the attack on the church in Charleston was terrorism," but it did not "fit into the political and media narrative that... Muslim militants are the major terrorist problem in the United States."

As a result, the importance of what can be learned from Roof's psychological profiles has largely been missed, starting with the fact that while he did not embrace the doctrines of Islam or jihad, he compared himself to those who did, and saw himself very much in the mold of a holy warrior for his own cause.

James C. Ballenger M.D., who conducted multiple interviews with Roof to judge his competency to stand trial and participate in the death penalty hearing that came after it, wrote in January in a just-unsealed evaluation that Roof "stated the best way he has found to explain his thinking is the analogy of being a Jihadist."

Later in the same interview, Roof "stated clearly that his situation is like a Palestinian in an Israeli jail after killing nine people. He said the Palestinian would not be upset or have any regret, because he would have successfully done what he tried to do."

Typically, people who engage in terrorist causes, particularly the lone wolves or "stray dogs," as Rand's veteran authority on terrorism Brian Jenkins calls them, share at least three basic characteristics.

First there's testosterone. Almost all are young men, and often very frustrated young men on the edge of society with difficulty holding down jobs and problems as well in their sexual relationships, if they have such relationships at all.

Second, there's a narrative. This is perhaps the most important and most misunderstood element in the shaping of a terrorist's thinking. It's often confused with ideology or with religion, but what's important is identification with a story in which a people are oppressed and the terrorist sees himself as a hero who comes to the rescue, even if the price of his courage and commitment is martyrdom.

It is no accident that the seminal ideological tract for al Qaeda is Ayman Zawahiri's Knights Under the Prophet's Banner, or that the so-called caliphate of the self-proclaimed Islamic State tries to cloak its atrocities in the language of ancient chivalry. But this identification with narratives of oppression is not unique to Islamist extremists. One could say the same of terrorists over the years carrying out attacks, for instance, in the name of oppressed Irish Catholics, or downtrodden Tamils, or the peasants of Peru.

And third, the terrorist wants his act to have theatrical impact, projecting his cause and his identification with it on the world stage, a task made much easier today by the prevalence of social media.

What the unsealed psychological evaluations of Dylann Roof show is that this formula of testosterone, narrative, and theater—TNT, if you will—fits his case perfectly.

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HEADLINE	05/21 ISIS tests chemical weapons on humans
SOURCE	http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/isis-iraq-chemical-weapons-nazi-experiments-human-guinea-pigs-a7747156.html
GIST	<p>Isis are conducting chemical weapons experiments on "human guinea pigs" before launching attacks on Western targets, according to secret documents.</p> <p>The extremist group has reportedly poisoned prisoners by spiking their food and water with compounds used in pesticides that are easy to obtain.</p> <p>Security forces now fear the terror network may hatch a twisted plot to contaminate Western food supplies with formulas that quickly dissolve in liquid.</p> <p>The experiments were recorded in a stash of papers found hidden in Mosul University after Iraqi special forces recaptured the city from IS fighters.</p> <p>They reveal one victim was fed thallium sulphate - a colourless, tasteless salt that can be dissolved in water - and began to suffer fever, nausea, and swelling of the stomach and brain before dying in agony ten days later.</p> <p>Isis described the chemical as an "ideal lethal poison" and claimed to be in "possession of an ample amount of the solution to fill demands", according to the documents, which were verified by British and US forces and later obtained by The Times.</p>

	<p>Terrorists also injected a nicotine-based compound, said to have no antidote, into another victim who passed out within seconds and died hours later. Ingredients for the poison are contained in cigarettes and vaping supplies, while thallium sulphate is available for sale in many countries including the US.</p> <p>The chemical weapons report also contained recipes and guides for producing the toxic nicotine compound.</p> <p>Chemical weapons expert Hamish de Bretton-Gordon told The Times: "This is a horrifying throwback to the Nazis who would test nerve agents on live humans. During the Second World War, the Nazis conducted thousands of deadly experiments with mustard gas on prisoners at Sachsenhausen concentration camp, near Berlin."</p> <p>They are thought to have used Mosul University, one of the largest in the Middle East, to develop chemical weapons for the last three years.</p> <p>The programme is now believed to have moved to the group's headquarters in Raqqa, Syria.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/22 Afghan official: 5 killed in ambush
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/official-security-forces-killed-afghanistan-ambush-47554102?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>An Afghan official says that at least five local security forces have been killed after insurgents ambushed their convoy in northern Faryab province.</p> <p>Karim Yuresh, spokesman for the provincial police chief in Faryab, says the victims include a group commander and four of his bodyguards.</p> <p>The attack took place when the commander, who was only identified as Sadat, and his men were on their way to a funeral in Kohistanat district, says Yuresh. He said an unknown number of insurgents were also killed and wounded in the battle.</p> <p>No one claimed responsibility for the attack in Faryab, but both Taliban insurgents and Islamic State group affiliates are active in the province and have of late increased their attacks on Afghan security forces.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/22 Roadside bomb kills 5 northwest Pakistan
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/roadside-bomb-kills-northwest-pakistan-47554546?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed

GIST	<p>A Pakistani government official says a roadside bomb has killed at least five people and wounded several others in a northwest tribal region close to the Afghan border.</p> <p>Mohammad Iqbal Khan says the remote controlled bomb was detonated Monday in Tirah valley in the Khyber tribal region as volunteers from a government-backed militia were moving into the area.</p> <p>Khan said the attack took place in a remote area of the valley and the wounded were being transported to a hospital in the region.</p> <p>No group has immediately claimed responsibility but Islamic State group militants have been responsible for previous similar attacks.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 Suicide attack Syria stronghold kills 14
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/suicide-attack-syrias-insurgent-stronghold-kills-47541040?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>A twin explosion, believed to be caused by a suicide attack, in Syria's rebel-controlled Idlib province Sunday killed at least 14 members of a powerful ultraconservative insurgent group, Syria opposition activists said.</p> <p>It was not clear who was behind the attack. Northern Idlib is an opposition stronghold, but an al-Qaida-linked group has the most sway there and it is at odds with Ahrar al-Sham, the powerful ultraconservative group targeted in the attack.</p> <p>The clashes between the two groups were triggered earlier this year by a new push for rebels to take part in Russia-backed talks to bring about cease-fire. The talks also called for rebel groups to battle against the al-Qaida-linked group, which labelled the talks as treason. But the two groups are essentially fighting for control over Idlib, the one province in Syria that is totally under opposition control and has a border with the outside world, through Turkey.</p> <p>The battles that raged in February were considered the worst infighting in years. But the violence has largely subsided as each group keeps control of separate parts of the province.</p> <p>The attack Sunday hit a meeting of the group's leaders in eastern Idlib. The opposition-operated Baladi News Network quoted a witness as saying at least 15 people were killed in the attack in the village of Tal Touqan, to the east of the provincial capital, targeting a meeting of the group. The news network said the attackers reached the area on a rigged motorcycle.</p> <p>At first, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said at least five Ahrar al-Sham members were killed. It later said the death toll rose to 14, including a local leader, in the twin attacks.</p>

HEADLINE	05/21 Afghan officials: Taliban kill 20 police
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-afghanistan-taliban-idUSKBN18H085?il=0
GIST	<p>At least 20 Afghan policemen were killed in Taliban ambushes in south central Afghanistan, officials said on Sunday, as security forces sought to dislodge insurgents in multiple districts.</p> <p>Fighting is ongoing in Zabul province, where the police were attacked in Shah Joi district, provincial governor Bismullah Afghanmal said. He said the Taliban had ambushed police in the areas of Chino and Ghulam Rabat.</p> <p>"The report we have right now indicates that 20 policemen are martyred and 10 others are wounded. The number may increase," Afghanmal told Reuters.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Chibok girls reunited with families
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-39987271
GIST	<p>A group of the "Chibok girls" freed from Nigeria's Boko Haram militants have been reunited with their families.</p> <p>The 82 girls, who were part of a huge group kidnapped from their school in 2014, are in the care of security services in the capital, Abuja. Their parents travelled by bus through the night to meet their daughters.</p> <p>More than 100 of the 276 girls, taken from the town of Chibok, are still being held by the militant group. Their whereabouts are unknown.</p> <p>The reunion in Abuja had a celebratory atmosphere, with music and dance.</p> <p>The BBC's Alistair Leithead says the girls were already dancing when their parents got off the bus and raced towards them, in an emotional reunion.</p> <p>The 82 young women were only freed two weeks earlier in exchange for five Boko Haram militants.</p> <p>The most recent group freed was supposed to have 83 girls - but one refused to leave, saying she was happy and had found a husband, a Nigerian government spokesman said.</p> <p>The freed girls remain in government care - under the eye of security services who are questioning them about their time spent as captives.</p>

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HEADLINE	05/21 Gunmen kill 6 police in Pakistan
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/police-gunmen-shoot-kill-policemen-north-pakistan-47539372?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Gunmen shot and killed four policemen in one attack on a patrol in northwest Pakistan and in another attack in the south two policemen were killed and two others wounded, police said Sunday.</p> <p>Police official Arif Khan said the first attack took place Sunday in the Kohat district, about 90 kilometers (56 miles) south of Peshawar in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. He said police launched a hunt for the attackers, who fled.</p> <p>Khan said the policemen were returning to their station after a patrol when they were attacked and that the area police chief, his second-in-command and two constables were killed.</p> <p>Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, a breakaway faction of the Pakistani Taliban, claimed responsibility for the attack. It had been involved in previous such attacks in the province, which borders Afghanistan.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 Turkey: ISIS suspects killed in raid
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/suspected-islamic-state-extremists-killed-turkey-raid-47539919?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Turkey's state-run news agency says two people suspected of being members of the Islamic State group have been killed in an Ankara police operation.</p> <p>Ankara's governor told the Anadolu news agency Sunday the suspects may have been planning an attack on Turkey's capital. Police recovered weapons and explosives in the raid. Governor Ercan Topaca said the two men, in their 20s, have not been identified yet.</p> <p>The nighttime police operation was conducted after a man from Azerbaijan, thought to be an IS member, was detained in Istanbul. The unnamed suspect allegedly drove the two men to Ankara.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Iraq forces shrink ISIS stronghold
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/iraq-suicide-attack-oil-rich-basra-kills-47526977?cid=clicksource_76_null_headlines_hed

GIST	<p>Iraq's special forces declared their aspect of the mission to reclaim Mosul completed on Saturday. However heavy fighting still looms between other Iraqi forces and the Islamic State group as IS clings to a dwindling portion of Iraq's second largest city.</p> <p>IS still controls some eight square kilometers of western Mosul, including the dense Old City where some of the toughest battles are expected to play out. It remains to be seen which of the multiple government forces encircling Mosul will be tasked with assaulting the final IS stronghold districts.</p> <p>Special forces spokesman Sabah al-Numan said his troops had finished retaking the area assigned to them, but stood ready "to support any other forces if we are ordered to by the Prime Minister."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Israel intel furious over Trump reveal
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/Israeli-intelligence-officials-furious/2017/05/19/id/791254/
GIST	<p>Israeli intelligence officials are furious that President Donald Trump revealed sensitive information about an ISIS plot during a meeting with Russian officials, fearing he may have compromised a vital source, Foreign Policy reported Friday.</p> <p>"To them, it's horrifying," a U.S. defense official in military planning told Foreign Policy, saying Israeli officials were shouting at their American counterparts. "Their first question was: 'What is going on? What is this?'"</p> <p>According to Foreign Policy, behind a public display of harmony ahead of Trump's visit with Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu next week, Israeli intelligence officials are angry about Trump's disclosures during a May 10 meeting in the White House with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and the Russian ambassador to the United States, Sergey Kislyak.</p> <p>The details likely came from a source who was also useful on Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and its Hezbollah proxies in Syria and Lebanon — high priorities for Israel, Foreign Policy reported.</p> <p>Trump's national security adviser, Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, said the counterterrorism information Trump shared was "wholly appropriate."</p> <p>But according to Foreign Policy, Israeli intelligence officials didn't expect Trump to be careless with "one of their most sensitive of accesses," the official said.</p> <p>"Sources aren't infinite," the defense official said. "They are already reassessing: 'Where are we going to be able to gain that kind of information?'"</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Military buys hundreds 'kamikaze' drones
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/us-soldiers-hundreds-kamikaze/2017/05/19/id/791241/
GIST	<p>The military recently requested hundreds of kamikaze drones to fight the ongoing and ever-changing threat that Islamic State (ISIS) drones pose to U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq.</p> <p>Defense One reports that U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) took delivery of 325 Miniature Aerial Missile Systems (LMAMS). There was an additional order of 350 Switchblade drones that has also been fulfilled.</p> <p>Both drones lock onto enemy drones and destroy them midair. ISIS has been weaponizing publicly available drones by attaching bombs and hand grenades to them.</p> <p>The switchblade drones, according to Defense One, can reach speeds of 100 mph and can fly for 15 minutes at a time.</p> <p>Army Col. John Reim runs SOCOM's Warrior program office and told Defense One his soldiers are seeking drones that can pack a bigger explosive punch.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Gunmen storm bank in Afghanistan
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-afghanistan-attack-idUSKCN18G0ID?il=0
GIST	<p>Gunmen stormed a bank in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday and opened fire, killing at least three people and wounding many more before being shot dead by security forces, officials said.</p> <p>At least three attackers struck the bank in Gardez, the capital of Paktia province, according to the provincial governor's office, and they were all killed at the scene. It said more than 10 people were also wounded in the assault.</p> <p>An official at the city's hospital said they had received three dead bodies, including two police officers and one bank employee, and had treated 31 wounded people. It was not clear what had happened to the attackers' bodies.</p> <p>There was no immediate claim of responsibility, and the attackers' motives were not immediately known.</p> <p>Insurgent groups such as the Taliban and Islamic State often carry out attacks in Afghanistan, including in the past on banks, where police, soldiers, and other government employees routinely collect their paychecks.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 ISIS, AQ rally fighters; exploit Trump
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/isis-uncovered/isis-al-qaeda-use-trump-rally-jihadis-n762201
GIST	<p>As President Trump embarks on a nine-day trip to meet with U.S. allies in the Middle East, counterterrorism officials and experts say ISIS and al Qaeda are trying to use his rhetoric and military moves to turn Muslims against the U.S.</p> <p>"There's a lot of jihadist propaganda that conveys the U.S. as increasingly incompetent and Islamophobic under Trump," said Alex Kassirer, senior analyst at Flashpoint Intelligence, which monitors jihadi web posts for NBC News.</p> <p>A U.S. counterterrorism official confirmed that on the social media accounts most closely associated with the core of ISIS, there has been discussion of Trump's rhetoric. The official said the same narrative, particularly about Trump's so-called Muslim "ban," is found in ISIS recruiting forums.</p> <p>While ISIS has the largest social media presence among Islamic terrorist groups, Kassirer said that al Qaeda and its affiliates have been active in their messaging about U.S. policies under Trump.</p> <p>"There's been a jihadist-wide uptick in this narrative, including not just ISIS, but al al Qaeda as well, and actually al Qaeda and its affiliates have been more vocal," said Kassirer.</p> <p>Just nine days into the Trump presidency, on Jan. 29, Navy Seals raided a Yemeni village on January 29. Fourteen jihadis were killed as well as several women and children. The raid also resulted in the death of an American SEAL.</p> <p>The raid was condemned by Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) on Jan. 31.</p> <p>"This criminal raid came only a few days after the new American President Trump took the reins of power," said a social media post, "thus confirming to the world that America is still the bearer of the banner of criminality against the oppressed in the world and that America persists on targeting Muslim peoples and unjustifiably attacking women and children in the ugliest of images."</p> <p>One of the dead was Nawar "Nora" al-Awlaki, the 8-year-old daughter of Anwar al-Awlaki, the American Muslim cleric who had been killed in 2011.</p> <p>That same week, the President signed the executive order limiting immigration from six Islamic nations. Kassirer said that the so-called Muslim "ban" led to a surge in internet traffic criticizing U.S. treatment of Muslims.</p> <p>"After that, we witnessed a wave of jihadists explaining how that executive order was evidence of anti-Islamic sentiments in the U.S.," said Kassirer. "For example, many were pointing to the late Anwar al-Awlaki's quote that reads: "The West will eventually turn against its Muslim citizens."</p>

	<p>Typical, she said, was a posting on Telegram, an instant messaging service, that read, "what Trump has done has clearly revealed the truth, and harsh reality behind the American government's hatred towards Muslims #MuslimBan."</p> <p>"There has been an abundance of chatter," she said, noting that it can be found not just on social media sites like Telegram and Twitter, but deep web forums reserved for communications between hardline jihadis.</p> <p>Trump has been a unifying figure in the jihadi world, and sometimes both ISIS and al Qaeda will send out the same message about him.</p> <p>How effective is it all? Hard to tell, says experts like Kassirer, who notes that slamming Trump is just a new twist on an old narrative.</p> <p>"The concept that the U.S. (and the West generally) has some sort of disdain for Islam is something that's long been spewed by terrorist organizations and their followers, especially as a major part of their recruitment strategy is to present this binary vision in which the entire world is against Muslims as a way of rallying potential supporters against a common enemy."</p> <p>Trump's rhetoric, she said, has just enhanced that narrative.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Car bombings in Baghdad kill 11
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/iraqi-officials-car-bombings-baghdad-kill-11-people-47519377?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Two car bombs in southwestern Baghdad killed 11 people, including four police officers, and wounded at least 20 late on Friday night, according to Iraqi police and hospital officials.</p> <p>The first attack targeted a police checkpoint in the neighborhood and moments later, the second blast hit a nearby street crowded with civilians, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters.</p> <p>No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack but it bore the hallmarks of the Islamic State group, which has claimed similar bombings in the past.</p> <p>The attack comes as Iraqi forces, backed by the U.S.-led coalition, are slowly moving in on the last neighborhoods held by the Islamic State group in Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Brazil's controversial terror law
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/harsh-sentences-sympathizers-brazil-test-law-47525228
GIST	<p>After months of trading messages on social media praising violence by the Islamic State militant group, Leonid El Kadre de Melo said it was time to act.</p> <p>"I want to be clear," he wrote in a message recovered by Brazilian authorities on the eve of the Rio 2016 Olympics. "My intention is to put together a real and concrete group" to launch attacks.</p> <p>While de Melo's defenders portray that message as a bit of social media bravado, it alarmed Brazilian officials worried that the global Games could prove a target for terrorists. De Melo and 12 other men were detained in July during a high-profile sweep under a new law that greatly widened the scope of what could be considered terrorism in Latin America's largest nation.</p> <p>This month, he and seven other of the men were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 6 years to nearly 16 for de Melo, labelled by authorities as the group's leader.</p> <p>The first — and so far only — use of the law has been controversial in Brazil, a nation that has never suffered a known Islamist terror attack and in a broader region where they have been extremely rare.</p> <p>Former Public Security Secretary Jose Vicente da Silva said the quick reaction of officials "was the only thing that could stop such a crime," and said the sentence was justified given the threat the men posed.</p> <p>But others suggested the law goes too far.</p> <p>Many Brazilians saw little need for such a law: The country of 200 million people has seen little open friction involving its 1.5 million Muslim citizens. In recent decades, intelligence agencies have expressed concerns about possible terrorism activity in Brazil's triple border area with Paraguay and Argentina, but residents there wave aside the concerns, saying the region is simply a melting pot of cultures.</p> <p>The country accounted for only three of the tens of thousands of foreign fighters for the Islamic State group counted in a 2015 study by the Soufan Group, a private intelligence firm.</p> <p>A more visceral worry for many was possible misuse of anti-terror laws in a country and region that suffered through oppressive conservative dictatorships that killed thousands of South Americans. Human rights groups warned that overly broad language could provide tools to suppress free speech.</p> <p>The law calls for up to eight years in prison for "advocating terrorism," and 10 to 20 years for "joining terrorist organizations," though "terrorism" and "terrorist" are not defined.</p>

	<p>In his sentence, federal judge Marcos Josegrei da Silva noted that the men never began planning an attack, but said that "it doesn't matter if there really was any intent to translate public declarations of support into preparations or concrete actions."</p> <p>Still, many doubt the men, most recent converts to Islam, posed much of a threat. Some had visited the Middle East, though authorities have not accused them of making connections with terror groups abroad.</p> <p>The men range in age from 21 to 42, come from different regions of Brazil and have varying levels of education and work experience.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Grenade attacks northwest Pakistan
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/police-15-wounded-grenade-attacks-northwest-pakistan-47525668?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Pakistani police say assailants in a series of attacks have thrown grenades at a school and four homes in a northwestern town, wounding 15 people before fleeing.</p> <p>Police official Zaman Khan says Saturday's attacks took place in the town of Shabqadar, which is located near Mohmand tribal agency. He says police have launched a hunt for those responsible.</p> <p>Khan says no group has claimed responsibility for the attacks, which caused panic among residents.</p> <p>Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, a breakaway faction of Pakistani Taliban militants, has claimed previous bomb attacks in the region in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province bordering Afghanistan, where Pakistan's army has been fighting militants for the past several years.</p> <p>The latest attacks came days after the military said it has eliminated terrorism.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Iraq: suicide attack near oil-rich Basra
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/iraq-suicide-attack-oil-rich-basra-kills-47526977?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>A suicide bombing near the oil-rich city of Basra killed at least eight people as the Islamic State group took the fight against Iraqi forces deep into the country's south, a military commander said Saturday.</p> <p>Five civilians and three troops were killed when the bomber blew up his explosives-laden car on Friday at a checkpoint north of Basra just behind a bus waiting to be cleared, said chief of the Basra Operations Command, Lt. Gen. Jamil al-Shimmari.</p>

	<p>At least 41 others were wounded, al-Shimmari said.</p> <p>A second attacker drove down a desert road after the explosion and security forces killed him, al-Shimmari added.</p> <p>Basra, about 550 kilometers (340 miles) southeast of Baghdad, is home to about 70 percent of the country's proven oil reserves of 153.1 billion barrels. Located on the Persian Gulf and bordering Kuwait and Iran, the city is also Iraq's only outlet to the sea and the hub for most of the country's oil exports, with 3.23 million barrels exported from Basra last month.</p> <p>In an online statement, IS claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it targeted Shiites.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Saudis retaliate Houthi rocket attack
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/saudi-arabia-retaliates-rocket-attack-houthis-47528517?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>The Saudi-led coalition battling Shiite Houthi rebels in Yemen says it has intercepted a Saudi-bound rocket fired by rebels from a military base south of the Houthi-held capital.</p> <p>The coalition leadership is reported in the official Saudi Press Agency as saying that its anti-missile system destroyed the rocket headed for a deserted area south of the capital Riyadh. The coalition said it has immediately retaliated by bombing the Houthi military base in the Attan area following the attack Friday.</p> <p>Houthi-affiliated media had announced that the group fired a rocket targeting the Saudi capital on Friday.</p> <p>A Saudi-led coalition has been battling Shiite Houthi rebels in Yemen since March 2015, in a war that has killed more than 10,000 civilians.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Death toll rises in attack Libya base
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/death-toll-attack-south-libya-army-base-rises-47529039?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>A spokesman for Libya's army says the death toll from a militia attack on an air base in the country's south has increased to 141, including two civilians.</p> <p>Col. Ahmed Mosmary, spokesman for forces loyal to an east-based parliament, said in a news conference late Friday that the number from Thursday's attack had increased from 60.</p>

	<p>Mosmary says the attack on Buraq al-Shati air base effectively ends the cease-fire brokered by the national unity government between militias and the forces commanded by army chief Gen. Khalifa Hifter in the area.</p> <p>Libya descended into chaos following the 2011 civil war that toppled and killed dictator Moammar Gadhafi. The oil-rich nation is now split between rival governments and militias.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Pentagon plans to 'annihilate' ISIS
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/news/pentagon-plans-annihilate-fighters-220433783.html
GIST	<p>Washington (AFP) - President Donald Trump has instructed the Pentagon to "annihilate" the Islamic State group in Syria in a bid to prevent escaped foreign fighters from returning home, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Friday.</p> <p>The move to encircle then kill as many jihadists in place as possible -- rather than letting them exit a city and targeting them as they flee -- reflects an increased urgency to stop battle-hardened jihadists bringing their military expertise and ideology back to European capitals and other areas.</p> <p>The president has "directed a tactical shift from shoving ISIS out of safe locations in an attrition fight to surrounding the enemy in their strongholds so we can annihilate ISIS," Mattis said, using an acronym for IS.</p> <p>"The intent is to prevent the return home of escaped foreign fighters."</p> <p>Trump, who campaigned on a pledge to quickly defeat IS, signed an executive order soon after taking office giving his generals 30 days to come up with a revised plan to wipe the jihadists out.</p> <p>The review resulted in the new "annihilation campaign" and saw commanders gain greater autonomy to make battlefield decisions.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 Report: WHO spends \$200M a year travel
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/world-health-organization-un-agency-spends-big-on-travel-report/
GIST	<p>LONDON -- The World Health Organization routinely spends about \$200 million a year on travel -- far more than what it doles out to fight some of the biggest problems in public health including AIDS, tuberculosis or malaria, according to internal documents obtained by The Associated Press.</p>

As the cash-strapped U.N. health agency pleads for more money to fund its responses to health crises worldwide, it has also been struggling to get its own travel costs under control. Despite introducing new rules to try to curb its expansive travel budget, senior officials have complained internally that U.N. staffers are breaking the rules by booking perks like business class airplane tickets and rooms in five-star hotels.

Last year, WHO spent about \$71 million on AIDS and hepatitis. On malaria, it spent \$61 million. And to slow tuberculosis, WHO invested \$59 million. Still, some health programs do get exceptional funding -- the agency spends about \$450 million trying to wipe out polio every year.

On a recent trip to Guinea, where WHO director-general Dr. Margaret Chan praised health workers in West Africa for triumphing over Ebola, Chan stayed in the biggest presidential suite at the Palm Camayenne hotel in Conakry. The suite has an advertised price of 900 euros, about \$1,008, a night. The agency declined to say who picked up the tab, noting only that her hotels are sometimes paid for by the host country.

But some say that sends the wrong message to the rest of the agency's 7,000 staffers.

Ian Smith, executive director of Chan's office, said the chair of WHO's audit committee said the agency often did little to stop misbehavior.

In a statement to the AP, the U.N. health agency said "the nature of WHO's work often requires WHO staff to travel" and said costs had been reduced 14 percent last year compared to the previous year -- although that year's total was exceptionally high due to the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

But staffers are still openly ignoring the rules.

An internal analysis in March, obtained by the AP, found that only two of seven departments at WHO's Geneva headquarters met their targets, and concluded the compliance rate for booking travel in advance was between 28 and 59 percent.

Since 2013, WHO has paid out \$803 million for travel. WHO's approximately \$2 billion annual budget is drawn from the taxpayer-funded contributions of its 194 member countries, with the United States the largest contributor.

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HEADLINE	05/22 Claim: Venezuela 5,000 Russia SAM missiles
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-venezuela-arms-manpads-idUSKBN1810E9

GIST	<p>Venezuela possesses 5,000 Russian-made MANPADS surface-to-air weapons, according to a military document reviewed by Reuters, the largest known stockpile in Latin America and a source of concern for U.S. officials amid the country's mounting turmoil.</p> <p>Venezuela's socialist government has long used the threat of an "imperialist" invasion by the United States to justify an arms buildup. Much of that arsenal was obtained from Russia by Venezuela's late President Hugo Chavez, whose tenure lasted from 1999 until his death in 2013.</p> <p>The missiles, which are shoulder-mounted and can be operated by one person, pose a serious threat to commercial and military aircraft. Weapons experts said there have long been fears that the weapons could be stolen, sold or somehow channeled to the wrong hands, concerns exacerbated by the current civil unrest in Venezuela and the economic crisis roiling the oil-producing nation.</p> <p>According to a Venezuelan military presentation seen by Reuters, the South American country has 5,000 SA-24 Man-Portable Air-Defense System (MANPADS) missiles, also known as the Igla-S.</p> <p>The document seen by Reuters provides the most complete count to date of the size of the arms stockpile. Public weapons registries confirm the bulk of the numbers seen on the Venezuelan military presentation.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Arctic 'doomsday' seed vault breach
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2017/05/20/Arctic-doomsday-seed-vault-suffers-breach-from-permafrost-melt/7721495287446/?utm_source=fp&utm_campaign=ts&utm_medium=16
GIST	<p>May 20 (UPI) -- The remote Arctic "doomsday" seed vault that houses some 800,000 vital crop seeds to be used in the event of a disaster suffered a water breach from melting permafrost due to soaring Arctic temperatures officials said Friday.</p> <p>The Svalbard Global Seed Vault, more commonly known as the "Doomsday Vault," was built in 2008 in a mountain on the Norwegian island of Spitsberge as a failsafe way to protect important crops in the event of a man-made or natural disaster. An unexpected heat wave in the Arctic triggered melting of snow and ice.</p> <p>The seeds were protected from the water, but the incident alarmed some officials who thought the layers of permafrost, which is made up of Ice Age-era soil, bone fragments and water, would never melt. The water only made it as far as the entranceway to the seed vault and refroze.</p> <p>"A lot of water went into the start of the tunnel and then it froze to ice, so it was like a glacier when you went in," said Hege Njaa Aschim, from the Norwegian government, which owns the vault.</p>

	Scientist Cary Fowler, who helped create the vault, said the seeds are protected from any sort of melt because the area where the seeds are located is positioned uphill from the vault entrance.
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HEADLINE	05/21 Plane clips LAX truck; 8 injured
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/travel/2017/05/21/plane-clips-truck-after-landing-injuring-8-people-at-la-airport.html
GIST	<p>LOS ANGELES – Eight people were injured Saturday after an Aeromexico passenger jet clipped a supply truck shortly after landing at Los Angeles International Airport, authorities said.</p> <p>The Boeing 737 was taxiing to an arrival gate and was crossing a service road when the plane's right wing tip "acted like a hook," lifted the rear top of the high-profile truck and tipped it over, airport Officer Rob Pedregon said.</p> <p>Two people in the truck were seriously hurt and six others had minor injuries, fire officials said.</p> <p>Airport officials said no one was hurt on the flight from Mexico City, which was carrying 149 passengers and crew. The plane's wing was damaged in the collision, the city fire department said.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 NKorea missile passes reentry test
SOURCE	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/20/northkorea-missile-passes-re-entry-test-breakthrough-nuclear/
GIST	<p>The ballistic missile launched by North Korea on May 14 successfully re-entered the Earth's atmosphere, according to analysts, a significant breakthrough for Pyongyang's missile programme.</p> <p>Defence officials in South Korea and the US have confirmed that the launch of the liquid- fuel Hwasong-12 was a success.</p> <p>North Korea claimed that the weapon reached an altitude of 2,111.5 km (1,312 miles) and travelled a distance of 489 miles before breaching Japan's Air Defence Identification Zone and splashing down in the Sea of Japan.</p> <p>The missile took a steep parabolic route that tested its ability to survive re-entry into the atmosphere, with North Korean state media reporting that the missile - capable of carrying a "large-size, heavy nuclear warhead" to a target on the US mainland - had come through "the worst re-entry situation" and struck its intended target.</p> <p>Analysts have long considered the largest challenges to North Korea's ballistic missile programme to be achieving re-entry and miniaturising a nuclear warhead to enable it to be mounted on a missile.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Spike in Seattle apartments with A/C
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/business/real-estate/big-spike-in-apartments-with-a-c-as-seattle-gets-warmer-landlords-launch-arms-race/
GIST	<p>As Seattle summers keep getting hotter and hotter, a once-unthinkable perk for renters here has become more commonplace: air conditioning.</p> <p>Traditionally, there hasn't been much of a point for local developers to spend the extra money to install A/C: Seattle has among the coolest summers in the country, and new construction was rare enough that new buildings didn't need extras — they stood out just for being new.</p> <p>But now the record apartment construction boom sweeping the city has created what some in the industry have called an “amenities arms race” to attract tenants.</p> <p>Things like rooftop decks, gyms and dog play areas are a dime a dozen. Now A/C has become a way for landlords to stand out in a sea of apartment ads.</p> <p>Before this decade, only 6 percent of all rentals in the Seattle metro area had central air conditioning, according to Census statistics— the lowest rate for any major region in the country.</p> <p>But 25 percent of apartments built so far this decade in greater Seattle have central A/C — a four-fold increase over the old days. (These numbers don't include the cheaper window units, but those are on the rise, too — more on that later.)</p> <p>Megan Murphy, a senior manager at one of the biggest developers in town, Paul Allen's Vulcan Real Estate, said that just a decade ago the company never would have even considered including A/C in its buildings. But now it's standard for all apartments in Vulcan's new high-rises, and comes included at many of the units in its smaller projects.</p> <p>Another factor: A/C is standard in a lot of other regions, and with the rise in new residents moving from locales with hotter summers like California, Texas, Chicago and New York, tenants come with the expectation that air conditioning will be included, Murphy said.</p> <p>The increase in air-conditioned apartments might be more noticeable here, but it matches a similar, nationwide trend: About 82 percent of U.S. rentals built this decade had central air, up from a previous average of 56 percent. The typical U.S. apartment is nearly eight times more likely to have central air than one in Seattle.</p> <p>The planet had its hottest year on record last year, topping 2015, which topped 2014, continuing a warming trend that's been going on for more than a decade.</p>

	<p>About 14 percent of apartments in the Seattle region had air conditioners that only cool one room each in 2015, up from 11 percent in 2013. That trend spans apartments of all ages, suggesting that renters are actively seeking out and installing more air conditioning or landlords are retrofitting them with smaller A/C units.</p> <p>Overall, when including all types of A/C, 21 percent of apartments in the greater Seattle region had air conditioning as of 2015, making us the least air-conditioned place in the country for renters, among major metro areas.</p> <p>By comparison, 86 percent of U.S. apartments have some kind of air conditioning. It's 55 percent in the Portland region and 27 percent in the San Francisco area.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Skin cancer rates on rise in Washington
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/health/skin-cancer-rates-on-the-rise-in-washington/441314590
GIST	<p>While most of Washington is used to rainy days and overcast skies, new data reveals residents are getting more sun exposure than they may think, as statistics report the rate of melanoma cases are on the rise.</p> <p>Melanoma is a form of skin cancer, and according to data from the Washington State Cancer Registry, the rates have been increasing by about 2 percent per year since 2000. According to the Department of Health, Washington is in the top 10 states for the highest rates of newly diagnosed melanoma cases.</p> <p>Puget Sound communities, specifically Jefferson, Island, King, San Juan, Kitsap, Skagit, and Snohomish counties, also have significantly higher levels of sun damage than the rest of the state. Between 2010 and 2014, the rates of newly diagnosed cancer cases from these communities combined were higher than those of the state as a whole.</p> <p>This news may come as a surprise to Washington residents, who are used to the gray weather and lack of sun. However, according to the Department of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency says that 80 percent of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays pass through clouds and can be reflected off water, sand, and snow.</p> <p>"It may be surprising that skin cancer is high in areas where rain and clouds dominate the sky for so many months of the year," said Janna Bardi, who oversees the department's Comprehensive Cancer Control Programs, in a release.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Some Rio Olympic medals falling apart
SOURCE	http://olympics.nbcsports.com/2017/05/19/rio-olympic-medals-defective/?cid=eref:nbcnews:text

GIST	<p>Dozens of Rio Olympic medals have suffered “unsightly staining” or had their coverings fall away, according to Agence France-Presse.</p> <p>“We’re seeing problems with the covering on between six or seven percent of the medals, and it seems to be to do with the difference in temperatures,” Rio 2016 spokesman Mario Andrada said, according to the report, which estimated that 2,021 medals were awarded in August.</p> <p>Six or seven percent of 2,021 medals is between 121 medals and 141 medals. Most of the defective medals are silver medals, and Rio 2016 and the Brazilian mint are working with the IOC on a system to repair or replace defective medals.</p> <p>About 30 percent of the Rio Olympic silver and bronze medals came from recycled materials.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Suicides highest w/middle-age men
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/it-s-not-just-chris-cornell-suicide-rates-highest-among-n762221
GIST	<p>The news that 52-year-old Seattle grunge rock icon Chris Cornell had killed himself after a concert in Detroit shocked and saddened fans of the Soundgarden frontman.</p> <p>But perhaps even more shocking is the fact that Cornell was scores of middle-aged American men who took their own lives on Wednesday: 121 Americans die by suicide each day, according to the Centers for Disease Control — and 93 of them are men. (The Wayne County medical examiner's office declared Cornell's death a suicide by hanging; Cornell's wife has disputed that ruling and suggested her late husband's anti-anxiety medication may have played a role.)</p> <p>In fact, American men make up the bulk of suicides nationwide. Victims of death by suicide are overwhelmingly white (7 out of 10), male and — just like Cornell — between the ages of 45 and 65. Middle-aged male suicide is a silent crisis, one that experts say often comes as a surprise to loved ones who typically do not see signs of mental health struggles until it's too late.</p> <p>"Men notoriously don't seek help," said Julie Cerel, president of the American Association of Suicidology and a professor at the University of Kentucky School of Social Work. "And as people are aging and at a place in their lives where the world isn't looking the way they want, men especially don't know how to reach out and get help or express that they're feeling pain."</p> <p>Doreen Marshall, a psychologist and the Vice President of Programs at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, told NBC News that "you don't need to be a clinician to help somebody."</p>

	<p>Marshall said one of the challenges of combating suicide in middle-aged men is that they are difficult to reach through traditional methods, like professional mental health clinics. So her organization has had to get creative, reaching out to at-risk men by going to them directly.</p> <p>"We formed a partnership with the National Shooting Sports Foundation," said Marshall, "to get the message out to retailers and gun ranges, hunting clubs, those kinds of groups."</p> <p>At some gun shops, you might receive a pamphlet about suicide risk and prevention along with your latest purchase. That, Marshall says, is part of the effort to fight the most prevalent method — nearly half of all U.S. suicides involve firearms.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Hanford: worker clothing contaminated
SOURCE	https://www.wsj.com/articles/workers-clothing-exposed-to-radioactive-contamination-at-hanford-nuclear-site-1495242578
GIST	<p>A worker’s clothing was exposed to radioactive contamination at a former nuclear-weapons production site in Washington state late Thursday, in what Gov. Jay Inslee called an “alarming incident” that should prompt federal officials to expedite their cleanup of the decommissioned facility.</p> <p>Earlier in the day, Mr. Inslee and Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, both Democrats, sent a letter to President Donald Trump and other White House officials asking for more funding to accelerate the cleanup of the troubled Hanford nuclear-weapons site, about 200 miles southeast of Seattle.</p> <p>The letter was sent after the collapse last week of an underground tunnel containing radioactive materials, prompting an emergency declaration and evacuation of some employees.</p> <p>While there was no indication of radioactive contamination after the collapse, federal officials said, the incident was another setback to a cleanup begun in 1989 of the complex, which contains highly radioactive material from World War II and the Cold War.</p> <p>No injuries were reported in the Thursday incident at Hanford. But U.S. Department of Energy officials said unusually high contamination was discovered when a robotic device used to measure the thickness of tanks containing radioactive waste was being maneuvered by a contractor.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 ‘Kissing bug’ deadlier than thought
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/05/19/health/chagas-kissing-bugs-disease-deaths-underestimated/index.html
GIST	(CNN)The nickname given to the insects that spread Chagas disease is somewhat bittersweet: kissing bugs.

Their name stems from the fact that they like biting humans around their lips and faces as they sleep, after which they defecate into the wound with feces that harbor an infectious parasite, Trypanosoma cruzi.

The parasite then enters the bloodstream and causes Chagas disease, also known as trypanosomiasis.

Though the disease is generally considered to be mild or even asymptomatic among most, a new study has found that deaths fueled by the infection are much more common than we know -- and are going unrecognized.

In the study, published Thursday in the journal PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases, infection with Chagas was found to increase risk of death by two to three times.

"In every age category, people who had Chagas died more than people who didn't have Chagas," said Dr. Ligia Capuani, an infectious disease researcher at Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de Sao Paulo, in Brazil, who led the research.

"So if you're infected early in life, you should be treated," she said.

Diagnosis is a challenge in many parts of Central and South America, where the disease is most prevalent, with people often finding out that they are infected only when they donate blood, explained Capuani.

The kissing bugs behind the disease have also been reported in 25 US states, with the largest concentration in the South.

More than 6 million people are estimated to be infected globally, according to the World Health Organization, with up to 30% of people chronically infected developing heart issues and 10% developing digestive or neurological symptoms.

The CDC estimates that there are 300,000 cases of Chagas in the United States, with most of those contracted in other countries.

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HEADLINE	05/19 IBM ends work from home for many
SOURCE	http://money.cnn.com/2017/05/19/technology/ibm-work-at-home/index.html
GIST	<p>For thousands of IBM employees, the ability to work from home is a key advantage of their job. But the company said Friday that it's ending that benefit for many of them.</p> <p>The technology giant has been a leader in terms of letting employees work from home, and has bragged about the savings and increased productivity that's resulted. About 40% of its nearly 400,000 employees</p>

worldwide did not have a traditional office, the company said in 2007, which the last time it released such data.

But now the company is changing its policy, and many of its employees will have to reacquaint themselves with office life.

"In many fields, such as software development and digital marketing, the nature of work is changing, which requires new ways of working," said a statement from the company. "We are bringing small, self-directed agile teams in these fields together." The policy change was reported earlier by the Wall Street Journal.

IBM declined to say how many employees will have to return to the office, or where they will be located. It did say some will still be able to work remotely.

The vast majority of workers who have been asked to return the office have agreed to do so, IBM said.

The company added that while some exceptions to the policy will be made, some employees will lose their jobs if they're unwilling to work in offices.

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HEADLINE	05/21 South King Co. cities gang violence
SOURCE	http://www.rentonreporter.com/news/renton-and-other-cities-reorganize-task-force-to-address-rising-south-king-county-gang-violence/
GIST	<p>Gang violence is on the rise in all of South King County. Regional leaders, including Renton officials, got together on Tuesday, May 10 to discuss how to get ahead of the issue.</p> <p>Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell and Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus convened a meeting last week that was attended by South King County mayors, police chiefs, city managers, city administrators and staff from Auburn, Algonia, Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Pacific, Renton, SeaTac and Tukwila, as well as the Seattle Police Department and the King County Sheriff's Office.</p> <p>"This is not just a Federal Way problem or a Kent problem," Ferrell said Wednesday. "This is a King County problem."</p> <p>Backus said in a news release South King County has already experienced 16 gun homicides, 48 other shootings in which victims were wounded, and almost 100 incidents of reported shots fired in the last few months.</p>

Federal Way Police Chief Andy Hwang said the coordinated effort among South King County cities to take on gang violence is not something that's occurred before. While each agency has worked with the FBI, this collaboration, which will include working with the King County Prosecutor's Office on stricter penalties, is unprecedented.

First, the Valley Narcotics Enforcement Task Force will be refocused to become the Valley Enforcement Gangs and Narcotics task force. That group is supported by the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Then, local police chiefs will also hold weekly meetings for up-to-date information sharing.

"Here at FWPD, we're using our Special Investigations Unit and gang officers to address specific individuals and target homes in Federal Way," Hwang said, adding that he's excited about the intel meetings as they will be "critical."

While Ferrell wouldn't identify the gangs in the South King County area so as not to increase their status, he did say they are allying themselves with other gangs and are in a warfare. Specifically, "the Hispanic gang conflict occurring right now" started last year and began in another part of the county and was "territorial in nature," Ferrell added.

Identifying offenders, finding out where they live, learning about conflicts within gangs and arresting gang members will be a key strategy in preventing anymore violence, Ferrell said.

"I'm doing this now because the weather is heating up as we get into summer," Ferrell said. "What I will not do is tolerate, as mayor, innocent civilians caught in the crossfire. We're going to get ahead of it, on top of it and address it."

Ferrell said there are no budget implications associated with the task force's reorganization.

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HEADLINE	05/21 Police respond to stabbing at street fair
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/man-stabbed-in-university-district/525003556
GIST	SEATTLE - Seattle police responded to reports of a stabbing around 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon at University Way NE and NE 42nd Street in the University District. Seattle police officers were putting pressure on the wound, but the incident did not sound life threatening. The victim is being transported to Harborview Medical Center.

	The incident occurred at the 48th annual University District Street Fair that brings “together the best in local arts and crafts, music, and food” according to the event website.
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HEADLINE	05/21 Yakima man shot waiting to cross road
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2017/05/21/man-shot-in-face-while-waiting-to-cross-the-road-in-yakima/
GIST	<p>YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — The Yakima County Sheriff’s Office is investigating after a man was shot in the face while waiting at a crosswalk.</p> <p>Deputies were called to the area near Highway 97 at about 7:15 p.m. Saturday. The 24-year-old victim was from the Toppenish, Washington, area.</p> <p>Deputies say the victim and a relative were waiting to cross the road when a silver sedan carrying four people drove by. Someone in the back seat leaned out and yelled something at the victim before pulling out a pistol and opening fire.</p> <p>At least five shots were fired and one struck the victim in the face.</p> <p>The victim didn’t know the suspects and officials don’t think it was gang related.</p> <p>The man was treated at the Toppenish Hospital before being flown to a Seattle hospital for surgery.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/22 Calif. pot convictions go up in smoke
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_CALIFORNIA_MARIJUANA_CONVICTIONS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2017-05-22-05-04-16
GIST	<p>LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Jay Schlauch's conviction for peddling pot haunted him for nearly a quarter century.</p> <p>The felony prevented him from landing jobs, gave his wife doubts about tying the knot and cast a shadow over his typically sunny outlook on life.</p> <p>So when an opportunity arose to reduce his record to a misdemeanor under the voter-approved law that legalized recreational marijuana last year, Schlauch wasted little time getting to court.</p> <p>"Why should I be lumped in with, you know, murderers and rapists and people who really deserve to get a felony?" he asked.</p> <p>This lesser-known provision of Proposition 64 allows some convicts to wipe their rap sheets clean and offers hope for people with past convictions who are seeking work or loans. Past crimes can also pose a deportation threat for some convicts.</p>

It's hard to say how many people have benefited, but more than 2,500 requests were filed to reduce convictions or sentences, according to partial state figures reported through March. The figures do not yet include data from more than half of counties from the first quarter of the year.

While the state does not tally the outcomes of those requests, prosecutors said they have not fought most petitions.

Marijuana legalization advocates, such as the Drug Policy Alliance, have held free legal clinics to help convicts get their records changed. Lawyers who specialize in pot defense have noted a steady flow of interest from new and former clients.

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HEADLINE	05/19 Baltimore food stamp fraud cases
SOURCE	http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/breaking/bs-md-food-stamp-fraud-20170519-story.html
GIST	<p>A Baltimore man was ordered Friday to pay more than \$3.7 million in restitution for illegally trafficking in food stamps.</p> <p>U.S. District Judge Richard D. Bennett also sentenced Mohammad Shafiq, 51, to almost four years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release.</p> <p>Shafiq's sentencing was part of a series of prosecutions involving 14 Baltimore-area retailers who were indicted in August 2016 by a federal grand jury for food stamp and wire fraud.</p> <p>The operators collectively obtained more than \$16 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture by illegally trading food stamp benefits for cash, according to the indictment. Twelve of the fourteen charged defendants have pleaded guilty and two were sentenced this week.</p> <p>Mohammad Irfan, 59, of Baltimore County was sentenced Thursday to more than four years in prison and ordered to pay about \$3.6 million in restitution. He also faces three years of supervised release.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/22 Police: bomb at Thai hospital wounds 25
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/thai-authorities-bomb-hospital-bangkok-wounded-20-people-47553995
GIST	<p>A bomb exploded at a military-run hospital in Bangkok on Monday, the third anniversary of a military coup, and police said 25 people were wounded.</p> <p>Investigators found remnants of batteries and wires at the scene of the blast on the ground floor of Phramongkutklao Hospital, said Srivara Ransibrahmanakul, the deputy national police chief.</p> <p>"We can confirm at this stage that it is a bomb," he said.</p>

	<p>Three people suffered serious shrapnel injuries to the face and neck, but most of the victims had minor wounds, said Sansern Kaewkumnerd, a government spokesman.</p> <p>It was not immediately clear who was behind the explosion or if it was connected to the anniversary of the 2014 military coup that overthrew a democratically elected government.</p> <p>Phramongkutklao is a military-run hospital that is also open to civilians. The blast radius from the explosion was 2 to 3 meters (up to 9 feet), police said.</p> <p>Since the 2014 coup, at least six explosions have occurred in Bangkok. Last Monday, a bomb went off in front of the country's National Theater. Last month, a similar explosion took place in front of an old government lottery office.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/21 Driver claims reach out to mental health
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/veteran-claims-sought-treatment-prior-driving-times-square/story?id=47543783
GIST	<p>Richard Rojas, the 26-year-old Navy veteran who rammed his car into a crowd in New York's Times Square last week, killing an 18-year-old woman and injuring 20 others, claims that he reached out to a mental health counselor prior to taking his fateful drive.</p> <p>“He said he’d call me on Monday,” Rojas told the New York Post in a jailhouse interview while speaking about his attempts to seek counselling. “Monday hasn’t come yet.”</p> <p>Shortly before noon on Thursday Rojas, a resident of the Bronx, was driving south on 7th Avenue when he slowed down and allowed traffic to pass. He then made a U-turn at 42nd Street, accelerated, and started to strike down pedestrians, according to police.</p> <p>He accelerated and continued driving until he crashed at 45th Street, the NYPD said. After Rojas crashed, he exited the vehicle.</p> <p>“I wanted to kill them,” he said of his victims, according to prosecutors.</p> <p>Kenya Bradix, 47, a Planet Hollywood door supervisor, tackled Rojas and helped hold him until police arrived, he told ABC News.</p> <p>Court records said Rojas was observed with “glassy eyes, slurred speech, and was unsteady on his feet.” He had smoked pot laced with PCP before the incident, he told police, who later confirmed that he had the drug in his system at the time.</p>

	<p>The Post, which interviewed Rojas from New York's Riker's Island jail complex, described him as being "weepy," while discussing his attempts to seek help.</p> <p>"I was trying to get help," Rojas told the Post. "I wanted to fix my life. I wanted to get a job. Get a girlfriend."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Backpage rapist gets 25yrs to life
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/news/crime/article/Backpage-rapist-gets-25-years-to-life-for-11160868.php
GIST	<p>TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A 23-year-old man who raped and robbed women he met through Backpage.com could be in prison for the rest of his life.</p> <p>The News Tribune reports Anthony Hayes was sentenced Friday in Pierce County Superior Court to 25 years to life.</p> <p>The sentence means Hayes must serve at least 25 years in prison.</p> <p>Then it will be up to the state's Indeterminate Sentence Review Board to determine if and when he is released.</p> <p>Hayes pleaded guilty last month to first-degree rape, three counts of robbery, three counts of unlawful imprisonment, felony harassment, second-degree rape and assault for a series of attacks in late 2015 and early 2016.</p> <p>Charging documents say Hayes met women on the website, met them at Tacoma motels and raped and robbed them at knifepoint.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Pierce Co. eyes crew in bold heist
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2017/05/19/cell-phone-store-crooks-help-id-crew-of-bold-well-organized-pierce-county-suspects/
GIST	<p>The search is on in Pierce County for a crew of crooks who pulled off a bold heist at a cell phone store and detectives are hoping you can help identify the three suspects.</p> <p>Watch the video to see them enter the store pretty nonchalantly. This happened at the Metro PCS on 72nd St. E. in Tacoma. They walk off-camera. That's when detectives say they violently ripped three iPhones from the display. You see the first suspect start to run out the door. The other two suspects scoot past the worker who tries to stop them — even pushing her out of the way a bit as they run out — and then they're gone.</p>

“This is obviously an organized theft,” says Pierce County Det. Ed Troyer. “They were in and out in 15 seconds. There was some pre-planning and they stole the high-end items and organized retail theft groups, that’s how they make their living, so we’d like the public’s help to get these guys caught.”

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HEADLINE	05/19 FBI \$20K reward for Tacoma killer
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2017/05/17/fbi-offers-reward-up-to-20000-for-info-on-whereabouts-of-accused-tacoma-killer/
GIST	<p>TACOMA — The FBI and Tacoma Police Department are offering a cash reward of up to \$20,000 for information leading to the arrest of a suspect wanted in two murders.</p> <p>On February 7, 2010, detectives say Santiago “Pucho” Villalba Mederos was looking to retaliate against rival gang members when he encountered a brother and sister in their car, chased them and fired multiple shots into the vehicle.</p> <p>The two innocent victims were not involved in gang activity and police say he targeted them solely because of the color of their vehicle. The 18-year-old girl, Camille Love, was killed and her brother Joshua seriously wounded.</p> <p>“He just comes from behind us and gets in the lane next to us, speeds up to us, gets beside us and he just started shooting,” Joshua told Washington’s Most Wanted in 2010. “She wasn’t moving. I grabbed the side of her face and I was like, Cami, Cami. She had a blank look on her face.”</p> <p>Mederos was also allegedly involved in the murder of another innocent person on March 25, 2010.</p> <p>Prosecutors say he and other gang members went to collect money from a person they knew. According to investigators, Mederos and other gang members broke into and ransacked that person's vehicle. Several innocent bystanders observed this situation and confronted the group. A fight ensued during in which Mederos allegedly fired a single gunshot towards the bystanders, striking and killing an innocent 25-year-old man.</p> <p>"These crimes that were committed, we don't forget about them and we seek justice for the victims of these homicides, so it's important for us to find them and bring them back to face the charges," said FBI Special Agent Terry Postma.</p> <p>Mederos facing a slew of charges in Pierce County Superior Court including Murder in the First Degree, Attempted Murder in the First Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Murder in the First Degree and Murder in the 2nd Degree.</p> <p>The FBI believes Mederos may be in Mexico. He speaks both English and Spanish.</p>

HEADLINE	05/19 'Joker' gets 40yrs prison for murder
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2015/05/23/update-federal-way-police-identify-suspect-in-homicide/
GIST	FEDERAL WAY — May 19, 2017 Michael Espinosa aka 'Joker' was sentenced in King County Superior Court to 39 years and 8 months in prison after he was convicted of Murder 2nd Degree with a rapid recidivism and gun enhancement. Espinosa shot and killed the victim in Federal Way less than two months after he was released from prison on March 27, 2015.
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HEADLINE	05/19 Bainbridge schools spike in sex assaults
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/bainbridge-high-students-report-more-sexual-assaults
GIST	BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, Wash. -- Bainbridge police have seen a significant spike in sexual assault reports from high school students on Bainbridge Island since the start of 2016. Police Chief Matthew Hamner says the department investigated three reported assaults total between 2014 and 2015. But last year alone, students reported eight assaults, with five more already reported this year. He says two students have come forward just this month. “I was shocked, because we really have great youth on the island,” Hamner said. Hamner says most of the alleged attackers were other students, and alcohol or drugs was involved in the majority of cases. Two teenagers are awaiting trial right now for alleged crimes after a party at Pritchard Park last August. One allegedly gave a 15-year-old girl Xanax, then raped her as she begged him to stop. He is charged with third-degree rape. The other teen is charged with third-degree child molestation for alleged sexual contact with another 15-year-old. But Hamner says those numbers may not mean more assaults are actually happening. He says Bainbridge police have worked hard to create a trust with the community that would encourage victims to come forward and report incidents. He thinks perhaps more victims are just reporting. Bainbridge Island School District sent a letter home to parents earlier this month to acknowledge the reports of sexual assault and offer resources for students and parents in need.

	Bainbridge police also want victims to feel safe reporting assaults. Only four of the 13 reports since the start of 2016 have led to charges, Hamner says. He attributes that to the burden of proof with these charges. But he stressed the department will always support a victim who comes forward.
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HEADLINE	05/20 Granite Falls standoff ends in arrest
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/swat-team-called-in-as-convicted-felon-barricades-himself-inside-home-in-granite-falls
GIST	<p>GRANITE FALLS, Wash. - A standoff of several hours here ended Saturday morning with the arrest of a man who had barricaded himself inside a home in the 500 block of Jordan Road in Granite Falls, according to the Snohomish County Sheriff's office.</p> <p>He was found in the home's attic. The Sheriff's Office says there were no injuries.</p> <p>Officials said it began around 6:30 p.m. Friday when someone called 911 to report a man in a black truck had threatened him with a gun in the 17000 block of 114th Place Northeast.</p> <p>The suspect, a 40-year-old convicted felon, fled the area then showed up at the home on Jordan Road around 7 p.m. and barricaded himself inside.</p> <p>The SWAT team responded.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Men charged in brutal Metro bus attack
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/3-charged-with-assault-in-brutal-attack-of-metro-bus-rider/524493099
GIST	<p>Three men have been charged with assault after attacking a rider on a Metro bus April 5, the Seattle Times reported.</p> <p>KIRO 7 reported on Wednesday that a Seattle teen was facing assault charges over his involvement in a brutal attack on a homeless man. The incident was caught on a bus' camera.</p> <p>Shortly after midnight, a man got off a RapidRide D Line bus on 15th Ave. NW in Ballard.</p> <p>A young man can be seen following the man and soon after, he pushes the man into other people and then throws him to the ground. He is then joined by two others.</p> <p>Suddenly, the three men converge on the man, pushing and hitting him. The three appear to gang up on the man, pummeling him and throwing him to the ground.</p>

	King County court documents state that the man was punched 27 times, some that were running kicks to the head. Supervisors at Harborview Medical Center told police the man will have long-term traumatic brain injuries.
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HEADLINE	05/19 Thieves kick-in door in jewelry robbery
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/thieves-kick-in-arlington-couples-door-steal-priceless-jewelry/524629760
GIST	<p>ARLINGTON, Wash. - An Arlington family says took thousands of dollars in irreplaceable jewelry. The break-in happened in Arlington’s High Clover neighborhood Thursday afternoon when the house was empty.</p> <p>Police say these criminals kicked in the family’s front door, which they tell us is very rare, plus they only ransacked one room in the entire house.</p> <p>The master bedroom was destroyed-- personal belongings discarded like trash—and two jewelry boxes with far more sentimental value than any high end electronics the thieves could have grabbed were gone.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Walmart worker stabbed by shoplifter
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/walmart-security-guard-stabbed-by-shoplifting-suspect-in-federal-way/441401835
GIST	<p>South King Fire officials say a loss prevention officer at a Federal Way Walmart was stabbed in the stomach by a shoplifting suspect Friday night.</p> <p>Here's what we know as of 11:30 p.m. Friday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The incident happened at the Walmart on 16th Ave S in Federal Way. • The security guard said he followed a female suspect out of the store; that's when he was stabbed in the abdomen. • The suspect was stopped by bystanders until Federal Way police arrived. <p>The injured loss prevention officer was transported to Harborview Medical Center. He was listed in stable condition.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Police eyed serial shooter for months
SOURCE	https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2017/05/20/suspect-phoenix-serial-shootings-eyed-police-months-record-shows/334192001/

GIST	<p>PHOENIX — Police had been eyeing Aaron Juan Saucedo as a suspect in the Phoenix "Serial Street Shooter" investigation for nine months before he was officially tied to the case on May 8, threading together a web of information that included witness statements, ballistics evidence and surveillance footage, a previously withheld court record shows.</p> <p>Fifteen shell casings were found in two vehicles that Saucedo had been driving. Police say they have since linked them to the spree of unsolved murders that have rattled Phoenix for months.</p> <p>Acting on a judge's recent order, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office on Friday filed a redacted version of a public record that until then had been sealed by the court.</p> <p>The record, known as a Form IV, offers the first glimpse at the investigation that tied 24-year-old Saucedo to one of Phoenix's most prolific killing sprees — nine homicides in a matter of 11 months.</p> <p>Police offered scant investigative details when they announced Saucedo's arrest, only divulging the types of evidence that they say tied him to the crimes.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Mail carrier aided gang selling drugs
SOURCE	https://www.aol.com/article/news/2017/05/19/police-u-s-mail-carrier-helped-gang-deliver-drugs-part-of-larger-bust/22099919/?ncid=txtlnkusaolp00000058&
GIST	<p>MEMPHIS, TN (WREG) -- Twenty-five people have been indicted after a large drug bust in Memphis.</p> <p>The Memphis Police Department and Shelby County District Attorneys Office announced the seven month operation on Thursday.</p> <p>25 people have been indicted on various felony drug and conspiracy charges.</p> <p>Police also say a letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service was helping a gang sell drugs. The carrier has been identified as Letravivus Shaw.</p> <p>Police say the bust involved the Grape Street Crips, the Travelling Vice Lords, and the Gangster Disciples criminal gangs.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/19 Mexico: gunmen rob busload of police
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/gunmen-rob-busload-federal-police-officers-mexico-47516613?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	Authorities in Mexico say gunmen have assaulted and robbed a bus full of federal police.

	<p>The National Security Commission reports that the bus was carrying 29 unarmed officers dressed in civilian clothes Monday night to Mexico City, where they were to be on leave after 25 straight days on duty in the Pacific resort city of Acapulco.</p> <p>The commission says the driver pulled over to check a mechanical problem near a toll booth in the state of Morelos. Armed men then boarded the bus, threatened him and the passengers and relieved them of their possessions.</p> <p>A statement late Thursday says the officers did not resist in order to avoid injuries or loss of life. Authorities are searching for the robbers.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Murder charges in Times Square crash
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/05/19/us/new-york-times-square-driver-charged/index.html
GIST	<p>New York (CNN) Moments after barreling his car through the crowded sidewalks in Manhattan's Times Square, Richard Rojas told a traffic agent, "I wanted to kill them all," according to a criminal complaint.</p> <p>A troubled man with a history of drunken driving, Rojas bolted from his maroon Honda Accord after his deadly midday rampage on Thursday that left one person dead and 20 others injured.</p> <p>Rojas moved unsteadily, his eyes were glassy and his speech slurred after his car crashed to a fiery stop, the complaint said.</p> <p>"I smoked," Rojas allegedly told an officer after. He later told another officer, "I smoked marijuana. I laced the marijuana with PCP," according to the complaint.</p> <p>Rojas, a Bronx resident who had served in the Navy, tested positive for PCP and told police that God made him do it, a law enforcement source told CNN.</p> <p>The suspect, who suffered from "psychological issues," also told police he expected officers to shoot him, according to the source.</p> <p>In addition to the murder charge, Rojas also faces 20 counts of attempted murder, one count of aggravated vehicular homicide and a count of attempted murder in the second degree, according to the criminal complaint.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/20 Man faces charges flight disturbance
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/05/19/us/american-airlines-passenger-removed/index.html

GIST	<p>(CNN)A man who caused a disturbance aboard an American Airlines flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu on Friday was detained and will likely face charges, an FBI special agent said.</p> <p>The man, identified as Anil Tuvanc Uskanli -- a Turkish national born in 1991-- was subdued by crew members and passengers, including an off-duty Los Angeles police officer.</p> <p>He is expected to face federal charges for interference with a flight crew, FBI special agent Paul Delacourt told reporters.</p> <p>Investigators are still trying to determine the motive behind the disturbance.</p> <p>Allison Forburger, who lives in Hawaii, where she works for the Navy, said the man was moving toward the first-class section of the cabin with a blanket over his head when a flight attendant directed him to stop.</p> <p>As the suspect approached the drink cart at the rear of first class, the flight attendant in economy told him, "Sir, please stop. Sir, I need you to go back to your seat."</p> <p>Forburger, sitting in an aisle seat at the front of economy class, said other passengers helped the flight attendant get the passenger back toward the back of the plane.</p> <p>The man did not fight with the other passengers and left a black laptop he had been clutching to his chest on the drink cart, she said.</p> <p>The incidents is still under investigation but officials said there were no other threats to the American Airlines or any other aircraft. No explosives were found on the airplane and the cockpit was not breached, Delacourt said.</p>
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Steve Irwin's son showed off his animal skills on "The Tonight Show" and they are quite impressive. Robert Irwin, 13, handled baby black bears and legless lizards like a pro, only upping the ante with a venomous scorpion. The public was shocked when the boy's father, also known as the "Crocodile Hunter," was killed by a stingray in 2006. Since then, both of his children have been in the spotlight proving their father's legacy lives on.

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HEADLINE	03/24 Keystone XL pipeline approved
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-administration-approves-keystone-xl-pipeline/

GIST	<p>The Trump administration has issued a presidential permit to pipeline builder TransCanada to build the Keystone XL pipeline.</p> <p>White House press secretary Sean Spicer tweeted that President Donald Trump would discuss the pipeline later Friday morning.</p> <p>The State Department says that it determined that building Keystone serves the U.S. national interest. That's the opposite conclusion to the one the State Department reached during the Obama administration.</p> <p>The State Department says it considered foreign policy and energy security in making the determination.</p> <p>In January, Mr. Trump signed an executive action advancing the pipeline.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Civilians investigate Seattle cops; good?
SOURCE	http://crosscut.com/2017/03/civilians-might-investigate-seattle-cops-will-it-backfire/
GIST	<p>For years, Lisa Daugaard thought civilians were the best people to investigate police misconduct. She would even show up to election forums and demand candidates support an all-civilian disciplinary board.</p> <p>But after four years sitting on the Community Police Commission (CPC), the well-known public defender had a change of heart. “Many of us came to the CPC from a long background of active campaigning for an all- civilian review board where civilians would review officer misconduct,” Daugaard said. “But the reason we didn’t recommend it is that model has not proven particularly effective as a model for change.”</p> <p>The CPC is the voice of the community in the complicated and bureaucratic police reform process. Its members are a cross-section of volunteer community representatives, activists and lawyers. They meet every other Wednesday in a small room in Seattle City Hall and sketch their vision for the Seattle Police Department. Sometimes, that vision gets them in trouble with the mayor or the city attorney, but how the members challenge authority is celebrated by the public.</p> <p>And yet, CPC members have come to appreciate having officer involvement in the accountability review process. They’re not convinced an all-civilian board to review misconduct is the way to go. That could put them at odds with some of the activist community they most closely represent.</p> <p>The Office of Professional Accountability (OPA) is the disciplinary arm of the Seattle Police Department. It is currently comprised of all sworn officers. When there’s a complaint from a member of the public — or another police officer — about excessive use of force or an officer not turning on a dashboard camera — it is the job of these investigators to find the evidence and recommend what discipline, if any, should follow.</p>

	<p>The entire accountability structure of the police department, OPA included, has been under increased scrutiny in recent years. In 2010, Seattle Police Officer Ian Birk shot Native American woodcarver John T. Williams in the back. The shooting death triggered a Department of Justice investigation of the entire department, an investigation that concluded officers routinely used too much force.</p> <p>After the DOJ investigation, the city agreed to overhaul its police department, including its systems for holding officers accountable. An overhaul included improving the OPA. Who should staff it — civilians, officers or a mix of both — remains one of the major unanswered questions for the accountability office.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Tacoma fined again withholding data
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/tacoma-wash-ordered-to-pay-fine-for-withholding-stingray-info/article/646034/
GIST	<p>For the second time this month, the city of Tacoma, Wash. was fined for withholding information concerning its use of Stingray devices.</p> <p>Last week a count judge ordered the city to pay public records activist Arthur West \$44,000 for violating the Public Records Act, according to The News Tribune.</p> <p>A daily fee of \$100 will also be charged as the judge ruled the withholding was done in bad faith and should additional records be found to have been withheld the fees may be adjusted, according to court documents. The plaintiff's request was filed in August of 2014.</p> <p>On March 3, 2017, the city was also ordered to pay the Seattle-based Center for Open Policing \$50,000 plus undetermined attorney fees for withholding similar information and the municipality faces a third case related to Stingray documents concerning the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 NKorea accuses Japan of espionage
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2017/03/23/North-Korea-accuses-Japan-of-espionage/7861490267869/?utm_source=fp&utm_campaign=ts_pi&utm_medium=4
GIST	<p>March 23 (UPI) -- North Korea accused Japan of espionage on Thursday, nearly a week after Tokyo placed a reconnaissance satellite into orbit.</p> <p>A North Korean foreign ministry spokesman told Pyongyang's state-controlled KCNA the Japanese satellite was being used for insidious purposes.</p> <p>"The launch is a clear indication of an ambition to invade Korea," the spokesman said.</p> <p>Tokyo did launch a rocket carrying a government intelligence-gathering satellite on Friday.</p>

	The reconnaissance "Radar 5" satellite can take photographs at night and during adverse weather conditions.
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HEADLINE	03/23 'Meatball John' serves up to firefighters
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/features/meatball-john-keeps-firefighters-in-peppers-and-cheese/424921560
GIST	<p>SILVERDALE — The sandwich in front of Robert Pierson — nearly a foot long and filled with meatballs, peppers and cheese — would be more at home in a deli on the East coast.</p> <p>“It’s fantastic,” Pierson, a paramedic at Station 51 in Silverdale, said as he took a bite. “It floods the senses. It’s really, really good.”</p> <p>Pierson and the rest of the B shift crew at Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue's Station 51 are the latest Kitsap firefighters to experience John Duefrane’s culinary chops.</p> <p>For the past two years, Duefrane — aka “Meatball John” or “Johnny Meatball” — has been making his way to each fire station in Kitsap, serving up his meatball subs to the firefighters.</p> <p>Since 2014, Duefrane has served every shift and every station in South Kitsap, Bremerton and now Central Kitsap. He has plans to travel to Pierce County stations once he finishes here.</p> <p>“It’s really nice, we really appreciate it,” said Tony Giove, an apparatus operator at Station 51.</p> <p>Duefrane, who lives in Port Orchard, spent 22 years as a firefighter in Milford, Connecticut. He moved to Washington after his sons got out of the military in 2005. Before that, he experimented with meatball sandwiches in Montana in the '80s and '90s.</p> <p>The idea for the station-by-station tour came after a bad accident in Port Orchard that prompted a large-scale response from South Kitsap Fire and Rescue. Knowing that some of those firefighters would be on scene for hours and probably hadn’t eaten, Duefrane drove out to feed them.</p> <p>It quickly became apparent that it would be easier to visit the stations. And once he started cooking, word spread. Soon, Duefrane was getting requests to make his subs at other stations.</p> <p>"It's just giving back to what I done, what I love to do," Duefrane said.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Most UK police don't carry guns
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SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/london-parliament-attack/why-london-won-t-arm-all-police-despite-severe-terror-n737551
GIST	<p>LONDON — Wednesday's attack near the heart of Britain's democracy may have been shocking, but authorities have known for years that something like it was coming.</p> <p>Last year — when Brits watched terrorists strike France, Germany, and Belgium — London's police chief warned it was a case of "when, not if" the U.K. joined that list.</p> <p>And yet more than 90 percent of the capital's police officers carry out their daily duties without a gun. Most rely on other tools to keep their city safe: canisters of mace, handcuffs, batons and occasionally stun-guns.</p> <p>This is no accident.</p> <p>The Metropolitan Police, which covers most of London, was founded in 1829 on the principle of "policing by consent" rather than by force.</p> <p>Giving everyday police officers guns sends the wrong message to communities, so this thinking goes, and can actually cause more problems than it solves.</p> <p>Although there are higher numbers of armed police guarding Parliament, the attacker who rushed the gates Wednesday was shot dead by a relatively rare member of the country's security forces — one who had been trained to use a firearm.</p> <p>Some of these gun-wielding officers patrol the city in pairs, others are members of crack response teams — units dressed in body-armor, helmets and carrying long rifles — who are called to the scene of violent incidents like these.</p> <p>In most instances, they don't use their weapons.</p> <p>In the year up to March 2016, police in England and Wales only fired seven bullets. (Although these government figures do not include accidental shots, shooting out tires, or killing dangerous or injured animals.)</p> <p>These officers fatally shot just five people during that period, according to British charity Inquest, which helps families after police-related deaths.</p> <p>The Metropolitan Police carried out some 3,300 deployments involving firearms in 2016. They didn't fire a single shot at a suspect.</p>

It's a world away from the United States, where cops killed 1,092 people in 2016, according to figures compiled by The Guardian.

While British officials have long since accepted that an attack is "highly likely," they believe that intelligence-gathering and stronger links with the community — rather than gun-toting cops — will do more to keep the city safer.

"In a free and democratic society, there is going to be a balance between democracy, freedom and openness, and a police state — and none of us want to live in a police state," said Brian Dillon, former head of the Met's firearms command who now runs the counterterrorism consultancy Rubicon Resilience.

"Therefore at some point some attacks are regrettably going to hit home, that's inevitable," he added. "Not everything can be stopped."

While shootings involving police are relatively common in the U.S., authorities in Britain say they review each one with painstaking diligence.

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HEADLINE	03/23 S. Sudan refugees pour into Uganda
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/uganda-breaking-point-south-sudan-refugees-pour-46321580?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Uganda is at a "breaking point" as almost 3,000 South Sudanese refugees pour into the country every day, the United Nations refugee chief and Uganda's government said Thursday, calling for international help to support over 800,000 people now sheltering there.</p> <p>The U.N. has called it the world's fastest-growing refugee crisis.</p> <p>More than 570,000 refugees have arrived from South Sudan since July — and the number could pass one million by the middle of this year, the joint statement by U.N. chief Filippo Grandi and Uganda's government said.</p> <p>"We are at breaking point. Uganda cannot handle Africa's largest refugee crisis alone," Grandi said. "The lack of international attention to the suffering of the South Sudanese people is failing some of the most vulnerable people in the world when they most desperately need our help."</p> <p>The refugees — more than 60 percent of them children — have been arriving since neighboring South Sudan's civil war began in late 2013. More than 1.6 million have fled the country overall.</p>

	The unprecedented surge in refugee arrivals since fighting broke out in South Sudan's capital in July has placed "enormous strain" on public services and infrastructure, Uganda's Prime Minister Ruhakana Rugunda said.
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HEADLINE	03/23 Homeless shelter near Seattle playground
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/new-homeless-shelter-near-seattle-center-playground/505587768
GIST	<p>SEATTLE - Feet from where children come to play at the heart of the Seattle Center, the city has carved out space for 75 overnight shelter beds.</p> <p>A new place for homeless men to sleep from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. opened Thursday night and will close in mid-April.</p> <p>"I think it's too close to the kids," said Cherrie Spell who works at the Seattle Center.</p> <p>"I've come here all my life and safety is first always. I think it's a big issue with the parents. Shelters need to be somewhere, but not here at the Center."</p> <p>However, organizers with non-profit Compass Housing Alliance said the shelter is important.</p> <p>The same 75 beds that now occupy an unused room under the monorail station were at previous a location on Capitol Hill.</p> <p>The city took that old space to use for other homeless services. In return, the city offered the new space for use until mid-April.</p> <p>Shelter organizers insist there is no possibility of the shelter remaining open beyond mid-April because there are other plans for the space in late spring and during the summer.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Always rush hour for SFD's aid cars
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/pacific-nw-magazine/the-seattle-fire-departments-aid-cars-are-always-there-when-we-need-them/
GIST	<p>SHE WAS BLUE when her neighbor found her at lunchtime, unconscious and slumped in an overstuffed leather chair. Minutes later, her studio apartment is crammed with people in uniform who have been summoned to save her.</p> <p>Getting there after the 911 call had been excruciating, even with light afternoon traffic: an 11-block drive with sirens wailing, followed by a cramped ride in a slim elevator that crept slowly toward the ninth floor,</p>

as if powered by AAA batteries. The hallways in the vintage apartment building are narrow, and the doorway barely wide enough to accommodate a modern gurney.

The woman's neighbor is shaking with shock in the foyer, trying to process what might have happened had she not stopped by to see whether the woman could stomach lunch after a double dose of chemotherapy. As the stream of firefighters from Fire Station 2 enters the apartment with equipment, the neighbor presses herself up against a wall, answering questions from firefighters and the police.

Firefighter Matt Lujan is the first inside the apartment. He rode shotgun on Aid 2, the most-frequently dispatched piece of equipment in the entire Seattle Fire Department. Lujan calls the woman's name as he checks her vital signs. Her pulse is strong, but she's barely breathing. He places a breathing apparatus onto her mouth and nose, and manually pumps oxygen into her lungs. For the next 20 minutes, he will stand by her side, helping her breathe.

As the woman is prepared for transport to Harborview Medical Center with paramedics, Lujan hands off breathing duties to Nestor Mitchell, his partner for the day, and fills out paperwork that will accompany the woman to the hospital.

Even in the chaos, you can see the order. No one is idle. When the medic unit heads off to Harborview, firefighters who responded to the call mingle briefly in the street next to their equipment as passers-by take photos and ask what happened.

In a year in which we've been confronted with endless suffering — refugees adrift at sea, children pulled from the rubble of civil wars, squalid tent cities on our own streets — it is a profoundly moving experience to be reminded that there are people who move heaven and earth every day to save a life.

But try telling that to Lujan, who will respond to about one call an hour during his 24-hour shift on Aid 2. "As firefighters, we're on to the next thing," he says. "I won't even remember that call in the morning." Adds Mitchell, "People ask me what call I went on. I don't even remember. It's weird."

When you're riding the busiest piece of firefighting equipment in the city, there's not much time to reflect. Life is what's happening right in front of you.

THEY'RE A FAMILIAR sight — so much so, that it's easy to forget they're a lifeline for thousands of people, a source of contact and care, especially for people living on the streets.

Those 12 cherry-red Christmas package vehicles, big and boxy and missing only the bow, traverse our city streets tens of thousands of times a year. We see their flashing lights, and our only duty is to get the heck out of the way.

Seven Seattle Fire Department cars are medic units, staffed with firefighters trained as paramedics who administer advanced life support in the field under the remote direction of a Harborview doctor. The remaining five are aid cars, staffed with firefighters who are all emergency medical technicians trained to provide basic life support. (In June, the Seattle City Council approved an additional car in its 2017 budget to help cover the spike in daytime calls downtown and in Belltown.)

The city's aid cars are the urgent-care centers of the department, where everyone is guaranteed glove-to-flesh contact regardless of the backstory. It's a sort of Demilitarized Zone — a place that exists outside politics or judgment, where society's values are brought to bear in Technicolor: A call for help will yield help. In the moment, every person matters.

It's a place of grace, in every sense of the word. A cancer patient, an opium addict, an assault victim, a tourist passed out in a bar, a bicyclist injured by a careless driver; all will be cared for.

It's also a place of efficiency and routine, where responsibilities are so delineated that two firefighters who never laid eyes on each other can climb into a vehicle and work together as if they had been partners for a decade.

That expertise doesn't come cheaply, though: The city pays \$1.3 million a year to staff a single car 'round the clock, and another \$80,000 a year for leasing, maintenance and equipment, according to department spokeswoman Kellie Randall.

Aid 2 is housed inside Station 2, the city's oldest working fire station, in Belltown. Not that it spends much time there. Though its primary coverage area accounts for only 1.25 square miles — a tiny fraction of the 84 square miles the department is responsible for — calls for Aid 2 have mushroomed over the years.

Last year, it responded to 8,121 aid calls, an average of more than 22 calls a day. The overwhelming majority, 5,588, were for general assistance. But Aid 2 also is everywhere it's needed: fires, freeway crashes, natural-gas leaks, even water rescues.

"I would gamble to say it's the busiest unit in four states," says Capt. Vance Anderson, a 20-year veteran of the department who began his career at Station 2 and now heads its ladder company. "The aid car used to get 10 to 15 runs a day, and now it gets 20 to 30 a day."

Population increase accounts for some of the spike in calls, most of which don't require intensive assistance, says Anderson. But he suspects it has more to do with the proliferation of cellphones; people call 911 and keep moving, instead of sticking around to help.

"All fire departments are addressing this issue," he says. "No one's figured it out yet. I'm not sure it ever will be [figured out]."

HEADLINE	03/23 Study confirms: cancer often random
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/health/cancer/it-s-not-your-fault-researchers-confirm-cancer-often-random-n737776
GIST	<p>Random mutations are the single biggest factor in causing cancer, researchers reaffirmed Thursday.</p> <p>About two-thirds of the genetic mutations that lead to cancer happen simply because of random errors made as cells divide and not because of diet, chemicals or inherited genes, the team at Johns Hopkins University said.</p> <p>"We hope that this research offers comfort to the literally millions of patients who have had cancer but who have lived nearly perfect lifestyle — who have never smoked, who have avoided the sun ... who exercise regularly," Dr. Bert Vogelstein of the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center told a news conference.</p> <p>"It's not your fault. Nothing you did or didn't do was responsible for your illness."</p> <p>And Vogelstein says he really wants to reassure parents whose children get cancer. Most childhood cancer is caused by random mutations, he said.</p> <p>"They need to understand that these cancers would have occurred no matter what they did. We don't need to add guilt to an already tragic situation."</p> <p>More importantly, it means everyone needs to be screened for cancer when possible even if they think they're at low risk because of family history and their own healthy habits, Vogelstein said, because their findings mean everyone's at risk of cancer, the No. 2 killer in the United States.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 World fragile cities need \$78 trillion boost
SOURCE	https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-03-23/our-world-s-fragile-cities-need-a-78-trillion-boost
GIST	<p>More people are living in urban areas than rural, creating massive infrastructure needs in urban areas.</p> <p>The urban population is seen rising to 70 percent by 2050 from 55 percent in 2016, and its share of gross domestic product will almost double to \$115 trillion by 2030. Getting city development right will be a big factor in eliminating poverty, according to Bank of America Merrill Lynch, and this will need serious money.</p> <p>"More than 80 percent of the world's cities show signs of fragility yet the success or failure in meeting the world's most pressing challenges will be decided in them," BAML analysts, led by Sarbjit Nahal, London-based head of thematic investing, wrote in a report this month. Infrastructure will need \$71 trillion to \$78</p>

trillion in investment over the next decade, and the "smart city" market will grow to about \$1.6 trillion by 2020 from \$1 trillion now, they estimate.

Urbanization helped lift 500 million Chinese out of poverty and the World Bank estimates that a 230 percent increase in a country's urbanization rate will double per capita income. The OECD suggests that for each doubling in population size, the productivity level of a city increases by 2 percent to 5 percent due to competition, or deeper labor markets and the faster spreading of ideas.

About 700 large cities in China alone will account for \$7 trillion, or 30 percent, of global urban consumption growth to 2030. Middleweight emerging-market cities such as India's Ahmedabad and Kochi may offer the best growth opportunities.

However, there are also challenges. A UN survey identifies poor governance and weak institutions as the No. 1 obstacle to prosperity, followed by corruption, crumbling infrastructure and rising inequality and crime. Cities occupy about 3 percent of the earth's land mass but consume more than 75 percent of natural resources and account for 50 percent of global waste, roughly 76 percent of both energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.

About 75 percent of the world's cities have higher levels of income inequality than two decades ago. By the early 2030s, 2 billion people will be living below the poverty line in cities and 1 billion new homes will be needed by 2025.

As governments look to address these issues, the focus is shifting to "smart cities." These use technology and strong institutions to make the city more connected (services and information easily accessible), integrated (different services such as health and transport can communicate and interoperate), personalized (offer each citizen the best locations and delivery methods) and predictive (such as using current transit patterns to predict future road usage for maintenance and expansion).

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HEADLINE	03/23 UN: sanctions disrupt aid to NKorea
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/report-sanctions-disrupt-humanitarian-aid-north-korea-46340596?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>International sanctions on North Korea are taking a serious toll on humanitarian aid activities, according to a United Nations-led report.</p> <p>The report issued this week by the U.N.'s senior resident official in Pyongyang said sanctions are inadvertently hindering legitimate operations on the ground and have indirectly contributed to a "radical decline" in donations it said are badly needed by millions of North Korean women and children.</p>

It said "chronic food insecurity, early childhood malnutrition and nutrition insecurity" continue to be widespread in the North, which it noted ranked 98th out of 118 countries in the 2016 Global Hunger Index.

More than 10 million people — or about 41 percent of the North Korean population — are undernourished, it said.

To meet the "urgent needs of the most vulnerable," it called for \$114 million in donations.

That could be a hard sell, no matter how dire the need.

Critics have long argued that aid to the North in effect serves to prop up the government by allowing it to focus more of its limited resources on building nuclear weapons, funding the country' million-man army or enriching the ruling elite, rather than spending on the segments of its population that are in the most need.

The report acknowledged such concerns have made getting donations increasingly difficult.

The report also noted sanctions are making it harder to conduct aid activities.

"While international sanctions imposed on DPRK clearly exempt humanitarian activities, they have unintentionally caused disruptions to humanitarian operations," it said.

In particular, it said the "regular disruption" of banking channels since 2013 has made it difficult or impossible to transfer funds into the country. It also cited the additional requirements for licenses and the time it takes to determine what is or is not a potential sanctions' violation as the cause of considerable delays that have forced agencies to "reprioritize" their aid activities.

It said the sanctions also have the psychological effect of making donors reluctant to provide funds for projects in the North.

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HEADLINE	03/23 Seattle-King Co. 4th highest increase
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/census-bureau-seattle-king-county-scores-nations-4th-highest-population-gain
GIST	WASHINGTON - King County, including the city of Seattle, had the fourth-highest population increase in the country from 2015 to 2016, according to data released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau. The data showed that King County gained about 36,000 more residents between July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016.

	<p>Some 15,500 new residents migrated to the area from other countries, while 8,511 moved here from other locations inside the United States.</p> <p>In addition, there were 25,905 births in King County during the year-long period, which were partially offset by 13,580 deaths.</p> <p>King County's total population at the end of the period was 2,149,970.</p> <p>One other Washington state county - Kittitas - made the nation's top 10 in population growth as measured by percentage. That county's population grew by 4.2 percent - to 44,866 - making it 10th highest when measured by that criteria.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 State Dept. cables: closer visa scrutiny
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/03/23/politics/visas-state-department-vetting/index.html
GIST	<p>Washington (CNN) Secretary of State Rex Tillerson sent four cables directing embassies worldwide to identify certain groups that should get extra scrutiny when they apply for visas, including screening of applicants' social media, according to US officials.</p> <p>The cables were sent after President Donald Trump signed a revised executive order restricting travel from most Muslim countries on March 6.</p> <p>The State Department cables, all marked "sensitive" but not classified, direct embassies to convene security and intelligence working groups to determine "a list of criteria identifying sets of post applicant populations warranting increased scrutiny."</p> <p>The first two cables were sent on March 10 and 15, before a federal judge in Hawaii ordered a temporary restraining order nationwide on the travel ban on the evening of March 15.</p> <p>Additional cables were sent on March 16 and March 17, revising instructions after courts blocked the executive order. The executive order prohibits citizens from Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Yemen and Somalia from getting visas for at least 90 days and bars refugees from entering the US for 120 days.</p> <p>The specific language calling for closer scrutiny of certain groups was sent in two different cables, including the March 17 cable, which acknowledged that courts had blocked Trump's executive order. The news about the cables was first reported by Reuters.</p> <p>A State Department official said the cables were meant to provide "operational guidance to our embassies and consulates around the world. Instructions to our embassies and consulates are internal communications, which we do not share publicly."</p>

The official did say that "the US government's national security-focused visitor screening and vetting procedures are designed to effectively identify individuals who could pose a threat to the United States," adding that "we welcome this opportunity to review and improve our systems and procedures."

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Cyber Awareness

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HEADLINE	03/23 WikiLeaks: CIA Apple hacking tools
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/wikileaks-releases-data-cias-apple-hacking-tools
GIST	<p>WikiLeaks has released a new round of Vault 7 files. The latest dump, dubbed "Dark Matter," details some of the tools allegedly used by the CIA to target Apple devices.</p> <p>The tools are named Sonic Screwdriver, Der Starke, Triton, DarkSeaSkies, NightSkies and SeaPea and, based on the descriptions provided in the files made available by WikiLeaks, they can be used to spy on iPhones and Mac computers. However, in most cases, deploying them requires physical access to the targeted device.</p> <p>Sonic Screwdriver, for instance, is a tool that can be used to execute code from a USB thumb drive or other external disk connected to a Mac laptop even if the firmware is protected by a password. The documents obtained by WikiLeaks show that Sonic Screwdriver is stored on the firmware of a Thunderbolt-to-Ethernet adapter.</p> <p>The DarkSeaSkies implant is designed for targeting the EFI on MacBook Air computers, and it's meant to be delivered via "a supply chain intercept or a gift to the target." DarkSeaSkies relies on the DarkMatter EFI driver for persistence and installing other tools, and the SeaPea OS X rootkit for stealth and execution of other implants. One such implant is NightSkies, which provides command and control capabilities.</p> <p>The documents show DarkSeaSkies can be installed by booting the targeted system with an external flash drive. The implant is persistent across OS upgrades and reinstalls, but it can be removed by the attacker using a special command. Under certain conditions, the implant may also remove itself automatically.</p> <p>Another set of tools includes a piece of OS X malware dubbed Triton, its infector Dark Mallet, and Der Starke, the EFI-persistent version of Triton.</p> <p>One version of the NightSkies tool is designed for targeting iPhones. Once installed on a device, it can be used to execute arbitrary commands, download additional tools to the phone, and steal various types of files, including the address book, SMS messages and call logs. NightSkies, which also requires physical access to the targeted device, is recommended for "factory fresh" devices.</p>

	The documents are dated 2008, 2009 and 2012, but WikiLeaks claims other Vault7 files show the CIA has continued to improve these tools. The organization also pointed out that the files show the intelligence agency has been “infecting the iPhone supply chain of its targets since at least 2008.”
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HEADLINE	03/23 Report: BEC attacks rise 45%
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/bec-attacks-up-45-and-gaining-in-sophistication-proofpoint/article/645909/
GIST	<p>Cybercriminals upped their activity against corporations when it comes to email scams. A new Proofpoint report found a 45 percent increase in business email compromise (BEC) attacks during the closing months of 2016.</p> <p>The extent of BEC activity uncovered by the survey was quite high, with 75 percent of the more than 45,000 companies contacted by Proofpoint reporting at least one BEC incident during the last three months of 2016. Attackers pushed out more sophisticated attacks at a faster rate than the prior year, the report found.</p> <p>The industries attacked most often from July to December 2016 were manufacturing, retail and technology with Proofpoint researchers speculating that cybercriminals hoped to take advantage of more complex supply chains and SaaS infrastructures that are often used by these companies.</p> <p>One aspect of the increased sophistication of the attacks included having the malicious actors doing their homework and creating campaigns targeted at specific companies and personnel. This extra legwork resulted in two-thirds of the emails using a domain spoofed from the targeted company and being sent by a familiar name, thus making the email appear even more realistic to an unwary recipient.</p> <p>Not only is a well-known name being used, the spearphishers have also moved beyond attempting to just spoof senior executives; for example, sending a CFO an email purportedly from the CEO.</p> <p>Most emails were sent to accounts payable, for wire transfer fraud attempts; to human resources for confidential tax information and identities; and to engineering for intellectual property theft, the survey said.</p> <p>Careful consideration was also given to the subject lines, with the terms most often used being: urgent, at 30 percent; payment, at 21 percent; and request, at 21 percent.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Arrest in \$100M multinational BEC attacks
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SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/lithuanian-arrested-in-100-million-multinational-bec-whaling-fraud/article/645998/
GIST	<p>A man has been arrested for defrauding two unnamed multinational internet companies out of over \$100 million (£80 million) using sophisticated whaling attacks.</p> <p>Evaldas Rimasauskas, a Lithuanian national, was arrested late last week by Lithuanian authorities.</p> <p>Rimasauskas is alleged to have opened a company and a variety of bank accounts in Lithuania, Latvia and Cyprus. Rimasauskas is meant to have opened a company called Company-2, similar to the name of an Asian company, Company-1.</p> <p>The indictment says that Rimasauskas then contacted the two multinationals, whom Company-1 regularly did business with, and directed them to send money to the accounts that the suspect had set up.</p> <p>Rimasauskas then took his ill gotten gains and wired them through a vast network of accounts all over the world. To aid the process, Rimasauskas allegedly forged invoices, contracts and letters adorned with false corporate stamps and signatures designed to allay the suspicions of the banks receiving the hefty sums. Some of the stolen funds have apparently been recovered.</p> <p>Rimasauskas is charged with one count of wire fraud and aggravated identity theft and three of money laundering. He could face in excess of 20 years in US prison.</p> <p>Acting US Attorney Joon H. Kim said in a statement, “This case should serve as a wake-up call to all companies – even the most sophisticated – that they too can be victims of phishing attacks by cyber-criminals. And this arrest should serve as a warning to all cyber-criminals that we will work to track them down, wherever they are, to hold them accountable.”</p> <p>A whaling attack is more formally known as business email compromise (BEC). While antivirus solutions and technical forms of defence against cyber-attack have gotten much better, security professionals still have not figured out how to stop people from compromising themselves.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Minecraft players download fake apps
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/nearly-a-million-minecraft-players-feel-like-blockheads-after-installing-fake-mod-apps/article/646022/
GIST	A batch of malicious apps falsely posing as mod programs for the popular world-building game Minecraft were downloaded by users roughly 990,000 times on Google Play before they were reported last month, according to researchers from ESET .

Of these 87 phony apps, which supposedly allowed players to modify the mobile game in various ways, 73 of them redirected users to scam websites and 14 were in reality an aggressive ad-displaying downloader identified as Android/TrojanDownloader.Agent.JL, ESET reported in a Thursday [blog post](#).

The redirection apps, detected by ESET as *Android/FakeApp.FG*, were added to Google Play between January and March of this year and were installed up to 910,000 times, the report continues. When installed, these apps display a screen with a download button, which when clicked opens a browser and takes the user to a malicious websites whose content at times included ads, surveys, coupon offers, prizes, porn, and fake updates and virus warnings.

The 14 fake mod programs detected as Android/TrojanDownloader.Agent.JL were installed around 80,000 times. In order to display out-of-app advertisements, the downloader trojan leverages an additional malicious component disguised as a downloadable module that is supposedly needed to install the mods. Called "Block Launcher Pro," this module requires several intrusive permissions from the user, including device administrator rights, and has no real functionality other than to aggressively display ads.

Because Android/TrojanDownloader.Agent.JL is capable of downloading additional apps, it could potentially introduce even more harmful malware to infected users in the future, ESET has warned.

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HEADLINE	03/23 Experts call bluff on iCloud ransom claim
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/hackers-holding-icloud-accounts-hostage-most-likely-bluff-industry-pros/article/645920/
GIST	<p>A group of hackers are threatening to lockdown 200 million iCloud accounts if Apple doesn't pay a \$75,000 ransom in bitcoin, or \$100,000 in iTunes gift cards by April 7, however, some security professionals are calling bluff.</p> <p>Industry insiders told SC Media that Apple doesn't believe the claims are true and that the cybercriminals have likely culled the info from previous leaks and are cross referencing the information to see if users are using the same credentials across multiple accounts. Furthermore the scammers are likely using the media to hype the situation.</p> <p>"There have not been any breaches in any of Apple's systems including iCloud and Apple ID. The alleged list of email addresses and passwords appears to have been obtained from previously compromised third-party services," an Apple spokesperson told SC Media.</p> <p>"We're actively monitoring to prevent unauthorized access to user accounts and are working with law enforcement to identify the criminals involved. To protect against these type of attacks, we always recommend that users always use strong passwords, not use those same passwords across sites and turn on two-factor authentication."</p>

	Justin Jett, technical marketing manager at security analytics firm Plixer questioned the legitimacy of the breach and told SC Media that it's just another example of a high-profile extortion attempt by hackers.
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HEADLINE	03/23 Report: 20M mobile devices at high-risk
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/threat-intelligence/20-million-mobile-devices-at-high-risk-of-attack-study-finds-----/d/d-id/1328463?
GIST	<p>Numbers-crunchers, check this out: In a new report released this morning, Skycure found that 1.19% of all mobile devices are at high risk for malware infections.</p> <p>While that might sound like a good number, Varun Kohli, vice president of marketing at Skycure, explains that 1.19% of 2 billion mobile devices worldwide translates to 23.8 million infected devices.</p> <p>"It's kind of deceiving, but for a company with 1,000 employees that means that 10 devices are at high risk," Kohli says. "All a bad guy needs is one device to get into the network and start compromising data."</p> <p>The study also found that 71% of mobile devices are running on security patches that are at least two months old. This information is fairly in line with Google's newly published Android Security report, which found that about 50% of Android devices didn't install a single security update in 2016.</p> <p>"We still see a lot of vulnerabilities on mobile devices, especially as people hold on to their devices longer," says Phil Hochmuth, program director for enterprise mobility at IDC. "However, mobile security is getting better, the biometrics have improved, and at corporations if people bring their own devices, they have to comply with the company's mobile management software."</p> <p>Mobile malware - adware, hidden apps, potentially unwanted apps, spyware, and Trojans - grew more than 500% from the first quarter of 2016 to the fourth quarter of that year, according to Skycure's data.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 ABC News Twitter account hacked
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/abc-news-twitter-account-hit-profane-trump-supporting-hackers-n737586
GIST	<p>ABC News and GMA Twitter accounts were hit by hackers Thursday, who posted a string of profanity-laced fake news reports and professed support for President Donald Trump.</p> <p>The early morning tweets followed various themes, at first saying the perpetrators were Russian hackers, then calling Trump "our lord and savior" and claiming the rapper Tyler the Creator had died, before degenerating into general profanity and nonsense.</p>

	As the embattled Twitter account administrators furiously attempted to delete the tweets as fast as they showed up, the hackers taunted them with "Secure ur stuff man haha" and "Stop deleting our sh** bruh, we too cool for dis treatment."
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HEADLINE	03/23 Bitcoin scams infest social media
SOURCE	https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/bitcoin-scams-infest-social-media/
GIST	<p>A new breed of financial scam involving Bitcoin is actively spreading across social networks.</p> <p>“They succeed by leeching onto the money-driven hype associated with the latest and greatest hallmarks of popular culture,” said researchers at ZeroFOX, which uncovered the campaign. “Earlier this month, the price of a single Bitcoin eclipsed the price of an ounce of gold for the first time ever. This news, coupled with the exploding adoption of its underlying technology—blockchain—beyond the financial world, is attracting a new flock of clientele, investors and entrepreneurs to the fledgling cryptocurrency.”</p> <p>There are four main categories of scam, ZeroFOX noted in an analysis: Malware gambits, Bitcoin phishing impersonators, Bitcoin-flipping scams and Bitcoin pyramid schemes.</p> <p>On the malware front, bad actors try to entice users to click through URLs posted to social media using the promise of Bitcoin. The URL leads to a website that attempts to download a malware-laden app. Fake Bitcoin surveys are often used to distribute malware too.</p> <p>Meanwhile, impersonators post links on social media that lead to phishing websites that allegedly offer a search service, enticing users to enter in their private Bitcoin key to see if it exists in their database. Once entered, the private key will simply be phished, allowing the scammer to spend directly from the curious Bitcoin owner’s wallet.</p> <p>Flipping scams advertise on Instagram and elsewhere, and offer to instantly exchange Bitcoins for money after paying an initial startup fee or a promise to double your initial investment overnight. Of course once turned into the “exchange bureau,” the Bitcoins are stolen immediately.</p> <p>In the pyramid scheme, scammers are hawking high-yield investment programs and multi-level marketing. It’s a well-known configuration that goes back decades in the real world: A low initial investment can be multiplied by signing up additional members using referral links. The Bitcoin version often involves fake donations; people involved use social media to spread word of the scheme.</p> <p>The rise of the Bitcoin scam is a result of a perfect storm of trends, the firm noted. For one, social media is a perfect conduit to the right kind of victim.</p>

	Also Bitcoin, as a virtual currency, is anonymous—much like cash. But unlike the cold, hard stuff, it’s decentralized and not controlled by any financial institution or government.
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HEADLINE	03/23 Vault 7: CIA bugs factory fresh iPhones
SOURCE	http://heavy.com/news/2017/03/wikileaks-vault-7-leak-cia-bugs-iphones-factory-fresh-darkmatter-darkseaskies/
GIST	<p>A new WikiLeaks Vault 7 leak titled “Dark Matter” claims, with unreleased documents, that the Central Intelligence Agency has been bugging “factory fresh” iPhones since at least 2008.</p> <p>The documents are expected to be released after a 10 a.m. EDT “press briefing” that WikiLeaks promoted on its Twitter.</p> <p>A summary of the documents has been released on the WikiLeaks website. It reads:</p> <p>Today, March 23rd 2017, WikiLeaks releases Vault 7 “Dark Matter”, which contains documentation for several CIA projects that infect Apple Mac Computer firmware (meaning the infection persists even if the operating system is re-installed) developed by the CIA’s Embedded Development Branch (EDB). These documents explain the techniques used by CIA to gain ‘persistence’ on Apple Mac devices, including Macs and iPhones and demonstrate their use of EFI/UEFI and firmware malware.</p> <p>Among others, these documents reveal the “Sonic Screwdriver” project which, as explained by the CIA, is a “mechanism for executing code on peripheral devices while a Mac laptop or desktop is booting” allowing an attacker to boot its attack software for example from a USB stick “even when a firmware password is enabled”. The CIA’s “Sonic Screwdriver” infector is stored on the modified firmware of an Apple Thunderbolt-to-Ethernet adapter.</p> <p>“DarkSeaSkies” is “an implant that persists in the EFI firmware of an Apple MacBook Air computer” and consists of “DarkMatter”, “SeaPea” and “NightSkies”, respectively EFI, kernel-space and user-space implants.</p> <p>Documents on the “Triton” MacOSX malware, its infector “Dark Mallet” and its EFI-persistent version “DerStake” are also included in this release. While the DerStake1.4 manual released today dates to 2013, other Vault 7 documents show that as of 2016 the CIA continues to rely on and update these systems and is working on the production of DerStarke2.0.</p> <p>Also included in this release is the manual for the CIA’s “NightSkies 1.2” a “beacon/loader/implant tool” for the Apple iPhone. Noteworthy is that NightSkies had reached 1.2 by 2008, and is expressly designed to be physically installed onto factory fresh iPhones. i.e the CIA has been infecting the iPhone supply chain of its targets since at least 2008.</p>

	While CIA assets are sometimes used to physically infect systems in the custody of a target it is likely that many CIA physical access attacks have infected the targeted organization's supply chain including by interdicting mail orders and other shipments (opening, infecting, and resending) leaving the United States or otherwise.
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HEADLINE	03/23 Slip-up that caught Jewish bomb caller
SOURCE	http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2017/03/23/the-slip-up-that-caught-the-jewish-center-bomb-caller.html
GIST	<p>The suspect arrested Thursday for a wave of bomb threats against Jewish Community Centers in the United States employed an array of technologies, including Bitcoin and Google Voice, to make himself virtually untraceable for months, The Daily Beast has learned. But in the end, it only took one careless slip-up to lead police to his door.</p> <p>Police arrested 19-year-old Michael Kaydar, who has joint Israeli-U.S. citizenship, at his home in Ashkelon, a coastal city in southern Israel. He's suspected of phoning in over 100 bomb threats to JCCs and Jewish day schools in 33 states since January, with the most recent calls made two weeks ago. Police also suspect him of making similar threats in Israel, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand.</p> <p>The arrest followed an international probe that began with the first U.S. threats in January, and quickly hit its first roadblock, according to sources close to the investigation. The FBI traced the phone calls back to a service called SpoofCard that allows users to mask their caller ID, so their phone calls can appear to come from any number they choose.</p> <p>The FBI sent a subpoena to the company that runs the service, New Jersey-based TelTech, in the hope of obtaining the caller's real number. But that phone number turned out to be a disposable Google Voice line established under an alias.</p> <p>The server logs from both TelTech and Google weren't much more helpful. They showed that the suspect routed his Internet connection through anonymous proxy servers overseas. Even the caller's voice was anonymous—he used Spoofcard's voice-changing option to make himself sound like a voice synthesizer imitating a woman. And rather than use a traceable credit card or PayPal, the perpetrator paid for his Spoofcard in Bitcoin—another dead end.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the bomb threats continued, coming in six separate waves. Jewish centers and day schools began evacuating with almost routine regularity. The threats were generally seen as evidence that anti-Semitic fringe groups were feeling emboldened by the election of Donald Trump. Then in March, a St. Louis man was arrest for a handful of copycat bomb threats he allegedly staged in an effort to frame an ex-girlfriend.</p>

But in his rush to reach as many Jewish institutions as possible, the original bomb hoaxer grew careless. On at least one occasion, he neglected to route his Internet connection through a proxy server, leaving behind a real IP address in the server logs. The address was in Israel, where police traced it to a WiFi access point that Kaydar was allegedly accessing through a giant antenna pointed out a window in his home.

A motive for the suspect, who is himself Jewish, hasn't been established, but his lawyer reportedly said Kaydar has suffered from a brain tumor since age 14. The tumor affects his behavior, the lawyer claims.

SpoofCard and services like it have plenty of legitimate users, such as undercover cops, or domestic abuse victims who use it to conceal their phone numbers from an ex. But the JCC calls aren't the first time SpoofCard has been used for evil either. In one example, in 2007 a gang of malicious phone hackers in Texas were arrested for using the service in a "swatting" campaign against their enemies. They would call the police and claim to be holding hostages in their home, while spoofing the victim's phone number. The result: the police storm the victim's house with guns drawn.

But normally spoofing isn't much of an impediment to law enforcement, and sometimes even incidentally helps build a case. The Texas swatters voluntarily used SpoofCard's recording option during their calls to police, allowing the FBI retrieved the recordings with a search warrant. It's unclear whether the JCC caller used that feature. Reached by The Daily Beast, TelTech emphasized that it cooperates with law enforcement when its service is abused.

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HEADLINE	03/23 Israel arrests hacker in JCC bomb threats
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/israel-police-arrest-suspect-threats-us-jewish-targets-46323677
GIST	<p>A 19-year-old American-Israeli Jew was arrested Thursday as the prime suspect in a wave of bomb threats against U.S. Jewish community centers, a startling turn in a case that had stoked fears of rising anti-Semitism in the United States.</p> <p>The surprising arrest of the man, a hacker who holds dual Israeli and American citizenship, came after a trans-Atlantic investigation with the FBI and other international law enforcement agencies. U.S. Jewish groups welcomed the breakthrough in the case, which had drawn condemnation from President Donald Trump.</p> <p>Israeli police described the suspect as a hacker, but said his motives were still unclear.</p> <p>"He's the guy who was behind the JCC threats," police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said, referring to the scores of anonymous threats phoned in to Jewish community centers in the U.S. over the past two months.</p>

Police banned publication of his name, but said he was a dual citizen and would remain in custody until at least March 30. During the arrest raid, they said he tried to grab an officer's gun but was stopped by another officer.

The young man appeared briefly in court in the central Israeli city of Rishon Letzion. He wore khaki pants and a blue sweater that he used to cover his face as he walked past reporters. He made no comment.

His lawyer, Galit Bash, said her client had a "very serious medical condition" that might have affected his behavior. She said the condition had prevented him from attending elementary school, high school or enlisting in the army, which is compulsory for most Jewish men.

"That's why the medical condition can actually affect the investigation," she said. "This is one of the things the judge told the police to check, to talk to his doctors, to get more documents and to investigate him according to his medical situation."

Channel 10 TV said the condition was a brain tumor. It also showed images of a large antenna outside the suspect's house in the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon. Police said the suspect's father was also detained, apparently because of the equipment. Late Thursday, police said the father's detention had been extended by eight days.

In Washington, the FBI confirmed the arrest of the main suspect.

U.S. authorities have also arrested a former journalist from St. Louis, Juan Thompson, for allegedly threatening Jewish organizations and charged him with one count of cyberstalking. But Israeli police described the local man as the primary suspect in the wave of threats.

Police said he used sophisticated "camouflage technologies" to disguise his voice and mask his location. They said a search of the teen's home uncovered antennas and satellite equipment.

"In sophisticated cyber activity that I cannot detail, we obtained what we obtained and of course exposed him and his equipment," national police chief Roni Alsheich told reporters. "This does not bring honor to the state of Israel of course. But I think it does bring respect to Israel's police."

Police said the threats had caused panic, "significant economic damage" and disrupted public order at locations around the world.

Harel Menashri, a former cyber expert with Israel's Shin Bet internal security agency, said it was not "too complicated" for the suspect to do what he did.

He said it appeared the suspect had penetrated neighbors' Wi-Fi systems to create multiple computer addresses.

"One of the things that helped him evade capture was he apparently took control over additional computers on the way and created a kind of computer chain," he said.

Nimrod Vax, a co-founder of the U.S.-Israeli cybersecurity firm BigID, said catching the suspect was a more complicated task.

He said authorities would have had to sift through "billions, if not trillions" of pieces of data, including phone records, routing logs and IP connections.

Ron Hosko, a retired FBI assistant director, said such investigations require massive manpower to solve.

Investigating a bomb threat by phone normally means getting a subpoena for a phone company and getting subscriber information to identify the incoming call. But the suspect used computer software, such as Tor, to obfuscate his whereabouts.

The software "puts you in a cloud of IP addresses" that link to different computers and make it extremely difficult to trace, he said.

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Terror Conditions

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HEADLINE	03/24 Football loving teen to terror attacker
SOURCE	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/03/23/violent-extremist-dropped-polices-radar/
GIST	<p>This is the first photo of Khalid Masood, the terrorist responsible for the Westminster attack. Smiling broadly for the camera, he is photographed in his school football team.</p> <p>The picture is not dated but he appears to be about 14-years-old. Almost 40 years later, he would go on to wreak havoc at the heart of British democracy, murdering four innocent people.</p> <p>Masood was born Adrian Elms and used the name Adrian Ajao, his stepfather Philip's surname during his school years. In the photograph, Masood is sixth from the left in the back row. His arms are folded and he gives no clue as to the murderous path he would take. Masood went to Huntley School for Boys in Tunbridge Wells in Kent where he grew up.</p> <p>After school, he Masood quickly turned to a life of petty and violent crime.</p> <p>Khalid Masood, the Westminster attacker, snapped because of racism in his village and slashed the face of a cafe owner before being radicalised in jail. This led to his involvement in terrorism.</p>

Masood has been identified as the man formerly known as Adrian Elms, a career criminal with a history of violent knife crime.

Reports emerged on Friday that the Muslim convert had recently become a grandfather, after neighbours said that the daughter of his wife had just had a baby.

Records suggest that Masood, who had given his occupation as an English tutor on several forms over the years, was married to a 39-year-old woman named Rohey Hydara, who lives in an Olympic Village apartment in east London.

Masood went off the rails in July 2000, slashing a man across the face after an argument that had "racial overtones". The attack would land him in jail and his life, already in a fragmented state, would fall apart.

In another attack three years later, he stabbed a man in the nose before reportedly travelling to Saudi Arabia.

The extraordinary revelations will cause deep unease. Elms – or Masood, the Islamic name he adopted – was known to the authorities as a vicious thug whose 'violent extremism' had brought him to the attention of MI5. Yet at some point a decision was taken that he was no longer considered a threat.

On Wednesday, having stayed the night before the attack in a cheap hotel in Brighton, he got into a hired car, drove to London and then used it as a weapon to kill pedestrians on Westminster bridge.

Then brandishing a knife, he slaughtered a police officer, trying to protect the palace of Westminster, in cold blood.

Masood told staff at the Preston Park Hotel: "I'm off to London today" as if he was a tourist. The capital, he declared, "isn't like it used to be." Masood, whose mother was white and father black, was born in Dartford in Kent.

Masood was 35 and living in the quiet Sussex village of Northiam when in 2000 he slashed cafe owner Piers Mott in the face with a knife after a row that had 'racial overtones'.

Hove Crown Court heard that the attack left Masood and his young family "ostracised" in the village. He had been in conflict with his victim before. After leaving the pub, in which he argued with his victim, Masood lost his temper and slashed seat covers in Mott's car. When Mott arrived at his car, Masood waved the knife at him and caught his face, leaving him needing more than 20 stitches.

The court heard at the time that Masood had consumed four pints during the afternoon and had the knife because he was decorating his daughter's bedroom.

Judge Charles Kemp sentenced Elms to a total of two years in prison.

Commenting on the row between the victim and Elms, Judge Kemp said: "While it doesn't afford any excuse for your behaviour it may afford some degree of explanation."

Masood, one of only two black men Northiam - according to a court report at the time - was ostracised from the community. He was jailed for two years for the attack.

Three years later and now out of jail, Masood was accused of stabbing a man in the nose, leaving him needing cosmetic surgery. He was sent back to jail for another six months for possession of offensive weapon. He served time in Lewes jail, East Sussex, Wayland prison in Norfolk, and Ford open prison, West Sussex.

It is quite likely he was radicalised during a spell in jail.

By 2005 he was working in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia, then teaching workers at the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) in Jeddah, according to The Sun, which says it obtained a copy of Masood's CV.

In the CV, which was sent out just weeks ago, he is said to describe himself as "British", "friendly and approachable" and a good listener.

The document reportedly claims he had a economics degree. He apparently began in sales and was later promoted to manager at Aaron Chemicals in Bodiam, East Sussex.

In 2004 he is understood to have married a Muslim, Farzana Malik. It is unclear what became of their marriage and whether Masood converted to Islam at the time. In the same year, The Sun reports, Masood's CV claims he gained a TESOL certificate, allowing him to teach English to foreigners.

In spring 2009, Masood reportedly returned from Saudi Arabia to the UK. After a five-month gap, he is said to have joined a TEFL college in Luton as a "senior English teacher".

Theresa May, in a statement to MPs at 10.30am on Thursday, was quick to absolve her security services of blame.

"His identity is known to the police and MI5 and, when operational considerations allow, he will be publicly identified," she said.

"What I can confirm is that the man was British-born and that – some years ago – he was once investigated in relation to concerns about violent extremism. He was a peripheral figure. The case is historic – he was not part of the current intelligence picture.

“There was no prior intelligence of his intent or of the plot.”

Five hours later, the Metropolitan Police made public one of his adopted names – Khalid Masood- in a short statement that gave scant details of his long history of violent crime. None, they stressed, were for terrorism offences.

Police finally admitted on Thursday night that Masood was not his birth name, adding to mystery about why his real name Adrian Elms was being withheld.

Masood, a burly bodybuilding enthusiast, received his first conviction in November 1983 for criminal damage when he was 18 and his last one in 2003 for possession of a knife.

In a 20-year criminal career he also received convictions for causing grievous bodily harm. He has lived a nomadic existence including stints on the south coast as well as in Kent.

It is thought that after his time in prison, he came onto MI5’s radar. A Whitehall source said he had been a person of interest but “peripheral” to a terror investigation. The source declined to identify the terror cell.

Over the past five or six years, Masood, his wife, aged 39, and their young children, have been on the move. Electoral roll records show him living in areas notorious for pockets of Islamist extremism.

He lived for more than two years until 2013 in Luton, where Anjem Choudary, an influential preacher now in jail for terror offences, had been a regular and often mob-handed visitor.

A former neighbour in Luton, Katie Garriques, 48, a former headteacher, remembered a “polite, shy” and “quite portly man” whom she often saw gardening at the front of the property and playing with his children.

From Luton, Masood and his family moved to Forest Gate in east London. A neighbour, who asked not to be named, said Masood frequented a mosque in nearby Leyton. Another neighbour, Ibrahima Kone, 57, a cab driver, said the family lived there for three years. At some stage Masood’s wife had moved to a new property on the site of the Olympic Village. A property there was raided by police on Wednesday night.

In the past year, Masood and his family moved to Birmingham to a block of flats at Quayside in Winson Green. It is not clear why they moved there, but that property was also raided by anti-terror police following the attack.

Student Kaodi Campbell, 25, confirmed the man in the picture was her neighbour. “He was always polite and would say ‘hello, hello’ to me,” she said.

“You could tell they were religious, his wife always wore traditional dress. I last saw them just over a month ago. They had three children. He had a job and you would see him leaving for work or taking his children to school.”

Local children remember him joining in games of football. One boy said: “Sometimes he’d play as well, though he wasn’t very good. He wore a skull cap and had a long bushy beard.”

On Monday or Tuesday, Masood turned up at the car hire company Enterprise at its Spring Hill depot in Birmingham and rented the Hyundai SUV used in Wednesday’s attack.

He gave his profession as a teacher and, it is understood, his address as a rented flat close to Edgbaston and not far from the Enterprise offices. On Wednesday at 11pm, armed police stormed the upstairs flat at Hagley Road. More than a dozen officers armed with machine guns stormed the premises, making three arrests. One witness, who works in a shop near the second-floor flat, said: “The man from London lived here. They came and arrested three men.”

Scotland Yard said on Thursday it had made eight arrests, seven in Birmingham and one in east London of a 39-year-old woman. A property in Brighton, where The Sun reported Masood spent his last night, and another in south-east London were also searched.

David Videcette, a former Scotland Yard counter-terrorism officer and security expert, said it was odd that Masood had committed the atrocity at the age of 52.

“His age is surprising as most terrorists are radicalised at a much younger age,” said Mr Videcette. “It would be my assessment that he has probably had quite a troubled past, with involvement in drink or drugs leading him into criminality.

“Then at some point, possibly in the last decade, he has converted to Islam and changed his name. Then it appears that he has fallen under the malign influence of others who have encouraged or persuaded him to carry out this attack, possibly for money for his family.”

Mr Videcette added: “What will be key is establishing why he has suddenly and quite recently moved to Birmingham, having spent most of his life in the South East.

“Pretty much every terror case I worked on had some Birmingham connection somewhere along the line. It is likely there were people there who were part of his close circle and the police will want to look at that aspect very closely indeed.”

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HEADLINE | **03/23 Psychology behind London terror attack**

SOURCE	https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/slightly-blightly/201703/the-psychology-behind-londons-terrorist-attacker
GIST	<p>Very little is yet known about the assailant at the centre of the London terrorist outrage; it looks like they acted alone.</p> <p>With the police now declaring arrests have been made linked to the crime, a question remains over how much this resembles a so-called ‘lone-wolf’ attack?</p> <p>BBC News is currently reporting that a police officer was stabbed to death outside the Houses of Parliament while four other people died, including the attacker, and at least 40 others were injured as people on Westminster Bridge were driven into by a speeding car.</p> <p>‘Lone-actors’ appear to have been behind more recent terrorist incidents, compared to organisations or groups. Security agencies may have become better at penetrating and intercepting groups of extremists.</p> <p>Loners on the other hand may represent a particular challenge because, by definition, they don’t communicate or get involved with others. Penetrating ‘inside the head’ of an isolated individual seems implausible.</p> <p>Does this mean that incidents like the most recent one in Westminster, if this does turn out to be another ‘lone-wolf’ attack, signal we have now reached the end stage of the ultimate terrorist weapon?</p> <p>Or can useful predictions be made about what security agencies might uncover about this perpetrator in the coming days?</p> <p>Academics Paul Gill, John Horgan and Paige Deckert, recently published in the <i>‘Journal of Forensic Sciences’</i>, one of the most comprehensive studies of lone-wolf attackers. They investigated 119 who engaged in or planned such terrorism within the United States and Europe.</p> <p>Their investigation reveals psychological patterns providing avenues to pursue in preventing what can appear threats impossible to defend against.</p> <p>For example, this study found that much tactical planning goes into lone-actor terrorist events.</p> <p>Approaching one third of offenders engaged in ‘dry runs’ of their intended attacks. Given what appears to be a relative increase in this kind of terrorism, there seems to be direct knowledge transfer between them. This study found approximately a quarter consumed information concerning other lone-actor terrorists while 15.1% digested literature or propaganda produced by other lone-actor terrorists.</p> <p>Someone, somewhere will be viewing the horrific images on our screens and plotting the next attack.</p>

Half of these perpetrators changed address within the 5 years prior to the terrorism, and of those who did transfer address, 45% did so within 6 months of their eventual terrorist attack or arrest.

While often characterised as 'loners', in fact this study found their social isolation was often not enduring, but instead arose from more recent interpersonal conflict. For example, while approaching a third experienced problems in close personal relationships, of this group, almost one third experienced these difficulties within the 6 months prior to their terrorist attack.

The study, entitled, '*Bombing Alone: Tracing the Motivations and Antecedent Behaviors of Lone-Actor Terrorists*', found 41.2% had previous criminal convictions, a much higher proportion than suggested for members of formal terrorist organizations. Organised terrorists prefer recruits without past criminal records; less likely to raise red flag alerts with the security community.

The majority of those with a crime history had been in jail; it was while serving time that at least a third became 'radicalised', adopting an ideology from prison that would underpin eventual terrorist attack.

The authors of this study, based at University College London, Georgia State University in Georgia and The Pennsylvania State University, also found 'lone-actor' terrorist events were rarely sudden and impulsive; evidence that this kind of assailant might be defended against if their patterns were better understood.

Religiously inspired lone actors constitute the largest group of perpetrators at approaching half, in terms of ideological reasons for committing the terrorism. The balance between the different motivations has evolved. Religion as a reason for the attack has risen dramatically in recent years, while right-wing ideologies and single-issue campaigners such as abortion activism has relatively declined.

A fifth of the total sample converted to a religion before engaging in an event. The religiosity and anger of many noticeably increased in the build-up to their terrorism.

In terms of plotting, 41.2% of the offenders specifically targeted, or intended to target, people with the most commonly sought-after target civilians (27.7%), followed by government-related targets (23.5%) with military targets at just 6.7%.

The military are therefore attacked on a far less consistent basis compared to terrorist groups. Most (58%) lone-actor terrorist plots are located in public spaces while in 24.4% of cases, the offender had a previous history with the location of the attack (e.g., was previously employed there).

The study, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate and coordinated through the U.K. Home Office, found in most cases, others knew some aspect of the offender's grievance, intent or extremist beliefs prior to the terrorism. In 58.8% of cases, the offender produced letters or public statements before the event outlining beliefs.

In almost two thirds of cases, family and friends were aware of the individual's intent to engage in terrorism-related activities because the offender told them. This is comparatively a lower figure than the 81% found in school shooters, but these findings still suggest that friends and family can play important roles in efforts that seek to prevent terrorist plots. In approaching a quarter of cases, the individual provided a specific pre-terrorist event warning.

What this research might be pointing to is that knowledge of the antecedents to such attacks needs to be better disseminated amongst the public. Possibly it is the wider community who are the key intelligence weapon against so-called 'lone-wolf' actors.

In terms of the planning of the terrorism, often others were aware of the offender's precise intent. In approaching two thirds of cases, others possessed specific information about the lone actor's preparation prior to the event itself. There was often very little time between the offender choosing to opt for violence and committing an attack.

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HEADLINE	03/24 Birmingham jihadi capital of Britain?
SOURCE	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4344300/How-DID-Birmingham-jihadi-capital-Britain.html
GIST	<p>The Hyundai 4x4 at the centre of the Westminster terrorist atrocity might have ended its bloody mission at the gates of Parliament, but the vehicle — and the maniac behind the wheel — began the journey more than 100 miles up the M40 . . . in Birmingham.</p> <p>The vehicle was hired from a firm — in Birmingham. The 'driver' was staying in a rented flat — in Birmingham. Police with machine guns carried out a series of raids in the aftermath of the attack — in Birmingham.</p> <p>Birmingham. Birmingham. Birmingham. It's always Birmingham.</p> <p>Under different circumstances, these revelations might be treated as no more than incidental facts in the narrative. After all, the Hyundai had to come from somewhere, the perpetrator had to live somewhere.</p> <p>The recent history of Britain's second city, however, tells us that the Birmingham 'connection' is more significant; more than just a coincidence.</p> <p>How can the shocking statistic — namely, that one in ten convicted Islamic terrorists come from a tiny area of Birmingham in and around the Sparkbrook district — be dismissed as a 'coincidence?'</p> <p>These five highly concentrated Muslim council wards, occupying a few square miles, have produced 26 of the country's 269 known jihadis, according to recent analysis of terrorism in the UK.</p>

The evidence is there, in black and white, in the 1,000-page report published earlier this month by security think-tank, the Henry Jackson Society.

The overall number of Islamic terrorists revealed to have had a Birmingham address down the years is even higher: 39 in total. This figure is more than for the whole of West Yorkshire, Greater Manchester and Lancashire put together.

The address where Khalid Masood, the man responsible for the Westminster outrage, was believed to have been holed up was in Hagley Road, a busy thoroughfare lined with kebab shops, cheap Asian food outlets and boarded-up stores with broken windows.

Officially, Hagley Road falls within the leafy Edgbaston postcode, but it has more in common with nearby Sparkbrook, which runs adjacent to this run-down part of Edgbaston (which famously boasts one of England's regular Test match cricket grounds).

The back-to-back terraces of Sparkbrook, and similar neighbourhoods around the country, have often been cited as examples of thriving multiculturalism. In truth, they have become segregated ghettos with high rates of crime and unemployment, where few British-origin households remain.

Only a generation ago, residents were made up of indigenous locals and families from Ireland, attracted by cheap housing and employment.

In the Sixties, the first migrants from the Indian sub-continent arrived, and so began a process of irreversible change that culminated in mass, uncontrolled immigration under New Labour.

Today, multiculturalism in Sparkbrook means a Muslim from Pakistan living-side-by-side with a Muslim from, say Bangladesh or Kashmir.

University research recently identified Sparkbrook as one of two areas outside London with more than 30 per cent of people not born in the UK. A significant section of Sparkbrook's population do not speak English. There are 22 mosques in Sparkbrook alone.

Khalid Masood, 52, a father of three — originally from Kent — might have been a 'lone wolf' in the sense that he was the only person in the Hyundai, the only person with a knife, but that does not necessarily mean he was acting in isolation.

Masood, a Muslim convert — and irony of ironies, formerly an English teacher who taught in the West Midlands — clearly had 'contacts' in Birmingham. Hence the police raids across the city, and in London and elsewhere. Seven of the eight people arrested on suspicion of preparation of terrorist acts were seized in Birmingham.

Recent events will do little to ease strained relations between the police and local Muslims.

Imran Awar, a criminologist at Birmingham University, says Muslims in Birmingham have felt increasingly demonised, and draws comparisons with treatment of the Irish community here following the Birmingham pub bombings in 1974.

It was typified by the controversy, back in 2008, when West Midlands Police installed CCTV and automatic number plate reading (ANPR) cameras in inner city Birmingham, allegedly to combat vehicle crime and anti-social behaviour. In fact, they were put up as part of a programme by the force's counter-terrorism unit with the consent of the Home Office and M15.

After the truth emerged, police were forced to apologise to Muslims and bags were placed over the cameras.

Many would still argue — and not just with the benefit of hindsight — that the police's surveillance operation was justified.

So why has Birmingham become the terror capital of the UK?

Security experts point to the fact that many Muslims living in Birmingham today can trace their origins to the divided state of Kashmir, which has been the centre of an endless territorial dispute between Pakistan and India.

Throughout the Nineties, Kashmiri militants fighting for an independent Kashmir travelled to Birmingham to raise funds and inspire local Muslims to join the fight. Many of the convicted jihadists from the city used Kashmiri militant groups as 'stepping stones' to join Al Qaeda.

But this is not the only reason for Birmingham becoming synonymous with extremism.

Birmingham, remember, was the setting for the Trojan Horse scandal, when militant Muslims attempted to infiltrate state schools to impose an Islamic agenda.

The controversy resulted in an inquiry in 2014. The council admitted it had shied away from the problem out of a 'fear of being accused of racism'. Others, including the head forced out by hardliners, have accused the authority of turning a blind eye to extremism out of political expediency — because most Muslims vote Labour.

Yet, only recently, Dame Louise Casey, the Government's integration tsar, wrote to the leader of the council questioning whether sufficient lessons have been learnt from the affair.

Her intervention followed the resignation of Waseem Zaffar, the council's cabinet member for 'transparency, openness and equality', who was forced to resign after a pressurising a Roman Catholic school to let a four-year-old girl wear an Islamic veil in class. The school, which caters for Catholics and non-Catholics alike, had a uniform policy that banned headwear.

Mr Zaffar said the policy breached the Equalities Act, a claim dismissed by Dame Louise Casey, who condemned Mr Zaffar's behaviour. Mr Zaffar still plays a prominent role in local Labour politics, however. He is the campaign chief for Labour's candidate to be the first elected West Midlands metropolitan mayor in May.

The previous candidate — veteran Muslim councillor Muhammad Afzal — withdrew from the race following a series of controversies.

He lost support after branding David Cameron an Islamophobe and making inflammatory comments to a Muslim women's group, when he claimed 'domestic violence was happening mainly in the Christian community because they get drunk'.

Councillor Afzal, incidentally, is also the chairman of Birmingham Central Mosque.

Critics have argued that such political leadership — or lack of it — has created a culture where militancy has flourished.

This is why they believe that the 'Birmingham Connection' to the Westminster atrocity is much more than just a coincidence.

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HEADLINE	03/23 Pakistan terror groups get rich off crime
SOURCE	http://www.voanews.com/a/report-pakistan-terror-groups-get-rich-crime-money-laundering/3779316.html
GIST	<p>Waves of crime in Pakistan — including extortion, smuggling and kidnapping for ransom — are major sources of terrorist financing for extremist groups in the country, according to a new government report obtained by Pakistani media.</p> <p>The report by the Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU) in Pakistan, titled "National Risk Assessment on Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing 2017," reportedly details how terror groups generate funds through criminal activities, a Pakistani newspaper reported Thursday.</p> <p>"Main sources of income of terrorists in Pakistan include foreign funding, drug trafficking, kidnapping for ransom, extortion from business, vehicle snatching," according to the 45-page confidential report by FMU, which is an intelligence service department within the Ministry of Finance.</p>

The report, which has not been released publicly, says over 200 local and international terrorist organizations generate billions of Pakistani rupees to fund their activities.

"Annual operational budget of terrorist organizations is from 5 million rupees [about \$48,000] to 25 million rupees [about \$240,000]," the report said, according to The News website, which published excerpts.

According to the report, terrorist groups also receive money through the hawala system, an alternative or parallel system that operates outside traditional banking and financial channels. The system largely has been used in money laundering.

The income sources include "hawala/hundi,' cash couriers, [and] dealings in foreign exchange," the report said. "A part of foreign exchange collected abroad may include funds for terrorist financing, and the rupee counterpart disbursed in Pakistan may help terrorist financing."

Some terrorist groups get rich off selling military equipment looted from NATO supplies that pass through Pakistani land before arriving in neighboring Afghanistan, according to the report.

The so-called southern route, which runs through Pakistan, is the most direct and cost-effective way to send supplies to U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, but it is vulnerable to attacks by militants.

A U.S. Treasury Department report on terrorist financing last year said many militant groups in Pakistan, including those that "continue to pose a direct threat to the U.S. interests and allies in the region," fund their activities through proceeds from illegal businesses and charitable organizations.

The Treasury report said the Pakistani-based Lashkar-e-Tayyiba group, which was blamed by law enforcement for attacks in 2008 in Mumbai that killed more than 150 people, including six Americans, receives millions of dollars through funding from several humanitarian organizations within Pakistan and private donations.

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HEADLINE	03/23 Al Qaeda quietly gaining Syria territory
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/mar/23/al-qaeda-quietly-gaining-territory-syria-amid-isis/
GIST	<p>Al Qaeda's affiliates in Syria have begun gaining ground in the central part of the country, taking advantage of the regime's increased focus on the ongoing fight against Islamic State in northern Syria.</p> <p>Fighters from Hay'at Tahrir Al-Sham, a faction of the former Syrian al Qaeda cell now known as Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, have overrun government forces in the central Syrian cities of Qomhana and Ma'an, 30 miles south of anti-government stronghold of Idlib, according to local reports.</p>

The attacks come as forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad has begun diverting his forces from battling rebel fighters in central Syria to territory held by Islamic State, or ISIS or ISIL. The ensuing vacuum has allowed al Qaeda-affiliated groups to push into rebel-held territory near Idlib and Hama.

It remains unclear how far the group's Syrian cells will push unchecked by Damascus into rebel territory. But those efforts in Syria fall in line with al Qaeda's recent resurgence in Yemen, west Africa, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

But Abu Jaber, general commander for Hay'at Tahrir Al-Sham, disavowed any ties between his organization and al Qaeda. The group, under Jaber's command, "is an independent entity and not an extension of previous organizations or factions," he said in a statement issued in February.

Al Qaeda's Yemeni cell, formerly known as al Nusra Front, had allied with rebel forces battling to overthrow the Assad regime after the Obama administration balked at proposed strikes against the regime during the height of the Syrian civil war.

In the aftermath, al Qaeda fighters quickly co-opted the Syrian resistance, infiltrating American-backed groups such as the Free Syrian Army and other moderate rebel groups. With Assad's brutal victory in Aleppo, retaking the rebel redoubt with the support of a blistering air campaign by Russian warplanes, moderate and extremist factions within the anti-Assad forces splintered across the country.

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HEADLINE	03/23 Europe on alert; security tightened
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/mar/23/london-attack-puts-europe-on-alert-over-terror/
GIST	<p>Countries across Europe tightened security Thursday as investigators in London identified a 52-year-old British-born Muslim man as the attacker who carried out Wednesday's rampage on Westminster Bridge and the grounds of Parliament.</p> <p>Authorities said Khalid Masood, who lived in the British city of Birmingham, had a history of criminal convictions and was once investigated — but ultimately cleared Britain's domestic counterintelligence agency MI5 — as a possible Islamic extremist.</p> <p>The Islamic State terrorist group claimed responsibility Thursday for the assault in London, in which Masood mowed down pedestrians with a sport utility vehicle before fatally stabbing a police officer in an attack that injured more than 40 people and left three bystanders dead, including an American tourist from Utah. London police said late Thursday that a 75-year-old man injured in the attack on Westminster Bridge had died of his wounds, the latest victim of the attack. Several of the wounded were still in critical condition.</p>

Investigators were scrambling Thursday night to assess the legitimacy of the Islamic State's claim as well as the extent to which Masood — a man reported to have a wife and young child in Britain — had any direct ties to the terrorist group also known as ISIS and ISIL.

But the assurances of higher security come as European nations continue to struggle to deploy adequate resources to confront what U.S. intelligence officials have for more than a year been characterizing as a rising threat posed by locally radicalized extremists as well as Islamic State fighters and other European-born extremists returning home from jihad in Syria and Iraq. The low-tech methods of recent attacks — employing knives, commercial trucks and cars instead of guns and bombs — poses another security challenge.

Analysts and intelligence officials say some 5,000 Western Europeans traveled to the Middle East nations to wage jihad in recent years, with some 3,700 coming from just four nations: France, Germany, Belgium and the United Kingdom.

France has kept thousands of military troops deployed around its interior since the November 2015 Paris terrorist attacks in which Islamic State loyalists killed 130 people. In December, the French government moved to extend through July a state of emergency that allows the president's office to authorize home searches of suspected extremists without warrants.

Security also remains tight in Germany, where authorities have identified 602 individuals as "Islamist threats," according to the German magazine Der Spiegel, which carried a lead article on its website Thursday that said some 300 of the individuals live in Syria or Iraq, often as fighters for groups such as the Islamic State.

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HEADLINE	03/23 Docs train Syria medical students online
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/health/2017/03/23/american-doctors-train-syrian-medical-students-online.html
GIST	<p>The war in Syria is now in its seventh year. According to the United Nations, millions have been displaced and hundreds of thousands have been killed including medical workers. More than 750 medical personnel have been killed since the beginning of the war, increasing the need for doctors and nurses.</p> <p>A team of doctors and professors in the U.S. and abroad are working to train Syrian medical students online. Tarif Bakdash, a doctor and associate professor of pediatric neurology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center is part of that team.</p> <p>"As a Syrian originally," Bakdash said. "I feel like I have an obligation to help the Syrians at this point and as an American I feel I have a duty to bring to the world what is the United States about. Which is again to me a country of love and kindness and compassion."</p>

Bakdash immigrated to the United States from Syria in the 1980's. He volunteers his time on weekends to help develop a curriculum for medical students at Free Aleppo University (FAU). He says the university was founded nearly two years ago by former professors of Aleppo University, which is controlled by the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

"The idea behind it is because most of the medical students and most of the university students in Aleppo area can't go anymore to the universities because they are controlled by the government," Bakdash said.

"These are kids in the rebel held areas. So basically the interim government decided to start a university."

FAU has gained support in the United States since its founding. Yale University hosted a meeting in May of 2016 to drum up support for the university. Kaveh Khoshnood an associate professor at the Yale School of Public Health, helped organize the meeting.

Khoshnood says the school operates "underground" literally and figuratively since most students study in basements of buildings in "safe" locations. "Just getting together carries a risk of being targeted by the government forces," Khoshnood said. "Their locations are completely secret, we never know and of course we never ask where they are but they know fully well their taking risks but they want to be educated they want to work as doctors and nurses," he said.

Although Yale University doesn't offer classes to FAU students, Khoshnood says he hopes to do more in the near future. Yale University medical students even started a YouCaring campaign to purchase anatomy apps for FAU students. Khoshnood added his colleagues at the State University of New York at Albany already have a platform in place to teach displaced students.

The State University of New York at Albany offers classes to FAU students through its Global Multilingual Online College. Arash and Kamiar Alaei are brothers and co-directors of the school's Global Institute for Health and Human Rights. The Alaei brothers created a platform to help displaced students from around the world continue their education.

Alaei says the courses are free for the nearly 500 students at Free Aleppo University and the platform provides nearly 60% of the pre-clinical courses needed. Professors at FAU teach the remaining classes. He added that the majority of students take the courses on their smartphones since they do not have access to laptop computers.

According to Alaei, most of the students remain in Syria with some reside in Turkey.

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HEADLINE | **03/23 Strategic Afghan district falls to Taliban**

SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2017/03/23/Taliban-overtakes-Sangin-district-in-Helmand-province-Afghanistan/5801490268901/?utm_source=fp&utm_campaign=lh&utm_medium=7
GIST	<p>March 23 (UPI) -- Strategic Sangin district in Afghanistan's embattled Helmand province fell to Taliban forces on Thursday, local military and government officials said.</p> <p>The area was the scene of heavy fighting for years, with more British and U.S. casualties there than in any of Afghanistan's approximately 400 other districts. The international military coalition controlled it starting in 2013, but Taliban forces took control this week.</p> <p>Taliban forces have lately concentrated on retaking the district as part of a larger strategy to dominate the entire province adjacent to Pakistan.</p> <p>The Taliban launched an attack in the town of Sangin two months ago. The town of 30,000, in the center of Helmand province's opium region, was under Taliban control until British troops established a base there in 2006. Taliban forces besieged the area in a nine-month campaign regarded as among the fiercest battles of the long war. By 2007 Sangin was restored to Afghan government control.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Egypt: 10 soldiers killed in militant attack
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2017/03/23/Ten-Egyptian-soldiers-killed-in-Sinai/5281490278853/?utm_source=fp&utm_campaign=lh&utm_medium=1
GIST	<p>March 23 (UPI) -- Ten Egyptian soldiers died in an attack on an insurgent hideout in the Sinai Peninsula, an army spokesman announced Thursday.</p> <p>"Our forces raided a terrorist outpost in central Sinai, which led to the killing of 15 Takfiris [extremists] and arrest of seven others," spokesman Tamer al-Refai said in a statement. "While pursuing the terrorists, two army vehicles struck roadside bombs, leading to the martyrdom of three army officers and seven other military personnel."</p> <p>He said that 15 militants were killed and seven were arrested in the raid, adding that storehouses of explosives and medical equipment were destroyed, and vehicles, explosives, laptop computers and cellphones were seized. The statement came several days after the Egyptian Army announced that 18 "extremely dangerous terrorists" were killed, and 37 arrested, in clashes in various parts of the peninsula.</p> <p>A number of Islamist extremist groups have used the Egyptian-controlled Sinai Peninsula as a headquarters and staging ground, a situation aggravated by the 2013 ouster of Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi. Hundreds of Egyptian security personnel have been killed in isolated clashes with insurgent groups since 2013. Egyptian authorities say their primary conflict is with the Walayat Sinai group, which has ties to the Islamic State.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Belgians thwart shopping area car attack
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/driver-sped-antwerp-shopping-area-knives-car-police-n737681
GIST	<p>A French national was arrested after he attempted to drive into a shopping area at high speed with knives and other weapons in his car, officials said on Thursday.</p> <p>French President Francois Hollande said the man detained in the Belgian city of Antwerp "was looking to kill or at the very least create a dramatic incident."</p> <p>The incident came just one day after three people were killed in London when an attacker drove at people walking across a bridge in a 4x4. He was later fatally shot by police.</p> <p>Belgian prosecutors said the man drove into the pedestrianized De Meir shopping street at around 11 a.m. local time (6 a.m. ET).</p> <p>A police spokesman said the driver had entered the street "at high speed due to which pedestrians had to jump away."</p> <p>He added the driver was later arrested and additional police and military personnel had been deployed to the center of Antwerp, but did not give any further details.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 London attack suspect named
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/uk-prime-minister-london-attacker-authorities-british-born/story?id=46321816&cid=clicksource_4380645_1_hero_headlines_bsq_hed
GIST	<p>The man police believe is responsible for Wednesday's terrorist attack at London's Westminster Bridge has been identified as U.K. native Khalid Masood.</p> <p>Police said Masood, 52, was known to authorities and has a range of previous convictions for assaults, including grievous bodily harm, possession of offensive weapons and public order offenses. His most recent conviction was in December 2003 for possession of a knife, according to the Metropolitan Police Service in London.</p> <p>Massod was born in Kent in southeast England and detectives believe he was most recently residing in the West Midlands in western-central England. He was also known by a number of aliases, according to police.</p> <p>Masoon has not been convicted of any terrorism offenses, police noted.</p>

	Police said Masoon was not the subject of any current investigations and there was no prior intelligence regarding his intent to launch a terrorist attack.
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HEADLINE	03/23 Syria troops besiege ISIS stronghold
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/syrian-troops-besiege-held-northern-stronghold-46321308?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Syrian government forces are besieging the last Islamic State stronghold in the northern province of Aleppo, weeks after launching an offensive to retake the entire province, state media and an opposition monitoring group reported Thursday.</p> <p>The push on Deir Hafer comes as U.S. aircraft ferried Syrian Kurdish fighters and allies behind IS lines to spearhead a major ground assault on the strategic IS-held town of Tabqa in Raqqa province, which borders Aleppo.</p> <p>That airlift marked a deepening U.S. involvement in Syria's conflict ahead of a looming battle for the extremist group's de facto capital, the city of Raqqa.</p> <p>The airlift was part of what Pentagon spokesman Eric Pahon described as a large, high-priority offensive to secure the area around Tabqa and the associated Tabqa Dam.</p> <p>The U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces said in a statement Thursday that its fighters, along with military advisers from the U.S.-led coalition, landed Tuesday night in the near Tabqa with their equipment and vehicles, and have already secured a wide area.</p> <p>Tabqa lies 45 kilometers (28 miles) west of Raqqa. The Islamic State group controls the town as well as the Tabqa Dam on the Euphrates River which supplies electric power to the area and a military airfield nearby.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Extradition of FBI 'most wanted' blocked
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/jordan-planner-2001-blast-relieved-us-extradition-blocked-46325166
GIST	A Hamas activist on the FBI's list of "most wanted terrorists" said she is relieved Jordan's highest court has blocked her extradition to the U.S., where she faces charges in a suicide bombing that killed 15 people, including two Americans, at a crowded Jerusalem pizzeria.

Ahlam al-Tamimi, 37, who chose the target of the 2001 attack and guided the bomber there, told The Associated Press that she "lived in fear" for her life until this week's high court ruling, in part because she had received threats, including from U.S. citizens, on social media.

She said she can't leave her native Jordan for fear of arrest if she travels abroad.

Al-Tamimi has been unapologetic about her role in one of the deadliest of scores of Hamas suicide bombings during the second Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule. She said Palestinians have a right to resist by any means, including with such attacks, against what she portrayed as a brutal military occupation.

"We are an oppressed people defending ourselves," al-Tamimi said in an interview this week in her home in the Jordanian capital, Amman. "We want Israel to leave our land so we can live in quiet."

Asked about her role in the killing of civilians, including children, she said: "I don't target children, but when the bomb goes off, it goes everywhere."

The blast at the Sbarro restaurant in downtown Jerusalem went off on the afternoon of Aug. 9, 2001. The assailant detonated explosives hidden in a guitar case packed with nails. Fifteen people were killed, including seven between the ages of two and 16, and scores of people were wounded.

Al-Tamimi was arrested by Israel several weeks after the bombing and sentenced to 16 life terms. She was released in a 2011 Israel-Hamas prisoner swap.

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HEADLINE	03/23 ISIS claims London attack
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/03/23/europe/london-attack/index.html
GIST	<p><i>London (CNN)</i> Police investigating the deadliest London terror attack in 12 years have arrested eight people in raids around Britain, as an ISIS-affiliated news agency claimed that the extremist group was behind the outrage.</p> <p>Prime Minister Theresa May revealed the perpetrator was British born and once linked to violent extremism, in a statement to Parliament a day after it was locked down when the assailant breached its perimeter.</p> <p>May said the attacker -- whose rampage claimed three lives and injured 40 -- had been investigated by security services but was regarded as a "peripheral figure." Authorities did not know he was about to mount an assault, she said.</p>

Britain's most senior counterterror police officer said inquiries were continuing in London, Birmingham and elsewhere after the lone attacker plowed a car into crowds of people, killing two people, before stabbing a police officer dead in the grounds of the UK Parliament.

A tweet from ISIS-affiliated news agency Amaq said the attacker was "a soldier" of ISIS inspired by its message. However, ISIS has provided no evidence for any direct links to the assailant, whom it did not name.

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HEADLINE	03/23 Expert: 3 threats of jihadism in the West
SOURCE	http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20170323-london-attack-terrorism-expert-explains-three-threats-of-jihadism-in-the-west
GIST	<p>Details about the man who attacked the British Parliament on 22 March, identified by London police as British national Khalid Masood, are still emerging. With four victims confirmed dead, the attack is the worst in London since the July 7, 2005 bombings on the London transport system.</p> <p>A day after the attack, the Islamic State media organization Amaq released a statement claiming responsibility. The statement read: “The attacker yesterday in front of the British Parliament was a soldier of the Islamic state.”</p> <p>The language of the statement can help us understand the nature of not just this attack, but the nature of jihadist attacks in the West. Based on ten years of research on the topic, I have identified three categories into which this attack is likely to fall.</p> <p>Directed attack</p> <p>The first and least probable scenario is that the attack in London was planned and directed by individuals within the IS hierarchy. In such a situation, the attacker would be part of a wider IS network.</p> <p>Those types of attacks, such as the ones conducted by IS in Paris and Brussels (the anniversary of which was also on the same day as the London attack) in 2015 and 2016, respectively, are usually deadlier and more sophisticated than what we saw in London. The crude nature of the killings, in which Masood used a car as a battering ram before rushing police officers with knife, suggests that this act falls into one of the two following categories.</p> <p>Inspired attack</p> <p>This may have been a so-called “inspired” attack. This refers to a terrorist act undertaken by someone with no known ties to IS or other jihadist groups. These individuals see themselves as part of the wider global jihad movement after consuming jihadist propaganda and interacting with like-minded individuals online. They plan the attack alone, with no input from a terrorist organization.</p>

The last such “inspired” incident in London was the killing of British Army soldier Lee Rigby in May 2013. The attackers, Michael Adebolajo and Michael Adebowale, were inspired by al-Qaida and used a similar tactic to that seen in the Parliament attack, ramming their target with a car before stabbing him repeatedly.

Amaq’s announcement is instructive when it states that the attacker was acting “in response to calls to target citizens of coalition nations.” This is likely a reference to the repeated announcements by IS members, most notably the group’s now deceased former spokesperson Abu Mohammad al-Adnani, for Western IS sympathizers to use any means at their disposal to conduct terror operation in their home nations. In addition, IS usually refers to such individuals as its “soldiers” only when the group had no direct role in the attack.

These inspired acts are often referred to as lone-wolf attacks. While the term is widely used, recent research shows that few attacks in Europe are genuinely conducted by lone actors. For example, one study found that out of 38 IS-linked plots in Europe between 2014 and 2016, only six “were based on inspiration only.” However, even then the authors of the study concede that the plotters “usually had contacts in extremist circles, albeit not IS-related.” Such findings suggest that true lone-wolf attacks are in fact much rarer than many assume.

Remote-controlled attack

The final possible category of attack the London incident falls into is “remote-controlled.” This represents something of a hybrid of the two other forms of jihadist terrorism in the West. This occurs when a radicalized Westerner receives encouragement, and often direct instruction, from an IS member over the internet. These individuals, who my colleague Seamus Hughes and I refer to as “virtual entrepreneurs,” in a recent report are often based in IS-held territory and have built up respected reputations within the IS online milieus.

As IS has spread its influence over social media, and its virtual entrepreneurs have made use of a wide range of encrypted messaging apps such as Telegram, Surespot and WhatsApp, this has become one of the main ways the group plans attacks in the West. In the same study cited above, researchers found that 50 percent of the 38 IS-linked plots in Europe between 2014 and 2016 were found to have involved “online instruction from members of IS’ networks.”

This phenomenon is also apparent in the United States.

My colleague and I discovered that out of 38 IS-inspired plots and attacks in the United States between 1 March 2014 and 1 March 2017, eight involved digital communication with virtual entrepreneurs. This includes the attempted shooting in Garland, Texas in May 2015. One of the attackers, Elton Simpson, was receiving encouragement and direction via encrypted chats with Junaid Hussain, a British IS member based in Syria. Virtual entrepreneurs have also been involved in at least six other terrorism-related cases,

including helping Americans intending to travel to join the Islamic State. This brings the total number of U.S. terrorism cases linked to IS virtual entrepreneurs to 14.

Based on what we know so far, and after analyzing recent trends and the latest research, it is likely that the man who killed three people in London was acting either in the name of IS without any direct links, or was in possible contact with a virtual entrepreneur.

Unfortunately, the only certainty is that this will not be the last such attack in the West. As IS loses ground in Iraq and Syria, it will do all it can to retain an ability to strike in the West. While their key aim is to inspire attacks like those in Paris and Brussels, they will be increasingly difficult to conduct. This is due both to its dwindling resources and the increasing readiness of European security agencies who will be learning from recent attacks.

Lone actors, while rare, will continue offer IS a cost-free method of attack. Meanwhile, virtual entrepreneurs will be doing all they can to help their Western contacts plot and execute mass killings from afar.

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HEADLINE	03/24 London terror attacker known to police
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/london-parliament-attack/khalid-masood-identified-london-parliament-attacker-n737511
GIST	<p>LONDON — The knife-wielding terrorist who killed an American tourist and three others outside the U.K. Parliament was British-born and previously investigated for "violent extremism," according to officials.</p> <p>Authorities identified the suspect as 52-year-old Khalid Masood but said he was known by a number of aliases.</p> <p>On Friday, police confirmed the attacker had been named "Adrian Russell Ajao" at birth.</p> <p>Metropolitan Police Acting Deputy Commissioner Mark Rowley added that "two further significant arrests" had been made overnight, meaning nine people were in custody. A 10th suspect was released on bail.</p> <p>He added that investigators had spoken to 3,500 witnesses and were examining 2,700 items seized during a series of raids — including "massive amounts of computer data."</p> <p>"Clearly a main line in our investigation is what led him to be radicalized ... was it through influences in our community, influences from overseas or from online propaganda," Rowley said. "Our investigation and arrests will help in that but the public appeal will make a real difference."</p>

	<p>Citing sources, ITV News' security editor Rohit Kachroo reported that Masood was a Muslim convert.</p> <p>Masood was known to security services as "a peripheral figure" and "was not part of the current intelligence picture," Prime Minister Theresa May told the House of Commons on Thursday.</p> <p>Police also said Masood was not the subject of any current investigations and there were no prior intelligence reports indicating his intent to carry out the terror attack.</p> <p>Authorities said Masood was born in Kent — a county east of London.</p> <p>Masood was known to police for a range of previous convictions, they said, including assaults, possession of offensive weapons and public order offenses.</p> <p>His first conviction was in 1983 for criminal damage and his most recent was in December 2003 for possession of a knife. He was never convicted of any terror-related offenses.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/24 Sydney teen pleads guilty to terror plot
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/sydney-teenager-pleads-guilty-plotting-terrorist-attack-46342009?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>A Sydney teenager pleaded guilty on Friday to plotting a terrorist attack on an Australian Veteran's Day ceremony last year.</p> <p>The then 16-year-old was arrested and charged with one count of planning a terrorist attack on April 24, one day before hundreds of thousands of Australians gathered at ceremonies across the country to mark ANZAC Day. The annual holiday commemorates the April 25, 1915, Gallipoli landings in Turkey — the first major military action fought by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during World War I.</p> <p>The youth, who cannot be identified because of his age, pleaded guilty in Parramatta Children's Court in western Sydney to planning a terrorist act by trying to source a gun or a bomb-making manual. He will remain in custody until the case returns to court on April 21. He faces a potential sentence of life in prison.</p> <p>Police also said they thwarted a planned attack on an ANZAC Day ceremony in 2015. Police in Melbourne arrested five teenagers on suspicion of plotting an Islamic State group-inspired attack intended to coincide with the city's ANZAC service.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/24 Iraq cleric threatens to boycott elections
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SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/baghdad-rally-iraq-cleric-threatens-boycott-elections-46344200?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>Iraq's influential Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr has threatened to boycott the upcoming provincial elections, urging instead followers to join a "reform revolution."</p> <p>Al-Sadr spoke to thousands at an anti-government protest on Friday in Baghdad, calling for continued peaceful rallies.</p> <p>He says Iraqis who love their country and hate corruption, regardless of ideology, support the "reform revolution." The remarks reflect continued power struggles in Baghdad even Iraqi forces battle the Islamic State group in Mosul.</p> <p>Al-Sadr first took up the mantle of reform over a year ago, when escalating protests occasionally turned violent, breaching Baghdad's highly fortified Green Zone, home to the government and many foreign embassies.</p> <p>Iraq is to hold local elections later this year — the first elections since IS overran nearly a third of the country in 2014.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/24 London police: 4th victim dies
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/uk-prime-minister-london-attacker-authorities-british-born/story?id=46321816
GIST	<p>The man police believe was responsible for Wednesday's terrorist attack in London has been identified as Khalid Masood -- a U.K. native with a number of criminal convictions.</p> <p>Four people, including a police officer, were killed, and at least 28 others were injured in Wednesday's attack, which authorities have declared a terrorist incident. The fourth victim was identified by as a 75-year-old man, who died from his injuries Thursday evening after he was pulled from life support.</p> <p>Masood was fatally shot by police at the scene, according to the Metropolitan Police Service.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/24 Russia forces firefight Chechen militants
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/russia-militants-soldiers-killed-chechen-firefight-46344095?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	Russian authorities say six suspected militants and six soldiers were killed during a firefight in the volatile North Caucasus region.

	<p>The National Anti-terrorism Committee said in a statement Friday that armed militants, including two with suicide belts, tried to break into a National Guard base in Chechnya in the early hours of the morning.</p> <p>The National Guard, a powerful new security agency created last year by President Vladimir Putin, said in a statement that the attack took place in heavy fog.</p> <p>The Kremlin has relied on Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov to stabilize the situation in the mainly Muslim region in the wake of two bloody separatist wars that followed the fall of the Soviet Union.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/24 More arrests in London terror attack
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/arrests-london-terror-attack-46344205?cid=clicksource_76_null_articleroll_hed
GIST	<p>London's top anti-terror officer says two more "significant arrests" have been made in connection with the Westminster attack, in central and northern England. Nine people are currently in custody, while one has been released on bail.</p> <p>Counter-terror chief Mark Rowley on Friday also identified the latest victim, who died in the hospital on Thursday, as 75-year-old Leslie Rhodes from Streatham, south London.</p> <p>The attacker, identified as Khalid Masood, drove his car into crowds of people on Westminster Bridge on Wednesday afternoon, killing three and wounding some 50, before stabbing a police officer to death at the Houses of Parliament. He was shot dead by police.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Dozens killed after Mosul air raid
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-mosul-idUSKBN16U2OF?il=0
GIST	<p>Dozens of residents were buried in collapsed buildings in the Iraqi city of Mosul after an air strike against Islamic State triggered a massive explosion last week and rescuers are still recovering bodies, civil defense agency officials and locals said on Thursday.</p> <p>The exact cause of the collapses was not clear, but a local lawmaker and two local residents said air strikes by the U.S.-led coalition targeting Islamic State militants may have detonated a truck filled with explosives, destroying buildings in a heavily populated area.</p> <p>Civil Defence chief Brigadier Mohammed Al-Jawari told local reporters that rescue teams were retrieving bodies from under the debris in the Mosul Jadida district near Rahma hospital, the site of heavy fighting between Iraqi forces and Islamic State.</p>

Reports of numbers of civilian casualties varied greatly after last Friday's air raid. But Jawari was quoted by al-Mosuliliya channel in a statement saying teams had so far recovered 40 bodies from buildings that collapsed.

"Finding survivors is very difficult because the area is completely destroyed," he told reporters. "It's a very big disaster, indeed we can describe it as a disaster."

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HEADLINE	03/23 FBI director warns of 'terrorist diaspora'
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/03/23/fbis-comey-warns-terrorist-diaspora-from-isis-territory.html
GIST	<p>FBI Director James Comey repeated his concerns Thursday over a "terrorist diaspora" that he believes will occur once ISIS territory in Iraq and Syria is "crushed" by coalition forces.</p> <p>Comey said during a speech at a national security summit at the University of Texas at Austin that he expects these individuals to flow outward largely to Western Europe, Southeast Asia, and North Africa.</p> <p>Labeling the impending phenomenon, the "ghost of Christmas future," Comey used his remarks to urge government leaders and intelligence officials in Western Europe to "break down the barriers" in the EU and share intelligence and critical information in an effort to crack down on the terrorism threat. He did not make any references to Wednesday's attack in London.</p> <p>In speaking to trend shifts the FBI has seen domestically with ISIS followers, Comey said that the foreign traveler issue that peaked during the summer of 2015 "hit the floor" in 2016 and has since stayed there.</p> <p>While ISIS's capacity to direct people to travel to the caliphate has dropped, the FBI chief called the ability of terrorists to use social media and the internet to inspire and enable individuals toward violence a "lingering phenomenon."</p> <p>Comey said that the FBI currently has in the area of 1,000 open homegrown terrorism cases in the U.S. trying to determine where people are on the spectrum of "consuming poison and acting on that poison."</p> <p>Speaking to the difficult nature of the current threat environment, the Comey said these consumers of ISIS propaganda are people "of all backgrounds." The director said that FBI's terrorism-related cases have spanned the age range of roughly 15-60 years old, adding that there is no one particular "hot spot" in the U.S. for extremist activity because a lot of the recruitment and inspiration continues to happen online.</p> <p>Comey also acknowledged instances where individuals who had prior contact with the FBI went on to carry out attacks in the U.S. Specifically, he mentioned Orlando Pulse Nightclub attacker Omar Mateen and the fact that the Bureau had already done a months-long investigation on him that "produced nothing to incapacitate him on."</p>

	Comey said that he personally reviewed the case file and called the work a "quality investigation," adding that he believes Mateen radicalized closer to the actual attack.
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HEADLINE	03/23 Calif. hit-run suspect held on \$10M bail
SOURCE	http://abc7.com/news/officials-probing-whether-santa-monica-hit-run-was-act-of-terror/1816108/
GIST	<p>DEL AIRE, LOS ANGELES (KABC) -- Bail was set at \$10 million for a suspect accused of mowing down a man in a Santa Monica parking lot after officials expressed concerns the incident could have been an act of terrorism.</p> <p>Absadi Tewelde Kidane, 21, is accused of speeding through the parking lot of the Santa Monica courthouse and running over a pedestrian at a parking meter.</p> <p>He then allegedly sped out of the parking lot, struck another car and fled on foot before he was arrested. In addition to felony hit and run and homicide, he was also booked for driving under the influence.</p> <p>The pedestrian who was killed, Donald Thomas of Hawthorne, 40, was described as a churchgoing father of three.</p> <p>At a court hearing, prosecutors and the judge discussed the possibility that the incident was an act of terrorism.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Turkey seeks exclusion from device ban
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/turkey-exclude-airport-airline-laptop-ban-46321225
GIST	<p>A senior official says Turkey is taking steps to keep Istanbul's main airport and its national carrier, Turkish Airlines, outside of the scope of new aviation restrictions imposed by the United States and Britain.</p> <p>Foreign Ministry Spokesman Huseyin Muftuoglu on Thursday criticized the two countries for not consulting with Turkey before deciding to ban some electronics, including laptops, on board flights from some airports in the Middle East and north Africa, including Istanbul.</p> <p>Muftuoglu said taking measures "against people that pose a threat instead of punishing normal passengers would be more effective."</p> <p>The spokesman also claimed Istanbul's Ataturk Airport was one of the safest in the world.</p>

	More than 40 people were killed last year in an attack on the airport that was blamed on the Islamic State group.
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HEADLINE	03/23 FTC: occupational licenses out of control
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/the-ftc-says-occupational-licenses-are-out-of-control/
GIST	<p>Maureen K. Ohlhausen, the new acting chair of the Federal Trade Commission, thinks it's high time that the FTC start giving more than lip service to its traditional mandate of fostering economic liberty. And the first item in her crosshairs is the burgeoning growth in occupational licenses.</p> <p>Over the past several decades, licensing requirements have multiplied like rabbits, she noted. Only 5 percent of the workforce needed a license in 1950, but somewhere between one-quarter and one-third of all American workers need one today.</p> <p>Licensing is appropriate where health and safety is an issue, she added. That's why every state requires workers in 60 different occupations -- from medical technicians and electricians to bus drivers -- to undergo job training and procure a state license. The FTC has no beef with those. The agency aims to restrict licensing requirements only where they create an unwarranted burden to competition, which drives up prices and kills jobs, she said.</p> <p>For instance, depending on where you live, you might need a license to be an auctioneer, interior designer, makeup artist, hair braider, potato shipper, massage therapist or manicurist.</p> <p>Yet, licensing requirements for many of these occupations are no joke. It takes roughly 30 hours to obtain training to be an entry-level emergency medical technician (EMT), for instance, but if you wanted to be a cosmetologist in Nebraska, your training would require 2,100 hours -- more than a full working year.</p> <p>Such onerous requirements have become an issue to the Department of Defense because of the high unemployment rate for military spouses, Ohlhausen said. With such time-consuming licensing requirements -- which often don't give credit for the time the individual spent doing the same job in another state -- a military spouse could end up having to move long before he or she was able to obtain a license to work.</p> <p>While some licensing requirements may have been put into law with good intentions -- who wouldn't want to avoid a bad hair day -- they add costs for workers and consumers by reducing competition in those industries. Indeed, Ohlhausen suspects many of the requirements were pushed by long-time industry players, who aim to deter new entrants into their fields.</p>

	<p>Ohlhausen said her effort to tamp down the trend to overlicense is focused on talking about the impact to state governors and legislators and supporting them with legal arguments and staff resources when they come up against recalcitrant licensing boards bent on maintaining what the FTC considers an anticompetitive status quo.</p> <p>She recently launched an Economic Liberty Task Force within the FTC to gather and disseminate information on the topic. Although the FTC will continue to pursue its other mandates, including protecting and educating consumers about fraud, Ohlhausen said limiting occupational licensing is one of her top priorities.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Book burning fire destroys 10 homes
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/03/23/us/florida-book-burning-fire/index.html
GIST	<p>(CNN) At least 10 homes in Nassau County, Florida, were destroyed in a wildfire caused by a man who was burning books Wednesday.</p> <p>Only a few minor injuries to emergency personnel have been reported in what's being called the Garfield Road Fire, according to the Florida Forest Service. But it has burned an estimated 350 to 400 acres near Bryceville, about 20 miles west of Jacksonville.</p> <p>Officials said in a news conference Thursday morning the wildfire was 65% contained and no longer spreading.</p> <p>Firefighters will continue to work in the area but a full containment of the fire is not expected on Thursday.</p> <p>Authorities will be watching strong winds predicted for the afternoon to see how they may affect the fire, Billy Estep, director of Emergency Management in Nassau County, told reporters at the news conference.</p> <p>The fire started Wednesday afternoon when a man was burning paperback books, said Annaleasa Winter of the Florida Forest Service, in a briefing Wednesday night.</p> <p>"It was an illegal burn," she said, adding that it's against the law to burn household garbage in Florida. "It was paper. It got away from him."</p> <p>It's not clear why the man was burning the books.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 US: 'activity' at NKorea nuke sites
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/military-US-SKorea-NKorea/2017/03/23/id/780490/

GIST	<p>The US military has observed activity in North Korea that suggests Pyongyang may be gearing up for another nuclear test, a US official said Thursday.</p> <p>"At the sites where we watch tests, we see a level of activity that's similar to what they've done before other tests," the defense official told AFP on condition of anonymity.</p> <p>Fox News reported earlier on Thursday that North Korea is in the final stages of readying for another nuclear test, possibly within the coming days.</p> <p>North Korea may have dug new tunnels around the Punggye-ri test site in the northeast of the country, Fox said, citing a US official.</p> <p>It also reported that the US Air Force has deployed a special surveillance plane used to take air samples after nuclear tests.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Judge: Oregon resident is 'genderless'
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/judge-grants-oregon-resident-right-be-genderless-n736971
GIST	<p>History was quietly made in Oregon this month when a judge granted a Portlander's request to become genderless.</p> <p>Patch, a 27-year-old video game designer, is likely the first legally agender person in the United States.</p> <p>The Multnomah County Court granted Patch a "General Judgment of Name and Sex Change" on March 10. In the same judgment, Patch was also allowed to change names, becoming mononymous — meaning only having one name instead of a given name and a surname.</p> <p>Agender is defined as the absence of gender. Not to be confused with transgender or genderqueer, agender people typically describe feeling that they have no gender identity whatsoever. While sex refers to biological features such as chromosomes, genitalia and hormones, gender is the expression of identity as male, female or somewhere in between. But agender people are not drawn to male or female identity — or any point along the spectrum.</p> <p>A handful of organizations serving transgender, gender-nonconforming and intersex people told NBC News that no U.S. court has ever granted a legally genderless status before.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/24 Family of missing teen pleads for info
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/police-follow-leads-missing-teen-family-pleads-elizabeth/story?id=46342831

GIST	<p>As police in Texas and Alabama followed-up Thursday on leads to locate Elizabeth Thomas -- the Tennessee high school student allegedly kidnapped by former teacher Tad Cummins -- her family issued a lengthy statement saying they are "desperate" for additional information to find the 15-year-old.</p> <p>She has been missing since March 13.</p> <p>"The last ten days have been the most difficult in the life of the Thomas family," reads the statement. "We humbly ask that you continue to pray as we do our best to cope with the emotional weight of Elizabeth's abduction."</p> <p>The family does not only plead for information that may result in finding Elizabeth, but they are also seeking details about the relationship between Elizabeth and Cummins.</p> <p>"We are desperate for any information that might lead to our daughter," the statement reads. "The information that we need is not only from what people have seen and heard after Elizabeth's disappearance, but also from before. Facts about prior events, especially interaction between Elizabeth and Tad Cummins and statements made by both parties to third parties, may very well contain clues to lead to Elizabeth's return ... Elizabeth must be found. Time is of the essence."</p> <p>The family also urged the public not to place blame on school officials for the relationship or how it was dealt with.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Mumps cases rises at UW
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/mumps-cases-rise-at-uw-concentrated-at-fraternities-sororities
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- Cases of mumps are on the rise at the University of Washington.</p> <p>In a message to students, faculty and staff this week, the UW says there was one case of mumps on Feb. 17. By Wednesday, that number increased to 20. The cases have been concentrated at sororities and fraternities, but the message said the disease will likely spread beyond the Greek system.</p> <p>Washington state has had one of the most widespread mumps outbreaks in years.</p> <p>The Washington Health Department says the state has had 664 confirmed cases through Wednesday.</p> <p>Most have been in King (240 cases) and Spokane (283 cases) counties.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Putin critic killed in Ukraine
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/03/23/europe/ukraine-former-russian-lawmaker-denis-voronenkov-killed/index.html

GIST	<p>Kiev, Ukraine (CNN)A former Russian lawmaker and Kremlin critic who fled to Ukraine last year was shot dead Thursday in Kiev -- a killing that Ukraine's President called a "Russian state terrorist act."</p> <p>Denis Voronenkov, who'd been a Communist member of Russia's lower legislative house before he left, was fatally shot outside a hotel in broad daylight, and a suspect is in custody, officials said.</p> <p>Voronenkov becomes the latest in a string of Russian critics of President Vladimir Putin and the Russian government who were killed or injured in mysterious circumstances.</p> <p>Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko called Thursday's killing a "Russian state terrorist act" on Twitter, and described Voronenkov as "one of the key witnesses of the Russian aggression against Ukraine" -- referring to Russia's 2014 annexation of Ukraine's Crimea region and a subsequent war with pro-Russian rebels.</p> <p>Poroshenko's accusation drew a sharp rebuke from Moscow. Any claims that Russia is connected to the killing are "absurd," Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said, according to Russian state-run TASS news agency.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Crime groups extort Mexico electric co.
SOURCE	http://www.insightcrime.org/news-briefs/extortion-mexico-electric-company-spotlights-state-weaknesses
GIST	<p>Organized crime groups are extorting Mexico's federal electricity company, highlighting the ways in which criminal organizations are exploiting the state's weakness to increase their revenues.</p> <p>Mexico's Federal Electricity Commission (Comisión Federal de Electricidad – CFE) has suffered extortions by organized crime groups in the north and west of the country, reported Zeta Tijuana.</p> <p>According to Gustavo Cuevas, a CFE executive, criminals are allegedly telling local businesses not to pay the energy company, and to pay organized crime groups instead.</p> <p>"They approach a company, a textile factory, and say: from now on you no longer pay for your electricity. You are going to pay me for it," Cuevas told Reforma.</p> <p>At the same time, criminal groups are allegedly threatening CFE employees not to cut power to businesses that are paying criminals rather than the energy company.</p>

"We can't cut [power to these companies], because the CFE superintendents are also threatened," Cuevas explained.

Cuevas also denounced that, while Mexico's Secretary of Defense (SEDENA) and Navy staff should help to protect 125 CFE power plants, organized crime groups have ordered the company's superintendents to remove the security staff assigned to the plants.

"I can assure you that [CFE] personnel have already requested to remove the helicopters used to patrol the high voltage power lines," he said, adding that criminals "have called to say: remove your helicopter or we'll shoot it down."

The extortions suffered by the CFE are a powerful reminder of how criminal groups are exploiting the weaknesses of the Mexican state to strengthen their grip over local communities and increase their profits.

To be sure, CFE is not the first energy company to be targeted by organized crime in Mexico. Fuel theft from Pemex, Mexico's state-owned oil company, has increased dramatically over the past few years. Mexico's Attorney General's Office registered an average of 1.6 incidents of oil theft per day in 2010. By 2015, the number had gone up to 8 per day. The practice has long been a lucrative business for the country's powerful crime groups, most notably the Zetas and Gulf Cartel.

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HEADLINE	03/23 Hells Angels associate jailed 10yrs
SOURCE	http://www.theprovince.com/news/local+news/hells+angel+associate+convicted+major+cocaine+conspiracy+gets/13183888/story.html
GIST	<p>A Hells Angels associate who was convicted in a major cocaine conspiracy has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.</p> <p>James Howard, 39, was one of eight men arrested following a reverse sting operation conducted by undercover RCMP officers between January 2011 and August 2012.</p> <p>The sale of 500 kilograms of cocaine was negotiated in what was intended to be the first in a series of continuing transactions.</p> <p>In September, Howard and three other co-accused were convicted following a trial before B.C. Supreme Court Justice Carol Ross. Howard was found guilty of conspiracy to traffic in cocaine and possession for the purpose of trafficking but acquitted of conspiracy to import cocaine.</p> <p>In imposing sentence on Howard on Thursday, the judge said he played a "relatively senior role" in the conspiracy and was motivated by profit.</p> <p>The conspirators paid a total of \$4 million for the first shipment of what they believed was to be 200 kilograms of cocaine, with a further 300 kilograms to be delivered at a later date.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Immigration lawyer jailed in asylum scam
SOURCE	http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2017/03/23/suburban-immigration-lawyer-gets-15-months-for-asylum-scam/
GIST	<p>CHICAGO (CBS) — Robert Dekelaita cheated the immigration system like “a well-oiled machine,” the feds say.</p> <p>When he found a client seeking asylum in the United States, typically from Iraq, the suburban attorney would quickly forge that person’s name on an application and pepper the person’s life story with horrific hardships, including kidnappings, bombings and religious persecution — all false. He drew inspiration from news articles he collected.</p> <p>Then, prosecutors say he would employ a team of co-conspirators to help him forge documents, even allegedly bribing an immigration prosecutor, to usher the applicant through the asylum process. He fancied himself “a Robin Hood of refugees,” they said.</p> <p>But Robin Hood was an outlaw. And nearly a year after Dekelaita’s own criminal conviction, U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly sentenced him to 15 months in prison Wednesday. The judge noted that, even if Dekelaita chose to break the law out of noble intentions, “you have to be willing to pay the price for it.”</p> <p>Dekelaita is an Assyrian Christian who came to the United States from Iraq when he was 10 years old as his family fled persecution from the Baath regime, according to his lawyers. They argued during his trial that illegal immigrants fearing deportation told their own lies to help the U.S. government build its case against Dekelaita.</p> <p>The feds also say Dekelaita sent a letter to clients after his conviction claiming he “cheated no one and have not told anyone to lie. I have protected my clients as any good attorney should.”</p> <p>But many of Dekelaita’s clients now face deportation because of the fraud, prosecutors said. Others say their lives were ruined because they were forced to live out the lies he created. Another pair testified that Dekelaita sent them a letter congratulating them on winning asylum, only to find out after the appeal deadline that they had actually been denied.</p> <p>A jury convicted Dekelaita on four counts after a weeks-long trial in the spring of 2016. But Kennelly later tossed three of them, leaving only the conspiracy count standing.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 India: human bone smuggling ring arrests
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/03/23/asia/india-bone-smuggling/index.html
GIST	New Delhi (CNN) Police in India have arrested eight suspected bone smugglers in the state of West Bengal after 365 bones were discovered in a village.

	<p>The bones, which were discovered in Burdwan district, are believed to have been taken from decomposing bodies found in the state's rivers, according to Ajay Sharma, the state's deputy police chief.</p> <p>"The bones had been cleaned with hydrogen peroxide for sale locally to doctors and medical colleges," he told CNN.</p> <p>Sharma said the eight men arrested are first time offenders.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Police charge 72yr old man with rape
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2017/03/23/72-year-old-bellingham-man-charged-with-rape-other-crimes/
GIST	<p>BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — A 72-year-old man has been charged with sex crimes against two girls over the past decade and the sexual assault of a tenant in 2016.</p> <p>The Bellingham Herald reports Glen Winchester was charged this week with rape of a child, attempted rape of a child, child molestation and assault with sexual motivation.</p> <p>Charging papers say an investigation began when a woman told police Winchester molested her while she was staying at his house when she was between the ages of 12 and 14.</p> <p>Police say they learned another teen had made three reports alleging that Winchester molested her, and a woman in her 50s told detectives that he sexual assaulted her when she lived in a trailer on his property in 2016.</p> <p>Winchester remains free on \$20,000 bail.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 AG: firm discriminated against Muslims
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/times-watchdog/aerospace-co-electroimpact-agrees-to-pay-485000-after-ag-finds-shocking-discrimination-against-muslims/
GIST	<p>Electroimpact, a prominent aerospace supplier whose president voiced hatred of Muslims and encouraged his mostly white engineers to marry and procreate, has entered into a consent decree with the state Attorney General's Office that requires the company to pay \$485,000 and takes its controversial leader out of direct hiring.</p> <p>The court-monitored decree, in effect for 42 months, stems from a nearly yearlong investigation, which concluded that the Mukilteo-based company violated state law by discriminating on the basis of religion and marital status.</p>

	<p>The attorney general’s civil-rights unit began investigating Electroimpact after a Seattle Times story last year revealed a workplace culture shaped by President Peter Zieve’s vehement views — expressed in emails to employees that referred to “terrorist savages” and allowing our “wonderful country to be backfilled with rubbish from the desperate and criminal populations of the third world.”</p> <p>Zieve offered financial incentives to workers who married and had children. And he organized a campaign to stop construction of a Mukilteo mosque.</p> <p>In the consent decree, which stops the Attorney General’s Office from moving forward with a lawsuit, Electroimpact denies any wrongdoing.</p> <p>That did not stop Attorney General Bob Ferguson from calling Electroimpact’s behavior “shocking.”</p> <p>“Employees in businesses in our state should not be subject to the type of atmosphere that this gentleman created and fostered,” he said in an interview alongside lawyers from the civil-rights unit.</p> <p>Yet Marsha Chien, the assistant attorney general who led the Electroimpact investigation, said: “We are probably used to discrimination that is not quite so explicit. This one was so explicit and so blatant that it reminds you of discrimination that might have happened in a different era.”</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Acquitted of rape; woman didn’t scream?
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/man-acquitted-of-rape-because-woman-didnt-scream/
GIST	<p>ROME -- Italy’s justice minister has reportedly asked officials to look into a case in which a court acquitted a man of raping a woman because she didn’t scream.</p> <p>The Italian news agency ANSA said Thursday that Minister Andrea Orlando has asked ministry inspectors to begin checking into the case.</p> <p>ANSA said a court in Turin had ruled last month that the woman’s saying “Enough!” to her colleague who allegedly raped her constituted too weak a reaction to prove that she was sexually attacked. The ruling specified she didn’t scream or ask for help.</p> <p>Center-right Forza Italia opposition lawmaker Annagrazia Calabria decried the ruling, saying, “Certainly, you cannot punish the personal reaction of a woman terrified by what is happening to her.”</p> <p>The ruling has also triggered an outcry by women’s groups.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Italy police arrest vehicle, knife attacker
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/london/2017/03/23/italy-third-vehicle-attack-two-days-police-officer-stabbed/
GIST	<p>A “North African” migrant has attempted to ram police with a car in a southern Italian town Wednesday, before attacking and injuring an officer with a knife.</p> <p>Italian press said the attack in the Railway neighbourhood of Foggia “recalls the dynamics” of Wednesday’s attack in Westminster, London, which saw three people killed.</p> <p>According to Repubblica, the “African citizen” failed to stop at a police checkpoint and ran over the foot of an officer. As he attempted to escape in his vehicle, he crashed into a parked lorry.</p> <p>He then emerged from the immobilised car and launched a knife attack on officers, stabbing and wounding one in the hand.</p> <p>Commenting on Wednesday’s suspected attack in Italy, Franco Landella, the mayor of Foggia, said the Railway neighbourhood’s high migrant population presented acute security challenges.</p> <p>He described it as “an ugly incident that could have had far worse consequences had it not been for the sense of responsibility and experience of our local police”.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Report: 85% Sweden rapes foreign origins
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/london/2017/03/23/report-9-in-10-gang-rapists-in-sweden-have-foreign-origins/
GIST	<p>A new report suggests that in cases of gang rape or sexual assaults involving two or more attackers in Sweden, 85 percent of the attackers come from a foreign origin.</p> <p>The information comes from a Swedish website “Gang Rape Sweden” which has kept tabs on the various instances of group rape that have occurred in the country over a period from 2011 to 2015. The site lists the various rapists’ names, case numbers, and other details which show the national origins, if known, of the attackers.</p> <p>According to the site, “All records and documents available on this website are Swedish public records.”</p> <p>The site claims that in total between 2011 and 2015 there were 125 individuals accused and convicted of participating in group sex attacks. The majority, 41, come from unknown countries outside of Sweden, and they are followed by 23 from Afghanistan and 20 from Sweden itself. The total number of non-Swedes amounts to 105 or around 85 percent.</p>

The site makes a distinction of those accused of true gang rape (participating in sex acts) and those tried along with a rapist for other crimes like failure to disclose the sex attack. Of the “true gang rapes,” they measure 50 such cases.

Details are also given on the site as to the nature of the accusations, with thirteen of the gang rapists accused of having sex with underage children. Among those accused of molesting minors, none of the suspects are Swedish.

Among those convicted of raping a child, many of the attackers were underage themselves, which matches previous reports of young boys and girls being raped in or around asylum accommodations. In one particular attack, a group of boys from Afghanistan took another young asylum seeker into a wooded area in Uppsala where they beat and raped him, filming the attack on their mobile phones.

The Afghani migrants who raped the boy, who is said to have been under the age of 15, were tried and found guilty, but will not be deported back to Afghanistan because Swedish courts have deemed the country “too dangerous” for them to return to.

In the statistics provided by the site, only 30 of those convicted face deportation, as opposed to 73 who will not be sent back to their countries of origin, more than double.

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HEADLINE	03/23 Veteran charged in killing; ‘likely terror act’
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/veteran-charged-killing-black-man-nyc-act-terrorism/story?id=46326244
GIST	<p>James Harris Jackson, an Army veteran from Maryland accused of killing a black man in what authorities said was an interstate mission to attack black people in New York City, was arraigned today in court on murder charges.</p> <p>Jackson, 28, is accused in the fatal stabbing on Monday of Timothy Caughman, 66, on 9th Avenue in Manhattan. Jackson was formally charged today with murder in the second degree.</p> <p>On Wednesday, NYPD Assistant Chief Bill Aubry said during a news conference that Jackson, who served in Afghanistan, has a deep-seated hatred of black people. He allegedly wrote a manifesto about attacking blacks in New York City, police said.</p> <p>"It is believed that he was specifically intending to target male blacks for assault," Aubry said. "The reason why he picked New York is because it's the media capital of the world and he wanted to make a statement."</p>

	<p>According to the criminal complaint, Jackson allegedly was "regarding the killing as practice prior to going to Times Square to kill additional black men." The complaint also said that Jackson "had stalked numerous potential victims" and "was angered by black men mixing with white women."</p> <p>Assistant District Attorney Joan Iluzzi-Orbon said today the charges were expected to be upgraded once the case goes before a grand jury because of the motivation for the crime.</p> <p>"The defendant was motivated purely by hatred," Iluzzi-Orbon said today. "Additional charges could include murder in the first degree, as this was most likely an act of terrorism."</p>
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HEADLINE	03/24 Sacramento: 4 dead; suspect detained
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/found-dead-sacramento-arrested-san-francisco-46343823?cid=clicksource_4380645_1_hero_headlines_headlines_hed
GIST	<p>Police detained a suspect in San Francisco just hours after finding four bodies, including two children, in a home 80 miles away in Sacramento.</p> <p>The unidentified suspect, who was quickly singled out by investigators, was likely known by the victims, Sacramento police Sgt. Bryce Heinlein said.</p> <p>"Preliminarily this does not appear to be a random act," Heinlein said Thursday.</p> <p>The four victims were discovered when police broke into the Sacramento home after a relative reported that something might be wrong.</p> <p>Police did not immediately identify the victims or provide their genders or ages, and say they have not yet determined a motive for the killings.</p> <p>Kelly Fong Rivas, deputy chief of staff for Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, said police told officials that two of the victims were children but did not provide other details.</p> <p>It was unclear when the victims were killed, Heinlein said. Police also weren't saying how they were killed.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 SEA TSA agent pleads guilty voyeurism
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/sea-tac-tsa-agent-pleads-guilty-to-upskirt-voyeurism-charge
GIST	SEATTLE - A Transportation Security Administration agent accused of taking "upskirt" video of a woman last year at Sea-Tac Airport pleaded guilty Thursday to attempted voyeurism.

	<p>The agent, identified as Nicholas James Fernandez, 29, of Tukwila, now faces a possible sentence of up to 364 days in jail and a \$5,000 fine. He will be formally sentenced on April 14 in King County Superior Court.</p> <p>Fernandez came under suspicion last July after a citizen complained to the media about him, court documents say.</p> <p>A special TSA security agent and a detective then watched Fernandez, who was a lead security agent at one checkpoint. Fernandez took a break, walked to the escalator in baggage claim and got close behind a woman.</p> <p>He put his phone under the woman's dress and turned on the flashlight illumination feature of his phone, court documents say.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Israel troops shoot, kill bomb-thrower
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-israel-palestinians-violence-idUSKBN16U2Y9?il=0
GIST	<p>Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian and wounded three others on Thursday in the occupied West Bank, a Palestinian health official said. The Israeli army said they had attacked a settlement with petrol bombs.</p> <p>The Palestinian health source said the dead man was 17 and that one of the three wounded was in critical condition.</p> <p>An Israeli army spokeswoman said three assailants got out of a car and threw petrol bombs toward the settlement of Beit El, near Ramallah when troops opened fire and confirmed hitting the men. She said the car then fled the scene.</p> <p>There was no immediate account from Palestinian officials of what happened.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Police: MS-13 member 'heinous act'
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/ms-13-gang-member-abused-2-year-old-girl-tommy-vladim-alvarado-ventura/
GIST	<p>HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. -- A MS-13 street gang member who had been deported from the U.S. four times stabbed two women and sexually assaulted a 2-year-old girl in a New York City suburb, police said Thursday.</p> <p>Tommy Vladim Alvarado-Ventura, 31, of Hempstead, New York, pleaded not guilty and was ordered held without bail Thursday. His court-appointed attorney declined to comment.</p>

	<p>Alvarado-Ventura is suspected of assaulting the child Tuesday night while the girl's mother was at work, acting Nassau County Police Commissioner Thomas Krumpster said at a news conference.</p> <p>Krumpster said that in his 28 years in law enforcement, the alleged crime is "probably the most heinous criminal act I've ever seen. It really is nauseating."</p> <p>Police say Alvarado-Ventura was deported to El Salvador four times between 2006 and 2011. According to Krumpster, he had a history of prior arrests for offenses including drunken driving, disorderly conduct, assault, false impersonation and contempt of court. Details on those arrests were not immediately released; police said their investigation is ongoing.</p> <p>It was not known when he returned to the United States. He was charged with attempted murder, assault and weapons possession, and he faces life in prison.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 Chicago cop indicted 16 new charges
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/03/23/us/laquan-mcdonald-case-hearing/index.html
GIST	<p>(CNN) Chicago Police Officer Jason Van Dyke had been indicted on 16 new criminal charges on top of the six counts of first-degree murder he faces in the fatal 2014 shooting of teenager Laquan McDonald, prosecutors said Thursday.</p> <p>Van Dyke, the first Chicago officer charged with first-degree murder since 1980, faces an additional 16 counts of aggravated battery with a firearm, with the new charges apparently corresponding to each shot he fired at McDonald.</p> <p>He pleaded not guilty through his attorney, Dan Herbert, during a hearing in Cook County on Thursday. Van Dyke's next court appearance will be April 20.</p> <p>Special Prosecutor Joseph McMahon said a grand jury handed up the indictment last week.</p> <p>Dashcam video of the shooting contradicted nearly everything police said happened the night McDonald died in October 2014. It showed McDonald walking away from police as he held a 4-inch knife, not lunging toward officers, as police had said.</p>
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HEADLINE	03/23 DOJ report on immigration arrests
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/03/23/politics/justice-statistics-immigration/index.html

GIST	<p>Washington (CNN) Immigration offenses account for half of all federal arrests, according to Justice Department statistics released Thursday, which focus heavily on the role immigration plays in the federal justice system.</p> <p>The analysis of federal justice statistics from 2013-14 highlights how much of federal law enforcement is dedicated to immigration-related offenses, continuing the Trump administration's efforts to place an emphasis on the criminal side of illegal immigration.</p> <p>"These statistics make it clear that immigration-related offenses along the United States border with Mexico account for an enormous portion of the federal government's law enforcement resources and that we must enforce our immigration laws in a way that consistently deters future violations," said Sarah Isgur Flores, a Justice Department spokeswoman.</p> <p>President Donald Trump has made strict enforcement of immigration laws a key focus of his presidency, and has also ordered several new reports designed to highlight crimes committed by undocumented immigrants, unrelated to Thursday's DOJ release.</p> <p>According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics report, half of all federal arrests in 2014 were immigration-related, a total of nearly 82,000.</p> <p>Sixty-one percent of all federal arrests were in the five districts along the US-Mexico border, along with 55% of suspects investigated and 39% of offenders who were given a federal prison sentence.</p> <p>Other highlighted statistics included that 32% of defendants facing charges in district courts were from Mexico, along with 5% from Central America, and 42% of defendants were non-US citizens. Non-citizens were also one-quarter of federally sentenced prisoners in 2014.</p> <p>The report also noted that 17% of immigration offenders who were released in 2012 ended up back in federal prison within three years.</p>
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Legislation

New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas joined a panel that discussed [Senate Bill 294](#), which would bring together prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers, and child safety workers to form the [New Mexico Homicide Review Team](#). That team will investigate child abuse-related homicides and develop ways to prevent child abuse.

The **Rapid DNA Act of 2017** ([S. 139/ H.R. 510](#)) has been introduced by **Sen. Orin Hatch** and **Rep. Jim Sesenbrenner**. According to its sponsors, the bill would implement Rapid DNA testing to assist in making decisions about pretrial release or detention; solve and prevent violent crimes; exonerate the innocent; and prevent DNA analysis backlogs.

U.S. Representative Jason Chaffetz has introduced a bill, [H.R. 1061](#), that would require law enforcement officers to obtain a warrant to use a cell site simulator and would penalize the use of such a device without a warrant by up to ten years in prison.

In **Texas**, lawmakers are expected to consider [bills](#) requiring that police officers and ninth graders either take courses together or separately about how to best interact with each other. Other bills address police officers' use of body cameras and would provide bulletproof vests to officers, and still others would raise the age of criminal responsibility from 17 to 18 years.

Policy

The **International Association of Chiefs of Police** has released [Deliberations from the IACP National Forum on Body-Worn Cameras and Violence Against Women](#), a 46-page monograph that explores issues of privacy and safety for victims when police are equipped with body-worn cameras.

“[Familial searching](#)” is used to search DNA databases for family members of an unknown perpetrator who left DNA at a crime scene. It is generally done only after searching for the contributor proves fruitless and has resulted in the apprehension and successful prosecutions of the “Grim Sleeper” and “BTK” serial killers. The **New York State Commission on Forensic Science** is considering whether to allow familial searching as an investigative technique in **New York**.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley has issued a second official opinion on the implementation of **Marsy’s Law**, a victims’ rights law recently passed by voters in the state. That [opinion](#) concludes that the law does not apply to civil court proceedings, ordinance violations, or—except when a victim clearly invokes his or her rights—the Sexual Assault Response Team.

In the Courts

Two Lawrence, **Massachusetts**, men are among the first to be sentenced under a 2016 state law that criminalizes the sale of **fentanyl**. [Regla Santana and Antonio Rivera](#), who were charged by **Attorney General Maura Healey**, have been sentenced to three to four years in prison. AG Healey wrote the law, which was passed in a year during which nearly 2,000 people in Massachusetts died from opioid-related deaths.

In **Pennsylvania**, a funeral home director has been charged with a long-term, large-scale scam in which she took over \$300,000 from victims for pre-paid funeral services and used it to pay personal expenses and gamble. **Attorney General Josh Shapiro** said the woman, [Lynn Taucher](#), “betrayed dozens of elderly people who placed their trust in her.”

Five **Louisiana** men have been arrested on more than [300 counts of sexual exploitation of children](#) on charges brought by **Attorney General Jeff Landry’s Cyber Crime Unit**. One of the defendants had already been convicted of child pornography charges and continued downloading new images before he reported to prison.

[Todd Jeremy Rettenberger](#) has been sentenced to one to fifteen years in prison for human trafficking in charges brought by **Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes’s SECURE Strike Force**. Rettenberger was [previously convicted](#) of a 1996 robbery and murder, but the Utah Supreme Court concluded that his confession should not have been admitted at his trial and reversed that conviction. Rettenberg then pled guilty to reduced charges that resulted in a sentence of time served in connection with that killing. In 2011,

Rettenberg pled guilty to a sexual exploitation charge; he was on parole for that charge when he was arrested in the human trafficking case.

In **South Dakota**, a federal court has [suppressed](#) evidence obtained by local police who obtained a search warrant to examine an iPhone in an unrelated state case and then shared that evidence with federal authorities. The court ruled that—to paraphrase the Supreme Court’s remarks regarding capital punishment—“cellphones are different” than, for example, boxes of physical evidence seized pursuant to a state search warrant that could have been permissibly examined by the federal team. The district judge relied heavily upon the Supreme Court’s decision in [Riley v. California](#), which held that officers were not generally permitted to search incident to arrest a defendant’s cellphone.

Training

The **Virginia Commonwealth’s Attorneys’ Service Council** will hold its [2017 Prosecuting Economic Crimes](#) from February 26 through March 2, 2017 in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Stetson Law School will offer a free forensic science webinar on March 1, 2017, called “[Crime Scene Essentials](#).” This webinar is offered through a Bureau of Justice Assistance grant and is open to both prosecutors and defense attorneys.

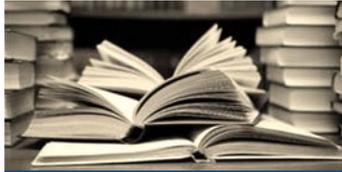
The New Mexico MCLE’s teleconference “[50 Shades of Ethics](#)” will take place on March 7, 2017, at 1:00 PM Mountain time.

From July 19 through 21, 2017, in Washington, D.C., **NAGTRI** will hold its first ever [National Forensic Science Symposium](#).

Other News of Interest

[Michael Mejia](#), a California gang member freed as a result of a push to reduce prison overcrowding, [murdered Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer](#) and shot his partner, **Patrick Hazell** on February 20, 2017. Boyer and Hazell responded to a car accident in which Mejia rear-ended another vehicle with a car he had stolen from his own cousin, who he is believed to have also murdered. Mejia pulled a gun and shot both police officers when they responded to the accident.

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Holiday Message

In observance of the U.S. President's Day holiday, we will not publish on Monday, February 20, 2017. Service will resume on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

POLICING & POLICY

Trump: New Version Of Travel Ban Executive Order Coming Next Week.

[Reuters](#)  (2/16, Rascoe) reports that during his Thursday news conference, President Trump said that he “will issue a new version next week of his executive order banning citizens of seven mostly Muslim countries and all refugees” from traveling to the US some time next week. The President “once again blasted federal courts that blocked the implementation of his travel ban,” but said the new order will address the concerns raised by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Trump said, “The new order is going to be very much tailored to what I consider to be a very bad decision.” The [Los Angeles Times](#)  (2/16, Dolan, Kaleem) says Trump “did not clarify details of what would be in the new order.”

The [New York Times](#) (2/16, Liptak) reports the Justice Department told the appeals court on Thursday “that it would not seek a rehearing of a decision that shut down President Trump’s targeted travel ban. Instead, the administration will start from scratch.” In a brief, the DOJ said, “Rather than continuing this litigation, the president intends in the near future to rescind the order and replace it with a new, substantially revised executive order to eliminate what the panel erroneously thought were constitutional concerns.” The [Washington Post](#) (2/16, Zapotosky) reports that Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson, who sued over the ban, “[wrote on Twitter](#) that the Justice Department filing, in particular, ‘recognizes the obvious – the President’s current Exec Order violates the Constitution.’” The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/16, Dolan) reports that the Ninth Circuit said late Thursday that it will “take no further action on President Trump’s travel ban while the administration prepares new, more limited restrictions.”

Texas County That Includes Houston Decriminalizes Marijuana.

The [Washington Times](#) (2/16, Blake) reports that officials from Harris County, Texas, which contains Houston, announced a more lenient policy toward first-time offenders carrying fewer than four ounces of marijuana as of March 1. Offenders will be able to attend a four-hour drug education class instead of going to jail or going before a judge. Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg said Thursday that current marijuana law has resulted in little “tangible public safety benefit” while costing the county about \$25 million annually.

According to [Reuters](#) (2/16, Herskovitz), the county’s new “Misdemeanor Marijuana Diversion Program” will apply “to people 17 and older facing no additional charges other than misdemeanor marijuana possession, county and city law enforcement officials said.” The county is giving “police officers and prosecutors discretion to bring criminal charges.”

Tech Groups Gear Up For Fight Over FISA Surveillance Extension.

[IDG News Service](#) (2/16, Gross) reports that “a controversial provision in U.S. law that gives the National Security Agency broad authority to spy on people overseas expires at the end of the year, and six major tech trade groups are gearing up for a fight over an extension.” Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act “expires on Dec. 31, and Congress almost certain to extend it in some form.” According to IDG, “the tech trade groups, including BSA, the Consumer Technology Association, and the Computer and Communications Industry Association, are asking lawmakers to build in new privacy protections for internet users. ‘It is critical that Congress takes a balanced yet focused approach with respect to Section 702,’ the groups said in a letter sent to top lawmakers Wednesday. ‘We urge your committees to ensure that any reauthorization includes meaningful safeguards for internet users’ privacy and civil liberties.’”

Memphis PD Launches Unit To Combat Violent Crime Wave.

The [AP](#) (2/16) reports the Memphis Police Department last month launched a new Violent Crimes Unit “in an effort to reduce increased violent crime in the city,” which saw a record 228 killings in 2015. The VCU, which “will target any pattern of violent crime, such as carjackings and sexual assaults,” consists of “five distinct MPD bureaus: homicide, the gang unit, the Safe

Streets Task Force, Project Safe Neighborhoods and the Investigative Support Unit.” Police Lt. Col. Don Crowe explained MPD’s goal for the VCU is to increase communication resource sharing among units.

China’s Carfentanil Ban Could Help US Fight Opioid Epidemic.

The [AP](#) (2/16, Kinetz) reports the Chinese government “is banning carfentanil and three similar drugs as of March 1, China’s Ministry of Public Security said Thursday, closing a major regulatory loophole in the fight to end America’s opioid epidemic.” The Drug Enforcement Administration “called China’s move a potential ‘game-changer’ that is likely to have a big impact in the U.S.”

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/16, Spegele) reports carfentanil is chemically-related to fentanyl and is 10,000 times as potent as morphine. DEA spokesman Russel Baer said that China “has made an important and critical step forward that will have a potentially significant impact on the supply chain of these deadly substances in the United States.”

CRIME & DRUGS

DHS Official Says Mexican Drug Cartels’ Influence Extends Far Inside US.

The [Washington Examiner](#) (2/16, Westwood) reports Paul Beeson, director of DHS’ Joint Task Force – West, told the House Homeland Security Committee “that Mexican cartels are able to exert leverage in dozens of cities across the U.S., and remain a major U.S. national security threat through their efforts to flood the U.S. with illegal drugs.” Beeson said the government “continues to face challenges at the border and within the U.S. due to the expanding ‘reach and influence’ of these cartels.”

The [Washington Examiner](#) (2/16, Kasperowicz) reports Coast Guard Adm. Charles Ray also testified and “warned that drug cartels are a ‘sophisticated and well-funded adversary’ that employ multiple strategies for getting drugs into the United States.” Ray “said a record increase in coca cultivation in Colombia is only adding to the pressures that border officials face.” DHS Homeland Security Investigative Program assistant director Matthew Allen is quoted from the hearing as saying, “Mexico is a major source and transit country for illicit drugs destined for the United States, including marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and, more recently, fentanyl.” Allen adds that, “in the last two decades, Mexico has also become the largest transit country for South American sourced cocaine destined for the United States.”

The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (2/16, Montemayor) reports the recent seizure of 90 pounds of methamphetamine in South Dakota, and the revelation that a local owner of a soccer store was running the Minnesota operation for the cartels shows the “persistent reach of Mexican cartels into Minnesota, where they continue to dispatch alleged associates to distribute large volumes of meth and cocaine around the state.” The Star Tribune says the charges were investigated by HSI and DEA. HSI St. Paul assistant special agent in charge Paul Kunze is quoted as saying, “Minnesota is unique in that we’re both a destination market and a transit market to other regions.” He added that cartels “are also using the region as a transportation point for drugs moving up into Canada and further east in the United States.”

FBI: South Carolina Man Sought To Carry Out Attack Styled After Charleston Church Massacre.

[Reuters](#) [redacted] (2/16, Skinner) report that the FBI this week said it had arrested Benjamin McDowell, a South Carolina man who had hoped to carry out an attack similar to Charleston church shooter Dylann Roof. McDowell was arrested after allegedly illegally purchasing a gun from an undercover FBI agent. "I seen what Dylann Roof did, and in my heart I reckon I got a little bit of hatred. ... I want to do that," McDowell allegedly told the undercover agent last month. McDowell, who is connected to the White Supremacy Extremists hate group, asked the FBI agent to buy the firearm for him, which he could not legally own due to a felony conviction.

The [AP](#) [redacted] (2/16, Collins) reports that the FBI said it had provided McDowell with a .40-caliber Glock and ammunition for \$109. Though McDowell had threatened a synagogue on Facebook, the FBI said, he told the undercover agent he did not have a specific target in mind and might just shoot at a group of black people. "I got the heart to do that s---, but I don't have the good training," McDowell said, according to the undercover operative. "Authorities began investigating McDowell in December" after he threatened the synagogue, the AP says.

Justice Department Says DACA Beneficiary Admitted Ongoing Gang Affiliation.

[Reuters](#) [redacted] (2/16, Levine) reports the Justice Department says in a court filing that Daniel Ramirez Medina, who was issued a work permit under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, has "alleged gang ties." The filing says ICE officers "questioned Ramirez about a 'gang tattoo' on his forearm." Ramirez said he "'used to hang out with the Sureno's in California,' but 'fled California to escape from the gangs,' according to the government brief." The brief adds that Ramirez "then told officials that he 'still hangs out with the Paizas in Washington State.'" [NBC News](#) [redacted] (2/17) reports the DOJ filing said that Ramirez denied active involvement in gang activity, saying, "not no more."

[The Guardian \(UK\)](#) [redacted] (2/16) reports Jeffrey Robins, with the Justice Department, "wrote in federal court documents that the homeland security department 'automatically terminated' Ramirez's status when Ice arrested him and launched 'immigration removal proceedings.'"

The [AP](#) [redacted] (2/16, Johnson) reports "one of Ramirez' lawyers, Mark Rosebaum said the federal allegations were false and that authorities misidentified the tattoo." Rosebaum said in a statement, "Mr. Ramirez did not say these things because they are not true. And while utterly implausible and wholly fabricated, these claims still would not be sufficient evidence that Mr. Ramirez is a threat to the public safety or national security." [Bloomberg BNA](#) [redacted] (2/16, Francis) reports the Ramirez case "may be testing the limits" of the DACA program "and the Trump administration's treatment of it."

The [Daily Caller](#) [redacted] (2/16, Pfeiffer) reports Carlos Sada, Mexico's undersecretary for foreign affairs in North America, said he is "concerned" about Ramirez's arrest, adding, "We are concerned because these boys were in the U.S. with adequate legal status...Daniel not only applied for DACA once, but he renewed his status in 2016." [WJLA-TV](#) [redacted] Washington (2/15, Phan) reports "dozens of demonstrators gathered outside the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma Wednesday night to protest" Ramirez's arrest "and demand his release."

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TECHNOLOGY

Tech Company Sues Taser International Over Phoenix Body Cam Contract.

The [AP](#)  (2/16) reports police technology company VieVu has filed suit against “Taser International over the loss of the Phoenix police force’s body camera contract.” VieVu reportedly secured a “\$3.6 million contract to outfit the city’s police force with body cameras” last year, but officials “delayed the vote that would have made the deal official and scrapped the agreement altogether in January.”

NATIONAL SECURITY

ADL: US Deaths Linked To Domestic Islamic Extremism The Highest In Decades.

The [Washington Times](#)  (2/16, Noble) reports that last year’s Orlando nightclub shootings “propelled the annual number of deaths linked to domestic extremist-related attacks to their highest level in decades and made Islamist extremism the deadliest ideology for the first time in 30 years.” That Times adds that according to a new report from the Anti-Defamation League, “the preliminary tally of homegrown extremist-related deaths in the U.S. shows that 69 people died in such attacks last year, the most since the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.” According to the Times, Omar Mateen’s “pledge of allegiance to the Islamic State and al Qaeda during the Pulse nightclub massacre led to classification of the attack, which killed 49 people, as domestic Islamic extremism – setting 2016’s figures far afield from prior years.”

Man Linked To San Bernardino Terrorists Pleads Guilty To Conspiracy Charges.

The [Inland Valley \(CA\) Daily Bulletin](#) (2/16, Rokos) reports that California man Enrique Marquez pleaded guilty Thursday “to conspiring to support terrorists and lying on documents signed during the purchase the rifles used to kill 14 people and wound 22 others” in the San Bernardino terrorist attack. Marquez faces up to 25 years behind bars. The 25-year-old will be sentenced under a plea agreement that will allow him to escape conviction on some of the charges originally filed against him. “As part of the agreement, charges of marriage fraud and misuse of visas and permits will be dropped at sentencing,” the Daily Bulletin says, noting that Marquez was engaged in a sham marriage to a Russian woman. Marquez can also “be fined up to \$250,000 for each of the counts,” the newspaper says. The [AP](#) (2/16) reports that the families of some of those killed by the San Bernardino terrorists expressed discontent at the length of the maximum sentence possible for Marquez. “U.S. Attorney Eileen M. Decker said she understands...but explained that she is bound by the law and there is no evidence that Marquez participated in or had advance knowledge of the San Bernardino killings,” the AP says. [Reuters](#) (2/16, Gorman) reports that Marquez is set to be sentenced on Aug. 21.

ICE Director Meets With Congress Members, Most CHC Members Excluded.

Acting ICE Director Thomas Homan met with members of Congress on Thursday to address ICE’s recent targeted enforcement operations. Coverage focused on the exclusion of members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus from the meeting, and reaction from Democratic lawmakers who say ICE will increase detention and deportation efforts. [Politico](#) (2/16, Caygle) reports a group of House Democrats say House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte expelled them from a meeting with acting Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Thomas Homan, and they “accused Speaker Paul Ryan of the strong-arm move.” Rep. Louis Gutierrez (D-IL) said, “I’m pretty shaken. I’ve been here 25 years and I’ve never been told by the Speaker of the House that I can’t attend a meeting I’ve requested.” Political adds 10 Democrats did attend the meeting, but a “source inside the room” said Chairman Goodlatte “told Democrats not on the list to leave. The Virginia Republican defended his decision, saying in a brief interview afterwards that the arrangement was ‘agreed upon ahead of time’ and noting there were more Democrats than Republicans in the meeting.”

The [Huffington Post](#) (2/16) reports ICE “set the invite list for the meeting and initially excluded the entire Congressional Hispanic Caucus, according to aides from both parties, before agreeing to include a small number of members.” The [Dallas Morning News](#) (2/16) reports, “Those who were allowed in described a combative encounter with promises of many more arrests and deportations to come.” The Morning News says the “hourlong meeting ...covered a range of concerns about recent arrests and deportations around the country, though caucus members said they left the meeting with many questions unanswered.” [The Hill](#) (2/16, Bernal, Lillis) reports ICE spokeswoman Jennifer Elzea said that during the meeting, Mr. Homan “emphasized that ICE does not conduct arrests indiscriminately and does not establish checkpoints; rather, the agency’s deportation officers target pre-identified individuals for arrest at specific locations based on law enforcement leads.” Rep. Lujan Grisham (D-NM) “said Homan told the group that the agency has interpreted new guidance from the White House to mean that every one of the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country could be removed at any time.”

LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

Texas Officer's Quick Thinking Saves Fast Food Restaurant From Burning Truck.

[USA Today](#) (2/16) reports officer Chris Womack of the Glenn Heights Police Department is being hailed as a hero after saving a Jack in the Box restaurant from a burning vehicle. According to USA Today, Womack's quick use of his squad car to divert a burning pickup truck away from the restaurant prevented the building from catching fire. The article adds, "No injuries were reported and the Glenn Heights Police Department says Officer Womack is sure to be rewarded for his life-saving actions."

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POLICING & POLICY

FBI, DOJ Investigating Threats Against Jewish Community Centers.

[CNN](#)   (2/16, Burke) reports that the FBI and Justice Department say they are investigating the recent rash of threatening calls placed to 48 Jewish community centers across the country. The agencies are probing “possible civil rights violations in connection” with the threats, the FBI said in a statement. The calls, which conveyed bomb threats, affected Jewish organizations in 27 states and one Canadian province last month.

Officials Planning Security Upgrades Outside Capitol Complex.

[WRC-TV](#)   Washington (2/15) reports that “officials are planning a series of security upgrades outside the Capitol Complex, including installation of an underground alarm system [and] reinforced windows.” In addition, “US Capitol Police plan to add highly specialized K-9 teams near building entrances “to patrol exterior zones to prescreen visitors and enhance our presence.” The US House Sergeant at Arms “announced some of the enhancements during testimony in front of the US House Committee on Administration.”

Maryland Lawmakers Give State AG Expanded Power To Sue Trump Administration.

The [Baltimore Sun](#)   (2/15) reports that “Maryland lawmakers on Wednesday empowered the attorney general with broad authority to sue the federal government, an unprecedented and swift expansion of power that bypasses the governor.” According to the Sun, “the new capability allows Democratic Attorney General Brian E. Frosh to challenge Republican Donald J. Trump’s administration without consulting Republican Gov. Larry Hogan or the Democrat-led General Assembly.” State lawmakers “are now weighing whether to give Frosh’s office an additional \$1 million a year and five more attorneys to fight the federal government, spurred by what they called the unique threat posed by the Trump administration.”

Illinois Governor Proposes State Police Hiring In Effort To Curb Violence.

[Reuters](#)   (2/15, McLaughlin) reports that Illinois governor Bruce Rauner proposed new adding 170 troopers to the State Police by 2019 “in an effort to quell a steady increase in gun violence spilling over from Chicago’s neighborhoods onto the city’s expressways.” In his budget address, Rauner said, “Those officers will allow us to send more patrols to the Chicago area, to the expressways to counter the violence that has spilled over onto the highways there.” This comes after an apparent decrease of the number of Illinois State Police troopers, which “declined significantly since 2008 when there were 2,105 sworn officers, according to state police data. That number dropped by more than 400 troopers to 1,671 as of last year.”

Phoenix Rejects Sanctuary City Label.

[Reuters](#)   (2/15, Schwartz) reports the Phoenix City Council “rejected a bid to declare the large southwestern U.S. municipality a ‘sanctuary city’ despite vocal cries to protect undocumented immigrants.” The measure was voted down 7-2. Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton, “who presides over the council, said the legislation would violate a state law signed in 2010 by then-Arizona Governor Jan Brewer that allows police to question people they stop about their immigration status.”

COMMUNITY

Springfield, Massachusetts City Councilors Announce New “Police/Community Relations Committee.”

[WWLP-TV](#)   Springfield, MA (2/15) reports that Springfield city councilors will announce a new 15-member committee designed to improve relations between city residents and their police department. According to a City Council news release sent to 22News, the new committee will be “charged with helping improve and strengthen the relationship between the Springfield Police Department and the Springfield community.”

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CRIME & DRUGS

US Charges 41 Felons In Arkansas In Anti-Violence Program.

The [Arkansas Democrat Gazette](#)   (2/15) reports that federal prosecutors in Little Rock, AR on Tuesday announced “the indictment of 41 convicted felons on federal charges, praising a federal anti-violence program for changing the way local and federal authorities work together.” The indictments “were made under the Violence Reduction Network, a national program with the U.S. Department of Justice, that aims to reduce violent crime by providing participating agencies with training and federal resources.” According to the Gazette, Little Rock and West Memphis “joined the federal anti-violence program in 2015, along with Compton, Calif., Flint, Mich., and Newark, N.J.” The Gazette adds that “all of the 41 people indicted have long histories of drug trafficking, violent felonies or both, said Christopher Thyer, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, at a news conference Tuesday afternoon.”

Chinese Police Seize \$120 Million Of Fake Cosmetics.

[Reuters](#)   (2/15) reports that Chinese police raided seven underground dens and seized counterfeit cosmetics worth about 827 million yuan (\$120 million). Some of the counterfeit labels include Chanel, Christian Dior, L’Oreal SA’s Lancome and Estée Lauder. Reuters reports, “[China] has been trying to step up a crackdown on fakes, with authorities opening more than 170,000 intellectual property infringement and counterfeit product cases last year and arresting nearly 20,000 suspects.”

FBI Issues Warning About Phone Scam Affecting Texans.

The [Fort Worth \(TX\) Star-Telegram](#)   (2/14) reports that the FBI is warning Texas residents about phone scams in which an FBI phone number displays on the call recipient’s caller ID. FBI Dallas spokeswoman Lauren Hagee said, “Such phone calls are fraudulent” and added that “call recipients should hang up immediately and notify law enforcement.” The callers behind the

bogus calls sometimes users “intimidation tactics to demand payment of money supposedly owed to the government,” the Star-Telegram says.

TECHNOLOGY

New Bill Requires Police To Get Warrants For Stingray Cell Tracking.

[The Verge](#)   (2/15) reports that according USA Today, “A bipartisan group of House and Senate lawmakers today introduced a bill that would require US police agencies to obtain a warrant before deploying cell-site simulation surveillance devices known as ‘stingrays.’” Stingrays are typically used by police to triangulate criminal suspects’ location based on data emitted from their smartphones. Stingrays are controversial because although they can accurately pinpoint a suspect’s location, they can also intercept data from other bystanders in the area. The Verge reports, “Lawmakers are hoping the bill, titled the Geolocation Privacy and Surveillance (GPS) Act, can curb potential abuse of the technology and promote transparency when police agencies use the device.” Jason Chaffetz, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Affairs Committee said, “As we welcome innovative technologies that help fight crime, we must be mindful of the potential for abuse.” Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich, also added, “When individuals are tracked in this way, the government is able to generate a profile of a person’s public movements that includes details about a person’s familial, political, professional, religious, and other intimate associations.”

Skimming Devices Steal Data From ATMs, Gas Pumps, More.

The [Harrisburg \(PA\) Patriot-News](#)   (2/15) reports on the various ways criminals are now using skimming devices to steal credit card or debit card data from ATMs and gas pumps. The Patriot reports, “The stolen data can be used to withdraw bank account funds, make unauthorized purchases, and the information can be sold to other thieves.” Multiple agencies are taking steps to prevent more fraud from happening, including the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities, state police and attorney general’s office, according to Ed Novak, spokesman at the banking and securities agency. As for what customers can do, the PA Department of Banking and Securities advises customers to use ATMs in well-lit, secure locations, ensuring no one is watching you while entering your PIN number, and using credit card instead of debit card to “avoid compromising your PIN and to gain other consumer protections.”

Miami-Dade School District Considers Body Cameras For Police.

The [Miami Herald](#)   (2/15) reports that the Miami-Dade school district is considering whether to equip schools police with body cameras that would record their encounters with students. School Board member Maria Teresa Rojas said the proposed item “would strengthen school police accountability and provide a valuable new type of evidence for them.” She also clarified that the proposal “was not a response to any incidents involving schools police but rather an effort to be proactive as police forces across the country are considering the cameras.”

NATIONAL SECURITY

Fighting Escalates In Eastern Ukraine.

The [Los Angeles Times](#)   (2/15, Ayres) reports that the escalation of fighting elsewhere in Ukraine in recent weeks has reached the industrial city of Mariupol, “a key component in southeast Ukraine’s struggling economy.” Ukraine’s nearly three-year battle against Russian-backed separatists in the east “erupted into the worst fighting in two years in late January,” but “exactly why the fighting intensified recently remains unclear.”

LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

Coast Guard Tracks Russian Spy Ship Off East Coast.

The [Los Angeles Times](#)   (2/15, Rondinone, Mahony, Owens) reports the Coast Guard is tracking the course of a “Russian spy ship moving up the East Coast to within 30 miles of the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton Wednesday.” The Coast Guard “said it is tracking the ship’s course, but would not disclose the location.” In a statement the agency said, “The U.S. Coast Guard is aware of a Russian Federation-flagged vessel transiting international waters off the East coast of the United States, as we are of all vessels approaching the U.S. The ship has not entered U.S. territorial waters, which extend 12 miles out to sea. ... We respect freedom of navigation exercised by all nations beyond the territorial sea of a coastal state consistent with international law. The Coast Guard continues to coordinate with federal agency partners to monitor maritime contacts operating in the vicinity of U.S. shores.”

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I hope all is well! I wanted to let you know that we have released a 3-day level 1 on April 24-26, 2017! The cost of the 3-day level 1 in a Stingray is \$3895.00! This date will fill up fast!

Please give me a call if this date works for you and I would love to get you all set up!

Thank you,

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Greetings Robert Rausch
Friday, January 27, 2017

POLICING & POLICY

Trump Orders DHS To Produce List Of Sanctuary Cities.

The [Washington Times](#)  (1/26, Dinan) reports Wednesday, President Trump ordered the Homeland Security Department to develop and release “a name-and-shame list of sanctuary cities” as part of “two new executive orders erasing decades of previous immigration enforcement policy.” According to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement there are 279 cities and counties that “refused to cooperate on at least some deportations in 2016.”

Plans Could Boost Private Prisons. The [Arizona Republic](#)  (1/26, Roberts) reports that Trump’s “crackdown” on illegal immigration is “stupendous news for the private prison industry.”

Concern For Connected Vehicle Hackings Prompts Federal Study.

[CIO Magazine](#)  (1/26, Steiner) reports that, following the release of a 2016 memo by the FBI, Department of Transportation, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration regarding hacking risks in connected vehicles, law enforcement officials are now concerned about the use of laptops and other devices to steal vehicles as well as personal data. CIO recommends that owners with connected vehicles regularly update software, while suggesting that manufacturers increase

security against malware and third-party takeovers. In the event that updates cannot be automatically installed, owners should visit dealers to verify the security of their vehicles, particularly in the event of a recall. Increased steps towards ensuring security, the magazine proposes, will also ensure customer loyalty and protection.

According to [GeekWire](#) (1/26, Stampher), a bipartisan bill prescribing a Highway Traffic Safety Administration study on cyber security in connected vehicles entered consideration in the House of Representatives Wednesday. In partnership with the Federal Trade Commission, the Defense Department, and others, the study would create a standard for isolating vehicle software systems, storing system data, and preventing data breaches. Some legislators called the process “a daunting challenge” as competitors like Microsoft seek to unseat Tesla from its reign in the market by partnering with vehicle makers on “incredibly complicated” platforms that can “handle the data,” Microsoft executive vice president of business development Peggy Johnson said.

Knoxville, Tennessee Police Launch “Predictive Law Enforcement” Effort With ORNL.

The [Knoxville \(TN\) News Sentinel](#) (1/25) reports the Knoxville Police Department announced Wednesday the formation of a special task force to target the drug dealers responsible for the rising rate of drug overdose deaths across the state. “The task force aims to use the Oak Ridge National Laboratory’s computers to process data in order to perform” so-called “predictive law enforcement.”

National Governors Association Wants More Cyber Collaboration Between Federal Government, States.

[FedScoop](#) (1/25, Williams) reports the chairman and vice chairman of the National Governors Association have “called for more collaboration between the federal government and states on cybersecurity.” Chairman Gov. Terry McAuliffe “said governors across the nation are ready to work with the Trump administration and the 115th Congress on issues like cybersecurity and more over the course of 2017.” FedScoop says, “McAuliffe’s initiative as NGA chair centers around helping state governments ‘meet the (cybersecurity) threat.’”

Baltimore Police Search For Solutions To Year’s Deadly Start.

The [Baltimore Sun](#) (1/25, George) reports that “as Baltimore struggles with a deadly start to the year, the mayor and police commissioner on Wednesday called on help from the community, other city agencies, prosecutors and even the president to help slow a pace of one homicide a day.” The Sun notes that 26 people “have been killed in the year’s first 25 days,” and that Baltimore Police Commissioner Kevin Davis “tried to assure residents that the department is doing everything it can, allocating more officers to patrol and redeploying gang and other special units to areas of the city where violence is the worst.” The Sun adds that “according to the most recent police crime statistics, total shootings are up 44 percent compared to this time last year, while homicides are up 50 percent for the period,” and “carjackings, a major problem for police in 2016, are up more than 60 percent.”

CRIME & DRUGS

Marijuana Legalization, Debate Over Field Sobriety Test Leaves Police With Few Options To Arrest High Drivers.

[NPR](#) (1/25, Smith) reports that the legalization of marijuana in several states presents a growing concern to law enforcement: Because there is some debate over the scientific reliability of the standard field sobriety test in determining whether someone is “too high to drive,” in the past police have been able to “fall back on arresting a driver for possession.” Now, with marijuana becoming legal in several states, “officers worry they’ll be faced with more stoned drivers and fewer ways to stop them.” However, the article notes that “as studies continue on standard field sobriety tests, efforts are also underway to design new ones to better weed out drivers who may be high on weed.”

Mexican Authorities Seize More Than 6 Million Cigarettes From Truck In Campeche.

[Noticieros Televisa](#) (1/23) reported Mexico’s Attorney General’s Office (PGR) seized 6.04 million contraband cigarettes from a truck that it stopped in San Francisco de Campeche in checkpoint action.

Pew Survey: Most American Adults Have Been Victims Of Major Data Breach.

[Fast Company](#) (1/26) reports, “A new survey from the Pew Research Center finds that most American adults have been the victims of some kind of ‘major data breach,’ and that many of us don’t trust big organizations to keep our data safe.” Fast Company reviews “some of the more alarming numbers from the report,” including that “51% of respondents said they’re ‘not at all confident’ or ‘not too confident’ in social media sites keeping their information safe – and 49% feel that way about the federal government.”



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TECHNOLOGY

Use Of Cellphone Tracking Devices Under Legal Scrutiny In Several States.

The [AP](#) (1/26, Collins) reports legislation addressing the use of cell-site simulators – devices widely referred to by the brand name Stingray – are currently pending in at least eight states, and “[m]ost of them would require police to get warrants.” The article also notes that the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee last month issued a report calling for clearer guidelines on the use of such cellphone tracking devices.

Team Begins IARPA-Backed Project To Help Analysts Assess Quality Of Information.

The [Syracuse \(NY\) Post-Standard](#) (1/26, Moriarty) reports a team from Syracuse University, the University of Arizona, Colorado State University, and SRC Inc. begin work this month on “the 4.5-year project under an \$11.5 million contract from” IARPA to develop digital tools that use crowdsourcing to “aid analysts at the nation’s intelligence agencies, including the CIA, FBI, the National Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security and the Drug Enforcement Administration.” Syracuse professor Jennifer Stromer-Galley, who is leading the research team, said the application the team is building “will guide analysts” to evaluate the credibility of the information they’ve obtained, “list the assumptions used in judging the evidence, and identify the information they do not know and determine whether their conclusions might be different if they had the missing information.”

NATIONAL SECURITY

Florida Airport Shooter Charged With Murder, Not Terrorism.

The [Miami Herald](#) (1/26, Weaver) reports that “Fort Lauderdale airport shooter Esteban Santiago told federal agents after carrying out his deadly rampage that he was ‘hearing voices,’ under ‘government mind control’ and ‘participating in jihadi chat rooms online’ – but, at least for now, he’s not being charged with a terrorist act.” A federal grand jury on Thursday “returned an indictment that includes no accusation that he was supporting a foreign terrorist group like the Islamic State, as he suggested to FBI agents.” The FBI has “found no evidence on his computer, smart phone or elsewhere to support his claims in [the] confession-like statement,” and instead, the grand jury “charged the 26-year-old military veteran from Alaska with killing five people and injuring six others during the Jan. 6 shooting at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport – with all of the violent attack captured on surveillance video cameras.”

The [AP](#) (1/26, Anderson) reports that the grand jury indicted Santiago on 22 counts, including 11 counts of “causing death or bodily harm at an international airport.” Prosecutors have not yet said whether they intend to seek capital punishment. “They have made the necessary allegations to seek the death penalty,” said former federal prosecutor David S. Weinstein. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/26, Kamp) reports that though the indictment does not contain charges related to terror, nothing about it precludes additional charges being added at a later date. [NPR](#) (1/26) reports that “Santiago is

scheduled to be arraigned on the charges on Jan. 30, according to a press release by the Department of Justice.” The [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#)  (1/26, McMahon) reports that Santiago is expected to plead not guilty.

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Events, Opportunities

HEADLINE	01/13 China state media warns US of 'clash'
SOURCE	http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/rex-tillerson-south-china-sea-state-media-prepare-military-clash-donald-trump-global-times-a7525061.html
GIST	<p>The US should "prepare for a military clash", a state run Chinese tabloid newspaper has warned.</p> <p>Less than 24 hours after US Secretary of State nominee Rex Tillerson appeared to call for a blockade of South China Sea islands, a strongly-worded English editorial in the Global Times accused the former Exxon Mobil chief executive of "rabble-rousing".</p> <p>He "had better bone up on nuclear power strategies if he wants to force a big nuclear power to withdraw from its own territories", the paper, which is known for writing hawkish editorials, said. However, despite being state run, it does not necessarily reflect government policy.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Lawsuit over Tacoma PD use of Stingray
SOURCE	http://www.theolympian.com/news/politics-government/article126197059.html
GIST	<p>Public records advocate Arthur West has filed a lawsuit against the city of Tacoma. This time, West says he wants access to more information about the Tacoma Police Department's use of a controversial piece of surveillance equipment called a cell site simulator, commonly known by the brand name Stingray.</p> <p>The device masquerades as a cellphone tower with a strong signal. While police use the Stingray to track their target via his or her cellphone, other nearby devices are powerless to resist the Stingray's call.</p> <p>While the police might be seeking a felon with the Stingray, technology experts say the details of cellphone calls and texts — but not the actual content — can be scooped up by the police's device. Police have said they do not retain data captured by the Stingray.</p> <p>In his December filing, though, West says the police's device interferes with cellphone signals without a license from the Federal Communications Commission, the federal agency that regulates the use of the airwaves.</p> <p>West, an Olympia resident who says he travels frequently to Tacoma, wrote in his filing that the Tacoma Police Department's use of the Stingray prevents him and others from calling 911 in an emergency.</p> <p>He is requesting damages from the city for interfering with his cellphone contract and for invasion of privacy.</p> <p>As with many of his other lawsuits against an array of public agencies, West is seeking damages from the city for withholding records he requested.</p>

TPD has refused to say what the device's precise capabilities are. The agency has cited a nondisclosure agreement with the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

The News Tribune first reported Tacoma's use of the Stingray in 2014. By that time, police had used it dozens of times over six years, mostly for drug cases.

West's most recent lawsuit is not to be confused with a similar one he filed in October 2015, which has since been consolidated with one filed by the Center for Open Policing in Seattle, again regarding Stingray records. The group has sued the city for not releasing an unredacted agreement with the FBI. West's 2015 lawsuit seeks the nondisclosure agreement and a suite of documents related to the purchase of the device.

The FBI would neither confirm nor deny the existence of a nondisclosure agreement with the city of Tacoma in response to a News Tribune records request filed in 2014.

Of West's lawsuit, Tacoma Police Department spokeswoman Loretta Cool said: "We don't comment on pending lawsuits."

A hearing for West's most recent case is scheduled for April.

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HEADLINE	01/12 LA County Sheriff launches drones
SOURCE	http://www.scpr.org/news/2017/01/12/68076/sheriff-launches-first-police-drones-in-la-county/
GIST	<p>In the first such move by a police agency in Los Angeles County, the sheriff's department Thursday announced it will begin using an unmanned drone to assist deputies on the ground.</p> <p>Many law enforcement leaders see drones as an important part of policing in the future – particularly in urban areas. In California, 30 police agencies use them. Across the nation, more than 300 departments deploy drones, according to sheriff's Captain Jack Ewell.</p> <p>The LAPD received two drones as a donation from the Seattle Police Department four years ago but has yet to deploy them.</p> <p>The Federal Aviation Administration approved the sheriff's application to use the drone in specifically defined incidents. They include search and rescue operations, explosive ordinance detection, hazardous materials incidents, disaster response, and incidents involving barricaded and armed suspects.</p> <p>Sheriff's officials hope to use the tool in situations where deputies otherwise might be forced to move into harm's way. For instance, if a suspect is barricaded, a deputy usually needs to move close in to figure out</p>

	<p>where the suspect is hiding and the layout of the property. A drone can do that more safely and better than a robot, said Ewell.</p> <p>“It will provide a clearer view, and different angles that you would not get using a robot," he said.</p> <p>The drone, similar to one use by filmmakers, cost the department \$10,000. It can go as high as 400 feet, travel at more than 50 mph and has a battery life of 20 minutes.</p> <p>Civil libertarians have expressed concerns police use of drones threatens personal privacy. They worry drones deployed for one reason could easily be used to look at an entire neighborhood in search of potential law violators.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Black separatists renewed sense energy
SOURCE	https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2017/01/12/black-separatist-groups-find-fertile-ground-recruitment-after-election
GIST	<p>The expectation across many black separatist groups is that if the Trump administration continues to alienate minority communities, the more likely members of those communities are to join them.</p> <p>The Nation of Islam (NOI), for example, one of the wealthiest and best-known organizations in black America, is overjoyed by Trump’s election.</p> <p>A week after the election, Louis Farrakhan, who leads NOI, told those gathered for the 2016 State of the Black World Conference, “Mr. Trump plans to put ‘teeth’ behind Make America Great again, and that means pain for Blacks.”</p> <p>Then Farrakhan offered a message to President-elect Trump.</p> <p>“Push it real good. Push it so good that black people say, ‘I’m outta here. I can’t take it no more,’” Farrakhan said.</p> <p>Black Hebrew Israelites are banking on the same result if Trump’s policies continue. Known for their street preaching, these groups believe they are the true descendants of Israel and white people are the devil, fated to become the slaves of “true Israelites” when the world ends. They also preach on anti-LGBT themes.</p> <p>Unsurprisingly, such groups are anticipating that more minorities to turn to their teachings in the next four years and predicting that the Trump will bring about the fall of Babylon, the precursor to judgment day. But the support goes on.</p>

The Israelite Church of God in Jesus Christ (ICGJC), the self-proclaimed sovereign "Nation of Israel," posted a recent recruiting message to social media with the headline: "So... america [sic] don't give a darn about us. trump [sic] is prez. Are yall ready to come home now?? ICGJC."

General Yahanna, whose real name is John Lightborne, leader of the Israelite School of Universal Practical Knowledge called Trump the Devil in a post-election podcast, titled "The Trump Card. But like so many others, Trump was prime fodder for recruitment.

"The time is now to wake up and align yourself with our king," Yahanna said in the announcement. Israel United in Christ (IUIIC) posted a video to Periscope video on November 10 called "LOOK WHAT VOTING GOT US... NOWHERE." The video used Trump's win to reinforce the message that African-Americans are really cannot count on America.

Militant black separatist groups, such as the Black Riders Liberation Party (BRLP), are also recruiting. BRLP was created in jail by juvenile offenders, but rose to public prominence after implementing a police monitoring program entitled, "Watch a Pig."

Today, they are using the election to boost their numbers, posting a picture of themselves in uniforms holding automatic weapons and writing "Y'all Ready? Racist Trump has been 'selected' – Join the militant group with – NO FEAR! – JOIN NOW – to be a new member".

Another militant group, the New Black Panther Party, whose Houston Leader Quanell X publicly endorsed Trump in October 2016, is recommending that African-Americans govern themselves. On the groups Black Power News Cast, published just days after the election, NBPP member Brother Katib told the audience, "We don't live in a country where we you go out in the street and wave a couple picket signs and the cracker gets scared and leaves office."

His recommendation to African-Americans?

"We must let go of America's style of governing, and we must understand that there is only one power, one true power that can free us from this oppression and that power is black power."

A few days later, NBPP published another Black Power News Cast entitled "THE WORST IS HERE," which was a recitation of a chapter in the book "Fall of America" by Elijah Muhammad.

"This is not your house, this the landlords house. The land is our land, it's your land, but we're just renting at the moment. See, it's time for a new house because the worst is here and has come. I say it's time for a revolution. An entire absolute new house, better then the present. I'm talking about a new building. I'm talking about a revolution," the narrator read from the book.

	A splinter group of the New Black Panther Party called the New Black Panther Party for Self Defense told their soldiers to "report for duty" the day after the election. They are currently recruiting new members in at least 7 states, using the slogan "Freedom or Death". The People's Black Panther Party is attempting to recruit in Virginia.
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HEADLINE	01/12 Court steps on Wash. oil terminal plan
SOURCE	http://www.thenewstribune.com/latest-news/article126104464.html
GIST	<p>SEATTLE - The Washington Supreme Court threw a major wrench Thursday in plans for a big oil terminal on the coast, saying the proposal must be reviewed under a 1989 state law designed to protect marine life following the Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska.</p> <p>In the latest of a string of victories for tribal and environmental groups challenging fossil fuel projects in the Northwest, the justices unanimously reversed decisions by a state board and the state Court of Appeals, which held the Ocean Resources Management Act did not cover plans by Houston-based Contanda to ship crude out of Grays Harbor.</p> <p>Kristen Boyles, an attorney with the environmental law Earthjustice, which represents groups that challenged the project, called the opinion "vitally important for Washington state coastal protection."</p> <p>"The opinion is clear that extra protective measures apply to these kinds of crude oil projects," Boyles said. "The requirements are such that I don't believe the terminal will be able to go forward. It's dead."</p> <p>Westway Terminal, recently renamed Contanda, wants to expand its existing methanol facility in Hoquiam to receive up to 17.8 million barrels of oil a year, including from the Bakken region of North Dakota and Montana, for shipping to refineries in California and Puget Sound. The plans include the construction of four aboveground storage tanks that would each hold up to 8.4 million gallons, with a trainload of oil arriving every three days.</p> <p>In an emailed statement, Contanda President G.R. "Jerry" Cardillo said the company disagrees with the ruling but will work to make the project happen.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Settlement SeaTac minimum wage case
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/510805/8-2-million-settlement-approved-in-seatac-minimum-wage-case/
GIST	SEATTLE (AP) — A federal judge has approved an \$8.2 million court settlement to resolve the claims of thousands of workers who said they were paid less than \$15 per hour after the minimum wage law in SeaTac went into effect.

	<p>The Seattle Times reports Judge Robert Lasnik of the U.S. District Court in Seattle approved the class-action settlement involving Menzies Aviation Wednesday.</p> <p>The plaintiff's lead attorney Duncan Turner says checks to the nearly 2,500 affected workers should be going out by next month.</p> <p>The lawsuits stemmed from an ordinance SeaTac voters approved that required employers of transportation and hospitality workers to pay a minimum wage of \$15 an hour starting Jan. 1, 2014.</p> <p>Alaska Airlines and other plaintiffs had filed a lawsuit saying the ordinance shouldn't apply at the airport — an argument the courts rejected.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 SPD: arrests not solving heroin crisis
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/509873/why-arrests-wont-help-heroin-crisis/
GIST	<p>It's no secret that Seattle is stuck in the middle of a heroin crisis. That is well known. What Seattle police have come to realize is that arrests are not helping solve the problem.</p> <p>"You got sons and daughters, mothers and fathers being killed by heroin because they become chemically addicted," said Sergeant Sean Whitcomb with the Seattle Police Department.</p> <p>"And the cycle of arrest-and-release does not seem to be working," he told KIRO Radio's Ron and Don. "There are alternatives with law enforcement assisted diversion and drug court ... The approach we have taken is one that is multifaceted.</p> <p>"The destruction and the grief and the misery caused by the heroin epidemic can't be measured and it certainly can't be counted in arrests," Whitcomb said.</p> <p>Such "destruction" and "grief" was apparent last weekend when Seattle police responded to a cluster of heroin overdoses in a small area over one Saturday afternoon.</p> <p>"There was some concern because of the time and proximity of four overdose events," Whitcomb said. "Three were immediately fatal. We learned on Monday that one individual died at the hospital."</p> <p>"What our North Precinct officers saw was this cluster of overdoses — four people within about a square mile," he said. "That leads any reasonable person to conclude that there might be a problem with the heroin being injected. There might be a purity level or some other issue that created a lethal experience."</p>

A problem like fentanyl. It has not been confirmed that fentanyl was involved in any of the recent overdoses, but it is suspected. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid. It is much stronger than heroin and is sometimes mixed in with batches of the drug.

“The problem with fentanyl for people who are using and for first responders is if you get the wrong amount, you are going to die,” Whitcomb said. “It will shut you down. It is that lethal.”

The recent spike in overdoses caused Seattle police to deploy bike officers to contact known addicts in the area and warn them.

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HEADLINE	01/12 Baltimore PD commits to huge changes
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/baltimore-police-commits-to-sweeping-changes-in-deal-with-us/
GIST	<p>BALTIMORE -- The Baltimore police department committed to a sweeping overhaul of its practices Thursday under a court-enforceable agreement with the federal government.</p> <p>The Justice Department agreement, which was approved by the city government and will now be submitted to a judge, mandates changes in the most fundamental aspects of police work. The agreement, known as a consent decree, is the culmination of months of negotiations with the federal government and is meant to correct constitutional violations identified in a scathing report released last year.</p> <p>The filing of the agreement, in the waning days of Attorney General Loretta Lynch’s tenure, is meant as a capstone for an administration that has made civil rights enforcement a key priority and that has pursued similar consent decrees with other large American police forces. Lynch says the consent decree has three main goals: effective and constitutional policing; restoring community trust in law enforcement; and advancing the safety of the public and police officers.</p> <p>“We could not be prouder to partner with the people of Baltimore on this journey towards making their city a community that protects the dignity, rights, and safety of all its people,” Lynch said in a statement.</p> <p>The Justice Department began investigating the Baltimore force following the April 2015 death of Freddie Gray, a young black man who was fatally injured while in the custody of officers. Its report last August found that officers were routinely stopping large numbers of people in poor, black neighborhoods for dubious reasons, and unlawfully arresting residents merely for speaking out in ways police deemed disrespectful.</p> <p>“These were difficult findings to hear – difficult findings to lay out,” Lynch said Thursday. “But no one in this city ever flinched from those findings – no one in this city every backed away, and we were encouraged by the reception that we received.”</p>

The consent decree is meant as a remedy for some of those problems.

It discourages the arrests of citizens for quality of life offenses, requiring a supervisor to sign off on any request to take someone into custody for a minor infraction, and also mandates basic training for making stops and searches.

In addition, it commands officers to use de-escalation techniques to resolve incidents without the use of force where possible, or with “force proportional to the threat,” DOJ Civil Rights Division head Vanita Gupta said Thursday. It requires police to thoroughly investigate sexual assault claims “without gender bias” and send specially trained units to distress calls involving people with mental illness.

The agreement also lays out policies for transporting prisoners, a likely acknowledgment of the death of Gray, who suffered a grievous spinal cord injury in the back of a police van. The consent decree requires officers to ensure that prisoners are protected with seat belts and to check on them periodically to make sure that they’re safe. Transport vans will also require cameras, Democratic Mayor Catherine Pugh said.

The agreement also includes establishing a Community Oversight Task Force to recommend reforms to the city’s current system of civilian oversight. It calls for allegations of police misconduct to be thoroughly investigated and for officers to receive necessary equipment and training, and requires the department to perform a staffing survey to ensure sufficient numbers of officers and supervisors.

Baltimore Police Commissioner Kevin Davis said he believes the agreement will make Baltimore police “better crime fighters” and will promote a more trustful relationship with the community.

“Cops on the street will absolutely benefit from this consent decree,” Davis said.

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HEADLINE	01/12 Russia decries ‘threat’ US troops Poland
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/russia-threat-us-troops-tanks-poland-nato-vladimir-putin/
GIST	<p>WARSAW, Poland -- American soldiers rolled into Poland on Thursday, fulfilling a dream Poles have had since the fall of communism in 1989 to have U.S. troops on their soil as a deterrent against Russia.</p> <p>Soldiers in camouflage with tanks and other vehicles crossed into southwestern Poland on Thursday morning from Germany and headed for Zagan, where they will be based. Their arrival will be feted on Saturday in official ceremonies attended by Poland’s prime minister and defense minister.</p> <p>U.S. and other Western nations have carried out exercises on NATO’s eastern flank, but this deployment - which includes around 3,500 U.S. troops - marks the first-ever continuous deployment to the region by a NATO ally. It represents a commitment by President Barack Obama to protect a region that became</p>

	<p>deeply nervous when Russia annexed Crimea from Ukraine in 2014 and then began backing rebels in Ukraine’s east.</p> <p>But despite the celebrations, clouds hung over the historic moment. There are anxieties that the enhanced security could eventually be undermined by the pro-Kremlin views of President-elect Donald Trump.</p> <p>Russia appears provoked by the deployment of American troops on its doorstep.</p> <p>“We perceive it as a threat,” President Vladimir Putin’s spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. “These actions threaten our interests, our security.”</p> <p>“Especially as it concerns a third party building up its military presence near our borders,” Peskov said in a conference call with reporters. “It’s not even a European state.”</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Majority cops: anti-police bias in protests
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/68-percent-cops-protests-police-shootings-show-bias/story?id=44713325
GIST	<p>A new survey indicates that more than two-thirds of police officers believe that protests that typically follow high-profile police shootings are "motivated to a great extent by anti-police bias" -- one of several findings that appear to highlight deep divisions between law enforcement and the citizens they protect.</p> <p>The survey conducted by the National Police Research Platform and published by the Pew Research Center, polled nearly 8,000 police officers from 54 police and sheriff’s departments across the United States.</p> <p>Because of the way the survey was conducted, margins of error varied from question.</p> <p>Some 68 percent of officers say protests after fatal police shootings of black citizens, like the ones that dominated headlines this July following the fatal police shootings of Philando Castile in suburban St. Paul, Minnesota, and Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, reflect anti-police bias.</p> <p>By contrast, the survey indicates that only 10 percent of the officers believe that protesters were motivated "a great deal" by the desire to hold officers accountable for their actions.</p> <p>Some 86 percent say that high-profile incidents between police and African-Americans have made police work harder, and seven in 10 say they’ve made officers in their department less willing to stop and question “suspicious persons,” the data show.</p>

And, perhaps most notably, while six in 10 Americans see these incidents as signs of broader problems between the police and the black community, according to a separate Pew research study, fewer than a third of police officers agree with their assessment.

The Pew study also highlights apparent racial divisions within the ranks of the police officers themselves. Only about a quarter of white officers, but close to seven-in-ten of their black colleagues, believe that the protests that followed fatal encounters between police and black citizens were sincere attempts to make police more accountable, the survey said.

Furthermore, an overwhelming majority of white officers (92 percent) but less than a third of their black colleagues say that the country has made the changes needed to assure equal rights for black citizens, according to the data.

The survey also has some potentially bad news for advocates of police reform.

More than half of the officers surveyed said that "in some neighborhoods" being aggressive is a more effective approach than demonstrating courtesy and 44 percent agree or strongly agree that "hard, physical tactics" are needed to deal with certain people.

But there are areas of agreement between the police and the public, according to the survey.

Large majorities of both believe anti-police bias is part of why police protests occur. They also appear to agree on the need for body cameras, as well as tracking gun sales federally, and making private gun shows subject to background checks.

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HEADLINE	01/12 Recall: Ford vehicles
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/ford-adds-816000-vehicles-takata-air-bag-recall-44731261?cid=clicksource_4380645_4_heads_posts_headlines_hed
GIST	<p>Ford is adding more than 816,000 vehicles in North America to the growing Takata air bag inflator recall.</p> <p>The company says the latest callback covers the 2005-2009 and 2012 Mustang and the 2006-2009 and 2012 Ford Fusion, Lincoln Zephyr and Lincoln MKZ. Also included are the 2007-2009 Ford Ranger and Edge, the 2007-2009 Lincoln MKX, the 2006-2009 Mercury Milan and the 2005 and 2006 Ford GT.</p> <p>The recall is among the latest round of Takata recalls covering 5.7 million vehicles involving 17 automakers in the U.S. About 100 million inflators have been recalled worldwide.</p> <p>Ford said it's not aware of any injuries involving this batch of vehicles.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 DOJ IG to probe FBI pre-election actions
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/departement-justice-watchdog-launches-investigation-fbis-pre-election/story?id=44737813&cid=clicksource_4380645_1_hero_headlines_bsq_hed
GIST	<p>Department of Justice Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz announced today that his office will launch a review of the actions taken by the FBI and DOJ ahead of November's election.</p> <p>The inspector general will look at whether FBI Director James Comey's press conference and notifications to Congress days prior to the election concerning the Hillary Clinton email probe were appropriate under DOJ guidelines.</p> <p>The investigation is in response to "numerous" requests from members of congressional oversight committees, various organizations and the public, according to Horowitz.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 EPA: Fiat Chrysler emission violation
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/news/exclusive-epa-accuse-fiat-chrysler-excess-diesel-emissions-154301792--finance.html
GIST	<p>(Reuters) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday accused Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV of using software that allowed excess diesel emissions in 104,000 U.S. trucks and SUVs sold since 2014, the result of a probe that stemmed from regulators' investigation of rival Volkswagen.</p> <p>The EPA and California Air Resources Board told the automaker it believes its undeclared auxiliary emissions control software allowed vehicles to generate excess pollution in violation of the law.</p> <p>FCA said in a statement on Thursday that it is "disappointed" with the EPA assertions. It also said that its "diesel-powered vehicles meet all applicable regulatory requirements.</p> <p>FCA said will prove to the EPA that its emissions controls are "properly justified and thus are not 'defeat devices' under applicable regulations."</p> <p>Regulators said the company failed to disclose engine management software in 104,000 U.S. 2014-2016 Jeep Grand Cherokees and Dodge Ram 1500 trucks with 3.0-liter diesel engines. The undisclosed software results in increased emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) from the vehicles. EPA is still investigating if the software constitutes a "defeat device."</p> <p>"Failing to disclose software that affects emissions in a vehicle's engine is a serious violation of the law, which can result in harmful pollution in the air we breathe," said Cynthia Giles, an EPA official, in a statement.</p>

	California Air Resource Board chair Mary Nichols said, "Once again, a major automaker made the business decision to skirt the rules and got caught."
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HEADLINE	01/11 Bellevue pays family \$1M for police crash
SOURCE	http://www.bellevuereporter.com/news/city-of-bellevue-pays-1m-to-family-injured-in-2014-police-cruiser-crash/
GIST	<p>The city of Bellevue agreed to pay approximately \$1 million late last month to a family of five who were struck and injured in a crash involving two police cars in 2014, an accident that permanently impaired one child's sight.</p> <p>Lawyers for the city finalized a settlement agreement in the case on Dec. 29. The parents' settlement records were sealed, but one unrestricted court document revealed that the children — a then-12-year-old boy identified as "K.K." in court documents and two girls aged 7 and 3 — will receive close to \$1 million.</p> <p>The sum is the largest personal-injury settlement the city has paid in over a decade.</p> <p>"We are empathetic to how this multi-injury accident involving police vehicles affected the Kobayashi family. Through this settlement, the city along with the Kobayashi family now have resolution to an incident that happened nearly two-and-a-half years ago without having to endure a lengthy trial with uncertain results," the city's Chief Communications Officer Lenka Wright said in a statement.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 TSA: record number loaded guns
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/business/travel/tsa-confiscated-record-number-loaded-guns-last-year-n706086
GIST	<p>The TSA discovered an average of nine guns a day at airport checkpoints in 2016 — and most of them were loaded.</p> <p>During 2016, security officers for the Transportation Security Administration found more than 3,391 firearms at airport checkpoints around the country, a 28 percent increase over the record tally of 2,653 firearms found in 2015.</p> <p>According to the TSA's 2016 Year in Review report, most (83 percent) of the 3,391 firearms found in 2016 were loaded.</p> <p>Firearms were discovered at 238 airports around the country, with Atlanta topping the list of airports where the most firearms were found.</p>

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HEADLINE	01/12 Officials: 40% of California out of drought
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/officials-40-percent-california-drought-44732018
GIST	<p>More than 40 percent of California has emerged from a punishing drought that covered the whole state a year ago, federal drought-watchers said Thursday, a stunning transformation caused by an unrelenting series of storms in the North that filled lakes, overflowed rivers and buried mountains in snow.</p> <p>The weekly drought report by government and academic water experts showed 42 percent of the state free from drought. This time last year, 97 percent of the state was in drought.</p> <p>Southern California, also receiving welcome rain from the storms, remains in drought but has experienced a dramatic reduction in the severity. Just 2 percent of the state, a swath between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, remains in the sharpest category of drought that includes drying wells, reservoirs and streams and widespread crop losses. Forty-three percent of the state was in that direst category this time a year ago.</p> <p>California will remain in a drought emergency until Gov. Jerry Brown lifts or eases the declaration he issued in January 2014, while standing in a bare Sierra Nevada meadow that one of the state's driest stretches on record had robbed of all snow.</p> <p>State officials said this week that Brown will likely wait until the end of California's winter snow and rain season to make a decision on revising the drought declaration.</p> <p>For Northern California, at least, the onslaught of storms that brought the Sierras their heaviest snow in six years and forced voluntary evacuations of thousands of people as rivers surged will likely make it a much clearer call for the governor, water experts said.</p> <p>The past week's storms were enough to double the snowpack in parts of the Sierras, runoff from which provides Californians with much of their year-round water supply. Stations up and down the mountain chain were reporting twice the amount of normal rain and snow for this time of year.</p>

	The state's reservoirs were brimming above average for the first time in six years.
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HEADLINE	01/12 Health system feeling impact flu epidemic
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/emergency-rooms-across-state-inundated-with-flu-patients
GIST	<p>SEATTLE, WA -- Our health system is feeling the impact of the flu epidemic. Health officials say 24 people have died across the state, hospitalizations are up and emergency rooms are at capacity.</p> <p>“The flu can make people really sick, and over the past few weeks there has been a dramatic rise in influenza activity across the state,” said Dr. Kathy Lofy, health officer for Washington State Department of Health. “Most healthy people who get the flu don’t need medical care, however people who are in a high risk group, or are very sick or worried about their illness, should contact their health care provider.”</p> <p>Katie Ryan Strimban is struggling to get well. Thursday afternoon she paid her third visit to UW Medicine Ballard since November. This time she’s concerned a nasty sinus infection is turning into the flu. And that’s why Katie is visiting her primary care physician.</p> <p>But others, according to the Washington State Department of Health, are seeking care at their local emergency rooms and putting a strain on resources meant for extremely ill patients.</p> <p>“I think having a primary care doctor is important for all of us to have,” said Dr. Laura Montour who is a physician at UW Medicine Ballard. “We can be a first line to keep people out of the emergency rooms.”</p> <p>Our state has seen a dramatic rise in flu case in last three weeks. Dr. John Scott who is the Medical Director for Telehealth Services at UW Medicine says most influenza does not require a visit to the emergency department.</p> <p>Dr. Scott recommends the UW Medicine’s Virtual Clinic.</p> <p>With a smartphone you can receive care from doctor via Facetime or video conferencing.</p> <p>Dr. Scott says lots of viruses can feel like the flu and the virtual clinic is an easy way to see the doctor without putting a stain on emergency resources.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 WSP to honor K9s killed in line of duty
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/wsp-creates-memorial-for-k9s-killed-in-line-of-duty/385611441
GIST	The Washington State Patrol is creating a memorial to honor K9’s killed in the line of duty.

	<p>WSP experienced its first line of duty K9 death in April 2016 when K9 Patrick was killed.</p> <p>Many people reached out to K9 Patrick’s partner, Trooper Mike Allan, asking how they could help. After many months of planning and coordination with WSP’s K9 handlers, a permanent K9 memorial will be dedicated near the WSP Fallen Officer Memorial in Shelton, Washington.</p> <p>The granite stone will be permanently etched with K9 Patrick’s name and end of watch date. The memorial will serve a tribute to the service and sacrifice of WSP K9s lost in the line of duty.</p> <p>If you are interested in donating to the WSP K9 Memorial, you can do so through the WSP Memorial Foundation. Donations can be made on the WSPMF website or checks can be mailed to WSPMF, PO Box 7544, Olympia, WA 98507. Please note “K9 Memorial” on your donation.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Reduced role homeless camp monitors
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/northwest/lessened-role-of-homeless-camp-cleanup-monitors-is-questioned-by-human-rights-group/
GIST	<p>The Seattle Human Rights Commission is questioning the diminished role of civil-rights monitors in the oversight of the city’s cleanups of unauthorized homeless camps.</p> <p>The monitors in their new roles, in which they are not on the ground for each sweep, may be too far removed to protect the rights of camp residents, commission co-chair Jeremy Wood said.</p> <p>“We remain concerned that they (monitors) have been placed at such a remove that they will not be able to maintain the same level of independent scrutiny,” he said.</p> <p>Representatives from the city’s Office of Civil Rights have been monitoring the cleanups since August, when Murray announced the temporary program and acknowledged flaws in the city’s approach to cleaning up the camps.</p> <p>A Seattle Times report in August found the cleanup process was hindered by a variety of bureaucratic failures, including missed start times and camper complaints of lost belongings and personal keepsakes. Even as administrators began planning additional improvements, the city’s struggles to carry out the cleanups humanely and at scheduled times continued, according to handwritten notes reviewed by The Times.</p> <p>City officials announced last month that the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, which also coordinates the city’s camp-cleanup efforts, would assume all day-to-day monitoring duties.</p>

A department field coordinator will be present at every cleanup, Director Chris Potter told council members at a Dec. 14 council meeting. That person will have the authority to halt removals not being carried out in accordance with the city's protocols, he said.

The Seattle Human Rights Commission later sent Mayor Ed Murray a letter raising concerns about the shift.

In response, Murray told the group that while the monitors will no longer go to each cleanup, the office will maintain "high-level" oversight, conducting spot checks, reviewing cleanup reports and periodically conducting interviews with camp residents, according to a Jan. 4 letter from the mayor's office. The department will also issue a semi-annual report detailing its findings and recommendations, the letter states.

The Finance and Administrative Services department has been "robust and responsible" in its management of the city's encampment-cleanup efforts, Murray said in his letter.

City Councilmember Lisa Herbold, who expressed concern over the initial move ending the role of the Office of Civil Rights, said she is "thankful" that it will now maintain some oversight of the cleanups.

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HEADLINE	01/12 Protestors aim to disrupt inauguration
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/news/protests-aim-disrupt-trump-inauguration-organizers-213134012.html
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Thousands of demonstrators are expected to turn out in Washington next week for protests aiming to "shut down" the inauguration of Donald Trump as the next U.S. president, organizers said on Thursday.</p> <p>Protesters will attempt to close down 12 security checkpoints at the U.S. Capitol, where Trump will take the oath of office on Jan. 20, and along the 2.5-mile (4-km) parade route down Pennsylvania Avenue, according to leaders of a group called DisruptJ20.</p> <p>"We want to shut down the inauguration," organizer David Thurston told a news conference. "We want to see a seething rebellion develop in this city and across the country."</p> <p>DisruptJ20, which is working with Black Lives Matter and other protest groups, said it also planned predawn blockades and disruptive demonstrations during inaugural balls in the evening.</p> <p>Some 300 DisruptJ20 volunteers will work to mobilize demonstrators for a series of protests the group has dubbed the "Festival of Resistance."</p>

	<p>"We are not in favor of a peaceful transition of power, and we need to stop it," organizer Legba Carrefour said.</p> <p>The group has three protest permits and "promises other surprises," said spokeswoman Samantha Miller. All told, 27 protest groups have been granted permits, more than four times the average number for past inaugurations, according to the National Park Service.</p> <p>The Women's March, on the day after the inauguration, is expected to attract 200,000 people, said the park service, which issues permits.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Officials: FBI director briefed Trump
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/01/12/politics/joe-biden-donald-trump-intelligence-report/index.html
GIST	<p>(CNN) Vice President Joe Biden confirmed Thursday that he and President Barack Obama were briefed last week by intelligence officials on unsubstantiated claims that Russia may have compromising information on President-elect Donald Trump.</p> <p>CNN first reported that the nation's top intelligence chiefs provided both the President and President-elect a two-page written synopsis of the claims, which came from a 35-page report compiled by a former British intelligence operative based on Russian sources. Intelligence agencies appended a two-page summary of the unverified allegations to documents prepared for the briefing on Russian meddling in the 2016 US presidential election.</p> <p>Biden's office confirmed that the vice president said he and Obama were briefed about the claims but said that neither Biden nor Obama asked for more information about them. Biden's office also said the vice president told reporters that intelligence leaders felt obligated to tell Obama because they were planning on informing Trump. Biden also said he read the entire 35-page report.</p> <p>Biden's office also confirmed that Obama, according to the vice president, asked, "What does this have to do with anything?"</p> <p>The comments by Biden are the first by any top government official confirming that they were told about the allegations as part of their intelligence briefing.</p> <p>Multiple US officials briefed on the matter told CNN on Thursday that FBI Director James Comey and Trump had a brief one-on-one conversation at last Friday's intelligence briefing.</p> <p>It's during that pull aside that Comey briefed the President-elect on the two-page synopsis of the claims about Trump and Russia. All four intelligence chiefs had decided that Comey would be the one who would handle the sensitive discussion with the President-elect.</p>

	The discussion was described by the sources as cordial.
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HEADLINE	01/12 Pot: good, bad, unknown health effects
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/marijuanas-health-effects-good-bad-unknown/
GIST	<p>NEW YORK -- It can almost certainly ease chronic pain and might help some people sleep, but it's also likely to raise the risk of getting schizophrenia and might trigger heart attacks.</p> <p>Those are among the conclusions about marijuana reached by a federal advisory panel in a report released Thursday.</p> <p>The current lack of scientific information "poses a public health risk," said the report, released by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. Patients, health care professionals and policy makers need more evidence to make sound decisions, it said.</p> <p>It was hard for the researchers to make definitive conclusions, said CBS News' Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Jon LaPook, because a lot of the literature is based off of self-reporting -- and there was no standardization. For example, there are over 100 different cannabinoid chemicals in cannabis, and many different forms of using it.</p> <p>A federal focus on paying for studies of potential harms has also impeded research into possible health benefits, the report said. The range of marijuana products available for study has also been restricted, although the government is expanding the number of approved suppliers.</p> <p>The report lists nearly 100 conclusions about marijuana and its similarly acting chemical cousins, drawing on studies published since 1999.</p> <p>It found strong evidence, for example, that marijuana can treat chronic pain in adults and that similar compounds ease nausea from chemotherapy, with varying degrees of evidence for treating muscle stiffness and spasms in multiple sclerosis.</p> <p>Limited evidence says marijuana or the other compounds can boost appetite in people with HIV or AIDS, and ease symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, the report concluded. But it said there's not enough research to say whether they're effective for treating cancers, irritable bowel syndrome, epilepsy, or certain symptoms of Parkinson's disease, or helping people beat addictions.</p> <p>There may be more evidence soon: a study in Colorado is investigating the use of marijuana to treat PTSD. Turning to potential harms, the committee concluded:</p>

- Strong evidence links marijuana use to the risk of developing schizophrenia and other causes of psychosis, with the highest risk among the most frequent users.
- Some evidence suggests a small increased risk for developing depressive disorders, but there's no evidence either way on whether it affects the course or symptoms of such disorders, or the risk of developing post-traumatic stress disorder.
- There's strong evidence that using marijuana increases the risk of a traffic accident, but no clear indication that it promotes workplace accidents or injuries, or death from a marijuana overdose.
- There's only weak evidence for the idea that it hurts school achievement, raises unemployment rates or harms social functioning.
- For pregnant women who smoke pot, there's strong evidence of reduced birthweight but only weak evidence of any effect on pregnancy complications for the mother, or an infant's need for admission to intensive care. There's not enough evidence to show whether it affects the child later, like sudden infant death syndrome or substance use.
- Some evidence suggests there's no link to lung cancer in marijuana smokers. But there's no evidence, or insufficient evidence, to support or rebut any link to developing cancers of the prostate, cervix, bladder, or esophagus.
- Substantial evidence links pot smoking to worse respiratory symptoms and more frequent episodes of chronic bronchitis.
- There's weak evidence that suggests smoking marijuana can trigger a heart attack, especially for people at high risk of heart disease. But there's no evidence either way on whether chronic use affects a person's risk of a heart attack.
- Some evidence suggests a link between using marijuana and developing a dependence on or abuse of other substances, including alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs.

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HEADLINE	01/13 Toyota adds more vehicles to US recall
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/toyota-adds-543000-vehicles-to-takata-air-bag-recalls-in-us/
GIST	TOKYO -- Toyota Motor Corp. says it is recalling another 543,000 vehicles in the U.S. for defective front passenger air bag inflators made by Japan's Takata Corp. Takata is at the center of a massive recall of inflators that can explode in a crash, spewing metal shrapnel inside vehicles.

	<p>Toyota said Friday that the recall includes various models of sedans and SUVs made between 2006-2012. Among those recalled are the 2008-2009 Scion xB; 2009 and 2012 Corolla and Corolla Matrix, 2007-2009 and 2012 Toyota Yaris, 2012 4Runner and Sienna and various versions of Lexus made between 2006-2012.</p> <p>More than 100 million vehicles involving 17 automakers have been recalled worldwide, including 69 million in the U.S. alone, underscoring the scale of the crisis. Because of the scope of the recalls, the replacements are going to take years</p>
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HEADLINE	01/13 Syria army warns Israel on 'flagrant attack'
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-airport-idUSKBN14W35J
GIST	<p>Syrian army command said on Friday that Israeli artillery fired rockets at a major military airbase outside Damascus, and warned Israel of repercussions for what it called a "flagrant" attack.</p> <p>Explosions were heard in the capital, and residents in the southwest suburbs saw a large plume of smoke rising from the area, while video footage downloaded on social media showed flames leaping from parts of Mezzah military airport's compound.</p> <p>Syrian state television quoted the army as saying several rockets were fired from an area near the Sea of Galilee in northern Israel just after midnight which landed in the compound of the airbase, used by President Bashar al-Assad's elite Republican Guards.</p> <p>"Syrian army command and armed forces warn Israel of the repercussions of the flagrant attack and stresses its continued fight against (this) terrorism and amputate the arms of the perpetrators," the army command said in a statement.</p> <p>Israel neither confirms nor denies involvement in striking targets inside Syria. Asked about Friday's incident, an Israeli military spokeswoman said: "We don't comment on reports of this kind."</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Robot nannies look after China's chickens
SOURCE	https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-01-12/china-tries-nanny-robots-to-keep-chickens-healthy
GIST	<p>In a nation where food safety is so elusive that even some chicken eggs have been found to be fake, China's consumers have good reason to be skeptical about their groceries. That's forced many food processors to look for novel ways to highlight the wholesomeness of their products. But few have gone to such extremes as poultry powerhouse Charoen Pokphand Group, which is deploying a flock of robots to convince customers its birds are healthy.</p>

About 3 million laying hens raised near Beijing by the Bangkok-based conglomerate get daily checkups from machines dubbed “nanny robots.” The sensor-filled humanoids, perched atop a base with wheels, roll through a massive complex of windowless coops for 12 hours a day, monitoring the fowls’ temperatures and movements. Human colleagues pluck feverish or immobile birds from their cages to protect the rest of the brood and keep sick birds and their eggs from reaching kitchen tables.

CP Group, China’s third-largest poultry producer, is using the 18 automatons to curtail outbreaks of bird flu and food-borne illnesses that plague a mainland industry expected to reach \$138.2 billion in revenue within five years. “Food safety is a major problem in China,” says Xie Yi, a senior vice chairman of CP Group’s China agribusiness unit. “We want to control the whole chain from the farm to the table. Problems sometimes involve human error, so full automation enhances the safety level.”

China is the world’s largest producer of eggs and the second-biggest grower of chickens after the U.S., according to market researcher IBISWorld. The nation’s poultry industry—including chickens, ducks, geese, ostriches, and quail—generated an estimated \$100.7 billion in revenue last year.

The business is highly fragmented, with the five biggest companies accounting for only 9.7 percent of market share, according to IBISWorld. CP Group ranks behind Guangdong Wen’s Foodstuff Group and New Hope Liuhe. Most of the industry consists of hundreds of thousands of family-owned farms, including many selling eggs and slaughtered-while-you-wait meat at roadside markets.

The government’s inability to monitor all those suppliers allows leaks to spring in the food safety pipeline, primarily through poor sanitation, lack of refrigeration, or overuse of antibiotics in animal feed. Bird flu is rampant, with at least two outbreaks at chicken farms reported by China’s agriculture ministry in December 2016 alone.

In the World Health Organization region that includes China, 125 million people get sick and 50,000 die annually from food-borne illness. The Chinese food industry also is rife with scandal, from melamine-laced concoctions sold as milk that killed six people in 2008 to the fake beer and potentially radiation-tainted seafood discovered in 2016.

Fake eggs have plagued Chinese consumers since at least 2005, when the state-run Xinhua News Agency said they were discovered being sold at a street market in Guangzhou. The shells were made of calcium carbonate, while the egg white and yolk were a mixture of sodium alginate, gelatin, and tartrazine.

The threats posed by disease and counterfeiting prompted CP Group to deal with its own chicken-and-egg problems. The nanny robots patrol warehouses at its egg farm in Pinggu, about 50 miles northeast of Beijing, where 2.4 million eggs are produced daily. The gray machines, as tall as three tiers of chicken coops, roll down 417-foot-long rows of cages and conveyor belts. Sensors in their heads, midsections, and

	<p>knees record the birds' temperatures—just like the human health-checking sensor stations now common in Asian airport concourses—and snap six photos a second to identify lack of movement.</p> <p>Workers in a control room step out to grab chickens that have a temperature varying from the normal 41C (106F) or aren't moving. Some of those fowl wind up next door, feeding pools of crocodiles being raised for their skin by CP Group. That's about the extent of human contact for the birds. The robots take six hours to cover one floor of the coop, then recharge for an hour and do it again.</p> <p>"Attending the flocks with robots isn't typical, either in China or the U.S.," says Hongwei Xin, director of the Egg Industry Center at Iowa State University in Ames. But "it could very well become a trendy and valuable tool."</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Private spies thrust into the limelight
SOURCE	https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-01-13/for-spies-inc-1-200-an-hour-buys-dirt-on-the-likes-of-trump
GIST	<p>"Survival," George Smiley said, "is an infinite capacity for suspicion."</p> <p>Only these days, suspicion has become a business in ways Smiley, John le Carre's spymaster extraordinaire, might have never imagined.</p> <p>Long before the world learned this week of memos claiming Russia had compromising material on Donald Trump -- memos believed to have been prepared by a former British intelligence officer -- the business politely known as corporate intelligence had exploded into a multibillion-dollar industry.</p> <p>Today private CIAs and MI6s are deeply entwined in business and politics, but their services don't come cheap. The going rate can run as high as \$1,200 an hour, on par with that of a white-shoe Wall Street lawyer.</p> <p>Worldwide, private spooks, sleuths and assorted security experts are expected to rake in \$19.4 billion in revenue this year, according to the research firm Gartner. That doesn't include intelligence operations inside major corporations like Exxon Mobil Corp., whose chief executive, Rex Tillerson, is Trump's pick for secretary of state.</p> <p>Since Jules Kroll pioneered the modern U.S. corporate intelligence industry in the 1970s, the business has gone global and, predictably, high tech.</p> <p>"It's a totally different landscape today, having gone from the early days of men in fedora hats under lampposts to quite a sophisticated marketplace," said Patrick Grayson, the chief executive officer of corporate intelligence firm GPW Ltd. in London, who opened a London office for Kroll in 1986.</p>

Competition has gotten tougher, too, he said.

Orbis Business Intelligence, the private intelligence firm believed to be at the center of the Trump memos, has suddenly thrust this hush-hush industry into the headlines. Christopher Steele, a former MI6 officer who co-founded the London firm, has been widely named as the author of the memos, which contain unsubstantiated allegations about Trump's personal life and business activities.

When England's Football Association was preparing to bid for the 2018 soccer World Cup, for example, it turned to Steele's Orbis Business Intelligence to find out what rival bidders were up to.

In London, a center of the global private intelligence community, industry figures, including several close to Orbis, were stunned by Steele's -- and their industry's -- sudden notoriety. Telephone calls to Orbis's offices weren't answered; Steele couldn't be reached.

Steele is a respected Russia expert, fluent in the language. He worked for MI6 in the 1990s and 2000s in Moscow and London, according to a person who worked with him there.

He set up Orbis in 2009, with Chris Burrows, a former British Foreign Office official. Their stated aim: to provide clients with "strategic insight, intelligence and investigative services."

Staffed by four analysts and two directors, Orbis is a relatively small player in London and vies with bigger competitors such as Control Risks Group, Hakluyt, Kroll's K2 Intelligence and GPW.

Yet back in 2010, Steele's small firm was hired by the Football Association to learn what rivals such as Russia at FIFA were doing to secure votes and to sweep hotel meeting rooms for bugging devices, Bloomberg News reported in 2011. Using intelligence agents was a common practice among the various bidders. Following a controversial process during which allegations of wrongdoing were made against several members of FIFA's board, Russia was named host, with England's bid eliminated after the first round of voting. A month after the vote, then-Prime Minister David Cameron, described the vote as "murky."

Corporate intelligence isn't cheap, with many in the industry charging anywhere between 600 and 1,000 pounds an hour, according to Grayson. The work includes everything from tracing assets to investigating fraud to handling whistle-blower cases. In the political sphere, the work can also include opposition research, or "oppo," aimed at digging up dirt on rivals.

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HEADLINE	01/13 World's biggest annual human migration
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/chinese-head-home-worlds-biggest-annual-human-migration-44754298

GIST	<p>Hundreds of thousands of Chinese travelers were packing airports, train and bus stations Friday as they headed home for Lunar New Year celebrations.</p> <p>Officials expect that Chinese travelers will make almost 3 billion trips during the holiday travel rush that starts Friday and runs through Feb. 21. These trips include intercity flights, trains and local bus rides to villages for China's 1.4 billion people.</p> <p>Each year, it represents the world's largest seasonal migration of people as families reunite for China's most important traditional holiday. Also known as Spring Festival, it falls on Jan. 28 this year.</p> <p>Travelers lugging large bags were rushing into the Beijing Railway Station on Friday morning to catch trains home.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/13 China, Russia against US missile system
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/china-russia-united-korea-missile-defense-44754779
GIST	<p>Chinese state media say Beijing and Moscow have agreed to take "further countermeasures" in response to plans for an advanced U.S. missile defense system in South Korea.</p> <p>The Xinhua News Agency says the agreement was reached during security talks between the two countries in Moscow on Thursday.</p> <p>The report gave no details and a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman on Friday said only that China has a legitimate right to defend its security interests. The proposed Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, radar system aims to guard against North Korea missiles.</p> <p>China has campaigned relentlessly against the deployment, warning of unspecified retaliation and prompting a sharp downturn in relations with Seoul. China says the powerful radar system can peer deep into its territory.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/13 Corruption at US border agency
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/corruption-us-border-agency-led-lie-detectors-44752659
GIST	<p>When James Tomsheck joined U.S. Customs and Border Protection in 2006 as chief of internal affairs, the nation's largest law enforcement agency was on an unprecedented hiring spree.</p> <p>The Border Patrol, a part of CBP, held job fairs across the country, aired recruitment ads during Dallas Cowboys games and sponsored a NASCAR race car and bull-riding contests. The agency ballooned by nearly 8,000 agents in three years to more than 20,000 in 2009.</p>

But breakneck growth brought unintended consequences that serve as a cautionary tale to President-elect Donald Trump and others who want more agents.

The number of employees arrested for misconduct, such as civil rights violations or off-duty crimes like domestic violence, grew each year between 2007 and 2012, reaching 336, a 44 percent increase. Additionally, more than 100 employees were arrested or charged with corruption during the six-year span, including taking bribes to smuggle drugs or people.

"I came to clearly understand in 2008 that the hiring initiative had gone awry and there were significant problems," Tomsheck said.

Tomsheck helped introduce lie detectors in Secret Service hiring in the 1980s and forcefully argued for the same at CBP. President Barack Obama signed legislation to make polygraphs a CBP hiring requirement, and Tomsheck put the practice in place for all hires in 2012.

But now, CBP's high failure rate among applicants taking lie detectors has left the agency unable to fill jobs, and some members of Congress and union officials believe qualified people are being unfairly subjected to marathon and often-hostile interrogations.

However, a panel of law enforcement experts appointed by Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson to review CBP last year called the polygraph "an important integrity tool" in hiring and recommended employees be periodically tested, as the FBI does. It called corruption "the Achilles' heel of border agencies."

CBP Commissioner Gil Kerlikowske, who leaves office Jan. 20, has a warning for his successors: Be careful in hiring.

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HEADLINE	01/12 Multiple protests Trump inauguration
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/what-to-know-multiple-days-protests-in-seattle-around-inauguration-day/483868261
GIST	<p>With Trump's inauguration just days away, people in Seattle and Olympia plan to continue their opposition with a series of anti-Trump protests and events.</p> <p>KIRO 7 News aggregated those events so you can either attend them or avoid traffic from them.</p> <p>Jan. 14: The Resist Trump Coalition, led by Seattle Councilmember Kshama Sawant, is holding a town hall meeting to build up one of the upcoming Trump protests on Jan. 20.</p>

About the event: The Facebook event for the town hall states: “We don’t have a moment to waste in getting organized against Trump’s racist, misogynistic, anti-immigrant, anti-muslim, anti-lgbtq rhetoric, proposals, and cabinet members.”

Time: 12 p.m.

Place: Seattle City Hall

Jan. 15: Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal will host a rally to protect health care at the Westlake Park.

About the event: A news release from Jayapal states, “This event is part of a national day of action to protect health care from President-elect Donald Trump and Congressional Republicans who have called to repeal the Affordable Care Act, privatize Medicare, make massive cuts to Medicaid, increase prescription drug prices and defund Planned Parenthood.”

Time: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Place: Westlake Park

Jan 15: Nearly 700 people have marked they are interested in a Facebook event called “Olympia! Our first stand: Save health care.”

About the event: Event organizers wrote that they are holding the rally because "it's important to bring the American people together to fight" the proposal.

Time: 12 p.m.

Place: North steps of the legislative building

Jan. 20: On Inauguration Day, a “Resist Trump: Occupy Inauguration – Seattle!” protest is planned for downtown Seattle at Westlake Park.

About the event: It is organized by Sawant’s political party the Socialist Alternative as well as Socialist Students of Seattle. The Facebook event indicates that more than 11,000 people are interested in participating in the demonstration, with 3,900 people confirmed as attending, and another 9,300 people have been invited to the protest. The event specifically cites opposition to building a border wall, stopping the Dakota Access Pipeline, ending rape culture, and supporting Black Lives Matter.

Time: 5 to 8 p.m.

Place: Starts at Westlake Park, protest likely to march in downtown streets. When KIRO 7 News receives specific route information, we will add it here.

Jan. 21: The day after the inauguration, the “Women’s March on Seattle” plans to walk in downtown Seattle.

About the event: The women’s march is organized by four private citizens. As of Tuesday morning, the event has 29,000 people signed on for the Seattle march, with 41,000 more people interested in attending.

	<p>The Seattle women's march is meant to coincide with the larger, national march on Washington DC that same day.</p> <p>Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Place: Start Location is Judkins Park. The group will march for 3.6 miles until the Seattle Center.</p> <p>Jan. 21: "Women's March on Olympia-Tacoma" and "Women's March on Bellingham" will also coincide with "Women's March on Seattle." Read about the Olympia event here and read about the Bellingham event here.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Cuba special refugee policy scrapped
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/01/12/obama-announces-end-to-wet-foot-dry-foot-policy-for-cuban-refugees.html
GIST	<p>President Barack Obama announced Thursday that he was ending a longstanding immigration policy that allowed any Cuban who made it to U.S. soil to stay and become a legal resident.</p> <p>In a statement, Obama said the so-called "wet foot, dry foot" policy was "designed for a different era" of U.S.-Cuba relations.</p> <p>Under the new policy, which takes effect immediately, Cubans who attempt to enter the U.S. illegally without qualifying for humanitarian relief will be sent back to the island.</p> <p>"By taking this step," Obama said, "we are treating Cuban migrants the same way we treat migrants from other countries."</p> <p>Obama added that the Havana government had agreed to accept Cubans ordered to leave the U.S., a concession that was a focus of months of negotiations. A senior administration official told the Associated Press the Cubans gave no assurances about treatment of those sent back to the country, but said political asylum remains an option for those concerned about persecution if they return.</p> <p>Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said the move "goes a long way to putting our relationship with Cuba on equal terms with our relationships with other neighbors."</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Govt. to pay \$2B to military for toxic water
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/us-agrees-pay-billions-marines-affected-toxic-water-44743897
GIST	<p>The Obama administration has agreed to provide disability benefits totaling more than \$2 billion to veterans who had been exposed to contaminated drinking water while assigned to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.</p>

Return to Top	<p>The decision was quietly made public Thursday with a notice in the Federal Register, the government's official journal.</p> <p>Beginning in March, the cash payouts from the Department of Veterans Affairs may supplement VA health care already being provided to eligible veterans stationed at the Marine base for at least 30 days cumulative between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987. Veterans will have to submit evidence of their diagnosis and service information.</p> <p>Outgoing VA Secretary Bob McDonald determined that there was "sufficient scientific and medical evidence" to establish a connection between exposure to the contaminated water and eight medical conditions for purposes of awarding disability compensation.</p> <p>The estimated taxpayer cost is \$2.2 billion over a five-year period. The VA estimates that as many as 900,000 service members were potentially exposed to the tainted water.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Crippling ice, rainfall to central US
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/winter-storm-bring-crippling-ice-rainfall-central-us-44739073?cid=clicksource_4380645_1_hero_headlines_headlines_hed
GIST	<p>A winter storm that brought heavy snow and rainfall to northern California was bearing down on the southern Plains on Thursday, and forecasters said crippling ice accumulations and heavy rain could cause widespread power outages and flooding this weekend.</p> <p>The National Weather Service issued an ice storm warning for northwestern Oklahoma beginning Friday morning as well as a winter storm watch for much of the rest of Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri along with parts of Illinois and Texas. Forecasters said the potential for a significant ice storm is increasing and the region could see up to 1 inch of ice. Storms are also expected Saturday and Sunday.</p> <p>"We could see some fairly significant ice accumulations," said Kevin Brown, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Norman, Oklahoma. "Enough ice accumulations to cause a lot of problems with trees and power lines and power interruptions."</p> <p>In northeastern Oklahoma, where the forecast calls for up to an inch of accumulated ice, residents Thursday were snatching up flashlights, batteries and alternative energy sources in anticipation of power disruptions.</p> <p>In Kansas, up to 1 inch of ice was expected to fall in "multiple rounds" of freezing rain between Friday and early Monday in parts of the state, including Wichita, Kansas' largest city. The weather service said the potential impact will be power outages, slick roads and accidents.</p>

	<p>In Missouri, forecasters were calling for up to three-quarters of an inch of freezing rain over the weekend, potentially more in the southwestern part of the state.</p> <p>Concern about the storm prompted Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens to activate the state Emergency Operations Center.</p> <p>"Everyone should be aware that this potential weather event could disrupt travel and cause power outages across the state," Greitens said in a statement.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 NSA 'intel-sharing' powers expanded
SOURCE	https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/12/us/politics/nsa-gets-more-latitude-to-share-intercepted-communications.html?_r=0
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON — In its final days, the Obama administration has expanded the power of the National Security Agency to share globally intercepted personal communications with the government's 16 other intelligence agencies before applying privacy protections.</p> <p>The new rules significantly relax longstanding limits on what the N.S.A. may do with the information gathered by its most powerful surveillance operations, which are largely unregulated by American wiretapping laws. These include collecting satellite transmissions, phone calls and emails that cross network switches abroad, and messages between people abroad that cross domestic network switches.</p> <p>The change means that far more officials will be searching through raw data. Essentially, the government is reducing the risk that the N.S.A. will fail to recognize that a piece of information would be valuable to another agency, but increasing the risk that officials will see private information about innocent people.</p> <p>Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch signed the new rules, permitting the N.S.A. to disseminate "raw signals intelligence information," on Jan. 3, after the director of national intelligence, James R. Clapper Jr., signed them on Dec. 15, according to a 23-page, largely declassified copy of the procedures.</p>
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Cyber Awareness

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HEADLINE	01/12 Cybercrime eyes healthcare vulnerabilities
SOURCE	http://health-system-management.advanceweb.com/healthcare-industry-vulnerabilities-give-rise-to-cyber-crime/

GIST	<p>In November, at least 35 healthcare facilities in the U.S., U.K. and Canada were targeted by cybercriminals executing Business Email Compromise (BEC) campaigns. The organizations, which included hospitals, specialty care providers, walk-in clinics and pharmaceutical companies, were defrauded by attackers who impersonated executives within the organizations.</p> <p>Cybercriminals are drawn to and attack the healthcare industry for many reasons, but primarily because they allocate a bulk of their resources to patient care and innovation, which often leaves information security underfunded. However, by becoming educated about BEC scams and the tools available to mitigate this threat, healthcare organizations can drastically reduce email fraud and associated financial losses.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 How Russia hacks: tactics, techniques
SOURCE	http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/how-russia-hacks-fireeye-analysis-exposes-main-tactics-used-by-fancy-bear-1600768
GIST	<p>Last December the US Intelligence Community (IC) released a report naming APT28, a suspected Russian hacking group, as being linked to numerous cyberattacks designed to influence the outcome of the 2016 presidential election with a mixture of leaks and misinformation.</p> <p>Highlighting Russian "malicious cyber activity" the IC's analysis reported on this "advanced persistent threat" by confirming it was likely linked to the county's military or intelligence services. The hackers go by many names: Fancy Bear, Pawn Storm, Sofacy, Sednit, Tsar Team and more.</p> <p>The group – after targeting the Democratic National Committee (DNC), the World Anti-Doping Agency (Wada) and the German government – is the focus of a new report from US-based cybersecurity firm FireEye, discussing the key hacking techniques it uses.</p> <p>"We have observed APT28 rely on four key tactics when attempting to compromise intended targets," the report states. These include the use of spearphishing to deploy exploit kits, the spreading of malware, compromising web-facing servers and creating fake internet addresses.</p> <p>Some of the tactics are straightforward, but work. In one hypothetical case, a hacker would craft an exploit document with "enticing lure content" and send it to a carefully chosen victim. Once the document is opened, malware is automatically installed by exploiting a vulnerability in computer software.</p> <p>According to FireEye, APT28 has exploited a number of known security flaws in the past including previously undiscovered "zero day" vulnerabilities in Adobe Flash Player, Java, and Windows.</p>

In a more sophisticated fashion, the hackers register website domains that closely resemble legitimate URLs - such as Office365.com (numeral zero instead of the alphabet 'O'). The hackers then contact targets saying they need to reset passwords, lead the victim to a malicious login page and hijack passwords.

"APT28 employs a suite of malware with features indicative of the group's plans for continued operations, as well as the group's access to resources and skilled developers," the report states.

"[The group] continues to evolve its toolkit [...] in what is almost certainly an effort to protect its operational effectiveness in the face of heightened public exposure and scrutiny."

After information is stolen, FireEye explains, the hacking group will often leak it to "further political narratives". These reportedly include the conflict in Syria, Nato, the European Union refugee crisis and the 2016 Olympics and Paralympics athlete doping scandal.

In agreement with the US government, the security firm believes the hacking group conducts its operations "in support of Russian strategic interests" and is made up of a "sophisticated and prolific set of developers and operators". This is denied by Russian president, Vladimir Putin.

"The recent activity in the US is but one of many instances of Russian government influence operations conducted in support of strategic political objectives, and it will not be the last," the report states. "As the 2017 elections in Europe approach - most notably in Germany, France, and the Netherlands – we are already seeing the makings of similarly concerted efforts."

The research paper adds another layer to the already-impressive body of work released by organisations including ThreatConnect, CrowdStrike, SecureWorks and Fidelis Cybersecurity. The firms, while less open to attributing with utmost certainty, continue to link APT28 with Putin's state.

"We stand by our research that the attack data we were given to analyse mirrors previous attacks of APT28," John Bambenek, threat intelligence manager at Fidelis told IBTimes UK.

"The malware and the tactics we can speak with expertise on. What we cannot answer is what the intent of those actors were and at whose direction they were acting, as we do not have direct intelligence on those subjects nor are we in a position to get them."

Tom Finney, a counter threat researcher from SecureWorks, said: "We've been able to link this activity to Russia because of the wider targeting seen in this campaign. The majority of the activity appears to focus on Russia's military involvement in eastern Ukraine; for example, the email address targeted by the most phishing attempts (nine) was linked to a spokesperson for the Ukrainian prime minister. Other targets included individuals in political, military, and diplomatic positions in former Soviet states, as well as journalists, human rights organisations and regional advocacy groups in Russia."

HEADLINE	01/12 New ATM malware variant at large
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/new-ploutus-atm-malware-variant-large
GIST	<p>A new variant of the Ploutus ATM (automated teller machine) malware was recently observed, capable of interacting with KAL’s Kalignite multivendor ATM platform, FireEye security researchers warn.</p> <p>Dubbed Ploutus-D, the new variant is targeting machines from ATM vendor Diebold, but FireEye says that the list of targets could greatly expand with only a few code changes. The Kalignite Platform runs on 40 different ATM vendors in 80 countries, making the new malware variant a great threat.</p> <p>First discovered in Mexico in 2013, the malware requires for the attacker to have physical access to the ATM and to connect a keyboard to it. In 2014, researchers discovered that the malware could also be used to withdraw cash using SMS messages.</p> <p>In the new attack, an attacker or money mule would need to open the top portion of the ATM, connect a keyboard to the machine, then use an activation code (provided by the actor in charge of the operation) to dispense money from the ATM.</p> <p>“Once deployed to an ATM, Ploutus-D makes it possible for a money mule to obtain thousands of dollars in minutes. While there are some risks of the money mule being caught by cameras, the speed in which the operation is carried out minimizes the mule’s risk,” FireEye security researchers explain.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/13 Microsoft launches privacy dashboard
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/microsoft-launches-privacy-dashboard
GIST	<p>Microsoft this week launched a web-based dashboard for users interested in reviewing the data collected by the company, and also announced changes to Windows 10’s privacy features.</p> <p>The newly released web-based privacy dashboard allows users to view and control all of the data Microsoft has collected about their activity. This includes location, search, and browsing details, as well as Cortana Notebook data across multiple Microsoft services.</p> <p>The new dashboard, Microsoft says, comes as a response to user complaints and requests for increased visibility and a better way to manage the data collected by Microsoft’s services.</p> <p>Windows 10’s data gathering practices event determined France to serve the software giant a notice to stop collecting excessive data and tracking browsing without consent from users. The National Data Protection Commission (CNIL) in July gave Microsoft three months to comply with the French Data Protection Act to ensure user data security and confidentiality.</p>

	To take advantage of the dashboard, users simply need to log in with their Microsoft accounts, then head to account.microsoft.com/privacy to review the collected data and clear it if they want to.
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HEADLINE	01/12 Phishing scam targets Amazon customers
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/amazon-customers-targeted-in-phishing-scam/article/631319/
GIST	<p>Sophos researchers pulled the covers off a phishing scam hitting Amazon customers who are looking for deals on electronics that are too good to be true.</p> <p>The scam is run by the supposed Amazon merchant Sc-Elegance and hooks victims by offering products at well below market prices, Sophos reported. Sc-Elegance has been caught using this tactic before on Amazon.</p> <p>The con starts when the victim attempts to check out. A message appears stating the product is no longer available, but then the vendor will email the target saying the item is available and can be purchased by clicking on an imitation Amazon link included in the email. The link leads to a fake, but quite real looking, Amazon payment screen where all of the victim's Amazon login, payment and personal information is asked for.</p> <p>Sophos said a few clues exist pointing out the scam. There are some misspellings and the site's domain is outside of Amazon's.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Phone-hacking firm hacked; data stolen
SOURCE	http://thehackernews.com/2017/01/mobile-hacking-cellebrite.html
GIST	<p>The company that sells digital forensics and mobile hacking tools to others has itself been hacked.</p> <p>Israeli firm Cellebrite, the popular company that provides digital forensics tools and software to help law enforcement access mobile phones in investigations, has had 900 GB of its data stolen by an unknown hacker.</p> <p>But the hacker has not yet publicly released anything from the stolen data archive, which includes its customer information, user databases, and a massive amount of technical data regarding its hacking tools and products.</p> <p>Instead, attackers are looking for possible opportunities to sell the access to Cellebrite system and data on a few selected IRC chat rooms, the hacker told Joseph Cox, contributor at Motherboard, who was contacted by the hacker and received a copy of the stolen data.</p>

	<p>Meanwhile, Cellebrite also admitted that it recently experienced <i>"unauthorized access to an external web server,"</i> and said that it is <i>"conducting an investigation to determine the extent of the breach. The impacted server included a legacy database backup of my.Cellebrite, the company's end user license management system."</i></p> <p>The 900 GB of stolen archive also includes login data (usernames and passwords) of Cellebrite customers, which suggests that it has been taken from the web servers related to Cellebrite's site.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Hack crew can't sell NSA exploits; quits
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/shadow-brokers-calls-it-quits-after-failing-to-get-buyers-for-nsa-exploits/d/d-id/1327888?
GIST	<p>Just days after offering for sale a database of Windows exploits allegedly purloined from an outfit thought to be affiliated with the National Security Agency (NSA), the infamous ShadowBrokers hacking crew has apparently decided to call it quits.</p> <p>As a parting gift, they released an archive of nearly five-dozen Windows hacking tools for free Thursday in an apparent last ditch effort to convince potential buyers of the authenticity of their goods.</p> <p>They also promised to come out of hiding and still release a collection of Linux and Windows exploits in their possession to anyone willing to pay the equivalent of slightly more than \$8 million (10,000 bitcoins at current rates) for it.</p> <p>In a parting note on the group's website, the Shadow Brokers claimed the decision to go dark had to do entirely with money, or rather the fact they hadn't made as much of it as expected from their hacking wares.</p> <p>The language in the note appeared almost deliberately contrived to make it seem as if members of the group are non-native English speakers. "Despite theories, it always being about bitcoins for TheShadowBrokers," the note claimed. "Free dumps and bullshit political talk was being for marketing attention."</p> <p>The farewell note expressed the group's disappointment with their lack of success in finding buyers for attack tools they had tried to auction off last year and admonished people for not believing in the Shadow Brokers.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Ex-Microsoft workers: job caused PTSD
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/510564/microsoft-workers-say-reviewing-graphic-content-caused-ptsd/

GIST	<p>SEATTLE (AP) — Two former Microsoft workers are claiming their work reviewing abuse, child pornography and other graphic material flagged for removal caused them post-traumatic stress disorder.</p> <p>The Seattle Times says Henry Soto and Greg Blauert have sued Microsoft Corp. claiming the technology company was negligent and violated prohibitions of discrimination based on disabilities.</p> <p>Soto and Blauert worked to review and remove disturbing images, videos and accounts that depicted graphic violence and abuse.</p> <p>They say they were not given proper mental-health support to cope with the impact of reviewing material they called traumatic.</p> <p>Microsoft disagreed with the plaintiffs' claims. In a statement Thursday the company said the health and safety of employees who handle such material is a priority and that it works to ensure such workers have the resources and support they need.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Smartphone, Internet use at record high
SOURCE	http://phys.org/news/2017-01-smartphone-internet-high-survey.html
GIST	<p>More than three-fourths of American adults now use a smartphone, helping to boost internet adoption to a record level, a survey showed Thursday.</p> <p>The Pew Research Center survey found 77 percent owning a smartphone in late 2016, more than double the level of 2011, when 35 percent said they used such devices.</p> <p>The rise was fueled by a "sharp uptick" in smartphone use by those with low incomes and those 50 and older, Pew said.</p> <p>"Smartphones are nearly ubiquitous among younger adults," said Pew researcher Aaron Smith, noting that 92 percent of adults under 29 own one. But he added that now three-fourths of those 50 and older were smartphone users, as were more than four in 10 among people 65 and older.</p> <p>And there has been a big jump in smartphone use among low-income adults: 64 percent of those earning less than \$30,000 per year now own a smart handset.</p> <p>Tablet ownership was 51 percent as of November, which is up from just three percent in 2010, according to Pew.</p>

	<p>The survey also found a rise in the percentage of Americans with high-speed internet at home, after a modest decline between 2013 and 2015. Some 73 percent of Americans indicate that they have broadband service at home.</p> <p>The researchers found a record 88 percent use the internet, but 12 percent are "smartphone dependent," using mobile devices without broadband service at home.</p> <p>Pew found 69 percent of Americans use social media, with Facebook the runaway leader. The largest social network was cited by 68 percent of those surveyed, followed by Instagram (28 percent), Pinterest (26 percent), LinkedIn (25 percent) and Twitter (21 percent).</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Live video grows to broadcast violence
SOURCE	http://www.wsj.com/articles/live-video-grows-as-platform-to-broadcast-violence-1484226002
GIST	<p>CHICAGO—The widely shared live video of an assault against a teenager held hostage by four young adults last week shows how far social media has become entwined in the world of violent crime, posing challenges for law enforcement and social media companies alike.</p> <p>Last week’s attack—in which four young African-Americans allegedly tied, beat up and cut a white mentally impaired teenager while shouting racial insults—was streamed on Facebook Live in real time. The four, who are all over 18 and being tried as adults, are being held without bail as they await trial.</p> <p>Those tracking crime in major cities say it is increasingly common for violence to either be streamed on services like Facebook Inc. and Twitter Inc. or provoked by an interaction on social-media platforms, which are central to the identities of many young people, including gang members.</p> <p>There have been at least 40 such broadcasts of sensitive, violent or criminal footage on live video over the last 12 months, according to a Wall Street Journal tally of events reported by news media.</p> <p>In late March last year, a Chicago man was unexpectedly shot while live-streaming in front of a convenience store. In April, an Ohio teenager was accused of live-streaming her friend’s rape over Twitter’s Periscope. Last month, two teenagers died in a car crash in Pennsylvania after the driver fired up Facebook Live.</p> <p>Facebook says that videos glorifying violence are against its content guidelines, but largely relies on users to flag objectionable content. The company is in the “research stage” of using artificial intelligence to automatically detect violence in live videos.</p>

Twitter and its Periscope app also rely on users to flag graphic, violent content, which the company says isn't allowed on its services unless it is newsworthy. Last year, Periscope started allowing randomly selected users to judge whether comments flagged by others constitute spam or abuse.

Those who track violence say that social media has long been instrumental in provoking and publicizing conflict offline, where insults or a photo posted on Facebook can lead to a shooting. Live video, however, added a dangerous edge to the interactions.

Angalia Bianca, who works with Cure Violence, a nonprofit that works with gang members in several cities to stop violence before it happens, says it is common for a gang to go into a rival gang territory and stream their presence on Facebook Live.

Nearly a third of the more than 500 conflicts that Cure Violence mediated last year in several Chicago neighborhoods were prompted by an interaction online, according to the organization's records.

A spokesman for the Chicago police department said it was tracking this relatively new phenomenon, including when gang members take to social media to boast after a shooting of a rival gang, but didn't actively monitor social media pages to look for conflict that might lead to violence. Even when crimes are being streamed live, the challenge is verifying it is a serious instance of harmful criminal activity rather than teens kidding around, the spokesman added.

Experts say these videos can quickly go viral and are seen by thousands even before the police are alerted to them. The police officer who came across the victim of last week's attack in Chicago was unaware of the Facebook Live video when he approached the victim, police say.

Forrest Stuart, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Chicago who studies how gang members use social media, said the popularity of these videos often spurs young people to keep using them to broadcast criminal or violent activity.

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HEADLINE	01/12 Facebook: can't remove suicide video
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/US/facebook-suicide-video-take-down/2017/01/12/id/768311/
GIST	<p>A 40-minute video of a 12-year-old girl committing suicide last month is being circulated on social media networks like Facebook — and neither police nor the company can take it down.</p> <p>Katelyn Nicole Davis of Cedartown, Ga. killed herself and streamed it on Live.Me Dec. 30. Now, copies of the video are appearing on Facebook timelines.</p> <p>According to Fox5 Atlanta, there's nothing in the law that makes that illegal.</p>

	<p>"We want it down as much as anyone for the family and it may be harmful to other kids," Polk County Police Chief Kenny Dodd told the station. "We contacted some of the [social media] sites. They asked if they had to take it down and by law they don't. But it's just the common decent thing to do in my opinion."</p> <p>Facebook users can report the video as offensive. The social network, according to the Miami Herald, says this in response to that request:</p> <p>"Thanks for letting us know about this. We've looked over the following post, and although it doesn't go against any of our specific community standards, you did the right thing by letting us know about it. We understand that it may still be offensive or distasteful to you, so we want to help you see less of things such as this in the future."</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 UK: prisoners had AQ magazine in jail
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-38599606
GIST	<p>Prisoners have been caught with a banned terror group's magazine while in jail, it has been revealed.</p> <p>Inmates in high security prisons in Durham, London, Manchester and Milton Keynes were found with al-Qaeda's publication Inspire in the past five years, the Ministry of Justice said.</p> <p>Possession of it can be a criminal offence and each copy was removed.</p> <p>Justice minister Sam Gyimah said the government would "not tolerate extremist material in prisons". The figures were released in response to a parliamentary question tabled by shadow justice secretary Richard Burgon.</p> <p>They show a prisoner at Belmarsh Prison in London was found with the terror magazine in 2011 while two prisoners at HMP Manchester were caught with it in 2012 and 2013.</p> <p>An inmate at HMP Woodhill in Milton Keynes had it in 2013 and a prisoner at HMP Frankland in Durham had it confiscated in 2015.</p> <p>Mr Gyimah said the "possession or smuggling of material associated with a proscribed group" may be an offence under the Terrorism Act 2006 or the Offender Management Act 2007.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/13 US to lift some sanctions against Sudan
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SOURCE	http://news.trust.org/item/20170112232747-5ibmx/
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON, Jan 12 (Reuters) - The United States is set to announce the easing of some financial sanctions against Sudan on Friday for its recent efforts in helping tackle terrorism, a senior U.S. official said on Thursday.</p> <p>"The limited sanctions relief is an acknowledgement of progress by the government of Sudan," the official told Reuters ahead of the announcement expected from the White House. It was not immediately clear which sanctions would be lifted.</p> <p>The United States first imposed sanctions on Sudan in 1997, including a trade embargo and blocking the government's assets, for human rights violations and terrorism concerns. The United States layered on more sanctions in 2006 for what it said was complicity in the violence in Sudan's Darfur region.</p> <p>There were signs last year of a thawing in relations between the U.S. and Khartoum. On Sept. 20, the State Department welcomed efforts by Sudan to increase counter-terrorism cooperation with the United States.</p> <p>Sudan had taken steps to counter Islamic State and "other terrorist groups and has sought to prevent their movement into and through Sudan," State Department spokesman John Kirby said in a statement at the time.</p> <p>Sudan last year joined a Saudi-led coalition fighting Houthi rebels in Yemen.</p> <p>The U.S. official said the lifting of the sanctions had no bearing on Sudan's listing by the United States as a state sponsor of terrorism. The International Criminal Court has issued a warrant for the arrest of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir for war crimes and genocide related to Sudan's conflict-torn Darfur region, charges he dismisses.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 France restricts travel for minors
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/france-restricts-travel-minors-jihadi-trip-fears-44727843?cid=clicksource_4380645_5_heads_posts_headlines_hed
GIST	<p>France's government has quietly backtracked on a policy that allowed children to leave the country without their parents' permission, after years of complaints from families of radicalized teens who left to join extremist groups.</p> <p>The new rules requiring parental permission go into effect Sunday, five years after the government lifted the restriction with little fanfare, citing a need to streamline bureaucracy.</p> <p>At the time, the war in Syria was picking up and France became Europe's largest source of recruits in the war zone, notably for the Islamic State group. Families said they were blindsided when their teenage sons</p>

and daughters were allowed to pass through border control no questions asked and even leave Europe's passport-free zone for Turkey.

"We have to do everything we can to prevent minors from going into the terrorist zone," lawmaker Patrick Hetzel told France 3.

But critics say the reversal comes far too late.

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HEADLINE	01/13 Surge in targeted killings of AQ in Syria
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/M/ML_SYRIA_TARGETING_AL_QAIDA?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2017-01-13-01-06-13
GIST	<p>BEIRUT (AP) -- The convoy of vehicles was driving on a dirt road in northwestern Syria when the aerial attack by the U.S.-led coalition struck, turning the vehicles into balls of fire and the people inside into unrecognizable charred corpses.</p> <p>Among the eight dead was Khattab al-Qahtani, a senior al-Qaida official from the Persian Gulf region with reported ties to Osama bin Laden, as well as a Syrian al-Qaida commander from the country's east and a militant belonging to the Turkistan Islamic Party, a faction of Chinese jihadis fighting in Syria.</p> <p>The New Year's Day attack was the first in a wave of airstrikes that has targeted al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria at an unprecedented rate, killing more than 50 militants allied with the international terror group since the beginning of the year.</p> <p>In the throes of a brutal civil war now in its sixth year, Syria has one of the largest and most active concentrations of al-Qaida fighters in the world. The U.S.-led coalition has been targeting the extremist group for years, hunting some of its most senior officials, including members of the so-called Khorasan group, which Washington describes as an internal branch of al-Qaida that plans attacks against Western interests.</p> <p>It's not clear what is behind the recent surge in targeted killings.</p> <p>Analysts say that since al-Qaida began recruiting hundreds of fighters in Syria to expand its role in the country's civil war against President Bashar Assad's forces, informers might have infiltrated the group, which has also become more visible, setting up command centers and other outposts around northern Syria, making it easier to target.</p> <p>"Had it not been for their agents they wouldn't have been able to do anything," a local al-Qaida commander told The Associated Press via text message from northern Syria. "They spray a product on top of the vehicle that cannot be seen with the naked eye but can be detected by the drone," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with the group's regulations.</p> <p>The stepped-up attacks could also be linked to a cease-fire brokered by Russia and Turkey that went into effect on Dec. 30, and excludes the Islamic State group and Syria's al-Qaida affiliate, known as the Fatah al-Sham Front. Turkey and Russia back rival sides in the Syrian</p>

conflict and their new push to try to end the war includes talks between the Syrian government and the opposition to be held later this month in Kazakhstan.

The intensified attacks also come at a time when the Islamic State group, an al-Qaida rival, is under intense pressure and losing territory in Iraq and Syria. Iraqi forces are on the offensive in the northern city of Mosul, the main IS stronghold in Iraq, while U.S.-backed Kurdish-led fighters are marching toward the Syrian city of Raqqa, IS's de facto capital.

"Daesh is on the verge of collapse and this is diverting the attention toward al-Qaida," said Dana Jalal, a Sweden-based expert on jihadi groups, referring to IS by its Arabic acronym. "The new Russian-Turkish alliance is also leading to fresh intelligence information."

Jalal said Turkey is now sharing intelligence about the al-Qaida affiliate with Russia, as well as the U.S.-led coalition. Turkey has been a main point for foreign fighters to cross into Syria and borders the country's northern Idlib province, where thousands of Fatah al-Sham fighters are based.

There was no comment by the Pentagon on the surge in attacks this year, but the U.S. has announced numerous successful strikes in recent months.

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HEADLINE	01/13 Iraq forces reach 2nd Mosul bridge
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-mosul-idUSKBN14X0P1
GIST	<p>Iraqi special forces pushed forward to reach a second bridge that links eastern Mosul to the city's west, which is still fully controlled by Islamic State, a military statement said on Friday.</p> <p>Troops further north meanwhile battled to try to seize the strategic Mosul University area, capture of which would help parallel advances towards bridges over the Tigris river, a Reuters correspondent nearby said.</p> <p>Elite counter-terrorism service (CTS) units reached the southern 2nd Bridge, also called Freedom Bridge, one of five running across the river that bisects Mosul from north to south, the military statement reported by state TV said.</p> <p>Iraqi forces have now reached two of the bridges, after fighting their way to the southernmost 4th Bridge several days ago.</p> <p>All the bridges have been hit by U.S. coalition air strikes in an effort to hamper Islamic State militants' movement across the city. U.S. and Iraqi military officials say Islamic State has caused further damage to at least two of them to try to hamper any Iraqi advance across the river.</p> <p>Iraqi forces are now in control of most of eastern Mosul. Assaults on the west, which Islamic State still fully holds, will be able to begin once they have secured the east bank of the Tigris.</p>

HEADLINE	01/12 UN: Boko Haram 'inhuman campaign'
SOURCE	http://time.com/4633936/boko-haram-nigeria-chad-crisis/?xid=homepage
GIST	<p>(UNITED NATIONS) — The humanitarian crisis triggered by Boko Haram's "violent and inhuman campaign" is worsening, with 10.7 million people in need of aid in northeast Nigeria and parts of Cameroon, Chad and Niger, the U.N. humanitarian chief said Thursday.</p> <p>Stephen O'Brien told the U.N. Security Council that although Boko Haram has lost much of the territory it once controlled as a result of military campaigns in the region, its raids and suicide bombings targeting civilians are still causing widespread death and destruction in those four countries which comprise the Lake Chad Basin.</p> <p>Over the past 12 months, he said, the crisis has grown "in dramatic fashion," with the number of people needing humanitarian help, rising from about nine million in July.</p> <p>Britain's U.N. Ambassador Matthew Rycroft urged the Security Council to visit the Lake Chad Basin region in the coming weeks to shine a spotlight on the depth of the crisis, stressing that it is not only humanitarian but also about politics, development and "countering terrorism."</p> <p>"What started as a protection crisis," O'Brien said, "has become also a major food and nutrition crisis — today one of the largest humanitarian crises in the world."</p> <p>He said a year ago, three million people across the Lake Chad Basin were "severely food insecure," meaning they had very little to eat and needed assistance. "Today there are 7.1 million," despite the response of the U.N. and its partners, he said.</p> <p>In addition, some 2.4 million people are displaced, including 1.4 million children, O'Brien said. And in northeast Nigeria alone "over 7,000 women and girls have been subjected to Boko Haram-related violence."</p>
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HEADLINE	01/13 Iraq: forces enter Mosul University
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/warns-oil-spill-south-iraqi-city-mosul-44753234
GIST	<p>Two Iraqi officers say Iraqi special forces have entered the Mosul University, a tactical achievement in battling Islamic State militants for control of the city.</p> <p>The officers say the troops entered the university grounds on Friday morning and secured parts of the compound, located in eastern half of Mosul.</p>

	<p>The officers spoke on condition of anonymity as they are not authorized to talk to reporters.</p> <p>The move comes a day after Iraqi army forces north of the city linked up with troops pushing in from the city's eastern edge.</p> <p>The sprawling university compound, a symbolic landmark in Iraq's second-largest city was once used by IS militants as a base. Officials had said the militants also used the school's chemistry labs to produce chemical weapons.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/13 Spain arrests 2 for suspected ISIS links
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/spain-arrested-suspected-links-armed-group-44754676
GIST	<p>Spanish police have arrested two people for terrorism offenses linked to the Islamic State armed group.</p> <p>An Interior Ministry statement said the two arrested Friday in Spain's North African enclave city of Ceuta had undergone a long process of radicalization and formed part of a group that was advancing toward carrying out terrorist activities.</p> <p>It said police were searching six houses and premises in the city, which is bordered by Morocco on one side and the Mediterranean Sea on the other.</p> <p>There were no immediate details on the identity of the detainees.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Deadly bomb blast in Damascus
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-38603624
GIST	<p>A suspected suicide bomber has killed at least seven people in a high security area of the Syrian capital, Damascus, state TV has said.</p> <p>Police said the attack happened in the Kafr Sousa neighbourhood where some of the country's key security installations are located.</p> <p>Footage showed destroyed cars and the security forces deploying in force in the aftermath of the bombing. It is feared the number of dead is likely to rise.</p> <p>Several people are critically wounded, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said.</p> <p>The Kafr Sousa area lies south of Damascus and is home to several senior ministers and top officials, but sources told the AFP news agency that the blast took place away from where they live.</p>

HEADLINE	01/12 Syria ceasefire 'signs of collapsing'
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/activists-dead-airstrike-northern-syria-44727913
GIST	<p>The U.N. envoy for Syria said Thursday that a cease-fire was "largely holding with some exceptions," as opposition activists reported a mounting number of government airstrikes, including a raid in the northern Aleppo province that killed at least six civilians.</p> <p>Speaking to reporters in Geneva, Staffan de Mistura said he was concerned that fighting northwest of Damascus that has cut off the capital's clean water supply would further escalate and derail proposed negotiations between the government and the opposition in Astana, Kazakhstan, later this month.</p> <p>The talks are sponsored by Russia and Turkey, which support opposing sides of the Syrian civil war. But the status of the meeting, planned for Jan. 23, is not clear. Rebels say the government's continued campaign for the Barada Valley, the capital's main source of water, has cast the talks in doubt.</p> <p>The U.N. says the capital has suffered from a water shortage affecting 5.5 million consumers since December 22.</p> <p>The leader of one of Syria's largest rebel factions, the ultraconservative Ahrar al-Sham, said in remarks aired Thursday that the violence in the valley and daily airstrikes on rebel-held areas "are signs of a collapsing truce."</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Survey: most Americans are broke
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/most-americans-cant-afford-a-500-emergency-expense/
GIST	<p>While the jobless rate is down and wages are up, most Americans nevertheless remain one misstep away from a financial crisis.</p> <p>Fifty-seven percent of Americans don't have enough cash to cover a \$500 unexpected expense, according to a new survey from Bankrate, which interviewed 1,003 adults earlier this month. While that may appear dire, it reflects a slight improvement from 2016, when 63 percent of U.S. residents said they wouldn't be able to handle such an expense. The improvement reflects the stronger U.S. economy, but is still far from ideal, Bankrate.com said.</p> <p>The findings shed light on how many households continue to struggle with their basic finances more than seven years after the official end to the recession. Despite steady job growth during the Obama</p>

administration, wages have been slow to recover, with the typical American household still earning 2.4 percent below what they brought home in 1999, when income peaked. At the same time, costs for essentials such as housing and child care have surged faster than the rate of inflation, placing stress on household budgets.

Unfortunately, unexpected expenses are far from uncommon, Bankrate.com found. About half of adults said they or a family member incurred a major expense in the last year.

“It’s not a matter of if, but when an unexpected expense will pop up,” Jill Cornfield, a Bankrate.com analyst, said in a statement. “If you have a car, a house or apartment, a pet, or a kid – if you’re a member of the human race – something that costs money is bound to go wrong.”

About four out of 10 Americans said they had enough in savings to cover a surprise \$500 expense. Another 21 percent said they would rely on a credit card, while 20 percent said they’d cut back on other expenses. Another 11 percent said they’d turn to family or friends for the money.

Americans who earn more than \$75,000 per year -- about a third more than the typical U.S. household earns -- report more savings on hand, although almost half said they wouldn’t be able to cover a \$500 surprise expense. Millennials represent the generation most equipped to handle an emergency cost, with 47 percent saying they have enough in savings to cover one.

The findings echo research published last year by the Federal Reserve, which polled more than 5,600 Americans on their household finances. Forty-six percent of respondents said they would be challenged to come up with \$400 to cover an emergency expense, and would likely borrow or sell something to afford it.

When the Fed asked what types of emergency expenses Americans had actually faced in the last year, more than one out of five cited a major unexpected medical expense. The average expense: \$2,782, or almost seven times higher than the Fed’s hypothetical \$400 surprise bill.

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HEADLINE	01/12 Buy burger in Chehalis; get tires in Texas
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/some-customers-buy-a-burger-in-chehalis-get-charged-for-tires-in-texas
GIST	<p>CHEHALIS, Wash -- Sonic Drive-In customers were excited about the new store opening in Chehalis last September until some of them recently got their bank statements. They all of a sudden were getting bank charges from a different company out of state, and some were suspecting fraud.</p> <p>Sonic customer Maritza Percival said she "didn't realize anything had gone wrong until a few weeks ago when I was debited back to my account something from a tire place in Texas."</p>

That tire place is Tires to You. "I've never been to Texas," said Sonic customer Timothy Phillips. He got the same strange charge after visiting the Sonic Drive-In when it opened and got suspicious.

"I was worried that maybe they had an employee that stole my card or something," Phillips said. Added Percival, "It's kind of scary because they were blaming the employees there. They take your card with them."

Sonic customer Josh Clevenger got the same Texas charges and had his card canceled for fear of identity theft., "Just ordered it shut off and ordered a new one and so if there's any more mistakes I won't be affected by it," he said

But Sonic says it wasn't an employee. It was a computer error. For seven days Sonic had mixed up its account with the Texas tire company. Sonic is in the process of refunding and making sure customers were only charged for what they got.

And issued this statement: "SONIC and the franchisee who owns and operates the drive-in apologize for any inconvenience this has caused and look forward to continuing to serve the community of Chehalis." But customer Crystal Phillips isn't satisfied. "It's not OK, and it's not just something that can be swept under the rug."

It has been the topic of much discussion on the Facebook page 'Lewis County Sirens' with more than a dozen victims posting concerns., "It's crazy. I wouldn't have suspected this from a large food company like this," Crystal Phillips said.

Some of the customers say the computer glitch caused them to get overdraft charges. Sonic says it is still looking into whether those customers will be reimbursed.

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HEADLINE	01/13 Friday the 13th unlucky?
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/friday-the-13th-what-is-so-unlucky-about-13/484026386
GIST	<p>It's Friday the 13th. Does that thought send shivers down your spine? Do you think of bad luck, bizarre happenings, aluminum (see below)? If so, don't worry.</p> <p>You're not alone.</p> <p>The fear of Friday the 13, or just the number 13, is a common one. So common, in fact, there's a name for it.</p> <p>History is silent on how the number has come to be seen as unlucky, but there is a rather unnerving amount (more than 13) of historical events that have likely led to the misfortune under which 13 suffers.</p>

Here are a few.

When it was unlucky

- Pope John Paul II was shot and nearly died on May 13, 1981.
- There were 13 people at the Last Supper, and, in case you missed the first connection, it's believed that Judas Iscariot — the disciple who betrayed Jesus Christ — was the 13th man to take his place at the table.
- Jesus was crucified on a Friday.
- A 13-year-old boy in England was struck by lightning on Friday the 13th at 1:13 p.m. (in military time, 13:13).
- On Oct. 13, 1307, there was a mass arrest and execution of members of the Knights Templar. The Knights Templar or the Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ were anything but. Members were among the wealthiest and most powerful of Christian military orders. They are credited by many with establishing one of the earliest finance systems.
- In not so Jolly Ol' England, Friday was the traditional day for public hangings. Insult to injury — there were 13 steps up to the gallows, generally.

When it was lucky

- The bus number 13 in London was never damaged during the blitz of the Second World War.
- Apollo 13 was a 1970 NASA Moon mission famous for being a "successful failure." The accident that crippled the spacecraft happened on April 13.
- It was on the jersey of Miami Dolphins Hall of Famer Dan Marino.
- It was on the jersey of Los Angeles Lakers, and Philadelphia 76ers Hall of Famer Wilt Chamberlain.
- A baker's dozen means you get 13 of something — or one more than a standard dozen. The down side is it is sometimes called a "Devil's dozen." (think donuts)
- The visions of the Virgin of Fátima were said to have appeared on the 13th day of every month for six months in 1917

Where 13 is not used

- There's no 13th floor in many high-rise buildings.
- There is often no 13th floor in a hospital, and airports generally don't have a Gate 13.
- In triathlons, the number 13 is not used.
- The number was not used in Formula One from 1977 to 2013.
- While there are 19 counties in Norway they are numbered 1-20 because there is no number 13 county.

13 in general

- Aluminum has the atomic number 13.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 is the sixth prime number. • It is the smallest emirp or a prime number that is a different prime when its reversed - 31. • Fear of the number 13 is called Triskaidekaphobia. • Fear of Friday the 13th is Paraskevidekatriaphobia or, sometimes, Friggatriskaidekaphobia. • Fear of the number 17 – the number of letters in Triskaidekaphobia – is Heptadecaphobia. • The Aztecs considered thirteen a sacred number. It was the number that represented time. It stood for completion. • In Tarot, 13 is the card of “Death.” The card stands for transformation – ending something and starting something new. • There are 13 stripes on the American flag. • There are 13 stars in the Great Seal of the United States.
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HEADLINE	01/13 Claim: Assange agrees to extradition if--
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2017/01/13/assange-would-agree-to-extradition-if-obama-pardons-chelsea-manning-wikileaks-says.html
GIST	<p>WikiLeaks said Thursday that its founder Julian Assange will agree to be extradited to the U.S. if President Barack Obama grants clemency to Chelsea Manning.</p> <p>WikiLeaks made the announcement on Twitter and remained adamant that the Department of Justice case against Assange was unconstitutional.</p> <p>Assange has been hiding out at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London since June 2012 to avoid extradition to Sweden to face sexual assault allegations. According to AFP, Assange fears Stockholm would extradite him to the U.S. after WikiLeaks published thousands of secret cables from the U.S. military, which were leaked by Manning during his time as a U.S. soldier.</p> <p>Manning is serving a 35-year sentence for handing more than 700,000 documents to the State Department. He’s currently being held at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Report: deportations hit 10yr-low
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2017/01/12/deportations-hit-10-year-low-obama-prepares-exit/
GIST	<p>Deportation of illegal immigrants hit a 10-year low during President Obama’s last full fiscal year in office. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security also appeared to be cutting back on information provided about all three of its law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>The administration waited until the last Friday of the year to release its final FY 2016 report on Immigration and Customs Enforcement removal operations.</p>

“It’s no wonder that they waited for a day when hardly a soul was paying attention; the numbers for ICE are abysmal, even worse than 2015,” Center for Immigration Studies Director of Policy Studies Jessica Vaughn reported this week. If there were an award for government reports that aim to obfuscate and spin, I would nominate this one.”

Vaughn wrote that the annual reports have historically provided basic statistics from all three of the department’s law enforcement agencies. This year, the report sneaked out by DHS officials on the last working day of the month normally, in two versions, was scaled back to provide only a fraction of the information normally disclosed. The reported is compiled by the Office of Immigration Statistics (OIS) which has a new director, Marc Rosenblum.

Vaughn listed the following as key findings from the annual report:

- Deportations credited to ICE in 2016 increased by 2 percent. All of the increase came from cases of aliens arrested by the Border Patrol, not interior enforcement.
- Interior deportations fell from 69,478 in 2015 to 65,322 in 2016, out of a population of illegal aliens now estimated at 12 million.
- Deportations of criminal aliens fell from 63,127 in 2015 to 60,318 in 2016, out of an estimated population of two million.
- The total number of deportations under the Obama administration is not easily comparable to prior administrations because of the number of border cases included, but it certainly is not record-breaking, as Obama has claimed.
- DHS maintains that CBP arrests have always been a large share of ICE deportations, but in fact this is a new development under the Obama Administration. In prior administrations, only a third of deportations credited to ICE were border cases; now about two-thirds are.

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HEADLINE	01/12 US Mint: Lady Liberty a woman of color
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/first-time-lady-liberty-will-be-depicted-woman-color-u-n706391
GIST	<p>For the first time in American history, Lady Liberty will be portrayed as a woman of color on United States currency.</p> <p>In celebration of the U.S. Mint and Treasury's 225th anniversary, the new \$100 coin was unveiled on Thursday featuring Lady Liberty as a black woman.</p> <p>Since the passage of the Coinage Act in 1792, all coins are required to feature an "impression emblematic of liberty," in either words or images. Until the new coin designed by Justin Kunz was unveiled, Lady Liberty had always been depicted as a white woman.</p>

	<p>"As we as a nation continue to evolve, so does liberty's representation," said Elisa Basnight, U.S. Mint chief of staff, at a ceremony unveiling the new coin. "We live in a nation that affords us the opportunity to dream big and try to accomplish the seemingly impossible."</p> <p>The new 24-karat gold coin, which is set to be released in April and is meant primarily for collectors, is one of a series of new, diverse commemorative coins the Mint will unveil in the coming years.</p> <p>Future depictions of Lady Liberty, according to the Mint, will also feature designs to represent Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, Indian Americans, and others "to reflect the cultural and ethnic diversity of the United States."</p>
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HEADLINE	01/13 Concern: missing Pakistan activists
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/us-concerned-disappearance-pakistani-activists-44752491
GIST	<p>The United States has expressed concern over the disappearance of five Pakistani anti-Taliban activists and bloggers who mysteriously went missing last week, incidents that have triggered an outcry from human right groups.</p> <p>Dozens of activists rallied in the port city of Karachi for the second time late on Thursday, demanding the five men be accounted for. In Washington, State Department spokesman Mark Toner said the U.S. is taking the disappearances "very seriously" and will "continue to monitor the situation in Pakistan."</p> <p>Toner also welcomed a statement by Pakistan's interior ministry, which asked police to step up efforts to find the missing. Among the five are university professor Salman Haider, known for criticizing the Taliban and the government over its alleged inaction against militants, and Shiite activist Samar Abbas, who heads the Civil Progressive Alliance Pakistan.</p> <p>No militant group has so far claimed abducting the activists and no government department or intelligence agency has said it detained or arrested any one of the five.</p> <p>Activist Syed Talib Abbas said on Friday that none of the missing men have been found so far.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 El Salvador has a rare murder-free day
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/el-salvador-rare-murder-free-day-1st-years-44740870
GIST	<p>El Salvador, one of the world's deadliest countries, has recorded a rare day without a single homicide.</p> <p>National Civil Police commissioner Howard Cotto said at a news conference Thursday that no murders were reported the previous day in the gang-plagued Central American nation.</p>

	<p>The last time the country went a full day without any killings was Jan. 22, 2015, according to records kept by The Associated Press. It also happened once in 2013 and on two days the year before that.</p> <p>The nation of about 6 million people averaged 14.4 murders a day last year.</p> <p>Killings peaked at 104 per 100,000 residents in 2015, the highest rate for any nation not in open war that year.</p> <p>Homicides fell by about 20 percent in 2016, but it was still one of the most violent countries with 81.2 murders per 100,000 residents.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Pierce Co. kidnappings started w/online ad
SOURCE	http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/crime/article126188679.html
GIST	<p>The kidnappings all began the same, with an online advertisement to sell a laptop.</p> <p>Pierce County prosecutors allege Charles Cabrera pulled it off four times in the last two months.</p> <p>According to prosecutors, the 28-year-old would post the ad online and ask interested buyers to meet him at various Tacoma locations.</p> <p>Once they met, court documents say, Cabrera would get inside the victim's car to show off the laptop, then pull a gun and demand their money and cellphones.</p> <p>On two of the occasions, he forced the victim to drive to ATM machines and withdraw money before stealing their vehicles, court records show.</p> <p>Cabrera pleaded not guilty Wednesday to three counts of first-degree kidnapping, four counts of first-degree robbery, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, one count of attempted first-degree kidnapping and one count of possession of a stolen vehicle.</p> <p>He was ordered held in lieu of \$1 million bail.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Possible charges in drone crash
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2017/01/12/us/space-needle-drone-crash/

GIST	<p>(CNN)The city of Seattle could file charges against a drone owner after the device crashed on top Seattle's iconic Space Needle.</p> <p>Seattle police continue to investigate the incident, but a source close to the investigation confirms authorities identified the owner through the drone's serial number.</p> <p>The drone crashed on top of the Space Needle on New Year's Eve, but it was turned over to police on January 10. Police tell CNN that Space Needle management went to the Federal Aviation Administration to report the incident, but were informed they first needed to make a report with local authorities.</p> <p>The FAA said the incident is under investigation.</p> <p>The city attorney's office tells CNN while the city does not have any drone ordinances, it could charge the owner with reckless endangerment.</p> <p>That charge, a gross misdemeanor, carries a penalty of up to 364 days in jail and up to a \$5,000 fine.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Arizona trooper ambushed at traffic scene
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/arizona-state-trooper-shot-while-responding-to-roll-over/
GIST	<p>PHOENIX - A Department of Public Safety trooper was shot while responding to a single-vehicle rollover with possible shots fired on westbound interstate 10 near Tonopah on Thursday morning, reports CBS affiliate KPHO.</p> <p>DPS Capt. Damon Cecil said the trooper, a 27-year-veteran of the agency, was ambushed by the suspect when he got out of his vehicle at the scene of the rollover.</p> <p>“A physical fight between our trooper and that suspect then ensued, at which time the suspect was shot and killed,” Cecil said. “Right now that’s all we have. This is a fluid investigation.”</p> <p>A civilian later got on the trooper’s radio and told DPS dispatchers that the trooper had been shot and that another motorist shot the suspect, the station reports.</p> <p>“To the civilian on the DPS trooper’s radio, if you can hear me, I need you to let me know where the suspect is that got in an altercation with our trooper,” the dispatcher could be heard saying on the scanner.</p> <p>“The suspect is uh, occasionally breathing or stirring. He’s been shot by a passer-by,” the man with the wounded trooper’s radio calmly responded. “He’s laying right next to the officer.”</p> <p>Police have not confirmed how the suspect was shot and killed.</p>

HEADLINE	01/12 Va. man sentenced 8mo. school hacking
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/virginia-man-sentenced-ohio-high-school-hacking-case-44734651
GIST	<p>A Virginia man who pleaded guilty to helping hack an online account to draw attention to a 2012 high school rape case in Ohio has been sentenced to eight months in prison.</p> <p>Noah McHugh was sentenced on Monday in federal court in Lexington, Kentucky, after pleading guilty to one count of computer fraud. McHugh had admitted helping Deric Lostutter, known online as "KYAnonymous", access fan website for Steubenville High School athletics. Lostutter pleaded guilty in November and faces up to 10 years in prison.</p> <p>The hack drew additional media coverage to rape charges against two football players from the Ohio school. The players were convicted in 2013 of raping a West Virginia girl at a party.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Bandit hits Everett espresso stands
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/bandit-hits-everett-espresso-stands
GIST	<p>EVERETT, Wash. -- A series of coffee stand robberies in Everett has baristas taking more precautions. and police believe all those incidents could be connected.</p> <p>"Definitely (cautious) and a little skeptical about walk-ups. It's a little stressful," said Holly Pruitt who is the assistant manager at Diedrich Espresso.</p> <p>Two of the Diedrich Espresso coffee stands in Everett were hit in a week and so was the 13 Buffalos Coffee Company stand, at 2726 Rucker Ave.</p> <p>Everett police think it's the same person based on the descriptions from victims. He's been described as a white man who's 25 to 35 years old. He's slender, about 6 feet tall and has brown hair. The victims said he also has some facial hair. During the robberies, the man wore a light-brown hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, and boots.</p> <p>The robberies happened at all hours and in each case the man implied he had a weapon but never showed one.</p> <p>Arlington police are also investigating a coffee stand robbery. They've released a surveillance photo of a man who was last seen Jan. 7 running from Candy Girl Espresso, in the 21000 block of 67th Avenue Northeast. City of Arlington spokeswoman Kristin Banfield says there's a "strong possibility" the case is connected to the Everett robberies.</p>

	Marysville Police also believe the same suspect may be connected to a coffee stand robbery there. According to Commander Robb Lamoureux, the Grove Street Espresso stand was robbed on January 3rd by a suspect who matched the description of the Everett robbery suspect.
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HEADLINE	01/12 Spokane PD: arrest in random shootings
SOURCE	http://www.khq.com/story/34246702/spokane-police-make-arrest-in-apparent-random-shootings
GIST	<p>SPOKANE, Wash. - Spokane Police say they have arrested the man they believe is responsible for two completely random shootings earlier this week, one of which resulted in a teenager being shot in the head.</p> <p>The first shooting happened on January 8 near 7th and Thierman Road. The victim told responding deputies he was randomly shot at by a person in a car. The victim said the shooting was completely unprovoked, and he was able to give deputies a good suspect description.</p> <p>A short time later, Spokane Police responded to another shooting call near Sprague and Perry. A 16-year-old boy was found with an apparent gunshot wound to the back of his head. The boy was taken to the hospital in critical condition. The victim is still in "very critical condition" according to detectives.</p> <p>There were no witnesses to that shooting, but detectives were able to locate surveillance video of the shooting which showed the suspect's vehicle. Detectives determined there was no confrontation prior to the shooting.</p> <p>Detectives were able to determine the two shootings were related. Due to the randomness of the shootings, Spokane Police assigned all Major Crimes Detectives to the case and began looking for the suspect's vehicle, a 2006-2009 Kia Rio with Idaho plates.</p> <p>A detective looking through all Kia Kio's in Idaho's database and found a hit when they located one registered to Brice W. Bailey in Coeur d'Alene. Bailey showed a registered address in Spokane near Monroe and Maxwell. Police went to the home and found the suspect's Kia and the victim from the first shooting was able to positively identify Brice Bailey as the man who shot at him.</p> <p>Bailey was already wanted on a DOC warrant and was not supposed to be carrying firearms.</p> <p>Detectives obtained a search warrant and apprehended Bailey on January 11, 2017 without incident.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Man charged in Bellevue mosque threat
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/man-charged-with-hate-crime-for-allegedly-threatening-to-kill-members-of-bellevue-mosque/

GIST	<p>A 36-year-old Auburn man was charged this week with malicious harassment, a hate crime, for allegedly threatening to kill members of a Bellevue mosque and declaring “there is no place in America for Muslims,” according to King County prosecutors.</p> <p>Kamal Samater — who Bellevue police say self-identifies as Muslim — was arrested Jan. 6 in the parking lot of the Islamic Center of Eastside, also known as Bellevue Masjid, in the 14000 block of Main Street. Members of the mosque were preparing and serving food as part of a service when the incident occurred just after 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jailed in lieu of \$250,000 bail, Samater was also charged with felony harassment, accused of threatening to kill the first man he encountered in the mosque’s parking lot, court and jail records show.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Mukilteo party shooter gets life prison
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/mukilteo-shooter-faces-sentencing-hearing/385447747
GIST	<p>The man who shot and killed three college students at a party in Mukilteo last year will spend the rest of his life in prison without the possibility of parole.</p> <p>Allen Ivanov, 20, had pleaded guilty to three counts of aggravated first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder for the July 2016 shooting that killed Jake Long, Jordan Ebner, and Anna Bui, all 19-year-olds.</p> <p>Ivanov was sentenced Thursday to three life sentences without the possibility of parole for the murders. He was also sentenced to 20 years for the two attempted murders. All five sentences also carried an extra five years for using a firearm.</p> <p>Ivanov's plea took the death penalty off the table.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Online video of Orlando cop killer
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/01/12/chilling-facebook-video-suspected-orlando-cop-killer-includes-murder-talk.html
GIST	<p>The wanted fugitive suspected of murdering two people in Orlando, including a police officer, appeared in an ominous Facebook Live video before the shootings -- as his then-girlfriend joked about killing police and herself.</p> <p>The Nov. 4 video showed Markeith Loyd -- who was on the loose Thursday -- in a car at a traffic stop with his pregnant girlfriend, Sade Dixon.</p>

	<p>"Go ahead and kill him, babe, so we can get home faster," she was heard saying, referring to the officer.</p> <p>Later, as Loyd sped down the road, she shouted, "You not about to kill me and the baby."</p> <p>Just over a month later, police said Loyd did indeed kill the girlfriend, reportedly after she broke up with him. On Monday, they said he shot and killed Master Sgt. Debra Clayton after she demanded he stop outside a Walmart. As the manhunt intensified that day, a motorcycle crash killed Sheriff's Deputy First Class Norman Lewis.</p> <p>Cops this week have arrested three people accused of helping Loyd, 41, after the manhunt began, Fox 35 reported.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Cartels exploit border wall fears
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/01/12/cartels-smugglers-exploit-border-wall-fears-ahead-trump-presidency.html
GIST	<p>MCALLEN, Texas – Mexican drug cartels and human traffickers are cashing in ahead of Donald Trump’s inauguration by exploiting anxiety over his vow to build a border wall and crack down on illegal immigration – fueling the latest surge across the U.S.-Mexico line, according to local law enforcement.</p> <p>The president-elect reiterated his pledge at a press conference Wednesday to build a "wall" – which he claims will curb illegal immigration, reduce gun violence and stop drugs from being smuggled into the country.</p> <p>For now, however, the Obama administration's leniency, combined with concerns about Trump's crackdown, is seen as contributing to a spike in crossings from California to Texas.</p> <p>“There’s definitely a percentage of folks who believed that they can beat the clock,” said Jose Villareal, chief of operations for the Border Patrol’s Rio Grande Valley sector.</p> <p>On a recent ride-along in south Texas, Cameron County Sheriff's Office Lt. Robert Rodriguez told FoxNews.com he has noted an increase in the flow of border crossers since Trump’s White House win.</p> <p>“I can feel the anxiety,” Rodriguez said. “You can cut it with a knife.”</p> <p>In November, U.S. Border Patrol apprehended 47,214 migrants along the southwest U.S. border – an increase of 44 percent compared with a year earlier. November was the Border Patrol’s busiest month since June 2014. In the past six months, agents have caught nearly a quarter-million migrants -- about 1,300 a day -- trying to cross illegally.</p>

	<p>“Smugglers are telling them that they need to come across now while there’s a chance,” Art Del Cueto, a Border Patrol agent in Tucson, Ariz., recently told Fox News.</p> <p>In response, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection dispatched 150 more agents to police the southwestern border. They also opened two temporary facilities to detain thousands of people trying to come over illegally.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 Peru: violent protests over new toll
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/violent-protests-perus-capital-highway-toll-44742810
GIST	<p>Hundreds of Peruvians threw homemade explosives and rocks while police fired tear gas during a protest Thursday over a new road toll into Lima.</p> <p>It was the second time in under a week that residents of the poor Puente Piedra district outside the capital fought with police on the Pan-American Highway, which is their only route into Lima.</p> <p>The district's mayor and leftist lawmakers are supporting the protesters' demands to eliminate the toll, which is \$1.50 to both enter and to leave Lima. But Lima Mayor Luis Castaneda says city's hands are tied because the toll is part of a project approved by his predecessor to build and maintain roads.</p> <p>Protesters are angry because the \$3 daily cost for driving to and from Lima is a burden in a country where the minimum wage is about \$250 month. Not all the demonstrators have cars, but the toll has also driven up the cost of riding on buses and mototaxis.</p> <p>A protest last week also erupted into violence during which demonstrators burned toll booths, and officials responded by temporarily suspending collection of the toll.</p>
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HEADLINE	01/12 France: 4 charged reality TV star robbery
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/kim-kardashian-west-robbery-charged-connection-heist/story?id=44738093
GIST	<p>Four people have been charged in France in the connection with alleged robbery of Kim Kardashian West, according to the Paris prosecutor’s office.</p> <p>A 27-year-old faces charges of complicity with an armed robbery by an organized gang, sequestration and association with criminals, as is a 62-year-old and 63-year-old, authorities said.</p> <p>Another suspect, 44, has been charged with Concealment/fencing by an organized gang and association with criminals.</p>

	Six others are still being questioned, authorities said.
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HEADLINE	12/08 State Dept. updates Mexico travel warning
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SOURCE	http://www.ibtimes.com/mexico-safe-tourists-us-state-department-updates-travel-warning-citing-violence-2457523
GIST	<p>The State Department warned U.S. citizens Thursday about the risks of travel in Mexico in light of organized crime activity in certain parts of the country, citing homicides, kidnappings, carjackings and robberies in several Mexican states.</p> <p>The updated travel warning said the risk of violence was less in resort areas and tourist destinations than in border areas or along trafficking routes.</p> <p>Mexico enlisted its military, seen as less corrupt than police organizations, to fight organized crime a decade ago but has failed to improve the country's security substantially, the Mexico Daily News said Tuesday. The situation is complicated by vigilante groups that instead of fighting organized crime have been committing crimes of their own.</p> <p>Homicides increased 900 percent this year compared to 2015, and organized crime has spread to areas previously untouched by the violence, the report said.</p> <p>“Gun battles between rival criminal organizations or with Mexican authorities have taken place on streets and in public places during broad daylight,” the State Department said. “The Mexican government dedicates substantial resources to protect visitors to major tourist destinations and has engaged in an extensive effort to counter criminal organizations that engage in narcotics trafficking and other unlawful activities throughout Mexico.</p> <p>“There is no evidence that criminal organizations have targeted U.S. citizens based on their nationality.” The warning barred U.S. government personnel from patronizing casinos, sports books or other gaming establishments in Coahuila, Durango, Zacatecas, Aguascalientes, San Luis Potosi, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas, Jalisco, Colima and Nayarit states, and recommended nonessential travel be deferred.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Social workers fleeing troubled system
SOURCE	http://features.crosscut.com/foster-care-crisis-social-workers
GIST	<p>Tanya Copenhaver followed in her father's and grandmother's footsteps by becoming a social worker for Washington state's Children's Administration, a difficult but fulfilling calling she never expected to give up.</p> <p>During 15 years of working in the foster care system, on a job considered among the hardest in the state, she worked her way up to supervisor. But even with a master's degree and a management position, the single mom struggled to pay rent and daycare. She and her daughter ate at her mother's house to save money.</p>

Last year, Copenhaver finally left the vocation she cherished to take a post at a Pierce County hospital – with a 30 percent pay raise.

“I loved my job,” Copenhaver said. “Even after 15 years I didn’t feel burnt out, and I still have a passion for the work. But I left because I couldn’t support myself and my daughter on my salary as a supervisor.”

Copenhaver’s decision has been mirrored by many state social workers, who say they were driven away by lousy pay, a toxic workplace climate and excessive workloads, InvestigateWest discovered in a lengthy investigation for KCTS 9 and Crosscut.

Turnover among Children’s Administration social workers runs at 20 percent a year statewide and has been as high as 30 percent in King County, the state says. That drains the agency of collective knowledge, distracts managers with constant hiring and training, and hampers its ability to help vulnerable foster children and their families. And all of that ends up costing the state – and therefore the taxpayers.

The churn has a huge and potentially devastating impact on kids’ futures. According to one prominent study from Wisconsin, a child whose case is overseen by one worker has a 75 percent chance of being placed in a permanent and stable home within a year. Those odds drop to 18 percent when a child goes through two caseworkers in a year, and they plummet to a low of 0.1 percent with six or seven case managers. Yet some foster parents told InvestigateWest that kids they’ve cared for have gotten a new caseworker every month in some cases.

“They’re cycling through workers so quickly, it’s terrible for the workers, the management, and the kids and foster parents who are having to deal with a new person,” said Lauren Hubbard, a Seattle foster mom. “We changed workers with our adopted daughter four times within a month.”

Caseloads are often two or three times the recommended level, leaving workers too busy to support foster parents, which contributed to a loss of nearly one in five foster homes between 2008 and 2015. That only adds to the system’s woes, as social workers are then forced to babysit children in their offices all day and even stay up all night watching them in hotels.

The state’s inadequate funding of foster care and low salaries for social workers are contributing to the high turnover.

The Children’s Administration has only now clawed its way back to its budget’s pre-recession levels eight years ago. In constant dollars, which takes inflation into account, the budget is still less, at \$1.18 billion, including \$661.9 million of state funding.

During the recession, the administration lost about 16 percent of its workforce, or 467 employees, which exacerbated the problems, as those who remained had to cover for those who left. Meanwhile, the number

of children entering foster care has increased amid the opioid crisis, after reaching historic lows around 2012.

Salaries for child-welfare social workers – many of whom have master’s degrees – start at \$34,284 a year, or \$16.42 an hour, and top out at \$58,548, or \$28.04 an hour. And the top salary is more than \$20,000 less than the same position at a place like Western State Hospital, said Sean Dannen, the general government strategic campaign coordinator for the Washington Federation of State Employees.

Workers in high-cost areas like King County are paid the same as those in less expensive parts of the state. They also have the same workloads as counterparts in the rest of the state, even though the Puget Sound region’s infamous traffic jams can keep them out much longer for their mandated home visits.

Social workers interviewed by InvestigateWest – most of whom requested anonymity due to fear of retaliation by the state for speaking out – tell of a toxic and punitive environment, with an increasing number of investigations into their actions. One said it has become a rite of passage to be under investigation in King County. There’s a systemic lack of appreciation, they say, and the job itself is traumatic enough without the added stress of the department’s negativity and the constant fear of being investigated.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Imagine a world without giraffes
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/08/world/sutter-giraffe-extinction/index.html
GIST	<p>(CNN)It's the tallest land-based mammal in the world. Its construction-crane neck, toothpick legs, knocked knees and two-story stature make it an awkwardly lovable favorite of children's book authors and cartoonists. This animal brings an odd sort of wonder to the savannahs of Africa.</p> <p>But perhaps it's best for us to start imagining a world without the humble giraffe.</p> <p>The International Union for Conservation of Nature on Thursday up-listed this goofy creature -- known for its craning neck, which helps it reach tree-top leaves its competitors can't -- to its "vulnerable" status, meaning the animal is at high risk for extinction.</p> <p>It moves up from the category called "least concern."</p> <p>The reason: a sharp 36% to 40% decline in giraffe populations in recent decades. In 1985, the group said, there were as many as 163,452 giraffes. Now the estimate is 97,562.</p> <p>This puts the giraffe in good company. The elephant, the orangutan, certain bees, coral -- so many of the Earth's mind-blowingly cool creatures face extinction risk these days. If poaching rates continue, some fear African elephants will be extinct in 20 years.</p>

	<p>Having trouble imagining that world?</p> <p>"The best way to envision the sixth mass extinction is to look outside and then just imagine that three out of every four of the species that were common out there are gone," he said. "That would be a very impoverished landscape."</p> <p>It certainly would.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 US life expectancy declines
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2016/12/08/has-us-life-expectancy-maxed-out-first-decline-since-1993/95134818/
GIST	<p>U.S. life expectancy dipped by about a month last year from 2014, to 78.8 years, according to a report from the National Center for Health Statistics. It's the first decline in more than two decades. And after years of gains, U.S. life expectancy has been essentially flat for a few years, which means an inauspicious trend could be in the works.</p> <p>The decline "could be a blip, but even if it's flat, we have a real problem," Jonathan Skinner, a professor at the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice, told USA TODAY. Skinner noted that the U.S. is spending 18% of GDP on health care.</p> <p>"If we're not getting continued improvement in life expectancy, then perhaps we should redirect some of that towards raising workers' take-home pay ... and improving educational opportunities," Skinner said.</p> <p>Gender matters. For males, life expectancy fell to 76.3 years from 76.5 years. For women, life expectancy decreased to 81.2, down about 0.1 year from 2014.</p> <p>The culprits for our declining years were increases in mortality from heart disease, chronic lower respiratory diseases, unintentional injuries, stroke, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, kidney disease, and suicide. Not surprisingly, that group plus cancer and the flu make up the top 10 causes of death in the U.S.</p> <p>"My major concern is that we know the exact cause of the fall in life expectancy — mortality is rising across a wide variety of illnesses," Skinner said. "It's not entirely easy to figure out what to do about it."</p> <p>Heart disease and cancer are the runaway top killers. The death rate from heart disease increased almost 1%. The death rate from cancer actually fell 1.7%.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Large earthquake near Solomon Islands
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SOURCE	http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/34007854/tsunami-watch-issued-for-all-islands-after-80-magnitude-quake-near-solomon-islands
GIST	<p>HONOLULU (HawaiiNewsNow) - A Tsunami Watch has been issued for all Hawaiian islands after a large earthquake struck near the Solomon Islands, according to the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center.</p> <p>The quake, which struck around 7:38 a.m. HST, measured at a preliminary magnitude of 8.0, the U.S. Geological Survey said. The epicenter was approximately 40 miles west-southwest of Kirakira.</p> <p>If tsunami waves impact Hawaii, the estimated earliest arrival of the first tsunami wave would be 2:56 p.m. HST.</p> <p>Details are limited at this time, but the PTWC is investigating the threat to Hawaii.</p> <p>A Tsunami Watch usually means an earthquake may have created a tsunami, but data is still being verified. It is issued as a precaution and generally indicates that a tsunami may later impact a watch area, according to the PTWC. It may be changed to a warning, advisory or even cancellation based on further analysis.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Police spy-tools evolve faster than law
SOURCE	https://www.bloomberg.com/features/2016-baltimore-surveillance-project/
GIST	<p>In late October, a group of Maryland legislators met with police officials, attorneys, privacy advocates, and policy analysts to discuss creating a legal framework to govern aerial surveillance programs such as the one the Baltimore Police Department had been using to track vehicles and individuals through the city since January.</p> <p>“What, if anything, are other states doing to address this issue?” Joseph Vallerio, the committee’s chairman, asked the panel.</p> <p>“Nothing,” replied David Rocah, an attorney with the ACLU. “Because no one has ever done this before.”</p> <p>The Baltimore surveillance program broke new ground by bringing wide-area persistent surveillance—a technology that the military has been developing for a decade—to municipal law enforcement. The police department kept the program secret from the public, as well as from the city’s mayor and other local officials, until it was detailed in August by Bloomberg Businessweek. Privacy advocates, defense attorneys, and some local legislators called for the program to be suspended immediately, until the technology could be evaluated in public hearings.</p> <p>But in the three months since the public discussion began, the police have continued to use the surveillance plane to monitor large events, such as the Baltimore Marathon, and essential questions remain</p>

unanswered. The police continue to classify the program as an ongoing trial, but the private company that operates it for the police—Persistent Surveillance Systems—doesn't have a permanent contract and no specific regulations govern its operations.

Several local lawmakers have stressed the need for more oversight of the program at a time when the technology is spreading to private industry. But in the case of Baltimore, the administrative structure of the police department has complicated those efforts. Unlike most other major cities, the city of Baltimore doesn't regulate its own police; when the department was founded in the mid-19th century, it was established as a state agency, which means its oversight falls to the Maryland General Assembly.

The state legislature is in session for only three months each year, and it had adjourned before the surveillance program was revealed.

David Moon, a Maryland delegate from the Washington, D.C., suburb of Takoma Park, says he and other legislators met during the summer to try to craft legislation that would require more public transparency when police departments use StingRay devices, which are cell phone tower simulators used to track individuals via their mobile phone signals. Now, he says, the legislators want to write the law so that it also applies to aerial surveillance programs. But any such measures would have to wait until the General Assembly's 2017 session begins in January.

"One of the things we've realized in all of this is that the law—either in terms of the courts or the legislature—doesn't seem to keep up with the technology," says Moon. "We're caught in a situation where law enforcement can put new technologies into use and they just ask for permission later—and only if the media or the courts start to question what they're doing."

The Baltimore project depends on a small airplane that circles the city for up to 10 hours a day. An attached bank of cameras instantly creates a 32-square-mile photographic map, which is updated once per second. The police can fast-forward or rewind the images, tracking vehicles or individuals as they move inside the city, for hours at a time. The footage is archived and can be reviewed days or months later. Or years later—in theory, the only limit is storage capacity.

Privacy advocates balked at the notion that the police could, if they desired, compile what amounts to a permanent visual record of the city. Ross McNutt, the founder and chief executive officer of Persistent Surveillance Systems, tried to allay those concerns, saying his company's policy was to erase the imagery after 45 days. Maryland public defenders weren't calmed.

"For our innocent clients, we missed opportunities to subpoena exonerating footage collected by the spy plane," wrote Kelly Swanston, a public defender, in an op-ed in the Baltimore Sun. "For our clients who were mistreated by officers, or whose versions of the truth differed from an officer's report, we failed to corroborate the truth because we did not know that a plane had captured footage of the city."

The Baltimore Office of Public Defenders sent a letter to Police Commissioner Kevin Davis three days after the Bloomberg Businessweek article was published online, asking for clarification about the program’s policy for retaining data. Davis responded on Sept. 20 that Persistent Surveillance Systems had retained all the images since the program’s launch in January, “regardless of whether the images were provided to BPD for use in investigations.”

Andrew Vetter, chief of staff for the city’s police commissioner, told state lawmakers that because the trial surveillance program hadn’t yet been permanently adopted, the city hadn’t drafted an official data retention policy and wasn’t beholden to informal guidelines. Police spokesman T.J. Smith said the department would decide whether to adopt the program permanently only after a thorough analysis of the project was completed by the Police Foundation, a national research organization based in Washington, D.C.

The ACLU’s Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst, points out that the field of wide-area surveillance is a growing one, and other cities could soon confront the same questions Baltimore is now facing. McNutt has said his company has no interest in increasing his company’s camera resolution beyond one pixel per person, which prevents individuals from being identified based on the images alone.

But one company’s informal promises shouldn’t be counted on as an industry standard.

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HEADLINE	12/08 FBI is sued over Clinton email warrant
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/12/08/l-based-lawyer-sues-fbi-over-clinton-email-warrant.html
GIST	<p>A Los Angeles-based lawyer who gained notoriety by reclaiming Jewish-owned art looted by the Nazis has filed a lawsuit in New York against the FBI seeking information on the warrant that led to its seizure of Anthony Weiner's computer in the Hillary Clinton email case.</p> <p>E. Randol Schoenberg, a former president of the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, told the Jewish Journal that his interest was drawn by a New York Times story on the FBI's warrant that was announced in the waning days of the election.</p> <p>“I thought, ‘What does that mean?’” Schoenberg, 50, told the Jewish Journal. “Normally you have to show probable cause. That’s what it says in the Fourth Amendment.”</p> <p>Schoenberg didn't see the search warrant mentioned in the media after that Times story. He decided to file a Freedom of Information Request on Nov. 9 for information on the warrant. The FBI acknowledged his request two days later.</p> <p>Federal law gives government agencies 20 days to respond to such requests.</p>

	After not receiving any more information, Schoenberg contacted a lawyer based in Manhattan who specializes in FOIA requests and filed his suit.
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HEADLINE	12/08 Turkey leader renounces foreign currency
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/turkeys-president-renounces-us-dollar-bid-boost-lira-44059290
GIST	<p>Turkey's leader has renounced foreign currencies in favor of the ailing lira currency in keeping with his appeal to Turkish citizens to do the same, his spokesman said Thursday, as a new measure was unveiled to help struggling businesses.</p> <p>President Recep Tayyip Erdogan "exchanged all of the foreign currency in his accounts into Turkish liras," spokesman Ibrahim Kalin said.</p> <p>Last week, Erdogan had earlier urged his citizens to give up the dollar and euros at a time the economy is teetering. Erdogan called on Turkish citizens to convert savings held in foreign currencies into gold and Turkish lira to help boost the ailing currency, which recently dropped above 3.5 lira per dollar, the weakest exchange rate in more than a decade.</p> <p>Turkish citizens often hold their money in dollars, euros and gold to mitigate the risk of a rapid devaluation of their currency. Many Turkish businesses have their debts denominated in dollars.</p> <p>In the wake of Erdogan's call, small business owners have posted pictures of themselves on social media advertising free goods ranging from bread to small carpets for those who can prove the exchange of a significant dollar amount into Turkish lira.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Strong quake off northern Calif. coast
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/usgs-65-magnitude-quake-ocean-off-california-coast-44060395
GIST	<p>The United States Geological Survey is reporting a 6.5 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Northern California in the Pacific Ocean.</p> <p>The quake hit at 6:50 a.m. Thursday about 100 miles west of Ferndale, California.</p> <p>No damage or injuries were reported.</p> <p>The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center issued a statement saying there is no tsunami threat from the earthquake.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Fukushima radiation reaches West Coast
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2016/12/09/fukushima-radiation-has-reached-united-states-shores/95188478/
GIST	<p>For the first time, seaborne radiation from Japan's Fukushima nuclear disaster has been detected on the West Coast of the United States.</p> <p>Cesium-134, the so-called fingerprint of Fukushima, was measured in seawater samples taken from Tillamook Bay and Gold Beach in Oregon, according to researchers from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.</p> <p>Because of its short half-life, cesium-134 can only have come from Fukushima.</p> <p>For the first time, cesium-134 has also been detected in a Canadian salmon, according to the Fukushima InFORM project, led by University of Victoria chemical oceanographer Jay Cullen.</p> <p>In both cases, levels are extremely low, the researchers said, and don't pose a danger to humans or the environment.</p> <p>Massive amounts of contaminated water were released from the crippled nuclear plant following a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and tsunami in March 2011. More radiation was released to the air, then fell to the sea.</p> <p>Woods Hole chemical oceanographer Ken Buesseler runs a crowd-funded, citizen science seawater sampling project that has tracked the radiation plume as it slowly makes its way across the Pacific Ocean.</p> <p>The Oregon samples, marking the first time cesium-134 has been detected on U.S. shores, were taken in January and February of 2016 and later analyzed. They each measured 0.3 becquerels per cubic meter of cesium-134.</p> <p>Buesseler's team previously had found the isotope in a sample of seawater taken from a dock on Vancouver Island, B.C., marking its landfall in North America.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Alaska Airlines cancels more local flights
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/alaska-airlines-ready-for-weather-troubles-as-sea-tac-gears-up-for-busy-winter
GIST	SEA-TAC AIRPORT, Wash. - Alaska Airlines pre-cancelled 22 flights in and out of Sea-Tac Airport as a precautionary measure on Thursday.

The airline cancelled another 60 flights from Portland International Airport due to wintry weather conditions.

Alaska admits it's had some operational issues this week, after [dozens of flights were cancelled](#) on Monday and Tuesday because [half its de-icing fleet was broken](#).

"We are ready, we have a whole team behind me of deicing trucks and deicing fluid to get us through," said Alaska Spokesperson Bobbie Egan.

But, the underlying reason Alaska is having those problems is also a blessing in disguise. Then popular airline has just 24 gates and 70 morning departures and arrivals.

There are quick turn around times with little margin for error or weather issues. Any delays cause a bigger, ripple effect.

"In prior years we would have a busy morning and then we would have some peaks and valleys and it wasn't so busy," said Egan. "Now we are constantly busy throughout the day, so we don't have that time to catch up, so that's why we need to get it right."

So, on severe weather days, Alaska will hold flights at departing airports until they can be spaced into Sea-Tac. It will also pre-cancel flights as it did on Thursday.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Aleppo: tidal wave becomes a flood
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/08/middleeast/aleppo-syria-assad-refugees/index.html
GIST	<p>Aleppo, Syria (CNN)As the Syrian army continues to fight its way through the old city of Aleppo, the tide of those fleeing for their lives has become a raging flood, an avalanche.</p> <p>Exhausted by the treacherous path and having endured days of airstrikes and hunger, the crossing at Maysaloon welcomed those desperate to escape.</p> <p>While the rebels struggle to hold on to war-ravaged eastern Aleppo, the relief of those who have made it to the west of the city is palpable.</p> <p>On Thursday, CNN's crew was at the Maysaloon crossing in the Agheour area as the stream of people continued to gather pace. Rebel forces controlled the Agheour area for at least 3½ years before it was retaken by Syrian government forces Tuesday. The amount of people coming out of eastern Aleppo has gone up exponentially.</p>

More and more people are continuing to make their way over the crossing, some dragging their belongings, others holding children, many of them just relieved to be out of eastern Aleppo. Many of them are feeling weak and frail. There are some who look wounded. One man who was brought out said he had been shot.

Everyone looked traumatized. They hadn't changed their clothes in days and just looked happy to be out, relieved to be out of harm's way.

At another crossing in Nakaran, the CNN crew witnessed a scene that looked apocalyptic. As the children passed through and came toward us the toll which it had taken upon them became evident. They looked malnourished, their faces were dirty, they wore clothes which looked so old. They are so hungry.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Polar vortex redux? Next week possibly
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-weather-idUSKBN13X2OS
GIST	<p>Forecasters are sending chills down some spines with a prediction that much of the northern half of the United States could see frigid weather next week similar to life-threatening lows the polar vortex brought to parts of the country in 2014.</p> <p>Anticipation of a freezing blast began to build this week when weather maps and forecast models showed similarities between next week's system and one that developed in January 2014.</p> <p>"Upper-level atmosphere configuration very similar in scale & magnitude as infamous Jan 2014 #PolarVortex popularized by me and @afreedma," meteorologist Ryan Maue said on Twitter on Tuesday alongside maps comparing the two weather systems.</p> <p>The southward shift in the polar vortex in 2014 brought the Midwest some of its coldest weather in two decades. Icy conditions snarled travel and thousands of flights were canceled or delayed.</p> <p>Frigid temperatures combined with gusting winds to create life-threatening wind chills as low as 60 degrees Fahrenheit below zero (minus 51 Celsius) that killed at least nine people.</p> <p>The coldest weather next week is expected in the Midwest and Northeastern starting around Tuesday, according to forecasts that show temperatures in the single digits in some cities.</p> <p>"The air mass on the way for the middle of December is likely to be substantially colder when compared to that of this past week and this weekend," AccuWeather meteorologist Paul Pastelok wrote on Thursday.</p> <p>Temperatures from the Northern and Central plains to wide swathes of the Midwest are likely to drop by between 5 and 20 degrees Fahrenheit compared to temperatures this week, according to AccuWeather.</p>

	It is unclear how far south the cold air will be felt, according to Pastelok.
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HEADLINE	12/08 Remembering an American hero
SOURCE	http://time.com/4594658/john-glenn-dead/?xid=homepage
GIST	<p>There weren't a lot of silly pictures taken of John Glenn—mostly because Glenn just didn't do silly. He did happy, of course. You don't get the crinkles he had around his sea blue eyes simply because you've got the fair, thin skin of the redhead that he was. But if the happy was there, the silly wasn't.</p> <p>Still, in 1959, when Glenn was announced as one of the original seven NASA astronauts, he knew that he'd have to abide a lot of regrettable silliness—usually at the hands of the space agency and media photographers, who would demand all manner of dreamed-up poses of the deeply American family men the astronauts were intended to be doing deeply American family things.</p> <p>So the staged picnics and happy rough-housing were all set up and shot and then, for Glenn, came the silliest image of all—of the professional fighter pilot and amateur trumpet player, lying on his couch on a lazy afternoon, practicing his playing while his wife Annie relaxes with him. As if a wife could relax while a husband blared a horn in her ear. As if Glenn would even want to put the poor woman through such a thing.</p> <p>But never mind. Glenn was a military man who never, ever received an assignment from a commanding officer without answering yes, sir and then going on to fulfill that assignment with utter professionalism. And if the commander in his new line of work sometimes was a public affairs officer, well, he'd get the yes, sir treatment too.</p> <p>Glenn, who died on Thursday at 95, was just one of seven men selected by NASA to both calm and thrill a frightened country—a country that, in the 1950s, was at nuclear dagger-points with the Soviet Union and was, by a lot of measures, losing that contest. The Soviets had the rockets—including the bruising R7 ICBM—that could be used to put a satellite in space (which they did before we did) and put an animal in space (which they did before we did, too) and to put a man in space. And oh boy, did they do that before us, launching Yuri Gagarin in April of 1961—with his Hollywood looks and cover-boy smile—on a full one-orbit lap around the Earth.</p> <p>But the real purpose of R7 and the other ordnance was to rain nuclear hellfire on Chicago and New York and Pittsburgh and Des Moines and if Gagarin's smile was sincere, it masked something closer to a leer from his country. So the seven Americans with the crisp Yankee names like Deke and Gus and Al and Gordo, with the military crewcuts that telegraphed seriousness and the mischievous smiles that telegraphed fast cars and hard drinking (important parts of the flyboy's brief) were brought in to buck the nation up.</p>

And yet it was Glenn—the least mischievous, indeed the entirely unmischievous—who became the greatest among those ostensible equals. He was the only Marine, the only man who didn't drink, the one who flew 149 combat missions in Korea and, on one occasion when his Panther fighter took two blasts of anti-aircraft fire that ripped more than 200 holes in its fuselage, radioed to his squadron commander nonchalantly, "I'm going to ease out of here," before peeling off and bringing his crippled plane to a safe landing.

But the crinkle around the eyes was there, and the genuine pleasure in the company of people was there—the kind that had him greeting the same Boy Scout troops all the other astronauts greeted and addressing the same country fairs all of the other astronauts addressed, and yet doing it in a way that suggested that, well sir, there was nothing he'd rather be doing on a beautiful day like this one. The other six, for all their efforts, could never touch that.

It was thus no surprise that while the astronauts who were selected by the NASA brass to fly the first three Mercury missions—Glenn, Gus Grissom and Al Shepard—were chosen entirely on the basis of their skill, the one who was chosen to fly the third of those missions, would need to have something more. The first two flights would be sub-orbitals—popgun lob shots into the lower reaches of space and then straight back down into the Atlantic Ocean just 17 minutes after liftoff. The third flight would be the first orbital flight—and the man who flew that would be the man who, on behalf of his nation, had finally caught the Soviets.

It would be Shepard who would get the first mission and Grissom who would get the second, and becoming the first two Americans in space would be no small thing. But it would be Glenn who got the plum assignment, Glenn who, on February 20, 1962, at the age of 40, circled the Earth three times and came back to a welcome that would make the likes of Lindbergh and Earhart look like a mere stunt flyers.

But the mission wasn't easy and in case anyone doubted the steel behind the Glenn smile, it included a moment not unlike the one he'd faced in his crippled Panther. That moment occurred when a warning light went on indicating that the heat shield on the bottom of his Mercury spacecraft had come loose, meaning the ship and its passenger would incinerate in the 3,000° F inferno of reentry. So Mission Control recommended that Glenn not jettison his retrorockets after he fired them at the beginning of the reentry, because they were strapped into place below the heat shield and might just help hold it in place.

"We are recommending that you leave the retropackage on through the entire reentry," Scott Carpenter, the Mercury astronaut who was serving as the capsule communicator, radioed up to Glenn. The capcom knew of the problem with the heat shield. The astronaut didn't.

"What is the reason for this? Do you have any reason?" Glenn asked.

"Not at this time," came the response. "This is the judgment of Cape Flight."

And Glenn, who knew enough to know that Cape Flight would never recommend such an irregular procedure, much less conceal the reason for it from the pilot, unless something might be grievously wrong with his spacecraft, responded with two words:

“Ah, roger.”

The call from Carpenter was an order. Questioning it further would not do a single thing to change the circumstances. So Glenn continued with his mission, held onto his retropackage, flew his ship home and the moment his spacecraft with its perfectly serviceable heat shield hissed into the Atlantic, he became an American giant.

For his troubles, John Glenn would be officially grounded by NASA. Like Gagarin, whose Soviet superiors also removed him from the flight rotation, he was considered too valuable an American asset to risk on a second mission.

...Glenn found another way to be of use to his country, running for public office and serving four terms as U.S. Senator from Ohio, from 1974 to 1998. And yet, to his own surprise as much as his nation’s, only a few months before his Senate career ended, he would indeed go to space again, a septuagenarian astronaut tapped by then President Bill Clinton to fly aboard a space shuttle as a payload specialist. Glenn would serve as part crew member and part experimental subject, testing the parallels between the effects of aging and the effects of zero-gravity on the human body, which are surprisingly similar.

If that mission was part national feel-goodism, what of it? So was the entire early space program. And if it was in part merely a way to pay Glenn back for having been denied a return trip to space for so long, well, it was a consolation prize he richly deserved.

Glenn lived his very long post-NASA life with both dignity and humility—not an easy thing for a man who had fought and won in the fiercely competitive world of the astronaut corps.

“Godspeed, John Glenn,” Scott Carpenter said through the Cape Canaveral microphone when the engines of Glenn’s rocket lit that day in 1962. Godspeed, Americans say again in 2016.

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HEADLINE	12/09 Gunbattle in Kashmir ends; 2 killed
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/police-gunbattle-kashmir-ends-suspected-rebels-killed-44081201
GIST	A 42-hour gunbattle ended in Indian-controlled Kashmir on Friday after two suspected rebels were killed in the fighting, which triggered massive anti-India protests in the disputed region.

A police officer said soldiers recovered the bodies of the two suspected militants from the debris of a destroyed house in southern Arwani village.

The officer, speaking on condition of anonymity in keeping with department policy, said both of the bodies were charred beyond recognition and authorities were conducting DNA tests to ascertain their identities.

The officer said they recovered three weapons from the site.

Villagers said the house was razed to the ground as soldiers blew it up with explosives.

Police and soldiers had cordoned off Arwani on Tuesday evening, triggering a gunbattle with trapped militants in the village.

On Thursday, a young man was killed and dozens of others were injured when government forces fired bullets, shotgun pellets and tear gas to disperse rock-throwing protesters who tried to help the trapped rebels escape.

Police said the man died after being hit by a stray bullet.

Massive protests against Indian rule again erupted in Arwani and neighboring villages on Friday as thousands of Kashmiris chanted pro-militant and pro-freedom slogans.

Mobile and internet services in some areas of southern Kashmir remained suspended for a second day as authorities sought to stop activists from mobilizing anti-India protesters.

Kashmir is experiencing its largest protests against Indian rule in recent years.

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HEADLINE	12/09 Egypt: explosion kills 6 police in Cairo
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/egypts-state-run-media-cairo-blast-kills-police-44081978
GIST	<p>An explosion on a main Cairo thoroughfare killed six police and wounded another three on Friday, in what appeared to be the deadliest attack on security forces in several months.</p> <p>The state-run MENA news agency said the explosion took place near a mosque on Pyramids road, the main avenue leading from the city center out to the Giza pyramids, which is often used by tour buses. It says the blast targeted security forces, without elaborating on what caused the explosion.</p>

	Insurgents have carried out a number of attacks in Egypt since the 2013 military ouster of an elected Islamist president. The violence has been concentrated in the northern Sinai Peninsula, but there have also been several attacks on the mainland, including in the capital.
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HEADLINE	12/09 Warehouse not on fire inspection lists
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/firefighter-warehouse-missing-fire-inspection-records-44081774
GIST	<p>The illegally occupied Oakland warehouse where dozens of partygoers perished in a blaze does not appear in a database fire inspectors use to schedule inspections and may never have been checked for fire hazards, a firefighter with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press.</p> <p>Oakland fire officials are supposed to annually inspect commercial buildings for fire safety, with only single-family homes and duplexes exempted, according to a city website. Officials typically pull addresses from a database to request the yearly checks, said the firefighter Thursday, who feared retribution for disclosing the information and spoke only on condition of anonymity.</p> <p>"Commercial inspections are conducted as time permits during a fire station's 24-hour shift and are not routinely scheduled on an appointment basis," the city's website explains.</p> <p>The fire department and Mayor Libby Schaaf each said Thursday they could not yet say when — or if — a fire inspector examined the warehouse.</p> <p>Fire department spokeswoman Rebecca Kozak said Thursday she didn't know whether the warehouse's address was in the database of buildings to be checked.</p> <p>Kozak said she was processing 40 to 50 public records request from news media and that confusion over the warehouse's address is slowing the process.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Oakland artists fear crackdown after fire
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/oakland-artists-fear-crackdown-ghost-ship-fire-44081810
GIST	<p>The Ghost Ship is now gone. But there's The Salt Lick, the ominously named Deathtrap and other converted warehouses where artists are holding emergency meetings behind locked metal doors.</p> <p>Oakland has long been hospitable to an underground art scene that flourished in its abandoned industrial warehouses and helped put this gritty city on the world's art map. But now its art and music underground is panicking and bracing for a crackdown.</p>

Painters, musicians and struggling artists of all types came to live and work, to perform and dance late into the night and to be surrounded by creativity.

They tolerated the exposed wiring, spotty electricity and other dangers or inconveniences of often unregulated warehouses, as a trade-off for affordable housing and studio space in one of the country's priciest housing markets.

Those now living in buildings with numerous code violations fear their lifestyles and ultimately the San Francisco Bay Area's vibrant art scene are endangered because of the safety issues exposed by the fire that killed 36 people at a dance party in the warehouse known as the Ghost Ship. Authorities are investigating whether a refrigerator or other appliances caused the fire.

"Everyone is really worried right now. This has ignited a lot of fear," said Mara Barenbaum, 32, a singer and musician who spent seven years in an artist collective.

She has held strategy sessions with other artists and helped write an open letter urging the city to protect "the vital artistic fabric of Oakland" by making buildings safe and not throwing artists out on the street.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Seattle ad: \$750 'prison cell' apartment
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/business/real-estate/seattle-landlord-says-lots-of-interest-in-750-prison-cell-apartment/
GIST	<p>When an ad for a new Seattle apartment the size of a parking space was widely circulated on the web this week, it was called a "prison cell" and criticized for having a toilet that wasn't even behind its own door.</p> <p>But on Thursday, the landlord for the new building said the response to the ad has been encouraging.</p> <p>"We have many candidates interested in the unit," said Zerky Liang, property manager for Seattle-based WPI Real Estate, which is managing the building.</p> <p>At \$750 a month, the micro-unit is one of the cheapest private living spaces in Seattle, where rents have risen 41 percent since the start of 2013.</p> <p>The ad featured a 130-square-foot studio all contained in one room: the toilet, shower and sink were open to the rest of the living space. But Liang said they are now adding a divider — either a sliding door or a curtain — to separate the bathroom facilities from the rest of the unit.</p> <p>City and county officials say the building is up-to-code, even without the bathroom divider, because the homes don't contain anywhere to prepare food.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 SKorea president is impeached
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/south-korean-president-faces-possible-last-day-in-power/
GIST	<p>SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean lawmakers on Friday impeached President Park Geun-hye, a stunning and swift fall for the country’s first female leader amid protests that drew millions into the streets in united fury.</p> <p>Once formal documents are handed over to the presidential Blue House later Friday, Park will be stripped of her power and her No. 2, Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn, will assume leadership until the country’s Constitutional Court rules on whether Park must permanently step down.</p> <p>“I’d like to say that I’m deeply sorry to the people because the nation has to experience this turmoil because of my negligence and lack of virtue at a time when our security and economy both face difficulties,” Park said at a Cabinet meeting after the vote.</p> <p>Once called the “Queen of Elections” for her ability to pull off wins for her party, Park has been surrounded in the Blue House in recent weeks by millions of South Koreans who have taken to the streets in protest. They are furious over what prosecutors say was collusion by Park with a longtime friend to extort money from companies and to give that confidante extraordinary sway over government decisions.</p> <p>Park urged the country to unite behind the prime minister and said she would prepare for the court review of the impeachment.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Offshore quake not on Cascadia fault
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/science/offshore-quake-not-on-more-dangerous-cascadia-subduction-zone/
GIST	<p>The magnitude 6.5 earthquake off the coast of Northern California Thursday morning occurred on a fault called the Mendocino Transform, not the more dangerous Cascadia Subduction Zone.</p> <p>But seismologists are keeping a close watch on the tectonically complex area, especially in light of two smaller quakes off the Oregon coast last week.</p> <p>“They’re probably unrelated,” said John Vidale, director of the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network. “We’ll just keep an eye out.”</p> <p>The Thursday quake, which struck at 6:50 a.m., originated about 100 miles west of Ferndale, near an area called the Mendocino Triple Junction, where three tectonic plates meet. It’s also near the terminuses of both the Cascadia Subduction Zone and the San Andreas Fault.</p>

	<p>The quake, which probably moved the seafloor about 3 to 6 feet, could have bumped up the stress on the Cascadia Subduction Zone slightly, Vidale said. But there's little chance it would be enough to trigger a more powerful subduction zone quake.</p> <p>"The odds probably have gone up for a little while, but just a little," Vidale said. "It's probably not enough that we will see any earthquakes as a result."</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Recall: turkey meatloaf
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/kent-food-company-recalls-meatloaf-products/474380269
GIST	<p>A Kent, Washington establishment is recalling meatloaf products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced Taylor Farms Northwest's product Turkey Meatloaf with Kale contains milk and fish (anchovies), known allergens that are not declared on the product label. The Homestyle Meatloaf contains beef and pork, which are not declared on the label.</p> <p>The Turkey Meatloaf with Kale and Homestyle Meatloaf items were produced on Dec. 4, 2016. The following products are subject to recall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 units of 16-oz. aluminum loaf pans with plastic lids containing 1 piece of "Turkey Meatloaf with Kale" with a sell by date of 12/10/2016. • 59 units of 16-oz. aluminum loaf pans with plastic lids containing 1 pieces of "Homestyle Meatloaf" with a sell by date of 12/10/2016. <p>The products subject to recall have establishment number "EST. 34834" inside the USDA mark of inspection.</p> <p>These items were shipped to retail locations in Oregon and Washington.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Inquest set for police shooting in Pasco
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/inquest-set-washington-state-police-shooting-mexican-44067090
GIST	<p>A coroner's inquest to shed more light into the police killing of a Mexican shot numerous times last year by three officers in the Washington state city of Pasco has been scheduled to start on Monday, officials said.</p> <p>Jury selection will begin to choose 12 jurors from a pool of 75 residents from rural Franklin County, where Pasco was the site of weeks of peaceful protests by Latinos after the Feb. 10, 2015, killing of Antonio Zambrano-Montes, County Coroner Dan Blasdel said Wednesday.</p>

	<p>Coroner's inquests are judicial proceedings to present evidence about deaths, and juries can reach conclusions and make recommendations to prosecutors. The jury's conclusions are not binding, but the public setting of the quasi-judicial proceeding could provide more details about the killing of the 35-year-old farmworker.</p> <p>"It's a means to uncover the facts of the death for the general public," Blasdel has said.</p> <p>No charges were filed against Pasco police officers Ryan Flanagan, Adam Wright and Adrian Alaniz after they shot Zambrano-Montes, who authorities said was high on methamphetamine and throwing rocks at vehicles and police just before he was killed.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 State sues Monsanto over PCB pollution
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/washington-state-suing-agrochemical-giant-pcb-pollution-44072471
GIST	<p>Washington says it's the first U.S. state to sue the agrochemical giant Monsanto over pollution from PCBs. Gov. Jay Inslee and Attorney General Bob Ferguson announced the lawsuit at a news conference Thursday afternoon.</p> <p>The chemicals, polychlorinated biphenyls, were used in many industrial and commercial applications, including in paint, coolants, sealants and hydraulic fluids. PCB contamination impairs rivers, lakes and bays around the country.</p> <p>The lawsuit, which seeks potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in cleanup costs, was filed in King County Superior Court and says Monsanto long knew about the toxic dangers PCBs posed.</p> <p>Monsanto was the sole producer of PCBs between 1935 and 1979, when Congress banned them.</p> <p>The cities of Seattle and Spokane, as well as Portland, Oregon, and some California cities have also sued Monsanto over PCB pollution. In response to those lawsuits, Monsanto said PCBs were lawful when they were produced and "served an important fire protection and safety purpose."</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Michigan 40-car pileup; 3 killed
SOURCE	http://www.livingstondaily.com/story/news/2016/12/08/30-car-pileup-reported--96-near-fowlerville/95138030/
GIST	<p>Three people were killed and 11 injured in a pileup involving up to 40 cars on Interstate 96 in Handy Township, near the Livingston-Ingham county line on Thursday.</p>

The pileup began when snow blanketed the area around 9:50 a.m., causing whiteout conditions. The snow then froze, creating treacherous traveling conditions.

“We have not yet identified the victims,” Lt. Eric Sanborn of the Livingston County Sheriff’s Office said at a 3 p.m. press conference at the county’s EMS building.

“It was very chaotic for them to get to all of the victims to assess the situation,” he added. “The accident is believed to be weather related. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor at this time.”

Sanborn could not confirm what started the chain reaction that led to the pileup, which occurred west of the Fowlerville exit and near Wallace Road.

However, he noted, the people who died were two drivers and a passenger in two separate vehicles. Those vehicles were near the beginning of the pileup, but are not believed to be what started the pileup.

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Cyber Awareness

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HEADLINE	12/09 Dutch hospitals report data breach daily
SOURCE	https://www.deepdotweb.com/2016/12/09/dutch-hospitals-report-data-breach-almost-every-day/
GIST	<p>Dutch hospitals reported 304 separate incidents of patient data loss since January 1. According to the Authority for Personal Data (AP), the hospitals rarely encrypted the data. They also reported that the majority of the data loss occurred due to human error.</p> <p>Many data losses occurred after employees misplaced essential USB drives and other storage mediums. For example, a doctor from Antoni van Leeuwenhoekziekenhuis lost a hard drive with 800 patient records. Hackers have also accessed electronic healthcare records (EHR) through compromised email addresses.</p> <p>Women in Cyber Security (WICS), a network of women in the computer security industry, recently conducted research into how hospitals deal with security. Old, unused, and outdated credentials were constantly overlooked. This was also the case for the State Department, according to the most recent audit.</p> <p>The AP reported 4,700 data breaches in 2016; and one quarter of the breaches came from the healthcare sector. Since January 1, all organizations were required to immediately alert proper authorities upon on a serious data breach.</p> <p>“Details on the nature of the reports will not be given because of the potential traceability to individual hospitals,” a reporter said.</p>

	More than 300 different hospitals reported data loss this year. The AP spokesperson said hospitals were on high alert throughout the year. The privacy watchdog program created a “willingness to report.” That being said, EHR hacks have been at an all time high this year.
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HEADLINE	12/08 Amazon.com scam hits shoppers
SOURCE	http://www.wsbtv.com/news/trending-now/amazoncom-scam-hits-shoppers-before-holidays_/474415466
GIST	<p>Holiday shoppers who use Amazon.com to buy presents for loved ones will want to pay attention to the latest scam that’s targeting consumers’ personal information.</p> <p>The scammer sends an email to a customer that appears to be from Amazon.com, stating that a recent order cannot be shipped. The email claims there has been a problem with processing and informs the customer that they won’t be able to access their account or place orders with Amazon until they confirm their information.</p> <p>A "click here" link inside email leads the customer to an authentic-looking Amazon web page to confirm the name, address and credit card information on the account. After the person enters the information and clicks on the "save and continue" button, it takes the customer to Amazon’s actual website.</p> <p>So how do you know an Amazon.com email is real or fake?</p> <p>The scam email subject line will say, "Your Amazon.com order cannot be shipped." If the "from" line in the email contains an Internet Service Provider other than @amazon.com, then the email is not from Amazon.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Websites check if personal info stolen
SOURCE	http://www.cbronline.com/news/cybersecurity/protection/pwned-best-hacking-websites-check-personal-information-stolen/
GIST	<p>It seems that not a day goes by without another cyber attack being discovered, or a data breach being made public by an apologetic multinational. The dark web is now a booming marketplace for the criminally minded, selling a myriad of personal information from email addresses and passwords, to credit card numbers. Attacks on Adobe, LinkedIn and MySpace are just some of the high-profile breaches which have resulted in the leak of millions of email addresses, passwords and other data to marketplaces online.</p> <p>With so many companies breached and so much data available in the dark ether, the questions you should be asking yourself is: Have I already been hacked?</p>

If you do not know the answer to this question, then you need to act now. There are a number of online services available which allow you to check if your personal information has been involved in a breach – vital tools which can help protect your digital footprint.

Here, CBR gives you the best sites to check if your personal information is safe.

[Have I been pwned?](#)

Cost: Free

Troy Hunt created Have I Been Pwned as a free resource which allows anyone to quickly check if an online account has been compromised or ‘pwned’ in a data breach. Inspired by the massive data breach which hit Adobe, Mr Hunt created the site after post-breach analysis revealed the same accounts being exposed over and over again.

The site gives users a simple interface – just enter in the address of the online account you want to check and then wait for results.

All the data on the site comes from website breaches that have been made publicly available – which some may say limits the service somewhat. The free service also only provides results for a single user-provided email address or username at a time. However, using the domain search feature – which searches for pwned accounts across entire domains – multiple breached accounts can be retrieved after verification.

[Has My Identity Been Stolen?](#)

Cost: Free

Owned by the MergerMarket Group and counting ex-senior policemen among its executive team, Has My Identity Been Stolen is a free service which allows you to check if your identity has been stolen. The service scans the internet and deep web, with a database compiled from data which has been ‘been in criminal hands and made available on the internet.’

Interestingly, Has My Identity Been Stolen prefers not to use spyders to gather results, instead employing a global network of human sources who have access to the Dark Web. Encouragingly, the service works towards the goal of preventing and reducing stolen data and personal information, capturing compromised IDs before the criminals can sell them.

The online service uses an easy interface which gives you two options – check by postcode or check by email. Once a verification code has been sent to the requested email, a search results box will tell you one of three answers:

- No records found based on search criteria to suggest identity fraud at the present time.
- At present we only have your email address. The record was discovered on dd/mm/yyyy. This has been transacted and means that you could be a target for Phishing and Spam emails in order to build your identity profile for use or future sale.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of records found, suggesting possible Identity fraud. The record was discovered on dd/mm/yyyy. <p>Although limited in its monitoring of only 100 dark sites, features such as searching by post code, make this a great site to visit.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Georgia 'mad as hell' DHS hack attempt
SOURCE	http://www.wsbtv.com/news/local/atlanta/secretary-of-state-wants-answers-from-dhs-after-apparent-breach-attempt/474347363
GIST	<p>ATLANTA - The Georgia Secretary of State is demanding answers from the Department of Homeland Security after an unsuccessful breach to the department's firewall.</p> <p>Secretary of State Brian Kemp talked exclusively with Channel 2 investigative reporter Aaron Diamant on Thursday, saying he was "mad as hell" after what he called a massive cyberattack on the agency's network Nov. 15, traced back to a United States Department of Homeland Security IP address.</p> <p>"It's outrageous to think about our own federal government is doing this to us," Kemp told Diamant.</p> <p>Kemp's office maintains Georgia's voter registration and elections data, plus corporate and professional license records.</p> <p>Kemp told Diamant that the network's firewall held up and there was no breach. But after the agency's security vendor sounded the alarm, Kemp fired off a terse letter Thursday to DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson.</p> <p>"We're demanding answers to some of these questions, you know? Are they doing this to other states? Was it authorized or not? Who ordered this? Why is it being done and why weren't we notified?" Kemp said.</p> <p>But until DHS responds, Kemp said he is not yet convinced this wasn't a politically motivated attack ordered by DHS leaders or a single rogue staffer.</p> <p>"We're waiting on answers, you know? Hopefully we'll get them, hopefully they'll be transparent, and they'll be some good answers that we can digest. But right now, we just don't know," Kemp said.</p> <p>Kemp assured Diamant that the cyberattack, government or otherwise, was not successful.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Turkish hackers offer prizes for attacks
SOURCE	https://www.hackread.com/turkish-hackers-hacking-tools-for-ddosing/

GIST	<p>Hackers are leaving no stone unturned in creating troubles through their social engineering antics. This time, however, they have devised a completely new and innovative technique for attacking websites.</p> <p>Reportedly, a group of Turkish hackers has created a DDoS platform luring unsuspecting individuals to join the platform and conduct DDoS attacks. The winning players receive points and they can redeem their points by winning an unlocked version of the notorious Sledgehammer hacking tool.</p> <p>This DDoS platform is dubbed as Surface Defense. The creators of this platform ask players (who mostly are other hackers) to attack any of the political websites that is listed on their list through Balyoz or Sledgehammer, which is a DDoS tool. To participate, players need to download the collaboration software of Surface Defense and get registered after which they can run this program locally on a PC. To disrupt online services, traffic is routed via Tor.</p> <p>For every ten minutes spent on the attacked website by bombarding it with fake traffic, one point will be given to the attacker. This point will then be traded with the standalone version of Sledgehammer that can be fully customized by them and sold to other hackers too.</p> <p>To maintain healthy competition among the participants, a live scoreboard is shown on the forum so that everyone is aware of the earned points. Some of the users have already made hundreds of points.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Japanese hosting firm Kagoya hacked
SOURCE	https://www.hackread.com/japanese-hosting-company-kagoya-hacked/
GIST	<p>Kagoya, a famous hosting service provider in Japan has suffered a security breach in which personal and financial data of its customers has been stolen.</p> <p>In an email to their customers, Kagoya stated that the hack attack was discovered this month after an in-house screening which revealed that customers who used their credit cards between April 1, 2015, to September 21, 2016, are among the impacted ones.</p> <p>The total number of customers who had their personal information stolen are 48,685 whilst 20,809 customers are those had their credit card data stolen.</p> <p>The data stolen by hackers includes Name (card holder name), Address, Phone number, E-mail address, Contract Account Name, Password, Credit card number and Expiration date. What worse is that a user on another Webhosting forum is claiming that all leaked data was in plain-text format.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Piracy spikes threatening pay TV
SOURCE	http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/piracy-spikes-threatening-paytv/

GIST	<p>There are more than 2.7 million advertisements on e-commerce websites, including Amazon, eBay and Alibaba for illicit streaming devices—indicating that content theft by pirates has become a full-fledged business and a formidable competitor to established pay TV operators.</p> <p>According to Irdeto, it's a true cross-channel effort, with advertisements found on social networks, including Facebook, Twitter and other prominent social media platforms. Pirates are becoming more business savvy and expanding their product marketing of illicit streaming devices. Citing data from SimilarWeb, the Irdeto report shows that the growth in global traffic resulted in more than 16.5 million visits per month to the top 100 pirate IPTV supplier websites. The US and UK led all countries with more than 3.7 million and one million site visits per month, respectively.</p> <p>The report also shows that a typical pirate supplier offers an average of 174 channels, with some pirate suppliers offering more than 1,000 channels. This content comes in at an average subscription cost of \$194.40 per year or a staggeringly low \$16.20 per month—much lower than the average US cable cost of \$103.10 per month. In some cases, despite the illegal nature of the offering, these low costs and the compelling content provided sway consumers to choose a pirate device over legal cable, satellite or OTT services.</p> <p>Typically, consumer choice comes down to content, value and convenience when selecting a service. Pirates exploit those three needs by offering services and devices that rival their legal counterparts. Without the costs of legally acquiring the rights and content, pirates are able to take valuable market share in the process.</p> <p>Also, while some consumers are aware that they are purchasing pirated content, others do not realize that the subscriptions they are purchasing are pirate operations. As pirates have grown and refined their business practices, Irdeto has seen an increase in pirates creating professional websites, technology and services, fooling some consumers into thinking they are purchasing a legal service. In addition, the top 100 pirate IPTV suppliers add credibility to their offerings by providing legitimate-looking devices powered by Android, Linux, Kodi and Roku.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/07 Massive stealthy malvertising campaign
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/massive-stealthy-malvertising-campaign-uncovered
GIST	<p>A stealthy malvertising campaign has been flying under the radar for the last few months, targeting millions of readers visiting popular and mainstream news sites. The campaign is notable for stealth bordering on paranoia from the threat group, probably AdGholas.</p> <p>In July 2016, Proofpoint published an analysis of a massive AdGholas malvertising campaign that it described as "using a sophisticated combination of techniques including sophisticated filtering and</p>

steganography." It added that AdGholas had ceased operation following exposure, but "the scale and sophistication of this operation demonstrate the continued evolution and effectiveness of malvertising."

Now it appears that AdGholas simply changed tactics, and within a couple of months launched a new campaign described in an ESET research paper published yesterday. In a detailed analysis, ESET doesn't name the threat actors and calls the exploit kit (EK) involved Stegano. Further background information has been provided by Malwarebytes naming the actors as AdGholas, and the EK as Astrum. Stegano and Astrum are just different names for the same EK.

What sets this campaign apart from other and earlier campaigns is the extent of its stealth. When the ad data is first delivered, the campaign uses server-side logic on the potential victim's returned computer data to decide whether to deliver a malicious banner or a clean banner. If it delivers the malicious version, the code is hidden by steganography: specifically within the parameters controlling the transparency of each pixel. The result is only a minor change to the color tone of the image, invisible to the naked eye.

The scary part of this campaign is that it requires no user interaction at any stage. If the user visits an affected news site with a vulnerable browser and vulnerable Flash (and is in one of the targeted geographical areas) then malware execution could be entirely automatic and unseen. If any of those requirements are not met, then the malicious banner simply remains dormant and its malicious code invisible.

The two banners known to ESET are both for apparent security products: Browser Defence (notice the spelling) and Broxu. The spelling fits with the targeted regions. Malwarebytes separately comments, "The interesting aspect about this malvertising campaign is that the US was not one of the targets. Instead we saw Canada, the UK, Australia, Spain, Italy, and Switzerland as the most active geolocations." Of these, Canada and the UK were the most targeted.

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HEADLINE	12/08 'August' targeting retail customer service
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/phishing-malware-august-lures-customer-service-staff/article/577875/
GIST	<p>A new malware-laden phishing campaign, dubbed August, has been detected targeting customer service and managerial staff at retailers, according to a new report from Proofpoint.</p> <p>The clever ploy spreads through an email arriving in the inboxes of targeted individuals with subject lines referring to supposed purchases via the company's website. Recipients are specifically selected who are appropriate reps to deal with customer issues. The message further dupes recipients by saying more detailed information is contained in the attached document. Such subject lines as: "Help: Items vanish from the cart before checkout," and "Support: Products disappear from the cart during checkout," are used in the campaign.</p>

	<p>Should a recipient click on the link, the August malware is loaded with Word macros and PowerShell. It has capabilities to commandeer credentials and siphon off sensitive documents from the infected computer.</p> <p>The researchers said the campaign is the work of TA530, an individual or gang which they previously cited for other highly personalized targeted campaigns. The macro, too, works similarly to a previous iteration where sandbox evasion strategies are employed to load the Ursnif banking trojan, evading detection by security researchers. Of particular note in this instance, however, a Powershell command is used to "'filelessly' load the payload from a byte array hosted on a remote site," the researchers said.</p> <p>The Proofpoint researchers conclude that while this new campaign is currently targeting retail sites, its credential-stealing capabilities could easily be adapted for wider distribution.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Hacker claims 3.2M home routers seized
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/hacker-claims-to-have-seized-32m-home-routers-by-pushing-malicious-firmware-update/article/578020/
GIST	<p>After apologizing for accidentally knocking TalkTalk and Post Office internet subscribers offline, a hacker by the name of BestBuy claims to have now intentionally pushed a malicious firmware update to 3.2 million home routers using a modified Mirai-powered botnet.</p> <p>BestBuy told Vice's Motherboard that they set up a server that would automatically connect to vulnerable routers and push a malicious firmware update to them grant him persistent access and the ability to lock out owners as well as internet providers and device manufacturers, according to a Dec. 6 report.</p> <p>"They are ours, even after reboot. They will not accept any new firmware from [Internet Service Provider] or anyone, and connect back to us every time :)," BestBuy told the publication in an online chat. The hacker also shared a URL which appeared to show the live stats of the Access Control Server (ACS) used to push out the malicious updates.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Ransomware hits Vegas, rust-belt hardest
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/endpoint/las-vegas-rust-belt-hit-hardest-by-ransomware-----/d/d-id/1327664?
GIST	<p>Turns out you're most likely to get shaken down by ransomware in the Las Vegas/Henderson area, which in the US has the largest number of overall ransomware detections, the most detections per individual machine, and the most detections per population, according to a new study by Malwarebytes.</p> <p>Six of the top 10 cities for ransomware detections are in the Rust Belt, including Buffalo, Cleveland, Columbus, Ohio, Detroit, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Toledo.</p>

Nima Samadi, data science analyst for Malwarebytes, says the study is based on research from July 1 through October 15, 2016. Malwarebytes detected more than 400,000 ransomware incidents in more than 200 countries, with the US experiencing the largest number of incidents - at 26% overall.

Malwarebytes' data is specifically based on detected ransomware incidents, some of which may have resulted in actual infections and others, not.

"We can theorize on why the Las Vegas area was such a hotbed for ransomware," says Samadi. "Even if they are on business, people tend to be in vacation mode, so their guard is let down, plus they are accessing the Internet on unsecured Wi-Fi networks."

Malwarebytes CEO Marcin Kleczynski says that computer users in Rust Belt states may not be as readily exposed to security education and techniques, plus those states have been hit hard by job losses and the collapse of the manufacturing base.

"People without jobs or opportunities are more prone to financial scams," he adds.

Kleczynski also points out that while high-profile cases such as last week's ransomware attack on the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency make the news, the more prevalent threat is from scammers sending out indiscriminate email blasts. The high-profile cases tend to be in big cities, but the Malwarebytes study found that 86% of detections occurred in cities with fewer than 250,000 residents.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Phishing services reap twice the profits
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/endpoint/phishing-services-reap-twice-the-profit-for-attackers/d/d-id/1327673?
GIST	<p>Everything else has gone to the cloud, so why not faux emails and their malicious payloads?</p> <p>That's the upshot of a study released this week that points to cloud-based, "phishing-as-a-service" (PhaaS), as a more lucrative technique for cybercriminals. It's a way for attackers to reduce the cost to acquire target email addresses and send out malicious content intended to generate more clicks – and it more than doubles the profit of conventional phishing attacks.</p> <p>"Compromised Web servers used in PhaaS platforms significantly lower the costs of a phishing campaign and help the cybercriminals hide their tracks," security vendor Imperva said in its new report. According to Imperva, after compiling costs for phishing pages, a spam server, a list of 100,000 email addresses, and access to compromised servers, the total cost of a phishing scam comes to about \$28 with the cloud-based approach.</p>

	<p>Phishing remains a perennially effective way to cadge logons and passwords from hapless users, In recent months, phishing emails have become a way to infect desktops and servers with ransomware, which infosec professionals continually cite as their biggest ongoing concern and defense priority.</p> <p>PhaaS is re-defining the market and can reduce costs of a standard phishing campaign to a quarter of current prices, Imperva adds. Reduced labor costs means higher profit margins, Imperva adds, and even allows novices to run multiple, simultaneous campaigns. "We can therefore predict a rising demand for PhaaS markets, since it lowers both the cost and the technology barriers," the report said.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/07 Holiday gift exchange scam on Facebook
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/beware-of-these-holiday-gift-exchange-scams-on-facebook/
GIST	<p>Tis the season... to get scammed on Facebook.</p> <p>Two scams called the “Secret Sister Gift Exchange” and the “Secret Wine Bottle Exchange” are spreading across Facebook like wildfire, and unfortunately, users are falling for it.</p> <p>It sounds like a fun Secret Santa-like gift exchange, but it’s actually a pyramid scheme in disguise. And worse, it’s illegal, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) says.</p> <p>“While gift exchanges grow in popularity during the holiday season, BBB advises consumers to use caution when choosing one in which to participate,” the organization said in a statement. “According to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service’s gambling and pyramid scheme laws, gift chains like this are illegal and participants could be subject to penalties for mail fraud.”</p> <p>The scam “exchanges” always follow the same pattern: A Facebook users posts a status, tagging dozens of friends, asking a minimum of 6 people to participate. Friends of the user who wish to participate are then instructed to buy one bottle of wine — or other gift — valued at \$15 or more and send it to one secret wine lover. In return, participants are told that they will receive from 6 to 36 wine bottles.</p> <p>Well, chances are you won’t even get one bottle back. But there is something the scammers get: Your money and your home address.</p> <p>“This is a typical pyramid scheme,” the BBB says. “This is on Facebook instead of the old way of using letters because social media allows it to spread a lot faster.”</p>
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Terror Conditions

HEADLINE	12/06 Terror Threat Snapshot: December
SOURCE	https://homeland.house.gov/press/chairman-mccaul-releases-december-terror-threat-snapshot-2/
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON, D.C. – The December Terror Threat Snapshot was released today by Homeland Security Committee Chairman Michael McCaul (R-TX). The “snapshot” is a monthly Committee assessment of the growing threat America, the West, and the world face from ISIS and other Islamist terrorists.</p> <p>Key takeaways in this month’s Terror Threat Snapshot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 9/11, the nation has seen 227 homegrown jihadist cases with a recent surge of 115 cases in 2015 and 2016 alone. ISIS’ shift in messaging—from joining the jihad in Syria and Iraq to carrying out attacks in fighters’ home countries—is likely to accelerate this trend. • Throughout the year, ISIS conducted 62 attacks, wounding 732 and killing 215 in places like the United States, France, and Belgium. The threat to Europe and the United States will persist in 2017, particularly as jihadists flee from Mosul and Raqqa. • The Iran nuclear deal—coupled with instability in Iraq, Syria, and Yemen—has reenergized Tehran’s hardliners and placed the regime in a stronger position to achieve regional hegemony. Iranian aggression, particularly in the Persian Gulf, has become routine and remains largely unopposed. If left unchecked, Tehran will continue to threaten United States’ interests at home and abroad. • The Obama Administration transferred 48 prisoners from Guantanamo Bay in 2016. The Director of National Intelligence assesses that at least 30 percent of all former Guantanamo Bay prisoners are known or suspected to have returned to terrorism following their release. As of early December 2016, 59 prisoners remain in detention.
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HEADLINE	12/08 ISIS-inspired holiday season attacks
SOURCE	http://www.foreigndesksnews.com/world/middle-east/isis-inspired-jihadis-call-holiday-season-attacks/
GIST	<p>Islamic State-inspired jihadis are encouraging would-be jihadis to carry out knife attacks on the West during the upcoming holiday season.</p> <p>The Foreign Desk has obtained access to an English-language encrypted Telegram chatroom where jihadis are posting videos, guides and tutorials, ranging from knife attack infographics to bomb assembly and oddly enough, full-length tutorials on Krav Maga, an Israeli themed martial arts and self-defense technique.</p> <p>“Christmas, Hanukah and New Years Day is very soon InshaAllah. So lets prepare a gift for the filthy pigs / apes,” reads one post, below a screenshot of a pressure cooker bomb-making tutorial.</p> <p>Entitled “LM” or lone mujahid, the chat room aims to be a resource for terrorist wannabees who are looking to carry out so called ‘lone-wolf’ jihad.</p>

A pointing finger beneath the photo brings attention to suggested attack gear including a shoe bomb, suicide vests and dynamite.

There are video tutorials on how to make “ricin powder” and “explosive belt manufacturing,” and even ideas for alternative materials to use when listed items aren’t readily available. Use “nuts nails bolts etc” as an alternative to ball bearings, a post reads.

An entry from last month shows a photograph with individual headshots of the 9/11 hijackers with an empty square at the end and the caption: “Here will always be an opening for the next Lone Mujahid Hence the Blank Space in the bottom right of the picture!”

Introducing Krav Maga, the group lauds the Israeli IDF-taught martial art system as “devised by jews for the purpose of ending a fight as quick as possible.”

“K.M. is really beneficial for the Lone Mujahid is that majority of the techniques and moves are very deadly unlike most self defense styles and also deal with disarming weapons like gun knife and sticks to fighting with knives and guns.”

Additional “Hagana” (self-defense) videos are introduced with the disclaimer “videos contain music,” as ISIS put out a notice **banning music**, particularly the Western variety, at the time the Caliphate was formed in 2014.

Another infographic, with current statistics about suicide attacks, says, “Don't you think it's about time you add your score to the leader board ??.”

Alongside video of a female suicide bomber in Libya, the channel taunts viewers, “Shame on brothers who are watching doing nothing while our Sisters are ready to sacrifice for the SAKE OF ALLAH.”

Fearing deletion by Telegram Support, the group urges others in a “Special Request!” to save and spread the propaganda material before it’s taken down.

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HEADLINE	12/09 Germany arrests teens over attack plot
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/12/09/germany-teens-arrested-over-suspected-extremist-attack-plan.html
GIST	<p>BERLIN – Prosecutors say two teenagers have been arrested in Germany on suspicion that they were planning an Islamic extremist attack.</p> <p>State prosecutors in Karlsruhe said the two Germans, ages 15 and 17, were arrested on Thursday. Prosecutors said the two were suspected of trying to procure firearms for a possible attack on an unidentified public facility in the Aschaffenburg area, southeast of Frankfurt.</p>

	<p>Police seized Islamic extremist propaganda, flags of the Islamic State group and cellphones. They found no firearms.</p> <p>Prosecutors said Friday there was no evidence the suspects would have been able to carry out their plan, but they were arrested on suspicion of conspiring to commit an attack. Police said they'll now investigate how serious the plan was and added that there are indications the two are mentally ill.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Sydney terror plotters sentenced 20yrs
SOURCE	http://www.news.com.au/national/nsw-act/courts-law/two-sydney-terror-plotters-jailed-for-15-years/news-story/d679d438bc780f1b4a459db882d274c5
GIST	<p>TWO men who planned to bomb a Sydney Shia prayer hall and vowed to stab people in the kidneys to impress an Islamic State recruiter have been jailed for at least 15 years.</p> <p>Omar Al-Kutobi, 25, and Mohammad Kiad, 27, each pleaded guilty to one count of acting in preparation for a terrorist act, after they were arrested during counter-terrorism raids in February 2015.</p> <p>His friend, Kiad, would celebrate acts of terror on a Twitter account.</p> <p>The pair created a video before they planned to carry out the attack, and former Tony Abbott detailed what the pair planned in parliament last year.</p> <p>“Kneeling before the death cult flag with a knife in his hand and a machete before him, one of those arrested said this: ‘I swear to almighty Allah, we will carry out the first operation for the soldiers of the caliphate in Australia,’” Mr Abbott said.</p> <p>The former Prime Minister said the video went on to say: “I swear to almighty Allah, blond people, there is no room for blame between you and us. We only are you, stabbing the kidneys and striking the necks”.</p> <p>In the NSW Supreme Court at Parramatta on Friday, Justice Peter Garling sentenced them to 20 years’ imprisonment with a non-parole period of 15 years.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 US intel blamed for missing rise of ISIS
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/dec/8/obama-says-us-intelligence-missed-the-rise-of-the-/
GIST	As President Obama prepares to leave office without having destroyed the Islamic State, he’s selling the notion that U.S. intelligence agencies failed to warn him promptly about the rise of the terrorist group more than two years ago, an assertion raising howls of incredulity in some quarters.

The White House pushed that version of events Thursday, pointing to an assessment by Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper in September 2014 that U.S. intelligence agencies “underestimated” the Islamic State, also known by the acronyms ISIL and ISIS.

“Those are the facts,” said White House press secretary Josh Earnest.

Mr. Obama told CNN in an interview that aired late Wednesday, “The ability of ISIL to not just mass inside of Syria, but then to initiate major land offensives that took Mosul [in Iraq], for example, that was not on my intelligence radar screen.”

But some critics are pointing to claims that the administration ignored warning signs from intelligence sources and allies such as Kurdish leaders about the Islamic State’s growing strength after 2011, when Mr. Obama withdrew all U.S. troops from Iraq.

Sherkoh Abbas, chairman of the Kurdistan National Assembly of Syria, said in 2014, “We approached the State Department about ISIS before ISIS was in the headlines, and we were ignored.”

In September 2014, Fox News reported that Mr. Obama had been told about the rise of the terrorist group in his classified daily intelligence briefings throughout the previous year.

In February 2014, Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, then director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, briefed the Senate Armed Services Committee on the emerging threat of the Islamic State.

The group “probably will attempt to take territory in Iraq and Syria to exhibit its strength in 2014, as demonstrated recently in Ramadi and Fallujah, and the group’s ability to concurrently maintain multiple safe havens in Syria,” Gen. Flynn testified. “Since the departure of U.S. forces at the end of 2011, [Islamic State] has exploited the permissive security environment to increase its operations and presence in many locations and also has expanded into Syria and Lebanon to inflame tensions throughout the region.”

Jay Sekulow, general counsel at the American Center of Law and Justice and a frequent Obama critic, called the president’s latest assertions “unbelievable.”

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HEADLINE	12/08 Fusion center network in OSU incident
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/suspected-terror-attack-osu-launched-nationwide-dragnet-information/story?id=44056937
GIST	Brian Quinn was having a routine morning chat with a highway patrolman on Nov. 28 when one of his staffers interrupted: “Gentlemen, you need to know of a developing situation.”

“There’s been a police shooting on the [Ohio State University] campus involving a car versus a crowd,” the staffer told Quinn, who runs the Ohio Strategic Analysis and Information Center in Columbus.

It was the start of a nationwide dragnet for information.

“We don’t know where the shoe may be falling next,” said Mike Hartzler, another senior homeland security official in Ohio.

It’s a tough question to answer quickly, especially with new technologies allowing criminals and terrorists to increasingly operate in secret. So local authorities have developed a network of “fusion centers” in states and cities across the country, all looking to help each other compile, vet and swap information related to threats in their areas.

“There’s no nation on this planet that has this capability right now,” said Mike Sena, president of the National Fusion Center Association, which represents and promotes the 78 fusion centers across the country. But what does this capability really look like, and why is such information-sharing so important?

The OSU incident offers a glimpse.

At 9:53 a.m. on Nov. 28, OSU police officer Alan Horujko fatally shot the man who had just driven a car into several people and slashed bystanders with a knife.

Soon after – while law enforcement officers from 28 different agencies were still trying to secure the area and help victims – authorities picked up a driver’s license with the name of a possible suspect: Abdul Razaq Ali Artan.

The name was sent to Quinn’s fusion center. Within minutes, a young female analyst uncovered what may be one of the most important pieces of evidence in the case.

“I think I found something. Take a look at this,” Quinn recalled the analyst calmly telling him.

She had somehow found Artan’s Facebook page, even though it was under the name “Abdi Razaq.” She could see he left behind a digital diatribe against U.S. foreign policy, declaring in his final post, “If you want us Muslims to stop carrying [out] lone wolf attacks, then make peace with [ISIS].”

The analyst forwarded the Facebook page to other fusion centers in Ohio and pushed it to federal partners, including the Joint Terrorism Task Force, or JTTF, in Columbus, where FBI agents, city police officers and others sit side-by-side to investigate federal terrorism cases.

Hartzler, director of the Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center, responded to the analyst’s email with a simple message: “Great work.”

His own analysts in Cincinnati had jumped in to help their counterparts 100 miles away.

In years past, when fusion centers weren't as readily able to help in the middle of a crisis, finding a Facebook account like that "would have been done hours later," according to Quinn. "Nowadays we're able to get that information while officers are still on the scene."

Shortly after 11 a.m., reports online and then on cable news erroneously began to say Artan used a machete to slash some of his victims. In fact, Artan had used a butcher knife. That may seem like a minor difference, but law enforcement officials worried the false reporting could have serious consequences.

In those minutes and hours after an attack, authorities scramble to determine whether there may be a bigger plot, and they look to see if similar attacks are underway elsewhere.

So "whether it's a knife or a machete or a sword or a gun all matter to those who are investigating," according to Rick Zwyer, executive director of homeland security for the state of Ohio.

In addition, if investigators on the ground falsely hear there was a machete used, they may waste precious time looking for a weapon that never existed, officials said.

State and local officials relied on a fusion-center database known as "SitRoom" to correct the rumors and "misinformation," as Quinn put it. They also used the database to provide situational updates, including the latest on whether other people were involved in the attack and the status of those who were injured.

"The details do matter," Zwyer insisted.

By early Monday afternoon, authorities had pieced together a preliminary picture of the attack and the suspect.

"The people who should have been talking to each other were talking to each other," said Deputy Chief Michael Woods, the head of the Columbus Police Department's Homeland Security Division, who had raced to the scene at OSU.

At 11:29 a.m., the FBI issued a "situational news notification" to personnel throughout the agency, indicating that the FBI's Counterterrorism Division in Washington was getting more involved in the case.

The JTTF in Columbus would begin to take on a more prominent role, too. After all, JTTFs are investigators who "deal with the classified side of things," while fusion centers act more like researchers and messengers, according to one JTTF member outside of Columbus.

When an attacker might be on the move, the “JTTF isn’t where you want to send real-time info about what car the suspect is driving” or where the suspect may be heading next, the JTTF member said. “That’s more of the fusion center role.”

Around 1 p.m., a staffer at one of the Ohio fusion centers typed Artan’s full name into the “SitRoom” database, hoping agencies in other cities and states would see it and check their own records for leads. Not a single fusion center, however, responded with more information.

Artan had flown under the radar. He didn’t come up in FBI files either, and authorities were becoming increasingly convinced that he didn’t have any accomplices.

Federal officials began to shift their concerns to something else: copycats.

At 3 p.m. on Nov. 29 – the day after Artan’s assault – senior U.S. officials held a half-hour conference call with thousands of federal, state and local law enforcement personnel across the country, updating them on the investigation and stressing vigilance.

Artan was undoubtedly inspired by Al Qaeda and ISIS propaganda, FBI Deputy Assistant Director Steve Hersem told those on the line, according to one official who was listening to the call.

“This is another unfortunate example of what we’ve been talking about for the past year and a half,” said FBI Assistant Director Kerry Sleeper, the head of the FBI’s Office of Partner Engagement, according to a second official on the call.

“Make sure that any suspicious activity threats are reported immediately” to JTTFs or fusion centers, and make sure “you are appropriately monitoring social media” for calls to violence, the FBI officials stressed to those listening, sources said.

According to one source, Sleeper concluded with this thought: “Unfortunately with the holidays coming, we’re probably going to be talking again in the near future.”

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HEADLINE	12/08 Chaos at UN distribution center in Mosul
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chaos-desperation-first-un-aid-distribution-inside-mosul-183927382.html
GIST	<p>MOSUL, Iraq (Reuters) - Iraqi police fired shots in the air and threatened to whip crowds with a hose as residents tried to overrun the first distribution of aid by UN agencies inside Mosul on Thursday, a scene of the desperation in areas retaken from Islamic State.</p> <p>The distribution aimed to reach 45,000 people in total at several locations but showed the challenges for humanitarian organizations seeking to alleviate acute shortages of water, food and fuel.</p>

As word of the aid spread, residents of the Zuhour neighborhood flocked to a boys' primary school chosen as a distribution point -- men queuing to one side of the main entrance and women on the other. The men queued in relative order, but the women crushed against the door and tempers flared.

"We can't push them back because they are women," said one of the policemen controlling the crowd. Another brandished a section of hose, threatening to hit anyone who tried to push through. Eventually, the organizers began to let people in small groups, but could not control the flow as hundreds surged forward against just a handful of men pushing to close the gate.

They burst through, and began climbing over the walls and pushing in through the exit until the police, firing shots in the air and wielding long sticks, managed to regain control.

Aid agencies have struggled to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Mosul, where residents have largely remained in their homes despite the fighting.

The sound of small arms fire was audible from several kilometers away, where Iraqi forces are fighting to dislodge the militants from the eastern side of the Tigris River that bisects Mosul. Even in areas recaptured by government forces, mortars fired by insurgents still kill and maim residents.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Iraq troops pull out of Mosul hospital
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-idUSKBN13X1EI
GIST	<p>Iraqi troops who briefly seized a Mosul hospital believed to be used as an Islamic State base were forced to withdraw from the site, but managed to establish a base for army tanks nearby after days of fierce back-and-forth fighting, residents said.</p> <p>The rapid advance into the Wahda neighborhood where the hospital is located marked a change of tactic after a month of fighting in east Mosul in which the army has sought to capture and clear neighborhoods block by block.</p> <p>The ferocity of the fighting reflects the importance of the army's push from southeast Mosul towards the center, their deepest advance in a grueling seven-week offensive to crush Islamic State in Iraq's largest northern city.</p> <p>The soldiers seized Salam hospital, less than a mile (just over 1 km) from the Tigris river running through central Mosul, on Tuesday but pulled back the next day after they were attacked by six suicide car bombs and "heavy enemy fire", according to a statement by the U.S.-led coalition supporting Iraqi forces.</p>

	Coalition warplanes, at Iraq's request, also struck a building inside the hospital complex from which the militants were firing machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades, it said.
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HEADLINE	12/08 Effort to stem homegrown extremism
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_FIGHTING_EXTREMISM_BOSTON?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-12-08-14-17-03
GIST	<p>BOSTON (AP) -- A federally backed effort to stem the rise of homegrown extremists is underway in Massachusetts, nearly three years after the White House announced the initiative on the first anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombings that killed three people and injured hundreds.</p> <p>The state last week selected three organizations to use \$210,000 in federal money earmarked for the pilot effort, The Associated Press learned through a request of public records. The organizations propose initiatives meant to keep youths from being drawn to the violent messages of extremist groups.</p> <p>United Somali Youth - which operates out of New England's largest mosque, the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center - was awarded \$105,000 to help Somali, African and Middle Eastern youths build critical life skills through afterschool programs, counseling, college readiness assistance and other efforts.</p> <p>Empower Peace, which was founded by a communications and marketing executive, was given \$42,000 to teach high schoolers statewide how to develop social media campaigns promoting tolerance and combating bigotry so that they can produce them at their schools.</p> <p>And the 20-year-old Somali Development Center has been given \$63,000 to better integrate Somali immigrants and refugees into the broader community.</p> <p>Abdirahman Yusuf, the center's executive director, said the Boston-area Somali community hasn't had to grapple with terrorist recruitment like those in other parts of the country but needs to take preventative steps.</p> <p>"With events like Columbus, Ohio, it's important for our community to have a dialogue," he said, referring to last month's car and knife attack at Ohio State University by a Somali-born student that is being investigated as possible terrorism. "This is a relevant issue."</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Official: 50K ISIS militants killed to date
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/ISIS-Fighters-Killed/2016/12/08/id/762944/
GIST	A senior military official for the first time says the U.S.-led coalition has killed 50,000 Islamic State militants in the last two years in Iraq and Syria.

	<p>The official said it was a conservative estimate, but it's a bit more than what others have stated before. U.S. leaders have expressed reluctance to disclose specific numbers, and note that ISIS has been able to replace fighters rapidly, particularly early on.</p> <p>In August, Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland said about 45,000 combatants have been taken off the battlefields.</p> <p>The official says coalition airstrikes could be more aggressive in places like Mosul, where Iraqi troops are battling to retake the city, but civilian casualties are a risk. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly so spoke on condition of anonymity.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Russia's robot war against ISIS
SOURCE	https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2356121/russian-special-forces-take-out-isis-terror-boss-with-the-help-of-machine-gun-toting-robot/
GIST	<p>THIS is the dramatic moment Russian special forces ‘take out’ a powerful ISIS boss during a highly-coordinated raid using a weaponised robot.</p> <p>Footage shows troops close in on the secret compound sheltering Rustan Aselderov – known as Abu Muhammad – and four of his brutal henchmen at the weekend.</p> <p>Soldiers are seen unloading their weapons on the building before launching two explosive devices inside. A small weaponised robotic vehicle is then seen moving in to finish the job. The robot’s mounted machine gun blasts holes through the side of the property as soldiers secure the area.</p> <p>The video has been seen by thousands online with most praising the troops for their bravery.</p> <p>Russia's FSB security service said Sunday it had killed an "emir" of ISIS in a raid in the volatile Caucasus region. The FSB said in a statement that "among the neutralised bandits was the head of the Caucasus region's branch of the Islamic State Rustam Aselderov, and four of his close associates."</p> <p>The FSB said that 35-year-old Aselderov was involved in blasts in the southern Russian city of Volgograd which killed 34 in 2013. He was fighting for another insurgent group at the time. It also linked him to twin car blasts in Dagestan in 2012 that killed 14 and injured at least 120.</p> <p>The FSB said he also organised a foiled attack that was to take place on Moscow's Red Square on New Year's Eve 2010 involving two female suicide bombers.</p> <p>The warlord pledged allegiance to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi in December 2014, the first major militant to do so in the Caucasus.</p>

	<p>ISIS named Aselderov, also known as Sheikh al-Qadari, the governor of a new Caucasus province.</p> <p>The FSB said a joint operation with the interior ministry had cornered Aselderov and his fighters in a private house in the city of Makhachkala, where they found "automatic weapons and a large amount of ammunition and explosives."</p> <p>The Russian North Caucasus is one of the major sources of foreign jihadists fighting in Syria and Iraq.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Israel fires raise eco-terrorism concerns
SOURCE	http://weartv.com/news/nation-world/middle-east-wildfires-give-rise-to-eco-terrorism-concerns
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON (Sinclair Broadcast Group) — In Israel, police have arrested nearly 40 people after a number of suspected arsons that turned out to be among Israel’s worst wildfires in modern history.</p> <p>Arson investigators are combing Israel’s country-side seeking clues into the cause of nearly 40 fires that forced thousands of residents to flee their homes near Haifa, Jerusalem and Galilee.</p> <p>Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called these fires an act of terror -- what experts call "eco-terrorism."</p> <p>“Certainly, somebody hit upon that idea,” says Paul Salem of the Middle-East Institute in Washington D.C. “Once the first fire was set ablaze, there were a number of copycat attacks apparently.”</p> <p>Experts are concerned that after dozens of shooting attacks in Europe and the U.S. in recent years and last month’s knife attack in Ohio, the west can be open to acts of eco-terrorism by jihadists either connected to -- or inspired by -- rogue groups like ISIS.</p> <p>“That wave also is set to continue, even while ISIS is suffering setbacks in its territory in Iraq and Syria,” says Salem.</p> <p>As ISIS loses ground in Iraq and Syria, that means it’s losing its caliphate. Experts say ISIS is quite possibly becoming more desperate to send its message westward by any means necessary.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Bomb blasts kill 10 northeast Nigeria
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/AF_NIGERIA_BOKO_HARAM?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-12-09-07-20-34
GIST	YOLA, Nigeria (AP) -- Police say two explosions have ripped through a market in northeast Nigeria's Madagali town, and a survivor says they killed at least 10 people.

Boko Haram Islamic extremists are blamed for the attack Friday morning on the edge of the group's Sambisa Forest stronghold, which Nigeria's military has been bombing ahead of ground assaults.

Since the military has dislodged the extremists from towns and villages this year, the insurgents have been attacking soft targets.

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HEADLINE	12/08 EU report: 1,500 fighters have returned
SOURCE	https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2358068/isis-news-latest-europe-terrorists-attacks/
GIST	<p>MORE than 1,500 jihadists fighting with ISIS in Syria and Iraq have returned to Europe with orders to “carry out attacks”, an EU report warned.</p> <p>An estimated 5,000 European ISIS fanatics went to Syria and Iraq and 15 to 20 per cent of them died on the battlefield.</p> <p>Around 30 to 35 per cent have returned with “specific missions”, while the other half remained in the battle theatre – which amounted to between 2,000 and 2,500 Europeans.</p> <p>This means as many as 1,750 may have returned, based on the percentages listed in the report which EU counter-terrorism coordinator Gilles de Kerchove will present to EU interior ministers on Friday.</p> <p>The report said there were two types of ‘foreign terrorist fighters’ returning.</p> <p>“There are largely two categories of returnees: those in the majority who will drift back and those who will be sent back on specific missions, which are of most concern.”</p> <p>The report even claimed some European women and children born or raised in the so-called caliphate declared by ISIS in Iraq and Syria could pose a security threat as they may have been radicalised.</p> <p>Without giving figures, it said some returnees have been convicted and serving prison sentences, while others are being monitored and some are free in their communities.</p> <p>It recalled that foreign fighters who have returned to Europe have staged both foiled and successful attacks, including the slaughter in Paris in November last year and this year’s bombings in Brussels in March.</p> <p>Both sets of attacks were claimed by ISIS, which is also known by its Arabic acronym Daesh.</p> <p>“There is also a significant foreign terrorist fighter contingent with Daesh in Libya which might attempt to use their nationality or family connections to return to Europe,” the report said.</p>

	It said returnees were keeping in touch with Daesh in the Middle East via social media and increasingly turning from mainstream Twitter to the encrypted one-to-one messaging service Telegram.
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HEADLINE	12/09 Drone targets beach attack suspect
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/09/middleeast/boubaker-hakim-drone-strike/index.html
GIST	<p>A French ISIS operative suspected of enabling a terrorist attack on a tourist beach in Tunisia was targeted by a United States drone strike in late November, according to a source briefed by French intelligence.</p> <p>Boubaker Hakim, 33, a veteran French-Tunisian ISIS operative -- who had gained a reputation as one of the most notorious and ruthless figures in global jihad -- was targeted in the Raqqa area of Syria on November 26, according to the source.</p> <p>Western intelligence agencies are still working to verify if he was killed.</p> <p>Intelligence indicated that Hakim was connected to the Tunisian cell behind the June 2015 Sousse attack via an intermediary in Libya, a senior British counterterrorism source told CNN.</p> <p>Thirty-eight people, including 30 British tourists, were killed.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Diplomats foresee Iran, ISIS rise
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/as-aleppo-falls-diplomats-foresee-iran-and-isis-rise/
GIST	<p>Aleppo's fall will not end the brutal Syrian war, but now diplomats are haggling over "which direction it falls," according to a Western diplomat. That is, will it be a bloodbath? Or can Secretary of State John Kerry negotiate a pathway out for the civilians trapped alongside the besieged U.S.-backed rebels in the eastern portion of the city? And could there be a way to call the surrender of that city something other than "defeat" for the rebels?</p> <p>"We are witnessing talks that are trying to manage Syrian and Russian victory," a European diplomat said on the condition of anonymity due to sensitivity of the ongoing diplomacy.</p> <p>Kerry spoke with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov Wednesday and again Thursday about one potential arrangement. Technical advisers are set to meet this weekend in Geneva on the matter, while Kerry convenes with a number of high-ranking diplomats in Paris this weekend.</p> <p>Expectations are low, but the cost of failure is quite high.</p>

“A cessation of hostilities is urgently needed to protect the civilians from Iran and the regime,” former Syrian diplomat Bassam Barabandi told CBS News. He has worked closely with the US-backed political opposition.

Without a pause in violence and a pathway out of the siege, thousands of civilians holed up alongside the estimated 9,000 or so Free Syrian Army fighters will face near-certain slaughter at the hands of the notoriously brutal Iranian proxy forces fighting on behalf of the militarily-weak Assad regime. The Shiite militias supported by Tehran are feared even more than Hezbollah, Iran’s Revolutionary Guard -- or even than Assad’s own troops.

Western and Arab diplomats tell me they are keenly aware that a defeat of the moderate rebels leaves the “bleeding edge” of Sunni extremism – ISIS- and al Qaeda-backed groups seeking to control Syria – up against the “bleeding edge” of extremist Shiite militias hired by Iran. The concern is that this violent churn will draw more fighters to extremist groups rather than to the moderate rebels who have been nominally supported by the U.S. Kerry has made similar arguments to Moscow in the past.

A further worry for the Syrian opposition is that the Assad regime’s victory will solidify Iran’s hold on Syria, which is the crown jewel of Tehran’s sphere of influence in the Middle East. Despite Donald Trump’s outreach to Assad’s sponsors in Moscow, the Syrian opposition is now hoping that the Trump administration will view Syria as worthy of action, in order to push back against Iran. The Syrian opposition is in contact with the incoming administration.

“The statements from the elected president Trump and his cabinet toward Syria are promising: he makes it crystal clear his coming administration will defeat ISIS and Iran,” Barabandi said. “Both are enemies of Syrian people, and both helped the regime.”

A clearly frustrated Western diplomat sheepishly admitted that both the U.S. and Europe had focused too much on pressuring Moscow and too little on squeezing Iran to stop the violence in Syria. The diplomat attributed that hesitation to American concern over disrupting the nuclear deal with Iran, and European concern about squandering investment opportunities resulting from that agreement. Iran sanctions are “more third-rail” than Syria sanctions because of the commercial interests, this diplomat said.

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HEADLINE	12/09 POW or criminal? Court to hear case
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/pow-criminal-appeals-court-hear-taliban-fighter-case-44081237
GIST	<p>A fight over whether the U.S. government properly prosecuted a former Russian military tank commander convicted of leading a Taliban attack on American forces is heading to a federal appeals court.</p> <p>The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Virginia will hear arguments Friday in the case of Irek Hamidullin.</p>

	<p>Hamidullin was accused of leading insurgents in a 2009 attack on U.S. forces in Afghanistan. He was sentenced last year to life in prison.</p> <p>Hamidullin's attorneys want the court to throw out his convictions. They argue he should have been treated as a prisoner of war and therefore shielded from criminal prosecution.</p> <p>Prosecutors counter that fighters aligned with the Taliban don't qualify for lawful combatant status because they don't adhere to the laws and customs of war, among other things.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 MI6: terrorism immediate threat to UK
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-38250432
GIST	<p>The scale of the terrorism threat to the UK is "unprecedented", the head of MI6 has said.</p> <p>Alex Younger said UK intelligence and security services had disrupted 12 terrorist plots since June 2013.</p> <p>He said many of the threats came from ungoverned spaces in the Middle East - namely Iraq and Syria.</p> <p>Mr Younger also warned that "hybrid warfare", which included cyber-attacks and subverting democracy, was becoming an "increasingly dangerous phenomenon".</p> <p>"The risks at stake are profound and represent a fundamental threat to our sovereignty," he said. "They should be a concern to all those who share democratic values."</p> <p>In his first public speech since taking up the post of "C", he warned of the impact of Russia's alliance with President Bashar al-Assad in Syria in casting all opponents of President Assad as terrorists.</p> <p>"I believe the Russian conduct in Syria - allied with that of Assad's discredited regime - will, if they do not change course, provide a tragic example of the perils of forfeiting legitimacy," he said.</p> <p>The Islamic State group had exploited the situation in Syria to fortify its stronghold in the region and wage a war on the West, he told journalists at MI6 headquarters in London.</p> <p>He added that IS, also known as Isil or Daesh, had a "highly organised external attack planning structure" which was plotting attacks against the UK and its allies "without ever having to leave Syria".</p>
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Suspicious, Unusual

HEADLINE	12/08 Students sickened by carbon monoxide
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/poulsbo-middle-school-students-sickened-by-possible-carbon-monoxide
GIST	<p>POULSBO, Wash. - Emergency crews have responded to Poulsbo Middle School after receiving reports that some students have become ill with suspected carbon monoxide poisoning.</p> <p>Jody Matson of the Poulsbo Fire Department said a nurse called for the emergency response after several students began displaying symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure.</p> <p>Matson said less than a dozen students in two classrooms had become sick. About 30 students are being evaluated as a precaution.</p> <p>It's likely that none of the students will need to be hospitalized, she said. But several ambulances responded to the school in case they might be needed.</p> <p>The affected students were in a shop classroom and an art classroom.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Lawmakers file bill to split Wash. state
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2016/12/08/lawmakers-file-bill-to-split-washington-in-half-create-new-state-in-east-called-liberty/
GIST	<p>SPOKANE, Wash. -- Some conservative Eastern Washington lawmakers want to split the state in two, creating a new state east of the Cascade Range known as "Liberty."</p> <p>The idea is contained in House Joint Memorial 400, sponsored by Republican state Reps. Matt Shea and Bob McCaslin of Spokane Valley and David Taylor of Moxee.</p> <p>The Spokesman-Review says the idea of splitting from liberal Western Washington has been proposed numerous times in past decades.</p> <p>Spokane City Council President Ben Stuckart calls it a terrible idea.</p> <p>The Legislature can't split the state in half. The bill asks the president and Congress to do that.</p> <p>Congress hasn't created a new state out of an existing state since the Civil War, when West Virginia wanted to stay with the Union and was carved out of Virginia.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Seattle police chase ends in deadly crash
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SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2016/12/08/one-man-dead-after-police-chase-on-lake-city-way/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE – One man is dead and another is in the hospital after a police chase ended in a crash on Lake City Way early Thursday morning, police said.</p> <p>Police were still trying to untangle what, exactly, happened.</p> <p>Officers who responded to a domestic violence call at around 4 a.m. heard shots fired once they got in the area. They soon saw a silver Honda speed away, and pursued it.</p> <p>The Honda hit a railing on Lake City Way, and one man was ejected. He was pronounced dead on arrival.</p> <p>The other man was sent to Harborview Medical Center. He was found crawling out of the car’s trunk, police said.</p> <p>The car hit a power pole and several parked cars.</p> <p>Police weren’t sure if the shots fired were related to the domestic-violence call.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/07 Spy agencies targeted phones on planes
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/tech/us-uk-spies-targeted-airline-passengers-mobiles-report-063219247.html
GIST	<p>Paris (AFP) - American and British spy agencies have tried to intercept data from passengers' mobile phones on commercial airlines including Air France, media reports say, citing documents from US whistleblower Edward Snowden.</p> <p>The French flag-carrier was an early target of the US National Security Agency and its British counterpart GCHQ as it was seen as a terrorist mark and it carried out tests in 2007 on allowing the use of mobile phones on its aircraft.</p> <p>"The use of mobile phones with internet connections in the sky gave rise to the creation of specific programs at the NSA and GCHQ," said Le Monde, which has access to Snowden's archive in partnership with news website The Intercept.</p> <p>While it is not normally possible to make phone calls on planes, some carriers allow passengers to connect to a cabin wifi, allowing them to use internet-based functions on their handsets.</p> <p>In 2012, at least 27 airlines allowed passengers to use mobile phones on board, including British Airways, Aeroflot, Etihad, Cathay Pacific, Lufthansa and Singapore Airlines.</p>

But Air France was "such a symbol of the surveillance of communications on board airlines that the British spy agency used a drawing of one of their planes to illustrate how the interception worked."

Asked about the British and American surveillance claims, Air France told Le Monde: "We are visibly not the only ones to have been targeted and we know absolutely nothing about these practices."

According to the report, internal documents from the two agencies describe the results of the "impressive" programs -- codenamed "Thieving Magpie" and "Homing Pigeon" -- which allowed data to be collected "almost in real time".

In order to spy on a telephone, all that was needed was that the aircraft be cruising at an altitude above 10,000 feet, the report said.

Secret aerial stations on the ground could intercept the signal as it transited through a satellite.

"The simple fact that the telephone was switched on was enough to give away its position, the interception could then be cross-referenced with the list of known passengers on the flight, the flight number, and the airline code to determine the name of the smartphone user," the report said.

The mobile phone's function could also be disrupted, it said, forcing the user to input their access codes and thereby allowing the British spy agency to intercept the information.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Japan tags dementia sufferers w/barcode
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lost-found-japan-tags-dementia-sufferers-barcodes-093502777.html
GIST	<p>A Japanese city has introduced a novel way to keep track of senior citizens with dementia who are prone to getting lost -- tagging their fingers and toes with scan-able barcodes.</p> <p>A company in Iruma, north of Tokyo, developed tiny nail stickers, each of which carries a unique identity number to help concerned families find missing loved ones, according to the city's social welfare office.</p> <p>The adhesive QR-coded seals for nails -- part of a free service launched this month and a first in Japan -- measure just one centimetre (0.4 inches) in size.</p> <p>"Being able to attach the seals on nails is a great advantage," a city worker told AFP. "There are already ID stickers for clothes or shoes but dementia patients are not always wearing those items."</p> <p>If an elderly person becomes disorientated, police will find the local city hall, its telephone number and the wearer's ID all embedded in the QR code.</p>

	<p>The chips remain attached for an average of two weeks -- even if they get wet -- the official said, citing recent trials.</p> <p>Japan is grappling with a rapidly ageing population with senior citizens expected to make up a whopping 40 percent of the population around 2060.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 WADA: 1,000 Russia athletes in doping
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/olympics/2016/12/09/more-than-1000-russian-athletes-involved-doping-mclaren-report-says/95187710/
GIST	<p>A second investigation commissioned by the World Anti-Doping Agency has revealed that more than 1,000 athletes were involved in a state-run doping system in Russia.</p> <p>The findings come in the second part of an investigation by Canadian lawyer Richard McLaren, who announced the results of his inquiry in London on Friday.</p> <p>His second report – which comes after WADA extended his mandate in July – confirmed the findings of the first report while revealing more about a system of covering up tests that was refined over time.</p> <p>“The results of the forensic and laboratory analysis initiated by my team established the conspiracy that was perpetrated between 2011 and 2015,” McLaren said. “It is impossible to know how deep and how far back a conspiracy goes. For years, international sports competitions have unknowingly been hijacked by the Russians. Coaches and athletes have been playing on an uneven field. Sports fans and spectators have been deceived.”</p> <p>Most notably, he said more than 1,000 Russian Olympians and Paralympians – in summer and winter sports – were identified “as being involved in or benefiting from manipulation to conceal positive doping tests.”</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Dallas pension system suspends access
SOURCE	http://www.dallasnews.com/news/dallas-city-hall/2016/12/08/dallas-police-fire-pension-board-ends-run-bank-stops-154m-withdrawals
GIST	<p>The Dallas Police and Fire Pension System's Board of Trustees suspended lump-sum withdrawals from the pension fund Thursday, staving off a possible restraining order and stopping \$154 million in withdrawal requests.</p> <p>The system was set to pay out the weekly requests Friday. Pension officials said allowing the withdrawals would leave them without the liquid reserves required to sustain the \$2.1 billion fund.</p>

	<p>"Our situation is currently critical, and we took action," board chairman Sam Friar said.</p> <p>Pension officials and many police and firefighters have blamed Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings for forcing the latest run on the bank. Dozens of retirees rushed to request withdrawals after Rawlings filed a lawsuit Monday to stop the withdrawals.</p> <p>By then, more than \$500 million had already gushed from the fund since the board proposed benefit cuts in August.</p> <p>Rawlings told a crowd gathered Thursday afternoon at a Dallas Regional Chamber that "the bleeding has stopped. We can turn this ship around."</p> <p>The crowd responded with cheers after the mayor's announcement of the board's decision. At the pension board meeting, the mood was more somber.</p> <p>Council member Philip Kingston, a board trustee, said the mayor "unquestionably" forced the pension board's hand. He said Thursday was "the worst day I've had in public office."</p> <p>"Unfortunately, financially, this had to happen," he said.</p> <p>Kingston said the tough decision will be worth it if it means the pension, which is hurtling toward insolvency within the next decade or so, can be saved.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 NASA's black women in 'computer pool'
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/09/us/hidden-figures-nasa-trnd/index.html
GIST	<p>By the time NASA was preparing to send John Glenn to space for the historic Mercury-Atlas 6 mission computers were used to calculate launch conditions.</p> <p>It wasn't long before then that the space agency and its predecessor, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, used "computers in skirts" to do all the number-crunching.</p> <p>That's right: humans, namely women, comprised the workforce known as the "Computer Pool" before the arrival of electronic data processors, aka, computers in the 1960s. Black women played a crucial role in the pool, providing mathematical data for NASA's first successful space missions, including Glenn's pioneering orbital spaceflight.</p> <p>Their work barely earned a mention in pop culture space tributes until this year, thanks to a best-selling novel and a forthcoming film that's getting major Oscar buzz.</p>

"Hidden Figures," starring Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe, tells the story of three women from the pool. The film is based on Margot Lee Shetterly's bestselling book by the same name, which spans several decades and characters at Langley.

Henson stars as Katherine Johnson, the 2015 National Medal of Freedom recipient who calculated the trajectory for America's first trip to space with Alan Shepherd's 1961 mission; Spencer as Johnson's supervisor, Dorothy Vaughan; and Monáe as Mary Jackson, who rose from mathematician to engineer to the mentor for women and minorities.

A pivotal scene in the film features Glenn. Johnson's work was held in such high regard in its time that Glenn, who died on Thursday, was aware of it. Computers were so new that even people at NASA were skeptical of them, and Glenn requested that Johnson personally confirm its calculations before his trip three times around Earth.

A day and a half later she proved the computer right.

Considered more patient and detail-oriented than men (and they could be paid less), the first women were hired in 1935 to do the integral but time-consuming work of reading, calculating and plotting test data to free up engineers for research projects.

Following an executive order prohibiting racial discrimination in the defense industry, Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory, NACA's main research center, began recruiting black people with college degrees in the 1940s for the computer pool. For years the women occupied a segregated wing, "West Area Computing," and used separate facilities. But there was no denying the value of their contribution.

In interviews ever since, Johnson has resisted taking full credit for the work. As she said in a 2010 interview, "We always worked as a team. It's never just one person."

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HEADLINE	12/08 IRS data: American dream evaporating
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2016/12/08/american-dream-sliding-irs-data/
GIST	<p>The probability of American children earning as much as their parents has plunged from 92 percent down to 50 percent during the last seven decades, according to a new study of tax data and the shrinking American Dream of upward mobility.</p> <p>Compared to people born in 1940, the “babies born in 1980 — today’s 36-year-olds — the index of the American dream has fallen to 50 percent: Only half of them make as much money as their parents did,” says a report in the New York Times.</p>

	<p>“In the industrial Midwestern states that effectively elected Donald Trump, the share was once higher than the national average. Now, it is a few percentage points lower. There, going backward is the norm,” the newspaper admitted.</p> <p>The study of IRS data report is here.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Alabama inmate ‘reacts’ during execution
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/lethal-injection/alabama-inmate-coughs-heaves-13-minutes-execution-n693906
GIST	<p>ATMORE, Ala. — A man who killed an Alabama convenience store clerk more than two decades ago was put to death Thursday night, in an execution that required two consciousness tests as the inmate heaved and coughed 13 minutes into the lethal injection.</p> <p>Ronald Bert Smith Jr., 45, was pronounced dead at 11:05 p.m., about 30 minutes after the procedure began at the state prison in southwest Alabama.</p> <p>Smith was convicted of capital murder in the Nov. 8, 1994, fatal shooting of Huntsville store clerk Casey Wilson. A jury voted 7-5 to recommend a sentence of life imprisonment, but a judge overrode that recommendation and sentenced Smith to death.</p> <p>Smith heaved and coughed repeatedly, clenching his fists and raising his head at the beginning of the execution. A prison guard performed two consciousness checks before the final two lethal drugs were administered. During the first one, Smith moved his arm. He slightly raised his right arm again after the second consciousness test.</p> <p>The meaning of those movements will likely be debated. One of Smith's attorneys whispered to another attorney, "He's reacting," and pointed out the inmate's repeated movements.</p> <p>The state prison commissioner said he did not see any reaction to the consciousness tests.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 India: pilots lied being low on fuel
SOURCE	https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-12-08/impish-pilots-crying-wolf-over-fuel-raises-india-air-safety-risk
GIST	<p>Pilots of at least three Indian flights, including one operated by market leader IndiGo, lied to air traffic controllers about being short on fuel to get priority landing at an airport, according to an investigation by the country’s aviation safety regulator.</p>

	<p>The incident occurred on Nov. 30, when pilots of an IndiGo plane radioed traffic controllers at Kolkata airport the jet was running out of fuel and it should be allowed to land, bypassing more than half a dozen aircraft waiting in queue. An Air India Ltd. aircraft, ahead of IndiGo, also claimed the same after listening to the conversation, while another plane operated by SpiceJet Ltd. also followed suit, the investigation showed.</p> <p>None of the aircraft ran the risk of an empty tank, and all of them had enough jet fuel to fly to an alternative airport and attempt at least two landings, or to circle around Kolkata for half an hour, a senior official at the Directorate General of Civil Aviation told reporters in New Delhi, asking not to be identified citing rules.</p> <p>Airport congestion is increasingly becoming a serious issue in India -- the fastest growing major aviation market in the world -- as carriers struggle to maintain their on-time performance, a key selling point to low-cost customers. The average time an aircraft spends circling before it can land in Mumbai during peak hours is about 45 minutes to an hour, versus 25 minutes for Singapore and zero for Qatar, according to Dubai-based Martin Consulting LLC.</p> <p>The pilots of the three aircraft were being “naughty,” and posed a serious threat to preparations when an actual incident of fuel shortage occurs, the official said. The IndiGo aircraft was carrying Mamata Banerjee, the chief minister of West Bengal state, whose political party raised the issue in parliament, saying her life was threatened. The pilots of all three flights have been suspended.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Japan doubles Fukushima cleanup cost
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/japan-doubles-cost-estimate-fukushima-cleanup-44080823
GIST	<p>A cost estimate to clean up Japan's wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant has doubled to nearly 22 trillion yen (\$190 billion), with decommissioning costs expected to continue to rise, according to a government panel Friday.</p> <p>The estimate raises the decommissioning part of the total costs to 8 trillion yen (\$70 billion) from the current 2 trillion (\$17.5 billion) because of surging labor and construction costs. Panel officials said the numbers could still grow as experts learn more about the damage to the plant's reactors and determine fuel removal methods.</p> <p>Costs for compensation, decontamination of the area and waste storage have also grown significantly. The plant suffered multiple meltdowns following the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Officials said its decommissioning will take several decades.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Everett lab fined for 38 monkey deaths
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SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/science/usda-fines-everett-lab-185000-for-38-monkey-deaths/
GIST	<p>The USDA has fined an Everett animal-research laboratory \$185,000 and suspended its license for at least a month, after 38 monkeys died — many during shipment from Asia to Everett and a facility in Houston.</p> <p>A decision and order spelling out the fine against SNBL USA, which sells lab animals and conducts medical testing on primates and other species, was filed Dec. 2 with the U.S. secretary of agriculture.</p> <p>SNBL’s license to operate as a dealer under the federal Animal Welfare Act will be suspended beginning Dec. 22, the document says. Under the order, the license can be reinstated after 30 days if inspections show the company is properly caring for its animals.</p> <p>Between the time the USDA’s original complaint was filed in September and the settlement this month, agency inspectors documented the deaths of two additional monkeys at the Everett lab.</p> <p>The November inspection report was sent to The Seattle Times by Stop Animal Exploitation Now, an activist group that seeks to “liberate” animals from laboratories, and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).</p> <p>PETA criticized the fine as “a drop in the bucket” for a company like SNBL, which is a subsidiary of Japan-based Shin Nippon Biomedical Laboratories. “SNBL is a dirty player in an ugly business and PETA urges federal agencies ... to cancel all contracts with the company so that our taxes aren’t supporting this misery,” said a statement from Kathy Guillermo, PETA’s senior vice president of laboratory investigations.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/07 Issaquah well tests positive for PFOS
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/pfos-found-in-testing-well-near-eastside-fire-and-rescue/474093932
GIST	<p>The city of Issaquah is trying to find out how the contaminant PFOS, perfluorooctane sulfonate, is getting into the groundwater.</p> <p>A new report points to the property where Eastside Fire and Rescue's headquarters is located as a likely source.</p> <p>Eastside Fire and Rescue says it is working as quickly as possible to address the concern but thinks there are likely other sources in the community as well.</p> <p>PFOS was once an ingredient in firefighting foam used on petroleum fires. It was the industry standard but was phased out more than a decade ago.</p>

	<p>The presence of PFOS 31 times above the EPA's advisory benchmark made the city temporarily shut down one of its wells and then add an extensive filtration system.</p> <p>The water has been monitored and is safe.</p> <p>The city hired Geosyntec Consultants to investigate the source and the company issued a report to the city. The results will be shared with the City Council on Dec. 19.</p> <p>KIRO-7 obtained that 158 page report from the city of Issaquah. According to the study by Geosyntec Consultants, the level of PFOS found in a testing well not far from Eastside Fire and Rescue headquarters had a level of PFOS that was 31 times higher than the EPA advisory limit. According to the report, it was 2,200 parts per trillion when the advisory amount from the EPA is 70 parts per trillion.</p>
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Crime, Criminals

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HEADLINE	12/08 FBI: large drug bust in Honolulu
SOURCE	http://www.kitv.com/story/34010278/multiple-agencies-involved-in-large-drug-bust-in-honolulu
GIST	<p>HONOLULU - Multiple arrest warrants were issued Thursday morning in connection with a drug operation in Honolulu, according to the FBI.</p> <p>The FBI, Homeland Security Investigations and the Honolulu Police Department arrested 22 defendants named in six indictments returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, which remained sealed until Thursday.</p> <p>The six indictments charge 37 defendants with a variety of drug trafficking offenses and three of those defendants with firearm offenses.</p> <p>The indictment allege 105 drug trafficking offenses ranging from July 2014 through November 2016, as well as five firearm offenses.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Corruption Index: most corrupt nations
SOURCE	http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/what-are-most-corrupt-countries-world-1595572
GIST	<p>Every year, an estimated \$1trn is paid in bribes, with around \$2.6trn stolen annually through corruption. Although definitive statistics are impossible because of the nature of the crime, it is believed that around 68% of countries worldwide have a serious problem with corruption.</p> <p>Here are the most corrupt countries, according to the latest Corruption Perceptions Index.</p>

1st: North Korea and Somalia (joint)

Earlier this year, the BBC reported huge cases of corruption and voter intimidation in the parliamentary elections in Somalia, with some candidates offering bribes of up to £1m to secure votes.

Although North Korea suffers large-scale corruption, South Korea has its problems too. In November, a scandal emerged surrounding the South Korean president Park Gun-hye, who is accused by prosecutors of being involved in a scheme to pressure major companies to donate millions of dollars to funds controlled by a close friend.

2nd: Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, one of the world's poorest countries, millions of dollars that should have gone on reconstruction have been reportedly misused or stolen, undermining efforts to sustain peace. In 2010, nearly \$1bn disappeared from Kabul Bank, after businessmen and politicians carried out a Ponzi scheme in which deposits were stolen instead of invested.

3rd: Sudan

After decades of war and political instability, Sudan faces high levels of corruption, which exist in pretty much every section of its economy.

4th: Angola and South Sudan (joint)

In Angola, a country rich with oil and diamonds, nearly three-quarters of the population (70%) live on \$2 a day or less and around one in six children die before the age of five. According to Transparency International, however, not everyone is suffering – the president's daughter is a billionaire, having made her fortune from the diamond and telecoms business.

5th: Iraq and Libya (joint)

In May, a Transparency International survey found nearly one in three citizens who tried to access basic public services in the Middle East and North Africa paid a bribe. Of around 11,000 adults across nine countries and territories, 61% of people thought that the level of corruption had gone up in the last year.

6th: Haiti, Guinea-Bissau and Venezuela (joint)

In Venezuela, government funds are mismanaged, stolen or spent on companies linked to power. In one case, a journalist working with Transparencia Venezuela found least 400 tonnes of medicines had been left to expire in storage between 2010 and 2014, instead of being distributed to medical facilities in a country that lacks basic medical equipment.

7th: Eritrea, Syria, Turkmenistan and Yemen (joint)

In Syria, corruption has helped finance violent extremist groups and aided them with recruitment. Earlier this year, French officials placed Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's uncle – Rifaat al-Assad – under

investigation for corruption and money laundering, alleging he acquired wealth and a property empire in France through embezzlement and corrupt schemes.

8th: Uzbekistan

One of the most corrupt countries in the world is Uzbekistan, where the crime penetrates all levels of the business and society. Bribes impact court decisions, extortion is common among the police and the enforcement of anti-corruption laws is weak.

9th: Burundi, Cambodia and Zimbabwe (joint)

Corruption and human rights abuses have been evident in Burundi since President Pierre Nkurunziza's decision to run for a third term in July, which sparked violence including assassinations, arrests, torture of government critics and escalating attacks by anti-government forces. The government has shut down nearly all private media and increased surveillance of citizens.

10th: Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar (joint)

Myanmar, or Burma, experienced more than 40 years of military rule, but it is experiencing political and economic reforms. However, the military is still influential in politics, the media are still restricted and corruption is still a major challenge.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Suspect Georgia officers shooting dead
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/reward-info-officer-shooting-raised-50000-44058357
GIST	<p>A man suspected of fatally shooting a Georgia police officer and wounding another is dead, authorities said Thursday after a SWAT team stormed a home where a tipster had told police the suspect was hiding.</p> <p>The manhunt for 32-year-old Minquell Lembrick ended a day after a gunman killed Americus police Officer Nicholas Smarr and critically wounded Officer Jody Smith of Georgia Southwestern State University. Both officers were shot as they responded to a domestic disturbance call in Americus, a rural city 130 miles south of Atlanta. The shooting happened near campus, prompting university officials to place the school on lockdown.</p> <p>Police identified Lembrick as a suspect in the shootings and offered a \$70,000 reward for information leading to his capture. The SWAT team was dispatched to the house in Americus after authorities received a tip, said Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Nelly Miles.</p> <p>SWAT officers emerged from the home a short time after entering, and police said the manhunt was over.</p> <p>"It's confirmed that the suspect is dead," Americus police spokeswoman Phyllis Banks told The Associated Press.</p>

	She gave no further details, including whether police shot Lembrick or found him dead. Americus Police Chief Mark Scott planned a news conference Thursday afternoon.
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HEADLINE	12/08 Charge: firefighters brawl over response
SOURCE	http://washington.cbslocal.com/2016/12/08/firefighter-brawl/
GIST	<p>HYATTSVILLE, Md. — Two Maryland firefighters have been indicted on charges that they assaulted a female firefighter from another station during a fight over which unit should go first inside a burning home.</p> <p>The Prince George’s County State’s Attorney Angela Alsobrooks says volunteer firefighters Jeffrey Miller and Chris Kelly were indicted Tuesday on multiple charges including second-degree assault and interfering with a firefighter in the performance of their duties.</p> <p>Alsobrooks says a unit of career firefighters arrived first at the Hyattsville blaze last December, but Kelly, who wasn’t in full gear, blocked the door, preventing them from entering.</p> <p>Alsobrooks says Kelly hit the career female firefighter, knocking her off the porch. She tried entering again, but officials say Miller grabbed her and pulled her away.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Pirates prey on Venezuela fishermen
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/pirates-preying-venezuelan-fishermen-industry-unravels-44051935
GIST	<p>Pirates are terrorizing the coastal state of Sucre (Venezuela), once home to the world’s fourth-largest tuna fleet and a thriving fishing industry.</p> <p>That trade has collapsed, along with virtually every industry across Venezuela. Gangs of out-of-work fishermen prey upon those who still venture out into the open sea, stealing their catch and motors, tying them up, throwing them overboard, and sometimes shooting them. The robberies have taken place daily this year, and dozens of fishermen have died.</p> <p>"People can't make a living fishing anymore, so they're using their boats for the options that remain: smuggling gas, running drugs and piracy," said Jose Antonio Garcia, leader of the state's largest union.</p> <p>Venezuela's once booming oil economy is on its knees under socialist President Nicolas Maduro. In the low-lying western ranching region, cattle are dying for lack of feed. The mineral-rich states to the east no longer produce metal. In the agricultural heartlands, farmers wait in food lines to buy the crops they once</p>

grew before fertilizer ran out. Across the petroleum belt, rigs and refineries are silent, and this month has seen the rise of gas lines in a country with the world's largest oil reserves.

Here on the coast, the catch is down to less than a third of the 120,000 tons of tuna Venezuela produced in 2004. In June, Sucre was the epicenter of food riots that swept through the country. Punta de Araya families got through the summer by eating "dog soup," a broth made from seawater and the small fish that are usually thrown back.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Georgia: 2nd officer dies after being shot
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/12/08/second-georgia-officer-dies-injuries-after-shooting-suspect-found-dead.html
GIST	<p>A second Georgia police officer died Thursday, a day after being shot alongside a fellow officer who was a lifelong friend, and the hunt for the suspected gunman ended when a SWAT team found the fugitive dead -- apparently by his own hand -- inside a home where he was hiding.</p> <p>Officer Jody Smith initially clung to life after being gravely wounded Wednesday when the university campus officer went to help his friend, Americus Officer Nicholas Smarr, respond to a 911 call of a domestic dispute at an apartment in rural Americus, about 130 miles south of Atlanta.</p> <p>Both men were shot. Smarr was killed and Smith was airlifted in critical condition to a hospital in Macon. The university that employed Smith announced Thursday evening that he had died.</p> <p>"Officer Smith showed extreme bravery in the line of duty as he responded to a call for backup," Georgia Southwestern University President Charles Patterson said in a statement.</p> <p>News of Smith's death came a few hours after the hunt for the suspected gunman ended.</p> <p>Police offered a \$70,000 reward for information leading to the capture of 32-year-old Minquell Lembrick. A telephone tip Thursday morning sent them to a home where a tipster said the suspect was hiding, Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Nelly Miles said.</p> <p>SWAT officers emerged from the home shortly after entering. Americus Police Chief Mark Scott told a news conference they found Lembrick's body inside. He said the first officers on scene heard a gunshot inside before the SWAT team arrived.</p> <p>Lembrick died from "what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound," Scott said, adding the man was positively identified as Lembrick.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Actor arrested after TSA freak-out
SOURCE	http://www.wfaa.com/news/crime/actor-judge-reinhold-released-from-jail-after-love-field-arrest/366476199
GIST	<p>DALLAS - A seemingly humbled 'Judge' Reinhold was released from jail early Friday after being arrested for disorderly conduct at Love Field.</p> <p>Reinhold was arrested Thursday afternoon at Dallas Love Field for disorderly conduct. Dallas police say they were called to the airport at 1:15 p.m. after Reinhold refused to submit to a screening.</p> <p>According to a source at Dallas Love Field, Reinhold became belligerent when chosen for a second TSA screening. The source said he took his shirt off and used explicit language.</p> <p>Reinhold was charged with disorderly conduct and booked into the Lew Sterrett Justice Center. As he was escorted by police into the jail, he talked to media.</p> <p>"Thanks for the exposure guys," he said. "Glad you're here."</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Germany: arrest for explosion at mosque
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/suspect-arrested-explosion-mosque-germany-44081988
GIST	<p>German authorities have arrested a man suspected of setting off homemade explosive devices outside a mosque and a conference center in Dresden in September.</p> <p>Prosecutors said the 29-year-old man from Dresden was arrested on Thursday. They said Friday that authorities also seized objects that could be used to make explosives, and that DNA evidence linked the suspect to the blasts.</p> <p>The entrance of the Fatih Camii mosque was damaged in the explosion on Sept. 26. An imam with his wife and two sons were inside at the time, but weren't hurt.</p> <p>The second device exploded shortly afterward on a terrace between a hotel and a conference center.</p> <p>The explosions came a few days before events marking Germany's national day in Dresden, where the anti-Islam PEGIDA movement is based.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Killing at rehab center 1st violent incident
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/killing-youth-rehab-center-1st-violent-incident-44081983

GIST	<p>The youth treatment center where police say a teenager brutally killed a staff member while trying to escape is a working cattle ranch in southern Utah that hasn't previously had any major violations with the state or violent incidents.</p> <p>Police and officials at the Turn-About Ranch near the tiny town of Escalante, Utah, aren't saying what behavioral problems led the 17-year-old suspect from Arizona to the treatment center, but the website says they don't take kids who have shown aggressive, psychotic or suicidal behavior.</p> <p>The center, does however, offer help to kids with anger issues. The center accepts boys and girls ages 13-17 for some 20 different diagnoses ranging from sleep disorder and diabetes to bipolar and personality disorder.</p> <p>The ranch is in good standing with the state licensing office and hasn't had any major violations, said Department of Human Services spokeswoman Allie Jurkatis. She said it has been licensed for a number of years, but couldn't say exactly how long. The ranch's website says it's been in operation for 25 years.</p> <p>Jurkatis said officials are investigating this week's incident to see if there were any violations, while also looking to see what the agency can learn from this to prevent future incidents.</p> <p>The teenager is in police custody, but has not yet been charged, said Garfield County Sheriff James Perkins. He says the teen will likely be charged with murder and could be prosecuted as an adult because he is almost 18. His name has not been released because of his age.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Court reinstates DUI convictions 2 drivers
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/state-highest-court-reinstates-dui-convictions-of-2-drivers-not-warned-about-pot/
GIST	<p>OLYMPIA — The state Supreme Court has unanimously reinstated the drunken-driving convictions of two people who argued that the results of their breath tests should have been thrown out.</p> <p>Judith Murray and Darren Robison were each convicted of DUI for failing alcohol breath tests in Snohomish County, but had their district-court convictions overturned by higher courts. The Court of Appeals found that before the drivers agreed to submit to a breath test, state troopers failed to warn them about the consequences of having certain concentrations of marijuana compounds in their blood.</p> <p>The Supreme Court said Thursday that made little sense. The breath test is unable to measure THC concentrations, and the justices said it was therefore reasonable for the troopers to omit reference to marijuana from the warnings Murray and Robison received.</p> <p>THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, is the main psychoactive compound in cannabis.</p>

HEADLINE	12/08 Car-stealing 'mystery device' uncovered
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/auto/2016/12/08/car-stealing-mystery-device-uncovered.html
GIST	<p>The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) has gotten hold of a “mystery device” that thieves have been spotted on security cameras using to electronically open and start cars.</p> <p>The organization says that it obtained it through an outside security expert who purchased it overseas. It describes it as a “relay attack” unit that was originally designed for manufacturers to test the security of their wireless systems, but it and others like it have made their way into criminal hands, and handmade versions have also been discovered.</p> <p>It is actually two devices working together. The first intercepts the signal from a nearby proximity key fob, either being carried by someone or left in a car, and transfers it to the other, which can then be used to open the lock and start the vehicle.</p> <p>The NICB tested it, with approval, in several situations that included car dealerships, a car auction and on its own employee’s vehicles. It tried it on 35 different vehicles from a variety of brands and was able to open 19 and start and drive away in 18 of those. After the ignitions were turned off, the device was able to restart 12 of the 18 cars. It didn’t provide a detailed list of makes and models that were affected by the device, but did point out that the four 2017 Chevrolet models it tried were immune.</p> <p>Since it leaves no trace of the method of entry or ignition, the NICB is warning drivers to be wary of anyone around when using these types of keys, and not leaving them behind in the car. It also points out that if you give access to your key fob to someone, including a parking valet, they can potentially use a unit like this to skim the codes and then enter or steal the car later on.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Man arrested for rifle on college campus
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/crime/man-with-gun-in-guitar-case-on-seattle-central-college-campus-arrested/366499479
GIST	<p>A former Seattle Central College student was arrested late Wednesday for bringing a firearm on campus.</p> <p>A school spokesperson confirms the 34 year-old man was arrested in the north end of the Broadway Edison building Wednesday afternoon around 4:30 p.m. He was allegedly carrying an assault rifle inside a guitar case. The spokesperson says he made no threats, but police trespassed him from the school.</p>

According to Seattle Police, a witness contacted campus security and was aware that he sometimes stores and carries a rifle inside a guitar case. The man lives in a homeless encampment in South Seattle, and was booked for possessing a dangerous weapon in a school facility, and a felony warrant.

The college president sent a letter out to staff and students with some of the details, reminding students that no firearms are allowed on campus with the exception of weapons carried by police and military personnel who are performing their duties.

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HEADLINE	12/08 State Dept. updates Mexico travel warning
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SOURCE	http://www.ibtimes.com/mexico-safe-tourists-us-state-department-updates-travel-warning-citing-violence-2457523
GIST	<p>The State Department warned U.S. citizens Thursday about the risks of travel in Mexico in light of organized crime activity in certain parts of the country, citing homicides, kidnappings, carjackings and robberies in several Mexican states.</p> <p>The updated travel warning said the risk of violence was less in resort areas and tourist destinations than in border areas or along trafficking routes.</p> <p>Mexico enlisted its military, seen as less corrupt than police organizations, to fight organized crime a decade ago but has failed to improve the country's security substantially, the Mexico Daily News said Tuesday. The situation is complicated by vigilante groups that instead of fighting organized crime have been committing crimes of their own.</p> <p>Homicides increased 900 percent this year compared to 2015, and organized crime has spread to areas previously untouched by the violence, the report said.</p> <p>“Gun battles between rival criminal organizations or with Mexican authorities have taken place on streets and in public places during broad daylight,” the State Department said. “The Mexican government dedicates substantial resources to protect visitors to major tourist destinations and has engaged in an extensive effort to counter criminal organizations that engage in narcotics trafficking and other unlawful activities throughout Mexico.</p> <p>“There is no evidence that criminal organizations have targeted U.S. citizens based on their nationality.” The warning barred U.S. government personnel from patronizing casinos, sports books or other gaming establishments in Coahuila, Durango, Zacatecas, Aguascalientes, San Luis Potosi, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas, Jalisco, Colima and Nayarit states, and recommended nonessential travel be deferred.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Social workers fleeing troubled system
SOURCE	http://features.crosscut.com/foster-care-crisis-social-workers
GIST	<p>Tanya Copenhaver followed in her father's and grandmother's footsteps by becoming a social worker for Washington state's Children's Administration, a difficult but fulfilling calling she never expected to give up.</p> <p>During 15 years of working in the foster care system, on a job considered among the hardest in the state, she worked her way up to supervisor. But even with a master's degree and a management position, the single mom struggled to pay rent and daycare. She and her daughter ate at her mother's house to save money.</p>

Last year, Copenhaver finally left the vocation she cherished to take a post at a Pierce County hospital – with a 30 percent pay raise.

“I loved my job,” Copenhaver said. “Even after 15 years I didn’t feel burnt out, and I still have a passion for the work. But I left because I couldn’t support myself and my daughter on my salary as a supervisor.”

Copenhaver’s decision has been mirrored by many state social workers, who say they were driven away by lousy pay, a toxic workplace climate and excessive workloads, InvestigateWest discovered in a lengthy investigation for KCTS 9 and Crosscut.

Turnover among Children’s Administration social workers runs at 20 percent a year statewide and has been as high as 30 percent in King County, the state says. That drains the agency of collective knowledge, distracts managers with constant hiring and training, and hampers its ability to help vulnerable foster children and their families. And all of that ends up costing the state – and therefore the taxpayers.

The churn has a huge and potentially devastating impact on kids’ futures. According to one prominent study from Wisconsin, a child whose case is overseen by one worker has a 75 percent chance of being placed in a permanent and stable home within a year. Those odds drop to 18 percent when a child goes through two caseworkers in a year, and they plummet to a low of 0.1 percent with six or seven case managers. Yet some foster parents told InvestigateWest that kids they’ve cared for have gotten a new caseworker every month in some cases.

“They’re cycling through workers so quickly, it’s terrible for the workers, the management, and the kids and foster parents who are having to deal with a new person,” said Lauren Hubbard, a Seattle foster mom. “We changed workers with our adopted daughter four times within a month.”

Caseloads are often two or three times the recommended level, leaving workers too busy to support foster parents, which contributed to a loss of nearly one in five foster homes between 2008 and 2015. That only adds to the system’s woes, as social workers are then forced to babysit children in their offices all day and even stay up all night watching them in hotels.

The state’s inadequate funding of foster care and low salaries for social workers are contributing to the high turnover.

The Children’s Administration has only now clawed its way back to its budget’s pre-recession levels eight years ago. In constant dollars, which takes inflation into account, the budget is still less, at \$1.18 billion, including \$661.9 million of state funding.

During the recession, the administration lost about 16 percent of its workforce, or 467 employees, which exacerbated the problems, as those who remained had to cover for those who left. Meanwhile, the number

of children entering foster care has increased amid the opioid crisis, after reaching historic lows around 2012.

Salaries for child-welfare social workers – many of whom have master’s degrees – start at \$34,284 a year, or \$16.42 an hour, and top out at \$58,548, or \$28.04 an hour. And the top salary is more than \$20,000 less than the same position at a place like Western State Hospital, said Sean Dannen, the general government strategic campaign coordinator for the Washington Federation of State Employees.

Workers in high-cost areas like King County are paid the same as those in less expensive parts of the state. They also have the same workloads as counterparts in the rest of the state, even though the Puget Sound region’s infamous traffic jams can keep them out much longer for their mandated home visits.

Social workers interviewed by InvestigateWest – most of whom requested anonymity due to fear of retaliation by the state for speaking out – tell of a toxic and punitive environment, with an increasing number of investigations into their actions. One said it has become a rite of passage to be under investigation in King County. There’s a systemic lack of appreciation, they say, and the job itself is traumatic enough without the added stress of the department’s negativity and the constant fear of being investigated.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Imagine a world without giraffes
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/08/world/sutter-giraffe-extinction/index.html
GIST	<p>(CNN)It's the tallest land-based mammal in the world. Its construction-crane neck, toothpick legs, knocked knees and two-story stature make it an awkwardly lovable favorite of children's book authors and cartoonists. This animal brings an odd sort of wonder to the savannahs of Africa.</p> <p>But perhaps it's best for us to start imagining a world without the humble giraffe.</p> <p>The International Union for Conservation of Nature on Thursday up-listed this goofy creature -- known for its craning neck, which helps it reach tree-top leaves its competitors can't -- to its "vulnerable" status, meaning the animal is at high risk for extinction.</p> <p>It moves up from the category called "least concern."</p> <p>The reason: a sharp 36% to 40% decline in giraffe populations in recent decades. In 1985, the group said, there were as many as 163,452 giraffes. Now the estimate is 97,562.</p> <p>This puts the giraffe in good company. The elephant, the orangutan, certain bees, coral -- so many of the Earth's mind-blowingly cool creatures face extinction risk these days. If poaching rates continue, some fear African elephants will be extinct in 20 years.</p>

	<p>Having trouble imagining that world?</p> <p>"The best way to envision the sixth mass extinction is to look outside and then just imagine that three out of every four of the species that were common out there are gone," he said. "That would be a very impoverished landscape."</p> <p>It certainly would.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 US life expectancy declines
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2016/12/08/has-us-life-expectancy-maxed-out-first-decline-since-1993/95134818/
GIST	<p>U.S. life expectancy dipped by about a month last year from 2014, to 78.8 years, according to a report from the National Center for Health Statistics. It's the first decline in more than two decades. And after years of gains, U.S. life expectancy has been essentially flat for a few years, which means an inauspicious trend could be in the works.</p> <p>The decline "could be a blip, but even if it's flat, we have a real problem," Jonathan Skinner, a professor at the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice, told USA TODAY. Skinner noted that the U.S. is spending 18% of GDP on health care.</p> <p>"If we're not getting continued improvement in life expectancy, then perhaps we should redirect some of that towards raising workers' take-home pay ... and improving educational opportunities," Skinner said.</p> <p>Gender matters. For males, life expectancy fell to 76.3 years from 76.5 years. For women, life expectancy decreased to 81.2, down about 0.1 year from 2014.</p> <p>The culprits for our declining years were increases in mortality from heart disease, chronic lower respiratory diseases, unintentional injuries, stroke, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, kidney disease, and suicide. Not surprisingly, that group plus cancer and the flu make up the top 10 causes of death in the U.S.</p> <p>"My major concern is that we know the exact cause of the fall in life expectancy — mortality is rising across a wide variety of illnesses," Skinner said. "It's not entirely easy to figure out what to do about it."</p> <p>Heart disease and cancer are the runaway top killers. The death rate from heart disease increased almost 1%. The death rate from cancer actually fell 1.7%.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Large earthquake near Solomon Islands
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SOURCE	http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/34007854/tsunami-watch-issued-for-all-islands-after-80-magnitude-quake-near-solomon-islands
GIST	<p>HONOLULU (HawaiiNewsNow) - A Tsunami Watch has been issued for all Hawaiian islands after a large earthquake struck near the Solomon Islands, according to the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center.</p> <p>The quake, which struck around 7:38 a.m. HST, measured at a preliminary magnitude of 8.0, the U.S. Geological Survey said. The epicenter was approximately 40 miles west-southwest of Kirakira.</p> <p>If tsunami waves impact Hawaii, the estimated earliest arrival of the first tsunami wave would be 2:56 p.m. HST.</p> <p>Details are limited at this time, but the PTWC is investigating the threat to Hawaii.</p> <p>A Tsunami Watch usually means an earthquake may have created a tsunami, but data is still being verified. It is issued as a precaution and generally indicates that a tsunami may later impact a watch area, according to the PTWC. It may be changed to a warning, advisory or even cancellation based on further analysis.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Police spy-tools evolve faster than law
SOURCE	https://www.bloomberg.com/features/2016-baltimore-surveillance-project/
GIST	<p>In late October, a group of Maryland legislators met with police officials, attorneys, privacy advocates, and policy analysts to discuss creating a legal framework to govern aerial surveillance programs such as the one the Baltimore Police Department had been using to track vehicles and individuals through the city since January.</p> <p>“What, if anything, are other states doing to address this issue?” Joseph Vallerio, the committee’s chairman, asked the panel.</p> <p>“Nothing,” replied David Rocah, an attorney with the ACLU. “Because no one has ever done this before.”</p> <p>The Baltimore surveillance program broke new ground by bringing wide-area persistent surveillance—a technology that the military has been developing for a decade—to municipal law enforcement. The police department kept the program secret from the public, as well as from the city’s mayor and other local officials, until it was detailed in August by Bloomberg Businessweek. Privacy advocates, defense attorneys, and some local legislators called for the program to be suspended immediately, until the technology could be evaluated in public hearings.</p> <p>But in the three months since the public discussion began, the police have continued to use the surveillance plane to monitor large events, such as the Baltimore Marathon, and essential questions remain</p>

unanswered. The police continue to classify the program as an ongoing trial, but the private company that operates it for the police—Persistent Surveillance Systems—doesn't have a permanent contract and no specific regulations govern its operations.

Several local lawmakers have stressed the need for more oversight of the program at a time when the technology is spreading to private industry. But in the case of Baltimore, the administrative structure of the police department has complicated those efforts. Unlike most other major cities, the city of Baltimore doesn't regulate its own police; when the department was founded in the mid-19th century, it was established as a state agency, which means its oversight falls to the Maryland General Assembly.

The state legislature is in session for only three months each year, and it had adjourned before the surveillance program was revealed.

David Moon, a Maryland delegate from the Washington, D.C., suburb of Takoma Park, says he and other legislators met during the summer to try to craft legislation that would require more public transparency when police departments use StingRay devices, which are cell phone tower simulators used to track individuals via their mobile phone signals. Now, he says, the legislators want to write the law so that it also applies to aerial surveillance programs. But any such measures would have to wait until the General Assembly's 2017 session begins in January.

"One of the things we've realized in all of this is that the law—either in terms of the courts or the legislature—doesn't seem to keep up with the technology," says Moon. "We're caught in a situation where law enforcement can put new technologies into use and they just ask for permission later—and only if the media or the courts start to question what they're doing."

The Baltimore project depends on a small airplane that circles the city for up to 10 hours a day. An attached bank of cameras instantly creates a 32-square-mile photographic map, which is updated once per second. The police can fast-forward or rewind the images, tracking vehicles or individuals as they move inside the city, for hours at a time. The footage is archived and can be reviewed days or months later. Or years later—in theory, the only limit is storage capacity.

Privacy advocates balked at the notion that the police could, if they desired, compile what amounts to a permanent visual record of the city. Ross McNutt, the founder and chief executive officer of Persistent Surveillance Systems, tried to allay those concerns, saying his company's policy was to erase the imagery after 45 days. Maryland public defenders weren't calmed.

"For our innocent clients, we missed opportunities to subpoena exonerating footage collected by the spy plane," wrote Kelly Swanston, a public defender, in an op-ed in the Baltimore Sun. "For our clients who were mistreated by officers, or whose versions of the truth differed from an officer's report, we failed to corroborate the truth because we did not know that a plane had captured footage of the city."

The Baltimore Office of Public Defenders sent a letter to Police Commissioner Kevin Davis three days after the Bloomberg Businessweek article was published online, asking for clarification about the program's policy for retaining data. Davis responded on Sept. 20 that Persistent Surveillance Systems had retained all the images since the program's launch in January, "regardless of whether the images were provided to BPD for use in investigations."

Andrew Vetter, chief of staff for the city's police commissioner, told state lawmakers that because the trial surveillance program hadn't yet been permanently adopted, the city hadn't drafted an official data retention policy and wasn't beholden to informal guidelines. Police spokesman T.J. Smith said the department would decide whether to adopt the program permanently only after a thorough analysis of the project was completed by the Police Foundation, a national research organization based in Washington, D.C.

The ACLU's Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst, points out that the field of wide-area surveillance is a growing one, and other cities could soon confront the same questions Baltimore is now facing. McNutt has said his company has no interest in increasing his company's camera resolution beyond one pixel per person, which prevents individuals from being identified based on the images alone.

But one company's informal promises shouldn't be counted on as an industry standard.

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HEADLINE	12/08 FBI is sued over Clinton email warrant
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/12/08/l-based-lawyer-sues-fbi-over-clinton-email-warrant.html
GIST	<p>A Los Angeles-based lawyer who gained notoriety by reclaiming Jewish-owned art looted by the Nazis has filed a lawsuit in New York against the FBI seeking information on the warrant that led to its seizure of Anthony Weiner's computer in the Hillary Clinton email case.</p> <p>E. Randol Schoenberg, a former president of the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, told the Jewish Journal that his interest was drawn by a New York Times story on the FBI's warrant that was announced in the waning days of the election.</p> <p>"I thought, 'What does that mean?'" Schoenberg, 50, told the Jewish Journal. "Normally you have to show probable cause. That's what it says in the Fourth Amendment."</p> <p>Schoenberg didn't see the search warrant mentioned in the media after that Times story. He decided to file a Freedom of Information Request on Nov. 9 for information on the warrant. The FBI acknowledged his request two days later.</p> <p>Federal law gives government agencies 20 days to respond to such requests.</p>

	After not receiving any more information, Schoenberg contacted a lawyer based in Manhattan who specializes in FOIA requests and filed his suit.
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HEADLINE	12/08 Turkey leader renounces foreign currency
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/turkeys-president-renounces-us-dollar-bid-boost-lira-44059290
GIST	<p>Turkey's leader has renounced foreign currencies in favor of the ailing lira currency in keeping with his appeal to Turkish citizens to do the same, his spokesman said Thursday, as a new measure was unveiled to help struggling businesses.</p> <p>President Recep Tayyip Erdogan "exchanged all of the foreign currency in his accounts into Turkish liras," spokesman Ibrahim Kalin said.</p> <p>Last week, Erdogan had earlier urged his citizens to give up the dollar and euros at a time the economy is teetering. Erdogan called on Turkish citizens to convert savings held in foreign currencies into gold and Turkish lira to help boost the ailing currency, which recently dropped above 3.5 lira per dollar, the weakest exchange rate in more than a decade.</p> <p>Turkish citizens often hold their money in dollars, euros and gold to mitigate the risk of a rapid devaluation of their currency. Many Turkish businesses have their debts denominated in dollars.</p> <p>In the wake of Erdogan's call, small business owners have posted pictures of themselves on social media advertising free goods ranging from bread to small carpets for those who can prove the exchange of a significant dollar amount into Turkish lira.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Strong quake off northern Calif. coast
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/usgs-65-magnitude-quake-ocean-off-california-coast-44060395
GIST	<p>The United States Geological Survey is reporting a 6.5 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Northern California in the Pacific Ocean.</p> <p>The quake hit at 6:50 a.m. Thursday about 100 miles west of Ferndale, California.</p> <p>No damage or injuries were reported.</p> <p>The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center issued a statement saying there is no tsunami threat from the earthquake.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Fukushima radiation reaches West Coast
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2016/12/09/fukushima-radiation-has-reached-united-states-shores/95188478/
GIST	<p>For the first time, seaborne radiation from Japan's Fukushima nuclear disaster has been detected on the West Coast of the United States.</p> <p>Cesium-134, the so-called fingerprint of Fukushima, was measured in seawater samples taken from Tillamook Bay and Gold Beach in Oregon, according to researchers from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.</p> <p>Because of its short half-life, cesium-134 can only have come from Fukushima.</p> <p>For the first time, cesium-134 has also been detected in a Canadian salmon, according to the Fukushima InFORM project, led by University of Victoria chemical oceanographer Jay Cullen.</p> <p>In both cases, levels are extremely low, the researchers said, and don't pose a danger to humans or the environment.</p> <p>Massive amounts of contaminated water were released from the crippled nuclear plant following a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and tsunami in March 2011. More radiation was released to the air, then fell to the sea.</p> <p>Woods Hole chemical oceanographer Ken Buesseler runs a crowd-funded, citizen science seawater sampling project that has tracked the radiation plume as it slowly makes its way across the Pacific Ocean.</p> <p>The Oregon samples, marking the first time cesium-134 has been detected on U.S. shores, were taken in January and February of 2016 and later analyzed. They each measured 0.3 becquerels per cubic meter of cesium-134.</p> <p>Buesseler's team previously had found the isotope in a sample of seawater taken from a dock on Vancouver Island, B.C., marking its landfall in North America.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Alaska Airlines cancels more local flights
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/alaska-airlines-ready-for-weather-troubles-as-sea-tac-gears-up-for-busy-winter
GIST	SEA-TAC AIRPORT, Wash. - Alaska Airlines pre-cancelled 22 flights in and out of Sea-Tac Airport as a precautionary measure on Thursday.

The airline cancelled another 60 flights from Portland International Airport due to wintry weather conditions.

Alaska admits it's had some operational issues this week, after [dozens of flights were cancelled](#) on Monday and Tuesday because [half its de-icing fleet was broken](#).

"We are ready, we have a whole team behind me of deicing trucks and deicing fluid to get us through," said Alaska Spokesperson Bobbie Egan.

But, the underlying reason Alaska is having those problems is also a blessing in disguise. Then popular airline has just 24 gates and 70 morning departures and arrivals.

There are quick turn around times with little margin for error or weather issues. Any delays cause a bigger, ripple effect.

"In prior years we would have a busy morning and then we would have some peaks and valleys and it wasn't so busy," said Egan. "Now we are constantly busy throughout the day, so we don't have that time to catch up, so that's why we need to get it right."

So, on severe weather days, Alaska will hold flights at departing airports until they can be spaced into Sea-Tac. It will also pre-cancel flights as it did on Thursday.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Aleppo: tidal wave becomes a flood
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/08/middleeast/aleppo-syria-assad-refugees/index.html
GIST	<p>Aleppo, Syria (CNN)As the Syrian army continues to fight its way through the old city of Aleppo, the tide of those fleeing for their lives has become a raging flood, an avalanche.</p> <p>Exhausted by the treacherous path and having endured days of airstrikes and hunger, the crossing at Maysaloon welcomed those desperate to escape.</p> <p>While the rebels struggle to hold on to war-ravaged eastern Aleppo, the relief of those who have made it to the west of the city is palpable.</p> <p>On Thursday, CNN's crew was at the Maysaloon crossing in the Agheour area as the stream of people continued to gather pace. Rebel forces controlled the Agheour area for at least 3½ years before it was retaken by Syrian government forces Tuesday. The amount of people coming out of eastern Aleppo has gone up exponentially.</p>

More and more people are continuing to make their way over the crossing, some dragging their belongings, others holding children, many of them just relieved to be out of eastern Aleppo. Many of them are feeling weak and frail. There are some who look wounded. One man who was brought out said he had been shot.

Everyone looked traumatized. They hadn't changed their clothes in days and just looked happy to be out, relieved to be out of harm's way.

At another crossing in Nakin, the CNN crew witnessed a scene that looked apocalyptic. As the children passed through and came toward us the toll which it had taken upon them became evident. They looked malnourished, their faces were dirty, they wore clothes which looked so old. They are so hungry.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Polar vortex redux? Next week possibly
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-weather-idUSKBN13X2OS
GIST	<p>Forecasters are sending chills down some spines with a prediction that much of the northern half of the United States could see frigid weather next week similar to life-threatening lows the polar vortex brought to parts of the country in 2014.</p> <p>Anticipation of a freezing blast began to build this week when weather maps and forecast models showed similarities between next week's system and one that developed in January 2014.</p> <p>"Upper-level atmosphere configuration very similar in scale & magnitude as infamous Jan 2014 #PolarVortex popularized by me and @afreedma," meteorologist Ryan Maue said on Twitter on Tuesday alongside maps comparing the two weather systems.</p> <p>The southward shift in the polar vortex in 2014 brought the Midwest some of its coldest weather in two decades. Icy conditions snarled travel and thousands of flights were canceled or delayed.</p> <p>Frigid temperatures combined with gusting winds to create life-threatening wind chills as low as 60 degrees Fahrenheit below zero (minus 51 Celsius) that killed at least nine people.</p> <p>The coldest weather next week is expected in the Midwest and Northeastern starting around Tuesday, according to forecasts that show temperatures in the single digits in some cities.</p> <p>"The air mass on the way for the middle of December is likely to be substantially colder when compared to that of this past week and this weekend," AccuWeather meteorologist Paul Pastelok wrote on Thursday.</p> <p>Temperatures from the Northern and Central plains to wide swathes of the Midwest are likely to drop by between 5 and 20 degrees Fahrenheit compared to temperatures this week, according to AccuWeather.</p>

	It is unclear how far south the cold air will be felt, according to Pastelok.
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HEADLINE	12/08 Remembering an American hero
SOURCE	http://time.com/4594658/john-glenn-dead/?xid=homepage
GIST	<p>There weren't a lot of silly pictures taken of John Glenn—mostly because Glenn just didn't do silly. He did happy, of course. You don't get the crinkles he had around his sea blue eyes simply because you've got the fair, thin skin of the redhead that he was. But if the happy was there, the silly wasn't.</p> <p>Still, in 1959, when Glenn was announced as one of the original seven NASA astronauts, he knew that he'd have to abide a lot of regrettable silliness—usually at the hands of the space agency and media photographers, who would demand all manner of dreamed-up poses of the deeply American family men the astronauts were intended to be doing deeply American family things.</p> <p>So the staged picnics and happy rough-housing were all set up and shot and then, for Glenn, came the silliest image of all—of the professional fighter pilot and amateur trumpet player, lying on his couch on a lazy afternoon, practicing his playing while his wife Annie relaxes with him. As if a wife could relax while a husband blared a horn in her ear. As if Glenn would even want to put the poor woman through such a thing.</p> <p>But never mind. Glenn was a military man who never, ever received an assignment from a commanding officer without answering yes, sir and then going on to fulfill that assignment with utter professionalism. And if the commander in his new line of work sometimes was a public affairs officer, well, he'd get the yes, sir treatment too.</p> <p>Glenn, who died on Thursday at 95, was just one of seven men selected by NASA to both calm and thrill a frightened country—a country that, in the 1950s, was at nuclear dagger-points with the Soviet Union and was, by a lot of measures, losing that contest. The Soviets had the rockets—including the bruising R7 ICBM—that could be used to put a satellite in space (which they did before we did) and put an animal in space (which they did before we did, too) and to put a man in space. And oh boy, did they do that before us, launching Yuri Gagarin in April of 1961—with his Hollywood looks and cover-boy smile—on a full one-orbit lap around the Earth.</p> <p>But the real purpose of R7 and the other ordnance was to rain nuclear hellfire on Chicago and New York and Pittsburgh and Des Moines and if Gagarin's smile was sincere, it masked something closer to a leer from his country. So the seven Americans with the crisp Yankee names like Deke and Gus and Al and Gordo, with the military crewcuts that telegraphed seriousness and the mischievous smiles that telegraphed fast cars and hard drinking (important parts of the flyboy's brief) were brought in to buck the nation up.</p>

And yet it was Glenn—the least mischievous, indeed the entirely unmischievous—who became the greatest among those ostensible equals. He was the only Marine, the only man who didn't drink, the one who flew 149 combat missions in Korea and, on one occasion when his Panther fighter took two blasts of anti-aircraft fire that ripped more than 200 holes in its fuselage, radioed to his squadron commander nonchalantly, "I'm going to ease out of here," before peeling off and bringing his crippled plane to a safe landing.

But the crinkle around the eyes was there, and the genuine pleasure in the company of people was there—the kind that had him greeting the same Boy Scout troops all the other astronauts greeted and addressing the same country fairs all of the other astronauts addressed, and yet doing it in a way that suggested that, well sir, there was nothing he'd rather be doing on a beautiful day like this one. The other six, for all their efforts, could never touch that.

It was thus no surprise that while the astronauts who were selected by the NASA brass to fly the first three Mercury missions—Glenn, Gus Grissom and Al Shepard—were chosen entirely on the basis of their skill, the one who was chosen to fly the third of those missions, would need to have something more. The first two flights would be sub-orbitals—popgun lob shots into the lower reaches of space and then straight back down into the Atlantic Ocean just 17 minutes after liftoff. The third flight would be the first orbital flight—and the man who flew that would be the man who, on behalf of his nation, had finally caught the Soviets.

It would be Shepard who would get the first mission and Grissom who would get the second, and becoming the first two Americans in space would be no small thing. But it would be Glenn who got the plum assignment, Glenn who, on February 20, 1962, at the age of 40, circled the Earth three times and came back to a welcome that would make the likes of Lindbergh and Earhart look like a mere stunt flyers.

But the mission wasn't easy and in case anyone doubted the steel behind the Glenn smile, it included a moment not unlike the one he'd faced in his crippled Panther. That moment occurred when a warning light went on indicating that the heat shield on the bottom of his Mercury spacecraft had come loose, meaning the ship and its passenger would incinerate in the 3,000° F inferno of reentry. So Mission Control recommended that Glenn not jettison his retrorockets after he fired them at the beginning of the reentry, because they were strapped into place below the heat shield and might just help hold it in place.

"We are recommending that you leave the retropackage on through the entire reentry," Scott Carpenter, the Mercury astronaut who was serving as the capsule communicator, radioed up to Glenn. The capcom knew of the problem with the heat shield. The astronaut didn't.

"What is the reason for this? Do you have any reason?" Glenn asked.

"Not at this time," came the response. "This is the judgment of Cape Flight."

And Glenn, who knew enough to know that Cape Flight would never recommend such an irregular procedure, much less conceal the reason for it from the pilot, unless something might be grievously wrong with his spacecraft, responded with two words:

“Ah, roger.”

The call from Carpenter was an order. Questioning it further would not do a single thing to change the circumstances. So Glenn continued with his mission, held onto his retropackage, flew his ship home and the moment his spacecraft with its perfectly serviceable heat shield hissed into the Atlantic, he became an American giant.

For his troubles, John Glenn would be officially grounded by NASA. Like Gagarin, whose Soviet superiors also removed him from the flight rotation, he was considered too valuable an American asset to risk on a second mission.

...Glenn found another way to be of use to his country, running for public office and serving four terms as U.S. Senator from Ohio, from 1974 to 1998. And yet, to his own surprise as much as his nation’s, only a few months before his Senate career ended, he would indeed go to space again, a septuagenarian astronaut tapped by then President Bill Clinton to fly aboard a space shuttle as a payload specialist. Glenn would serve as part crew member and part experimental subject, testing the parallels between the effects of aging and the effects of zero-gravity on the human body, which are surprisingly similar.

If that mission was part national feel-goodism, what of it? So was the entire early space program. And if it was in part merely a way to pay Glenn back for having been denied a return trip to space for so long, well, it was a consolation prize he richly deserved.

Glenn lived his very long post-NASA life with both dignity and humility—not an easy thing for a man who had fought and won in the fiercely competitive world of the astronaut corps.

“Godspeed, John Glenn,” Scott Carpenter said through the Cape Canaveral microphone when the engines of Glenn’s rocket lit that day in 1962. Godspeed, Americans say again in 2016.

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HEADLINE	12/09 Gunbattle in Kashmir ends; 2 killed
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/police-gunbattle-kashmir-ends-suspected-rebels-killed-44081201
GIST	A 42-hour gunbattle ended in Indian-controlled Kashmir on Friday after two suspected rebels were killed in the fighting, which triggered massive anti-India protests in the disputed region.

A police officer said soldiers recovered the bodies of the two suspected militants from the debris of a destroyed house in southern Arwani village.

The officer, speaking on condition of anonymity in keeping with department policy, said both of the bodies were charred beyond recognition and authorities were conducting DNA tests to ascertain their identities.

The officer said they recovered three weapons from the site.

Villagers said the house was razed to the ground as soldiers blew it up with explosives.

Police and soldiers had cordoned off Arwani on Tuesday evening, triggering a gunbattle with trapped militants in the village.

On Thursday, a young man was killed and dozens of others were injured when government forces fired bullets, shotgun pellets and tear gas to disperse rock-throwing protesters who tried to help the trapped rebels escape.

Police said the man died after being hit by a stray bullet.

Massive protests against Indian rule again erupted in Arwani and neighboring villages on Friday as thousands of Kashmiris chanted pro-militant and pro-freedom slogans.

Mobile and internet services in some areas of southern Kashmir remained suspended for a second day as authorities sought to stop activists from mobilizing anti-India protesters.

Kashmir is experiencing its largest protests against Indian rule in recent years.

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HEADLINE	12/09 Egypt: explosion kills 6 police in Cairo
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/egypts-state-run-media-cairo-blast-kills-police-44081978
GIST	<p>An explosion on a main Cairo thoroughfare killed six police and wounded another three on Friday, in what appeared to be the deadliest attack on security forces in several months.</p> <p>The state-run MENA news agency said the explosion took place near a mosque on Pyramids road, the main avenue leading from the city center out to the Giza pyramids, which is often used by tour buses. It says the blast targeted security forces, without elaborating on what caused the explosion.</p>

	Insurgents have carried out a number of attacks in Egypt since the 2013 military ouster of an elected Islamist president. The violence has been concentrated in the northern Sinai Peninsula, but there have also been several attacks on the mainland, including in the capital.
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HEADLINE	12/09 Warehouse not on fire inspection lists
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/firefighter-warehouse-missing-fire-inspection-records-44081774
GIST	<p>The illegally occupied Oakland warehouse where dozens of partygoers perished in a blaze does not appear in a database fire inspectors use to schedule inspections and may never have been checked for fire hazards, a firefighter with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press.</p> <p>Oakland fire officials are supposed to annually inspect commercial buildings for fire safety, with only single-family homes and duplexes exempted, according to a city website. Officials typically pull addresses from a database to request the yearly checks, said the firefighter Thursday, who feared retribution for disclosing the information and spoke only on condition of anonymity.</p> <p>"Commercial inspections are conducted as time permits during a fire station's 24-hour shift and are not routinely scheduled on an appointment basis," the city's website explains.</p> <p>The fire department and Mayor Libby Schaaf each said Thursday they could not yet say when — or if — a fire inspector examined the warehouse.</p> <p>Fire department spokeswoman Rebecca Kozak said Thursday she didn't know whether the warehouse's address was in the database of buildings to be checked.</p> <p>Kozak said she was processing 40 to 50 public records request from news media and that confusion over the warehouse's address is slowing the process.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Oakland artists fear crackdown after fire
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/oakland-artists-fear-crackdown-ghost-ship-fire-44081810
GIST	<p>The Ghost Ship is now gone. But there's The Salt Lick, the ominously named Deathtrap and other converted warehouses where artists are holding emergency meetings behind locked metal doors.</p> <p>Oakland has long been hospitable to an underground art scene that flourished in its abandoned industrial warehouses and helped put this gritty city on the world's art map. But now its art and music underground is panicking and bracing for a crackdown.</p>

	<p>Painters, musicians and struggling artists of all types came to live and work, to perform and dance late into the night and to be surrounded by creativity.</p> <p>They tolerated the exposed wiring, spotty electricity and other dangers or inconveniences of often unregulated warehouses, as a trade-off for affordable housing and studio space in one of the country's priciest housing markets.</p> <p>Those now living in buildings with numerous code violations fear their lifestyles and ultimately the San Francisco Bay Area's vibrant art scene are endangered because of the safety issues exposed by the fire that killed 36 people at a dance party in the warehouse known as the Ghost Ship. Authorities are investigating whether a refrigerator or other appliances caused the fire.</p> <p>"Everyone is really worried right now. This has ignited a lot of fear," said Mara Barenbaum, 32, a singer and musician who spent seven years in an artist collective.</p> <p>She has held strategy sessions with other artists and helped write an open letter urging the city to protect "the vital artistic fabric of Oakland" by making buildings safe and not throwing artists out on the street.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Seattle ad: \$750 'prison cell' apartment
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/business/real-estate/seattle-landlord-says-lots-of-interest-in-750-prison-cell-apartment/
GIST	<p>When an ad for a new Seattle apartment the size of a parking space was widely circulated on the web this week, it was called a "prison cell" and criticized for having a toilet that wasn't even behind its own door.</p> <p>But on Thursday, the landlord for the new building said the response to the ad has been encouraging.</p> <p>"We have many candidates interested in the unit," said Zerky Liang, property manager for Seattle-based WPI Real Estate, which is managing the building.</p> <p>At \$750 a month, the micro-unit is one of the cheapest private living spaces in Seattle, where rents have risen 41 percent since the start of 2013.</p> <p>The ad featured a 130-square-foot studio all contained in one room: the toilet, shower and sink were open to the rest of the living space. But Liang said they are now adding a divider — either a sliding door or a curtain — to separate the bathroom facilities from the rest of the unit.</p> <p>City and county officials say the building is up-to-code, even without the bathroom divider, because the homes don't contain anywhere to prepare food.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 SKorea president is impeached
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/south-korean-president-faces-possible-last-day-in-power/
GIST	<p>SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean lawmakers on Friday impeached President Park Geun-hye, a stunning and swift fall for the country’s first female leader amid protests that drew millions into the streets in united fury.</p> <p>Once formal documents are handed over to the presidential Blue House later Friday, Park will be stripped of her power and her No. 2, Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn, will assume leadership until the country’s Constitutional Court rules on whether Park must permanently step down.</p> <p>“I’d like to say that I’m deeply sorry to the people because the nation has to experience this turmoil because of my negligence and lack of virtue at a time when our security and economy both face difficulties,” Park said at a Cabinet meeting after the vote.</p> <p>Once called the “Queen of Elections” for her ability to pull off wins for her party, Park has been surrounded in the Blue House in recent weeks by millions of South Koreans who have taken to the streets in protest. They are furious over what prosecutors say was collusion by Park with a longtime friend to extort money from companies and to give that confidante extraordinary sway over government decisions.</p> <p>Park urged the country to unite behind the prime minister and said she would prepare for the court review of the impeachment.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Offshore quake not on Cascadia fault
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/science/offshore-quake-not-on-more-dangerous-cascadia-subduction-zone/
GIST	<p>The magnitude 6.5 earthquake off the coast of Northern California Thursday morning occurred on a fault called the Mendocino Transform, not the more dangerous Cascadia Subduction Zone.</p> <p>But seismologists are keeping a close watch on the tectonically complex area, especially in light of two smaller quakes off the Oregon coast last week.</p> <p>“They’re probably unrelated,” said John Vidale, director of the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network. “We’ll just keep an eye out.”</p> <p>The Thursday quake, which struck at 6:50 a.m., originated about 100 miles west of Ferndale, near an area called the Mendocino Triple Junction, where three tectonic plates meet. It’s also near the terminuses of both the Cascadia Subduction Zone and the San Andreas Fault.</p>

	<p>The quake, which probably moved the seafloor about 3 to 6 feet, could have bumped up the stress on the Cascadia Subduction Zone slightly, Vidale said. But there's little chance it would be enough to trigger a more powerful subduction zone quake.</p> <p>"The odds probably have gone up for a little while, but just a little," Vidale said. "It's probably not enough that we will see any earthquakes as a result."</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Recall: turkey meatloaf
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/kent-food-company-recalls-meatloaf-products/474380269
GIST	<p>A Kent, Washington establishment is recalling meatloaf products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced Taylor Farms Northwest's product Turkey Meatloaf with Kale contains milk and fish (anchovies), known allergens that are not declared on the product label. The Homestyle Meatloaf contains beef and pork, which are not declared on the label.</p> <p>The Turkey Meatloaf with Kale and Homestyle Meatloaf items were produced on Dec. 4, 2016. The following products are subject to recall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 units of 16-oz. aluminum loaf pans with plastic lids containing 1 piece of "Turkey Meatloaf with Kale" with a sell by date of 12/10/2016. • 59 units of 16-oz. aluminum loaf pans with plastic lids containing 1 pieces of "Homestyle Meatloaf" with a sell by date of 12/10/2016. <p>The products subject to recall have establishment number "EST. 34834" inside the USDA mark of inspection.</p> <p>These items were shipped to retail locations in Oregon and Washington.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Inquest set for police shooting in Pasco
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/inquest-set-washington-state-police-shooting-mexican-44067090
GIST	<p>A coroner's inquest to shed more light into the police killing of a Mexican shot numerous times last year by three officers in the Washington state city of Pasco has been scheduled to start on Monday, officials said.</p> <p>Jury selection will begin to choose 12 jurors from a pool of 75 residents from rural Franklin County, where Pasco was the site of weeks of peaceful protests by Latinos after the Feb. 10, 2015, killing of Antonio Zambrano-Montes, County Coroner Dan Blasdel said Wednesday.</p>

	<p>Coroner's inquests are judicial proceedings to present evidence about deaths, and juries can reach conclusions and make recommendations to prosecutors. The jury's conclusions are not binding, but the public setting of the quasi-judicial proceeding could provide more details about the killing of the 35-year-old farmworker.</p> <p>"It's a means to uncover the facts of the death for the general public," Blasdel has said.</p> <p>No charges were filed against Pasco police officers Ryan Flanagan, Adam Wright and Adrian Alaniz after they shot Zambrano-Montes, who authorities said was high on methamphetamine and throwing rocks at vehicles and police just before he was killed.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 State sues Monsanto over PCB pollution
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/washington-state-suing-agrochemical-giant-pcb-pollution-44072471
GIST	<p>Washington says it's the first U.S. state to sue the agrochemical giant Monsanto over pollution from PCBs. Gov. Jay Inslee and Attorney General Bob Ferguson announced the lawsuit at a news conference Thursday afternoon.</p> <p>The chemicals, polychlorinated biphenyls, were used in many industrial and commercial applications, including in paint, coolants, sealants and hydraulic fluids. PCB contamination impairs rivers, lakes and bays around the country.</p> <p>The lawsuit, which seeks potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in cleanup costs, was filed in King County Superior Court and says Monsanto long knew about the toxic dangers PCBs posed.</p> <p>Monsanto was the sole producer of PCBs between 1935 and 1979, when Congress banned them.</p> <p>The cities of Seattle and Spokane, as well as Portland, Oregon, and some California cities have also sued Monsanto over PCB pollution. In response to those lawsuits, Monsanto said PCBs were lawful when they were produced and "served an important fire protection and safety purpose."</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Michigan 40-car pileup; 3 killed
SOURCE	http://www.livingstondaily.com/story/news/2016/12/08/30-car-pileup-reported--96-near-fowlerville/95138030/
GIST	<p>Three people were killed and 11 injured in a pileup involving up to 40 cars on Interstate 96 in Handy Township, near the Livingston-Ingham county line on Thursday.</p>

The pileup began when snow blanketed the area around 9:50 a.m., causing whiteout conditions. The snow then froze, creating treacherous traveling conditions.

“We have not yet identified the victims,” Lt. Eric Sanborn of the Livingston County Sheriff’s Office said at a 3 p.m. press conference at the county’s EMS building.

“It was very chaotic for them to get to all of the victims to assess the situation,” he added. “The accident is believed to be weather related. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor at this time.”

Sanborn could not confirm what started the chain reaction that led to the pileup, which occurred west of the Fowlerville exit and near Wallace Road.

However, he noted, the people who died were two drivers and a passenger in two separate vehicles. Those vehicles were near the beginning of the pileup, but are not believed to be what started the pileup.

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Cyber Awareness

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HEADLINE	12/09 Dutch hospitals report data breach daily
SOURCE	https://www.deepdotweb.com/2016/12/09/dutch-hospitals-report-data-breach-almost-every-day/
GIST	<p>Dutch hospitals reported 304 separate incidents of patient data loss since January 1. According to the Authority for Personal Data (AP), the hospitals rarely encrypted the data. They also reported that the majority of the data loss occurred due to human error.</p> <p>Many data losses occurred after employees misplaced essential USB drives and other storage mediums. For example, a doctor from Antoni van Leeuwenhoekziekenhuis lost a hard drive with 800 patient records. Hackers have also accessed electronic healthcare records (EHR) through compromised email addresses.</p> <p>Women in Cyber Security (WICS), a network of women in the computer security industry, recently conducted research into how hospitals deal with security. Old, unused, and outdated credentials were constantly overlooked. This was also the case for the State Department, according to the most recent audit.</p> <p>The AP reported 4,700 data breaches in 2016; and one quarter of the breaches came from the healthcare sector. Since January 1, all organizations were required to immediately alert proper authorities upon on a serious data breach.</p> <p>“Details on the nature of the reports will not be given because of the potential traceability to individual hospitals,” a reporter said.</p>

	More than 300 different hospitals reported data loss this year. The AP spokesperson said hospitals were on high alert throughout the year. The privacy watchdog program created a “willingness to report.” That being said, EHR hacks have been at an all time high this year.
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HEADLINE	12/08 Amazon.com scam hits shoppers
SOURCE	http://www.wsbtv.com/news/trending-now/amazoncom-scam-hits-shoppers-before-holidays_/474415466
GIST	<p>Holiday shoppers who use Amazon.com to buy presents for loved ones will want to pay attention to the latest scam that’s targeting consumers’ personal information.</p> <p>The scammer sends an email to a customer that appears to be from Amazon.com, stating that a recent order cannot be shipped. The email claims there has been a problem with processing and informs the customer that they won’t be able to access their account or place orders with Amazon until they confirm their information.</p> <p>A "click here" link inside email leads the customer to an authentic-looking Amazon web page to confirm the name, address and credit card information on the account. After the person enters the information and clicks on the "save and continue" button, it takes the customer to Amazon’s actual website.</p> <p>So how do you know an Amazon.com email is real or fake?</p> <p>The scam email subject line will say, "Your Amazon.com order cannot be shipped." If the "from" line in the email contains an Internet Service Provider other than @amazon.com, then the email is not from Amazon.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Websites check if personal info stolen
SOURCE	http://www.cbronline.com/news/cybersecurity/protection/pwned-best-hacking-websites-check-personal-information-stolen/
GIST	<p>It seems that not a day goes by without another cyber attack being discovered, or a data breach being made public by an apologetic multinational. The dark web is now a booming marketplace for the criminally minded, selling a myriad of personal information from email addresses and passwords, to credit card numbers. Attacks on Adobe, LinkedIn and MySpace are just some of the high-profile breaches which have resulted in the leak of millions of email addresses, passwords and other data to marketplaces online.</p> <p>With so many companies breached and so much data available in the dark ether, the questions you should be asking yourself is: Have I already been hacked?</p>

If you do not know the answer to this question, then you need to act now. There are a number of online services available which allow you to check if your personal information has been involved in a breach – vital tools which can help protect your digital footprint.

Here, CBR gives you the best sites to check if your personal information is safe.

[Have I been pwned?](#)

Cost: Free

Troy Hunt created Have I Been Pwned as a free resource which allows anyone to quickly check if an online account has been compromised or ‘pwned’ in a data breach. Inspired by the massive data breach which hit Adobe, Mr Hunt created the site after post-breach analysis revealed the same accounts being exposed over and over again.

The site gives users a simple interface – just enter in the address of the online account you want to check and then wait for results.

All the data on the site comes from website breaches that have been made publicly available – which some may say limits the service somewhat. The free service also only provides results for a single user-provided email address or username at a time. However, using the domain search feature – which searches for pwned accounts across entire domains – multiple breached accounts can be retrieved after verification.

[Has My Identity Been Stolen?](#)

Cost: Free

Owned by the MergerMarket Group and counting ex-senior policemen among its executive team, Has My Identity Been Stolen is a free service which allows you to check if your identity has been stolen. The service scans the internet and deep web, with a database compiled from data which has been ‘been in criminal hands and made available on the internet.’

Interestingly, Has My Identity Been Stolen prefers not to use spyders to gather results, instead employing a global network of human sources who have access to the Dark Web. Encouragingly, the service works towards the goal of preventing and reducing stolen data and personal information, capturing compromised IDs before the criminals can sell them.

The online service uses an easy interface which gives you two options – check by postcode or check by email. Once a verification code has been sent to the requested email, a search results box will tell you one of three answers:

- No records found based on search criteria to suggest identity fraud at the present time.
- At present we only have your email address. The record was discovered on dd/mm/yyyy. This has been transacted and means that you could be a target for Phishing and Spam emails in order to build your identity profile for use or future sale.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of records found, suggesting possible Identity fraud. The record was discovered on dd/mm/yyyy. <p>Although limited in its monitoring of only 100 dark sites, features such as searching by post code, make this a great site to visit.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Georgia 'mad as hell' DHS hack attempt
SOURCE	http://www.wsbtv.com/news/local/atlanta/secretary-of-state-wants-answers-from-dhs-after-apparent-breach-attempt/474347363
GIST	<p>ATLANTA - The Georgia Secretary of State is demanding answers from the Department of Homeland Security after an unsuccessful breach to the department's firewall.</p> <p>Secretary of State Brian Kemp talked exclusively with Channel 2 investigative reporter Aaron Diamant on Thursday, saying he was "mad as hell" after what he called a massive cyberattack on the agency's network Nov. 15, traced back to a United States Department of Homeland Security IP address.</p> <p>"It's outrageous to think about our own federal government is doing this to us," Kemp told Diamant.</p> <p>Kemp's office maintains Georgia's voter registration and elections data, plus corporate and professional license records.</p> <p>Kemp told Diamant that the network's firewall held up and there was no breach. But after the agency's security vendor sounded the alarm, Kemp fired off a terse letter Thursday to DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson.</p> <p>"We're demanding answers to some of these questions, you know? Are they doing this to other states? Was it authorized or not? Who ordered this? Why is it being done and why weren't we notified?" Kemp said.</p> <p>But until DHS responds, Kemp said he is not yet convinced this wasn't a politically motivated attack ordered by DHS leaders or a single rogue staffer.</p> <p>"We're waiting on answers, you know? Hopefully we'll get them, hopefully they'll be transparent, and they'll be some good answers that we can digest. But right now, we just don't know," Kemp said.</p> <p>Kemp assured Diamant that the cyberattack, government or otherwise, was not successful.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Turkish hackers offer prizes for attacks
SOURCE	https://www.hackread.com/turkish-hackers-hacking-tools-for-ddosing/

GIST	<p>Hackers are leaving no stone unturned in creating troubles through their social engineering antics. This time, however, they have devised a completely new and innovative technique for attacking websites.</p> <p>Reportedly, a group of Turkish hackers has created a DDoS platform luring unsuspecting individuals to join the platform and conduct DDoS attacks. The winning players receive points and they can redeem their points by winning an unlocked version of the notorious Sledgehammer hacking tool.</p> <p>This DDoS platform is dubbed as Surface Defense. The creators of this platform ask players (who mostly are other hackers) to attack any of the political websites that is listed on their list through Balyoz or Sledgehammer, which is a DDoS tool. To participate, players need to download the collaboration software of Surface Defense and get registered after which they can run this program locally on a PC. To disrupt online services, traffic is routed via Tor.</p> <p>For every ten minutes spent on the attacked website by bombarding it with fake traffic, one point will be given to the attacker. This point will then be traded with the standalone version of Sledgehammer that can be fully customized by them and sold to other hackers too.</p> <p>To maintain healthy competition among the participants, a live scoreboard is shown on the forum so that everyone is aware of the earned points. Some of the users have already made hundreds of points.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Japanese hosting firm Kagoya hacked
SOURCE	https://www.hackread.com/japanese-hosting-company-kagoya-hacked/
GIST	<p>Kagoya, a famous hosting service provider in Japan has suffered a security breach in which personal and financial data of its customers has been stolen.</p> <p>In an email to their customers, Kagoya stated that the hack attack was discovered this month after an in-house screening which revealed that customers who used their credit cards between April 1, 2015, to September 21, 2016, are among the impacted ones.</p> <p>The total number of customers who had their personal information stolen are 48,685 whilst 20,809 customers are those had their credit card data stolen.</p> <p>The data stolen by hackers includes Name (card holder name), Address, Phone number, E-mail address, Contract Account Name, Password, Credit card number and Expiration date. What worse is that a user on another Webhosting forum is claiming that all leaked data was in plain-text format.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Piracy spikes threatening pay TV
SOURCE	http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/piracy-spikes-threatening-paytv/

GIST	<p>There are more than 2.7 million advertisements on e-commerce websites, including Amazon, eBay and Alibaba for illicit streaming devices—indicating that content theft by pirates has become a full-fledged business and a formidable competitor to established pay TV operators.</p> <p>According to Irdeto, it's a true cross-channel effort, with advertisements found on social networks, including Facebook, Twitter and other prominent social media platforms. Pirates are becoming more business savvy and expanding their product marketing of illicit streaming devices. Citing data from SimilarWeb, the Irdeto report shows that the growth in global traffic resulted in more than 16.5 million visits per month to the top 100 pirate IPTV supplier websites. The US and UK led all countries with more than 3.7 million and one million site visits per month, respectively.</p> <p>The report also shows that a typical pirate supplier offers an average of 174 channels, with some pirate suppliers offering more than 1,000 channels. This content comes in at an average subscription cost of \$194.40 per year or a staggeringly low \$16.20 per month—much lower than the average US cable cost of \$103.10 per month. In some cases, despite the illegal nature of the offering, these low costs and the compelling content provided sway consumers to choose a pirate device over legal cable, satellite or OTT services.</p> <p>Typically, consumer choice comes down to content, value and convenience when selecting a service. Pirates exploit those three needs by offering services and devices that rival their legal counterparts. Without the costs of legally acquiring the rights and content, pirates are able to take valuable market share in the process.</p> <p>Also, while some consumers are aware that they are purchasing pirated content, others do not realize that the subscriptions they are purchasing are pirate operations. As pirates have grown and refined their business practices, Irdeto has seen an increase in pirates creating professional websites, technology and services, fooling some consumers into thinking they are purchasing a legal service. In addition, the top 100 pirate IPTV suppliers add credibility to their offerings by providing legitimate-looking devices powered by Android, Linux, Kodi and Roku.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/07 Massive stealthy malvertising campaign
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/massive-stealthy-malvertising-campaign-uncovered
GIST	<p>A stealthy malvertising campaign has been flying under the radar for the last few months, targeting millions of readers visiting popular and mainstream news sites. The campaign is notable for stealth bordering on paranoia from the threat group, probably AdGholas.</p> <p>In July 2016, Proofpoint published an analysis of a massive AdGholas malvertising campaign that it described as "using a sophisticated combination of techniques including sophisticated filtering and</p>

steganography." It added that AdGholas had ceased operation following exposure, but "the scale and sophistication of this operation demonstrate the continued evolution and effectiveness of malvertising."

Now it appears that AdGholas simply changed tactics, and within a couple of months launched a new campaign described in an ESET research paper published yesterday. In a detailed analysis, ESET doesn't name the threat actors and calls the exploit kit (EK) involved Stegano. Further background information has been provided by Malwarebytes naming the actors as AdGholas, and the EK as Astrum. Stegano and Astrum are just different names for the same EK.

What sets this campaign apart from other and earlier campaigns is the extent of its stealth. When the ad data is first delivered, the campaign uses server-side logic on the potential victim's returned computer data to decide whether to deliver a malicious banner or a clean banner. If it delivers the malicious version, the code is hidden by steganography: specifically within the parameters controlling the transparency of each pixel. The result is only a minor change to the color tone of the image, invisible to the naked eye.

The scary part of this campaign is that it requires no user interaction at any stage. If the user visits an affected news site with a vulnerable browser and vulnerable Flash (and is in one of the targeted geographical areas) then malware execution could be entirely automatic and unseen. If any of those requirements are not met, then the malicious banner simply remains dormant and its malicious code invisible.

The two banners known to ESET are both for apparent security products: Browser Defence (notice the spelling) and Broxu. The spelling fits with the targeted regions. Malwarebytes separately comments, "The interesting aspect about this malvertising campaign is that the US was not one of the targets. Instead we saw Canada, the UK, Australia, Spain, Italy, and Switzerland as the most active geolocations." Of these, Canada and the UK were the most targeted.

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HEADLINE	12/08 'August' targeting retail customer service
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/phishing-malware-august-lures-customer-service-staff/article/577875/
GIST	<p>A new malware-laden phishing campaign, dubbed August, has been detected targeting customer service and managerial staff at retailers, according to a new report from Proofpoint.</p> <p>The clever ploy spreads through an email arriving in the inboxes of targeted individuals with subject lines referring to supposed purchases via the company's website. Recipients are specifically selected who are appropriate reps to deal with customer issues. The message further dupes recipients by saying more detailed information is contained in the attached document. Such subject lines as: "Help: Items vanish from the cart before checkout," and "Support: Products disappear from the cart during checkout," are used in the campaign.</p>

	<p>Should a recipient click on the link, the August malware is loaded with Word macros and PowerShell. It has capabilities to commandeer credentials and siphon off sensitive documents from the infected computer.</p> <p>The researchers said the campaign is the work of TA530, an individual or gang which they previously cited for other highly personalized targeted campaigns. The macro, too, works similarly to a previous iteration where sandbox evasion strategies are employed to load the Ursnif banking trojan, evading detection by security researchers. Of particular note in this instance, however, a Powershell command is used to "'filelessly' load the payload from a byte array hosted on a remote site," the researchers said.</p> <p>The Proofpoint researchers conclude that while this new campaign is currently targeting retail sites, its credential-stealing capabilities could easily be adapted for wider distribution.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Hacker claims 3.2M home routers seized
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/hacker-claims-to-have-seized-32m-home-routers-by-pushing-malicious-firmware-update/article/578020/
GIST	<p>After apologizing for accidentally knocking TalkTalk and Post Office internet subscribers offline, a hacker by the name of BestBuy claims to have now intentionally pushed a malicious firmware update to 3.2 million home routers using a modified Mirai-powered botnet.</p> <p>BestBuy told Vice's Motherboard that they set up a server that would automatically connect to vulnerable routers and push a malicious firmware update to them grant him persistent access and the ability to lock out owners as well as internet providers and device manufacturers, according to a Dec. 6 report.</p> <p>"They are ours, even after reboot. They will not accept any new firmware from [Internet Service Provider] or anyone, and connect back to us every time :)," BestBuy told the publication in an online chat. The hacker also shared a URL which appeared to show the live stats of the Access Control Server (ACS) used to push out the malicious updates.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Ransomware hits Vegas, rust-belt hardest
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/endpoint/las-vegas-rust-belt-hit-hardest-by-ransomware-----/d/d-id/1327664?
GIST	<p>Turns out you're most likely to get shaken down by ransomware in the Las Vegas/Henderson area, which in the US has the largest number of overall ransomware detections, the most detections per individual machine, and the most detections per population, according to a new study by Malwarebytes.</p> <p>Six of the top 10 cities for ransomware detections are in the Rust Belt, including Buffalo, Cleveland, Columbus, Ohio, Detroit, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Toledo.</p>

Nima Samadi, data science analyst for Malwarebytes, says the study is based on research from July 1 through October 15, 2016. Malwarebytes detected more than 400,000 ransomware incidents in more than 200 countries, with the US experiencing the largest number of incidents - at 26% overall.

Malwarebytes' data is specifically based on detected ransomware incidents, some of which may have resulted in actual infections and others, not.

"We can theorize on why the Las Vegas area was such a hotbed for ransomware," says Samadi. "Even if they are on business, people tend to be in vacation mode, so their guard is let down, plus they are accessing the Internet on unsecured Wi-Fi networks."

Malwarebytes CEO Marcin Kleczynski says that computer users in Rust Belt states may not be as readily exposed to security education and techniques, plus those states have been hit hard by job losses and the collapse of the manufacturing base.

"People without jobs or opportunities are more prone to financial scams," he adds.

Kleczynski also points out that while high-profile cases such as last week's ransomware attack on the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency make the news, the more prevalent threat is from scammers sending out indiscriminate email blasts. The high-profile cases tend to be in big cities, but the Malwarebytes study found that 86% of detections occurred in cities with fewer than 250,000 residents.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Phishing services reap twice the profits
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/endpoint/phishing-services-reap-twice-the-profit-for-attackers/d/d-id/1327673?
GIST	<p>Everything else has gone to the cloud, so why not faux emails and their malicious payloads?</p> <p>That's the upshot of a study released this week that points to cloud-based, "phishing-as-a-service" (PhaaS), as a more lucrative technique for cybercriminals. It's a way for attackers to reduce the cost to acquire target email addresses and send out malicious content intended to generate more clicks – and it more than doubles the profit of conventional phishing attacks.</p> <p>"Compromised Web servers used in PhaaS platforms significantly lower the costs of a phishing campaign and help the cybercriminals hide their tracks," security vendor Imperva said in its new report. According to Imperva, after compiling costs for phishing pages, a spam server, a list of 100,000 email addresses, and access to compromised servers, the total cost of a phishing scam comes to about \$28 with the cloud-based approach.</p>

	<p>Phishing remains a perennially effective way to cadge logons and passwords from hapless users, In recent months, phishing emails have become a way to infect desktops and servers with ransomware, which infosec professionals continually cite as their biggest ongoing concern and defense priority.</p> <p>PhaaS is re-defining the market and can reduce costs of a standard phishing campaign to a quarter of current prices, Imperva adds. Reduced labor costs means higher profit margins, Imperva adds, and even allows novices to run multiple, simultaneous campaigns. "We can therefore predict a rising demand for PhaaS markets, since it lowers both the cost and the technology barriers," the report said.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/07 Holiday gift exchange scam on Facebook
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/beware-of-these-holiday-gift-exchange-scams-on-facebook/
GIST	<p>Tis the season... to get scammed on Facebook.</p> <p>Two scams called the “Secret Sister Gift Exchange” and the “Secret Wine Bottle Exchange” are spreading across Facebook like wildfire, and unfortunately, users are falling for it.</p> <p>It sounds like a fun Secret Santa-like gift exchange, but it’s actually a pyramid scheme in disguise. And worse, it’s illegal, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) says.</p> <p>“While gift exchanges grow in popularity during the holiday season, BBB advises consumers to use caution when choosing one in which to participate,” the organization said in a statement. “According to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service’s gambling and pyramid scheme laws, gift chains like this are illegal and participants could be subject to penalties for mail fraud.”</p> <p>The scam “exchanges” always follow the same pattern: A Facebook users posts a status, tagging dozens of friends, asking a minimum of 6 people to participate. Friends of the user who wish to participate are then instructed to buy one bottle of wine — or other gift — valued at \$15 or more and send it to one secret wine lover. In return, participants are told that they will receive from 6 to 36 wine bottles.</p> <p>Well, chances are you won’t even get one bottle back. But there is something the scammers get: Your money and your home address.</p> <p>“This is a typical pyramid scheme,” the BBB says. “This is on Facebook instead of the old way of using letters because social media allows it to spread a lot faster.”</p>
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Terror Conditions

HEADLINE	12/06 Terror Threat Snapshot: December
SOURCE	https://homeland.house.gov/press/chairman-mccaul-releases-december-terror-threat-snapshot-2/
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON, D.C. – The December Terror Threat Snapshot was released today by Homeland Security Committee Chairman Michael McCaul (R-TX). The “snapshot” is a monthly Committee assessment of the growing threat America, the West, and the world face from ISIS and other Islamist terrorists.</p> <p>Key takeaways in this month’s Terror Threat Snapshot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 9/11, the nation has seen 227 homegrown jihadist cases with a recent surge of 115 cases in 2015 and 2016 alone. ISIS’ shift in messaging—from joining the jihad in Syria and Iraq to carrying out attacks in fighters’ home countries—is likely to accelerate this trend. • Throughout the year, ISIS conducted 62 attacks, wounding 732 and killing 215 in places like the United States, France, and Belgium. The threat to Europe and the United States will persist in 2017, particularly as jihadists flee from Mosul and Raqqa. • The Iran nuclear deal—coupled with instability in Iraq, Syria, and Yemen—has reenergized Tehran’s hardliners and placed the regime in a stronger position to achieve regional hegemony. Iranian aggression, particularly in the Persian Gulf, has become routine and remains largely unopposed. If left unchecked, Tehran will continue to threaten United States’ interests at home and abroad. • The Obama Administration transferred 48 prisoners from Guantanamo Bay in 2016. The Director of National Intelligence assesses that at least 30 percent of all former Guantanamo Bay prisoners are known or suspected to have returned to terrorism following their release. As of early December 2016, 59 prisoners remain in detention.
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HEADLINE	12/08 ISIS-inspired holiday season attacks
SOURCE	http://www.foreigndesksnews.com/world/middle-east/isis-inspired-jihadis-call-holiday-season-attacks/
GIST	<p>Islamic State-inspired jihadis are encouraging would-be jihadis to carry out knife attacks on the West during the upcoming holiday season.</p> <p>The Foreign Desk has obtained access to an English-language encrypted Telegram chatroom where jihadis are posting videos, guides and tutorials, ranging from knife attack infographics to bomb assembly and oddly enough, full-length tutorials on Krav Maga, an Israeli themed martial arts and self-defense technique.</p> <p>“Christmas, Hanukah and New Years Day is very soon InshaAllah. So lets prepare a gift for the filthy pigs / apes,” reads one post, below a screenshot of a pressure cooker bomb-making tutorial.</p> <p>Entitled “LM” or lone mujahid, the chat room aims to be a resource for terrorist wannabees who are looking to carry out so called ‘lone-wolf’ jihad.</p>

A pointing finger beneath the photo brings attention to suggested attack gear including a shoe bomb, suicide vests and dynamite.

There are video tutorials on how to make “ricin powder” and “explosive belt manufacturing,” and even ideas for alternative materials to use when listed items aren’t readily available. Use “nuts nails bolts etc” as an alternative to ball bearings, a post reads.

An entry from last month shows a photograph with individual headshots of the 9/11 hijackers with an empty square at the end and the caption: “Here will always be an opening for the next Lone Mujahid Hence the Blank Space in the bottom right of the picture!”

Introducing Krav Maga, the group lauds the Israeli IDF-taught martial art system as “devised by jews for the purpose of ending a fight as quick as possible.”

“K.M. is really beneficial for the Lone Mujahid is that majority of the techniques and moves are very deadly unlike most self defense styles and also deal with disarming weapons like gun knife and sticks to fighting with knives and guns.”

Additional “Hagana” (self-defense) videos are introduced with the disclaimer “videos contain music,” as ISIS put out a notice **banning music**, particularly the Western variety, at the time the Caliphate was formed in 2014.

Another infographic, with current statistics about suicide attacks, says, “Don't you think it's about time you add your score to the leader board ??.”

Alongside video of a female suicide bomber in Libya, the channel taunts viewers, “Shame on brothers who are watching doing nothing while our Sisters are ready to sacrifice for the SAKE OF ALLAH.”

Fearing deletion by Telegram Support, the group urges others in a “Special Request!” to save and spread the propaganda material before it’s taken down.

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HEADLINE	12/09 Germany arrests teens over attack plot
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/12/09/germany-teens-arrested-over-suspected-extremist-attack-plan.html
GIST	<p>BERLIN – Prosecutors say two teenagers have been arrested in Germany on suspicion that they were planning an Islamic extremist attack.</p> <p>State prosecutors in Karlsruhe said the two Germans, ages 15 and 17, were arrested on Thursday. Prosecutors said the two were suspected of trying to procure firearms for a possible attack on an unidentified public facility in the Aschaffenburg area, southeast of Frankfurt.</p>

	<p>Police seized Islamic extremist propaganda, flags of the Islamic State group and cellphones. They found no firearms.</p> <p>Prosecutors said Friday there was no evidence the suspects would have been able to carry out their plan, but they were arrested on suspicion of conspiring to commit an attack. Police said they'll now investigate how serious the plan was and added that there are indications the two are mentally ill.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Sydney terror plotters sentenced 20yrs
SOURCE	http://www.news.com.au/national/nsw-act/courts-law/two-sydney-terror-plotters-jailed-for-15-years/news-story/d679d438bc780f1b4a459db882d274c5
GIST	<p>TWO men who planned to bomb a Sydney Shia prayer hall and vowed to stab people in the kidneys to impress an Islamic State recruiter have been jailed for at least 15 years.</p> <p>Omar Al-Kutobi, 25, and Mohammad Kiad, 27, each pleaded guilty to one count of acting in preparation for a terrorist act, after they were arrested during counter-terrorism raids in February 2015.</p> <p>His friend, Kiad, would celebrate acts of terror on a Twitter account.</p> <p>The pair created a video before they planned to carry out the attack, and former Tony Abbott detailed what the pair planned in parliament last year.</p> <p>“Kneeling before the death cult flag with a knife in his hand and a machete before him, one of those arrested said this: ‘I swear to almighty Allah, we will carry out the first operation for the soldiers of the caliphate in Australia,’” Mr Abbott said.</p> <p>The former Prime Minister said the video went on to say: “I swear to almighty Allah, blond people, there is no room for blame between you and us. We only are you, stabbing the kidneys and striking the necks”.</p> <p>In the NSW Supreme Court at Parramatta on Friday, Justice Peter Garling sentenced them to 20 years’ imprisonment with a non-parole period of 15 years.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 US intel blamed for missing rise of ISIS
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/dec/8/obama-says-us-intelligence-missed-the-rise-of-the-/
GIST	As President Obama prepares to leave office without having destroyed the Islamic State, he’s selling the notion that U.S. intelligence agencies failed to warn him promptly about the rise of the terrorist group more than two years ago, an assertion raising howls of incredulity in some quarters.

The White House pushed that version of events Thursday, pointing to an assessment by Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper in September 2014 that U.S. intelligence agencies “underestimated” the Islamic State, also known by the acronyms ISIL and ISIS.

“Those are the facts,” said White House press secretary Josh Earnest.

Mr. Obama told CNN in an interview that aired late Wednesday, “The ability of ISIL to not just mass inside of Syria, but then to initiate major land offensives that took Mosul [in Iraq], for example, that was not on my intelligence radar screen.”

But some critics are pointing to claims that the administration ignored warning signs from intelligence sources and allies such as Kurdish leaders about the Islamic State’s growing strength after 2011, when Mr. Obama withdrew all U.S. troops from Iraq.

Sherkoh Abbas, chairman of the Kurdistan National Assembly of Syria, said in 2014, “We approached the State Department about ISIS before ISIS was in the headlines, and we were ignored.”

In September 2014, Fox News reported that Mr. Obama had been told about the rise of the terrorist group in his classified daily intelligence briefings throughout the previous year.

In February 2014, Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, then director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, briefed the Senate Armed Services Committee on the emerging threat of the Islamic State.

The group “probably will attempt to take territory in Iraq and Syria to exhibit its strength in 2014, as demonstrated recently in Ramadi and Fallujah, and the group’s ability to concurrently maintain multiple safe havens in Syria,” Gen. Flynn testified. “Since the departure of U.S. forces at the end of 2011, [Islamic State] has exploited the permissive security environment to increase its operations and presence in many locations and also has expanded into Syria and Lebanon to inflame tensions throughout the region.”

Jay Sekulow, general counsel at the American Center of Law and Justice and a frequent Obama critic, called the president’s latest assertions “unbelievable.”

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HEADLINE	12/08 Fusion center network in OSU incident
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/suspected-terror-attack-osu-launched-nationwide-dragnet-information/story?id=44056937
GIST	Brian Quinn was having a routine morning chat with a highway patrolman on Nov. 28 when one of his staffers interrupted: “Gentlemen, you need to know of a developing situation.”

“There’s been a police shooting on the [Ohio State University] campus involving a car versus a crowd,” the staffer told Quinn, who runs the Ohio Strategic Analysis and Information Center in Columbus.

It was the start of a nationwide dragnet for information.

“We don’t know where the shoe may be falling next,” said Mike Hartzler, another senior homeland security official in Ohio.

It’s a tough question to answer quickly, especially with new technologies allowing criminals and terrorists to increasingly operate in secret. So local authorities have developed a network of “fusion centers” in states and cities across the country, all looking to help each other compile, vet and swap information related to threats in their areas.

“There’s no nation on this planet that has this capability right now,” said Mike Sena, president of the National Fusion Center Association, which represents and promotes the 78 fusion centers across the country. But what does this capability really look like, and why is such information-sharing so important?

The OSU incident offers a glimpse.

At 9:53 a.m. on Nov. 28, OSU police officer Alan Horujko fatally shot the man who had just driven a car into several people and slashed bystanders with a knife.

Soon after – while law enforcement officers from 28 different agencies were still trying to secure the area and help victims – authorities picked up a driver’s license with the name of a possible suspect: Abdul Razaq Ali Artan.

The name was sent to Quinn’s fusion center. Within minutes, a young female analyst uncovered what may be one of the most important pieces of evidence in the case.

“I think I found something. Take a look at this,” Quinn recalled the analyst calmly telling him.

She had somehow found Artan’s Facebook page, even though it was under the name “Abdi Razaq.” She could see he left behind a digital diatribe against U.S. foreign policy, declaring in his final post, “If you want us Muslims to stop carrying [out] lone wolf attacks, then make peace with [ISIS].”

The analyst forwarded the Facebook page to other fusion centers in Ohio and pushed it to federal partners, including the Joint Terrorism Task Force, or JTTF, in Columbus, where FBI agents, city police officers and others sit side-by-side to investigate federal terrorism cases.

Hartzler, director of the Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center, responded to the analyst’s email with a simple message: “Great work.”

His own analysts in Cincinnati had jumped in to help their counterparts 100 miles away.

In years past, when fusion centers weren't as readily able to help in the middle of a crisis, finding a Facebook account like that "would have been done hours later," according to Quinn. "Nowadays we're able to get that information while officers are still on the scene."

Shortly after 11 a.m., reports online and then on cable news erroneously began to say Artan used a machete to slash some of his victims. In fact, Artan had used a butcher knife. That may seem like a minor difference, but law enforcement officials worried the false reporting could have serious consequences.

In those minutes and hours after an attack, authorities scramble to determine whether there may be a bigger plot, and they look to see if similar attacks are underway elsewhere.

So "whether it's a knife or a machete or a sword or a gun all matter to those who are investigating," according to Rick Zwyer, executive director of homeland security for the state of Ohio.

In addition, if investigators on the ground falsely hear there was a machete used, they may waste precious time looking for a weapon that never existed, officials said.

State and local officials relied on a fusion-center database known as "SitRoom" to correct the rumors and "misinformation," as Quinn put it. They also used the database to provide situational updates, including the latest on whether other people were involved in the attack and the status of those who were injured.

"The details do matter," Zwyer insisted.

By early Monday afternoon, authorities had pieced together a preliminary picture of the attack and the suspect.

"The people who should have been talking to each other were talking to each other," said Deputy Chief Michael Woods, the head of the Columbus Police Department's Homeland Security Division, who had raced to the scene at OSU.

At 11:29 a.m., the FBI issued a "situational news notification" to personnel throughout the agency, indicating that the FBI's Counterterrorism Division in Washington was getting more involved in the case.

The JTTF in Columbus would begin to take on a more prominent role, too. After all, JTTFs are investigators who "deal with the classified side of things," while fusion centers act more like researchers and messengers, according to one JTTF member outside of Columbus.

When an attacker might be on the move, the “JTTF isn’t where you want to send real-time info about what car the suspect is driving” or where the suspect may be heading next, the JTTF member said. “That’s more of the fusion center role.”

Around 1 p.m., a staffer at one of the Ohio fusion centers typed Artan’s full name into the “SitRoom” database, hoping agencies in other cities and states would see it and check their own records for leads. Not a single fusion center, however, responded with more information.

Artan had flown under the radar. He didn’t come up in FBI files either, and authorities were becoming increasingly convinced that he didn’t have any accomplices.

Federal officials began to shift their concerns to something else: copycats.

At 3 p.m. on Nov. 29 – the day after Artan’s assault – senior U.S. officials held a half-hour conference call with thousands of federal, state and local law enforcement personnel across the country, updating them on the investigation and stressing vigilance.

Artan was undoubtedly inspired by Al Qaeda and ISIS propaganda, FBI Deputy Assistant Director Steve Hersem told those on the line, according to one official who was listening to the call.

“This is another unfortunate example of what we’ve been talking about for the past year and a half,” said FBI Assistant Director Kerry Sleeper, the head of the FBI’s Office of Partner Engagement, according to a second official on the call.

“Make sure that any suspicious activity threats are reported immediately” to JTTFs or fusion centers, and make sure “you are appropriately monitoring social media” for calls to violence, the FBI officials stressed to those listening, sources said.

According to one source, Sleeper concluded with this thought: “Unfortunately with the holidays coming, we’re probably going to be talking again in the near future.”

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HEADLINE	12/08 Chaos at UN distribution center in Mosul
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/news/chaos-desperation-first-un-aid-distribution-inside-mosul-183927382.html
GIST	<p>MOSUL, Iraq (Reuters) - Iraqi police fired shots in the air and threatened to whip crowds with a hose as residents tried to overrun the first distribution of aid by UN agencies inside Mosul on Thursday, a scene of the desperation in areas retaken from Islamic State.</p> <p>The distribution aimed to reach 45,000 people in total at several locations but showed the challenges for humanitarian organizations seeking to alleviate acute shortages of water, food and fuel.</p>

As word of the aid spread, residents of the Zuhour neighborhood flocked to a boys' primary school chosen as a distribution point -- men queuing to one side of the main entrance and women on the other. The men queued in relative order, but the women crushed against the door and tempers flared.

"We can't push them back because they are women," said one of the policemen controlling the crowd. Another brandished a section of hose, threatening to hit anyone who tried to push through. Eventually, the organizers began to let people in small groups, but could not control the flow as hundreds surged forward against just a handful of men pushing to close the gate.

They burst through, and began climbing over the walls and pushing in through the exit until the police, firing shots in the air and wielding long sticks, managed to regain control.

Aid agencies have struggled to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Mosul, where residents have largely remained in their homes despite the fighting.

The sound of small arms fire was audible from several kilometers away, where Iraqi forces are fighting to dislodge the militants from the eastern side of the Tigris River that bisects Mosul. Even in areas recaptured by government forces, mortars fired by insurgents still kill and maim residents.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Iraq troops pull out of Mosul hospital
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-idUSKBN13X1EI
GIST	<p>Iraqi troops who briefly seized a Mosul hospital believed to be used as an Islamic State base were forced to withdraw from the site, but managed to establish a base for army tanks nearby after days of fierce back-and-forth fighting, residents said.</p> <p>The rapid advance into the Wahda neighborhood where the hospital is located marked a change of tactic after a month of fighting in east Mosul in which the army has sought to capture and clear neighborhoods block by block.</p> <p>The ferocity of the fighting reflects the importance of the army's push from southeast Mosul towards the center, their deepest advance in a grueling seven-week offensive to crush Islamic State in Iraq's largest northern city.</p> <p>The soldiers seized Salam hospital, less than a mile (just over 1 km) from the Tigris river running through central Mosul, on Tuesday but pulled back the next day after they were attacked by six suicide car bombs and "heavy enemy fire", according to a statement by the U.S.-led coalition supporting Iraqi forces.</p>

	Coalition warplanes, at Iraq's request, also struck a building inside the hospital complex from which the militants were firing machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades, it said.
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HEADLINE	12/08 Effort to stem homegrown extremism
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_FIGHTING_EXTREMISM_BOSTON?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-12-08-14-17-03
GIST	<p>BOSTON (AP) -- A federally backed effort to stem the rise of homegrown extremists is underway in Massachusetts, nearly three years after the White House announced the initiative on the first anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombings that killed three people and injured hundreds.</p> <p>The state last week selected three organizations to use \$210,000 in federal money earmarked for the pilot effort, The Associated Press learned through a request of public records. The organizations propose initiatives meant to keep youths from being drawn to the violent messages of extremist groups.</p> <p>United Somali Youth - which operates out of New England's largest mosque, the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center - was awarded \$105,000 to help Somali, African and Middle Eastern youths build critical life skills through afterschool programs, counseling, college readiness assistance and other efforts.</p> <p>Empower Peace, which was founded by a communications and marketing executive, was given \$42,000 to teach high schoolers statewide how to develop social media campaigns promoting tolerance and combating bigotry so that they can produce them at their schools.</p> <p>And the 20-year-old Somali Development Center has been given \$63,000 to better integrate Somali immigrants and refugees into the broader community.</p> <p>Abdirahman Yusuf, the center's executive director, said the Boston-area Somali community hasn't had to grapple with terrorist recruitment like those in other parts of the country but needs to take preventative steps.</p> <p>"With events like Columbus, Ohio, it's important for our community to have a dialogue," he said, referring to last month's car and knife attack at Ohio State University by a Somali-born student that is being investigated as possible terrorism. "This is a relevant issue."</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Official: 50K ISIS militants killed to date
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/ISIS-Fighters-Killed/2016/12/08/id/762944/
GIST	A senior military official for the first time says the U.S.-led coalition has killed 50,000 Islamic State militants in the last two years in Iraq and Syria.

	<p>The official said it was a conservative estimate, but it's a bit more than what others have stated before. U.S. leaders have expressed reluctance to disclose specific numbers, and note that ISIS has been able to replace fighters rapidly, particularly early on.</p> <p>In August, Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland said about 45,000 combatants have been taken off the battlefields.</p> <p>The official says coalition airstrikes could be more aggressive in places like Mosul, where Iraqi troops are battling to retake the city, but civilian casualties are a risk. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly so spoke on condition of anonymity.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Russia's robot war against ISIS
SOURCE	https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2356121/russian-special-forces-take-out-isis-terror-boss-with-the-help-of-machine-gun-toting-robot/
GIST	<p>THIS is the dramatic moment Russian special forces ‘take out’ a powerful ISIS boss during a highly-coordinated raid using a weaponised robot.</p> <p>Footage shows troops close in on the secret compound sheltering Rustan Aselderov – known as Abu Muhammad – and four of his brutal henchmen at the weekend.</p> <p>Soldiers are seen unloading their weapons on the building before launching two explosive devices inside. A small weaponised robotic vehicle is then seen moving in to finish the job. The robot’s mounted machine gun blasts holes through the side of the property as soldiers secure the area.</p> <p>The video has been seen by thousands online with most praising the troops for their bravery.</p> <p>Russia's FSB security service said Sunday it had killed an "emir" of ISIS in a raid in the volatile Caucasus region. The FSB said in a statement that "among the neutralised bandits was the head of the Caucasus region's branch of the Islamic State Rustam Aselderov, and four of his close associates."</p> <p>The FSB said that 35-year-old Aselderov was involved in blasts in the southern Russian city of Volgograd which killed 34 in 2013. He was fighting for another insurgent group at the time. It also linked him to twin car blasts in Dagestan in 2012 that killed 14 and injured at least 120.</p> <p>The FSB said he also organised a foiled attack that was to take place on Moscow's Red Square on New Year's Eve 2010 involving two female suicide bombers.</p> <p>The warlord pledged allegiance to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi in December 2014, the first major militant to do so in the Caucasus.</p>

	<p>ISIS named Aselderov, also known as Sheikh al-Qadari, the governor of a new Caucasus province.</p> <p>The FSB said a joint operation with the interior ministry had cornered Aselderov and his fighters in a private house in the city of Makhachkala, where they found "automatic weapons and a large amount of ammunition and explosives."</p> <p>The Russian North Caucasus is one of the major sources of foreign jihadists fighting in Syria and Iraq.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Israel fires raise eco-terrorism concerns
SOURCE	http://weartv.com/news/nation-world/middle-east-wildfires-give-rise-to-eco-terrorism-concerns
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON (Sinclair Broadcast Group) — In Israel, police have arrested nearly 40 people after a number of suspected arsons that turned out to be among Israel’s worst wildfires in modern history.</p> <p>Arson investigators are combing Israel’s country-side seeking clues into the cause of nearly 40 fires that forced thousands of residents to flee their homes near Haifa, Jerusalem and Galilee.</p> <p>Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called these fires an act of terror -- what experts call "eco-terrorism."</p> <p>“Certainly, somebody hit upon that idea,” says Paul Salem of the Middle-East Institute in Washington D.C. “Once the first fire was set ablaze, there were a number of copycat attacks apparently.”</p> <p>Experts are concerned that after dozens of shooting attacks in Europe and the U.S. in recent years and last month’s knife attack in Ohio, the west can be open to acts of eco-terrorism by jihadists either connected to -- or inspired by -- rogue groups like ISIS.</p> <p>“That wave also is set to continue, even while ISIS is suffering setbacks in its territory in Iraq and Syria,” says Salem.</p> <p>As ISIS loses ground in Iraq and Syria, that means it’s losing its caliphate. Experts say ISIS is quite possibly becoming more desperate to send its message westward by any means necessary.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Bomb blasts kill 10 northeast Nigeria
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/AF_NIGERIA_BOKO_HARAM?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-12-09-07-20-34
GIST	YOLA, Nigeria (AP) -- Police say two explosions have ripped through a market in northeast Nigeria's Madagali town, and a survivor says they killed at least 10 people.

Boko Haram Islamic extremists are blamed for the attack Friday morning on the edge of the group's Sambisa Forest stronghold, which Nigeria's military has been bombing ahead of ground assaults.

Since the military has dislodged the extremists from towns and villages this year, the insurgents have been attacking soft targets.

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HEADLINE	12/08 EU report: 1,500 fighters have returned
SOURCE	https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2358068/isis-news-latest-europe-terrorists-attacks/
GIST	<p>MORE than 1,500 jihadists fighting with ISIS in Syria and Iraq have returned to Europe with orders to “carry out attacks”, an EU report warned.</p> <p>An estimated 5,000 European ISIS fanatics went to Syria and Iraq and 15 to 20 per cent of them died on the battlefield.</p> <p>Around 30 to 35 per cent have returned with “specific missions”, while the other half remained in the battle theatre – which amounted to between 2,000 and 2,500 Europeans.</p> <p>This means as many as 1,750 may have returned, based on the percentages listed in the report which EU counter-terrorism coordinator Gilles de Kerchove will present to EU interior ministers on Friday.</p> <p>The report said there were two types of ‘foreign terrorist fighters’ returning.</p> <p>“There are largely two categories of returnees: those in the majority who will drift back and those who will be sent back on specific missions, which are of most concern.”</p> <p>The report even claimed some European women and children born or raised in the so-called caliphate declared by ISIS in Iraq and Syria could pose a security threat as they may have been radicalised.</p> <p>Without giving figures, it said some returnees have been convicted and serving prison sentences, while others are being monitored and some are free in their communities.</p> <p>It recalled that foreign fighters who have returned to Europe have staged both foiled and successful attacks, including the slaughter in Paris in November last year and this year’s bombings in Brussels in March.</p> <p>Both sets of attacks were claimed by ISIS, which is also known by its Arabic acronym Daesh.</p> <p>“There is also a significant foreign terrorist fighter contingent with Daesh in Libya which might attempt to use their nationality or family connections to return to Europe,” the report said.</p>

	It said returnees were keeping in touch with Daesh in the Middle East via social media and increasingly turning from mainstream Twitter to the encrypted one-to-one messaging service Telegram.
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HEADLINE	12/09 Drone targets beach attack suspect
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/09/middleeast/boubaker-hakim-drone-strike/index.html
GIST	<p>A French ISIS operative suspected of enabling a terrorist attack on a tourist beach in Tunisia was targeted by a United States drone strike in late November, according to a source briefed by French intelligence.</p> <p>Boubaker Hakim, 33, a veteran French-Tunisian ISIS operative -- who had gained a reputation as one of the most notorious and ruthless figures in global jihad -- was targeted in the Raqqa area of Syria on November 26, according to the source.</p> <p>Western intelligence agencies are still working to verify if he was killed.</p> <p>Intelligence indicated that Hakim was connected to the Tunisian cell behind the June 2015 Sousse attack via an intermediary in Libya, a senior British counterterrorism source told CNN.</p> <p>Thirty-eight people, including 30 British tourists, were killed.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Diplomats foresee Iran, ISIS rise
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/as-aleppo-falls-diplomats-foresee-iran-and-isis-rise/
GIST	<p>Aleppo's fall will not end the brutal Syrian war, but now diplomats are haggling over "which direction it falls," according to a Western diplomat. That is, will it be a bloodbath? Or can Secretary of State John Kerry negotiate a pathway out for the civilians trapped alongside the besieged U.S.-backed rebels in the eastern portion of the city? And could there be a way to call the surrender of that city something other than "defeat" for the rebels?</p> <p>"We are witnessing talks that are trying to manage Syrian and Russian victory," a European diplomat said on the condition of anonymity due to sensitivity of the ongoing diplomacy.</p> <p>Kerry spoke with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov Wednesday and again Thursday about one potential arrangement. Technical advisers are set to meet this weekend in Geneva on the matter, while Kerry convenes with a number of high-ranking diplomats in Paris this weekend.</p> <p>Expectations are low, but the cost of failure is quite high.</p>

“A cessation of hostilities is urgently needed to protect the civilians from Iran and the regime,” former Syrian diplomat Bassam Barabandi told CBS News. He has worked closely with the US-backed political opposition.

Without a pause in violence and a pathway out of the siege, thousands of civilians holed up alongside the estimated 9,000 or so Free Syrian Army fighters will face near-certain slaughter at the hands of the notoriously brutal Iranian proxy forces fighting on behalf of the militarily-weak Assad regime. The Shiite militias supported by Tehran are feared even more than Hezbollah, Iran’s Revolutionary Guard -- or even than Assad’s own troops.

Western and Arab diplomats tell me they are keenly aware that a defeat of the moderate rebels leaves the “bleeding edge” of Sunni extremism – ISIS- and al Qaeda-backed groups seeking to control Syria – up against the “bleeding edge” of extremist Shiite militias hired by Iran. The concern is that this violent churn will draw more fighters to extremist groups rather than to the moderate rebels who have been nominally supported by the U.S. Kerry has made similar arguments to Moscow in the past.

A further worry for the Syrian opposition is that the Assad regime’s victory will solidify Iran’s hold on Syria, which is the crown jewel of Tehran’s sphere of influence in the Middle East. Despite Donald Trump’s outreach to Assad’s sponsors in Moscow, the Syrian opposition is now hoping that the Trump administration will view Syria as worthy of action, in order to push back against Iran. The Syrian opposition is in contact with the incoming administration.

“The statements from the elected president Trump and his cabinet toward Syria are promising: he makes it crystal clear his coming administration will defeat ISIS and Iran,” Barabandi said. “Both are enemies of Syrian people, and both helped the regime.”

A clearly frustrated Western diplomat sheepishly admitted that both the U.S. and Europe had focused too much on pressuring Moscow and too little on squeezing Iran to stop the violence in Syria. The diplomat attributed that hesitation to American concern over disrupting the nuclear deal with Iran, and European concern about squandering investment opportunities resulting from that agreement. Iran sanctions are “more third-rail” than Syria sanctions because of the commercial interests, this diplomat said.

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HEADLINE	12/09 POW or criminal? Court to hear case
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/pow-criminal-appeals-court-hear-taliban-fighter-case-44081237
GIST	<p>A fight over whether the U.S. government properly prosecuted a former Russian military tank commander convicted of leading a Taliban attack on American forces is heading to a federal appeals court.</p> <p>The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Virginia will hear arguments Friday in the case of Irek Hamidullin.</p>

	<p>Hamidullin was accused of leading insurgents in a 2009 attack on U.S. forces in Afghanistan. He was sentenced last year to life in prison.</p> <p>Hamidullin's attorneys want the court to throw out his convictions. They argue he should have been treated as a prisoner of war and therefore shielded from criminal prosecution.</p> <p>Prosecutors counter that fighters aligned with the Taliban don't qualify for lawful combatant status because they don't adhere to the laws and customs of war, among other things.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 MI6: terrorism immediate threat to UK
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-38250432
GIST	<p>The scale of the terrorism threat to the UK is "unprecedented", the head of MI6 has said.</p> <p>Alex Younger said UK intelligence and security services had disrupted 12 terrorist plots since June 2013.</p> <p>He said many of the threats came from ungoverned spaces in the Middle East - namely Iraq and Syria.</p> <p>Mr Younger also warned that "hybrid warfare", which included cyber-attacks and subverting democracy, was becoming an "increasingly dangerous phenomenon".</p> <p>"The risks at stake are profound and represent a fundamental threat to our sovereignty," he said. "They should be a concern to all those who share democratic values."</p> <p>In his first public speech since taking up the post of "C", he warned of the impact of Russia's alliance with President Bashar al-Assad in Syria in casting all opponents of President Assad as terrorists.</p> <p>"I believe the Russian conduct in Syria - allied with that of Assad's discredited regime - will, if they do not change course, provide a tragic example of the perils of forfeiting legitimacy," he said.</p> <p>The Islamic State group had exploited the situation in Syria to fortify its stronghold in the region and wage a war on the West, he told journalists at MI6 headquarters in London.</p> <p>He added that IS, also known as Isil or Daesh, had a "highly organised external attack planning structure" which was plotting attacks against the UK and its allies "without ever having to leave Syria".</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Students sickened by carbon monoxide
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/poulsbo-middle-school-students-sickened-by-possible-carbon-monoxide
GIST	<p>POULSBO, Wash. - Emergency crews have responded to Poulsbo Middle School after receiving reports that some students have become ill with suspected carbon monoxide poisoning.</p> <p>Jody Matson of the Poulsbo Fire Department said a nurse called for the emergency response after several students began displaying symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure.</p> <p>Matson said less than a dozen students in two classrooms had become sick. About 30 students are being evaluated as a precaution.</p> <p>It's likely that none of the students will need to be hospitalized, she said. But several ambulances responded to the school in case they might be needed.</p> <p>The affected students were in a shop classroom and an art classroom.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Lawmakers file bill to split Wash. state
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2016/12/08/lawmakers-file-bill-to-split-washington-in-half-create-new-state-in-east-called-liberty/
GIST	<p>SPOKANE, Wash. -- Some conservative Eastern Washington lawmakers want to split the state in two, creating a new state east of the Cascade Range known as "Liberty."</p> <p>The idea is contained in House Joint Memorial 400, sponsored by Republican state Reps. Matt Shea and Bob McCaslin of Spokane Valley and David Taylor of Moxee.</p> <p>The Spokesman-Review says the idea of splitting from liberal Western Washington has been proposed numerous times in past decades.</p> <p>Spokane City Council President Ben Stuckart calls it a terrible idea.</p> <p>The Legislature can't split the state in half. The bill asks the president and Congress to do that.</p> <p>Congress hasn't created a new state out of an existing state since the Civil War, when West Virginia wanted to stay with the Union and was carved out of Virginia.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Seattle police chase ends in deadly crash
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SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2016/12/08/one-man-dead-after-police-chase-on-lake-city-way/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE – One man is dead and another is in the hospital after a police chase ended in a crash on Lake City Way early Thursday morning, police said.</p> <p>Police were still trying to untangle what, exactly, happened.</p> <p>Officers who responded to a domestic violence call at around 4 a.m. heard shots fired once they got in the area. They soon saw a silver Honda speed away, and pursued it.</p> <p>The Honda hit a railing on Lake City Way, and one man was ejected. He was pronounced dead on arrival.</p> <p>The other man was sent to Harborview Medical Center. He was found crawling out of the car's trunk, police said.</p> <p>The car hit a power pole and several parked cars.</p> <p>Police weren't sure if the shots fired were related to the domestic-violence call.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/07 Spy agencies targeted phones on planes
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/tech/us-uk-spies-targeted-airline-passengers-mobiles-report-063219247.html
GIST	<p>Paris (AFP) - American and British spy agencies have tried to intercept data from passengers' mobile phones on commercial airlines including Air France, media reports say, citing documents from US whistleblower Edward Snowden.</p> <p>The French flag-carrier was an early target of the US National Security Agency and its British counterpart GCHQ as it was seen as a terrorist mark and it carried out tests in 2007 on allowing the use of mobile phones on its aircraft.</p> <p>"The use of mobile phones with internet connections in the sky gave rise to the creation of specific programs at the NSA and GCHQ," said Le Monde, which has access to Snowden's archive in partnership with news website The Intercept.</p> <p>While it is not normally possible to make phone calls on planes, some carriers allow passengers to connect to a cabin wifi, allowing them to use internet-based functions on their handsets.</p> <p>In 2012, at least 27 airlines allowed passengers to use mobile phones on board, including British Airways, Aeroflot, Etihad, Cathay Pacific, Lufthansa and Singapore Airlines.</p>

But Air France was "such a symbol of the surveillance of communications on board airlines that the British spy agency used a drawing of one of their planes to illustrate how the interception worked."

Asked about the British and American surveillance claims, Air France told Le Monde: "We are visibly not the only ones to have been targeted and we know absolutely nothing about these practices."

According to the report, internal documents from the two agencies describe the results of the "impressive" programs -- codenamed "Thieving Magpie" and "Homing Pigeon" -- which allowed data to be collected "almost in real time".

In order to spy on a telephone, all that was needed was that the aircraft be cruising at an altitude above 10,000 feet, the report said.

Secret aerial stations on the ground could intercept the signal as it transited through a satellite.

"The simple fact that the telephone was switched on was enough to give away its position, the interception could then be cross-referenced with the list of known passengers on the flight, the flight number, and the airline code to determine the name of the smartphone user," the report said.

The mobile phone's function could also be disrupted, it said, forcing the user to input their access codes and thereby allowing the British spy agency to intercept the information.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Japan tags dementia sufferers w/barcode
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/news/lost-found-japan-tags-dementia-sufferers-barcodes-093502777.html
GIST	<p>A Japanese city has introduced a novel way to keep track of senior citizens with dementia who are prone to getting lost -- tagging their fingers and toes with scan-able barcodes.</p> <p>A company in Iruma, north of Tokyo, developed tiny nail stickers, each of which carries a unique identity number to help concerned families find missing loved ones, according to the city's social welfare office.</p> <p>The adhesive QR-coded seals for nails -- part of a free service launched this month and a first in Japan -- measure just one centimetre (0.4 inches) in size.</p> <p>"Being able to attach the seals on nails is a great advantage," a city worker told AFP. "There are already ID stickers for clothes or shoes but dementia patients are not always wearing those items."</p> <p>If an elderly person becomes disorientated, police will find the local city hall, its telephone number and the wearer's ID all embedded in the QR code.</p>

	<p>The chips remain attached for an average of two weeks -- even if they get wet -- the official said, citing recent trials.</p> <p>Japan is grappling with a rapidly ageing population with senior citizens expected to make up a whopping 40 percent of the population around 2060.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 WADA: 1,000 Russia athletes in doping
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/olympics/2016/12/09/more-than-1000-russian-athletes-involved-doping-mclaren-report-says/95187710/
GIST	<p>A second investigation commissioned by the World Anti-Doping Agency has revealed that more than 1,000 athletes were involved in a state-run doping system in Russia.</p> <p>The findings come in the second part of an investigation by Canadian lawyer Richard McLaren, who announced the results of his inquiry in London on Friday.</p> <p>His second report – which comes after WADA extended his mandate in July – confirmed the findings of the first report while revealing more about a system of covering up tests that was refined over time.</p> <p>“The results of the forensic and laboratory analysis initiated by my team established the conspiracy that was perpetrated between 2011 and 2015,” McLaren said. “It is impossible to know how deep and how far back a conspiracy goes. For years, international sports competitions have unknowingly been hijacked by the Russians. Coaches and athletes have been playing on an uneven field. Sports fans and spectators have been deceived.”</p> <p>Most notably, he said more than 1,000 Russian Olympians and Paralympians – in summer and winter sports – were identified “as being involved in or benefiting from manipulation to conceal positive doping tests.”</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Dallas pension system suspends access
SOURCE	http://www.dallasnews.com/news/dallas-city-hall/2016/12/08/dallas-police-fire-pension-board-ends-run-bank-stops-154m-withdrawals
GIST	<p>The Dallas Police and Fire Pension System's Board of Trustees suspended lump-sum withdrawals from the pension fund Thursday, staving off a possible restraining order and stopping \$154 million in withdrawal requests.</p> <p>The system was set to pay out the weekly requests Friday. Pension officials said allowing the withdrawals would leave them without the liquid reserves required to sustain the \$2.1 billion fund.</p>

"Our situation is currently critical, and we took action," board chairman Sam Friar said.

Pension officials and many police and firefighters have blamed Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings for forcing the latest run on the bank. Dozens of retirees rushed to request withdrawals after Rawlings filed a lawsuit Monday to stop the withdrawals.

By then, more than \$500 million had already gushed from the fund since the board proposed benefit cuts in August.

Rawlings told a crowd gathered Thursday afternoon at a Dallas Regional Chamber that "the bleeding has stopped. We can turn this ship around."

The crowd responded with cheers after the mayor's announcement of the board's decision. At the pension board meeting, the mood was more somber.

Council member Philip Kingston, a board trustee, said the mayor "unquestionably" forced the pension board's hand. He said Thursday was "the worst day I've had in public office."

"Unfortunately, financially, this had to happen," he said.

Kingston said the tough decision will be worth it if it means the pension, which is hurtling toward insolvency within the next decade or so, can be saved.

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HEADLINE	12/09 NASA's black women in 'computer pool'
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/09/us/hidden-figures-nasa-trnd/index.html
GIST	<p>By the time NASA was preparing to send John Glenn to space for the historic Mercury-Atlas 6 mission computers were used to calculate launch conditions.</p> <p>It wasn't long before then that the space agency and its predecessor, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, used "computers in skirts" to do all the number-crunching.</p> <p>That's right: humans, namely women, comprised the workforce known as the "Computer Pool" before the arrival of electronic data processors, aka, computers in the 1960s. Black women played a crucial role in the pool, providing mathematical data for NASA's first successful space missions, including Glenn's pioneering orbital spaceflight.</p> <p>Their work barely earned a mention in pop culture space tributes until this year, thanks to a best-selling novel and a forthcoming film that's getting major Oscar buzz.</p>

"Hidden Figures," starring Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe, tells the story of three women from the pool. The film is based on Margot Lee Shetterly's bestselling book by the same name, which spans several decades and characters at Langley.

Henson stars as Katherine Johnson, the 2015 National Medal of Freedom recipient who calculated the trajectory for America's first trip to space with Alan Shepherd's 1961 mission; Spencer as Johnson's supervisor, Dorothy Vaughan; and Monáe as Mary Jackson, who rose from mathematician to engineer to the mentor for women and minorities.

A pivotal scene in the film features Glenn. Johnson's work was held in such high regard in its time that Glenn, who died on Thursday, was aware of it. Computers were so new that even people at NASA were skeptical of them, and Glenn requested that Johnson personally confirm its calculations before his trip three times around Earth.

A day and a half later she proved the computer right.

Considered more patient and detail-oriented than men (and they could be paid less), the first women were hired in 1935 to do the integral but time-consuming work of reading, calculating and plotting test data to free up engineers for research projects.

Following an executive order prohibiting racial discrimination in the defense industry, Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory, NACA's main research center, began recruiting black people with college degrees in the 1940s for the computer pool. For years the women occupied a segregated wing, "West Area Computing," and used separate facilities. But there was no denying the value of their contribution.

In interviews ever since, Johnson has resisted taking full credit for the work. As she said in a 2010 interview, "We always worked as a team. It's never just one person."

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HEADLINE	12/08 IRS data: American dream evaporating
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2016/12/08/american-dream-sliding-irs-data/
GIST	<p>The probability of American children earning as much as their parents has plunged from 92 percent down to 50 percent during the last seven decades, according to a new study of tax data and the shrinking American Dream of upward mobility.</p> <p>Compared to people born in 1940, the “babies born in 1980 — today’s 36-year-olds — the index of the American dream has fallen to 50 percent: Only half of them make as much money as their parents did,” says a report in the New York Times.</p>

	<p>“In the industrial Midwestern states that effectively elected Donald Trump, the share was once higher than the national average. Now, it is a few percentage points lower. There, going backward is the norm,” the newspaper admitted.</p> <p>The study of IRS data report is here.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Alabama inmate ‘reacts’ during execution
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/lethal-injection/alabama-inmate-coughs-heaves-13-minutes-execution-n693906
GIST	<p>ATMORE, Ala. — A man who killed an Alabama convenience store clerk more than two decades ago was put to death Thursday night, in an execution that required two consciousness tests as the inmate heaved and coughed 13 minutes into the lethal injection.</p> <p>Ronald Bert Smith Jr., 45, was pronounced dead at 11:05 p.m., about 30 minutes after the procedure began at the state prison in southwest Alabama.</p> <p>Smith was convicted of capital murder in the Nov. 8, 1994, fatal shooting of Huntsville store clerk Casey Wilson. A jury voted 7-5 to recommend a sentence of life imprisonment, but a judge overrode that recommendation and sentenced Smith to death.</p> <p>Smith heaved and coughed repeatedly, clenching his fists and raising his head at the beginning of the execution. A prison guard performed two consciousness checks before the final two lethal drugs were administered. During the first one, Smith moved his arm. He slightly raised his right arm again after the second consciousness test.</p> <p>The meaning of those movements will likely be debated. One of Smith's attorneys whispered to another attorney, "He's reacting," and pointed out the inmate's repeated movements.</p> <p>The state prison commissioner said he did not see any reaction to the consciousness tests.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 India: pilots lied being low on fuel
SOURCE	https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-12-08/impish-pilots-crying-wolf-over-fuel-raises-india-air-safety-risk
GIST	<p>Pilots of at least three Indian flights, including one operated by market leader IndiGo, lied to air traffic controllers about being short on fuel to get priority landing at an airport, according to an investigation by the country’s aviation safety regulator.</p>

	<p>The incident occurred on Nov. 30, when pilots of an IndiGo plane radioed traffic controllers at Kolkata airport the jet was running out of fuel and it should be allowed to land, bypassing more than half a dozen aircraft waiting in queue. An Air India Ltd. aircraft, ahead of IndiGo, also claimed the same after listening to the conversation, while another plane operated by SpiceJet Ltd. also followed suit, the investigation showed.</p> <p>None of the aircraft ran the risk of an empty tank, and all of them had enough jet fuel to fly to an alternative airport and attempt at least two landings, or to circle around Kolkata for half an hour, a senior official at the Directorate General of Civil Aviation told reporters in New Delhi, asking not to be identified citing rules.</p> <p>Airport congestion is increasingly becoming a serious issue in India -- the fastest growing major aviation market in the world -- as carriers struggle to maintain their on-time performance, a key selling point to low-cost customers. The average time an aircraft spends circling before it can land in Mumbai during peak hours is about 45 minutes to an hour, versus 25 minutes for Singapore and zero for Qatar, according to Dubai-based Martin Consulting LLC.</p> <p>The pilots of the three aircraft were being “naughty,” and posed a serious threat to preparations when an actual incident of fuel shortage occurs, the official said. The IndiGo aircraft was carrying Mamata Banerjee, the chief minister of West Bengal state, whose political party raised the issue in parliament, saying her life was threatened. The pilots of all three flights have been suspended.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Japan doubles Fukushima cleanup cost
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/japan-doubles-cost-estimate-fukushima-cleanup-44080823
GIST	<p>A cost estimate to clean up Japan's wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant has doubled to nearly 22 trillion yen (\$190 billion), with decommissioning costs expected to continue to rise, according to a government panel Friday.</p> <p>The estimate raises the decommissioning part of the total costs to 8 trillion yen (\$70 billion) from the current 2 trillion (\$17.5 billion) because of surging labor and construction costs. Panel officials said the numbers could still grow as experts learn more about the damage to the plant's reactors and determine fuel removal methods.</p> <p>Costs for compensation, decontamination of the area and waste storage have also grown significantly. The plant suffered multiple meltdowns following the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Officials said its decommissioning will take several decades.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Everett lab fined for 38 monkey deaths
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SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/science/usda-fines-everett-lab-185000-for-38-monkey-deaths/
GIST	<p>The USDA has fined an Everett animal-research laboratory \$185,000 and suspended its license for at least a month, after 38 monkeys died — many during shipment from Asia to Everett and a facility in Houston.</p> <p>A decision and order spelling out the fine against SNBL USA, which sells lab animals and conducts medical testing on primates and other species, was filed Dec. 2 with the U.S. secretary of agriculture.</p> <p>SNBL’s license to operate as a dealer under the federal Animal Welfare Act will be suspended beginning Dec. 22, the document says. Under the order, the license can be reinstated after 30 days if inspections show the company is properly caring for its animals.</p> <p>Between the time the USDA’s original complaint was filed in September and the settlement this month, agency inspectors documented the deaths of two additional monkeys at the Everett lab.</p> <p>The November inspection report was sent to The Seattle Times by Stop Animal Exploitation Now, an activist group that seeks to “liberate” animals from laboratories, and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).</p> <p>PETA criticized the fine as “a drop in the bucket” for a company like SNBL, which is a subsidiary of Japan-based Shin Nippon Biomedical Laboratories. “SNBL is a dirty player in an ugly business and PETA urges federal agencies ... to cancel all contracts with the company so that our taxes aren’t supporting this misery,” said a statement from Kathy Guillermo, PETA’s senior vice president of laboratory investigations.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/07 Issaquah well tests positive for PFOS
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/pfos-found-in-testing-well-near-eastside-fire-and-rescue/474093932
GIST	<p>The city of Issaquah is trying to find out how the contaminant PFOS, perfluorooctane sulfonate, is getting into the groundwater.</p> <p>A new report points to the property where Eastside Fire and Rescue's headquarters is located as a likely source.</p> <p>Eastside Fire and Rescue says it is working as quickly as possible to address the concern but thinks there are likely other sources in the community as well.</p> <p>PFOS was once an ingredient in firefighting foam used on petroleum fires. It was the industry standard but was phased out more than a decade ago.</p>

Return to Top	<p>The presence of PFOS 31 times above the EPA's advisory benchmark made the city temporarily shut down one of its wells and then add an extensive filtration system.</p> <p>The water has been monitored and is safe.</p> <p>The city hired Geosyntec Consultants to investigate the source and the company issued a report to the city. The results will be shared with the City Council on Dec. 19.</p> <p>KIRO-7 obtained that 158 page report from the city of Issaquah. According to the study by Geosyntec Consultants, the level of PFOS found in a testing well not far from Eastside Fire and Rescue headquarters had a level of PFOS that was 31 times higher than the EPA advisory limit. According to the report, it was 2,200 parts per trillion when the advisory amount from the EPA is 70 parts per trillion.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 FBI: large drug bust in Honolulu
SOURCE	http://www.kitv.com/story/34010278/multiple-agencies-involved-in-large-drug-bust-in-honolulu
GIST	<p>HONOLULU - Multiple arrest warrants were issued Thursday morning in connection with a drug operation in Honolulu, according to the FBI.</p> <p>The FBI, Homeland Security Investigations and the Honolulu Police Department arrested 22 defendants named in six indictments returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, which remained sealed until Thursday.</p> <p>The six indictments charge 37 defendants with a variety of drug trafficking offenses and three of those defendants with firearm offenses.</p> <p>The indictment allege 105 drug trafficking offenses ranging from July 2014 through November 2016, as well as five firearm offenses.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Corruption Index: most corrupt nations
SOURCE	http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/what-are-most-corrupt-countries-world-1595572
GIST	<p>Every year, an estimated \$1trn is paid in bribes, with around \$2.6trn stolen annually through corruption. Although definitive statistics are impossible because of the nature of the crime, it is believed that around 68% of countries worldwide have a serious problem with corruption.</p> <p>Here are the most corrupt countries, according to the latest Corruption Perceptions Index.</p>

1st: North Korea and Somalia (joint)

Earlier this year, the BBC reported huge cases of corruption and voter intimidation in the parliamentary elections in Somalia, with some candidates offering bribes of up to £1m to secure votes.

Although North Korea suffers large-scale corruption, South Korea has its problems too. In November, a scandal emerged surrounding the South Korean president Park Gun-hye, who is accused by prosecutors of being involved in a scheme to pressure major companies to donate millions of dollars to funds controlled by a close friend.

2nd: Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, one of the world's poorest countries, millions of dollars that should have gone on reconstruction have been reportedly misused or stolen, undermining efforts to sustain peace. In 2010, nearly \$1bn disappeared from Kabul Bank, after businessmen and politicians carried out a Ponzi scheme in which deposits were stolen instead of invested.

3rd: Sudan

After decades of war and political instability, Sudan faces high levels of corruption, which exist in pretty much every section of its economy.

4th: Angola and South Sudan (joint)

In Angola, a country rich with oil and diamonds, nearly three-quarters of the population (70%) live on \$2 a day or less and around one in six children die before the age of five. According to Transparency International, however, not everyone is suffering – the president's daughter is a billionaire, having made her fortune from the diamond and telecoms business.

5th: Iraq and Libya (joint)

In May, a Transparency International survey found nearly one in three citizens who tried to access basic public services in the Middle East and North Africa paid a bribe. Of around 11,000 adults across nine countries and territories, 61% of people thought that the level of corruption had gone up in the last year.

6th: Haiti, Guinea-Bissau and Venezuela (joint)

In Venezuela, government funds are mismanaged, stolen or spent on companies linked to power. In one case, a journalist working with Transparencia Venezuela found least 400 tonnes of medicines had been left to expire in storage between 2010 and 2014, instead of being distributed to medical facilities in a country that lacks basic medical equipment.

7th: Eritrea, Syria, Turkmenistan and Yemen (joint)

In Syria, corruption has helped finance violent extremist groups and aided them with recruitment. Earlier this year, French officials placed Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's uncle – Rifaat al-Assad – under

investigation for corruption and money laundering, alleging he acquired wealth and a property empire in France through embezzlement and corrupt schemes.

8th: Uzbekistan

One of the most corrupt countries in the world is Uzbekistan, where the crime penetrates all levels of the business and society. Bribes impact court decisions, extortion is common among the police and the enforcement of anti-corruption laws is weak.

9th: Burundi, Cambodia and Zimbabwe (joint)

Corruption and human rights abuses have been evident in Burundi since President Pierre Nkurunziza's decision to run for a third term in July, which sparked violence including assassinations, arrests, torture of government critics and escalating attacks by anti-government forces. The government has shut down nearly all private media and increased surveillance of citizens.

10th: Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar (joint)

Myanmar, or Burma, experienced more than 40 years of military rule, but it is experiencing political and economic reforms. However, the military is still influential in politics, the media are still restricted and corruption is still a major challenge.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Suspect Georgia officers shooting dead
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/reward-info-officer-shooting-raised-50000-44058357
GIST	<p>A man suspected of fatally shooting a Georgia police officer and wounding another is dead, authorities said Thursday after a SWAT team stormed a home where a tipster had told police the suspect was hiding.</p> <p>The manhunt for 32-year-old Minquell Lembrick ended a day after a gunman killed Americus police Officer Nicholas Smarr and critically wounded Officer Jody Smith of Georgia Southwestern State University. Both officers were shot as they responded to a domestic disturbance call in Americus, a rural city 130 miles south of Atlanta. The shooting happened near campus, prompting university officials to place the school on lockdown.</p> <p>Police identified Lembrick as a suspect in the shootings and offered a \$70,000 reward for information leading to his capture. The SWAT team was dispatched to the house in Americus after authorities received a tip, said Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Nelly Miles.</p> <p>SWAT officers emerged from the home a short time after entering, and police said the manhunt was over.</p> <p>"It's confirmed that the suspect is dead," Americus police spokeswoman Phyllis Banks told The Associated Press.</p>

	She gave no further details, including whether police shot Lembrick or found him dead. Americus Police Chief Mark Scott planned a news conference Thursday afternoon.
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HEADLINE	12/08 Charge: firefighters brawl over response
SOURCE	http://washington.cbslocal.com/2016/12/08/firefighter-brawl/
GIST	<p>HYATTSVILLE, Md. — Two Maryland firefighters have been indicted on charges that they assaulted a female firefighter from another station during a fight over which unit should go first inside a burning home.</p> <p>The Prince George’s County State’s Attorney Angela Alsobrooks says volunteer firefighters Jeffry Miller and Chris Kelly were indicted Tuesday on multiple charges including second-degree assault and interfering with a firefighter in the performance of their duties.</p> <p>Alsobrooks says a unit of career firefighters arrived first at the Hyattsville blaze last December, but Kelly, who wasn’t in full gear, blocked the door, preventing them from entering.</p> <p>Alsobrooks says Kelly hit the career female firefighter, knocking her off the porch. She tried entering again, but officials say Miller grabbed her and pulled her away.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/08 Pirates prey on Venezuela fishermen
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/pirates-preying-venezuelan-fishermen-industry-unravels-44051935
GIST	<p>Pirates are terrorizing the coastal state of Sucre (Venezuela), once home to the world’s fourth-largest tuna fleet and a thriving fishing industry.</p> <p>That trade has collapsed, along with virtually every industry across Venezuela. Gangs of out-of-work fishermen prey upon those who still venture out into the open sea, stealing their catch and motors, tying them up, throwing them overboard, and sometimes shooting them. The robberies have taken place daily this year, and dozens of fishermen have died.</p> <p>"People can't make a living fishing anymore, so they're using their boats for the options that remain: smuggling gas, running drugs and piracy," said Jose Antonio Garcia, leader of the state's largest union.</p> <p>Venezuela's once booming oil economy is on its knees under socialist President Nicolas Maduro. In the low-lying western ranching region, cattle are dying for lack of feed. The mineral-rich states to the east no longer produce metal. In the agricultural heartlands, farmers wait in food lines to buy the crops they once</p>

grew before fertilizer ran out. Across the petroleum belt, rigs and refineries are silent, and this month has seen the rise of gas lines in a country with the world's largest oil reserves.

Here on the coast, the catch is down to less than a third of the 120,000 tons of tuna Venezuela produced in 2004. In June, Sucre was the epicenter of food riots that swept through the country. Punta de Araya families got through the summer by eating "dog soup," a broth made from seawater and the small fish that are usually thrown back.

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HEADLINE	12/08 Georgia: 2nd officer dies after being shot
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/12/08/second-georgia-officer-dies-injuries-after-shooting-suspect-found-dead.html
GIST	<p>A second Georgia police officer died Thursday, a day after being shot alongside a fellow officer who was a lifelong friend, and the hunt for the suspected gunman ended when a SWAT team found the fugitive dead -- apparently by his own hand -- inside a home where he was hiding.</p> <p>Officer Jody Smith initially clung to life after being gravely wounded Wednesday when the university campus officer went to help his friend, Americus Officer Nicholas Smarr, respond to a 911 call of a domestic dispute at an apartment in rural Americus, about 130 miles south of Atlanta.</p> <p>Both men were shot. Smarr was killed and Smith was airlifted in critical condition to a hospital in Macon. The university that employed Smith announced Thursday evening that he had died.</p> <p>"Officer Smith showed extreme bravery in the line of duty as he responded to a call for backup," Georgia Southwestern University President Charles Patterson said in a statement.</p> <p>News of Smith's death came a few hours after the hunt for the suspected gunman ended.</p> <p>Police offered a \$70,000 reward for information leading to the capture of 32-year-old Minquell Lembrick. A telephone tip Thursday morning sent them to a home where a tipster said the suspect was hiding, Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Nelly Miles said.</p> <p>SWAT officers emerged from the home shortly after entering. Americus Police Chief Mark Scott told a news conference they found Lembrick's body inside. He said the first officers on scene heard a gunshot inside before the SWAT team arrived.</p> <p>Lembrick died from "what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound," Scott said, adding the man was positively identified as Lembrick.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Actor arrested after TSA freak-out
SOURCE	http://www.wfaa.com/news/crime/actor-judge-reinhold-released-from-jail-after-love-field-arrest/366476199
GIST	<p>DALLAS - A seemingly humbled 'Judge' Reinhold was released from jail early Friday after being arrested for disorderly conduct at Love Field.</p> <p>Reinhold was arrested Thursday afternoon at Dallas Love Field for disorderly conduct. Dallas police say they were called to the airport at 1:15 p.m. after Reinhold refused to submit to a screening.</p> <p>According to a source at Dallas Love Field, Reinhold became belligerent when chosen for a second TSA screening. The source said he took his shirt off and used explicit language.</p> <p>Reinhold was charged with disorderly conduct and booked into the Lew Sterrett Justice Center. As he was escorted by police into the jail, he talked to media.</p> <p>"Thanks for the exposure guys," he said. "Glad you're here."</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Germany: arrest for explosion at mosque
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/suspect-arrested-explosion-mosque-germany-44081988
GIST	<p>German authorities have arrested a man suspected of setting off homemade explosive devices outside a mosque and a conference center in Dresden in September.</p> <p>Prosecutors said the 29-year-old man from Dresden was arrested on Thursday. They said Friday that authorities also seized objects that could be used to make explosives, and that DNA evidence linked the suspect to the blasts.</p> <p>The entrance of the Fatih Camii mosque was damaged in the explosion on Sept. 26. An imam with his wife and two sons were inside at the time, but weren't hurt.</p> <p>The second device exploded shortly afterward on a terrace between a hotel and a conference center.</p> <p>The explosions came a few days before events marking Germany's national day in Dresden, where the anti-Islam PEGIDA movement is based.</p>
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HEADLINE	12/09 Killing at rehab center 1st violent incident
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GIST	<p>The youth treatment center where police say a teenager brutally killed a staff member while trying to escape is a working cattle ranch in southern Utah that hasn't previously had any major violations with the state or violent incidents.</p> <p>Police and officials at the Turn-About Ranch near the tiny town of Escalante, Utah, aren't saying what behavioral problems led the 17-year-old suspect from Arizona to the treatment center, but the website says they don't take kids who have shown aggressive, psychotic or suicidal behavior.</p> <p>The center, does however, offer help to kids with anger issues. The center accepts boys and girls ages 13-17 for some 20 different diagnoses ranging from sleep disorder and diabetes to bipolar and personality disorder.</p> <p>The ranch is in good standing with the state licensing office and hasn't had any major violations, said Department of Human Services spokeswoman Allie Jurkatis. She said it has been licensed for a number of years, but couldn't say exactly how long. The ranch's website says it's been in operation for 25 years.</p> <p>Jurkatis said officials are investigating this week's incident to see if there were any violations, while also looking to see what the agency can learn from this to prevent future incidents.</p> <p>The teenager is in police custody, but has not yet been charged, said Garfield County Sheriff James Perkins. He says the teen will likely be charged with murder and could be prosecuted as an adult because he is almost 18. His name has not been released because of his age.</p>
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SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/state-highest-court-reinstates-dui-convictions-of-2-drivers-not-warned-about-pot/
GIST	<p>OLYMPIA — The state Supreme Court has unanimously reinstated the drunken-driving convictions of two people who argued that the results of their breath tests should have been thrown out.</p> <p>Judith Murray and Darren Robison were each convicted of DUI for failing alcohol breath tests in Snohomish County, but had their district-court convictions overturned by higher courts. The Court of Appeals found that before the drivers agreed to submit to a breath test, state troopers failed to warn them about the consequences of having certain concentrations of marijuana compounds in their blood.</p> <p>The Supreme Court said Thursday that made little sense. The breath test is unable to measure THC concentrations, and the justices said it was therefore reasonable for the troopers to omit reference to marijuana from the warnings Murray and Robison received.</p> <p>THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, is the main psychoactive compound in cannabis.</p>

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GIST	<p>The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) has gotten hold of a “mystery device” that thieves have been spotted on security cameras using to electronically open and start cars.</p> <p>The organization says that it obtained it through an outside security expert who purchased it overseas. It describes it as a “relay attack” unit that was originally designed for manufacturers to test the security of their wireless systems, but it and others like it have made their way into criminal hands, and handmade versions have also been discovered.</p> <p>It is actually two devices working together. The first intercepts the signal from a nearby proximity key fob, either being carried by someone or left in a car, and transfers it to the other, which can then be used to open the lock and start the vehicle.</p> <p>The NICB tested it, with approval, in several situations that included car dealerships, a car auction and on its own employee’s vehicles. It tried it on 35 different vehicles from a variety of brands and was able to open 19 and start and drive away in 18 of those. After the ignitions were turned off, the device was able to restart 12 of the 18 cars. It didn’t provide a detailed list of makes and models that were affected by the device, but did point out that the four 2017 Chevrolet models it tried were immune.</p> <p>Since it leaves no trace of the method of entry or ignition, the NICB is warning drivers to be wary of anyone around when using these types of keys, and not leaving them behind in the car. It also points out that if you give access to your key fob to someone, including a parking valet, they can potentially use a unit like this to skim the codes and then enter or steal the car later on.</p>
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GIST	<p>A former Seattle Central College student was arrested late Wednesday for bringing a firearm on campus.</p> <p>A school spokesperson confirms the 34 year-old man was arrested in the north end of the Broadway Edison building Wednesday afternoon around 4:30 p.m. He was allegedly carrying an assault rifle inside a guitar case. The spokesperson says he made no threats, but police trespassed him from the school.</p>

According to Seattle Police, a witness contacted campus security and was aware that he sometimes stores and carries a rifle inside a guitar case. The man lives in a homeless encampment in South Seattle, and was booked for possessing a dangerous weapon in a school facility, and a felony warrant.

The college president sent a letter out to staff and students with some of the details, reminding students that no firearms are allowed on campus with the exception of weapons carried by police and military personnel who are performing their duties.

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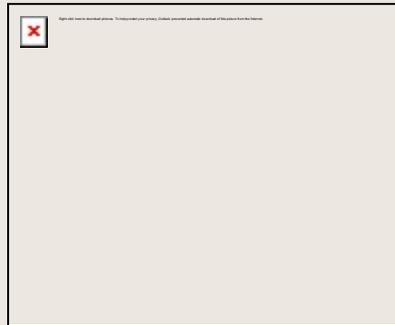
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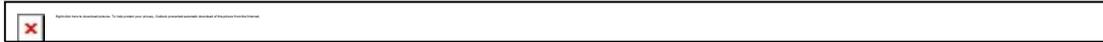
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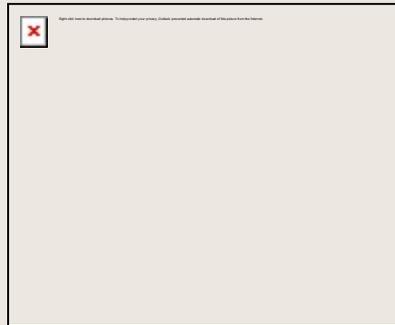
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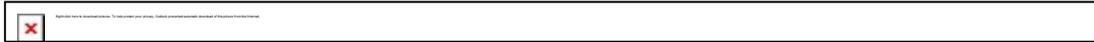
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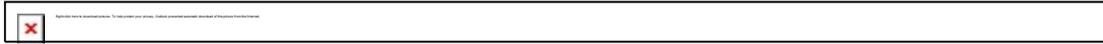
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In *United States v. Patrick*, ___ F.3d ___, 2016 WL 6892507 (7th Cir. Nov. 23, 2016), a divided panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit held that the fact that the police used a cell-site simulator in order to determine Defendant Damian Patrick's location in order to arrest him did not warrant application of the exclusionary rule. Specifically, the Seventh Circuit affirmed the District Court's denial of Patrick's motion to suppress but declined to resolve the larger constitutional issue of whether using a cell-site simulator-such as Stingray-constitutes a search under the Fourth Amendment. The relevant facts are as follows.

The Milwaukee, Wisconsin, police arrested Patrick while he was in a car on a public street. Patrick was serving a term of parole that followed his release from state prison. Patrick had not complied with the conditions of his parole, and so, a state court judge issued a warrant for Patrick's arrest. In order to locate Patrick, the Milwaukee police obtained a second warrant that authorized them to locate Patrick using cell-phone data. Patrick's cell phone revealed his location and allowed the police to find him.

When the police found him, Patrick was armed. Because he was a felon (and, therefore, could not legally possess a firearm), Patrick was charged in federal court with being a felon in possession of a firearm in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1). Thereafter, the District Court denied Patrick's motion to suppress the evidence that he possessed a gun. Accordingly, Patrick pled guilty to the charge and was sentenced to a 57-month term of imprisonment. However, Patrick reserved the right to challenge on appeal the validity of his arrest and the evidence of his possession of the gun.

On appeal, the Seventh Circuit held that, because Patrick was arrested in a public place and because the arrest was supported by both probable cause and a valid arrest warrant that a state court judge had issued before any effort to learn of Patrick's location had begun, it did not need to determine the difficult issues posed by the fact that the police did not reveal the use of a cell-site simulator to the state court judge who issued the warrant, nor did it need to determine the effect, if any, the fact that the federal prosecutors had not revealed this fact to the District Court. Indeed, the federal prosecutors first revealed the use of a cell-site simulator in its opening brief that it filed with the Seventh Circuit.

The United States Department of Justice describes a cell-site simulator (often called a "Stingray" which is the trademark of one brand) as follows:

Cell-site simulators . . . function by transmitting as a cell tower. In response to the signals emitted by the simulator, cellular devices in the proximity of the device identify the simulator as the most attractive cell tower in the area and thus transmit signals to the simulator that identify the device in the same way that they would with a networked tower.

A cell-site simulator receives and uses an industry standard unique identifying number assigned by a device manufacturer or cellular network provider. When used to locate a known cellular device, a cell-site simulator initially receives the unique identifying number from multiple devices in the vicinity of the simulator. Once the cell-site simulator identifies the specific cellular device for which it is looking, it will obtain the signaling information relating only to that particular phone. When used to identify an unknown device, the cell-site simulator obtains signaling information from non-target devices in the target's vicinity for the limited purpose of distinguishing the target device.

By transmitting as a cell tower, cell-site simulators acquire the identifying information from cellular devices. This identifying information is limited, however. Cell-site simulators provide only the relative signal strength and general direction of a subject cellular telephone; they do not function as a GPS locator, as they do not obtain or download any location information from the device or its applications. Moreover, cell-site simulators used by the Department must be configured as pen registers, and may not be used to collect the contents of any communication, in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3127(3). This includes any data contained on the phone itself: the simulator does not remotely capture emails, texts, contact lists, images or any other data from the phone. In addition, Department cell-site simulators do not provide subscriber account information (for example, an account holder's name, address, or telephone number).

Id. at * 2.

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HEADLINE	11/28 Kirkland PD immigration status policy
SOURCE	http://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/chief-harris-responds-to-questions-about-kirkland-police-policy-on-immigration-status/
GIST	<p>On Nov. 18, the Seattle Times published a statement from the Bellevue Police Chief saying that Bellevue officers won't ask residents for immigration status and won't use police resources to apprehend undocumented immigrants unless they are suspected of a serious crime. Since then, many Kirkland residents have asked about the policy of the Kirkland Police regarding immigration status.</p> <p>“Kirkland has had a long standing policy never to ask for immigration papers,” said Kirkland Police Chief Cherie Harris. “We want people to know that our job is to protect and serve the entire community and no resident should fear reporting any crime or intimidation, regardless of their immigration status. Our mission has not changed and will not change. We want everyone to feel safe and if they don't, we want to know about it.”</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Woman kept Black Friday non-violent
SOURCE	http://www.seattleweekly.com/news/this-woman-kept-black-friday-non-violent/
GIST	<p>“Whose streets?” asks a lone voice at the corner of Fourth and Columbia. “OUR STREETS!” replies the crowd.</p> <p>Friday, November 25th, 2016. Hundreds (at least) of #BlackLivesMatter marchers fill the street in a cacophonous throng. After starting at Westlake Park early in the afternoon, the crowd has taken to Seattle's streets in protest against police violence, against president-elect Trump, and against the orgy of consumerism that is Black Friday.</p> <p>The march is headed toward City Hall, but the Seattle police have different ideas. They've been escorting the march, but now riot cops form a line blocking the path forward. Brandishing wooden clubs and paramilitary armor, the officers want the marchers to turn around, move away from City Hall and back toward Westlake. “Shame!” someone cries. One of the officers—a tall, thin white guy—grimaces. Most of the cops wear expressions as blank and absent as the transparent plastic visors that shield their faces from spit and friendly fire. The front line of marchers lock arms. They don't push, but they don't back off. For a moment, it looks like the confrontation is going to escalate into pepper spray and beatdowns.</p> <p>Then Aina Braxton gets involved. Making her way to the front of the line, the UW Bothell administrator talks to the police at the front, finds out what they want. Despite her own desire to reach City Hall, she uses a bullhorn to address the marchers, urging them to literally and figuratively turn their cheeks around and start walking the other way. “We are warriors of love and light,” she says, “and we want [the police]</p>

to be too.” Gradually, the march starts to move back the way it came. For today, at least, open battle has been avoided between Seattle’s Finest and Seattle’s populace.

“I have my six-year-old niece out here,” Braxton says to a flurry of reporters while walking to catch up with the front of the march. “I am not trying to have people confront the police force that I have known in the past to use excessive force...to knock people’s heads up, and shoot and kill people...I’m not going to lead a group of people into a situation that’s going to be potentially dangerous for them.”

So then why are you out here, facing down riot cops on a city arterial street?

“There was never an option for me,” she says, to not speak out against president-elect Donald Trump. The cost of silence would have been too high. “I’m a patriot. I’m a mother. I’m a descendent of slaves and the Blackfoot Tribe,” she says. The threat posed by the president elect, she says, “is real. People are still trying to have this Pollyanna, white-washed vision of what the world is like, and what Donald Trump taught us is that’s dangerous.”

Many activists believe that police, as an institution, are intrinsically racist and violent. Do you agree?

“Absolutely,” she says. “I do believe that—and I know that [police officers] are people, they’re humans.” Reconciling with fellow humans, Braxton says, is “the only thing I know how to do. I understand some people don’t feel that way and I support them, but I’m always going to lean to inviting people to my table to break bread with me. That goes for the police, that goes for Donald Trump himself.”

You’re refraining from physical violence or property destruction. Do you think everyone should do the same?

“There’s always been different strains of how people get shit done,” Braxton replies. “Sometimes, [property destruction] puts pressure on people to act when sometimes nonviolent means aren’t doing it.” She pauses, thinks for a moment. “I believe in peaceful protest, and I believe in bringing and walking in peace at all times.

“And I know that rage is real, and rage is healthy. Sometimes that rage needs somewhere to go.”

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HEADLINE	11/28 Mayor: Seattle police reform will continue
SOURCE	http://kuow.org/post/seattle-police-reform-will-continue-trump-era
GIST	In 2012, the City of Seattle and the federal government agreed to implement sweeping reforms of the city’s police department.

Investigators had determined that Seattle police too often used excessive force in confrontations with civilians, and found the potential for racially biased policing.

The reforms have been underway since, supervised by a federally appointed monitor.

Seattle Mayor Ed Murray says a new, Donald Trump justice department shouldn't affect the ongoing reforms.

Murray: "It's so late in our process. The judge has it. The justice department can be a party, and ask the judge for things, but they basically can't change it."

The city has been working with the U.S. Department of Justice's civil rights division on these reforms.

Murray says he's not sure if the new administration will retain that division going forward.

Murray: "That's bad news for this country, but for Seattle and police reform, the fact that this sits with a federal judge, is really important. The justice department would have to go back and try an open up the case. That's not going to happen. The judge has been very clear he's going to see this reform through."

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HEADLINE	11/28 Seattle PD steadily increasing diversity
SOURCE	http://www.thestranger.com/slog/2016/11/28/24714101/seattle-police-steadily-increasing-diversity-of-force-with-new-hires
GIST	<p>Under the leadership of chief Kathleen O'Toole, the Seattle Police Department is steadily increasing the diversity of its approximately 1,200-member force by hiring more minority officers. In 2016, the proportion of nonwhite officers joining the SPD has jumped to 35 percent, up ten points over two years, according to a recent department report.</p> <p>O'Toole has made it a priority to create a police force that reflects Seattle. "We need to have police services that [represent] the communities that they serve," she said when she took the job.</p> <p>Mayor Ed Murray has pledged to hire 200 more officers by 2019.</p> <p>The SPD is already doing a better job of mirroring the racial demographics in Seattle than departments in other large cities, according to a survey and study by the Community Police Commission, though the force is still nine percentage points whiter than the city's population.</p> <p>The police force should strive for diversity because it "conveys a sense of equity to the public" and increases the likelihood that officers will understand the perspectives of minorities, the commissioners said, urging a more intensive push for minority recruitment.</p>

The department was 74 percent white in 2015. Many of its officers live outside Seattle. "There aren't enough people 'like us' on SPD," the CPC report quoted one person as saying. "We want to see officers in our community who share our physical traits and cultural values."

Beyond ethnicity, the SPD has long been criticized for not changing its "preference points" system to incentivize the hiring of more multilingual applicants or Peace Corps members, the way it does for military veterans.

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HEADLINE	11/28 Seattle, King Co. cited for sewage flow
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/474226/seattle-county-sewage-fines-for-2015/
GIST	<p>The City of Seattle and King County have been cited for discharging sewage into local bodies of water beyond allowable limits.</p> <p>The Department of Ecology has fined King County \$63,500 and the City of Seattle \$33,500. Ecology essentially found that the city and county discharged sewage into neighboring bodies of water beyond what is allowed.</p> <p>“The county and the city are taking these violations seriously and they are making good progress on their CSO control programs,” said Mark Henley with the Department of Ecology. “They just need to do a little bit better to not violate their permit.”</p> <p>King County was cited for 23 violations, and Seattle was cited for 10 violations. All incidents happened throughout 2015. Ecology found that King County exceeded pollutant limits from its treatment plants 18 times. Ecology also notes that two out of the four county treatment plants were found in violation of solids removal limits.</p> <p>“(The county) is mostly regarding one of their CSO satellite treatment plants, called Elliott West,” Henley said. “That’s for various pollutants above the allowable limits, which includes fecal coliform bacteria and excessive levels of chlorine in their discharge.”</p> <p>Fecal coliform bacteria is basically what it sounds like — scientifically speaking, it originates in the intestines of warm-blooded animals. But locally, excessive levels of the fecal bacteria made it through the sewage lines, and eventually flowed into places like Lake Union and Lake Washington.</p> <p>Seattle had a similar case. Ecology discovered that the city allowed two unpermitted overflows from its outfalls during dry weather, and seven preventable overflows during other times.</p>

	This all means that sewage overflowed into Puget Sound, Elliott Bay, Lake Washington, Lake Union and Longfellow Creek.
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HEADLINE	11/28 Holiday shopping vital to economy
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/why-holiday-shopping-is-so-important-for-the-economy/
GIST	<p>The biggest gift that the United States could get during the holiday season is robust shopping by the American consumer, who is now the primary engine powering economic performance.</p> <p>Early indications are that this should be a good shopping season, with nearly 154 million people on the prowl for holiday deals during the Thanksgiving weekend, up 2 percent from last year, a National Retail Federation survey indicated. The run-up to the Black Friday shop-athon is heartening: In October, retail sales (excluding such non-gift items as food, autos, and gasoline) rose an encouraging 4 percent.</p> <p>Overall, the National Retail Federation expected this holiday season’s sales to be 3.6 percent ahead of the same period a year ago, paced by a swiftly expanding online effort. As a result, retail stocks, lagging earlier in the year, have perked up recently to reflect the optimistic scenario.</p> <p>The news about U.S. consumers is mostly good, which would support a positive outlook for their spending behavior. Jobless claims, for instance, are at their lowest level since 1970. The University of Michigan survey of consumer sentiment marked a nice advance of 2.8 percent in November, compared with 12 months before.</p> <p>Consumer spending makes up about 70 percent of gross domestic product, and a solid chunk of it takes place in November and December, mainly in the form of gift purchases. A fifth of all retail sales occur in the year’s last two months, according to the National Retail Federation.</p> <p>The question is whether good holiday sales will be enough to overcome weaknesses in the rest of the economy. There’s an argument that a healthy holiday performance is a zero sum game for the consumer economy. As Jim Sullivan, chief U.S. economist for research consultancy High Frequency Economics, put it: “To some extent, the more one spends on holiday items in November and December, the less that will be available for other items in January and February.”</p> <p>In the meantime, decidedly blah business capital spending and a strong U.S. dollar are headwinds for the economy, which for several years has grown at an uninspiring rate of around 2 percent annually. “It can’t be overstated: Without strong retail sales, overcoming those problems” would be very difficult if not impossible, said Chris Christopher, director of consumer economics for research firm IHS Global Insight.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Newcomers arrive King Co.; others leave
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SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/data/newcomers-pour-into-king-county-while-washingtonians-quietly-exit/
GIST	<p>Last year, for the first time in at least a decade, the number of native-born Washingtonians in King County declined.</p> <p>Between 2014 and 2015, their number fell by more than 17,000 — a 2 percent drop. There are now 850,000 Washington-born residents in the county, or 40 percent of its total population.</p> <p>Ever since the Census Bureau began producing these annual estimates in 2005, the number of native-born Washingtonians here has gone up — until now.</p> <p>It's too soon, after a single year's data, to call the decline a trend. But it's not too soon to conclude that there's been a fundamental shift since the start of this decade: People from out of state and from other countries have leapfrogged native-born Washingtonians as the top drivers of population growth in King County.</p> <p>The data suggest that more longtime residents are leaving — and folks from other parts of Washington may no longer be moving here at as great a pace as before.</p> <p>And perhaps that's not much of a surprise, because — let's face it — you often hear people who grew up around here grumbling about all the change in the past few years: It's gotten too expensive, too congested, too gentrified and so on.</p> <p>But the multitude of newcomers to Seattle from around the country and the globe tends to have a very different take: Ask about their newly adopted hometown, and they start to gush.</p> <p>"It's gorgeous," said Adam Rio, who settled into a Capitol Hill apartment six months ago after moving here from New York City.</p> <p>He got his first taste of Seattle while visiting a friend who'd moved for a job at Amazon, and was blown away by the city's easy access to spectacular natural beauty — not to mention its great food, mild climate, progressive politics and sizable LGBT community.</p> <p>"I can afford to have a car here, whereas that wasn't even an option in New York," he said. "I feel like almost everything is easier here."</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Seattle police urge safety on the water
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/seattle-police-urge-water-safety-after-several-rescues/356868575
GIST	SEATTLE -- Seattle police are urging safety on the water after several water rescues in recent weeks.

	<p>Many people wouldn't consider late fall or winter a time to get out on the water. But in Seattle, hundreds still go out every day.</p> <p>“With the wintertime. not only are the water temperatures cold, and the air temperature is cold, but the wind comes about,” Officer Reuben Omelanchuk said. "Sometimes kayakers still think it’s going to be a great day out on the water whether it’s out on Alki or Discovery Park and the winds change and it keeps taking them out to sea itself."</p> <p>Omelanchuk and the Seattle Police Harbor Unit patrol 220 miles in the city limits alone, between fresh water and salt water. They are working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. They collaborate with the Seattle Fire Department on rescues.</p> <p>There are the obvious things to remember like wearing a life jacket and, in most situations, a wetsuit. But police want you to be aware of some key time frames if you experience a water emergency in the winter.</p> <p>“A good rule of thumb, usually, is that you have one minute to get control of your breath and that will mitigate hyperventilation. Then you have about 10 minutes before you begin losing dexterity -- your fingers, your feet -- and that will, of course, limit your ability to stay afloat if you are not wearing a personal floatation device,” Omelanchuk said.</p> <p>Also, you have about one hour before serious injury or death can occur.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/27 Black Lives Matter salutes Fidel Castro
SOURCE	https://heatst.com/culture-wars/black-lives-matter-salutes-fidel-castro-is-grateful-he-harbored-an-fbi-most-wanted-terrorist/
GIST	<p>The Black Lives Matter movement has come out in support of Fidel Castro, following his death on Friday, saying they must “come to the defense of El Comandante” and thanking him for safeguarding Assata Shakur, who’s on the FBI’s Most Wanted Terrorists list.</p> <p>The movement penned an article on Sunday titled “Lessons from Fidel: Black Lives Matter and the Transition of El Comandante” on the Medium platform where they eulogized the passing of the Cuban dictator. The article, which was not bylined, was Tweeted out by the closest thing there is to an official Black Lives Matter account and also posted on the movement’s semi-official Facebook page.</p> <p>The article claims Castro’s death has caused “an overwhelming sense of loss, complicated by fear and anxiety.”</p> <p>“Although no leader is without their flaws, we must push back against the rhetoric of the right and come to the defense of El Comandante,” it added.</p>

The article continues by portraying Castro as a model freedom fighter, who Black Lives Matter should strive to follow and emulate. It said: “As Fidel ascends to the realm of the ancestors, we summon his guidance, strength, and power as we recommit ourselves to the struggle for universal freedom. Fidel Vive!”

The movement then thanked the Cuban dictator for hiding criminals and domestic terrorists from the U.S government, such as Michael Finney, Ralph Goodwin, and Charles Hill — who hijacked an airplane from Albuquerque while being sought for the 1972 murder of New Mexico State Trooper Robert Rosenbloom. Hill told a *Washington Post* reporter in the 1990s that he had no regrets about killing the state trooper, a father of two young daughters.

The BLM movement is also “particularly grateful” to Castro for harboring “Mama Assata Shakur, who continues to inspire us.” Shakur, whose real name is Joanne Chesimard, is currently on [the FBI’s Most Wanted Terrorists list with a \\$1 million bounty on her head.](#)

She was convicted in the U.S. of killing a New Jersey state trooper, assault and battery of a police officer. After she escaped from prison, Castro granted her asylum in Cuba in 1984.

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HEADLINE	11/29 Shelter placed over Chernobyl reactor
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/E/EU_UKRAINE_CHERNOBYL?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-11-29-05-53-47
GIST	<p>CHERNOBYL, Ukraine (AP) -- A massive shelter has finally been installed over the exploded reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear plant, one of the most ambitious engineering projects in the world.</p> <p>The half-cylinder-shaped shelter began being moved toward the reactor on a system of hydraulic jacks two weeks ago and reached its destination Tuesday, a significant step toward liquidating the remains of the world's worst nuclear accident, 30 years ago in what is now Ukraine.</p> <p>Workers will now begin dismantling unstable parts of the original cover, the so-called sarcophagus, which was built over the reactor shortly after the explosion to contain radiation.</p> <p>The new shelter is 275 meters (843 feet) wide and 108 meters (354 feet) tall and cost 1.5 billion euros, according to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 ND governor orders protestors expelled
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-north-dakota-pipeline-idUSKBN13N2EU

GIST	<p>North Dakota's governor ordered the expulsion of thousands of Native American and environmental activists camped on federal property near an oil pipeline project they are trying to halt, citing hazards posed by harsh weather as a blizzard bore down on the area.</p> <p>The "emergency evacuation" order from Governor Jack Dalrymple came days after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which manages the site, set a Dec. 5 deadline for the demonstrators to vacate their encampment, about 45 miles (72 km) south of Bismarck, the state capital.</p> <p>The Army Corps has insisted, however, that it has no plans to forcibly remove protesters, many of them members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. The agency instead urged a "peaceful and orderly transition to a safer location."</p> <p>The governor did not specify how he intended to enforce his order other than by directing state and local agencies to refuse emergency assistance and other services to anyone who remained at the site. He said the order was effective immediately and would stay in force "until rescinded."</p> <p>But Standing Rock Sioux spokeswoman Phyllis Young told a news conference Monday night the tribe would stand its ground.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 UN: 16,000 displaced in Syria Aleppo
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-refugees-idUSKBN1300P5
GIST	<p>Up to 16,000 people have been displaced in Syria's Aleppo by intense attacks on the rebel-held eastern part of the city, the United Nations humanitarian chief and relief coordinator Stephen O'Brien said on Tuesday, citing initial reports.</p> <p>The area had no functioning hospitals left, food stocks were nearly exhausted and it was likely that thousands more people would flee their homes if fighting persisted in the coming days, he said in an emailed statement.</p> <p>"The situation is very bad. There's intense fear of collective annihilation," said a medic who lives in the area and gave his name as Abu al-Abbas.</p> <p>The Syrian army and its allies made a sweeping advance across the northern part of besieged eastern Aleppo on Sunday night and Monday as rebels pulled back to a more defensible front line after losing control of a key district.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 Kirkland program cuts health costs
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/innovative-program-helps-kirkland-cut-health-costs/357470620

GIST	<p>KIRKLAND, Wash. -- Little on the outside of a Vera Whole Health clinic near Totem Lake Mall suggests the innovation Kirkland city leaders say is happening inside.</p> <p>"In America, there's a lot of waste in our health care system," said Dr. Karl Weyrauch, who leads the facility, "What we have in the rest of American health care is sick care. In Vera, we have a focus on keeping people healthy."</p> <p>What makes this particular facility different are the people Dr. Weyrauch sees. Almost all of them are employees with the city of Kirkland. This is their clinic.</p> <p>"They have longer visits than other kinds of clinics," said Dr. Weyrauch, "And they don't have any out-of-pocket expenses."</p> <p>The city of Kirkland opened its own health clinic, with Vera, a little more than a year ago. It was a decision motivated by rising health costs, an increasing number of claims and the prospect of paying huge penalties through the Affordable Care Act.</p> <p>"We were what you would characterize as a Cadillac tax plan," said Kirkland human resources director Jim Lopez, "We literally went from the old way to the new way."</p> <p>Lopez helped craft "Healthy Kirkland", which moved the city and its employees into a high deductible plan, but with a large contribution to a health savings program. It also created the primary care clinic which is free to all employees and their families.</p> <p>"We can give out free medicine to the patients without any charge to them up front," said Dr. Weyrauch, "The system still generates revenue for the city."</p> <p>Lopez said the switch has cut health spending by 4.5%, even though more than 70% of the staff used the clinic. Nine hundred people are enrolled.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 Thanksgiving, Black Friday sales up 9%
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/data-thanksgiving-black-friday-sales-percent-43836873
GIST	<p>Shoppers put in a strong showing on Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday.</p> <p>Holiday spending rose 9 percent Thursday and Friday combined, compared with the same two-day period last year, according to First Data.</p> <p>The bump was fueled by shoppers turning to online deals.</p>

	<p>E-commerce sales rose 10.8 percent for the two-day period, while sales at physical stores grew 8.6 percent, according to First Data, which analyzed online and in-store payments across different forms of payment cards from nearly one million merchants Thanksgiving and Friday. The data captures about 40 percent of all card transactions in the U.S. but excludes cash.</p> <p>The Thanksgiving weekend kicks of the holiday shopping season though stores have increasingly started their sales earlier in October. The Friday after Thanksgiving — known as Black Friday — used to unofficially mark the kickoff to door-buster sales, but now retailers are opening earlier on Thanksgiving. But while the holiday weekend has lost some of its punch, it still sets the tone for the season.</p> <p>"It was strong shopping," said Rishi Chhabra, vice president, information and analytics products, at First Data. "But people are shopping online more. And that trend keeps going up and up."</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 SKorea leader conditional resignation
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/south-korean-leader-shell-resign-lawmakers-act-43836969
GIST	<p>South Korean President Park Geun-hye said Tuesday that she'll resign — if parliament arranges the technical details — in her latest attempt to fend off impeachment efforts and massive street protests amid prosecution claims that a corrupt confidante wielded government power from the shadows.</p> <p>Opponents immediately called Park's conditional resignation offer a stalling tactic, and analysts said her steadfast denial that she has done anything wrong could embolden her enemies. The country's largest opposition party, the Minjoo Party, said it would not let Park's "ploy to avoid impeachment" interfere with a planned vote on impeachment that could take place this Friday or the next.</p> <p>Park, who did not take questions from reporters after her live address to the nation, said she will "leave the matters about my fate, including the shortening of my presidential term, to be decided by the National Assembly," referring to parliament.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 Tennessee wildfires force evacuations
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/tennessee-wildfires-burn-100-homes-force-thousands-flee/story?id=43839564
GIST	<p>Out-of-control wildfires have burned 100 homes and forced thousands to flee to safer ground around the city of Gatlinburg in eastern Tennessee.</p> <p>The blazes intensified overnight into Tuesday, prompting officials to evacuate the city of 4,000. Residents streamed out of the area in search of shelter.</p>

	<p>Dean Flener, a spokesperson with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, told ABC News that the wildfires reached “right on the doorstep” of the Dollywood theme park but that firefighting crews managed to stop the blazes from progressing into the park overnight.</p> <p>In a 3 a.m. update on Tuesday, the TEMA confirmed that 100 homes have so far been impacted in Sevier County, including 10 in Gatlinburg and that 1,200 people were in a local shelter.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 Plane carrying 81 crashes in Colombia
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/emergency-medellin-airport-plane-arriving-bolivia/story?id=43836788&cid=clicksource_4380645_1_hero_headlines_headlines_hed
GIST	<p>An official investigation has begun into a plane crash involving 72 passengers and 9 crew members, including members of a Brazilian club soccer team, that took place near Jose Maria Cordova International Airport in Medellin, Colombia just before 10 p.m. Monday night.</p> <p>Colombian authorities confirmed six survivors: three soccer players, two crew members and one journalist.</p> <p>The plane, charter flight CP2933 operated by LaMia airline, was due to arrive in Medellin from Bolivia, the airport's official Twitter account confirmed, adding that the plane suffered an electrical failure before the accident.</p> <p>The team, Chapecoense, was due to play against Medellin’s Atletico Nacional in the finals of the Copa Sudamericana on Wednesday, local media reported.</p> <p>Aerocivil, Colombia’s civil aviation authority, confirmed the accident and said that the first steps of an official investigation have begun.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Feds: reward to ‘turn-in illegals’ bogus
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/signs-offering-rewards-for-turning-in-illegal-immigrants-are-bogus-feds-say/
GIST	<p>Federal immigration officials on Monday disavowed small signs and stickers that are showing up around Seattle offering rewards for turning in “illegal immigrants.” The signs provide the website for the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) alongside the official seal for the Department of Homeland Security.</p> <p>The signs are bogus, the agency said.</p>

	<p>“ICE does not offer monetary rewards for information pertaining to illegal immigrants,” said ICE Seattle spokeswoman Rose Richeson.</p> <p>She said the agency “accepts tips related to criminal investigations,” including human trafficking, antiquities smuggling, child pornography and money laundering.”</p> <p>Richeson referred to a 2014 memorandum by Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson in which he sets the agency’s priorities for apprehending undocumented immigrants. The highest priority targets remain those seen as threats to national security, public safety and border security.</p> <p>The document does not discuss payment for information about people who are in the country illegally.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 CAIR seeks FBI probe in UW incident
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/muslim-leaders-call-on-fbi-to-investigate-attack-on-uw-student/
GIST	<p>Muslim leaders are calling on the FBI to open an investigation into an incident on the University of Washington campus in which a Muslim student was hit by a bottle earlier this month.</p> <p>Speaking at a news conference at the UW on Monday, officials with the Washington state chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) say they believe the attack was a hate crime and that the victim, Nasro Hassan, was targeted because she is Muslim. The organization also announced a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who threw the bottle.</p> <p>Hassan, a 19-year-old UW freshman, was struck in the face with a bottle thrown by a male just before 5 p.m. on Nov. 15 as she walked along Grant Lane, where it runs between Mary Gates Hall and Suzzallo Library, said Jasmin Samy, CAIR’s civil-rights manager.</p> <p>Hassan, a Somali-American and Muslim woman from North Dakota, immediately reported the assault to campus police and provided a written statement, Samy said. The young woman, who was wearing a hijab, provided a description of the suspect’s clothing — a black hoodie, jeans and sneakers — but Samy said Hassan didn’t know or mention the assailant’s race.</p> <p>UW police didn’t issue a safety alert or otherwise notify the student body about the attack, said Samy and CAIR’s Executive Director Arsalan Bukhari. They’ve asked the FBI to lend their expertise because they believe the police investigation has been inadequate.</p> <p>The bottle used in the attack wasn’t left behind and Bukhari didn’t know whether surveillance cameras recorded the incident.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 DSA: protest didn't ruin celebration
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/473879/seattle-association-says-protest-didnt-ruin-holiday-celebration/
GIST	<p>If you skipped the downtown Seattle Christmas tree lighting this year because of planned protests, you're not alone.</p> <p>Some shoppers took a pass on shopping at Westlake to avoid the Black Lives Matter protest. The protest, in its third year, drew about 1,000 demonstrators.</p> <p>But Downtown Seattle Association spokesman James Sido insists that the peaceful protest didn't deter anyone from enjoying the annual tree lighting ceremony.</p> <p>"The crowds were actually really good on Friday," he said. "I think if you look at the time of the tree lighting, during the celebration, we had thousands of people right in the heart of downtown at Fourth and Pine."</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Recall: homeopathic kids product
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/28/health/raritan-homeopathic-kids-product-recall/index.html
GIST	<p>Raritan Pharmaceuticals has issued a recall of kids' homeopathic ear relief liquid and teething tablets. The recalled products contain varying levels of belladonna extract, which can be dangerous or fatal when consumed in large doses, according to the US Food and Drug Administration.</p> <p>The recalled Raritan products include CVS Homeopathic Infants' Teething Tablets, Kids Relief Homeopathic Ear Relief Oral Liquid and CVS Homeopathic Kids' Ear Relief Liquid, which are sold nationwide. The products, tested by the FDA, were found to contain small but varying amounts of belladonna.</p> <p>According to the agency, the recall is precautionary. There have been no reports of the recalled products directly harming consumers.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 US shifts money away Philippine police
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-philippines-usa-police-idUSKBN13N2CC
GIST	The United States has shifted millions of dollars in funding for Philippines law enforcement away from police drug control programs, State Department officials said on Monday, since the start of the country's bloody crackdown on drugs this summer.

Return to Top	<p>The Obama administration and human rights groups have criticized Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte's war on drugs, and U.S. officials have said they are "deeply concerned" by reports of extrajudicial killings in the drug campaign. Duterte has in turn rebuked the United States and rejected the criticisms.</p> <p>Police figures show the campaign has killed more than 2,500 people since Duterte took office on June 30, about three-quarters in police counter-narcotics operations, and the rest believed to be the victims of vigilantes or drug lords eliminating rivals or silencing those who could implicate them.</p> <p>Since the start of the campaign, U.S. State Department assistance for Philippines law enforcement has been diverted from narcotics control to maritime security and human rights training for the national police, State Department spokesman John Kirby said in a news briefing.</p> <p>"We decided the prudent thing to do was to refocus the way that assistance was being spent," Kirby said.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Lufthansa cancels more flights
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-lufthansa-unions-idUSKBN13M0AX?il=0
GIST	<p>Lufthansa is cancelling around 1,700 flights over the next two days due to a fresh strike by pilots in a long-running dispute about pay.</p> <p>Last week, the German carrier canceled nearly 2,800 flights during a four-day walkout from Wednesday that affected more than 350,000 passengers, the 14th walkout in a dispute that since early 2014 has cost the carrier hundreds of millions of euros.</p> <p>Lufthansa has offered to increase the pilots' pay by 4.4 percent in two installments and make a one-off payment worth 1.8 months' pay over a six year period.</p> <p>Union Vereinigung Cockpit (VC) wants an average annual pay rise of 3.7 percent for 5,400 pilots over a five-year period backdated to 2012.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Recounts change election 2016 result?
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-38137630
GIST	<p>Thanks to the efforts of Green Party candidate Jill Stein, a recount of presidential ballots is about to get underway in several key states won by Donald Trump in America's general election.</p> <p>Could this process reveal evidence of election fraud or even hand the presidency to Hillary Clinton? That seems highly unlikely. But it hasn't prevented some considered thought, more than a bit of wild speculation and a Sunday Twitter tirade by the next US president.</p>

Here's everything you need to know about the presidential election drama that just doesn't want to end.

Which states are involved?

The Green Party backed recount efforts are focused on three states that Mr Trump won - Wisconsin (by 22,177 votes), Michigan (10,704 votes) and Pennsylvania (71,313 votes).

On Friday, Ms Stein formally requested the procedure in Wisconsin. County officials across the state will choose whether to hand count all the ballots or once again run them through their tabulation machines. Ms Stein has said she will sue to force all ballots be hand-counted.

On Monday the Green Party began the recount process for Pennsylvania. The deadline to request a recount in Michigan is Wednesday.

The three states account for 46 votes in the Electoral College, more than enough to tip the election to Mrs Clinton if they moved from Mr Trump's column to hers.

According to federal law, all recounts have to be concluded within 35 days of the election.

Will it change anything?

If Clinton supporters are working through their post-election grief, the millions of dollars that have poured in for recount efforts show that many are still firmly in the denial stage. For Ms Clinton to be declared the victor would require a swing of more than 100,000 votes across the three states - a move that would dwarf all previous recount results.

A Green Party requested effort in Ohio in 2004 resulted in Democrat John Kerry netting a grand total of 285 votes more than President George W Bush, for instance. The infamous Florida recount battle of 2000 involved shifts in the vote count measuring in the hundreds.

Even Ms Stein concedes that the recounts will not likely alter this election's outcome.

"These recounts are part of an election integrity movement to attempt to shine a light on just how untrustworthy the US election system is," she wrote on her website.

There's also the possibility that the recount, while not affecting enough votes to help Mrs Clinton, could reveal that the results were tampered with, possibly by foreign hackers. Although the Obama administration has said that there is no evidence to support this, there are indications that Russian-based hackers had probed voter databases in Arizona and Illinois earlier this year and were responsible for releasing private emails from high-level Democratic Party and Clinton campaign officials.

According to J Alex Halderman, a University of Michigan computer science professor, that's more than enough reason to support Ms Stein's recount efforts.

"Examining the physical evidence in these states - even if it finds nothing amiss - will help allay doubt and give voters justified confidence that the results are accurate," he writes for the website Medium. "It will also set a precedent for routinely examining paper ballots, which will provide an important deterrent against cyber attacks on future elections."

Of course, that doesn't really explain why Ms Stein is requesting a recount in Pennsylvania - where getting any kind of a meaningful information will be difficult.

Why is Pennsylvania different?

Unlike Wisconsin and Michigan, most of Pennsylvania's voting machines leave no paper trail - so there's nothing physical to count.

One voting expert **told** the Los Angeles Times that a Pennsylvania recount would be a "nightmare scenario" requiring each of the state's 1980s-era voting machines to be individually accessed and their results retabulated.

The relatively archaic nature of the Pennsylvania machines does have a benefit, however. Given that they are not connected to the internet, they would have to be individually hacked in order to alter their results - a daunting task for the most enterprising meddler.

Even the process for obtaining a recount in Pennsylvania is cumbersome. Unlike Wisconsin and Michigan, the requests have to be filed on a precinct-by-precinct level with at least three voters in each delivering notarised affidavits to their local election clerk.

There are 9,163 precincts in Pennsylvania, and as of Monday afternoon the Stein campaign reported that it had completed requests in "more than 100" locations - a proverbial drop in the bucket given the margin of Mr Trump's victory in the state.

What is the Clinton campaign's position?

The Clinton team made headlines this weekend when it announced that it would co-operate with Ms Stein's recount efforts.

That only means the Clinton campaign will ensure it has representatives in any legal proceedings arising from the recount and observers on hand during the process.

"Because we had not uncovered any actionable evidence of hacking or outside attempts to alter the voting technology, we had not planned to exercise this option ourselves, but now that a recount has been initiated

	<p>in Wisconsin, we intend to participate in order to ensure the process proceeds in a manner that is fair to all sides," Clinton campaign lawyer Marc Erik Elias wrote in a Medium post.</p> <p>Mrs Clinton herself has kept silent on the matter - as have most of her top advisors.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Commuter rails lagging on technology
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/feds-railroads-slow-to-make-progress-on-train-technology/
GIST	<p>PHILADELPHIA -- The nation's three busiest commuter railroads, which together serve nearly 1 million riders in the New York City area each day, continue to lag behind their smaller West Coast counterparts in installing sophisticated train-control technology that's seen as an antidote to crashes involving speeding and other human factors, federal regulators said Monday.</p> <p>The Long Island Rail Road, New Jersey Transit and Metro-North all made scant progress on implementing GPS-based positive-train control in the quarter ending Sept. 30, according to new Federal Railroad Administration data. Over the last three months, the LIRR and Metro-North have trained more employees on the system, the data shows, but neither they nor NJ Transit installed it on any tracks.</p> <p>The railroads say the federal data doesn't fully reflect their progress and that they are still on track to meet a December 2018 deadline to install the technology, which is designed to automatically slow or stop trains that are going too fast.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Yemen rebels, allies form new govt.
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/yemen-rebels-allies-form-government-deepening-rift-43828523
GIST	<p>Yemen's Houthi rebels and allies from the ousted president's party have formed a new government, deepening divisions in the Arab world's poorest nation.</p> <p>Houthis and their allies from ousted president Ali Abdullah Saleh's General People's Congress party announced late Monday the formation of the so-called National Salvation Government, the second in Yemen, based in the capital Sanaa.</p> <p>Yemen has an internationally-recognized government based in the southern city of Aden.</p> <p>The announcement came at a time that U.S.-backed, U.N.-mediated peace efforts have faltered.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Fire threat remains despite storms
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/deep-south-severe-weather-threat-wednesday-43824205

GIST	<p>Storms rolling across the South appeared to be taking aim at some of the largest wildfires burning across the region, which could finally help firefighters in their efforts to subdue the blazes, authorities said Monday.</p> <p>As the storm system passed over Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee late Monday, it was heading toward some of largest wildfires in Georgia and North Carolina.</p> <p>The rain forecast "puts the bullseye of the greatest amounts right at the bullseye of where we've been having our greatest activity," said Dave Martin, deputy director of operations for fire and aviation management with the southern region of the U.S. Forest Service.</p> <p>The projected rainfall amounts "really lines up with where we need it," Martin said Monday. "We're all knocking on wood."</p> <p>Yet after weeks of punishing drought, any rain that falls should be soaked up quickly, forecasters said. It will provide some relief but won't end the drought — or the fire threat, they say.</p> <p>Drought conditions will likely persist, authorities said. The problem is that rainfall amounts have been 10 to 15 inches below normal during the past three months in many parts of the South, authorities said.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 Ohio State attack act of terrorism?
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/ohio-state-attack-terrorism-eyed-police-seek-info-43837716
GIST	<p>Investigators are looking into whether a car-and-knife attack at Ohio State University that injured 11 people was an act of terror by a Somali-born student who had once criticized the media for its portrayal of Muslims.</p> <p>The attacker, identified as Abdul Razak Ali Artan, plowed his car into a group of pedestrians on campus shortly before 10 a.m. Monday, and then got out and began stabbing people with a butcher knife before he was shot to death by a campus police officer, authorities said.</p> <p>A motive was not immediately known, but police said they were investigating whether it was a terrorist attack.</p> <p>Artan was born in Somalia and was a legal permanent U.S. resident, according to a U.S. official who was not authorized to discuss the case and spoke on the condition of anonymity. The FBI joined the investigation.</p> <p>Ohio State University police Chief Craig Stone said Artan deliberately drove his small gray Honda over a curb outside an engineering classroom building and then began knifing people. Officer Alan Horujko, 28,</p>

who was nearby because of a gas leak arrived on the scene and shot the driver in less than a minute, Stone said.

Rep. Adam Schiff, of California, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said the act bore the hallmarks of an attack carried out by someone who may have been self-radicalized.

Ohio State's student newspaper, The Lantern, ran an interview in August with a student named Abdul Razak Artan, who identified himself as a Muslim and a third-year logistics management student who had just transferred from Columbus State in the fall.

He said he was looking for a place to pray openly and worried about how he would be received.

"I was kind of scared with everything going on in the media. I'm a Muslim, it's not what media portrays me to be," he told the newspaper. "If people look at me, a Muslim praying, I don't know what they're going to think, what's going to happen. But I don't blame them. It's the media that put that picture in their heads."

In recent months, federal law enforcement officials have raised concerns about online extremist propaganda that encourages knife and car attacks, which are easier to pull off than bombings.

The Islamic State group has urged sympathizers online to carry out lone-wolf attacks in their home countries with whatever weapons are available to them.

Artan was not known to the FBI prior to Monday's attack, according to a law enforcement official who was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

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HEADLINE	11/28 Dakota protestors complain hippie fest
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/nov/28/complaints-whites-co-opting-dakota-access-protest/
GIST	<p>Tension is brewing within the Dakota Access protest as complaints grow about outside activists trashing the camps, mooching off donations, and treating the anti-pipeline demonstration like a Burning Man-style festival for hippies.</p> <p>“Need to get something off my chest that I witnessed and found very disturbing in my brief time there that I believe many others have started to speak up about as well. White people colonizing the camps,” said Alicia Smith on Facebook.</p> <p>“They are coming in, taking food, clothing etc and occupying space without any desire to participate in camp maintenance and without respect of tribal protocols,” she said. “These people are treating it like it is Burning Man or The Rainbow Gathering and I even witnessed several wandering in and out of camps comparing it to those festivals.”</p>

Her Nov. 14 post, now making the rounds on social media, said outsiders are “literally subsisting entirely off the generosity of native people (AND YOUR DONATIONS if you have been donating) who are fighting to protect their water just because they can.”

A local deputy who asked to remain anonymous told WDAY-AM’s Rob Port that most of the protesters are white, and that some have used racial slurs against black, Hispanic and Native American officers.

Standing Rock Sioux chairman David Archambault II, who is leading the protest, raised concerns about sanitation in a Nov. 23 interview with Vice, saying activists are “digging pits out there for their human waste.”

“That’s a flood zone,” said Mr. Archambault, referring to camps on federal land along the Cannonball River. “So when the floodwaters come up, that waste is going to be contaminating the water. We’re no different than the oil company, if we’re fighting for water. What’s going to happen when people leave? Who has to clean it up? Who has to refurbish it? It’s going to be us, the people who live here.”

As many as 3,000 people have moved in and out of the southern North Dakota camps since Aug. 10. Some protesters belong to the Standing Rock and other tribes, but many are students, environmental activists and agitators with criminal records who have ignored Mr. Archambault’s repeated calls for peaceful demonstrations.

“Before this entire movement started, that was some of the most beautiful land around,” Mr. Archambault said. “There was a place down there where eagles, over 100 eagles would come and land. There were game down there—deer, pheasants, elk, geese. Now, it’s occupied by people. And when masses of people come to one place, we don’t take care of it.”

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has given protesters on federal land north of the Cannonball River until Dec. 5 to clear the area, but leaders of the large Sacred Stone, or Oceti Sakowin, camp have said they will fight the eviction.

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HEADLINE	11/28 Local transmitted Zika found in Texas
SOURCE	http://www.star-telegram.com/news/state/texas/article117526663.html
GIST	CAMERON COUNTY - A South Texas woman has been diagnosed with the state’s first locally transmitted case of the Zika virus, health officials said Monday. She likely received the virus from a mosquito, according to a press release from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The woman, a resident of Cameron County in the Rio Grande Valley, isn't pregnant and hasn't recently traveled to Mexico or any other country at risk of the virus, the press release said.

"We knew it was only a matter of time before we saw a Zika case spread by a mosquito in Texas," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner. "We still don't believe the virus will become widespread in Texas, but there could be more cases, so people need to protect themselves from mosquito bites, especially in parts of the state that stay relatively warm in the fall and winter."

Officials are still investigating how the woman contracted the virus. They have been trapping and testing mosquitoes at the woman's home in Brownsville and the city recently sprayed for mosquitoes.

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HEADLINE	11/28 US-CERT updates notification guidelines
SOURCE	http://healthitsecurity.com/news/us-cert-updates-cybersecurity-incident-notification-guidelines
GIST	<p>The U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) announced its new cybersecurity incident notification guidelines, which will go into effect on April 1, 2017.</p> <p>The guidelines will affect all Federal departments and agencies, as well as state, local, tribal, and territorial government entities, according to the US-CERT statement. Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations and foreign, commercial, and private-sector organizations will also need to adhere to the new requirements when submitting incident notifications.</p> <p>"Agencies must report information security incidents, where the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of a federal information system of a civilian, Executive Branch agency is potentially compromised, to the [National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center]/US-CERT with the required data elements, as well as any other available information, within one hour of being identified by the agency's top-level Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT), Security Operations Center (SOC), or information technology department," the notification explained.</p> <p>An incident is considered an occurrence that "actually or imminently jeopardizes, without lawful authority, the integrity, confidentiality, or availability of information or an information system," or one that "constitutes a violation or imminent threat of violation of law, security policies, security procedures, or acceptable use policies," according to the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA).</p> <p>For major incidents, Congress must be notified within seven days, the guidelines stated. It is up to the affected agency to determine if an incident should be "major," and it may also consult with US-CERT to help make the final decision.</p>

HEADLINE	11/29 Security warning on WhatsApp links
SOURCE	http://www.mid-day.com/articles/whatsapp-links-cybercrime-whatsapp-users-instantmessaging-app-tech-technology-apps/17793170
GIST	<p>Giving away a warning to all WhatsApp users across the globe, a report said that clicking on the links circulated on instant messaging app may expose and make them vulnerable to cyberattacks.</p> <p>According to a report in The Sun newspaper, hackers are using simple tricks to fool people into visiting booby-trapped websites and then fleecing them.</p> <p>Recently, Whatsapp rolled out video calling and scammers are taking the advantage of this new feature as bait to tempt people into their trap.</p> <p>"If you receive an email asking you to "activate" the function by visiting a website, make sure you don't click it. Anyone who is tricked into visiting the danger pages could end up being targeted by digital criminals," the report pointed out.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 FBI warns of online shopping scams
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/11/28/cyber-monday-scams-targeting-shoppers-fbi-warns.html
GIST	<p>Crooks are out to ensure a blue Christmas for cyber shoppers, using an array of online treachery and phony deals that will net an estimated \$1 billion this year, according to the FBI.</p> <p>In a report titled "Tis the Season for Holiday Scams," the FBI urged shoppers to be aware of increasingly aggressive and creative scams designed by criminals to steal money and personal information. Fake deals, bogus surveys and malware hidden in phony come-ons are all at a fever pitch today, as customers take part in Cyber Monday, the online version of Black Friday.</p> <p>"If a deal looks too good to be true, it probably, is," the FBI said in a statement. "You may end up paying for an item, giving away personal information, and receive nothing in return except for a compromised identity."</p> <p>A separate report from ACI Worldwide, a payment systems company, predicted that online fraud attempts will rise 43 percent in the United States during this year's holiday season.</p> <p>According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center, California, Florida, Texas, New York and Illinois are the states that saw the highest number of alleged scam victims in 2015, contributing to the total of more than \$1 billion in cyber scam losses for 2015.</p>

	<p>But shoppers aren't just at risk on retail websites -- the FBI is now warning to beware of social media posts and smartphone Apps.</p> <p>“Beware of posts on social media sites that appear to offer vouchers or gift cards, even if it appears the offer was shared by an online friend,” according to the FBI statement. “Some may pose as holiday promotions or contests that lead to participation in an online survey designed to steal personal information.”</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 Gatak Trojan targets healthcare
SOURCE	http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/gatak-trojan-turns-to-healthcare/
GIST	<p>The group behind the Gatak Trojan (Trojan.Gatak) has turned to healthcare as its key target.</p> <p>Gatak is known for infecting its victims through websites promising product licensing keys for pirated software, and in the past, the insurance sector was also heavily targeted by the group. Gatak victims are infected using websites offering product key generators or “keygens” for pirated software. The malware is bundled with the product key and, if the victim is tricked into downloading and opening one of these files, the malware is surreptitiously installed on the computer.</p> <p>According to Symantec, the majority of Gatak infections (62%) occur on enterprise computers, and of the top 20 most affected organizations (organizations with the most infected computers), 40% were in the healthcare sector.</p> <p>“Little is known about the group behind Gatak, although the corporate nature of its targets, along with the absence of zero-day vulnerabilities or advanced malware modules suggest that it may be cybercriminal in nature; however, there are also capabilities within the malware for more traditional espionage operations,” Symantec noted.</p> <p>“It is unclear how Gatak is profiting from its attacks. One possibility is data theft, with the attackers selling personally identifiable information and other stolen data on the cyber-underground. This could explain the attackers’ heavy focus on the healthcare sector, with healthcare records usually selling for more than other personal information.”</p> <p>It could also be that the healthcare sector may simply be the most susceptible to these kinds of attacks.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 Spammers bombard iCloud users
SOURCE	http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/spammers-bombard-icloud-users-new/

GIST	<p>Government-backed awareness raising organization, Get Safe Online, has issued new guidance for users bombarded with iCloud calendar and photos sharing spam.</p> <p>The irritation has become particularly pronounced of late over the Black Friday shopping weekend, according to multiple reports.</p> <p>Spammers have apparently been bypassing email altogether to send requests out <i>en masse</i> to users for calendar events or to view/share photos.</p> <p>Unfortunately, if you have already experienced this kind of activity, it means the spammers have obtained your iCloud-linked email, one way or the other.</p> <p>Get Safe Online urged users not to reply.</p> <p>“If you respond, or even choose to decline, the spammer is informed that your account is active and will continue to send the spam, possibly in greater volumes. There is an additional possibility that your account details will be sold to others, multiplying the problem,” it warned.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Europol targets sites selling fake brands
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/europol-closes-4500-websites-peddling-fake-brands
GIST	<p>In a massive crackdown, police and law enforcement agencies across Europe have seized more than 4,500 website domains trading in counterfeit goods, often via social networks, officials said on Monday.</p> <p>The operation came as Europol, Europe's police agency, unveiled its newest campaign dubbed "Don't F***(AKE) Up" to stop scam websites selling fake brand names online.</p> <p>"The internet has become an essential channel for e-commerce. Its instant global reach and anonymity make it possible to sell nearly anything to anyone at any time," Europol said.</p> <p>"Counterfeiters know it and are increasingly exploiting the unlimited opportunities" the internet offers. But Europol warned that "despite these products looking like a bargain, they can pose serious risks to the health and safety of buyers."</p> <p>In the crackdown, agencies from 27 countries mostly in Europe but including from the US and Canada, joined forces to shut down over 4,500 websites.</p> <p>They were selling everything from "luxury goods, sportswear, spare parts, electronics, pharmaceuticals, toiletries and other fake products," Europol said in a statement, without saying how long the crackdown took.</p>

HEADLINE	11/29 German ISP confirms malware attacks
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/german-isp-confirms-malware-attacks-caused-disruptions
GIST	<p>German telecommunications giant Deutsche Telekom has confirmed that more than 900,000 of its 20 million fixed-line network customers experienced Internet disruptions due to malware attacks on their routers.</p> <p>In a press statement released on Monday, Deutsche Telekom said malicious actors had been trying to infect routers with malware, but the attempts failed, which led to 4-5 percent of devices crashing and preventing owners from going online.</p> <p>Since the malware only resides in the router's memory, customers have been advised to reboot their devices in order to clean the infection. Deutsche Telekom has also released a firmware update that should prevent infections on its Speedport routers.</p> <p>Germany's Federal Office for Information Security (BSI) reported that some government networks protected by the organization were also targeted in attacks. These attacks were mitigated by the existing protection mechanisms, the BSI said.</p> <p>Attacks have been observed in several countries. Researchers determined that a piece of malware based on Mirai, whose source code was leaked recently, has been using port 7547 to hijack routers and modems.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Cybercriminals use YouTube for support
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/youtubers-sell-phishing-kits-in-plain-view/article/575214/
GIST	<p>Cyber-criminals have been using YouTube as a combined technical support desk and malware distribution channel.</p> <p>Researchers from Proofpoint uncovered bad guys posting 'how to' videos showing prospective purchasers of their phishing kits how to set them up and get going.</p> <p>If that wasn't bad enough, the comments section underneath contained the working download links for the phishing templates and kits.</p> <p>Proofpoint says "many of the video samples we found on YouTube have been posted for months, suggesting that YouTube does not have an automated mechanism for detection and removal of these types of videos and links."</p>

	<p>Which mean they remain a free and dead easy-to-use method for the authors of phishing kits and templates to advertise, demonstrate, and distribute their wares. And, at the same time, adds to the pool of lowlifes putting your business at risk of getting caught up in a credentials heist.</p> <p>The researchers went on to perform a simple search for 'paypal scama' and it returned more than 100,000 results.</p> <p>It wasn't all good news for those in the market for an illegal get a bit better off than you were before in a shortish time promotion; the sellers had included a backdoor in their kits that sent any scammed credentials straight to them.</p> <p>While the use of these backdoors is nothing new, the Proofpoint researchers reckon they hadn't seen YouTube being used as a malware advertising, support and distribution channel like this before.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Online porn account details leaked
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/380k-xhamster-accounts-being-traded-on-underground/article/575223/
GIST	<p>Cybercriminals are trading hundreds of thousands of xHamster porn account details on the digital underground.</p> <p>Vice's Motherboard obtained a database of nearly 380,000 users including usernames, email addresses, and what appears to be poorly hashed passwords from the for-profit breach notification site LeakBase, according to a Nov. 28 report.</p> <p>LeakBase told the publication the accounts appear to have been traded around the same time a vulnerability was discovered on the adult site earlier this year however, it is unclear how the database was obtained.</p> <p>Motherboard was able to confirm the emails in the database were in use on xHamster after receiving notifications that the emails addresses already exist in the system when attempting to create new accounts using the leaked data.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Cyber Monday alert: risk from insiders
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/cyber-monday-alert-risk-from-insiders/article/575365/
GIST	Just in time for the biggest online shopping day of the year, Cyber Monday, a new study was released that examines cyber risks online retailers face from their employees, whether permanent or contracted.

The "[2016 Pre-Holiday Retail Cyber Risk Report](#)," the second annual retail risk report from Bay Dynamics, a New York-based specialist in cyber risk predictive analytics, found that cybersecurity is no longer viewed as a "seasonal" priority. More than half (56 percent) of those queried for the study said they do not feel more pressure during this hectic time to secure their organizations. The implication is that the pressure is year-round, the study found.

For the study, conducted in October 2016 by Osterman Research, nearly 150 IT and security professionals managing the cyber risk and security programs at retail organizations were asked what information their permanent, temporary and contract employees have access to and how these workers handle the information. Participants were also asked about their capabilities of observing employee behaviors and how quickly they patch vulnerabilities.

Employees are being watched more closely, the study found, particularly when compared to last year's survey results. There was a four-fold jump (from seven percent to 30 percent) over last year's findings in the number of IT and security pros who responded that their permanent employees accessed and/or sent sensitive data they should not have accessed and/or sent. At the same time, the study determined that there was a significant decrease (from 14 percent to five percent) in the number of IT and security professionals who said they were not sure if their permanent employees accessed and/or sent sensitive data they should not have accessed and/or sent.

There were positive findings regarding temporary workers. Nearly two-thirds of respondents (64 percent) said temporary workers at their companies are not given accounts, indicating they also don't have access to sensitive information. Of the 36 percent of IT pros who do provide accounts for their temp workers, the study found they are doing a better job at monitoring those workers, with only 12 percent of respondents saying they have little to no visibility into what their temp employees are accessing on the enterprise network.

Another positive result from the study was that access to sensitive personal information is limited. A mere six percent of survey respondents said their temp workers have visibility into personally identifiable information (PII), while 13 percent said their contractors can access PII. The implication, the study reported, was that retailers are limiting access to their most sensitive information.

When comparing last year's retail cyber risk report to the study released on Monday, Ryan Stolte, co-founder and CTO at Bay Dynamics, said the data shows a significant improvement in how retail organizations are prioritizing cyber risk and security. The IT security pros responding to the survey, he said, view cybersecurity as a year-round commitment and therefore are limiting access to sensitive information for those workers who do not have their own accounts.

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HEADLINE 11/28 Online shopping page malicious redirect

SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/researchers-spot-malicious-redirect-in-magento-one-page-checkout/article/575398/
GIST	<p>Cyber Monday, and those shopping later, need to beware of a malicious redirect spotted in Magento One Page Checkout that is after not only your wallet, but also your page views.</p> <p>Sucuri researcher Bruno Zanelato spotted a redirect injected into the Magento One coding, which is used by many ecommerce sites, that is triggered after a consumer selects their products and clicks “Proceed to checkout,” according to a Nov. 23 Sucuri blog post.</p> <p>“Almost 100% of the cases the customers have not notice that this was happening and that data was being stolen during the checkout process,” Zanelato told SCMedia via email comments. “Usually the website owner just notice it after the sales start to drop because the real checkout process it is not happening, just the fake one.”</p> <p>The malicious code redirects the users to other sites were advertisers have paid for the traffic generated and or where threat actors can phish user information.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 WikiLeaks adds 1979 diplomatic cables
SOURCE	http://dailycaller.com/2016/11/28/wikileaks-releases-more-than-half-a-million-us-diplomatic-cables/
GIST	<p>WikiLeaks released Monday more than half a million U.S. diplomatic cables from the year 1979.</p> <p>“If any year could be said to be the ‘year zero’ of our modern era, 1979 is it,” WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said in a press release.</p> <p>“In the Middle East, the Iranian revolution, the Saudi Islamic uprising and the Egypt-Israel Camp David Accords led not only to the present regional power dynamic but decisively changed the relationship between oil, militant Islam and the world,” Assange added.</p> <p>The total number of documents in the WikiLeaks’ diplomatic cable collection is now 3.3 million, with the addition of these new 531,525 cables.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Amazon gets real about fakes
SOURCE	https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-11-28/amazon-gets-real-about-fakes
GIST	<p>Randy Hetrick first noticed counterfeits on Amazon.com Inc. in 2013. He had been selling his TRX Training System-- an exercise kit of suspension straps-- on the site since 2008. When he began noticing cheap imitations, he had his employees scour Amazon for more, then go through the tedious process of reporting them for removal. But new imposters would pop up right away, and by 2014, "We realized this</p>

was an epidemic," said Hetrick, who estimates phonies cost him \$100 million a year, twice his annual sales.

Amazon's Marketplace gives inventors like Hetrick exposure to hundreds of millions of shoppers without the big expense of building and promoting a website from scratch. Merchants give Amazon a commission on each sale. But a hot-selling product on Amazon encourages counterfeiters to make flimsy knockoffs with cheap materials, steal sales and damage a brand with few consequences.

Amazon has known the problem is getting worse, according to a source familiar with the matter, but for years, the company has been largely silent about the flourishing fakes. That has frustrated manufacturers and brand owners who bear the cost and responsibility of policing the site, reporting problems and hoping Amazon takes action.

Now, the world's biggest online retailer is getting serious. It has made fighting phonies a major goal for 2017, building teams in the U.S. and Europe to work with major brands on a registry to prevent fakes, according to a person familiar with the initiative, who was not authorized to speak about the matter and requested anonymity. Discussions with Major League Baseball and the National Football League about selling merchandise on Amazon hit a standstill earlier this year due to concerns about Amazon's lack of control over fakes, the person said.

"Amazon has zero tolerance for the sale of counterfeit items on our site," Amazon said in a statement. The company said it was "aggressively pursuing bad actors." In a statement, the MLB said: "It is our responsibility to provide our fans with reliable and secure marketplaces to purchase officially licensed merchandise. Given the rampant growth of online-only retailers supplying counterfeit merchandise, our policies must hold every distribution partner to that same level of commitment." The NFL declined to comment.

The new Amazon teams will encourage brands -- even those that don't sell on Amazon -- to register with the online store, the person said. Once registered, Amazon requires any marketplace merchants listing those products to prove that they have the brand's permission to sell them online. Amazon began experimenting with the registry earlier this year with Nike and other companies. The bigger push in 2017 will target thousands of large companies, including those that have been reluctant to sell on Amazon because of knock-offs.

In addition, this month Amazon teamed up with Hetrick's business to sue three people, accusing them of selling fakes on its site. It filed another similar suit the same day against an alleged counterfeit ring. Moving the battle to a courtroom is an acknowledgment that despite spending tens of millions of dollars a year and employing an army of software engineers, investigators and research scientists tasked with fighting copycats, Amazon is not winning the war against counterfeiters.

Amazon is desperately trying to bring order to the Wild West atmosphere on its marketplace, where more than 2 million independent sellers compete for the attention and money of shoppers. About half of the goods purchased on Amazon come from independent merchants, who help Amazon expand its inventory more quickly and with less upfront cost than Amazon could do on its own. It also makes the retailer and its customers more vulnerable to fakes because the simple online registration process currently in place is designed to make it easy for businesses to begin selling immediately. But that also makes it simple for counterfeiters to list fake goods, sell as many as they can before they're detected, and then vanish.

Amazon's suits targeting sellers were the first of their kind for the company, a warning to counterfeiters heading into the busy holiday shopping season when the most is at stake. It could be too little, too late.

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HEADLINE	11/28 Fake shopping apps backdoor for thieves
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/cyber-monday-fake-shopping-apps-offer-back-door-for-thieves/
GIST	<p>There is no better time than the holidays for scammers to prey on smartphone users.</p> <p>Consumers on this Cyber Monday will fill their digital shopping carts in record numbers. Online sales today are expected to reach more than \$3 billion, and with more than 85 percent of shoppers doing their buying on smartphones, criminals are finding new ways to access people's information.</p> <p>And experts say malicious apps may be providing the back door.</p> <p>Chris Mason, from Branding Brand, a company that creates apps for major retailers, found hundreds of shopping apps -- for names like Dillard's, Payless, Christian Dior and Jimmy Choo -- that were fake.</p> <p>"If you take those apps down and you get rid of that provider, you'll find them showing up in a different form with a new name, new credentials," Mason said. "For every one you take down, there's two that come up."</p> <p>Gary Miliefsky, with cybersecurity firm Snoopwall, says it's all about criminals getting hold of your private information.</p> <p>Miliefsky says some of the counterfeit apps are so good, "they give you a complete shopping cart experience. Everything through the 'Congratulations, here's your order number, it's on its way,' and then you'll never get the goods."</p> <p>But Miliefsky points to something even more disturbing. He says super-popular emoji keyboard apps, which give you an endless supply of emoticons for every occasion, can also gain access to your contacts, text messages, possibly even passwords, and send your private information overseas.</p>

	<p>“These are all developed by employees of companies in China,” he said.</p> <p>“So what do you think that somebody in China is doing with all that information?” asked Werner.</p> <p>“Some think that the Chinese version of the NSA is using these kinds of tools to collect a lot of information on people overseas,” Miliefsky said.</p> <p>“And time will tell.”</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Mass internet outage hits Germany
SOURCE	http://www.thelocal.de/20161128/mass-internet-outrage-hits-900000-telekom-users
GIST	<p>Around 900,000 routers across Germany were hit by the outage which started on Sunday, a company spokesman told DPA on Monday.</p> <p>The routers connect customers not only to the internet, but also to telephone and television services. The spokesman explained that the problem was not with the network itself, but rather with identifying routers upon dial-up.</p> <p>The company is now looking into evidence found by IT analysts that the connection problem may have been due to an outside attack rather than a normal system failure, Telekom said late Monday morning.</p> <p>"We have found the first indications that we were possibly victims of a hacker attack," a spokesman said.</p> <p>The company said it was introducing a new software on Monday morning that they expected would remedy the problem, after clients - including The Local - could still not connect when the day started.</p> <p>Telekom advises customers to try disconnecting their routers, waiting a while, and then plugging back in. The company reported that with the software update, resetting the router in this way had solved the problem for many customers.</p> <p>The outage affected only certain types of routers, though it is still being investigated as to which models were impacted.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 What did OSU 'run hide fight' tweet mean?
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2016/11/29/run-hide-fight-tweet-osu/94585170/
GIST	<p>CINCINNATI — The attack on the campus of The Ohio State University took less than five minutes. One minute later, the social media machinery accelerated to break the news, consume information, process emotion, synthesize truth from rumor and reassure loved ones.</p>

It began with a single tweet from the OSU Police Division coupled with text alerts sent to students. "Buckeye Alert: Active Shooter on campus. Run Hide Fight. Watts Hall. 19th and College," said the tweet sent at 9:56 a.m.

At 2 p.m. Monday, that tweet alone had been retweeted nearly 2,300 times.

OSU officials said Monday that one man tried to run over students with his car, then fled the vehicle swinging a butcher's knife, injuring 11 people. An OSU police officer, Fairfield, Ohio, native Alan Horujko, arrived at the scene and fatally shot the attacker, Abdul Razak Ali Artan.

Facebook activated their 2-year-old "check-in" feature for the first time in Ohio and only the fifth time in the United States, giving it the vaguely novelistic title, "The Violent Incident in Columbus, Ohio." The feature automatically asks anyone in the vicinity of an event to check in to let family and friends know they are safe. Anyone with Facebook friends in the area can then view who has checked in and who hasn't.

The feature was first announced and deployed in last November in response to bombings in Nigeria later claimed by Boko Haram. It has been activated by Facebook 22 times, including Monday, covering natural disasters and attacks in 14 countries.

The first check-in deployed in the United States was in June after the shooting at Orlando's Pulse nightclub. It was also used following the shooting of police officers in Dallas, the Chelsea bombing in New York City and the train crash at Hoboken Terminal in New Jersey.

In addition to thousands of shares, the Buckeye Alert drew some criticism and confusion with the sentence "Run Hide Fight."

Those instructions come straight from the Department of Homeland Security and the phrase is a registered trademark of the City of Houston, who helped to create the national model for surviving an active shooter.

OSU created a video outlining the approach to their students and Homeland Security also has literature on the topic.

The basics: Have an escape route planned and run away from threats. Hide out of the shooters view, locking the entries to your hiding place if possible. Finally, as a last resort, fight the attacker.

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HEADLINE	11/28 Ohio State suspect's online rants
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/suspect-dead-after-ohio-state-university-car-knife-attack-n689076

GIST	<p>An Ohio State University student posted a rant shortly before he plowed a car into a campus crowd and stabbed people with a butcher knife in an ambush that ended when a police officer shot him dead, a law enforcement official said.</p> <p>Abdul Razak Ali Artan, 18, wrote on what appears to be his Facebook page that he had reached a "boiling point," made a reference to "lone wolf attacks" and cited radical cleric Anwar al-Awlaki.</p> <p>"America! Stop interfering with other countries, especially Muslim Ummah [community]. We are not weak. We are not weak, remember that," the post said.</p> <p>Two hours before that, a cryptic post on the page said: "Forgive and forget. Love."</p> <p>Officials cautioned that they have not determined a motive for the ambush, which sent 11 people to the hospital Monday morning. A senior law enforcement official told NBC News that investigators are trying to determine whether Artan had personal problems or something else that might have pushed him over the edge.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Online shoppers transform Cyber Monday
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/early-deals-cyber-monday-buyers-spend-43824540
GIST	<p>The Monday after Thanksgiving is still a time when millions of Americans pause to check out online deals and check off items from their gift list — but a one-day Cyber Monday frenzy appears to be going the way of the dial-up modem.</p> <p>Shoppers who have high-speed connections at home and on their phones are pouncing on deals that stores are spreading out over several days, leaving the so-called Cyber Monday online shopping bonanza in danger of losing its title as the top online sales day.</p> <p>"Because Cyber Monday is no longer about the connection, it's just another sales day that I can plan for, like a Labor Day sale or Fourth of July sale," said Gartner analyst Gene Alvarez. "I know it's coming: Does it fit into my schedule, and will I do my holiday shopping that day, Black Friday or wait to see what comes up later?"</p> <p>So instead of door-buster markdowns on a select few products, retailers are shifting to a stream of discounts and alerts during the entire week via email and social media.</p> <p>Cyber Monday still packs the biggest punch in terms of a single online shopping day — for now. As of 7:30 p.m. EST on Monday, shoppers were on track to hit a record of \$3.39 billion, up 10.2 percent from a year ago, according to a tally by Adobe Digital Insights, which tracks online retail transactions.</p>

	<p>But other days are catching up. On Black Friday, consumers spent \$3.34 billion, a 21.6 percent jump from last year, according to Adobe.</p> <p>"Because of technology, the shopping process has been deconstructed, and the consumer constructs their own flow," said Alvarez.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 German spy chief warns of political attacks
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/german-intelligence-chief-warns-political-cyberattacks-43838310
GIST	<p>Germany's foreign intelligence chief is warning of cyberattacks aimed at political destabilization as the country prepares for an election next year, and says evidence suggests Russian involvement in hacking during the U.S. campaign.</p> <p>Bruno Kahl, who leads the Federal Intelligence Service, told Tuesday's edition of daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung that his agency knows of "cyberattacks that have no other point than causing political insecurity." He said that "Europe is in the focus of this attempted disruption, and Germany in particular."</p> <p>U.S. authorities have concluded Russia was responsible for hacking Democratic National Committee emails, which Russia denies. Kahl said he has "indications it comes from those quarters."</p> <p>He said it's technically difficult to assign blame to any "state actor" — but that "some things speak for it being at least tolerated or wished for on the part of the state."</p> <p>"The perpetrators have an interest in delegitimizing the democratic process as such — whomever that later helps," Kahl was quoted as saying. "I have the impression that the outcome of the American election isn't causing mourning in Russia so far."</p> <p>Traces left on the internet suggest that those responsible wanted to demonstrate what they can do, "and not just in the U.S. elections," he said.</p> <p>Germany's election is expected next September, and votes in the Netherlands and France are scheduled earlier in the year.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Twitter crackdown; some flee to Gab
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/11/28/as-twitter-cracks-down-on-alt-right-aggrieved-members-flee-to-gab.html

GIST	<p>As Twitter, Reddit and other social media networks are cracking down on the so-called “alt-right,” some are taking matters into their own hands and migrating away from traditional forms of social media and to new ones that claim to be more welcoming to free speech.</p> <p>Twitter has been particularly strong in cracking down on alt-right voices and suspended a number of accounts, including reality TV star Tila Tequila's, after she posted a picture of her performing a Nazi salute at a conference of white nationalists in Washington DC. While Tequila has denied that she is a Nazi, her Twitter bio referred to her as an “alt-reich queen.”</p> <p>Tequila’s ban is one of the most high-profile bans since Breitbart writer and provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos was banned from the social network site in July.</p> <p>The increased censorship is not limited to Twitter. Facebook is looking at cracking down on “fake news,” which some conservatives fear could target them, while Reddit CEO Steve Huffman last week admitted that he had edited posts by Donald Trump supporters criticizing him on Trump subreddit /r/The_Donald.</p> <p>Now a new social network start up – Gab – is trying to take advantage of what they see as Silicon Valley’s biased censoring of conservative voices, by putting its focus on uncensored free speech.</p> <p>Gab, which launched in August, is still in early beta stage and so is available via invite only. But CEO Andrew Torba, who worked in Silicon Valley for five years before starting the project, says what began as a three-person startup now has 90,000 users and over 100,000 people applying to be part of the new networking site.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 Threat of ISIS using Latin America?
SOURCE	http://freebeacon.com/national-security/u-s-foreign-officials-meet-threat-isis-using-latin-america-finance-operations/
GIST	<p>The international community is increasingly concerned that the Islamic State and other terror groups may be exploiting weakness in Latin America to fund their terrorist activities.</p> <p>American officials and international experts met with representatives of 10 nations in Argentina last week to discuss joint efforts to prevent terrorist financing in Latin America, amid growing concern that Islamic extremist groups are operating in the region.</p>

The Regional Parliamentary Intelligence and Security Forum was organized by U.S. Rep. Robert Pittenger (R., N.C.), chairman of the congressional taskforce on terrorism and unconventional warfare, and Mariano Federici, president of Argentina's Financial Intelligence Unit.

Pittenger told the Washington Free Beacon that he has become worried about the "growing nexus" between terrorists and criminal drug lords in Latin America. Hezbollah militants have been linked to the drug trade in Latin America, and Pittenger and others worry about the possibility of ISIS and similar groups establishing funding channels in the region.

"There is a consensus, clearly, among our friends in South America that their countries could be the subject of the transfer of moneys and the origination of funding from ISIS and other terrorist groups," Pittenger said Monday. "Interest is growing. Like any terror group, terrorists will go to any means to find the funds that they need to achieve their objective."

"All of our countries in the region are on the watch for possible threats related with ISIS and particularly with the recruitment of foreign terrorist fighters," Federici told the Free Beacon in a separate conversation. "There have been some countries, particularly in the Caribbean region, where there have been fighters recruited to join the lists of ISIS."

Legislators from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela took part in the international forum last Monday, along with experts from the U.S. Treasury Department, global anti-money laundering agencies, and other private technology and financial firms.

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HEADLINE	11/29 ISIS suspect claims Britain well protected
SOURCE	http://europe.newsweek.com/isis-suspect-paris-brussels-networks-says-britain-too-well-protected-attack-526215
GIST	<p>One of the key suspects in the Islamic State militant group's Paris and Brussels attacks has said that Britain is too difficult to target because of its "developed secret service," a British court heard on Monday.</p> <p>Mohamed Abrini was spotted with Salah Abdeslam, the only living member of the Paris attacks cell, at a gas station in France after the attacks, and he was later captured wearing a bucket hat at Brussels airport before two suicide bomb blasts.</p> <p>Abrini visited the U.K. in July 2015 to allegedly acquire money to carry out extremist acts, but he told investigators that he spent his time visiting casinos and indulging his gambling addiction, rather than scouting for potential attack targets.</p> <p>His comments, made to Belgian authorities during questioning earlier this year, were read to a jury at Kingston crown court, London, at the case of Zakaria Boufassil, a Belgian national who met Abrini in</p>

	<p>Birmingham and gave him \$3,720 on July 11 2015. Prosecutors told the court that there is “no doubt” Boufassil handed the money to Abrini to facilitate acts of extremism.</p> <p>Abrini, on the other hand, had previously said: “I am a player, a fan of casinos...It's my addiction, I play roulette, poker and the slot machines,” said the suspected member of the network that killed 130 people in Paris in November 2015 and 32 people in the Belgian capital in March.</p> <p>Abrini also claimed during questioning that Britain was never an intended target of ISIS, despite the group’s repeated threats against the country in its propaganda material.</p> <p>“There's no plan to target England as a potential site for a terrorist act. From what I know, it's France who is declared the enemy of Islamic State,” he said, according to an AFP news agency report.</p> <p>“I think England has a more developed secret service, better observation techniques etc... and it's therefore more difficult to attack,” he added.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Canada: fighters to Syria leveling off
SOURCE	http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/isis-iraq-syria-terror-tourism-1.3871902
GIST	<p>The number of Canadians heading overseas to fight in Syria and Iraq appears to have levelled off, Canada's spy agency says.</p> <p>The Canadian Security Intelligence Service is not seeing the same kind of jumps in the numbers of terrorist travellers that it saw two years ago, says Brian Rumig, the service's assistant director for operations.</p> <p>"Those numbers have settled down," Rumig said during an appearance Monday at the Senate's national security and defence committee. "They have levelled off."</p> <p>However, Rumig cautioned the situation is fluid and figures fluctuate monthly.</p> <p>CSIS is aware of 180 individuals with connections to Canada who are suspected of terrorist activity abroad. Half of these individuals are believed to be in Syria and Iraq.</p> <p>The spy service also knows of approximately 60 such people who have returned to Canada.</p> <p>The figures are consistent with ones the spy service included in an August report as well as those made public in February by CSIS director Michel Coulombe.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Gitmo prisoner: Saudi terror rehab scam
SOURCE	http://nypost.com/2016/11/28/gitmo-prisoner-reveals-that-saudi-terrorist-rehab-center-is-a-scam/
GIST	<p>Counterterrorism experts have long suspected Saudi Arabia’s “rehabilitation” center for terrorists does a poor job of de-radicalizing jihadists. But a Saudi detainee at Guantanamo Bay now reveals it’s actually a recruiting and training factory for jihad.</p> <p>According to recently declassified documents, senior al Qaeda operative Ghassan Abdullah al-Sharbi told a Gitmo parole board that the Saudi government has been encouraging previously released prisoners to rejoin the jihad at its terrorist reform school, officially known as the Prince Mohammed bin Naif Counseling and Care Center.</p> <p>The Obama administration has praised the effectiveness of the Saudi rehab program — which uses “art therapy,” swimming, ping-pong, PlayStation and soccer to de-radicalize terrorists — and conditioned the release of dozens of Gitmo prisoners, including former Osama bin Laden bodyguards, on their enrollment in the controversial program.</p> <p>To date, 134 Saudi detainees have been transferred to the Saudi reform camps in Riyadh and Jeddah. Last year, nine Yemeni detainees were sent there, as well, and more are expected to follow over the next two months, as Obama strives to meet his campaign goal of closing Gitmo.</p> <p>Al-Sharbi dropped a bombshell on the Gitmo parole board at his hearing earlier this year, when he informed members that the Saudi kingdom was playing them for suckers. “You guys want to send me back to Saudi Arabia because you believe there is a de-radicalization program on the surface.</p> <p>True. You are 100% right, there is a strong — externally, a strong — de-radicalization program,” al-Sharbi testified. “But make no mistake, underneath there is a hidden radicalization program,” he added. “There is a very hidden strong — way stronger in magnitude — broader in financing, in all that.”</p> <p>Al-Sharbi is one of the longest serving, and most unrepentant, prisoners at Gitmo. A Saudi national with an electrical engineering degree from King Fahd University, he attended a US flight school associated with two of the 9/11 hijackers. He traveled to Afghanistan in the summer of 2001 and trained at an al Qaeda camp, building IEDs to use against allied forces.</p> <p>Al-Sharbi was captured March 28, 2002, at an al Qaeda safehouse in Faisalabad, Pakistan, with senior al Qaeda leader Abu Zubaydah. According to his US intel dossier, he told interrogators that “the US got what it deserved from the terrorist attacks on 9/11.”</p> <p>Given a chance at parole after 14 years, however, Al-Sharbi was surprisingly frank with the board.</p> <p>He explained that Riyadh is actively recruiting and training fighters to battle Iranian elements in neighboring Yemen and Syria. Saudi views Shiite-controlled Iran as a regional threat to its security.</p>

A growing body of evidence backs up his claims. Last month, for example, a Wikileaks e-mail from Hillary Clinton revealed, citing US intelligence sources, that Saudi has provided “clandestine financial and logistic support to” ISIS and other Sunni terrorist groups in the region.

Al-Sharbi said the kingdom is playing a double game.

“They will proudly tell you they will fight terrorism,” he said. “That means they will support it.” Al-Sharbi told the Gitmo board he doesn’t want to enroll in the Saudi rehab program, because he would be used to “fight under the Saudi royal cloak.”

“This is in the cause of a king. This is not a true jihad,” he said. “And I’m not going to Saudi unless I am sure they’re not gonna be using me.”

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HEADLINE	11/28 Targeted killings thin ISIS top ranks
SOURCE	https://www.stripes.com/news/middle-east/targeted-killings-thin-isis-top-ranks-1.441618
GIST	<p>For a man given to fiery rhetoric and long-winded sermons, Abu Muhammad al-Adnani became oddly quiet during his last summer as the chief spokesman for the Islamic State.</p> <p>The Syrian who exhorted thousands of young Muslims to don suicide belts appeared increasingly obsessed with his own safety, U.S. officials say. He banished cellphones, shunned large meetings and avoided going outdoors in the daytime. He began sleeping in crowded tenements in a Syrian farm town called al-Bab, betting on the presence of young children to shield him from the drones prowling the skies overhead.</p> <p>But in late August, when a string of military defeats suffered by the Islamic State compelled Adnani to briefly leave his hiding place, the Americans were waiting for him.</p> <p>A joint surveillance operation by the CIA and the Pentagon tracked the 39-year-old as he left his al-Bab sanctuary and climbed into a car with a companion. They were headed north on a rural highway a few miles from town when a Hellfire missile struck the vehicle, killing both of them.</p> <p>The Aug. 30 missile strike was the culmination of a months-long mission targeting one of the Islamic State's most prominent - and, U.S. officials say, most dangerous - senior leaders. The Obama administration has said little publicly about the strike, other than to rebut Russia's claims that one its own warplanes dropped the bomb that ended Adnani's life.</p> <p>But while key operational details of the Adnani strike remain secret, U.S. officials are speaking more openly about what they describe as an increasingly successful campaign to track and kill the Islamic State's senior commanders, including Adnani, the No. 2 leader and the biggest prize so far. At least six</p>

high-level Islamic State officials have died in U.S. airstrikes in the past four months, along with dozens of deputies and brigadiers, all but erasing entire branches of the group's leadership chart.

Their deaths have left the group's chieftain, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, increasingly isolated, deprived of his most capable lieutenants and limited in his ability to communicate with his embattled followers, U.S. officials say.

Baghdadi has not made a public appearance in more than two years and released only a single audiotape - suggesting that the Islamic State's figurehead is now in "deep, deep hiding," said Brett McGurk, the Obama administration's special envoy to the global coalition seeking to destroy Baghdadi's self-proclaimed caliphate.

"He is in deep hiding because we have eliminated nearly all of his deputies," McGurk said at a meeting of coalition partners in Berlin this month. "We had their network mapped. If you look at all of his deputies and who he was relying on, they're all gone."

The loss of senior leaders does not mean that the Islamic State is about to collapse. U.S. officials and terrorism experts caution that the group's decentralized structure and sprawling network of regional affiliates ensure that it would survive even the loss of Baghdadi himself. But they say the deaths point to the growing sophistication of a targeted killing campaign built by the CIA and Defense Department over the past two years for the purpose of flushing out individual leaders who are working hard to stay hidden.

The effort is being aided, U.S. officials say, by new technology as well as new allies, including deserters and defectors who are shedding light on how the terrorists travel and communicate. At the same time, territorial losses and military defeats are forcing the group's remaining leaders to take greater risks, traveling by car and communicating by cellphones and computers instead of couriers, the officials and analysts said.

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HEADLINE	11/28 Taliban attacks stifle Afghan progress
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/nov/28/taliban-assaults-halt-progress-of-afghan-coalition/
GIST	<p>Afghan forces are incapable of rolling back gains made by a resurgent Taliban over the past several months without a larger U.S. military presence in the country, according to an analysis of the 15-year-old conflict.</p> <p>A rash of attacks against American, Afghan and coalition forces by Taliban insurgents and a growing number of Islamic State fighters over the past two months have left 25 U.S. and European soldiers and civilians killed or wounded across Afghanistan.</p>

The attacks prompted Afghan commanders and their U.S. counterparts to launch combat operations for the first time against the Taliban and the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS or ISIL, during the traditional winter lull in fighting.

But the move could have little effect on stemming the violence without more U.S. troops, say analysts at the nonprofit Institute for the Study of War in Washington.

Afghan forces remain “highly dependent on current levels of U.S. support to regenerate units and secure government-controlled territory,” the institute says in a November threat assessment.

“[Afghan National Security Forces] are incapable of recapturing significant swaths of Taliban-controlled territory at current levels of U.S. support,” the assessment says.

Roughly 8,400 U.S. service members remain in the country training and advising Afghan forces and providing air support for Afghan-led operations against the Taliban-held areas in the northern and southern portions of the country and Islamic State-held territory in the east.

A series of brazen bombings and attacks by the Taliban beginning in mid-October punctuated a particularly difficult fighting season. The wave of attacks prompted Afghan commanders to order a major winter counteroffensive. Dubbed Operation Shafaq Two, the offensive will focus on Taliban and Islamic State positions in 13 of Afghanistan’s 34 provinces, Stars and Stripes reported on Nov. 21.

“The aim is to continue eliminating the terrorists inside Afghanistan, targeting their supply routes, recruitment places and those areas where they gather and have hideouts,” Gen. Mohammad Radmanish, deputy spokesman for the Defense Ministry, said in a statement, according to Stars and Stripes.

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HEADLINE	11/27 Iraq legalizes Iran-backed Shiite militia
SOURCE	http://www.vocativ.com/378895/iranian-backed-militias-legalized-by-iraqi-parliament/
GIST	<p>A law approved by the Iraqi parliament is stirring anger inside the country and across the Middle East. The measure, passed on Saturday, recognizes the Popular Mobilization Units, an Iran-backed Shiite militia, and will let them fight alongside the Iraqi military.</p> <p>The move has the potential to worsen sectarian rivalries: the PMUs were formed in June of 2014 to fight the Islamic State after the city of Mosul fell to the terrorist group, but they stand accused of abuses against the country’s Sunni minority. All the Shiite blocs in the Iraqi parliament voted for the bill, while lawmakers representing the Sunni minority objected, Reuters reports.</p> <p>The units, which comprise more than 110,00 fighters, are alleged by international monitoring groups to have killed and terrorized Sunni residents who live in ISIS-controlled territories as retaliation for attacks</p>

	<p>waged by the jihadist group. The militias reportedly demolished Sunni homes, stores and mosques and detained and kidnapped Sunni residents, according to a report issued by Human Rights Watch. The Islamic State adheres to a radical interpretation of a strain of Sunni Islam.</p> <p>In October, the Iraqi military began its campaign to retake Mosul, the country's second largest city that's been held for two years by ISIS. The campaign, which is currently inside the eastern portion of the city, raised concerns in Sunni-dominated countries in the region. They worry that the participation of PMU Shiite forces in the liberation of a Sunni-dominated city like Mosul could lead to further abuses.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 IED hits Philippine president security team
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-philippines-militants-idUSKBN1300UX
GIST	<p>A roadside bomb in the southern Philippines on Tuesday wounded seven members of the president's security team, a day ahead of his planned visit to an area gripped by intense fighting between Islamist militants and government troops.</p> <p>Rodrigo Duterte said he would defy his advisers and still go to Butig town on Wednesday to visit wounded soldiers, despite the bombing that hit his security staff and also wounded two soldiers.</p> <p>"The truck carrying the president's advance security detail was hit by an improvised explosive device," Defence Secretary Delfin Lorenzana told reporters in Manila. "There was no firefight."</p> <p>Some 40 militants from the Maute Group, which has pledged allegiance to Islamic State, have been killed during an air-and-ground assault on an old municipal building they have occupied since Saturday, said military spokesman Colonel Edgard Arevalo.</p> <p>Twenty soldiers have been wounded in the fighting, which continued to rage on Tuesday.</p> <p>The defense secretary said he would advise the president to cancel his visit.</p> <p>"It's still not under control," Lorenzana said, adding the military was trying to validate links between local groups and Islamic State.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 Paris: terror suspect refuses to talk
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/paris-attacks-suspect-abdeslam-refuses-talk-43839566
GIST	French investigators have tried and failed — again — to persuade Paris attacks suspect Salah Abdeslam to talk to anti-terrorism investigators.

	<p>Paris prosecutor's office spokeswoman Agnes Thibault-Lecuivre said Abdeslam was brought before an anti-terrorism judge Tuesday for a new interrogation effort. She said that Abdeslam refused to respond to the judge's questions.</p> <p>He didn't request a new lawyer either. Abdeslam's former lawyers stop defending him because of his ongoing refusal to speak.</p> <p>He initially said he wanted to explain his path to radicalization and his role in the November 2015 Islamic State attacks, but has since chosen to remain silent to protest 24-hour surveillance of his prison cell and his solitary confinement.</p> <p>Investigators hope he can shed light on the plot and his role in the attacks, which killed 130 people.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 ISIS arrests shopkeepers in Mosul
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-military-idUSKBN13N13M
GIST	<p>Islamic State has arrested dozens of Mosul shop owners accused of raising food prices in the nearly besieged city, to tamp down discontent as a U.S.-backed offensive closes in on the group's last major stronghold in Iraq, residents said on Monday.</p> <p>The arrests took place on Sunday morning in Bursa, a commercial district in the western part of the city, said a witness who asked not be identified as Islamic State punishes with death those caught communicating with the outside world.</p> <p>About 30 shop owners in the area were arrested and taken away blindfolded to unknown destinations, he said.</p> <p>The Sunni hardline group is relentlessly cracking down on people who could help the biggest ground offensive in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Seized papers reveal ISIS attack plans
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/11/28/seized-documents-reveal-thousands-planned-isis-attacks-around-world.html
GIST	<p>A large trove of documents seized in Syria from the Islamic State (ISIS) reveals thousands of plots to attack Europe and other parts of the world, Britain's top commander in the region has said.</p> <p>More than 10,000 documents and a huge amount of digital data were seized after the group was driven out of Manbij in northern Syria in August, according to Maj. Gen. Rupert Jones.</p>

	<p>"If we want to keep Britain safe, we need to deal with Daesh," he said, using another name for the extremist group.</p> <p>The news comes as anti-terror police have started deploying on London's streets.</p> <p>General Jones said: "External operations have been getting orchestrated to a very significant degree from within the caliphate, critically from within Raqqa and from within Manbij.</p> <p>"They were key external operations hubs. There is a huge amount of intelligence, documentation, electronic material that has been exploited there that points very directly against all sorts of nations around the world."</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 French airstrikes killed key AQ leader?
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/11/28/key-al-qaeda-leader-believed-killed-in-french-airstrikes-over-libya.html
GIST	<p>A slippery, one-eyed Al Qaeda leader long wanted by the U.S. appears to have finally met his maker courtesy of French airstrikes over Libya, two Pentagon sources told Fox News.</p> <p>French fighter jets based on the aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle in the Mediterranean and conducting a mission over southern Libya took out Mokhtar Belmokhtar, two U.S. defense officials told Fox News. American forces have targeted Belmokhtar twice in the past two years, only to see the senior Al Qaeda leader cheat death.</p> <p>"It looks like he is dead this time," said one official, citing a recent intelligence report.</p> <p>Neither official contacted by Fox News would say when the French airstrike occurred. The Wall Street Journal, which first reported the strike, said it took place earlier this month. Belmokhtar is the leader of Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, or AQIM.</p> <p>In January 2013, Belmokhtar led a group of Al Qaeda-affiliated terrorists who kidnapped hundreds of workers at a gas plant in Algeria, including dozens of foreigners. A four-day standoff came to an end when Algerian forces stormed the plant, killing 32 militants. Seven hostages were killed, including one American.</p> <p>Officials at the White House and the Pentagon declined to comment on the strike, and a spokesman for the French Ministry of Defense declined to comment when contacted by The Wall Street Journal.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Kurdish casualties climb in ISIS fight
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/11/28/kurdish-casualties-mount-in-fight-against-isis-despite-us-medical-training.html
GIST	<p>ERBIL, Iraq – The death toll and injuries incurred by the Kurdish Peshmerga are mounting in the battle against ISIS, but despite the rising number of fallen and maimed fighters, officials say it would be worse without U.S. training.</p> <p>The number of dead stands at an estimated 1,600, and thousands more have lost limbs or been burned by chemical weapons. Yet, they say training has spared many more.</p> <p>“In the early days, we would have 70 wounded soldiers coming in all at once from one battle, only a few nurses and doctors who would work three shifts without break,” Pshtiwan Aziz, manager of the Emergency Management Center in Erbil, told FoxNews.com. “But now they have had American training, many less are coming in with wounds. Just a few, even from big battles.”</p> <p>From tourniquet techniques and proper bandaging to how to position the wounded for transport, training for thousands lasted several weeks. Each training block was tailored to the needs of a specific unit, with especially focused instruction on how to handle casualties from improvised explosive devices. IEDs have caused as much as 85 percent of casualties, and coalition personnel worked extensively in the lead-up to the campaign to retake Mosul on strategies to mitigate their damage.</p> <p>Given that Kurds lack medical-evacuation helicopters and well-equipped mobile hospitals, on-the-field triage is critical. Yet, even for those who are saved, the army’s poor funding remains an obstacle. Nearly 9,500 Peshmerga fighters have been wounded in the last 2 ½ years, many of them seriously.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Worker emails staff; then jumps off bldg.
SOURCE	https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-11-28/amazon-worker-jumps-off-company-building-after-e-mail-to-staff
GIST	<p>An Amazon.com Inc. employee was injured when he leaped off a building at the company’s Seattle headquarters in what police characterized as a suicide attempt.</p> <p>The man, who wasn’t identified by authorities, sent an e-mail visible to hundreds of co-workers, including Chief Executive Officer Jeff Bezos, before the incident occurred, according to a person familiar with the matter. The man survived the fall from Amazon’s 12-story Apollo building at about 8:45 a.m. local time Monday and was taken to a Seattle hospital, police said.</p>

	<p>The man had recently put in a request to transfer to a different department, but was placed on an employee improvement plan, a step that can lead to termination if performance isn't improved, said the person, who asked not to be identified discussing company personnel matters. More than 20,000 people work in multiple buildings at Amazon's headquarters.</p> <p>"Our thoughts are with our colleague as he continues to recover," Amazon said in a statement. "He's receiving some of the best care possible and we will be there to support him throughout the recovery process."</p> <p>In the e-mail, the man expressed criticism of how the company handled his transfer request, and he hinted that he might harm himself, according to the person.</p> <p>Suicide was the 10th-leading cause of death in the U.S. in 2013, with 41,149 people taking their own lives that year, for a rate of 12.6 per 100,000, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Snow in Seattle's forecast?
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/474282/seattle-snow-on-forecast/
GIST	<p>The image of snow on your phone's weather forecast for next week wasn't a mistake. Snow could be on its way.</p> <p>Indeed the National Weather Service in Seattle mentioned the "S-word" for early next week — Monday and Tuesday — with snow levels dropping to 1,000 feet or lower. Additionally, forecasters say strong systems moving in this weekend could bring "stronger winds, rain, and heavy mountain snow."</p> <p>Before we can even think (or dream) of any snow, temperatures need to drop. And temps could drop to the 30s on Tuesday morning outside of urban areas if we get clear skies, according to the National Weather Service. While cold enough, forecasters say Tuesday will likely be sunny in some areas. The rain will return again before it dries out Wednesday night into Thursday.</p> <p>So will there a Seattle snow day? Or will the region be spared?</p> <p>KIRO 7 meteorologists Nick Allard and Morgan Palmer say no way. Why? Because it won't be cold enough. And even if it was, there's not enough moisture for snow.</p> <p>"The cold air coming behind the front (on Sunday) does not appear to be part of a major cold air outbreak and should only put our temps bordering on the level for snow," Palmer said.</p>

	Not to mention, a lot could change in a week's time. Let us not forget the "windstorm-that-never-was," which appeared to change in real time. Palmer said we might not even know as late as this weekend if lowland snow is likely.
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HEADLINE	11/28 Morocco TV: makeup tips to hide beating
SOURCE	https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2016/11/28/after-the-beating-moroccan-tv-airs-makeup-tips-for-hiding-domestic-violence/
GIST	<p>The smiling woman on the daily Moroccan television show spoke to viewers as if it were any other makeup tutorial, comparing brands and hues of face foundation and demonstrating how to apply it.</p> <p>Seated next to her was a woman with what appeared to be a black eye and bruises on her cheekbones.</p> <p>"After the beating, this part is still sensitive, so don't press," the host said in Arabic as she applied makeup on the woman's face, eventually concealing the woman's bruises.</p> <p>"Make sure to use loose powder to fix the makeup so if you have to work throughout the day, the bruises don't show," she said.</p> <p>The makeup tutorial, aired Wednesday on Moroccan state television, instructed viewers how to use concealer to "camouflage the traces of violence against women," spurring outrage on social media that prompted an apology from the channel. The segment was broadcast two days before the U.N. International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the Guardian reported.</p> <p>"It's a subject we shouldn't talk about, but unfortunately that's what it is," the segment's host, Lilia Mouline, said in the tutorial. "We hope that these beauty tips help you carry on with your normal life."</p> <p>Before naming the various recommended beauty brands, Mouline reminded viewers that the apparent swelling and black and blue bruises around the woman's eyes were depicted with makeup, and were not the result of real wounds. She suggested certain foundation tones for most effectively disguising a woman's unfortunate "beating."</p> <p>"Use foundation with yellow in it," she said. "If you use the white one, your red punch marks will always show."</p> <p>The video prompted shock and criticism on Twitter from viewers who saw the video as an attempt to encourage women to "conceal" abuse with makeup, instead of condemning the individuals responsible for the violence.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Seattle spent \$1.4M then axes bike plan
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/local/article/Seattle-s-failing-Pronto-bike-share-program-to-10641031.php
GIST	<p>It wasn't that long ago that the city of Seattle was resuscitating its failing Pronto bike share program.</p> <p>The city opted in March to spend \$1.4 million to purchase the rest of the stations, putting the whole system under city ownership, with the hopes of keeping the program going and even expanding it, despite troublingly low membership numbers.</p> <p>Well, that's all history now.</p> <p>The latest two-year city budget, approved last Monday, cuts the Pronto budget in half -- to \$300,000 -- and ends the program in March.</p> <p>But the dozens who rely on Pronto bikes to navigate the city -- back in May, the bike share program had roughly 1,800 annual members, according to a Seattle Times report -- can rest assured that the city is working on a replacement program.</p> <p>Seattle officials have been working with a company called Bewegen on a new contract that would put 1,200 electric bikes on Seattle streets following the demise of Pronto, according to Cyndi Wilder, with the city's Department of Finance and Administrative Services.</p> <p>But the services won't quite overlap.</p> <p>While Pronto is slated for its end in March (or sooner, if city officials deem it not even worth keeping going that long), the new Bewegen service likely wouldn't be up and running until summer 2017. And that's only if contract negotiations go well and Mayor Ed Murray and the city council then agree to the terms.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Tacoma, Cuba longstanding partnership
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/tacoma/tacoma-cuba-share-longstanding-partnership/357313900
GIST	<p>Frances Lorenz's love for Cuba started at a young age when her mother gave her a Cuban textbook to help her learn Spanish.</p> <p>"She taught me the phrase in Spanish, 'Cuba is the most beautiful nation in the world.' So, I was brainwashed, let's face it. I was brainwashed to love Cuba at the age of 8."</p> <p>Her love for the Latin American country continued into adulthood.</p>

	<p>In 2000, she was part of a local group that helped establish a sister city relationship between Tacoma and Cienfuegos, Cuba.</p> <p>"Sister cities are a group of people with a diplomatic effort. I think it's completely valuable around the world," said Lorenz.</p> <p>The Tacoma Cienfuegos relationship is one of the oldest and most active partnerships in the country. Those in Tacoma have invested nearly \$100,000 in Cuba.</p> <p>"There was no water to an underserved neighborhood in Cienfuegos and so we provided a waterline that served a clinic, a school and I think a hospital. It was a project that was deeply needed in the community," said Lorenz.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Drive-by shootings target Tacoma cars
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2016/11/28/drive-by-shootings-target-multitude-of-car-windows-across-tacoma/
GIST	<p>TACOMA – Tacoma has been hit with a rash of car windows being shot out with a pellet gun in drive-by shootings, and police said they need more victims to report the crime.</p> <p>Tacoma police spokesperson Loretta Cool said at least seven people from across the city filled out reports last weekend after their windows were shot out, but the number of actual victims is likely much higher.</p> <p>On one Facebook page for Tacoma locals, residents report dozens of similar crimes recently.</p> <p>Cool said police need victims and neighbors to immediately call in shootings to help catch the perpetrators in the act.</p> <p>Police don't yet have a definitive description of the suspect vehicle.</p> <p>Cool said that even though the weapon is a pellet or BB gun, it's still considered a drive-by shooting and is classified as a felony.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Leaning tower of San Francisco sinking
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/san-franciscos-sinking-tower-space-43831433
GIST	Engineers in San Francisco have tunneled underground to try and understand the sinking of the 58-story Millennium Tower. Now comes an analysis from space.

	<p>The European Space Agency has released detailed data from satellite imagery that shows the skyscraper in San Francisco's financial district is continuing to sink at a steady rate — and perhaps faster than previously known.</p> <p>The luxury high-rise that opened its doors in 2009 has been dubbed the Leaning Tower of San Francisco. It has sunk about 16 inches into landfill and is tilting several inches to the northwest.</p> <p>A dispute over the building's construction in the seismically active city has spurred numerous lawsuits involving the developer, the city and owners of its multimillion dollar apartments.</p> <p>Engineers have estimated the building is sinking at a rate of about 1-inch per year. The Sentinel-1 twin satellites show almost double that rate based on data collected from April 2015 to September 2016.</p> <p>The satellite data shows the Millennium Tower sunk 40 to 45 millimeters — or 1.6 to 1.8 inches — over a recent one-year period and almost double that amount — 70 to 75 mm (2.6 to 2.9 inches) — over its 17-month observation period, said Petar Marinkovic, founder and chief scientist of PPO Labs which analyzed the satellite's radar imagery for the ESA along with Norway-based research institute Norut.</p> <p>"What can be concluded from our data, is that the Millennium Tower is sinking at a steady rate," Marinkovic said in a telephone interview Monday from The Hague, Netherlands.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 Great Barrier Reef record coral deaths
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/great-barrier-reef-sees-record-coral-deaths-year-43836081
GIST	<p>Warming oceans this year have caused the largest die-off of corals ever recorded on Australia's Great Barrier Reef, scientists said Tuesday.</p> <p>The worst-affected area is a 700-kilometer (400-mile) swath in the north of the World Heritage-listed 2,300-kilometer (1,400-mile) chain of reefs off Australia's northeast coast, said the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies.</p> <p>The center, based at James Cook University in Queensland state, found during dive surveys in October and November that the swath north of Port Douglas had lost an average of 67 percent of its shallow-water corals in the past nine months.</p> <p>Farther south, over the vast central and southern regions that cover most of the reef, scientists found a much lower death toll.</p> <p>The central region lost 6 percent of bleached coral and the southern region only 1 percent.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 Calif. targets cows' greenhouse impact
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/california-targets-dairy-cows-combat-global-warming-43837514
GIST	<p>California is taking its fight against global warming to the farm. The nation's leading agricultural state is now targeting greenhouse gases produced by dairy cows and other livestock.</p> <p>Despite strong opposition from farmers, Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation in September that for the first time regulates heat-trapping gases from livestock operations and landfills.</p> <p>Cattle and other farm animals are major sources of methane, a greenhouse gas many times more potent than carbon dioxide as a heat-trapping gas. Methane is released when they belch, pass gas and make manure.</p> <p>Livestock are responsible for 14.5 percent of human-induced greenhouse gas emissions, with beef and dairy production accounting for the bulk of it, according to a 2013 United Nations report.</p> <p>Since the passage of its landmark global warming law in 2006, California has been reducing carbon emissions from cars, trucks, homes and factories, while boosting production of renewable energy.</p> <p>In the nation's largest milk-producing state, the new law requires dairies and other livestock operations to reduce methane emissions 40 percent below 2013 levels by 2030. State officials are developing the regulations, which take effect in 2024.</p> <p>But dairy farmers say the new regulations will drive up costs when they're already struggling with five years of drought, low milk prices and rising labor costs. They're also concerned about a newly signed law that will boost overtime pay for farmworkers.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 Taiwan rescue exercise in disputed area
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/taiwan-holds-rescue-exercise-disputed-south-china-sea-43838822
GIST	<p>Taiwan held a search-and-rescue exercise in the South China Sea on Tuesday as part of efforts to cement its hold over a key island in the strategically vital waterbody.</p> <p>Eight vessels and three aircraft took part in the drill simulating a fire aboard a cargo ship that forced crew members to seek safety on Taiping in the Spratly island group.</p> <p>Both coast guard and navy ships participated in the exercise.</p>

	<p>While Taiwan claims all of the Spratlys, it only occupies Taiping and hasn't challenged the presence of forces from China and other nations on other islands in the group. Coast guard head Lee Chung-wei told journalists that Taiwan's sovereignty over Taiping is "undeniable," but that it wants to turn the island into a base for humanitarian relief missions in the area.</p> <p>"The purpose of this drill is to tell international society that we are keen to conduct humanitarian relief on the island. We want to maintain peace in this region and put away disputes," Lee said.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 US students lag behind math, science
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/us-students-lag-peers-east-asia-russia-math-43838538?cid=clicksource_4380645_1_hero_headlines_headlines_hed
GIST	<p>In a globally competitive world, American students have strides to make when it comes to math and science, where they lag behind a solid block of East Asian countries as well as Russia and Kazakhstan.</p> <p>Eighth graders in the United States improved their scores in math over the last four years on the global exam. Scores for science, however, were flat. In fourth grade, scores were unchanged in the math and science tests, according to results released Tuesday.</p> <p>"The results do suggest a leveling out in the most recent cycle," said Ina Mullis, an executive director of the TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center at Boston College, where researchers helped coordinate staff to administer the assessments. "One always prefers to see improvement, but holding ones' own is preferable to declining."</p> <p>Singapore topped the rankings, taking first place in both grades for math and science on the tests, known as the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study, or TIMSS.</p> <p>The United States placed 10th in fourth-grade science and in eighth-grade math. In eighth-grade science, the U.S. was in 11th place. It ranked 14th for fourth-grade math, just behind Portugal and Kazakhstan.</p> <p>Globally, results from the 2015 exams showed achievement trends were up — with more countries registering increases than decreases in math and science for both grades. Gender gaps were another highlight. They have narrowed over the last 20 years, especially in science at the eighth-grade level.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Claim: coastal cities will be under water
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/polar-ice-melt-sea-level/2016/11/28/id/761003/
GIST	New York City and other coastal cities will reportedly be under water within a century – inundated by flooding from a fast-melting polar ice sheet.

	<p>It is not a question of if, but when a flood of biblical proportion will make cities hugging coastlines around the world uninhabitable, Ohio State associate professor Ian Howat told The Sun.</p> <p>The West Antarctic Ice Sheet is breaking apart from the inside out, and its melt-off will cause sea level rises of up to nearly 10 feet, the U.K.-based newspaper reported.</p> <p>"It's generally accepted that it's no longer a question of whether the West Antarctic Ice Sheet will melt, it's a question of when," Howat told the newspaper. "We may see significant collapse of West Antarctica in our lifetimes."</p> <p>The pace and geography of the ice melt is significant; in 2013, a rift began forming in a valley on the Pine Island Glacier, and two years later, a 225-square-mile iceberg broke off and floated away, The Sun reported.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Turkey targets foster families over coup
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-38137179
GIST	<p>The Turkish authorities are investigating foster families for suspected ties to the failed July coup. An official says it may remove children from homes if their guardians are found to be coup supporters.</p> <p>More than 125,000 people were dismissed or suspended and about 40,000 others arrested after the coup attempt.</p> <p>Last week, the European parliament voted for a temporary halt to EU membership talks with Turkey because of its "disproportionate" reaction.</p> <p>The government says its investigations are necessary to curb the influence of Fetullah Gulen, the US-based Muslim cleric accused by Ankara of orchestrating the coup.</p> <p>Mr Gulen, who lives in self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania, has condemned the coup and denies any involvement in it, but the government calls his network "Gülenist Terror Organisation" (Feto) and has vowed to continue the purges.</p> <p>Local media say around 5,000 foster families and some related institutions are being investigated.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 'Federal Fumbles' lists govt. waste
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SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/11/28/okla-sen-lankford-releases-new-federal-fumbles-report-on-govt-waste.html
GIST	<p>A \$2 million study on how children don't like to eat food that's been sneezed on is one of the highlights of this year's "Federal Fumbles" – a report on government waste released Monday by Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla.</p> <p>The report, called "Federal Fumbles: 100 ways the government dropped the ball," lists \$247 billion in what it calls wasteful and inefficient federal spending, as well as offering solutions for the examples.</p> <p>"This 'Federal Fumbles' report provides specific examples of wasteful spending and unnecessary regulations that are not in the taxpayer's best interest, and shows specific solutions for how the federal government can become more efficient," he said.</p> <p>Other highlights of wasteful spending include \$500,000 for a program that texted people encouraging them not to smoke, and \$2 million in misused grants that included \$1,000 for customized Snugglies.</p> <p>The report highlighted the federal government spending almost half a million dollars on the sights, sounds, tastes and smells of the medieval period, with \$315,000 spent by the National Science Foundation to study how court rulings make people feel.</p> <p>The report also found \$1 billion was spent on hospitals and infrastructure in Palestine.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 DoD official: 'unsafe' Iran encounter
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/iranian-small-craft-aimed-weapon-us-navy-helicopter/story?id=43828802
GIST	<p>The crew of an Iranian small craft aimed a weapon at a U.S. Navy helicopter in the Strait of Hormuz on Saturday in an encounter a U.S. Defense Department official called "unsafe and unprofessional."</p> <p>The official, who spoke to ABC News on the condition of anonymity, said the incident occurred during the daytime hours on Saturday as the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Eisenhower was moving through the Strait of Hormuz to exit the Persian Gulf.</p> <p>The carrier detected two small boats located about nine miles away as it cruised through the narrow strait. Small craft from the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy (IRGC-N) routinely harass American warships when they are in the Persian Gulf or in the Strait of Hormuz.</p> <p>An SH-60 Seahawk helicopter aboard the carrier was launched to get a better identification of the vessels. The helicopter was a half-mile away from the small boats when a crew member on one of the boars was spotted loading a weapon, the official said.</p>

	About five minutes later, that same weapon was trained at the helicopter at which point the helicopter turned away from the area to return to the carrier, the official noted.
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HEADLINE	11/28 Woman stabbed at north Seattle hotel
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/woman-stabbed-at-north-seattle-hotel-police-say/
GIST	<p>A 24-year-old man was arrested Monday after a woman was stabbed inside a North Seattle hotel, according to the Seattle Police Department.</p> <p>The suspect was taken into custody after police were called to the hotel near the intersection of North 130th Street and Stone Avenue North about 2:30 a.m. to investigate reports of a woman running through a hotel hallway, screaming and bleeding.</p> <p>Officers found the woman inside a hotel room with stab wounds to her neck and arms, police said. She was later taken to Harborview Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.</p> <p>After a short search, officers found and arrested the suspect. He was booked into King County Jail for investigation of assault, the department said.</p> <p>The investigation continues.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 FBI phony supremacist gang nets arrest
SOURCE	https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2016/11/28/fbi%E2%80%99s-phony-white-supremacy-gang-nets-arrest-vinlander
GIST	<p>Federal prosecutors in Florida are expected to ask a judge on Tuesday to detain a self-professed, violence-boasting white supremacist under indictment in a murder-for-hire plot.</p> <p>The arrest of Adrian “Skitz” Apodaca, who claims to be a founding member of the violent neo-Nazi Vinlanders Social Club, came after undercover FBI agents set up their own phony white supremacy gang and invited him to a meeting where he saw money change hands, newly filed court documents disclose.</p> <p>The investigation was launched, the FBI said in court papers, “to mitigate any potential threats posed by Apodaca and to determine whether he was engaging in criminal activities.”</p>

Since its formation in 2003, several members of the Vinlanders have been arrested for violent crimes throughout the United States. The neo-Nazi gang — embracing a racist, pagan religion known as Odinism — has a reputation for drinking, fist-fighting brawls and violent intimidation.

During the five-month FBI sting investigation, court documents allege, Apodaca made secretly recorded statements that he and other Vinlanders had “killed a lot of people” while posing as police officers and ripping off drug houses in Arizona.

Apodaca, 44, was arrested by the FBI on Oct. 28 at a motel in Valdosta, Ga., and was subsequently indicted by a grand jury in West Palm Beach, Fla., on federal charges related to murder-for hire; two charges of attempted drug possession with intent to distribute, robbery, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence and possession of ammunition by a felon.

At Tuesday’s detention hearing before a U.S. magistrate judge in West Palm Beach, prosecutors will argue Apodaca poses a flight risk or is a danger to the community, or both, to seek his detention before trial, now set for January in Fort Lauderdale.

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HEADLINE	11/28 Spokane: 85yr old abused children 60yrs
SOURCE	http://www.thenewtribune.com/news/local/crime/article117640048.html
GIST	<p>SPOKANE - Detectives believe an 85-year-old Spokane Valley man has raped and molested numerous young girls since the 1950s and was never prosecuted.</p> <p>Marvin E. Petersen was arrested last week after detectives spent months interviewing alleged victims, including a neighbor and current and former relatives, according to the Spokane County Sheriff’s Office. Court documents say the alleged victims were between 4 and 13 years old when they were abused.</p> <p>Detectives interviewed at least nine victims and witnesses, most of whom are related to Petersen. Court documents say a woman and her daughter reported Petersen to police in Eugene, Oregon, in 1969, but officers discouraged them from testifying in court, citing the victim’s “well-being.”</p> <p>Records of those allegations have since been destroyed, and Petersen has no apparent conviction history, the Sheriff’s Office said.</p> <p>Petersen now faces two counts of first-degree child rape as well as charges of child molestation and unlawful imprisonment. He’s being held in the Spokane County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Fed court rules in favor of stingray
SOURCE	https://www.scmagazine.com/stingray-use-okd-in-fed-court-with-dissent/article/575379/

GIST	<p>After a wanted man was nabbed by police who tracked him down via his cell phone, a federal appeals court has rejected his claim regarding the validity of his arrest and ruled in favor of the use of a stingray, the first time such a ruling has appeared at the federal appellate level.</p> <p>Damian Patrick was sought by Wisconsin police for a parole violation. Police in Milwaukee used a stingray – a technology which mimics a cell tower to intercept calls and data from cell phones – to locate him in 2013. While the suspect pleaded guilty to the parole violation charge, he argued against the "validity of the location-tracking warrant by contending that his person was not contraband," and thus was off limits to the investigation, according to a court document.</p> <p>While Chief Judge Diane Wood ruled against Patrick's claim, she expressed reservations about the government's refusal to divulge information about stingray technology. Citing Fourth Amendment concerns, the judge wrote, "It is time for the stingray to come out of the shadows."</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Judge: Roof can act as own attorney
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/jury-selection-resume-charleston-church-shooting-trial-43816980
GIST	<p>A white man accused of fatally shooting nine black parishioners at a Charleston church last year was allowed to act as his own attorney in his federal death penalty trial Monday.</p> <p>Dylann Roof's request came against his lawyers' advice, and U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel said he would reluctantly accept the 22-year-old's "unwise" decision.</p> <p>Death penalty attorney David Bruck then slid over and let Roof take the lead chair. The lawyers can stand by and help Roof if he asks.</p> <p>The development came the same day jury selection resumed in the case. The selection process was halted Nov. 7 after lawyers for Roof questioned his ability to understand the case against him. Judge Gergel's ruling last week cleared the way for Monday's process to begin anew.</p> <p>Roof, 22, is charged with counts including hate crimes and obstruction of religion in connection with the June 17, 2015, attack at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. He faces a possible death sentence if convicted.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 No suspects in Donnie Chin murder case
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/local/crime/article/International-District-residents-Unacceptable-10641271.php
GIST	Nearly a year-and-a-half since Donnie Chin's slaying, his neighbors, friends and family in the International District continue to demand answers about the community leader's killer.

State Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos, D-Seattle, convened the third community meeting with police and city officials Monday night at the Nagomi Tea House to discuss an investigation in which no suspects have yet been identified.

Chin, the founder of the International District Emergency Center and known as the guardian of the neighborhood, was shot in his vehicle July 23, 2015 near Eighth Avenue South and South Lane Street.

He was a beloved resident who filled in the gaps where the neighborhood felt neglected by police, often rendering aid to people before firefighters could even reach the scene.

Attendees wore T-shirts bearing Chin's image and buttons reading, "Justice for Donnie."

Reports indicate that Chin was responding to a call of shots fired when he was caught in the crossfire of two groups shooting at each other.

His killer or killers remain at large.

"We're here to keep our elected officials and government agencies accountable to us," Santos said, adding that the community has been kept in the dark about the investigative details of Chin's case. She called the lack of information "unacceptable."

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HEADLINE	11/28 Conviction tossed in Renton slaying
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/local/crime/article/Conviction-thrown-out-in-slaying-of-Renton-young-10641336.php
GIST	<p>A Renton man convicted of murdering another young man at a house party must receive a new trial, a state appeals court ruled Monday.</p> <p>A King County jury convicted Santiago Ortuno-Perez in December 2014, finding that he had killed 22-year-old Jesus Cristobal Castro little more than a year before. Ortuno-Perez, now 27, was sentenced to 23 years in prison in the killing.</p> <p>Now, though, Ortuno-Perez will likely get a chance to make the argument he couldn't during his first trial – that another man at the party killed Castro.</p> <p>A three-judge court of appeals panel found that Ortuno-Perez should've been allowed to offer evidence that the other man was the killer, or, at least, that someone else could've killed Castro.</p> <p>"Ortuno-Perez was denied his right to present a complete defense," Judge Stephen Dwyer said in the ruling.</p>

	<p>“A new trial,” he continued, “is required.”</p> <p>Castro, who had recently fathered a daughter, suffered his fatal wound at 2 a.m. on Oct. 12, 2013. He was shot in the head with a .22-caliber firearm at close range; he never regained consciousness and died days later of his injuries.</p> <p>While as many as a dozen people were near Castro when he was shot, including Ortuno-Perez. Another man who he claims was the true killer was also in the crowd.</p> <p>Ortuno-Perez was arrested in Kent hours after the shooting. Police found a .22-caliber bullet in his pocket, but it was substantially different from the one that killed Castro. The gun that fired the fatal show has not been recovered.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/29 Man shot to death near Edmonds
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/north-sound-news/man-found-shot-to-death-in-vehicle-near-edmonds/471264099
GIST	<p>SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Wash. - A homicide investigation is underway after a man was found shot to death near Edmonds.</p> <p>It happened in a residential property in the 15900 block of 56th Avenue West near the Meadowdale area in unincorporated Snohomish County.</p> <p>Sheriff's deputies say they received 911 calls just before 11 p.m. Monday from people saying they heard gunshots. At least one caller reported that someone had been shot.</p> <p>Deputies found the body of a man in a vehicle on a large residential property. The victim is believed to have been shot.</p> <p>It's not clear if the victim lived there or what his relationship was to the people on the property.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Vancouver: fake cop attempted to kidnap
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2016/11/28/vancouver-police-man-impersonating-cop-tries-to-kidnap-woman/
GIST	<p>VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Authorities say they're searching for a man who impersonated a police officer and handcuffed a woman he was trying to kidnap in southwestern Washington.</p> <p>Vancouver police said in a news release that the woman's friend was driving her to meet someone Sunday night when a vehicle with flashing lights approached them from behind.</p>

	<p>Police say they stopped, believing it was a police officer, and a man wearing what appeared to be a police uniform approached the vehicle.</p> <p>Police say the man pulled the woman out, handcuffed her and put her in his vehicle. Police say the victim realized it wasn't an officer and fled on foot.</p> <p>The suspect also fled. He's described as in his 30s, about 5-foot-8 with a medium build and no facial hair.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Judge upholds Arizona ID theft laws
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2016/11/28/upheld-id-theft-laws-used-sheriff-arpaio-prosecute-illegal-aliens/
GIST	<p>A federal district court judge in Arizona has upheld two identity theft laws used to prosecute illegal aliens in employment raids by Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio.</p> <p>The case involves the constitutionality of two Arizona laws that provide for criminal penalties when an act of identity theft is done with the intent to obtain or continue employment (statute amended in 2007 and 2008 to apply specifically to the use of false identities to obtain employment), and another statute that makes it a crime to commit forgery (passed in 1977).</p> <p>Most of the tips that generated investigations by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) were from citizens in the community about a place of business or its employees and were made on telephone and email hotlines set up by the MCSO. The department would investigate, and if there was evidence of a crime, would apply for and execute a search warrant for the employment worksite. While executing the warrant, the MCSO would seize employment files and arrest workers they believed had committed identity theft or forgery.</p> <p>The MCSO conducted over 80 workplace investigations resulting in the arrest of 806 employees who "were almost exclusively unauthorized aliens," the Court's Order said.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 SC serial killer charged w/3 more murders
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/s-c-suspected-serial-killer-todd-kohlhepp-charged-three-more-n689336
GIST	<p>Todd Christopher Kohlhepp, the South Carolina man who investigators say is a serial killer, was charged Monday evening with three more counts of murder — bringing the total to seven.</p> <p>Kohlhepp, 45, was arrested early this month when Spartanburg County sheriff's deputies investigating a sex crime tip heard banging sounds coming from a metal container on his property. They found Kala Brown, 30, who had been missing since August, along with her boyfriend, Charlie Carver.</p>

	<p>Brown told investigators that she saw Kohlhepp shoot and kill Carver, whose body was found in a shallow grave. Kohlhepp then led investigators to the grave sites of Meagan Coxie, 25, and Johnny Coxie, 29, authorities said.</p> <p>Deputies filed arrest warrants Monday in Spartanburg County Magistrate Court charging Kohlhepp with murder in the deaths of Carver and the Coxies. He was also charged with multiple kidnapping and weapons charges in connection with their deaths.</p> <p>Kohlhepp was ordered held without bond Monday night. He was already being held without bond on four other counts of murder from a 2003 quadruple homicide near the town of Chesnee, which Sheriff Chuck Wright has said he has confessed to.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 USPS: reward for robbery attempt info
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/50000-reward-for-info-on-attempted-armed-robbery-of-letter-carrier
GIST	<p>BOTHELL, Wash. - A \$50,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of a suspect who attempted to rob a letter carrier at gunpoint earlier this month.</p> <p>Jeremy R. Leder of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service says the attempted robbery took place Nov. 1 at about 1:50 p.m. as the letter carrier was delivering mail in the area of 169th Street SE and 35th Drive NE in Bothell.</p> <p>The suspect displayed a handgun and attempted to grab items of value from the letter carrier but was unsuccessful, Leder said.</p> <p>During the incident, the suspect's hand was smashed in the car door when the letter carrier was fleeing. The suspect likely sustained cuts and bruises on his right hand as a result.</p> <p>After the failed robbery attempt, the suspect fled the scene in a late '80s or early '90s red Acura Integra. Reports indicate the suspect was accompanied in the car by two women.</p> <p>The suspect is described as a white male in his 30s with a thin build, standing about 5-feet-10-inches tall, weighing 170 pounds, with dark brown chin hair. The suspect was wearing a black or dark-colored hooded sweatshirt with a zipper.</p> <p>Leder said the U.S. Postal Inspection Service is offering a \$50,000 reward to anyone who can provide information leading to the arrest and prosecution of those involved in the attempted robbery.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Man shot at north Seattle motel
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SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/man-shot-at-n-seattle-motel-suspects-at-large
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- Police are searching for suspects in the wounding of a man at a North Seattle motel early Monday morning.</p> <p>The 34-year-old man called 911 at 5:40 a.m. He said he had been shot in the hip when he answered his door to his room in a motel at North 120th Street and Aurora Avenue North.</p> <p>He told police that he was confronted with a gunman after he answered the knock on his door.</p> <p>Other witnesses said two or three males arrived at the motel in a gray sedan, then left right after the shooting.</p> <p>Officers searched but couldn't find the suspects.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Thieves steal Eastlake business ATM
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/muscle-job-thieves-steal-atm-from-eastlake-business
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- Police say thieves stole an ATM from a business over the weekend and that a similar crime was attempted early Monday in North Seattle.</p> <p>Police were sent to a closed convenience store in the 2220 block of Eastlake Avenue East at 4:30 a.m. Saturday. Police were alerted after someone spotted an open door.</p> <p>Officers found an ATM sign on the ground. The lock on the door had been damaged, and the ATM was missing.</p> <p>Detectives are reviewing surveillance video from the store.</p> <p>At 5 a.m. Monday, police were alerted to an attempted ATM theft at a restaurant in the 12300 block of 30th Avenue Northeast. A restaurant employee saw a man attach the ATM with a chain to his van. But the chain broke as he drove away.</p> <p>The suspect is described as a 35-year-old white man who was wearing a baseball cap and blue flannel shirt.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Porch 'pirates' crash the holidays
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-datadive-porch-idUSKBN13N28X?sp=5
GIST	The Grinch, apparently, has transformed into the Porch Pirate.

A survey last year by insurancequotes.com [found that 23 million Americans have had packages stolen](#) from their homes before they could open them. Also, the USPS received more than 96,000 complaints about stolen mail last year, according to [Ring](#), a video doorbell company.

The flow of packages to doorsteps this year will be greater than ever - online shoppers [spent \\$5.27 billion on Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday](#), and [sales were forecast at an additional \\$3.3 billion on the following Monday](#), known as Cyber Monday, according to Adobe Digital Insights.

Until drones can deliver packages right into consumer's waiting arms, there have been few technological advances that are solving the problem. The customer's best move is defensive -- two-thirds say they have changed their behavior because of what has become known as "porch piracy".

In a study just released by [Vivint Smart Home](#), which sells home security systems, 49 percent say they have adjusted their schedules to be home for a delivery and 46 percent have changed the way they receive packages.

City-dwelling millennials who live in apartments are the most fearful, and also the most proactive. More than half of the millennials surveyed had sought help from the police about their stolen goods by sharing video evidence, and putting details of the crime on social media. As a result, 36 percent of millennials say they have recovered a stolen package.

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HEADLINE	11/28 Suspect Ohio State attack identified
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/suspect-dead-after-ohio-state-university-car-knife-attack-n689076
GIST	<p>An Ohio State University student plowed a car into a campus crowd, then jumped out and started stabbing people with a butcher knife before being shot dead by police Monday morning, officials said.</p> <p>Ten people were taken to hospitals after the ambush, but none of the injuries were considered life-threatening. The incident was initially reported as an "active shooter" situation, but the suspect did not shoot anyone.</p> <p>A police officer was on the scene within a minute and killed the assailant, likely saving lives, university officials said. "He engaged the suspect and eliminated the threat," OSU Police Chief Craig Stone said.</p> <p>Law enforcement officials told NBC News the suspect's name is Abdul Razaq Ali Artan, an 18-year-old student at the university. He was a Somali refugee who left his homeland with his family in 2007, lived in Pakistan and then came to the United States in 2014 as a legal permanent resident of the United States, officials said.</p>

	<p>The motive was unknown, although law enforcement sources said Artan posted a rant on social media prior to the incident. Officials said the attack was clearly deliberate and may have been planned in advance.</p> <p>"This was done on purpose," Stone said.</p>
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HEADLINE	11/28 Man plows crowd w/car; stabs victims
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/28/us/ohio-state-university-active-shooter/index.html
GIST	<p>Ohio State University officials lauded the efforts of Officer Alan Horujko, 28, in stopping Monday's attacker before he could injure more people.</p> <p>Horujko brought an end to the situation in less than two minutes by fatally shooting the attacker, 18-year-old Ohio State student Abdul Razak Ali Artan, when he failed to comply with orders to put down his weapon.</p> <p>Authorities are still investigating Artan's motive, officials said.</p> <p>The suspect in the Ohio State University attack rammed his car into a group of pedestrians before using a butcher knife to cut several people, university officials said.</p> <p>At least nine people were hospitalized, including one in critical condition. "Victim injuries include stab wounds, injury by motor vehicle and other injuries that are being evaluated," OSU said.</p> <p>The suspect was an 18-year-old of Somali descent who lived in the area, a federal law enforcement official said. Investigators have identified the suspect but have not publicized his name, the official said. The car used in the attack was registered to a family member.</p> <p>A US official said the suspect was a legal permanent resident.</p>
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**1-5 May 2017	LEIU/IALEIA Conference	Radisson Blu Mall of America, 2100 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 55425	http://www.ialeia.org/157-save-the-date-2017-leiu-ialeia-conference-in-minnesota.html
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HEADLINE	10/13 Clinton fundraiser in Seattle today
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/422451/hillary-clinton-in-seattle-on-friday/
GIST	<p>Hillary Clinton will be in Seattle Friday afternoon for a political fundraiser at the Paramount Theatre.</p> <p>The Oct. 14 fundraiser is closed to the media, and Clinton does not have any public events planned.</p> <p>The cost to attend the fundraiser ranges from \$250 to \$27,000, according to the campaign. Hip-hop duo Macklemore & Ryan Lewis are set to speak as well. A time for the event has not yet been set.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Court enjoined SPD disclosing 'secrets'
SOURCE	http://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/put-your-docs-where-i-can-see-them-83508/
GIST	<p>What happens when trade secret protections collide with laws granting public access to government records? This question took center stage in a recent case involving the Seattle Police Department (“SPD”). A federal district court enjoined the SPD from disclosing a software vendor’s allegedly trade secret information in response to a reporter’s public records act request. Besides serving as a reminder of the precautions that companies should take when disclosing intellectual property to public agencies, the case also raises interesting questions and strategic considerations.</p> <p>Software vendor Versaterm creates information management systems for public agencies. Police departments around the country, including SPD, have licensed software products from Versaterm. SPD’s license agreements generally provide that SPD may not copy or display the user manuals and documentation Versaterm provides with its software products. The parties’ agreements also provide that Versaterm may designate certain of its material as “proprietary information,” and that absent such a designation, Versaterm’s materials may be subject to disclosure under Seattle’s Public Records Act.</p> <p>A reporter in Austin, Texas suspected that something was fishy with crime reporting statistics from police departments using Versaterm’s software. He filed a public records request with SPD seeking “[m]anuals and other training documents relating to [Versaterm’s software] specifically any guides or instructions about how to query and export crime data from the system.” Because Versaterm designated the manuals it provided to SPD as “proprietary information,” SPD notified Versaterm of the request and of SPD’s intent to produce the documents absent a court order.</p> <p>Versaterm promptly sought a temporary restraining order and then a preliminary injunction from the U.S. District Court in Seattle to halt the disclosure. Insisting that “[t]he metaphorical wrecking ball is about to hit the building,” Versaterm argued that its software manuals disclose critical Versaterm trade secrets,</p>

including the functionality and design of Versaterm’s software, instructions on how to use the software, and screen shots of the software.

Several aspects of the court’s order granting Versaterm’s injunction are worth noting.

First, even though the SPD did not contest that Versaterm’s documents contained trade secrets, the SPD argued that it had a broad duty to disclose public records, it had no affirmative duty to invoke a trade secrets exemption to the public records laws on Versaterm’s behalf, and that any such exemption should be construed narrowly. While the court’s order prevents the SPD’s disclosure of the documents (for now), the case highlights the risks involved with providing trade secrets to government agencies. Usual contractual provisions (*e.g.*, non-disclosure agreements) may not be enough to trump laws mandating broad access to public records.

Second, the court declined to rule on Versaterm’s argument that the [recently-enacted federal Defense of Trade Secrets Act](#) qualified as a “statute which exempts or prohibits disclosure of specific information or records” for purposes of Washington’s state public records act. The court did not reach the merits of this argument because it was not properly briefed, leaving open an important question regarding the interplay between state public records laws and the DTSA.

Third, before granting Versaterm a preliminary injunction, the court ordered briefing on whether the reporter was a “necessary party” to the lawsuit under [Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 19](#); the court concluded the reporter was not, reasoning that the reporter’s “interest in disclosure” is adequately represented by SPD. But query whether SPD actually shares *Versaterm’s* interest in *non-disclosure*, because such disclosure could lead to public scrutiny of SPD’s own crime statistics.

Notably, SPD did not directly oppose Versaterm’s motion—it simply filed a “response” asking the Court to determine whether Versaterm’s manuals are exempt from disclosure—nor did it challenge whether the documents actually constituted trade secrets (despite the fact that, prior to the lawsuit, SPD had already [made public](#) at least some portions of Versaterm software manuals).

Now that the Court has granted a preliminary injunction, what is stopping SPD from entering into a settlement agreement and stipulated permanent injunction in order to save costs?

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HEADLINE	10/13 Seattle teachers ‘black lives matter’ event
SOURCE	http://www.theroot.com/articles/news/2016/10/seattle-teachers-plan-black-lives-matter-demonstration/
GIST	Teachers in the Seattle Public Schools district have planned a Black Lives Matter event next week to coincide with an effort by the school district to close the gap of opportunity between students of different races.

KIRO 7 reports that about 1,000 teachers have ordered Black Lives Matter T-shirts that will be worn Oct. 19 during an event called Black Lives Matter in the Seattle Public Schools, a move that is endorsed by Seattle Education Association, the labor organization that represents more than 5,500 educators.

Teachers at Seattle's John Muir Elementary School took part in a similar event Sept. 16, wearing Black Lives Matter T-shirts and hosting Black Men Uniting to Change the Narrative, during which black men from the community welcomed kids to school. KIRO 7 reports that the event was almost canceled after the school received threats of violence, but the school staff decided to have the event anyway.

Jesse Hagopian, a teacher at Seattle's Garfield High School, told KIRO 7 that the threat against John Muir was made by a white supremacist and that Seattle teachers responded by taking the event districtwide.

The Seattle Public Schools district respects the teachers' right to express themselves. A district spokesperson told KIRO 7 that the T-shirts are a good visual, and they hope that the message inspires people to do the work of eliminating opportunity gaps, an effort the district itself is focused on. A campaign highlighting the district's efforts is also planned for next week.

In addition to the district, the Seattle Parent Teacher Student Association has come out in support of the educators.

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HEADLINE	10/13 Sniper attack on Utah substation
SOURCE	http://www.utilitydive.com/news/sniper-attack-on-utah-substation-highlights-grid-vulnerability/428202/
GIST	<p>Dive Brief:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deseret News <u>reported</u> last month that someone with a high-powered rifle fired several shots and successfully disabled a substation owned by Garkane Energy Cooperative, leading to a day-long power outage for about 13,000 Utah residents.• The co-op offered up to \$50,000 for information leading to a reward; the damage will take months to repair and could cost up to \$1 million.• The incident, <u>reminiscent of an attack on a Pacific Gas and Electric substation in 2013</u>, is a reminder that large portions of the United States' grid remain vulnerable to attack, potentially from either cyber intrusions or being physically disabled. <p>Dive Insight:</p> <p>While much of grid security concern is now focused on the potential for a blackout-inducing cyberattack, the events in Utah are a reminder that physical vulnerabilities are prevalent and a larger blackout is still possible.</p> <p>Navigant energy director Brian Harrell <u>spoke with EnergyWire</u> about the attack, saying "electric infrastructure continues to be vulnerable to firearms attack ... we must assume that at some point in the</p>

future a North American utility will suffer from a planned and coordinated attack against electrical infrastructure."

Three years ago, a PG&E was targeted in a sniper attack that disabled 17 transformers. The utility responded with a [\\$100 million security spending plan](#), and federal security protocols have been upgraded. But the span of the grid makes [protecting infrastructure difficult](#).

By contrast, Garkane serves six counties in South-Central Utah and two counties in North-Central Arizona, a largely rural area. The co-op also serves four national parks, and private lands encompass only about 10% of its service territory of 16,000 square miles.

The attack on Garkane succeeded when bullets disabled the transformer's oil-cooled radiator.

Recently, grid security has been focused on cybersecurity. Lloyd's of London last year issued a report finding a widespread attack on the United States grid could lead to a total economic loss ranging from \$243 billion up to \$1 trillion in the most damaging scenarios. A series of cyberattacks in Ukraine [caused widespread blackouts](#), underscoring the worries from utility officials and lawmakers. In some good news, FirstEnergy [successfully fended off hacker intrusions](#) last year.

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HEADLINE	10/13 Seattle considers hiring change at SPD?
SOURCE	http://crosscut.com/2016/10/council-considers-unilateral-action-to-diversify-police-force/
GIST	<p>Washington state law mandates that veterans receive extra points on the civil service exam to become fire fighters or police officers. But because the overwhelming majority of veterans are white males, these “preference points” tend to enforce those demographics within fire and police forces, even as departments struggle to be more inclusive and diverse.</p> <p>Now, a movement is growing to expand the preference system, awarding points for other skills — speaking other languages, for example, or experience in community service — that may foster more cultural competency and connection with the community.</p> <p>As the Seattle City Council considers Mayor Ed Murray’s proposed budget, some councilmembers wonder if this change couldn’t be expedited. Although the city recommended this reform last week in a proposed suite of accountability measures, it’s part of the cumbersome and often slow federal consent decree to reform the department. As such, it could be months before that proposal sees the light of day.</p> <p>That’s an issue because Murray wants funding for 72 new police officers by the end of November, well before the accountability legislation will become law. Councilmember Lisa Herbold wants a guarantee for revised preference policies before she signs the check for more officers.</p>

“I think it’s appropriate for the council to signal its intention for the new hires to be hired according to the use of this more expansive preference point policy,” she said over the phone. “There’s some certainty there. We can do that now without having to wait for deliberative omnibus of the accountability bill.”

Last month, Crosscut reported on the enthusiasm gap between the King County Sheriff Department and Seattle Police department toward adopting the proposal. On the one hand, County Sherriff John Urquhart unilaterally changed the rule, implementing expanded preference points less than a year after he took office.

In Seattle, the proposal has stalled out since it was first pitched in late 2013, despite early enthusiasm.

Since Crosscut covered the issue last week, the question of preference points has again been a conversation inside City Hall. Early budget talks have centered around whether it needed to be lumped in with other police reform efforts currently underway, or whether the council or Police Chief Kathleen O’Toole could just make it happen.

“I think the level of officer staffing is important,” Councilmember Debora Juarez told O’Toole in a budget committee meeting last Monday. “But more important is who we hire and how we train them. My main concern is this: Is the department looking at hiring people with other skills and expertise in dealing with residents who are victims or trauma mental health?”

O’Toole defended the department’s recent hiring class, pointing to an 11 percent bump in people of color hired between 2014 to 2016.

That’s great, says Herbold, but it’s not a change to the system like expanding preference points, which she calls “a structural change that hopefully results in a long-living shift in how we do hiring, [rather than] something we’re doing because something’s wrong or we have an administration interested in diversity.”

The rule change could come from the city’s HR department, which tells Crosscut that no decisions have been made yet on the issue. It could also come from the council.

“We have the capability to change hiring standards,” said Councilmember Tim Burgess. “That is clearly the city council’s prerogative.”

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HEADLINE	10/13 Mayor reveals new Seattle homeless plans
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/422196/murray-new-seattle-homeless-plans/
GIST	Mayor Ed Murray announced a series of new Seattle homeless initiatives Thursday evening, which includes opening four new city-authorized homeless tent encampments.

Murray is dedicating \$1.2 million for the four new city-authorized encampments. He is also putting \$1 million toward increasing the number of safe alternative locations for people living unsheltered, and storage for their belongings when encampments are cleared. He said that the city is looking into vacant city, county and state lands for the new authorized encampments.

The previous city-authorized encampments were controversial among Seattleites.

“I personally have gone back and forth over the past two years over what the right approach is (to homelessness),” Murray said. “It is one of those areas where I get complimented or bashed.”

“There are areas in this city where it is unacceptable to have people camp,” he said. “We want to find a way to get people places they can camp, but at the same time we can’t have people in our parks or on our sidewalks, or on school property or areas where they are at risk.”

It comes as Council Members Sally Bagshaw and Mike O’Brien each have proposed their own takes on homeless camping legislation the council is currently considering. Each is attempting to define where homeless individuals can camp on public property. The two held discussions with the press Thursday, but that was before Murray made his own announcement.

Murray’s statements Thursday night also touched upon the Seattle homeless camping issue at the core of Bagshaw and O’Brien’s bills. The mayor said that people will be removed from places where they are at risk, or places that interfere with public use. He said the policy will be that people will be allowed to camp in town, unless the city has a better place to move them.

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HEADLINE	10/13 Coffee price jumps 50% on ferries
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/transportation/coffee-price-jumps-more-than-50-percent-on-ferries/
GIST	<p>After weeks of waiting for the Washington State Ferries’ new food service company, Centerplate, to revise and open the galley, ferry customers were greeted this morning with a surprise.</p> <p>There’s only a single coffee cup size offered, small, and the price of the 12-ounce caffeine dose jumped more than 50 percent from \$2 to \$3.01.</p> <p>That additional 1 cent felt like a little salt in the wound, said commuters who gathered around the commercial coffee makers on the 4:50 a.m. Bremerton to Seattle ferry Thursday morning.</p> <p>It also initially appeared that dollar refills had disappeared.</p>

	<p>Joshua Pell, a spokesman for the Connecticut-based company that operates the food and beverage concessions for the Seattle Mariners, among stadiums, resorts and transportation hubs nationwide, said on Twitter, however, that refills will be offered at \$1.25.</p> <p>That's still a 25 percent increase for people who can get a 12-ounce cup of drip coffee at Starbucks for \$1.95 plus tax.</p> <p>Centerplate took over as the ferry service's food concessionaire after winning a bid for a 10-year contract with the state. The former provider, Olympic Cascade Services of Bremerton, filed a lawsuit to keep its vendor contract but lost.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 World's longest-reigning monarch dies
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/thais-waiting-word-kings-health-pray-offer-flowers-42770794?cid=clicksource_4380645_1_hero_headlines_headlines_hed
GIST	<p>Thailand's Royal Palace says King Bhumibol, the world's longest-reigning monarch, has died at age 88.</p> <p>The palace said the king passed away peacefully on Thursday at Bangkok's Siriraj Hospital.</p> <p>"Even though the board of doctors has closely monitored and treated him to the best of its abilities, the king's condition never improved," it said in a statement.</p> <p>Hundreds of Thais have gathered outside the hospital since the palace announced on Sunday that the king's condition had become "unstable."</p> <p>Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha announced that Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn would become the new monarch in accordance with the constitution. He said government officials will observe a one-year mourning period, and no government events would be held for one month.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/12 Millions N. Carolina chickens die in floods
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/news/millions-north-carolina-chickens-die-hurricane-matthew-floods-203948573--finance.html
GIST	<p>CHICAGO (Reuters) - Flooding from Hurricane Matthew has killed up to 5 million poultry birds in North Carolina, most of them chickens, the state's top environmental official said on Wednesday, hurting a major contributor to its economy.</p>

Donald van der Vaart, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, also told Reuters that some pits that hold hog waste on farms had been inundated with floodwaters. The waste, mixing with water, may eventually make its way into rivers, streams and the Atlantic Ocean.

Van der Vaart said he did not know how many pits had been inundated but that the environmental damage would be minimal because the hog waste will be "vastly diluted" by floodwaters.

North Carolina officials have been racing to help farmers swamped by Matthew and to assess damages since the storm dumped heavy rains on the state over the weekend. They have wanted to avoid a repeat of Hurricane Floyd, which overwhelmed hog farms and pits in 1999, contaminating waterways with animal carcasses and waste.

Agriculture is the state's top industry, contributing about \$84 billion to the economy, according to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The department has confirmed 1.8 million poultry have died, mostly chickens, spokesman Brian Long said. The total is expected to increase, he added.

Last year, North Carolina produced about 823 million chickens for meat, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Sanderson Farms Inc, the third largest U.S. poultry producer, said it lost about 250,000 chickens being raised for meat in the state.

Tyson Foods Inc said its losses were minimal because the company does not have operations raising chickens for meat in flooded areas.

Privately held Perdue Farms said it was still assessing the number of chickens it lost.

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HEADLINE	10/13 Iran deploys warships off Yemen coast
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/news/iran-deploys-warships-off-yemen-coast-gulf-aden-105813856.html
GIST	<p>ISTANBUL (Reuters) - Iran sent two warships to the Gulf of Aden on Thursday, the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported, establishing a military presence in waters off Yemen where the U.S. military launched cruise missile strikes on areas controlled by Iran-backed Houthi forces.</p> <p>"Iran's Alvand and Bushehr warships have been dispatched to the Gulf of Aden to protect trade vessels from piracy," Tasnim reported.</p>

	<p>The U.S. military strikes were in response to failed missile attacks this week on a U.S. Navy destroyer, U.S. officials said.</p> <p>Iran's key regional rival Saudi Arabia accuses Tehran of providing support to the Houthis, a charge the Islamic Republic denies.</p> <p>Tasnim said the Iranian ships will patrol the Gulf of Aden, south of Yemen, which is one of the world's most important shipping routes.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Investigation into accidental shootings
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_ACCIDENTAL_SHOOTINGS_KEY_FINDINGS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-10-14-03-22-56
GIST	<p>The Associated Press and the USA TODAY Network combined forces to investigate accidental shootings involving children, researching more than 1,000 incidents over a 2½-year span. In all, those shootings claimed the lives of more than 320 minors and more than 30 adults.</p> <p>The investigation used information collected by the Gun Violence Archive, a nonpartisan research group, news reports and public sources. It analyzed the circumstances of every death and injury from accidental shootings involving children ages 17 and younger from Jan. 1, 2014, to June 30 of this year - more than 1,000 incidents in all.</p> <p>Among the findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Fatal accidental shootings occur more often than the federal government tracks. In 2014, the last year for which statistics were available, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention counted 74 unintentional firearms deaths of children. The AP and USA Today Network found 113 such deaths the same year, suggesting the federal government missed a third of the cases. -Deaths and injuries spike for children under age 5, with 3-year-olds the most common shooters and victims among young children. Nearly 90 3-year-olds were killed or injured in the shootings, the vast majority of which were self-inflicted. -Accidental shootings spike again at ages 15-17, when victims are most often fatally shot by other children but typically survive self-inflicted gunshots. -The shootings most often happen at the children's homes with handguns legally owned by adults for self-protection; hunting accidents are far less common. -The shootings are more likely to occur on weekends or around holidays such as Christmas. -As a region, the Deep South has rates of accidental shootings involving minors far above the national rate. Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia are among the top 10 states with the highest rates.
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HEADLINE	10/14 Latest from National Weather Service
SOURCE	http://weather.seattlepi.com/US/WA/Seattle.html#WND
GIST	<p>Statement as of 4:49 am PDT on October 14, 2016</p> <p>... Wind Advisory in effect until 6 PM PDT this evening... ... High wind watch remains in effect from Saturday afternoon through late Saturday night... ... High Wind Warning has ended...</p> <p>The National Weather Service in Seattle has issued a Wind Advisory... which is in effect until 6 PM PDT this evening. The High Wind Warning has ended.</p> <p>* Timing... southerly winds will rise again midday today and peak this afternoon or early evening... then ease temporarily tonight. A stronger storm will arrive Saturday evening with high winds likely.</p> <p>* Winds... south winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 45 mph today... strongest midday through afternoon. South winds 20 to 40 mph with gusts to 65 mph are possible Saturday night.</p> <p>* Impacts... there were scattered power outages overnight... and more are possible with the winds today. Tree damage is typically greater this early in the season... so keep in mind that falling limbs and trees are an occasional cause of injury and fatality during western Washington windstorms.</p> <p>Precautionary/preparedness actions...</p> <p>A Wind Advisory means that winds of 35 mph are expected with gusts as high as 50 mph. Winds this strong can make driving difficult... especially for high profile vehicles. Use extra caution.</p> <p>A high wind watch means there is the potential for a hazardous high wind event. Sustained winds of at least 40 mph... or gusts of 58 mph or stronger may occur. Continue to monitor the latest forecasts.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 SEA: normal operations despite high winds
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/weather/scotts-weather-blog/sea-tac-airport-expecting-normal-operations-during-dual-wind-storms
GIST	<p>Perhaps the second-most question I've heard about the wind storms aside from "how windy will it be" is, "I hope my flight this weekend will still be able to leave."</p> <p>But rest assured, you don't have to worry this weekend about cots plastered across Sea-Tac Airport as dozens or hundreds of flights in and out of Seattle get canceled. Actually, wind storms are not that big of a deal for airport operations.</p> <p>It all comes down to the direction of the wind, not necessarily the speed, says Sea-Tac spokesperson Brian DeRoy. Planes are accustomed to flying at 500 mph, so what's another 40 mph? And if the wind is coming at the plane, it's actually just adding to the aerodynamics of the fuselage and provides pilots with more available lift. No biggie.</p> <p>In fact, runways are intentionally built in parallel alignment with the traditional wind pattern of the city. Luckily, our winds in Seattle usually come from a generally northerly or southerly direction, thanks to our geographic location between two mountain ranges. Thus, Sea-Tac Airport's runways are oriented north-south.</p> <p>Sea-Tac air traffic controllers then make sure to send the flow of air traffic into the headwind. It's a neat trick around Seattle that you can tell the weather by which way the planes are flying over the city.</p> <p>Generally cloudy, rainy days come with south winds and thus planes land from the north and take off to the south. And on sunny days, it's a north wind and the flow is reversed.</p> <p>"Lucky" for us, these particular wind storms this weekend are keeping with a classic southerly wind direction for Seattle. So they'll just point the planes to land from the south and take off from the north.</p> <p>"We don't anticipate (the storms) being a major problem," DeRoy told me.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Bernie Sanders to return to Seattle
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/politics/bernie-sanders-to-return-to-seattle-this-week-for-local-candidate/335763554
GIST	<p>Senator Bernie Sanders will return to Seattle this week to campaign for Pramila Jayapal, who's running for the open 7th district congressional seat long held by retiring Seattle Congressman Jim McDermott.</p> <p>Sanders, who overwhelmingly won Washington's presidential caucuses during primary season, drew crowds of thousands during his three visits to Washington State earlier this year.</p>

	<p>State Senator Jayapal was one of Sanders earliest supporters for president, endorsing him in August of last year. Sanders returned the favor and has since endorsed Jayapal in her congressional race against State Representative Brady Pinero Walkinshaw.</p> <p>The Jayapal campaign says the focus of Saturday’s rally will be to “get out the vote,” around a week ahead of ballots are sent out statewide.</p> <p>WHEN: Saturday, October 15th, Doors open at 4:00</p> <p>WHERE: The Showbox, Downtown Seattle, 1426 1st Ave, Seattle, WA 98101</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Police: heightened threat of ambush
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/10/14/police-see-heightened-threat-ambush-after-year-unrest.html
GIST	<p>Hours after five Dallas police officers were killed by sniper fire during a July protest over police aggression, a call reporting a break-in at an apartment came in to the Valdosta Police Department in Georgia.</p> <p>Officer Randall Hancock, a 10-year veteran, responded to the scene, where an armed man later identified as Stephen Beck was lying in wait. Beck shot Hancock three times, with two bullets catching in his bulletproof vest and a third entered his abdomen. Hancock, who survived, returned fire and severely wounded the suspect.</p> <p>Beck, 22, was suffering from depression and set up the scene in a bid to commit suicide-by-cop.</p> <p>It was just one example in a growing number of police officer ambushes across the country in recent months. On Wednesday night, two Boston police officers were critically injured after responding to a domestic call where they were shot by a man wearing body armor. And on Saturday, two Palm Springs, Calif., police officers were killed by a suspected gang member who lured them to their deaths.</p> <p>Law enforcement experts say an ambush assault consists of four factors: the element of surprise, concealment of the assailant, suddenness of the attack and a lack of provocation. They can be planned or spontaneous.</p> <p>“It can happen anywhere, anytime,” Kevin Hassett, the president of the Retired Police Association of the State of New York, said. “You keep your fingers crossed and hope you go home at night and see your kids.”</p>

Hassett worked for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department for 30 years. Although he saw violence and chaos in his time, he believes an anti-cop climate that some say is fueled in part by Black Lives Matter, has made the job even more dangerous.

“Wearing the uniform always came with an inherent risk, even back then,” he said. “I’m just glad I’m not a cop now.”

The past year has taken its toll on many police departments and communities across the country. Racially charged police shootings have driven a wedge between police and the vulnerable communities they protect.

Steven Groeninger, the communications director for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, said there have been 14 deadly ambushes involving police officers compared to 16 all of last year. Since 2000, there have been roughly 200 ambush attacks on police officers each year.

Carla Barrett, an assistant professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, did not study recent statistics regarding police ambushes, but spoke to FoxNews.com about the issue of tension in the inner cities.

She interviewed inner-city youth throughout New York while conducting research and found that many have a “profound fear of police.”

“Yet at the same time they do not hate police,” she said. “They just want better police.”

She said she also believes there is a fear in many police officers “especially the good ones” that there is a danger in every encounter.

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HEADLINE	10/13 Many Americans without flood insurance
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/as-hurricane-matthews-damage-mounts-many-victims-dont-have-flood-insurance/
GIST	<p>Many Americans don’t have flood insurance, some because they don’t want to pay for it, some because they don’t see the need for it.</p> <p>As of August, only 19 percent of homeowners in Florida had flood insurance, 2 percent in Georgia, 9 percent in South Carolina and 5 percent in North Carolina, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Even in high-risk flood zones, the rate in those states ranged from just 25 percent to 65 percent.</p> <p>Industry officials say it is a troubling situation, especially since the risk of flooding appears to be on the rise.</p>

“We seem to be having more and more flooding events, be it climate change or other things. We’re seeing areas that are experiencing flooding events that may not have experienced them in the past,” said Cynthia DiVincenti, a vice president at Aon National Flood Services.

“Flooding is the most common and costly disaster we see in the United States,” said FEMA spokesman Rafael Lemaitre. Flood claims have averaged more than \$1.9 billion per year since 2006, according to federal officials.

Flood insurance in low- to moderate-risk areas averages \$400 to \$600 a year, according to FEMA. FEMA, through the National Flood Insurance Program, offers flood insurance because it’s generally not profitable for private insurers to sell it.

Matthew sideswiped Florida and Georgia last week before blowing ashore briefly in South Carolina and unloading more than a foot of rain on North Carolina, where it triggered disastrous flooding. The U.S. death toll is well over 30.

North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory said Thursday the number of power outages was down to about 55,000, form a high of nearly 900,000 when the storm hit last week. Thursday, during a press conference, McCrory said the state’s death toll is at 22.

But McCrory said flooding continues to be a major problem in the eastern part of the state.

“The poorest of the poor are the ones that are being hurt the most by the floods,” the governor said, citing conditions in Lumberton and smaller communities of Pembroke and St. Pauls.

Homeowners without flood insurance may qualify for federal grants for shelter and food, but those are typically small sums and aren’t meant to replace all losses. Homeowners can also apply for low-interest disaster loans, which must be repaid.

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HEADLINE	10/13 Colombia extends ceasefire with FARC
SOURCE	http://time.com/4530963/colombia-rebel-ceasefire-extended/?xid=homepage
GIST	<p>BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — President Juan Manuel Santos announced on Thursday that he is extending a ceasefire with Colombia’s largest rebel movement in a bid to give more time to efforts to save a peace deal rejected by voters.</p> <p>Santos said in a televised address that he was extending by two months the ceasefire with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia until Dec. 31.</p>

	<p>He made the announcement after meeting with students who have been organizing demonstrations across the country to demand the accord be implemented immediately despite it being rejected in a referendum.</p> <p>“Let it be clear: this isn’t an ultimatum or deadline,” Santos said, adding that he hoped to have an agreement before year’s end. He said the lives of soldiers and guerrillas depended on warfare not resuming. “Time is conspiring against peace and life.”</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Baltimore police union suggests dept. fixes
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/baltimore-police-union-suggests-fixes-after-scathing-doj-report-n666086
GIST	<p>BALTIMORE — The Baltimore police union released its own suggested fixes on Thursday after a scathing Department of Justice report found officers have used excessive force, made unwarranted arrests and systematically discriminated against African Americans.</p> <p>The police union's recommendations include overhauling training curriculum, clarifying policies and procedures, and streamlining use of force standards for all units across the department.</p> <p>The union is also asking for more supervisors, and increased training for them prior to rank promotions, and the creation of a new rank between officer and sergeant. Officers also want better technology, and say involuntary overtime work should be eliminated.</p> <p>The DOJ report, issued in August, outlined discriminatory practices by Baltimore Police and mandated sweeping reforms. The Justice Department opened an investigation into the department last May, less than a month after the city's streets exploded in civil unrest, prompted by the death of Freddie Gray, a young black man whose neck was broken in the back of a police wagon.</p> <p>The Justice Department looked at hundreds of thousands of pages of documents, including internal affairs files and data on stops, searches and arrests.</p> <p>It found that one African-American man was stopped 30 times in less than four years, and never charged. Of 410 people stopped at least 10 times from 2010 to 2015, 95 percent were black. During that time, no one of any other race was stopped more than 12 times.</p> <p>With the release of the report, the city agreed to negotiate with the Justice Department a set of police reforms over the next few months to fend off a government lawsuit. The reforms will be enforceable by the courts.</p> <p>The union in its recommendations acknowledged that the discriminatory practices investigators identified were indeed rampant, but blamed them on the police department's emphasis on statistics.</p>

HEADLINE	10/13 Duterte is man with fighting words
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/man-fighting-words-rodrigo-duterte/story?id=42723270
GIST	<p>He's compared himself to Hitler. He's vowed to wage a war on drugs via execution. He's threatened to cut all ties with the U.S. He swears like a sailor and has been nicknamed "The Punisher."</p> <p>But he also created one of the safest cities in the Philippines when he was mayor, and he enacted some of the country's first pro-LGBT legislation, anti-rape legislation, and anti-religious discrimination legislation. He has a Sunday talk show that people watch more than the news.</p> <p>He's the ever-enigmatic Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, and he's causing quite the stir around the world lately.</p> <p>The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in the Hague, Fatou Bensouda, expressed concern today about the thousands of extrajudicial killings in the first few months of Duterte's term and sent a harsh warning to those involved.</p> <p>"Let me be clear," she said in a statement. "Any person in the Philippines who incites or engages in acts of mass violence ... is potentially liable to prosecution before the Court."</p> <p>She said her office will be closely monitoring activity in the coming weeks to see if an examination is necessary.</p> <p>When he called President Obama "son of a b----" and told him to "go to hell," threatening to cut off ties with the U.S., Duterte propelled himself into the international spotlight and painted a controversial picture of his leadership style to the rest of the world.</p> <p>The truth, however, is more complex than his comments might suggest.</p> <p>Many Filipinos, like Patricio Abinales, a professor at the University of Hawaii and former Woodrow Wilson Center scholar who grew up on Duterte's home island of Mindanao, attribute Duterte's anger to a somewhat-forgotten bombing in 2002. "People say he's never forgotten it," Abinales said.</p> <p>American Michael Meiring brought a homemade bomb into a hotel in Davao and accidentally blew it up ahead of time, injuring himself and ending up in a hospital, according to authorities. Then-Mayor Duterte, along with the police waiting to question Meiring, were shocked when U.S. FBI operatives took him out of the hospital and flew him out of the city without telling local officials, reportedly promising immigration documentation to hospital administrators for the favor.</p>

According to a report in NPR's Morning Edition, Duterte was furious and has held a grudge ever since.

"He's famous for holding grudges," Abinales said. Mindanaoans suspected that Meiring was an undercover CIA operative working to destabilize Mindanao, and a former army intelligence officer responded, "I cannot say that's right, but I cannot say that it's wrong," according to the same NPR report.

Duterte in 2013 denied the U.S. permission to use Davao as a base for drone operations, citing the 2002 incident in his reasoning.

But his anger's roots may live deeper than 2002.

The U.S. colonial rule of the Philippines from 1898 to 1946, for starters. More than that, Duterte was in college in the 1960s, when the U.S. was in the midst of the Vietnam War and was using several bases in the Philippines for their proximity to the country. President Lyndon B. Johnson also called for Philippine troops for the effort. This caused a stir among Filipinos, who were mostly against that war.

One of the people who may have influenced Duterte is Jose Maria Sison, the former head of the communist party who was exiled from the Philippines and is one of Duterte's mentors and friends. Sison was one of his professors during this time, and organized youth protesters against the Vietnam War.

Duterte was a member of that protest movement formed by Sison, called "Kabataang Makabayan," according to ASEAN Today, which noted that the movement was "known for its anti-American imperialism stance."

Eighty-three percent of Filipinos have "much trust" in him, according to the first polls conducted about his presidency by Philippines-based research nonprofit Social Weather Stations.

The highest approval ratings, at 88 percent feeling "satisfied," come from his home island of Mindanao, while other regions like the Visayas are at 75 percent and Metro Manila are at 74 percent.

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HEADLINE	10/14 Report: rockets fired near Turkish resort
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/reports-rockets-fire-turkish-resort-hurt-42799544
GIST	<p>Turkish news reports say assailants have fired three rockets near a Mediterranean resort town, striking a shelter used by fishermen. No one was hurt in the attack.</p> <p>Hurriyet newspaper said the target of the attack on Friday may have been a tanker moored at sea, not far from the shelter. It said the rockets were fired from a mountainous area near a highway linking the resort of Kemer to the city of Antalya.</p>

	The motive of the attack was not known.
	Turkey has been rocked by a spate of deadly attacks by Islamic State group militants or Kurdish rebels.
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HEADLINE	10/14 Japan 'protests' UN cultural agency
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/japan-withholds-annual-dues-unesco-42796960
GIST	<p>Japan has withheld dues for the U.N. cultural agency, saying it wants to make sure the organization functions properly, a gesture seen by local media as a protest against the registration for world heritage status of China's documents relating to the Nanking massacre.</p> <p>Japan disputes China's historical views on the 1937 massacre of Chinese citizens by the Japanese military. China says up to 300,000 people were killed, while Japanese nationalists have largely played down or denied the incident. Japan also has criticized UNESCO's listing last year of Chinese Nanking documents as a memory of the world.</p> <p>On Friday, Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, when asked by a reporter, confirmed that Japan withheld UNESCO dues of nearly 4 billion yen (\$40 million) for this year. He refused to say whether it was to protest the agency's move to list the Chinese documents.</p> <p>A Foreign Ministry official later said that Japan is watching to see if UNESCO is living up to its founding purpose of promoting peace among member nations through education, and will consider the timing of its payment while examining whether the U.N. body is operating appropriately.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Bermuda seeks quick hurricane recovery
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/bermuda-seeks-quick-recovery-hurricane-nicoles-damages-42795771
GIST	<p>Bermuda's government dispatched crews to clear roads and engineers to inspect infrastructure as the British territory moved to recovery quickly from Hurricane Nicole, which battered the island as a Category 3 storm.</p> <p>The heavy rains and wind dissipated overnight Thursday as many of the island's 65,000 residents ventured outside to assess the damage caused by 115 mph (185 kph) winds.</p> <p>Authorities, however, urged people to remain indoors for their safety.</p> <p>"There has been significant flooding in areas around the island and some severe road damages," said National Security Minister Jeff Baron. "Obviously, we are also concerned about downed trees and downed power lines, which are live."</p>

	<p>Schools and government offices remained closed on Friday, while the island's international airport is expected to open around noon.</p> <p>Although severe storms often affect Bermuda, "a hurricane this strong is rare," the National Hurricane Center said.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Limits on gun research hamper efforts
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/limits-gun-research-hamper-efforts-combat-gun-deaths-42797907
GIST	<p>It's the kind of information you might expect from long-range government research: On average, one American child or teenager is killed or injured every day in an accidental shooting. The most common victims are ages 3 or 16. And the shootings happen most frequently in their own homes.</p> <p>Yet for the most part, such government research doesn't exist.</p> <p>Instead, those details were amassed by a team of reporters from The Associated Press and the USA TODAY Network. The news organizations teamed up to analyze information gathered over the past 27 years by the Gun Violence Archive, a nonprofit that is trying to capture details about every shooting in America.</p> <p>"There's still a lot that we don't know," said Daniel Webster, the director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research.</p> <p>Among the questions he and others said could be addressed through government research: Can handguns be made safer or even made child-proof? What are the most effective ways to keep guns out of their hands? What are the most reliable ways to safely store firearms?</p> <p>While unintentional shootings account for only a fraction of firearms deaths in the U.S., gun safety advocates have long argued that they are largely preventable and call out for the kind of public health intervention the government provides for other consumer products.</p> <p>In 1993, a study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention set off a firestorm. Critics called it a study based on flawed data that was more advocacy than science. Its underlying conclusion: Having a gun in the household made someone more likely to be a victim of homicide or suicide.</p> <p>It wasn't long before Congress, swayed by lobbying by the National Rifle Association, enacted the so-called Dickey Amendment, named after former Congressman Jay Dickey of Arkansas. The law eliminated \$2.6 million from the CDC's budget, the same amount the agency had used for firearms research. It also prohibited the CDC from engaging in advocacy on issues related to guns.</p>

The NRA maintains that it doesn't oppose gun research but that its opposition is directed more at research that is biased, flimsy or aimed at advocacy.

"The National Rifle Association is not opposed to research that would encourage the safe and responsible use of firearms and reduce the number of firearm-related deaths. Safety has been at the core of the NRA mission since its inception," NRA spokeswoman Catherine Mortensen said. "However, firearm safety is not the goal of the advocates seeking CDC funding — gun control is."

Still, the Dickey amendment and the ensuing politics around it have led to a relative lack of comprehensive, national-level research on gun issues in the ensuing two decades.

Instead, most studies have been confined to using data collected at the state or local level, funded by private foundations or state governments but very little that is funded by the federal government. The data itself is limited — and thus its conclusions are limited.

California has funded a number of studies aimed at assessing the impact of several factors on gun violence. Those include whether a history of multiple drunken driving convictions is a predictor of violence among people who purchase firearms legally and whether comprehensive background checks are effective. Some cities, including Seattle, have provided money for limited research into gun-related violence.

One privately funded study examines the underground gun market in Chicago, and similar studies are underway in Boston, Baltimore, Los Angeles and New York. The only federal research into that issue is a study funded by the federal National Institute for Justice that focuses solely on New Orleans.

Researchers lament the limited data available and believe it has made it next-to-impossible for policymakers to craft legislation based on fact or with much certainty as to whether it will have the intended impact. They cannot predict the effect of a ban on AR-style firearms, or restrictions on ammunition, or the effectiveness of biometric "locks" on firearms.

Mark Rosenberg, who led the CDC's gun violence research as director of its National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, said several fundamental questions would benefit from in-depth federal research: What leads to gun violence? What are the most effective ways to reduce it? What is the best way to craft legislation to make it happen? And perhaps most importantly, how might this work without infringing on Americans' Second Amendment rights?

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HEADLINE | **10/13 Conductor: transit train overcrowded**

SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/conductor-ntsb-hoboken-train-crowded-usual/story?id=42775109&cid=clicksource_4380645_1_hero_headlines_headlines_hed
GIST	<p>The NJ Transit train that crashed into Hoboken Terminal on Sept. 29 was "very" crowded, the conductor told the National Transportation Safety Board, according to a preliminary report released today.</p> <p>The conductor said fares could not be collected because of the overcrowding, with passengers standing in the train's vestibules. The train was also traveling with four cars, when it usually has five, according to the conductor.</p> <p>A bystander on the platform was killed and 110 were injured.</p> <p>The rest of the report reiterated details already announced by federal investigators.</p> <p>The event recorder from the controlling cab car indicated that the throttle was moved from the idle position to the No. 4 position about 38 seconds before the crash. The NTSB says the train increased from 8 mph to about 21 mph.</p> <p>Just prior to the collision, the throttle moved back to the idle position and the emergency brake was applied less than one second before impact, when the train was still moving 21 mph.</p> <p>Investigators have collected blood and urine samples from all crew members for toxicology examinations. The results have not yet been released.</p> <p>The engineer of the train told investigators he does not remember anything after checking his speedometer upon entering the terminal, which he says read 10 mph, according to the report. His next memory is waking up on the floor of the cab after the accident.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Feds to collect police shooting data
SOURCE	http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/feds-to-begin-police-shooting-data-collection-by-2017/ar-AAiUK0j?li=BBnbcA1
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON — The FBI is expected to launch the federal government's pilot program to collect data on police-involved shootings and other incidents of lethal and non-lethal force by early next year, the Justice Department announced Thursday.</p> <p>The collection effort, proposed in the aftermath of persistent, racially charged police encounters that have thrust the issue into the national spotlight in the past two years, will start with an analysis of incidents drawn from the FBI, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Marshals Service, before it is rolled out to state and local agencies across the country.</p>

	<p>"Accurate and comprehensive data on the use of force by law enforcement is essential to an informed and productive discussion about community-police relations," Attorney General Loretta Lynch said in a written statement, outlining an updated timetable for the project. "In the days ahead, the Department of Justice will continue to work alongside our local, state, tribal and federal partners to ensure that we put in place a system to collect data that is comprehensive, useful and responsive to the needs of the communities we serve."</p> <p>The FBI project, Justice officials said Thursday, goes beyond provisions set out in the Death in Custody Reporting Act, passed by Congress in 2014. That law requires states and federal law enforcement agencies to submit information about the deaths of civilians during encounters with police or while in law enforcement custody. The FBI's new repository also will include forcible actions by police that result in serious bodily injury and the discharge of firearms.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Russia: US in 'scorched earth' policy
SOURCE	http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/russia-accuses-us-of-conducting-scorched-earth-policy/ar-AAiUi33?li=BBnb4R7
GIST	<p>MOSCOW — The Russian Foreign Ministry says that the United States is conducting a "scorched earth" policy in relation to Russia during the final months of Barack Obama's presidency.</p> <p>Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told reporters Thursday that "this is very dangerous."</p> <p>Zakharova says that the U.S. is blocking the release of money to projects in Russia from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.</p> <p>Ties between Washington and Moscow have deteriorated amid the collapse of a failed cease-fire in Syria and U.S. accusations that Russia is meddling in the U.S. presidential election next month.</p> <p>Zakharova said that "nobody should harbor the illusion that you can pressure Russia, neither the current American authorities nor those who will replace them."</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 NWS: Saturday storm is 'worst-case'
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2016/10/13/nws-leading-toward-worst-case-scenario-for-saturday/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE — The National Weather Service in Seattle now has a higher confidence that Saturday's storm will be the "worst-case scenario."</p>

	<p>On Wednesday, the agency gave a 1 in 3 chance for a historic storm in Western Washington as the remnants of Typhoon Songda is expected to hit the state. On Thursday, the NWS increased that chance to 50/50.</p> <p>The NWS said the exact track of the low will make a huge difference in how badly the storm will impact the region.</p> <p>If the low directly crosses some part of the coast, the agency warns that it could lead to a historical windstorm for nearly all of Western Washington. If the low passed further offshore, most of the damaging winds would be north of Everett.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Healthcare insurance signup slowdown
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/obamacare-enrollment-slowdown/2016/10/13/id/753276/
GIST	<p>Enrollment in the Obamacare insurance marketplace is likely to stall or even decline for 2017 as higher premiums drive away people who aren't eligible for government subsidies, according to S&P Global Ratings forecasts.</p> <p>“Our forecasted modest-to-negative growth is clearly a bump in the road, but doesn't signal ‘game-over’ for the marketplace,” S&P analyst Deep Banerjee wrote in a report released Thursday.</p> <p>This November will be the fourth open enrollment period for individuals to choose insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act, President Barack Obama's signature health-care law. The “significant slowdown” predicted by S&P would be another setback for ACA's government-run insurance markets, after big insurers pulled out of many states because of mounting losses.</p> <p>ACA enrollment will range from 10.2 million to 11.6 million people after 2017's enrollment season, which starts Nov. 1, S&P said. The lower end of the forecast range implies a decline of 8 percent compared with 2016 and the higher end a 4 percent gain.</p> <p>With premiums set to rise an average of 25 percent across the marketplace, according to data from ACASignups.net, some current enrollees who aren't eligible for tax credits may not re-enroll in 2017. Still, a moderation in premium increases beyond 2017 will likely bring growth back to the marketplace, according to the S&P analysis.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 NTSB: brakes on crashed train worked
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/brakes-train-deadly-hoboken-crash-were-working-ntsb-report-n665781

<p>GIST</p>	<p>The brakes of the commuter train that barreled into a New Jersey station last month were working properly, according to a federal report released Thursday.</p> <p>While some of the equipment on the NJ Transit train was damaged in the incident at the Hoboken Terminal, investigators were able to repair and test an air brake system in the front cab car, where the train operator was stationed, as well as the rear locomotive brakes.</p> <p>"The brakes function as designed," the National Transportation Safety Board said in its preliminary findings, which come two weeks after the Sept. 29 wreck that killed a bystander on a station platform and injured more than 100 others, mostly inside the train.</p> <p>The NTSB did not give a reason for the cause of the crash. It said that the train operator did not remember what happened right before the accident, which had been previously reported. The operator, Thomas Gallagher, 48, also said he was fully rested before his shift.</p> <p>"He stated that when he checked the speedometer, he was operating at 10 mph upon entering the terminal track," the report said. "He said he remembers waking up in the cab laying on the floor after the accident, but has no memory of the accident."</p> <p>Emergency brakes were initiated just one second before the crash, the report found.</p>
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<p>HEADLINE</p>	<p>10/13 New phase of hurricane relief in Haiti</p>
<p>SOURCE</p>	<p>http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/hurricane-matthew-relief-effort-haiti-enters-phase-42779239</p>
<p>GIST</p>	<p>An international relief effort for victims of Hurricane Matthew entered a more advanced stage Thursday as a second U.S. military ship arrived off Haiti's coast and U.N. convoys and non-government organizations began reaching more isolated communities.</p> <p>Food, clean water and construction materials have begun pouring into the southwestern peninsula, though many people there still say they've seen little or no aid.</p> <p>Those working to send everything from water purification systems to building materials say the scope of the damage from Matthew and the difficulty reaching people create logistical challenges similar to those faced after the devastating earthquake that struck the crowded capital and surrounding areas in January 2010. But while the death toll from last week's storm is in the hundreds, the Haitian government has said the earthquake killed more than 300,000.</p> <p>"There's just so much to do, not to make it more than the earthquake, but it's so widespread, it's everything across the board," said Chris Bessey, the country representative for Catholic Relief Services.</p>

But amid the challenges, the relief effort has risen visibly in recent days. Teams from the Haitian Red Cross and Civil Protection agency have fanned out across the peninsula and large convoys from the U.N. and the migration agency are seen more throughout the disaster zone. On Wednesday, the U.S. military made 13 helicopter flights to hard-to-reach areas with 159 metric tons of food supplies, the U.S. Agency for International Development said.

On Thursday, USAID announced more than \$12 million in additional humanitarian assistance to aid hurricane-stricken communities. David Harden, head of humanitarian assistance for the U.S. agency, said the package of short-term relief for Haiti includes \$7 million for food and \$3 million for emergency relief supplies. USAID will also ship in 38 metric tons of chlorine to help provide clean water, a critical issue to fight a spike of cholera.

Harden said the U.S. is also looking into long-term assistance in coordination with the Haitian government and other partners but the details have yet to be determined.

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HEADLINE	10/13 NJ Transit tops list for accidents, fines
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/apnewsbreak-fines-accidents-mar-nj-transits-safety-record-42778237
GIST	<p>The railroad whose rush-hour train slammed into a New Jersey station last month, killing a woman and injuring more than 100 people, has had more accidents and paid more in fines for safety violations than any other commuter railroad in the country over the past five years, federal safety data show.</p> <p>Trains run by New Jersey Transit, which operates the nation's second-largest commuter railroad, have been involved in 157 accidents since the start of 2011, three times as many as the largest, the Long Island Rail Road, according to an Associated Press analysis of data from January 2011 through July 2016.</p> <p>NJ Transit had a significantly higher accident rate during that span than the rest of the nation's 10 largest commuter railroads, ranked by weekday ridership, and had the highest rate of accidents attributed to human factors, such as speeding and drug impairment. In all, the accidents have caused more than \$6 million in damage and injuries to 13 passengers.</p> <p>At the same time, the state-run railroad has paid \$519,280 in fines to settle 183 federal safety violations — nearly \$160,000 more than the amount paid by Metro-North, the suburban New York railroad that carries slightly fewer weekday riders. They included 33 violations for drug or alcohol use and 33 violations of operating procedures, both more than any other commuter railroad.</p> <p>"It speaks to a culture of not caring, of indifference to the safety of commuters, and paying fines without worrying about the effect of their infringements," said Michael Lamonsoff, a lawyer whose clients include a Hoboken victim. "This accident is testament to the fact they really don't care about their commuters."</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 New UN secretary-general elected
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/expected-approve-guterres-secretary-general-42767306
GIST	<p>The U.N. General Assembly elected Antonio Guterres on Thursday as the next secretary-general of the United Nations, a post he pledged to use to be "a bridge-builder" and to promote a new "diplomacy for peace."</p> <p>The 193 U.N. member states elected Guterres by acclamation, following the Security Council's nomination of the 67-year-old former Portuguese prime minister and U.N. refugee chief by acclamation last week.</p> <p>Guterres will take over as U.N. chief on Jan. 1 when Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's second five-year term ends. He will be the ninth secretary-general in the organization's 71-year history.</p> <p>Assembly President Peter Thompson introduced the resolution to elect Guterres, said members wanted it adopted by acclamation, and banged his gavel in approval as diplomats broke into applause.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Safety concern NM nuclear dump site
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/watchdogs-concerned-readiness-mexico-nuke-dump-42784637
GIST	<p>A series of recent ceiling collapses at the federal government's only underground nuclear waste repository has watchdogs calling on officials to ensure safety before moving ahead with a planned reopening later this year.</p> <p>U.S. Energy Department officials and the contractor that manages the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in southern New Mexico will update the public on the collapses during a meeting Thursday evening.</p> <p>A radiation release forced the closure of the repository in February 2014. Since then, thousands of tons of waste left over from decades of nuclear weapon research and development have been stacking up at sites around the country, hampering the government's multibillion-dollar cleanup program.</p> <p>The waste is meant to be entombed in storage rooms carved out of a salt formation deep underground. Contamination and limited ventilation has made maintenance of the salt rock walls and ceilings difficult, but officials have said the recent collapses happened in areas that are restricted and will not affect plans for resuming some operations before the end of the year.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 FTC: tech support pop up ads phony
SOURCE	https://www.consumeraffairs.com/news/feds-charge-tech-support-pop-up-ads-were-phony-101316.html
GIST	<p>Tech support scams keep popping up, just like the pop-up ads that are often used to rope in unsuspecting victims. In the latest case, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has charged a group calling itself Global Access Technical Support with deceiving consumers.</p> <p>The defendants allegedly used deceptive pop-up ads to scare thousands of consumers into paying hundreds of dollars each for unnecessary technical support services.</p> <p>The ads led consumers to think there was something wrong with their computer and, secondly, that the pop-ups originated from Microsoft, Apple, or other reputable technology companies.</p> <p>The ads often included loud alarms or recorded messages warning of the apparent dire threat to consumers' computers and "hijacked" consumers' browsers, leaving consumers unable to navigate around the ads or close them. The ads prompted consumers to contact a toll-free number.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Suspicion: Russia 'feeding' WikiLeaks
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/10/13/politics/russia-us-election/
GIST	<p>There is mounting evidence that the Russian government is supplying WikiLeaks with hacked emails pertaining to the US presidential election, US officials familiar with the investigation have told CNN.</p> <p>As WikiLeaks continues to publish emails belonging to Clinton campaign chair John Podesta, US officials told CNN that there is growing evidence that Russia is using the organization as a delivery vehicle for the messages and other stolen information.</p> <p>The methods of the disclosures "suggest Moscow is at least providing the information or is possibly directly responsible for the leaks," one US official said.</p> <p>US intelligence officials are still investigating the degree of connection between Russia and WikiLeaks but they remain confident that Russia is behind the leaks themselves.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 New boss, new structure for US CERT
SOURCE	http://fedscoop.com/new-boss-structure-for-u-s-cert
GIST	Cyber first responders at the Department of Homeland Security have a new chief.

The U.S. Computer Emergency Response Team, US-CERT, and the Industrial Control Systems, or ICS-CERT, have a new manager as a result of a reorganization at DHS' National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center, said NCCIC Director John Felker Thursday.

“We have restructured and added another deputy director,” Felker told CyberScoop. The existing Deputy Director, Rick Driggers, will be the deputy for operations, while Randi Greenberg Kieffer takes up the newly created post of deputy director for threat detection and analysis. Felker will oversee both the US- and ICS-CERTs.

“We are dividing it up functionally,” Felker said. The operations side of the house will concentrate on events and response, housing, among other elements, the hunt and incident response teams, the National Cybersecurity Assessment and Technical Services team and the exercise team — which helps plan cyber drills across the government.”

“Threat detection and analysis will have both the CERTs and that’s it,” said Felker. CERTs are the teams that assess and catalogue new vulnerabilities — and send out realtime alerts about them.

A third NCCIC element, Cyber Force Management, will handle human resources and other support functions.

Kieffer started last month, according to her LinkedIn profile. She was previously chief information security officer for the Transportation Security Administration, and before that served at Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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HEADLINE	10/13 Cybercrime 2016: new frontier
SOURCE	http://www.thinkadvisor.com/2016/10/13/cybercrime-2016-the-new-frontier
GIST	<p>New technology and digital advances enable firms to grow their businesses faster than ever. Cybercrime is also evolving and growing at a similar pace and continues to threaten and limit this potential.</p> <p>Recently the U.S. Director of National Intelligence ranked cybercrime as the top national security threat — higher than that of terrorism, espionage and weapons of mass destruction. In 2015 alone, Symantec discovered more than 430 million new unique pieces of malware, up 36% from the previous year. Cyberattacks are no longer a question of <i>if</i> — they are simply a question of <i>when</i>.</p> <p>Losses from cyberattacks can be significant. Financial costs alone can be in the millions. Some larger firms have reported losses associated with a cyberattack in excess of \$100 million. But cyberattacks don't just affect the bottom line. They can also seriously damage a firm's reputation and business continuity efforts. According to one 2015 survey, only 36% of companies that experienced a cyberattack chose to</p>

report it to authorities. For cybercrimes involving extortion, many companies chose to pay the attackers in bitcoin to avoid publicity and potential reputation damage.

Today's cybercriminals are proving adept at creating new ways of committing classic crimes. One of the newer malware threats affecting businesses and individuals alike is ransomware.

In 2015 alone, reported incidents of "crypto-style" ransomware grew by 35%, according to Symantec. This variant of ransomware is a family of malware that takes files on a PC or network storage, encrypts them and then extorts money to unlock the files. This can often be sums in the five-figures for business entities. Furthermore, when ransomware is present, the targeted computer will not only encrypt local files, but often attempt to encrypt files on other network-connected devices and locations as well.

Ransomware has also evolved in recent years and moved beyond the PC to Macs, smartphones and Linux systems. Experts predict that smartwatches and televisions will also be susceptible to ransomware attacks by year-end.

Peeling the Onion

Onion-layered incidents have also emerged in the last year as a top cyberthreat for businesses. While teams address a primary cyberattack, such as a distributed denial of services (DDoS), a secondary attack — often far more damaging — is uncovered. This type of multi-layered attack can require a large amount of resources and time to investigate and resolve, as the security team must peel back layers of information (the "onion") to establish the root of the problem.

Use of TOR (the onion router) makes things even more difficult for security teams because of the anonymity it provides by encrypting and randomly forwarding traffic through a multi-layered network of relays.

The Insider Threat

Technology is not the only threat in the world of cybercrime; often those who use it can pose a significant threat as well. According to a recent IBM report 2015, 60% of all cyberattacks were carried out by insiders, either ones with malicious intent (44.5%) or those who served as inadvertent actors (15.5%).

These inadvertent actors can set off massive security breaches simply by clicking a malicious link, answering a phishing phone call or plugging in a thumb drive that hasn't gone through proper security screening.

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HEADLINE	10/13 Air Force hardens 'flying network'
SOURCE	http://www.stripes.com/news/air-force/air-force-hardens-its-flying-networks-against-cyber-threats-1.433977

GIST	<p>As the U.S. Air Force deploys pilots for combat, including the campaign targeting Islamic State, it's accelerating efforts to harden the computer networks that control everything from warplanes' navigation to weapons systems from cyber threats.</p> <p>A plane is a "flying network" with multiple systems that could be targeted by hackers, according to Todd Probert, vice president of mission support and modernization at Raytheon, whose Air Force contracts include helping beef up cyber defenses on F-16 warplanes and Global Hawk surveillance aircraft.</p> <p>"If some piece of cyber malware gets in there, it can take that plane out for the duration," Probert said in a phone interview. "The threat is changing literally daily. The best you can do is make something harder or more resilient."</p> <p>Boosting cyber defenses, which have to adjust to changing tools employed by adversaries, is a process unfolding across the service's weapons and systems, Peter Kim, the Air Force's senior information security officer, said in an interview Tuesday in Washington.</p> <p>"That's going to take a long time to get to, but we've started that journey and it's going to get there" in the next few years, Kim, 49, said. "They need to be secured and defended in the same manner, if not more than, like we do our core network."</p> <p>Beyond nation-states and criminals, the top cyber threat to the Air Force now is "people who don't know that there's a threat out there," Kim said. "The thing that keeps me up at night is the people part of it," he said.</p> <p>The "biggest vulnerability" is not sharing enough about the scope and what's at stake, he said. That means expanding airmen's understanding of cybersecurity from merely running antivirus software on computers to how breaches occur.</p> <p>"We still have people plugging iPhones into computers; we still have people using thumb drives, hard drives; downloading things they shouldn't be downloading onto their laptops; and plugging things into things they shouldn't be plugging into. We have people going to websites they're not supposed to go to," Kim said. "So I need to reach those people and say, 'it's a different world now.'"</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Russia: arrests in largest hacking group
SOURCE	http://www.scmagazineuk.com/50-arrests-for-russias-largest-hacker-group/article/548158/
GIST	Earlier this month the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB in Russian), together with the Interior Ministry, conducted a mass arrest of hackers across the country, jointly suspected of using malicious computer programs to steal RUB 3 billion (£57 million) from several Russian banks.

	<p>The arrests took place in 15 of the country's regions, with a total of 50 suspects detained.</p> <p>Alexander Zdanov, an official spokesman of the FSB, toldSCMagazineUK.com that those arrested are suspected of creating of a botnet of infected computers used to carry out targeted attacks on the infrastructure of Russian banks to steal cash.</p> <p>Vladimir Kropotov, head of the Department of Cyber-attacks at 'Monitoring of Positive Technologies', a leading Russian IT company, told SC that Russian law enforcement agencies managed to detect and then arrest members of one of Russia's largest and most dangerous hacker groups, which specialised in stealing money from Russian bank accounts.</p> <p>According to the FSB, the group has been operating since 2011, and has been very cautious, using some very interesting approaches, one of which is the so-called 'disembodied Trojan', a malicious computer program which reportedly does not leave any traces after it has broken into a computer.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 British banks keep hacks under wrap
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-banks-cyber-idUSKBN12E0NQ
GIST	<p>Britain's banks are not reporting the full extent of cyber attacks to regulators for fear of punishment or bad publicity, bank executives and providers of security systems say.</p> <p>Reported attacks on financial institutions in Britain have risen from just 5 in 2014 to 75 so far this year, data from Britain's Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) show.</p> <p>However, bankers and experts in cyber-security say many more attacks are taking place. In fact, banks are under almost constant attack, Shlomo Touboul, Chief Executive of Israeli-based cyber security firm Illusive Networks said.</p> <p>Touboul cites the example of one large global financial institution he works with which experiences more than two billion such "events" a month, ranging from an employee receiving a malicious email to user or system-generated alerts of attacks or glitches.</p> <p>Banks are not obliged to reveal every such instance as cyber attacks fall under the FCA's provision for companies to report any event that could have a material impact, unlike in the U.S. where forced disclosure makes reporting more consistent.</p> <p>Banks are not alone in their reluctance to disclose every cyber attack. Of the five million fraud and 2.5 million cyber-related crimes occurring annually in the UK, only 250,000 are being reported, government data show.</p>

	But while saving them from bad publicity or worried customers, failure to report more serious incidents, even when they are unsuccessful, deprives regulators of information that could help prevent further attacks, the sources said.
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HEADLINE	10/14 Evony gaming website hacked
SOURCE	https://www.hackread.com/evony-gaming-company-website-hacked/
GIST	<p>In June 2016, the official website of Evony gaming company suffered a massive data breach in which 33,407,472 of its registered user accounts were stolen. Things couldn't go worse when in August 2016, the gaming site suffered another data breach on its forum in which 938,000 of its registered accounts were stolen.</p> <p>Now, the data breach notification website LeakedSource has discovered the stolen Evony data that includes usernames, email addresses, unsalted MD5 and SHA-1 (Secure Hash Algorithm 1) passwords and IP addresses of 33 million gamers.</p> <p>Evony also lets users sign in with Facebook Connect, a single sign-on application which allows users to interact with other websites through their Facebook account. This means the stolen account may also include if not millions then at least thousands of Facebook login credentials.</p> <p>Evony is known for its Evony: Age II game which, according to developer's site is played by 18 Million Players in over 167 countries, however, it is still unclear if the company had ever issued any security notice to its registered users about the breach.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Researchers: online skimming jumps 69%
SOURCE	http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/cards-at-risk-as-online-skimming/
GIST	<p>Security researchers are warning that the number of e-commerce stores infected with credit card stealing malware has risen 69% over the past year, with many site owners failing to take action.</p> <p>Dutch researcher Willem de Groot found 3501 online retail sites last year were infected with malicious JavaScript, allowing cybercriminals to siphon off card details to sell on the dark web.</p> <p>However, the figure has now jumped to 5929, with hundreds of the stores having failed to spot or take action since November 2015.</p> <p>Victim organizations vary from car makers (Audi ZA) to government (NRSC, Malaysia) to fashion (Converse) and even NGOs (Science Museum).</p>

	<p>The malware in question apparently uses multi-layer obfuscation to stay hidden, and scans for popular payment plugins like PayPal and URLs featuring the word “checkout.”</p> <p>De Groot has actually found three distinct malware families and nine separate variants, indicating that multiple groups are involved. He traced some of the campaigns back to Russia.</p> <p>The black hats are taking advantage of the fact many e-commerce site owners fail to keep software up-to-date, leaving vulnerabilities that hackers are only too ready to exploit.</p> <p>The researcher has submitted his findings to Google’s Safe Browsing team but thus far only a small percentage of the detected malware is being blocked.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Whisper adds self-destructing messages
SOURCE	http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/whisper-adds-selfdestructing/
GIST	<p>It’s the stuff of spy novels: What if you could send sensitive information in a message and have it automatically self-destruct after its intended recipient read it?</p> <p>Whisper Systems’ latest release of the end-to-end encrypted Signal email service is making that happen in the digital realm, by including support for disappearing messages.</p> <p>With the update (for iPhone, Android and desktop), any conversation can be configured to delete sent and received messages after a specified interval. The configuration applies to all parties of a conversation, and the clock starts ticking for each recipient once they’ve read their copy of the message.</p> <p>“Disappearing messages are a way for you and your friends to keep your message history tidy,” the company explained, in a blog. “They are a collaborative feature for conversations where all participants want to automate minimalist data hygiene.”</p> <p>Of course, cameras have always been the bane of auto-destruct messages—at least, according to Get Smart, et al, and Whisper cautions users to keep this in mind.</p> <p>“[This is] not for situations where your contact is your adversary — after all, if someone who receives a disappearing message really wants a record of it, they can always use another camera to take a photo of the screen before the message disappears,” the company said.</p> <p>The disappearing timer values range from five seconds to one week, giving users a range of options for ephemeral message history.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Report: UK police w/phone snooping tech
SOURCE	http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/uk-police-bought-privacy-invading/
GIST	<p>Rights groups are up in arms after it emerged several UK police forces have purchased controversial mobile phone snooping technology notorious for enabling indiscriminate surveillance.</p> <p>Widely used by US law enforcers, IMSI-catchers mimic mobile phone base towers, allowing police to locate specific devices and intercept communications to help with investigations.</p> <p>However, the technology also sweeps up info on all devices in an area of up to 8km, raising privacy fears.</p> <p>Media co-operative the Bristol Cable finally confirmed suspicions that UK police have the technology, also known as a Stingray, and are likely using it, after it worked out the special acronym they use to describe it.</p> <p>The Met and five other forces including Avon and Somerset Constabulary, West Mercia and Warwickshire police have reportedly purchased "covert communications data capture" equipment (CCDC) from UK firm Cellxion – spending hundreds of thousands of pounds in the process.</p> <p>It's still unclear what they're being used for and rights groups are calling for greater transparency from the police.</p> <p>Privacy International advocacy officer Matthew Rice described the revelations as representing “a new frontier for indiscriminate surveillance.”</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Report: Brazil hotbed of financial e-fraud
SOURCE	http://www.scmagazine.com/brazil-hotbed-of-financial-fraud-report/article/548337/
GIST	<p>Brazil has emerged as a primary center of financially motivated e-crime threat activity, according to a just released report from FireEye.</p> <p>Threat actors in the South American country are going after targets both within and outside the country, with much of their focus on U.S. businesses.</p> <p>For instance, FireEye examined one Brazilian cybercrime group that specializes in payment card fraud operations which puts to use a number of strategies to take advantage of already compromised payment card credentials. These actors share or purchase data dumps online, hack merchant websites and compromise payment card processing devices. They then use this material to generate further card information and launder and monetize their illicit gains with online purchases of goods and services, as well as ATM withdrawals.</p>

	<p>FireEye detected the group's actions, including several steps to disguise their activity.</p> <p>On a daily basis, members use a number of tools, including CCleaner, to delete any trace of their process. They wipe browser sessions, temporary files, Clipboard, URSs, cookies, etc., and other evidence of their actions that might be tracable by law enforcement.</p> <p>Putting to use such tools as Technitium MAC Address Changer, the actors also change their system's MAC address to avoid detection. Additionally, to further assure anonymity and disguise their criminal operations, the group uses Tor, or proxy-based tools similar to Tor, as well as virtual private network services that route IPs through several countries.</p> <p>As might be expected, the group's preferred virtual currency is Bitcoin, which effectively hides identities.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Study: 12yr old bug exposes IoT devices
SOURCE	http://thehackernews.com/2016/10/sshowdown-iot-security.html
GIST	<p>Are your internet-connected devices spying on you? Perhaps.</p> <p>We already know that the Internet of Thing (IoT) devices are so badly insecure that hackers are adding them to their botnet network for launching Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks against target services.</p> <p>But, these connected devices are not just limited to conduct DDoS attacks; they have far more potential to harm you.</p> <p>New research [PDF] published by the content delivery network provider Akamai Technologies shows how unknown threat actors are using a 12-year-old vulnerability in OpenSSH to secretly gain control of millions of connected devices.</p> <p>The hackers then turn, what researchers call, these "Internet of Unpatchable Things" into proxies for malicious traffic to attack internet-based targets and 'internet-facing' services, along with the internal networks that host them.</p> <p>Unlike recent attacks via Mirai botnet, the new targeted attack, dubbed SSHowDown Proxy, specifically makes use of IoT devices such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet-connected Network Attached Storage (NAS) devices. • CCTV, NVR, DVR devices (video surveillance). • Satellite antenna equipment. • Networking devices like routers, hotspots, WiMax, cable and ADSL modems. • Other devices could be susceptible as well.

	<p>More importantly, the SSHoWDown Proxy attack exploits over a decade old default configuration flaw (CVE-2004-1653) in OpenSSH that was initially discovered in 2004 and patched in early 2005. The flaw enables TCP forwarding and port bounces when a proxy is in use.</p> <p>However, after analyzing IP addresses from its Cloud Security Intelligence platform, Akamai estimates that over 2 Million IoT and networking devices have been compromised by SSHoWDown type attacks.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 IT pros: shadow IT poses growing risk
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/cloud/80--of-it-pros-say-users-set-up-unapproved-cloud-services/d/d-id/1327179?
GIST	<p>A conflict of interest is driving the rise of shadow IT among organizations.</p> <p>Tech pros are responsible for controlling and safeguarding data; employees want to accomplish tasks as efficiently as possible. As a result, more workers have begun to use cloud-based tools without consulting IT to verify their security.</p> <p>This is the key takeaway from a new SpiceWorks study entitled "Data Snapshot: Security, privacy, and the shadowy risks of bypassing IT." To learn more about the growth and risk of this practice known as "shadow IT," researchers surveyed 338 IT pros across North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.</p> <p>Results indicate shadow IT poses a growing risk to businesses. Eighty percent of IT pros report their end users have secretly set up unapproved cloud services, and 40% claim users have gone behind their backs at least five times.</p> <p>To employees, it may not seem dangerous to adopt cloud services like Dropbox or Google, which they often use outside the office, but tech pros are concerned. Nearly 40% of respondents believe shadow IT has increased their data's vulnerability in the past five years.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 WikiLeaks releases more political emails
SOURCE	http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2016-10-13/wikileaks-releases-another-2000-podesta-emails-part-6-data-dump
GIST	<p>Just hours after wikileaks released the 5th part of the Podesta emails dump which in turn came shortly after part 4 which together amounted to some 1,866 new email, Wikileaks has unveiled the latest, 6th part in what now is a daily event, which released another 2,000 emails, bringing the total number of emails released to over 9,000...</p>

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HEADLINE	10/13 'Teen extremist' deported from Egypt
SOURCE	http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/terror-arrests-teen-extremist-deported-from-egypt/news-story/aec1c4470fd622e2dd0d965ea864e543
GIST	<p>ONE of the alleged teenage extremists accused of planning a public beheading in Bankstown on Wednesday was deported from Egypt last year where he was attempting to join a foreign terror group.</p> <p>The boy was one of two 16-year-olds charged with planning a terrorist attack and being a member of a terror organisation after the pair allegedly bought two knives from a Bankstown gun shop ahead of what police say was an 'imminent' attack.</p> <p>Egyptian security forces stopped and interrogated one of the teens in December and found he was travelling to the country to join extremist fighters in the Sinai region, The Australian reports.</p> <p>The other boy was pictured chanting through a megaphone during the 2012 Hyde Park riots, just meters away from an extremist now serving time at Supermax after being found guilty of a terror offence.</p> <p>Just moments before the teenagers were arrested outside a Bankstown prayer hall, the boys are believed to have washed, shaved and prayed.</p> <p>A man who lives at the hall told <i>The Daily Telegraph</i> the pair were inside a toilet cubicle with one showing the other how to use water for the purification ceremony before Islamic prayer.</p> <p>It is this ritualistic behaviour police will use to allege the boys were preparing for martyrdom.</p> <p>Both were yesterday refused bail in Parramatta Children's Court where it was revealed one of the boys had revealed to his mother he wanted to outdo the murder of police worker Curtis Cheng during an intercepted phone call.</p> <p>"When they come, I am going to do something to them that they have never seen before. I am going to do something bigger," he allegedly said in the phone call.</p> <p>Police say the teen was drawing a "direct comparison" between himself and Farhad Jabar, the 15-year-old who shot Cheng outside police headquarters in Parramatta last year before being killed by special constables.</p>

	Acting Police Commissioner Cath Burn said yesterday the arrest marked the 11th imminent terrorist attack police had foiled.
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HEADLINE	10/13 US cash to Iran funded Houthi attack?
SOURCE	http://www.worldtribune.com/report-u-s-cash-to-iran-may-have-funded-houthi-attack-on-american-navy/
GIST	<p>Iran likely used a portion of the Obama administration’s \$1.7 billion cash payment to arm Houthi rebels in Yemen who recently fired missiles at a U.S. Navy vessel in the Red Sea, a report said.</p> <p>Members of Congress are investigating how American taxpayer funds are being used by Iran to fund global terror operations, including attacks on U.S. forces, the Washington Free Beacon reported on Oct. 12.</p> <p>“Just this weekend, Iranian-backed Houthi rebels shot missiles at a U.S. Navy destroyer in the Red Sea,” Sen. Ted Cruz, Texas Republican, told the Free Beacon. “It is not a coincidence that Iranian aggression against America and our allies has doubled since the JCPOA (nuclear deal) went into effect — the \$150 billion signing bonus is clearly going a long way.”</p> <p>Cruz and Sen. Kelly Ayotte, New Hampshire Republican, are petitioning the Pentagon to provide a full analysis of Iran’s military activity since last summer’s nuclear deal.</p> <p>In a letter sent to Secretary of Defense Ash Carter and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Joseph Dunford on Oct. 11, Cruz, Ayotte and 15 other senators pointed to evidence that Iran has significantly increased its military activity since the nuclear accord went into effect.</p> <p>“The plain purpose of transferring the payment in cash to Tehran was to circumvent the effects of U.S. and international financial sanctions,” the lawmakers wrote, according to a copy of the letter obtained by the Free Beacon. “Iran is almost certainly using this windfall to skirt the arms embargo and illicitly purchase weapons for the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), the terrorist organization Hezbollah, and/or the murderous Assad regime in Syria.”</p> <p>“We are deeply concerned that this large infusion of U.S. taxpayer-funded cash into the coffers of the world’s leading state sponsor of terrorism is going to further embolden Iran and result in our troops and our allies confronting more lethal and better equipped adversaries and potential adversaries,” the letter states.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 ISIS online magazine: hunt them like prey
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SOURCE	http://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/real-life/news-life/islamic-state-tells-lone-terrorists-to-target-people-on-quiet-walks-beaches-and-night-shifts/news-story/72914e71abdefcc63e0c80b8c92ab10b
GIST	<p>ISLAMIC State has issued a disturbing call to lone wolf followers to kill Westerners on “quiet walks ... beaches” and in laneways “nearby nightclubs”.</p> <p>The terrorist organisation has released the second issue of its online English-language propaganda magazine Rumiya via twitter and blogs. It contains detailed and graphic information about carrying out terror attacks including how to choose victims, how to kill them and when and where to strike. Some of the articles about slaughtering non-believers — referred to as ‘kafir’ or ‘kuffrs’ — are illustrated with images of beheaded men, weapons and a child with a gun.</p> <p>The editorial ‘A message from East Africa’ includes instructions for followers to “hurl themselves into the midst of the battle by attacking the (disbeliever) nearest to them”.</p> <p>“Let them follow the example of the lions who have preceded them by striking the crusader citizens and interests wherever they are found in the West,” it reads.</p> <p>An article in the magazine titled ‘Just Terror Tactics’ advises followers that “choosing a target ... is just like hunting prey”.</p> <p>“When carrying out a knife operation, it is not advised to target very large gatherings or overly crowded areas, as this presents a disadvantage and only increases the likelihood of being prevented from achieving kills,” it reads.</p> <p>“Therefore, it is advised that when conducting an operation by oneself, the target should be a smaller crowd, particularly for the one strong in build or skilful in using a knife, as such attacks are proven to inflict terror.</p> <p>The magazine includes several boastful references to recent attacks in Kenya, and the July attack on the Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka, Bangladesh that killed 20 people, including an American citizen.</p> <p>The first issue of the magazine encouraged lone wolves to attack and kill Australians in public acts of terror.</p> <p>“Kill them on the streets of Brunswick, Broadmeadows, Bankstown, and Bondi. Kill them at the MCG, the SCG, the Opera House, and even in their backyards,” an article published in the online periodical urged.</p> <p>“Stab them, shoot them, poison them, and run them down with your vehicles.</p> <p>“Kill them wherever you find them until the hollowness of their arrogance is filled with terror and they find themselves on their knees with their backs broken under the weight of regret for having waged a war</p>

	<p>against the believers, and by Allah’s will, and then through your sacrifices, this Ummah [community of Muslims] will be victorious.”</p> <p>Many experts and government officials have warned that as IS loses territory in Iraq and Syria, it will lash out globally through attacks on western countries.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Austria faces ‘heightened danger’
SOURCE	https://www.thelocal.at/20161014/austria-faces-heightened-danger-of-terror-attack
GIST	<p>The head of Austria’s federal anti-terrorism unit (BVT), Peter Gridling, says that Austria faces a heightened danger of a terrorist attack.</p> <p>Speaking ahead of a major anti-terrorism exercise in Vienna this evening, he said: "we must not close our eyes and ignore the dangers". According to the BVT the main danger comes from jihadists returning from conflict zones in the Middle East, or those who tried to leave Austria to fight with the Islamic State group and were prevented from doing so.</p> <p>Gridling added that the number of known jihadists in Austria is currently around 288. The ‘hotspots’ for radicalization in Austria are Vienna, Styria and Lower Austria, he said.</p> <p>However, the number of active or potential jihadists from Austria has slightly fallen in 2016 - which Gridling said was down to the action of security forces and judicial authorities, with prison sentences for those attempting to join the Islamic State acting as a deterrent.</p> <p>Gridling said that he couldn’t rule out that radical jihadis had entered Austria along with the influx of refugees and that they may have been able to set up a terror sleeper cell.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Ariz. woman sent ISIS material to prison?
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/arizona-michelle-bastian-isis-al-qaeda-terror-plot-husband-thomas-bastian-jail/
GIST	<p>PHOENIX -- An Arizona woman accused of mailing bomb-making instructions and promotional materials from terrorist groups to a state prison in what investigators say was a plot to kill a warden was booked on suspicion of terrorism.</p> <p>Police say Michelle Marie Bastian, 49, of Florence, sent articles from al Qaeda and Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) magazines that were found in the cell where her husband is serving a life sentence for murder. Authorities say the articles made it past prison security because Bastian disguised them as legal papers.</p>

Investigators say her husband, Thomas Orville Bastian, converted to Islam after [entering prison and later became radicalized](#). Investigators say Michelle Bastian mentioned in phone calls with her husband that he is a supporter of ISIS.

A document filed in court by prosecutors said an investigative source told them last month that Bastian was going to provide the items to carry out the attack. It's not clear whether the materials needed to build explosives were actually found at the prison.

CBS News affiliate [KPHO reports](#) Bastian was arrested Wednesday morning by FBI agents at a bakery in Chandler where she worked as a bookkeeper. Agents also searched her Florence home.

Authorities say a search of Thomas Bastian's cell turned up handwritten notes on how to build an explosive device and several pages from al Qaeda's Inspire magazine that contained instructions on making bombs out of kitchen items.

Thomas Bastian, now 39, is serving a life sentence for a murder conviction in a 2007 shooting death that police said was a conspiracy to cash in on a \$500,000 insurance policy. He was accused of being a member of the conspiracy, but police say another man fired the fatal shots.

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HEADLINE	10/13 Who are the Houthis; what do they want?
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/who-are-yemen-s-houthis-what-do-they-want-n665636
GIST	<p>U.S. missile attacks on targets in Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen on Thursday marked a new stage in the country's civil war and raised the prospect of deeper American involvement in the protracted conflict. It also throws a spotlight on a conflict that has dragged on for almost two years and threatens to play into a wider regional schism between Sunni and Shiite Islam.</p> <p>Who are the Houthis? The Houthis are key players in an alliance of rebels formally known as Ansar Allah — or "Partisans of God" — who follow Shiite Islam.</p> <p>Their name comes from Hussein Badr al-Din al-Houthi, who led an uprising in 2004 aimed at winning greater autonomy for provinces and protecting them from the perceived encroachment of Sunni Islam.</p> <p>Houthi was killed in 2004 but his family and supporters led further rebellions and their influence has continued to expand following the 2012 ouster of strongman President Ali Abdullah Saleh.</p> <p>Houthis now control much of northern Yemen, having taken over the capital Sanaa in September 2014 and pushed the government into exile in November 2015.</p>

They have been able to persuade large numbers of Yemen's armed forces to join them, allowing them to build up weaponry, according to [Pieter Wezeman, a senior researcher with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute](#).

Who is supporting them?

Sunni-ruled Saudi Arabia and its allies, including the U.S., see the Shiite Houthis as being financially and militarily supported by Shiite-ruled Iran. Iran denies this, although the U.S. Navy says it has intercepted several shipping boats since the war began carrying Iranian weaponry suspected to be on the way to Yemen.

Iran is a regional foe of Saudi Arabia and continues to be a critic of the government in Riyadh and its bombing campaign in Yemen. However, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy said there were limits to Iran's ties with the Houthis.

"Houthi relations with the Islamic republic resemble the Iran-Hamas relationship more than the Iran-Hezbollah relationship — that is, the Houthis are autonomous partners who usually act in accordance with their own interests, though often with smuggled Iranian arms and other indirect help," analysts wrote in a report early Thursday.

Houthis also fire missiles or mortars almost daily into southern Saudi border areas. In June 2015, they [fired a Scud missile at Saudi Arabia](#) but it was intercepted.

Were Houthis behind the failed attack on the USS Mason?

The Houthis on Thursday reiterated a denial that they carried out the failed missile attacks on the U.S. navy destroyer, a news agency controlled by the group reported, according to Reuters.

They said the missiles did not come from areas under its control, said the Saba news agency, citing what it called a military source.

"These allegations are unfounded and [Houthis] have nothing to do with this action," the agency reported the source as saying. "Such claims are part of the general context of creating false justifications to escalate assaults and cover up the continuous crimes committed by the aggression against the Yemeni people, along with the blockade imposed on it, and after the increasing condemnations to such barbaric and hideous crimes against Yemenis."

Has America been involved in Yemen until now?

The U.S. has been providing logistical support and refueling to the Saudi-led coalition battling the Houthis and other rebels. U.S. military operations have focused instead on the influence of al Qaeda in Yemen, a breeding ground for Islamist militancy.

What are the prospects for resolving the conflict?

A shaky cease-fire between the government and the Houthis began in April but collapsed in August after peace talks broke down.

The exiled government of President Abd-Rabu Mansour Hadi is still recognized internationally, including by the U.N. and the U.S.

Hadi had previously proposed a plan under which Yemen would become a federation of six regions, but Houthis rejected it.

Gerry Northwood, chief operations officer with British maritime security firm MAST, suggested the Houthis would find it difficult to stage similar strikes now that the U.S. has retaliated.

What is the situation inside Yemen?

At least 4,125 civilians have been killed in Yemen during the conflict, [the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights](#) said Monday.

Instability and large-scale displacement, as well as weak governance, corruption, resource depletion and poor infrastructure, have hindered development in the poorest country in the Middle East.

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HEADLINE	10/13 ISIS set Iraq oil wells ablaze
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/10/12/world/burning-oil-wells-isis-iraq/index.html
GIST	<p>"We cover the children at night when they sleep," said Khalil. His hands were stained black, the air in the entrance to his house thick with smoke.</p> <p>Khalil, his wife and five children live but a minute's walk from a blazing oil well, one of more than a dozen ISIS has set alight in recent months.</p> <p>ISIS militants had set the wells on fire hoping to obscure the view of Iraqi and coalition warplanes, but it didn't stop Iraqi forces from driving them out of town in late August. Technicians from the provincial oil company were able to put some of the fires out, but not the one near Khalil's house. Every time they tried, ISIS fighters lobbed mortar rounds their way.</p> <p>Thirty-year oil industry veteran engineer Hussain Salim has the formidable task of putting out the fires, and explained to me in great technical detail how it's done. It only takes a quick glance at the black smoke on the horizon to understand the scale of the work at hand. "It took 30 days, a month, to put out one fire," he said.</p>

	<p>They've managed to put out six fires so far, but they have nine to go. The engineers estimate 5,000 barrels of oil are burning here every day. Earlier this week ISIS militants sabotaged another well.</p> <p>Despite all this, life is returning to Al-Qayyara. Vegetable stalls are up and running, as well as stores for mobile phones, a gadget banned under ISIS rule. But also here, the topic of conversation quickly turns to the pall of black smoke hovering over town.</p> <p>"It's a second Daesh," said vegetable vender Shaalan, using an Arabic term for ISIS. "It's cancer."</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 NYC bombing suspect 'talks' to officials
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/new-york-city-bombing-suspect-ahmad-rahami-communicating-authorities-nodding/
GIST	<p>The hospitalized man accused of setting bombs in New York City and New Jersey has been communicating with authorities by nodding, CBS News has learned.</p> <p>Two law enforcement officials confirmed to CBS News that Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, nodded no when asked if anybody else was involved in the bombings that injured 31 people in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood last month. No one was injured in the New Jersey explosion.</p> <p>Rahami, an Afghan-born U.S. citizen, was shot between eight and 10 times when he was captured in northern New Jersey two days after he allegedly detonated a pipe bomb along the route of a Marine Corps charity race in the New Jersey shore town of Seaside Park and a pressure cooker bomb in New York City on Sept. 17.</p> <p>When asked if the bombing locations were chosen at random, Rahami nodded yes, the law enforcement officials told CBS News.</p> <p>Rahami was expected to survive his injuries. His breathing tube has been removed.</p> <p>He was scheduled to be arraigned Thursday on charges that he tried to kill police officers in New Jersey before they captured him. Prosecutors said he will appear via video from his hospital bed.</p> <p>Authorities were still investigating Rahami's family members. They weren't sure how a video of Rahami practicing with a pipe bomb in his backyard got on his sister's phone. Rahami had gotten rid of his personal cellphone and was using disposable phones.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 ISIS crushes rebellion plot in Mosul
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SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-mosul-exclusive-idUSKBN12E0Z0
GIST	<p>Islamic State has crushed a rebellion plot in Mosul, led by one of the group's commanders who aimed to switch sides and help deliver the caliphate's Iraqi capital to government forces, residents and Iraqi security officials said.</p> <p>Islamic State (IS) executed 58 people suspected of taking part in the plot after it was uncovered last week.</p> <p>Residents, who spoke to Reuters from some of the few locations in the city that have phone service, said the plotters were killed by drowning and their bodies were buried in a mass grave in a wasteland on the outskirts of the city.</p> <p>Among them was a local aide of IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who led the plotters, according to matching accounts given by five residents, by Hisham al-Hashimi, an expert on IS affairs that advises the government in Baghdad and by colonel Ahmed al-Taie, from Mosul's Nineveh province Operation Command's military intelligence.</p> <p>Reuters is not publishing the name of the plot leader to avoid increasing the safety risk for his family, nor the identities of those inside the city who spoke about the plot.</p> <p>The aim of the plotters was to undermine Islamic State's defense of Mosul in the upcoming fight, expected to be the biggest battle in Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.</p> <p>According to Hashimi, the dissidents were arrested after one of them was caught with a message on his phone mentioning a transfer of weapons. He confessed during interrogation that weapons were being hidden in three locations, to be used in a rebellion to support the Iraqi army when it closes in on Mosul.</p> <p>IS raided the three houses used to hide the weapons on Oct. 4, Hashimi said.</p> <p>"Those were Daesh members who turned against the group in Mosul," said Iraqi Counter-terrorism Service spokesman Sabah al-Numani in Baghdad, using an Arabic acronym for Islamic State. "This is a clear sign that the terrorist organization has started to lose support not only from the population, but even from its own members."</p> <p>A spokesman for the U.S.-led military coalition which conducts air strikes on Islamic State targets in Syria and Iraq was unable to confirm or deny the accounts of the thwarted plot.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Afghan officials: heavy loss of forces
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/afghan-officials-200-police-soldiers-killed-42800028?cid=clicksource_4380645_1_hero_headlines_headlines_hed

GIST	<p>Hundreds of members of Afghanistan's security forces have been killed recently fighting insurgent attacks on the main city in the southern province of Helmand, officials said on Friday.</p> <p>Abdul Majeed Akhonzada, deputy head of the provincial council, and lawmaker Sheer Muhammad Akhon put the number of soldiers and police killed in the past 10 days in and around Lashkar Gah at more than 200.</p> <p>Separately, they each said 45 civilians had also been killed in the fighting, which saw Taliban militants launch attacks on at least two areas of the city earlier this week.</p> <p>Akhon says 100 security forces personnel have also been wounded. Both police and soldiers fight on Afghanistan's front lines.</p> <p>Akhonzada and Akhon both say it is the worst situation the province has faced in the 15 years since the Taliban's regime ended with the 2001 U.S. invasion.</p> <p>The fighting in Lashkar Gah began on Monday with a suicide attack using a car packed with explosives that killed at least 40 people, including many police officers.</p> <p>Gunmen then entered the city where fighting has continued, forcing many people to flee the city for neighboring Kandahar province, Akhon said.</p> <p>He said the U.S. military was present in the city, "but they are just monitoring and doing nothing." The Americans have a mandate to train and assist Afghan forces in most battlefield situations. U.S. military officials could not immediately be reached for comment.</p> <p>The Taliban have been gradually taking over Helmand and officials have said they now control around 85 percent of the province.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 More airstrikes target Syria's Aleppo
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/M/ML_SYRIA?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-10-14-06-25-48
GIST	<p>BEIRUT (AP) -- Residents of opposition-held eastern Aleppo woke up to a fresh wave of airstrikes Friday amid clashes between government forces and rebels, part of a devastating military campaign by Syria and Russia that opposition activists say killed dozens of people in the past week.</p> <p>President Bashar Assad has voiced his intention to recapture the northern city's rebel-held eastern neighborhoods, saying a military victory in Aleppo would provide the Syrian army a "springboard" from which to liberate other areas of the country.</p>

	<p>"You have to keep cleaning this area and to push the terrorists to Turkey to go back to where they came from, or to kill them. There's no other option," he said in an interview with a Russian media outlet, Komsomolskaya Pravda, released Thursday.</p> <p>Syrian government forces have encircled the eastern half of Aleppo, besieging tens of thousands of people and pounding the territory with airstrikes on daily basis. The siege and deadly bombardment has caused an international outcry with a number of countries and groups accusing Syria and Russia of war crimes in connection with attacks on medical facilities and aid convoys.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 US-led airstrikes on Mosul intensify
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/M/ML_IRAQ?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-10-14-07-28-15
GIST	<p>KHAZIR, Iraq (AP) -- The US-led coalition is increasing airstrikes in and around the militant-held city of Mosul as Iraqi ground forces build up ahead of a planned operation to retake the city, it said in a statement Friday.</p> <p>The coalition said its planes had conducted more than 50 airstrikes against the Islamic State group in the Mosul area over the past two weeks.</p> <p>"We have been intensifying our efforts in and around Mosul," said Col. John Dorrian, a spokesman for the US-led coalition.</p> <p>Iraqi ground forces are moving into place to the south and east of Mosul. While Qayara air base to the south of Mosul remains the main base of operations, Iraqi army convoys, including a unit of the country's elite special forces, could be seen traveling to frontline positions to the east of the city.</p> <p>"All the troop movements now are related to the Mosul operation," said Iraqi Army Brig. Gen. Firas Bashar, stationed at an Iraqi army base in Makhmour.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Why Boko Haram released Chibok girls?
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/10/14/reports-chibok-girls-swapped-for-detainees-ransom-or-both.html
GIST	<p>JOHANNESBURG – Conflicting reports are emerging about whether the first negotiated release of Chibok schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram in Nigeria in 2014 involved a ransom payment, a prisoner swap for Islamic extremist commanders or both.</p>

	<p>A Nigerian hostage negotiator who was not involved in Thursday's release tells The Associated Press a "handsome ransom" in the millions of dollars was paid by Switzerland's government on behalf of Nigerian authorities.</p> <p>Swiss officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment after confirming Thursday that they played a neutral, humanitarian role in the operation.</p> <p>Two military officers told the AP the 21 girls were swapped for four detained Boko Haram leaders.</p> <p>Nigerian officials deny any swap.</p> <p>The hostage negotiator and officers spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Hezbollah vows to maintain jihad in Syria
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/jerusalem/2016/10/13/hezbollah-vows-maintain-jihad-syria/
GIST	<p>(REUTERS) – The Lebanese Shi’ite movement Hezbollah vowed to maintain its “jihad” in neighboring Syria at a huge rally in Beirut on Wednesday, a day after its leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said the war was in a phase of escalation.</p> <p>Addressing thousands marking Shi’ite Islam’s annual Ashura religious commemoration in a heavily secured square in Hezbollah’s south Beirut stronghold, Nasrallah said the war in Syria was being fought in defense of the whole region.</p> <p>“We will continue to bear our great responsibilities of jihad there. Your sons are there, and your men, your brothers, your husbands. They are defending their existence, dignity and the resistance,” he said.</p> <p>In a speech on Tuesday, Nasrallah asserted the Middle East was in a phase of escalating tension and there appeared to be no prospect of a political solution to the war in Syria.</p> <p>“The regional scene is currently one of tension and escalation, and it does not appear that there are paths for negotiations or solutions,” he said in a rare live televised speech before thousands of supporters in Beirut, adding that “the theater (in Syria) was open to more tension, escalation and confrontation.”</p> <p>On Wednesday, black-clad supporters paraded through the streets to mark the 7th-century death of the Prophet Mohammed’s grandson Hussein, seen by Shi’ites as a divinely guided leader, and they roared approval of Nasrallah’s remarks.</p> <p>“We answer your call, o Nasrallah!” they chanted.</p>

HEADLINE	10/13 Lawyer: German suspect death scandal
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-37641263
GIST	<p>The death in a prison cell of a Syrian refugee suspected of planning a bomb attack in Germany is a judicial scandal, his lawyer has said.</p> <p>Jaber al-Bakr, 22, strangled himself in a jail in Leipzig with his shirt and the government has demanded an immediate inquiry.</p> <p>His lawyer said the prison was aware Bakr was a suicide risk after he was captured on Monday. However, regional authorities said he had not been considered an acute risk.</p> <p>Jaber al-Bakr was detained on Monday on suspicion of plotting to bomb an airport in Berlin, possibly in the coming days.</p> <p>When police raided his flat in the eastern city of Chemnitz early on Saturday, they found 1.5kg of TATP, a home-made explosive used in the deadly jihadist attacks in Paris last year and in Brussels last March.</p> <p>Sebastian Gemkow, justice minister in the eastern state of Saxony, told reporters a psychological assessment of the prisoner had been made and safety measures had been taken. And the head of the prison described Bakr during the day as "calm and on an even keel".</p> <p>"It shouldn't have happened, but it did," the justice minister said, adding that he took responsibility for the suicide but would not resign.</p> <p>Prison officials rejected reports that Bakr was only being checked on an hourly basis.</p> <p>Originally, he was given top-level supervision, involving 15-minute intervals, but a panel of experts agreed hours before he died to lower the regular checks to every 30 minutes.</p> <p>There is no video monitoring of prisoners held in remand cells in Saxony, said prison governor Rolf Jacob. A guard stationed outside the cell door would have been more appropriate, he acknowledged.</p> <p>Jabr al-Bakr's body was found at 19:45 (17:45 GMT) on Wednesday evening, 15 minutes after a regular check, the prison governor said. Attempts to resuscitate him failed.</p> <p>Defence lawyer Alexander Huebner was adamant his client was a risk as he had already broken light bulbs and tampered with power sockets. He had also been refusing food and drink.</p>

	<p>The prison governor said later that the damage had been assessed as vandalism rather than an indication of potential suicide.</p> <p>"How could this happen?" Mr Huebner asked. "He must have been the best-guarded prisoner in Germany."</p> <p>German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere demanded a "rapid and comprehensive inquiry".</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Pakistan raids militant hideout; 8 killed
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/pakistan-police-security-forces-killed-militants-42786469
GIST	<p>Pakistan says security forces, acting on a tip, raided a militant hideout in the central province of Punjab and subsequently killed eight militants during a shootout at the scene.</p> <p>The Punjab Counterterrorism Department says the shootout took place late on Thursday near the town of Dera Ghazi Khan.</p> <p>It says officers asked the militants to surrender but they started firing. The statement also says the security forces returned fire and when the firing stopped, they found eight bodies of "terrorists."</p> <p>It says three other militants managed to flee from the scene and that a search is underway to trace and arrest them.</p>
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Suspicious, Unusual

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HEADLINE	10/13 Suspicious backpack removed from ferry
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/suspicious-package-delays-sailings-to-and-from-bainbridge-island/
GIST	<p>Police removed a "suspicious" backpack that had been left at the Bainbridge Island ferry terminal shortly after 4 p.m. Thursday, but ferry officials said the backup caused by two hours of canceled service would linger through the evening commute.</p> <p>The Coast Guard "has cleared the Seattle/Bainbridge route to return to service. Expect delays thru PM commute," ferry officials posted on Twitter around 4:20 p.m.</p> <p>Several ferries to and from the island were canceled around 2:30 p.m. when the backpack was found at the terminal, according to the Washington State Ferries (WSF.)</p> <p>The terminal was also evacuated.</p>

	The backpack was removed safely from the terminal by bomb technicians from the Washington State Patrol. There was no immediate word from police about what the backpack contained.
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HEADLINE	10/13 Oregon hospital ER quarantined
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/ore-hospital-er-quarantined-after-multiple-people-start-hallucinating
GIST	<p>COOS BAY, Ore. - A hospital in Coos Bay quarantined its emergency room after a 78-year-old patient, her caregiver, two sheriff's deputies and a hospital employee all began having hallucinations.</p> <p>KVAL-TV News reported Wednesday that authorities have not yet pinpointed what caused the mysterious episodes, but they believe it was something spread by direct contact.</p> <p>The bizarre incident began around 3 a.m. Wednesday when the elderly woman's caregiver, a 52-year-old woman, called authorities to say people were vandalizing her car.</p> <p>A deputy responded to the home, on East Bay Road in North Bend, but found nothing. The caregiver called back at 5:30 a.m. and was then taken to Bay Area Hospital after deputies suspected the woman might be having a medical issues causing hallucinations.</p> <p>Medical personnel checked her, she appeared fine and returned home.</p> <p>Then the two deputies who worked with the caregiver began having hallucinations and had to be hospitalized. After that, the 78-year-old woman and a hospital employee started showing similar symptoms and had to be hospitalized as well.</p> <p>The Coos County Haz Mat Team responded to Bay Area Hospital and the residence on East Bay Road. The team cleared the emergency room and began decontaminating vehicles and equipment.</p> <p>Everyone involved was quarantined while an investigation was conducted to determine the cause of the hallucinations - but nothing was found in the emergency room or the home on East Bay Road. Blood samples revealed nothing unusual.</p> <p>"No source of contaminate has been identified or found," Sgt. Pat Downing of the Coos County Sheriff's Office said in a press release.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 NYPD official crime-fighting phone
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/this-is-nypds-official-crime-fighting-phone/

Across [New York City](#), more officers are staring at their phones. On a single day last week, 5,500 [NYPD officers](#) logged in and clicked on 39,000 notifications.

But they're not distracted from work. Those notifications were 911 calls. Crimes that would have just disappeared into the vast void of police reports are being solved more frequently, after officers adopted their official NYPD phones.

That's right, the NYPD is finally -- finally! -- catching up with the modern mobile age and equipping its officers with smartphones, nearly a decade after the first [iPhone](#) came out. The NYPD began rolling out its first handsets for the city's 36,000 police officers in April 2015, and finished equipping the entire force earlier this year. Now, new officers at the New York City Police Academy in College Point, Queens, get phones along with their guns and badges.

As the advent of smarter phones have improved our daily lives, these handsets have likewise made it easier for the city's finest to fight crime. Officers are able to respond to 911 calls faster, solve crimes more efficiently and create stronger ties to their community.

So what are the phones of choice for the men and women entrusted to guard the safety of the 8.4 million residents of New York?

The [Lumia 830](#) and [Lumia 640 XL](#).

You read that right. Life and death situations rely on outdated phones running on Microsoft's Windows Phone software.

You may knock the unpopular Windows Phone platform, which commands less than 1 percent of the phone market, but the NYPD believes Microsoft was the most appropriate way to go.

The department looked at Apple's [iOS](#) and Google's [Android](#), but picked Windows Phone for its security features, and the ability to remotely manage the thousands of devices being handed out.

Among all the fancy apps and high-tech additions, the phone's most basic function is what's been helping police-community relations the most, calling.

Before the phones were issued, officers didn't have a work email or phone number they could give out to people who needed their help in follow-up incidents.

At the time, it was against NYPD policy to give out their personal contact information. Victims who wanted to contact the specific officers who took their report would have to call the precinct and leave a message, sometimes to voice mailboxes shared by entire squads.

	<p>When they were first introduced, older officers had been skeptical of the devices, some even worried they were being tracked with the phones. The phones also have had a tough time dealing with the daily wear and tear police officers go through every day, leading to broken devices in the line of duty. A handful of the phones are lost every week.</p> <p>The NYPD is testing new devices, and plans to upgrade to a Windows 10 phone by next summer. Along with security, the department is looking into battery life and processor speed as important features.</p> <p>The next smartphone will have to be able to handle the department's vision for new apps, like a connection to the city's array of security cameras, or two-way digital dispatch.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Maldives quits Commonwealth
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/maldives-quits-commonwealth-citing-unfair-treatment-42775011
GIST	<p>The Maldives government said Thursday it has decided to leave the Commonwealth because the grouping of former British colonies has treated it "unjustly and unfairly" and sought to interfere in its politics.</p> <p>The statement by the Foreign Ministry came weeks after the Commonwealth threatened the country with suspension if it failed to show progress in key democratic governance issues by next March.</p> <p>The Commonwealth seems to be convinced "that the Maldives would be an easy object that can be used, especially in the name of democracy promotion, to increase the organization's own relevance and leverage in international politics," the statement said.</p> <p>It said the grouping had "treated the Maldives unjustly and unfairly. The Commonwealth has sought to become an active participant in the domestic political discourse in the Maldives, which is contrary to the principles of the charters of the U.N. and the Commonwealth."</p> <p>Government spokesman Ibrahim Hussain Shihab said the Maldives' withdrawal from the 53-state grouping would take effect immediately.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Sex scandals rock King Co. Sheriff's Office
SOURCE	http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2016/10/14/rape-jokes-crotch-grabbing-and-more-allegations-against-seattle-sheriffs.html
GIST	<p>A sergeant who used hand-sanitizer to draw a penis on his female subordinate's car. Rape investigators accused of joking about masturbating to victims' stories. These are just a few of the scandals to rock the Seattle-area sheriff's over the past four years.</p>

And after settling a sexual-harassment lawsuit for \$1 million in 2013, the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) is again embroiled in a legal fight over its treatment of female officers. This time, two sheriff's deputies and one sergeant are accusing the county of gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual-orientation based harassment, and retaliation. And discovery for the civil suit is already dredging-up new allegations of misconduct at KCSO, with a former head of internal affairs seeking whistleblower protections before he talks.

Central to many of these claims is King County Sheriff John Urquhart, 69, who was elected amid promises to clean up the corruption-plagued agency. Urquhart has been with KCSO since 1980, working his way through roles such as narcotics detective and spokesman before beating incumbent Republican Sheriff Steve Strachan in 2012. Urquhart's tenure so far, however, has been ignominious, involving the two sexual-harassment lawsuits, a cop convicted of pimping his wife and selling his colleagues steroids, a bogus "sex trafficking bust," a chief-of-staff with polygraph problems, and more.

In this latest lawsuit, initially filed in April 2015, two former King County deputies and one current sergeant seek damages from King County for gender-based harassment, discrimination, and retaliation. The complaint specifically calls out the actions of Sheriff Urquhart, Major Sean Ledford, and Sergeant Dewey Burns.

Burns, a supervisor in the Metro Transit Division, had been the subject of a 2014 incident involving defensive tactics instructor Melissa Deer. A sworn statement from Deer claims he grabbed her crotch during a training exercise "knowing full well that his hand was never supposed to be near my crotch."

"I was shocked, angry and pissed off," wrote Deer. "I asked him 'What are you doing?' He shrugged and acted like it was a joke." Deer called the incident "degrading," "sexist," and "a sexual assault."

In 2015, another allegation involving Burns surfaced. In this case, text messages showed the sergeant making racist, anti-gay, and sexually explicit comments to other staffers, including a female subordinate, Deputy Amy Shoblom. The texts were "shocking and can't be ignored or explained away," said Urquhart, who fired Burns over the content deemed racist and homophobic.

However, Urquhart did not see anything inappropriate about the sexually charged content Burns exchanged with Shoblom, finding that "the vast majority" of the texts had been welcomed by her and "on many occasions Deputy Shoblom instigated the highly sexualized texting between the two."

That's not how Shoblom, a nine-year veteran of KCSO, describes it. The 33-year-old is one of three plaintiffs in the current suit, along with Diana Neff, 50, and Julie Blessum, 45. After Shoblom transferred to the Metro Transit division in 2013, Burns had "direct supervisory authority" over Shoblom, according to the suit, and she considered it "a condition of employment" to take his antics in stride.

These antics included texting her half-naked photos of women he was sleeping with, asking during a roll call if she had “hooked up” with a male deputy, and drawing a penis on the hood of her car with hand sanitizer, among other things, according to the complaint.

After complaining to a captain and getting no response, Shoblom told another sergeant, Lou Caballero, about what was going on and he also filed a complaint. In August 2015, both were fired, allegedly for lying about an argument with a bus driver.

Neff and Blessum, meanwhile, say they were subject to a different sort of harassment/discrimination. Both worked in KCSO’s Shoreline precinct, and both were gay. Neff, who had been with the sheriff’s office since 1987, became a sergeant in 2000 and was assigned to Shoreline in 2006. Blessum came to the precinct in 2012. Major Ledford arrived as precinct chief in 2013.

Ledford’s presence changed things in the department, according to the lawsuit. He “refused to speak to Neff or other women who held positions of authority” and treated them in other discriminatory ways. At one point, he and the precinct’s second-in-command allegedly tried to have a female storefront deputy reassigned because “her hair was askew” and they didn’t think it made a good first impression. The woman had just gone through chemotherapy treatment for cancer, and her “hair” was a wig.

Both Neff and another female sergeant filed complaints with superiors that they say were ignored. Neff spoke with Urquhart’s top deputy, Anne Kirkpatrick, who allegedly told her the sheriff said she could make it work or leave.

Eventually, Ledford had Neff and the other female sergeant who had complained transferred out of Shoreline, replacing them both with male sergeants. (Neff’s replacement immediately hung up a poster on his door “that disparaged and mocked transgender persons,” the suit says.) Within 18 months of Ledford taking over, the precinct had gone from having three women in positions of leadership to having none.

Blessum, who remained in the precinct as a deputy, claims that “in Neff’s absence, gay bashing became par for the course at Shoreline.” She requested a transfer out of Shoreline, which was denied, and eventually quit in November 2014.

Neff, who had moved on to another precinct, was soon subjected to an internal affairs investigation that her complaint says was instigated by Sheriff Urquhart.

“A longstanding member of the KCSO’s officer’s guild leadership has stated that in all his years he has never seen the sitting Sheriff act as a complainant in an internal investigation,” it states. Neff was eventually cleared of all wrongdoing.

“Given the breadth of the inquiry and the fact that litigation is ongoing, it is very difficult to meaningfully respond,” says Sergeant Cindi West, media relations officer for the sheriff’s office, when contacted for

	comment. “The lawsuit challenges certain actions taken by the Sheriff’s Office against two former officers and one current officer. The Sheriff’s Office stands by those actions and decisions, contends they are about officer accountability not harassment, and is confident a jury will view them similarly.”
	A trial for the civil suit is scheduled for January 2017.
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HEADLINE	10/14 Suspect found hanged in police van
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2016/10/14/suspect-found-hanging-phoenix-police-van/92037618/
GIST	<p>PHOENIX — A woman is said to be in extremely critical condition after attempting suicide while in police custody in Phoenix.</p> <p>The woman, whom police identified as a domestic-violence suspect, was in the back of a police wagon and being driven to a booking facility early Wednesday when police say she slipped out of her handcuffs and fashioned a noose out of a shoelace.</p> <p>Sgt. Vince Lewis, a Phoenix Police Department spokesman, said the woman tied the shoelace around her neck and attached the other end to an air vent above her.</p> <p>The woman was the only detainee in the back of the wagon, according to Lewis.</p> <p>Upon arrival at the booking facility, the two transport officers discovered the woman unconscious, cut her free and began life-saving efforts, Lewis said. She was taken to a hospital, where she remained Thursday evening.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Russia ‘weapons’ just filled with hot air?
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2016/10/13/are-russian-weapons-just-filled-with-hot-air.html
GIST	<p>The same technology that produces bouncy castles is reportedly a part of Russian military strategy.</p> <p>MIG-31 fighter jets, T-80 tanks and even a S-300 missile system are all available for sale from a company called Rusbal— and all of them are as solid as a hot air balloon and as deadly as a bouncy castle from a child’s birthday party. The inflatable decoys, which look real from the air, are part of a Russian military strategy that includes deceit and confusion, The New York Times reports.</p> <p>“There are no gentlemen’s agreements in war,” Rusbal’s director, Maria Oparina, told The New York Times about the idea of trickery in battle. The company is said to provide the decoys to the Russian Ministry of Defence.</p>

	<p>The inflatable weapons are made from fabric, not rubber, a material that can withstand punctures better, according to the Times. In the company's factory, where about 80 people work, employees use sewing machines to construct inflatable tanks and the like.</p> <p>The company's website— which features a tagline of "Fantasy from air"— advertises some of its inflatable military products, and offers plenty of other fun inflatable creations as well. Among them are an inflatable Kremlin, an inflatable penguin, and even an inflatable Russian doll that stands over eight feet tall, according to the site.</p> <p>Deadly force, indeed.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Threats cancel 'clown lives matter' walk
SOURCE	http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/story/33381384/clown-lives-matter-peace-walk-canceled-after-multiple-threats
GIST	<p>TUCSON, AZ (Tucson News Now) - The organizer of an upcoming "Clown Lives Matter" peace walk has canceled the event, citing multiple death threats.</p> <p>Nikki Sinn posted the announcement to one of her Facebook pages.</p> <p>The pro-clown event was meant to show that "clowns are not psycho killers," and quickly made national headlines.</p> <p>The idea came about after creepy clown sightings were reported in multiple states around the country. Some of these clowns have reportedly chased cars, made threats, or attempted to lure children into wooded areas.</p> <p>A spokesman of the Arizona Black Lives Matter campaign told The Arizona Republic he felt the title was insensitive to the cause and "takes away the focus of a serious issue in this country."</p> <p>Sinn said that was not her intention.</p> <p>"I do not want to offend anyone with the name," she said. "I have had a lot of backlash and it's sad because it was honestly harmless and what I thought, positive."</p> <p>The walk was scheduled to take place on Fourth Avenue on Saturday, Oct. 15.</p> <p>The Tucson Police Department was aware of the event, and was planning to have officers patrolling on foot in the area.</p>

HEADLINE	10/14 Japan scrambles jets at record rate
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-japan-china-scrambles-idUSKBN12E0V8?il=0
GIST	<p>Japan's air defense force scrambled its fighter jets in response to Chinese military aircraft at a record rate in the six months ended Sept. 30, raising the number of such incidents from a year ago by about three-quarters.</p> <p>In the six months to the end of September, fighters scrambled to chase Chinese planes 407 times compared with 231 times in the same period last year, according to a press release from the Japanese Air Self Defence Force.</p> <p>Encounters with Russian aircraft, which are often bombers that fly around Japan from the north skirting its airspace, rose 67 percent to 180.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Active TB cases rise in Minnesota
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2016/10/13/two-hundred-ninety-six-refugees-diagnosed-active-tuberculosis-minnesota/
GIST	<p>Two hundred and ninety-six refugees were diagnosed with active tuberculosis (TB) between 2010 and 2014 in Minnesota, according to the Minnesota Department of Health.</p> <p>Seventy-one were diagnosed within one year of their arrival, while 225 were diagnosed after the first year, but within five years of their arrival.</p> <p>The number of active TB cases reported among refugees arriving in Minnesota is ten times higher than reported in any of the fourteen other states that have released refugee TB data to the public, or made it available to Breitbart News.</p> <p>The previous high among the other reporting states was Wisconsin, which reported 27 cases of active TB among refugees arriving in the state between 2014 and 2015.</p> <p>The other thirteen states, and the number of diagnosed cases of active TB among refugees are: Nebraska (21), Louisiana (21), Michigan (19), Vermont (17), Colorado (16), Florida (11), Ohio (11 in one county), Idaho (7), Kentucky (9 in one county), North Dakota (4 in one county), Indiana (4), California (3), and Tennessee, where two refugees have been diagnosed with the very dangerous, multi-drug resistant (MDR) TB.</p>

	<p>With 296 cases of active TB diagnosed among refugees over five years, Minnesota reported more cases than all fourteen other states where that data has been made available — a combined total of 172 cases.</p> <p>The total number of active TB cases diagnosed among refugees resettled in the United States in recent years now stands at 468, but 36 states have yet to report their number. Data reported in several of the fourteen states in which there is some data (Ohio, North Dakota, Kentucky, and Tennessee) is only partial, and in other states (California, and Indiana) covers only the most recent year, rather than the five most recent years.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Florida: Zika found in new neighborhood
SOURCE	http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-10-13/florida-ids-new-miami-neighborhood-as-zika-zone
GIST	<p>Miami Beach, Fla. (AP) -- Health officials announced Thursday a new Zika zone in Miami — a setback less than a month after declaring the nearby Wynwood neighborhood cleared of the virus following aggressive mosquito spraying.</p> <p>Five people have been infected with Zika in a 1-square-mile area of the city just north of the Little Haiti neighborhood and about 3 miles north of Wynwood, according to a statement released Thursday by Gov. Rick Scott's office.</p> <p>It is the third Miami-area neighborhood identified where mosquitoes have transmitted the virus to people, after Wynwood and a touristy section of Miami Beach, which is still considered an active transmission zone. Wynwood was declared free of the virus after 45 days went by without any new infections.</p> <p>These are the first such areas of transmission confirmed in the continental U.S., following major outbreaks of the disease across Latin America.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Accidental shootings killing children
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/accidental-shooting-kills-child-day-42798109
GIST	<p>Hours earlier, he was a happy 4-year-old who loved Ironman and the Hulk and all the Avengers. Now, as Bryson Mees-Hernandez approached death in a Houston hospital room, his brain swelling through the bullet hole in his face, his mother assured the boy it was OK to die.</p> <p>Bryson shot himself last January with a .22-caliber Derringer his grandmother kept under the bed. It was an accident, but one that could be blamed on many factors, from his grandmother's negligence to the failure of government and industry to find ways to prevent his death and so many others.</p>

The Associated Press and the [USA TODAY](#) Network set out to determine just how many others there have been.

The findings: During the first six months of this year, minors died from accidental shootings — at their own hands, or at the hands of other children or adults — at a pace of one every other day, far more than limited federal statistics indicate.

Tragedies like the death of Bryson Mees-Hernandez play out repeatedly across the country. Curious toddlers find unsecured, loaded handguns in their homes and vehicles, and fatally shoot themselves and others. Teenagers, often showing off guns to their friends and siblings, end up shooting them instead.

Using information collected by the Gun Violence Archive, a nonpartisan research group, news reports and public sources, the media outlets spent six months analyzing the circumstances of every death and injury from accidental shootings involving children ages 17 and younger from Jan. 1, 2014, to June 30 of this year — more than 1,000 incidents in all.

Among the findings:

—Deaths and injuries spike for children under 5, with 3-year-olds the most common shooters and victims among young children. Nearly 90 3-year-olds were killed or injured in the shootings, the vast majority of which were self-inflicted.

—Accidental shootings spike again for ages 15-17, when victims are most often fatally shot by other children but typically survive self-inflicted gunshots.

—They most often happen at the children's homes, with handguns legally owned by adults for self-protection. They are more likely to occur on weekends or around holidays such as Christmas.

—States in the South, including Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Georgia, are among those with the highest per capita rates of accidental shootings involving minors.

In all, more than 320 minors age 17 and under and more than 30 adults were killed in accidental shootings involving minors. Nearly 700 other children and 78 adults were injured.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 74 minors died from accidental discharges of firearms in 2014, the latest year for which comparable data are available. The AP and USA TODAY analysis counted 113 for that year, suggesting the federal government missed a third of the cases.

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HEADLINE | 10/14 United computer glitch delays flights

SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/united-airlines-systemwide-computer-glitch-leads-delayed-flights/story?id=42798277&cid=clicksource_4380645_1_hero_headlines_headlines_hed
GIST	<p>United Airlines experienced worldwide flight delays Thursday evening for several hours due to a computer issue, the Chicago-based airlines confirmed.</p> <p>"Earlier tonight we experienced an issue with our weight reporting system, which caused system wide flight delays," United said in a statement. "We have resolved the issue and are working to get customers to their destinations as soon as possible. We apologize for the inconvenience."</p> <p>United did not provide a figure on the number of flights affected, but a spokeswoman told ABC News a "small number" of flights were affected "given the overnight timing." According to United's website, it has 4,550 daily departures.</p> <p>The delays also created long lines at airports across the country, particularly along the West Coast.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 ICC warns Philippines over killings
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/icc-prosecutor-warns-philippine-authorities-killings-42783275
GIST	<p>The International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor said Thursday that she is "deeply concerned" about reports of extrajudicial killings of suspected drug dealers and users in the Philippines.</p> <p>Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda also said that statements by "high officials" in the Asian nation "seem to condone such killings."</p> <p>The written statement by Bensouda appeared aimed as a blunt warning to Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, whose anti-drug crackdown has left an estimated 3,000 people allegedly involved in the drug trade dead.</p> <p>The Philippines is a member state of the International Criminal Court, the world's first global court prosecuting war crimes and crimes against humanity, so crimes committed there could be prosecuted at the Hague-based institution.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Drug war gains momentum in Philippines
SOURCE	http://www.mexicostar.com/index.php/sid/248535101

GIST	<p>CEBU, October 13 (PIA) -- Prices of shabu in Central Visayas soared due to its dwindling supply as police continues their war against illegal drugs.</p> <p>The deputy chief of the Regional Operations and Plans Division of the Police Regional Office (PRO-7) P/Supt Arnel Banzon reported this recently during the forum of the Association of Government Information Officers - Philippine Information Agency (AGIO-PIA7) that tackled the topic on the "War Against Illegal Drugs."</p> <p>Banzon in his presentation of the Project Double Barrel said shabu is now priced at P300/deck or sachet and P16,000 to P18,000 per bulk or about five grams.</p> <p>In Bohol and Siquijor, the prices are even more expensive at P500/deck and P20,000 per bulk, said Banzon.</p> <p>"The street value is based on the PDEA (Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency) report as of September 26," bared Banzon.</p> <p>In the latest Tokhang Report of the PRO-7, Banzon said that from July 1 to September 30, there are now 75,454 surrenderees in Central Visayas; 69,816 of which are drug users and 5,368 drug pushers.</p> <p>The continuing police operations against high-value drug targets netted 2,331 people broken down into 1,184 drug users and 1,147 drug pushers.</p> <p>As of October 11, 116 drug suspects were killed in legitimate police operations while 138 people were killed by unknown assailants, the report stated.</p> <p>Banzon earlier said there are three big drug syndicates operating in the country and these are the Filipino-Chinese, African ring and the Mexican cartel associated with a Chinese group to penetrate the Philippine market.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Australia: child sex predator handbook
SOURCE	https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/perth-kinross/298959/newslink-5583908_95876-1/
GIST	<p>Ross Bayley (28) from Perth came under police investigation after a toddler revealed he had been sexually assaulted by him.</p> <p>Officers recovered computer equipment from his home and found that the Tor browser, which is intended to allow anonymity for online users, had previously been installed on a device.</p>

Advocate depute Steven Borthwick told the High Court in Edinburgh that recovered internet activity revealed the user had viewed a site which offered “detailed and graphic advice and history regarding paedophilia, paedophiles and also provided links to additional internet pages dealing with that subject matter”.

The prosecutor said: “The user has utilised the Tor browser to view deeply concerning material which offers advice regarding how to groom and sexually abuse children.”

Police cyber crime examiners said the material was extensive and amounted to “a manual of how to abuse children and get away with it”.

One of the analysts, who has seven years experience checking computers containing indecent child images, said: “In all my years as an examiner I have never previously encountered documentation such as this.

“The extensive content recovered, which gives instruction and advice in how to groom, prepare and abuse children, in our experience as analysts, is the worst offensive, upsetting, vile documentation we have encountered in the Cyber Crime unit.”

He added: “Subsequently one of the analysts involved, an examiner with nine years’ experience, could not continue reading as the content made them too upset and nauseous.”

A cache of indecent images of children was also recovered from the equipment and evidence was recovered showing the downloading of photos and videos involving the sexual abuse of youngsters.

Police later detained Bayley who told them: “I’m really, really sorry I need help.”

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HEADLINE	10/13 Lawyer: ‘lonely’ NCIS agent betrayed US
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/defense-paints-ncis-mole-pitiful-wreck-ahead-sentencing/story?id=42759288&cid=clicksource 4380645 1 hero headlines headlines hed
GIST	<p>He was lonely. He needed a girlfriend. He needed father figure. He was suffering from physical ailments. He has mental disorders. He drank too much. He was tired. He was weak. And when he was at his absolute lowest point, he was preyed upon.</p> <p>That's how attorneys for John Beliveau say the former Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) agent was seduced into becoming a mole in the law enforcement agency for a Malaysian kingpin in one of most widespread corruption cases in U.S. military history.</p>

"In the instant offense, severe mental illness and compromised judgment, rather than greed, motivated Mr. Beliveau," the attorneys argued in a recent court filing, painting a pitiful picture of their client before a sentencing hearing Friday. The defense wants a year's home confinement followed by supervised release. "He was weak and vulnerable, and in his compromised state, he exercised terrible judgment."

Prosecutors aren't buying it and called the defense's request an "insult." They want him to serve 15 years in prison.

Beliveau, who was a supervisory special agent in the NCIS, pleaded guilty almost three years ago to trading secret information in exchange for luxury travel, prostitutes and some \$30,000. But what he really wanted, his attorneys said, was a friend.

He was on the payroll of Leonard Francis, also known as Fat Leonard, the charismatic head of Glenn Defense Marine Asia (GDMA). Francis' business was in naval husbandry, providing large American ships in-port services like waste disposal, laundry and refueling at ports throughout Southeast Asia.

Behind the scenes, Francis operated a sprawling bribery ring involving scores of U.S. Navy servicemen who allegedly provided Francis classified information on ship movements, steered their ships toward his ports or otherwise aided in Francis' ripping off the Navy to the tune of tens of millions of dollars. More than a dozen of Navy officers, up to the rank of vice admiral, already have been disciplined, have been criminally prosecuted or face charges related to the conspiracy. Francis was arrested in September 2013 and pleaded guilty in January 2015.

Beliveau came into play after Francis learned he was under investigation by the NCIS, the Navy's law enforcement agency. Beliveau, who joined the NCIS in 2002, met Francis when he was stationed in Singapore from 2008 to 2012 and found Francis to be a "wealthy, smooth-talking, popular man," Beliveau's attorneys said. In the NCIS agent, Francis apparently saw someone he could use.

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HEADLINE	10/14 Indianapolis: police office hit by gunfire
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/indianapolis-police-district-office-hit-gunfire-42800027
GIST	<p>Gunfire has struck an Indianapolis police department district office, and officials said Friday that investigators believe whoever is behind this attack also shot at another city police office this month.</p> <p>No one was reported injured in either shooting, the latest of which happened about 11 p.m. Thursday at the North District Headquarters.</p> <p>"This person is extremely violent," Police Chief Troy Riggs told reporters early Friday. "It's someone that we need to be vigilant in trying to capture quickly."</p>

	<p>After the first shooting, Riggs had said it may have been in response to a recent crackdown on drugs that included arresting suspected drug dealers and taking more than \$3 million in narcotics off the street.</p> <p>On Thursday night, police say officers inside the building heard shots and took cover before trying to find a suspect. Some windows and walls were damaged, and a vehicle in a parking lot was struck by gunfire. Witnesses reported hearing a vehicle speed away afterward.</p> <p>Police didn't immediately confirm how many shots were fired, but Riggs said at last one bullet entered the building.</p> <p>In a statement, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department said that an initial investigation suggests the suspect or suspects who shot at the North District headquarters also was responsible for the shooting Oct. 4 at the Northwest District Headquarters.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Vancouver PD: gang member arrested
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/vancouver-pd-gang-member-accused-of-trafficking-firearms-heroin
GIST	<p>VANCOUVER, Wash. — Vancouver Police say they've arrested a gang member who is accused of trafficking firearms and large amounts of heroin.</p> <p>Jeffrey D. Lewis, 29, was out on bail on previous heroin charges when he was located in a convenience store parking lot Wednesday. Police say he didn't show up to a court date, and is believed to be involved in trafficking of firearms and drugs in Vancouver, Longview and Yakima.</p> <p>A SWAT team responded, and police say Lewis intentionally rammed one of their cars in an attempt to flee. He was arrested moments later on charges of assault, conspiracy to distribute heroin and driving while license suspended.</p> <p>A search warrant on his car was completed Thursday, where police found a stolen handgun, 1/4 ounce of meth and one ounce of heroin. Lewis will face more charges including possession of a stolen firearm, unlawful possession of a firearm and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Bomb threat emailed to Issaquah school
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/bomb-threat-emailed-to-issaquah-high-school-police-to-patrol-campus
GIST	Issaquah - Police officers will be at Issaquah High School on Friday morning, after the school's principal received an email citing a bomb threat.

	<p>In a message to families Thursday night, Principal Andrea McCormick said she received an email that said, "Issaquah High may be a bombed October 14, 2016. Take all precautions needed."</p> <p>The district said it doesn't believe the threat is credible. But, it followed security protocols by notifying police and will bring in officers to patrol the campus throughout the night and Friday morning.</p> <p>The district also said it will be reviewing campus security camera footage before school starts on Friday, to ensure student and staff safety.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Charge: parents tried to sell baby on eBay
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/10/13/germany-investigates-couple-trying-to-sell-baby-girl-on-ebay.html
GIST	<p>Police in the western German city of Duisburg say they're investigating the parents of a 40-day-old girl on allegations they were trying to sell their infant daughter on eBay.</p> <p>Duisburg police said Thursday that the baby was listed on the internet auction site on Tuesday for a price of 5,000 euros (\$5,500). In a raid of the parents' apartment on Wednesday evening they were able to seize evidence suggesting the posting was made from their internet connection.</p> <p>Authorities say other members of the family also had access to the connection, however.</p> <p>The parents, described by police only as "refugees," have been taken in for questioning on suspicion of human trafficking.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Report: driver sped up in parade crash
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/10/13/driver-spod-up-moments-before-oklahoma-parade-crash-ntsb-says.html
GIST	<p>TULSA, Okla. – The woman accused of driving her car into spectators at Oklahoma State University's homecoming parade and killing four people sped up as she approached the parade route, according to a federal report released Thursday.</p> <p>The National Transportation Safety Board reported that co-workers who saw 26-year-old Adacia Chambers before the crash said she seemed distracted. The agency said her "emotional distress" was the probable cause of the crash that also injured dozens of people on Oct. 24, 2015.</p> <p>The report said Chambers' car accelerated from 54 mph to 59 mph in the five seconds before she struck a police motorcycle blocking the roadway along the parade route. The NTSB reports that she applied the</p>

	brakes after hitting the motorcycle, though the report doesn't say how fast she was driving when she hit the crowd. The speed limit in the area was 35 mph, according to the report.
	Chambers has pleaded not guilty to four counts of second-degree murder. Prosecutors allege she intentionally drove her car around a barricade and into spectators at the parade in Stillwater.
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HEADLINE	10/14 Sweden: search for man in clown mask
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/swedish-police-man-clown-mask-stabbing-42799579
GIST	<p>Swedish police are looking for a man wearing a clown mask and a yellow jacket who slightly wounded a person in southern Sweden with a sharp object, the latest incident involving adults in creepy outfits scaring passers-by.</p> <p>Police spokeswoman Ulla Brehm says there have been two similar incidents where people dressed like clowns stood outside schools and "scared children. This is not a crime as such but very, very unpleasant."</p> <p>Brehm says the incidents "likely had spread via social media from the United States" adding "it is not funny when people are being scared."</p> <p>She said Friday the 19-year-old man was stabbed late Thursday with a knife in the shoulder in Varberg, south of Goteborg. He sustained superficial wounds and despite searches, the attacker has not been found.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/14 Pakistan: gunmen kill 3 paramilitary officers
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/gunmen-kill-pakistani-paramilitary-troops-quetta-42798278
GIST	<p>A Pakistani official says gunmen riding on motorcycles shot and killed three paramilitary officers in the southwestern city of Quetta before fleeing.</p> <p>Wasay Khan, a spokesman for the Frontier Corps, says the officers were on guard duty when they were attacked on Friday. Two died at the scene, while the third succumbed to his wounds at a hospital.</p> <p>No one claimed responsibility for the attack.</p> <p>Baluchistan, of which Quetta is the provincial capital, has long been the center of a low-level insurgency by small separatist groups which demand more autonomy and a greater share in the region's natural resources, like gas and oil. The province is also home to Islamic militants.</p> <p>The government says it's trying to improve the local economy and bring the separatists into mainstream politics.</p>

HEADLINE	10/13 Police: Everett shootings gang related
SOURCE	http://www.heraldnet.com/news/police-3-casino-road-shootings-in-everett-are-gang-related/
GIST	<p>EVERETT — Police have confirmed that three shootings in the past month on W. Casino Road are gang-related.</p> <p>A 15-year-old boy was shot Monday night along the 900 block of W. Casino Road. He was seriously injured and taken to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. An update of his condition was not immediately available. No one has been arrested.</p> <p>A 13-year-old boy was hit by gunfire Sept. 16 near the scene of Monday night’s shooting. An 18-year-old was shot Sept. 16 outside The Bluffs apartment on W. Casino. Both teens survived.</p> <p>No arrests have been made in those assaults.</p> <p>“It appears that all three shootings are gang-related,” Everett police officer Aaron Snell said Thursday.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/13 Cops shooting suspect a constable
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/boston-officers-shot-suspect-was-city-constable/
GIST	<p>BOSTON -- A man wearing body armor and armed with an assault rifle shot two Boston police officers responding to a report of a domestic disturbance at his home before being shot and killed by other officers, police said.</p> <p>The suspect was identified as Kirk Figueroa, 33, of East Boston. The Boston City Clerk’s Office confirmed to CBS Boston that Figueroa was a constable for the city, and was sworn in in July.</p> <p>A car with the name of a website was towed from the shooting scene Thursday morning. On the website, elitepolicing.org, a man who identifies himself as Kirk Figueroa says his company, Code Blue Protection Corp., provides police support, fugitive apprehension and extradition services, and armored car training.</p> <p>Figueroa described himself as a Boston constable, a former member of a U.S. Army Reserve military police unit, a bounty hunter in California and a former corrections officer. He also said he was trained in mixed martial arts. Constables are authorized to serve subpoenas and other legal documents.</p>
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The [Chicago Sun-Times](#)  (10/6, Spielman) reports Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said Thursday that a female police officer was attacked by a “subject under the influence of PCP” during a “simple traffic accident” on Wednesday that “turned ugly.” Johnson said the subject “viciously pounded [the officer’s] head into the street as her partner was trying to get him off of her. The attack went on for several minutes.” Johnson added the officer told him at the hospital Wednesday evening that “she thought she was gonna die. And she knew that she should shoot this guy. But, she chose not to because she didn’t want her family or the department to have to go through the scrutiny the next day on national news.”

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technology, which mimics a cell phone tower in order to connect with and collect information on nearby cell phones,” the AP says. “Although the United States is not a party to this case, it has a direct interest in the protection of the information withheld by the DSP,” Justice Department lawyers wrote. “Cell site simulator technology is a key tool in the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s investigation, interdiction, and suppression of criminal and terrorist activity.” [USA Today](#) (10/5, Baker) also reports on this story.

California Sheriff’s Office Issuing Gun Vaults To Promote Safe Storage.

The [AP](#) (10/6) reports the Santa Clara, California, County Sheriff’s Office is issuing “all deputies department-issued gun vaults for their personal vehicles to help promote weapon safety.” The storage program “comes months before a state law is set to take effect that will require any person to take the same precautions when handguns are left unattended in vehicles.”

CRIME & DRUGS

Obama Commutes Another 102 Federal Prison Sentences.

The [AP](#) (10/6, Lederman) reports Obama’s move is “part of his end-of-term push to spur action on criminal justice reform,” and that the “latest round...brings to 774 the number of sentences Obama has shortened, including 590 this year.”

The [Washington Times](#) (10/6, Boyer) reports that the commutations are “becoming a monthly routine,” and notes that “fifteen of the inmates were convicted of firearms crimes – either using a weapon during a drug transaction, or possessing a gun illegally as a convicted felon.” According to the Times, “eight individuals were convicted of trafficking in more than five kilos of cocaine, and a ninth person, Cesar R. Jara of El Paso, Texas, was convicted in 2006 of trafficking 1,000 kilograms or more of marijuana.”

[USA Today](#) (10/6, Locker) reports that its “analysis of Obama’s 673 commutations through August showed a marked change in strategy on his clemency initiative.” While “before August, almost all of the inmates whose sentences were commuted were released within four months...the last two rounds of commutations granted in August showed that 39% came with a year or more left to serve on the sentence.” Obama “has also commuted the sentences of even more serious offenders.” Yesterday, for example, “11 of the 102 commutations involved sentences involving a firearm.” According to [The Hill](#) (10/6, Fabian), meanwhile, “thirty inmates in the latest batch have firearm-related convictions.”

“Backpage.com” CEO Arrested In Multi-State Operation.

The [New York Times](#) (10/6, Mele) reports the CEO of “Backpage.com,” Carl Ferrer, was “arrested Thursday and charged with conspiracy and pimping a minor after the authorities raided the company’s Dallas headquarters, according to court records.” The joint investigation between California and Texas authorities also resulted in the arrest of two men who helped to found the company in 2004. Brian Fichtner, a special agent of the California Department of Justice, submitted an affidavit that

says, “Defendants have known that their website is the United States hub for the illegal sex trade and that many of the people advertised for commercial sex on Backpage are victims of sex trafficking, including children.”

OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

Missouri Police Officer Killed While Responding To Disturbance.

The [Washington Post](#) [redacted] (10/6, Larimer) reports four-year veteran St. Louis County, Missouri, Police Officer Blake Snyder was “killed Thursday while responding to an early-morning call, [in] a fatal encounter that rapidly unfolded after the officer arrived on the scene.” Snyder and other officers responded to a call about a subject banging on a home’s front door. They approached the suspect, “who was sitting alone in the car,” and attempted to give commands before the suspect opened fire. Chief Jon Belmar says Officer Snyder “gave the suspect some commands, because he couldn’t see his hands. The suspect produced a pistol and he shot officer Snyder point-blank.” Belmar adds that the shot that struck Snyder was “immediately fatal.” Snyder is survived by a wife and young son.

LA County Sheriff’s Sergeant “Executed” When Responding To Burglary Call.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) [redacted] (10/5, Rocha, Winton, Serna, Queally) reports 29-year veteran Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Sergeant Steve Owen “was shot and killed in Lancaster on Wednesday while responding to a residential burglary call.” The gunman “tried to flee in the slain lawman’s cruiser” while holding two teenagers hostage before being captured. Owen “previously won the agency’s highest honor for courage.” The Times says Owen’s wife, “who is a member of the department’s Arson Explosive Unit,” was able to reach the hospital shortly before he died. Sheriff Jim McDonnell released a statement saying, “The tragedy of a deputy sheriff such as Sgt. Steve Owen making the ultimate sacrifice has a massive impact on the whole law enforcement family.”

In an separate [Los Angeles Times](#) [redacted] (10/6, Serna, Cruz) piece, Sheriff Jim McDonnell explains that the suspect “executed” Owen. The suspect “shot Owen with a stolen gun and stood over his body, then fired another four rounds into the sergeant,” according to the Sheriff. The suspect then searched Owen’s body for his duty weapon “with the intent to use it to murder” other responding deputies.

TECHNOLOGY

UK Police Using Drones To Deter Criminal Behavior.

The [Daily Mirror \(UK\)](#) [redacted] (10/6) reports police officers in South Wales “have 10 pilots using their force drones in a bid to catch people breaking the law” and deter “anti-social behavior.” Residents living near city parks have been complaining about the noise from dirt bikes, and in response police have used drones to conduct surveillance on the area. Officers “have not only received the information needed to seize bikes, but they are seeing the techniques acting as a deterrent to the riders which is meaning a reduction in the number of bikes accessing the land.” The drones deployed by the officers have a battery life of

about seven hours, “can travel at up to 40mph, and most importantly for the officers, the devices can capture high quality images from a distance.”

ACLU Critical Of Social Media Tracking Tools Used By Police.

The [AP](#) (10/6, Gurman) reports the ACLU is expressing criticism of “common tools that allow police to conduct real-time social media surveillance during protests.” Law enforcement uses “services such as Geofeedia, which map, collect and store information from social media posts, [as a tool] to help find crime witnesses, spot brewing problems during large gatherings and gauge community sentiment.” The ACLU argues the “software can be easily used to collect information on peaceful protesters or target certain groups.” The AP points out that social media tracking software is “also used by news organizations, retailers and companies to quickly analyze large amounts of social media.”

ALSO IN THE NEWS

Few Police Agencies Using Gun Database Technology.

In a piece for the [Washington Post](#) (10/6, Schwartzapfel, Project), Beth Schwartzapfel of The Marshall Project lauds the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN), which “contains high-resolution images of almost 3 million casings police have collected from crime scenes or test-fired from guns used in crimes nationwide since 1999,” and “reads unique markings that guns leave on shell casings and then flags potential matches, signaling when the same gun may have been used in more than one shooting.” However, “only a few hundred of the nation’s 18,000 police departments use the database,” and of those, “only a handful have been using it the way ATF intends.” The technology “requires a considerable commitment of personnel and money,” and “many departments have adopted it in a scattershot way: They enter shell casings inconsistently and fail to follow up on leads.”

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CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

FBI Arrests NSA Contractor Suspected Of Stealing Critical Codes.

News that NSA contractor Harold Martin III was arrested for stealing important computer codes received extensive coverage Wednesday. Nearly all reports noted that the codes were allegedly used by the NSA to hack foreign actors. [USA Today](#) (10/5, Johnson) reports that according to the government complaint, six files that Martin had “were produced through sensitive government sources, methods and capabilities which are critical to a wide variety of national security issues.” [NBC News](#) (10/5) says the investigation is looking into a link between Martin and the Shadow Brokers, “and any connection between Martin and NSA hacking tools that were put up for sale by the Shadow Brokers, a senior official said.”

Opioid Crisis May Be Spreading.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (10/5, A1, Kamp, Campo-Flores, Subscription Publication) reports on its front-page that small-scale drug labs are popping up nationwide. Law enforcement personnel say such labs threaten to add a new dimension for authorities that are already trying to combat the large-scale drug

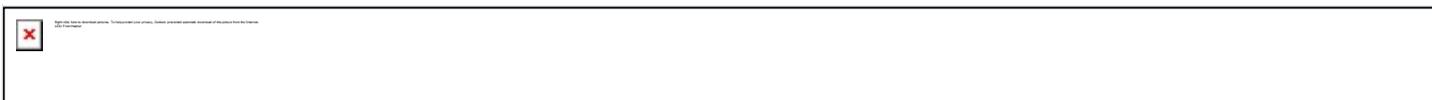
gangs and address the opioid crisis. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention over 28,000 people died from opioid-related overdoses in 2014, more than double the total from a decade earlier.

NPR Examines Strength Of Aryan Brotherhood Of Texas.

[NPR](#) (10/4) examines the current strength of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas (ABT), "one of the most violent crime syndicates in America," after a Justice Department crackdown two years ago. Investigators "say...there is less mayhem on the streets and fewer vicious attacks by Aryan brothers on each other" as a result of the arrests. However, former enforcers for the gang tell NPR that the ABT will likely come back violently. Mike Squyres, a veteran gang investigator at the Harris County Sheriff's Office in Houston, says the relative quiet currently is a "respite" for law enforcement, before the ABT "will start growing again." Squyres adds that the "key is that these defendants got time in federal prison, not in Texas prisons," because they might end up in a "federal penitentiary in New York, [where] there may be only one other" ABT member.

US Charges Two Colombians With Trafficking Three Tons Of Cocaine.

The [AP](#) (10/5) reports that "two Colombian men have been extradited to Los Angeles to face charges that they tried to smuggle tons of cocaine into the United States, federal prosecutors announced Wednesday." Dicson Penagos-Casanova, 36, and Juan Gabriel Rios Sierra, 34, "allegedly handled at least \$70 million worth of cocaine that was seized by authorities after planes carrying the drugs crashed, the U.S. attorney's office said." The men were extradited to Los Angeles from Columbia on Tuesday "and could face up to life in federal prison if convicted of conspiracy and cocaine possession charges." An indictment unsealed on Tuesday "contends that Penagos and Rios arranged for cocaine processed in laboratories outside Meta, Colombia, to be shipped to underground storage facilities near clandestine airstrips in Venezuela."



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TECHNOLOGY

West Virginia Marshals To Use Scanners To Track Sex Offenders.

[West Virginia MetroNews](#) (10/5) reports from Morgantown, WV that “nearly instantaneous information sharing about sex offenders will help the US Marshals Service and West Virginia State Police track the guilty. ‘What took days previously will now take moments. And, time is of the essence,’ said Alex Neville, Chief Deputy US Marshal for Northern West Virginia.” The Marshals Service “presented \$5,000 worth of equipment to Troop 1 of the West Virginia State Police Wednesday morning.” According to Neville, “the donated technology could help expedite investigations and the tracking of fugitives. ‘This would be information pertaining to sex offender registration data. That would be photographs of sex offenders and supporting documentation regarding their record of conviction or biological data that would assist the United States Marshal Service.’”

Carlin: Most Young Terrorist Recruitment Linked To Social Media.

[CNBC](#) (10/5) reports that ISIL is “so adept in its use of social media for propaganda and recruitment, that most cases of domestic terrorism can now be traced to social media platforms. ‘We’ve got to get the message out: Terrorists are using social media to target young kids,’ said John Carlin, assistant attorney general for national security at the Department of Justice.” Carlin’s comments “came in an on-stage interview with CNBC’s Andrew Ross-Sorkin at the Cambridge Cyber Summit at MIT on Wednesday.” CNBC adds that “Internet terrorists are deliberately using social media to target tens of thousands,” Carlin said. ISIL “and others are using platforms like Facebook, YouTube and Twitter to reach isolated teens here in the United States, and they know how to get their attention with social media posts, Carlin said.”

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HEADLINE	10/04 Duterte latest tirade against US
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/philippines-president-duterte-tells-obama-you-can-go-to-hell/
GIST	<p>MANILA, Philippines - Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has told President Barack Obama “you can go to hell” in his latest tirade against the U.S. over its criticism of his deadly anti-drug campaign.</p> <p>He also lashed out anew at the European Union in a speech Tuesday saying the 28-nation bloc, which has also criticized his brutal crackdown, “better choose purgatory, hell is filled up.”</p> <p>Duterte, who took office in June, has been hypersensitive to criticisms over his anti-drug fight, which has left more than an estimated 3,000 suspected drug dealers and pushers dead in just three months, alarming the United Nations, the E.U., the U.S. and human rights watchdogs.</p> <p>Angered by the U.S. criticism, Duterte has declared he wants to reduce the presence of U.S. troops in the country.</p> <p>The brash-talking president has lashed out at everyone critical of his bloody drug war, which most call a human rights violation for its encouragement of vigilantism and lack of due process. He recently felt forced to apologize to Jews worldwide for comparing himself and his drug war to Hitler.</p> <p>President Barack Obama, U.N. officials and human rights watchdogs have raised concerns over the widespread killings, but Duterte has lashed back at them and other critics. He said that critics were impeding his battle against a problem that has worsened into a national security threat.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Seahawks players meet with Seattle PD
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/sports/seahawks/seahawk-doug-baldwin-and-teammates-meet-with-seattle-police-department-officers/
GIST	<p>After the Seahawks decided to link arms during the national anthem, their way of responding to recent police shootings and other social issues, receiver Doug Baldwin said the next step was for the players to turn their public stances into future action.</p> <p>“Our team is united together to have a follow through,” Baldwin said.</p>

As part of that follow through, Baldwin and other Seahawks players met on Monday at the team's practice facility in Renton with members of the Seattle Police Department. An SPD spokesman confirmed the meeting but said other details were not immediately available.

Baldwin had said last month that such meetings would be forthcoming.

"At this very moment, we're scheduling a meeting with the mayor of Seattle, with police chiefs across the country, across the state I should say, and we're discussing ways to just start discussion," Baldwin said following the Seahawks' season opener against Miami. "That's the first step, is to have communication. We need to know the perspective of other people. The greatest tragedy for any human being is going through their entire lives believing the only perspective that matters is their own. We need to break down those walls and barriers and get people to see that there's perspectives outside of their own eyes."

After helping the Seahawks' form their decision to link arms as part of the team's Building Bridges Task Force, Baldwin later made a call for all 50 state attorneys general to review their policies for police training and law enforcement.

Baldwin revealed during an interview on 60 Minutes Sports set to air Tuesday at 8 p.m. that he had received death threats after initially speaking out on police-related topics.

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HEADLINE	10/03 Study: distrust yields fewer 911 calls
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/oct/3/police-distrust-among-blacks-yields-fewer-911-call/
GIST	<p>Black Americans have significantly less confidence in their local police departments than white Americans, surveys show, and it could be having some startling effects on crime.</p> <p>A new study analyzing nearly 900,000 911 calls in Milwaukee found that emergency calls from majority-black neighborhoods dropped precipitously after the highly publicized beating of a black man by police officers. In the months after the number of emergency calls fell, Milwaukee saw an uptick in homicides — highlighting a potential link between incidents of police violence and an increases in violent crime.</p> <p>The findings come as the latest FBI crime data released last week show a 4 percent uptick in violent crime and an 11 percent increase in homicides in 2015.</p> <p>The study of 911 calls, done by faculty from Harvard, Yale and Oxford universities, looked at calls placed to police in Milwaukee between 2004 and 2010. It honed in on calls and crime rates after the widely publicized 2004 beating of Frank Jude, a black man, by several police officers. The incident had gone unreported for months before the Milwaukee Sentinel Journal broke the story in early 2005.</p>

Controlling for factors such as seasonal ebbs in crime rates and weather, the researchers estimated that 22,000 fewer 911 calls were made over the following year after accounts of the beating hit the press — equating to a 17 percent drop overall.

However, calls from majority-black neighborhoods fell by 56 percent, while those from white neighborhoods had “a small decline.” In addition, the study found calls from white neighborhoods rebounded to usual levels much more quickly than those from black neighborhoods.

The study notes that publicized cases of police violence “not only threaten the legitimacy and reputation of law enforcement; they also — by driving down 911 calls — thwart the suppression of law breaking, obstruct the application of justice, and ultimately make cities as a whole, and the black community in particular, less safe.

“It is one thing to disparage law enforcement in your thoughts and speech after an instance of police violence or corruption makes the news,” the study notes. “It is quite another to witness a crime, or even to be victimized, and refuse to report it.”

The study’s authors conclude that the drop in 911 calls “shows that in predominantly black neighborhoods, publicized cases of police violence can have a community-wide impact on crime reporting that transcends individual encounters.”

One of the authors, Matthew Desmond of Harvard, told the Sentinel Journal that the researchers could not definitively say the drop in calls caused the homicide spike, but “I think the pattern of homicide data does suggest the drop in crime reporting in the immediate aftermath of Frank Jude might have contributed to that spike in a major way.”

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HEADLINE	10/04 Govt. rehires firm linked to OPM breach
SOURCE	http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/us-government-re-hires-firm-linked/
GIST	<p>A new US government bureau created recently to manage security background checks on staff has hired a private company linked to the massive data breach at the Office of Personnel Management.</p> <p>US officials confirmed the hiring of KeyPoint Government Solutions by the new National Background Investigations Bureau (NBIB), Reuters claimed.</p> <p>An OPM spokesperson claimed the agency has already told Congress that a KeyPoint contractor’s log-ins were stolen by hackers and subsequently used to breach government systems, landing the attackers with a goldmine of sensitive security clearance information relating to federal employees.</p>

	The NBIB, which was created partially in response to that breach of over 22 million records, will apparently use KeyPoint staff and those from three other private sector firms to carry out field interviews for security clearance investigations.
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HEADLINE	10/03 Seattle safe injection sites proposed
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/409741/safe-injection-sites-seattle/
GIST	<p>The Seattle City Council was briefed Monday on a proposal for safe injection sites aimed at drug users in the region. The proposal is an attempt to mitigate the negative public effects of addiction in the area.</p> <p>“A major recommendation was that we create, essentially, a location where people can use drugs they obtain, bring them into the facility, they can get clean supplies to use those drugs, and be monitored during that consumption — generally by an RN or a health care provider,” Dr. Caleb Banta-Green from the University of Washington told the council.</p> <p>His argument is that the sites will cut down on public drug use, and therefore remove many of the negative effects on society such as dirty needles on the ground, overdoses and public use.</p> <p>The proposal is the product of the Heroin Crisis Task Force, which was formed by Seattle Mayor Ed Murray and King County Executive Dow Constantine. The task force is promoting one safe injection site in Seattle and one outside the city limits. On Monday, they made their case for why such safe injection sites are needed. According to Dr. Banta-Green, there were about seven million syringes traded in at King County needle exchanges last year – that equates to 19,000 each day.</p> <p>“What we’ve seen so far, the evidence is that they will use less in public,” Dr. Banta-Green said. “There will be less public consumption. There will be less infection disease transmissions. And the evidence is pretty good that there will be less overdose deaths.”</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Major Aleppo hospital bombed again
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/major-hospital-aleppo-syria-bombed-time-days/story?id=42533806
GIST	<p>Bombs struck one of the largest hospitals in east Aleppo, Syria, today for the third time in less than a week.</p> <p>The hospital, known as M10, operates underground and is the largest trauma and ICU center in eastern Aleppo. It was hit by bunker-buster bombs, which can destroy underground structures and hurt people sheltering underground, according to the Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS), which supports the hospital.</p>

	<p>The same hospital was also attacked Saturday and last Wednesday. Every time, it was forced to shut down due to extensive damage. The hospital was also closed at the time of today’s attack, but staff and technicians were inside, trying to repair the facility and protect the equipment, according to SAMS.</p> <p>“Our initial reports are telling us that three maintenance workers were killed and other staff remain under the rubble,” SAMS spokesperson Caroline Philhower told ABC News. “We are still learning more information as the attack was very recent.”</p> <p>Fewer than 30 doctors are now left working in Aleppo city, down from 35 several days ago, a senior official of the United Nations health agency said.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Immigration rules led to deadly gangs?
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/10/03/us-immigration-policies-allow-gangs-to-thrive-in-violence-plagued-ny-community-say-critics.html
GIST	<p>Critics say a combination of federal and local policies is being blamed for rolling out the red carpet for illegal immigrants, some of whom have committed violent crimes, allowing them to pour into a Long Island, N.Y., neighborhood where four teens have been murdered in recent weeks.</p> <p>Federal policy that allows Central American children apprehended by Border Patrol to be placed with illegal immigrant sponsors has sent thousands of teens to the region in recent years. While most don't arrive as hardened gang members, many are placed in homes with little supervision, say critics.</p> <p>“It should not be surprising that when these kids are allowed to enter illegally and then are placed in the custody of someone who is here illegally, they do not have much of an interest in complying with the process,” said Jessica Vaughan, director for policy studies for the Center for Immigration Studies.</p> <p>Compounding matters for some communities on Long Island, which has been plagued with violent crimes from the notorious El Salvadoran gang MS-13, is Suffolk County's status as a sanctuary county. The Center for Immigration Studies reports that Sheriff Vincent DeMarco, who could not be reached for comment, refuses to honor Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainers without a warrant.</p> <p>Vaughan noted that illegal immigrants have a big incentive to sign up as sponsors of unaccompanied children, whether they are family or not: Doing so shields them from deportation.</p> <p>Curtis Sliwa, founder of the community protection group the Guardian Angels, said Suffolk County being a sanctuary region only empowers MS-13.</p>

"Sanctuary will have a great impact on safety in Suffolk County as long as gang bangers are allowed to prey on their own people," says Sliwa, referring to the MS-13 primarily targeting Central American migrants for gang membership.

Known for patrolling subway platforms in New York City, Sliwa has now deployed Guardian Angels to bucolic communities on eastern Long Island, where violent crime at the hands of MS-13 is rising.

Vaughan and others claim the situation is a recruiting pipeline for MS-13, and Suffolk County has seen a rise of the notorious and violent gang. Last month, Nisa Mickens and Kayla Cuevas, both 15, were brutally murdered. Days after the teens were found beaten to death, the skeletal remains of 19-year-old Oscar Acosta and 15-year-old Miguel Garcia-Moran were discovered, all allegedly linked, according to the Suffolk County Police Department, to this violent clique -- sparking community outrage.

Vaughan has observed, through close analysis of immigration court records, that about half of the children are not showing up to their hearings.

Between 2013 and 2015, ICE had deported 5,834 people who entered the country as unaccompanied children, but by the time the feds catch up to them they are well into their adult years and have already committed a violent crime.

Mark Weber, spokesman for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said the goal of the program is to place the children with their parents or family members who are already in the country -- regardless of their immigration status.

"Last year, 55 percent of children were released to a parent, 36 percent were released to a close family member and the remaining 9 percent were released to a distant or non-relative sponsor," says Weber.

Weber says he does not have updated figures on how many children were placed with illegal immigrant sponsors, which includes home visits and follow-up calls once the child has been placed with the sponsor. However, the statistics posted on the HHS website tell part of the story.

According to the HHS website, in fiscal year 2015 only 1,895 home visits were conducted out of 33,726 referrals made by DHS.

Vaughan expressed little confidence in the follow-up phone call system, saying there is no way to monitor the progress of the child.

Over the past four years alone, 225,725 unaccompanied Central American children have entered the United States -- with nearly 3,500 of them being placed in Suffolk County between October 2013 and July 2016.

HEADLINE	10/03 NHTSA probes Ford vehicles
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/us-probes-ford-vehicles-for-steering-door-latch-problems/
GIST	<p>DETROIT -- Two Ford Motor Co. models are under investigation by U.S. safety regulators for problems similar to those that have caused nearly 3 million other Ford vehicles to be recalled.</p> <p>The probes cover about 643,000 vehicles including 380,000 Edge SUVs from the 2011 to 2013 model years, and nearly 263,000 Fusions from the 2010 model year. In each case, other Ford vehicles have been recalled for what appears to be the same problems.</p> <p>About 1,560 people have complained to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that the “door ajar” warning light won’t shut off on the Edges, and some have reported that the doors can fly open while the SUVs are moving. One injury was reported. The problem is similar to one that has dogged Ford for the past year, forcing it to recall 2.4 million other vehicles.</p> <p>In the other case, NHTSA said it has 547 complaints that the electric power-assisted steering can fail on the 2010 Ford Fusion. Last year, the company recalled Fusions from the 2011 and 2012 model years, but did not recall the 2010 models even though they have the same power steering system, the safety agency said in documents posted Monday. NHTSA said it has 12 reports of crashes and four injuries due to the problem.</p> <p>The investigations could lead to expansion of the previous recalls, although that decision has not been made. The safety agency says it will “assess the scope, frequency and consequence” of the alleged defects.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 India, Pakistan troops exchange gunfire
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/indian-pakistani-troops-exchange-gunfire-kashmir/
GIST	<p>SRINAGAR, India - Indian and Pakistani troops fired at each other in disputed Kashmir on Monday, as Indian troops searched an army camp elsewhere in the region where suspected militants killed an Indian paramilitary soldier.</p> <p>The exchange of gunfire lasted about five hours and caused no casualties, according to an Indian army officer who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to media. The army said earlier that Pakistani troops had fired without provocation using small arms and mortar shells in the Poonch sector of the Line of Control separating the Indian- and Pakistani-controlled parts of Kashmir.</p> <p>Pakistan’s army said in a statement that its troops were responding to unprovoked firing by Indian soldiers.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 WSDOT: Tacoma traffic delays to 2017
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2016/10/03/wsdot-expect-traffic-backups-near-sr-16-and-i-5-in-tacoma-through-spring-2017/
GIST	<p>TACOMA — Drivers are bracing for backups and delays on eastbound State Route 16 through Tacoma.</p> <p>The Washington State Department of Transportation says starting Wednesday the SR 16 on-ramp to northbound I-5 will be reduced to one lane until spring 2017. The change will give construction crews room to work on a project extending HOV lanes into Tacoma, according to WSDOT.</p> <p>Crews are building new road approaches to the newly constructed bridge over Interstate 705/State Route 7. WSDOT says that new bridge will eventually carry all northbound I-5 traffic. The existing northbound I-5 lanes will be converted into HOV lanes.</p> <p>“Because we’ve used this traffic configuration before, we already know it will cause delays,” said WSDOT Project Engineer Brenden Clarke. “Space is very tight through the area, which limits our options. We’ll work as quickly as we can to get this phase of construction behind us.”</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 ‘Cops’ returns to Pierce County
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/409207/cops-returns-to-pierce-county/
GIST	<p>Pierce County deputies were back in the limelight over the weekend for the newest episode of “Cops.”</p> <p>The “Clueless” episode aired Saturday night. For Pierce County law enforcement, it’s a privilege.</p> <p>“I’ve worked with ‘Cops’ for years,” sheriff’s office spokesperson Deputy Ed Troyer told Don O’Neill earlier this year. “We’ve done over 100 segments with them and we like having them here. Our guys like it. It’s great for morale.”</p> <p>Though some departments don’t want to be the center of attention, that isn’t the case over in Pierce County.</p> <p>“We get people sending us emails from all over the country about how professional our guys are,” Troyer said. “We got guys that saw us on ‘Cops,’ applied, and now work for us.”</p> <p>Troyer told the “Ron and Don Show” that the Pierce County Sheriff’s Office is quite different than a lot of other agencies that are on camera. The department covers several communities — from Mount Rainier to the Key Peninsula.</p> <p>That’s not to say the department hasn’t passed on the opportunity to be on the show in the past. For example, the department took a pass on the show’s 26th season. That was because of a lack of manpower, Troyer told The News Tribune.</p>

	<p>Around the same time the department made the decision to not join the reality television program, it was also reporting its lowest staffing levels in years. A study found the department was down to 179 deputies in 2013 and 2014. Staffing has since been slowly increasing since. There were reportedly 184 deputies working for the department in 2015 and 189 for 2016.</p> <p>Those staffing levels are still significantly lower than they were in 2007 when 235 deputies were working for the department.</p> <p>In June, the department reported it wants to hire 72-82 new employees, including civilians, deputies, sergeants, and lieutenants.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Aiming for Cascadia innovation corridor
SOURCE	http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/03/technology/next-big-tech-corridor-between-seattle-and-vancouver-planners-hope.html? r=0
GIST	<p>VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Seattle and Vancouver are like fraternal twins separated at birth. Both are bustling Pacific Northwest coastal cities with eco-conscious populations that have accepted the bargain of dispiriting weather for much of the year in exchange for nearby ski slopes and kayaking and glorious summers.</p> <p>Yet 140 miles of traffic-choked roads and an international border divide the two cities, keeping them farther apart than their geographic and cultural identities would suggest.</p> <p>Now the political, academic and tech elite of both cities are looking for ways to bring them closer together, with the aim of continuing the growth of two of the most vibrant economies in North America.</p> <p>“Vancouver has a lot more in common with Seattle than we do with Calgary, Montreal, Toronto, anywhere else in our country,” Christy Clark, the premier of British Columbia, said in an interview. “We should make the most of those cultural commonalities.”</p> <p>Whether their grand vision of a “Cascadia innovation corridor” — which borrows its name from the region’s Cascade mountain range — ever materializes, leaders on both sides of the border have motives for getting cozier immediately. American tech icons like Microsoft, with voracious needs for global engineering talent, are expanding their Vancouver offices, partly because of Canada’s smoother immigration process.</p> <p>For its part, Vancouver wants to bring more American technology companies to the city in hopes of spinning out future entrepreneurs who will expand its comparatively small base of technology companies.</p>

	<p>Last month, officials and executives from both cities huddled in a Vancouver hotel to discuss how to enable people, ideas and capital to flow more freely between them, as heedless of the international border separating the cities as a pod of orcas swimming in the sea.</p> <p>At the Cascadia conference, Ms. Clark and Jay Inslee, the governor of Washington, signed an agreement to deepen the ties between Vancouver and Seattle, including more research collaboration between the University of British Columbia and the University of Washington. Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft, and Satya Nadella, its current chief executive, talked about globalization and education.</p> <p>But Vancouver remains a relative small fry in tech, with about \$1.78 billion in venture capital flowing into local tech start-ups in the last decade, compared with about \$8.9 billion in Seattle, the research firm Pitchbook estimates.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Report: illegal immigration nears record
SOURCE	http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/border-report-illegal-immigration-set-to-break-record-vip-smuggling-offered/article/2603422
GIST	<p>The newest surge in illegal immigration from Mexico did not slow in August, as expected, and now is on the verge of breaking the 2014 record, driven by deported migrants eager to return and illegals paying smugglers extra money for VIP services, according to a new report from the border.</p> <p>"FY2016 has already seen the second highest number of apprehensions in the last five years, and will likely come close to or even exceed the number of apprehensions as the crisis year of 2014," said the report from two immigration experts for the Wilson Center who recently return from a border tour to conduct interviews with immigrants.</p> <p>What was surprising, said the report, is that the expected slowdown in illegal immigration in August, when the heat typically drives people away, didn't occur.</p> <p>"Central Americans continue to arrive at the U.S.-Mexico border in surprising numbers. While they have not yet surpassed the peak of fiscal year 2014, August 2016 had the highest number of [unaccompanied children] and family unit apprehensions of any August in the past five years including 2014. Normally, apprehensions begin to decline in August because of the heat and the reduced demand for seasonal labor in the U.S. – which makes the increased apprehension numbers this August surprising," said the report.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Army secretary: stretched very thin
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/army-force-soldiers-isil/2016/10/03/id/751460/
GIST	The Army is being "stretched very thin" as it draws down to a total force of 980,000, and "I do worry about that," the service's top civilian leader said Monday.

At the Association of the United States Army's annual convention in Washington, Army Secretary Eric Fanning said the rise of ISIS and Russian aggression are creating a bigger demand for soldiers, **Defense News reported.**

"We did not see Russia being as aggressive as it is," Fanning said, per Defense News. "We did not have ISIL to contend with like we do now. There are a lot of requirements on an Army that is being asked to do a lot of things globally.

"Just in the last four years or so, we have increased our uniformed [and] civilian presence in the Pacific theater by 50 percent while we are drawing down."

Defense News noted the drawdown aims for 450,000 in the active Army, 335,000 in the Army National Guard, and 195,000 in the Army Reserve by the end of 2018.

"I do worry about that," Fanning said. "We are running it hard."

But Fanning said any increase in Army forces cannot be done without proper funding, Defense News reported.

"The worst thing for the Army would be that we are required to keep a larger force structure but the budget does not change," he said. "We have already taken a lot of risk in our modernization accounts . . . and in our operations and maintenance accounts. The force structure that we are headed towards, while there are a lot of requirements levied against it, it is, we think, a balanced force structure for the budget that we have."

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HEADLINE	10/04 Syria govt. forces press Aleppo attack
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/M/ML_SYRIA?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-10-04-05-41-19
GIST	<p>BEIRUT (AP) -- Syrian rebels say pro-government forces are pressing their assault on the eastern, rebel-held neighborhoods of Aleppo, this time attacking the city from the south in a bid to penetrate opposition-controlled areas.</p> <p>The Islamic Front rebel coalition said on Twitter on Tuesday that its factions repelled an advance on the Sheikh Saeed neighborhood.</p> <p>The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says the government offensive is accompanied by airstrikes on the contested neighborhoods.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Seattle bag fee here to stay
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/seattles-bag-fee-is-here-to-stay/328751115
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- The city's five cent bag fee is here to stay.</p> <p>The surcharge was a political battle five years ago when the city agreed allow stores to tax customers a nickel for a paper bag. It was thought, at the time, it could be a good way to encourage the use of reusable bags. The city says it worked and has cut plastic bag use by 50% since 2012.</p> <p>That's why legislation was drafted to eliminate the 'temporary fee,' which was set to retire at the end of 2016.</p> <p>In fact, there was hardly a peep when council member Lisa Herbold approved the ordinance in her committee, and by herself, at a meeting last month.</p> <p>The council approved the ordinance unanimously Monday after no issues were raised.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/04 Pakistan, India try to defuse tension
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/10/04/pakistan-india-try-to-defuse-tensions-after-fire-exchanges.html
GIST	<p>ISLAMABAD – Officials in Islamabad say Pakistan and India are trying to de-escalate border tensions after their troops exchanged several rounds of gunfire over the last week in the disputed Kashmir region.</p> <p>The officials said Tuesday that Pakistani adviser Nasser Khan Janjua spoke with India's security adviser Ajit Doval by phone briefly on Monday, discussing ways to restore calm.</p> <p>It's the first such contact amid tensions that have been running high between the two nuclear arch-rivals since India claimed a militant attack in its part of Kashmir had killed 19 soldiers on Sept. 18.</p> <p>The three officials, including a close aide of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to disclose the information to the media.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/04 US: Russia deploys SA-23 system Syria
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/10/04/russia-deploys-advanced-anti-missile-system-to-syria-for-first-time-us-officials-say.html
GIST	Russia has deployed an advanced anti-missile system to Syria for the first time, three US officials tell Fox News, the latest indication that Moscow continues to ramp up its military operations in Syria in support of President Bashar al-Assad.

<p>Return to Top</p>	<p>It comes after Russia's actions led to the collapse of a cease-fire and the cut-off of direct talks with the U.S.</p> <p>While Moscow's motives are not certain, officials say the new weapon system could potentially counter any American cruise missile attack in Syria.</p> <p>Components of the SA-23 Gladiator anti-missile and anti-aircraft system, which has a range of roughly 150 miles, arrived over the weekend "on the docks" of a Russian naval base along Syria's Mediterranean coastal city of Tartus, two US officials said.</p> <p>It is the first time Russia has deployed the SA-23 system outside its borders, according to one Western official citing a recent intelligence assessment. The missiles and associated components are still in their crates and are not yet operational, according to the officials.</p> <p>The U.S. intelligence community has been observing the shipment of the SA-23 inside Russia in recent weeks, according to one official.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Fla., N.C. declare state of emergency
SOURCE	https://weather.com/news/news/hurricane-matthew-us
GIST	<p>Although it is too early to know for certain where Matthew will head after it hits the Greater Antilles, authorities in several Southeastern states are making plans should the storm decide to take aim at U.S. soil.</p> <p>For now, all interests along the Southeast coast should continue to monitor the progress of Matthew closely, says weather.com meteorologist Chris Dolce.</p> <p>Already, emergencies have been declared in two states – all of Florida, as well as eastern and central North Carolina. In both states, the decision was made because governors wanted to make resources available for what may become a large-scale preparation if Matthew were to threaten.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Maine recalls mussels, clams
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/10/03/health/mussels-and-clams-recalled-maine/index.html
GIST	<p>Maine's Department of Marine Resources has recalled mussels and clams harvested in the state after some tested positive for a deadly neurotoxin.</p> <p>There are no reports of anyone getting sick. The department issued the recall after tests found the toxin, domoic acid, at a level that is higher than the established threshold.</p>

	<p>The recall applies to mussels and mahogany quahogs that were harvested or wet-stored Sunday through Friday of last week in the Jonesport area of Maine, and clams that were harvested last Wednesday through Friday from Cranberry Point in Corea to Cow Point in Roque Bluffs.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 LAPD chief defends 2 fatal shootings
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/lapd-chief-defends-2-fatal-weekend-police-shootings/
GIST	<p>LOS ANGELES -- The Los Angeles police chief on Monday defended the use of deadly force against two men in separate fatal shootings over the weekend, saying one turned toward officers with a gun and the other pointed what looked like a real gun at police.</p> <p>LAPD Chief Charlie Beck released new details of Saturday's shooting of 18-year-old Carnell Snell in South Los Angeles and a fatal police shooting of an unidentified Hispanic man on Sunday.</p> <p>The shootings come amid heightened tensions over police actions involving black people and other minorities across the country.</p> <p>In Snell's shooting, officers tried to pull over a car he was in because it had paper plates that didn't match the year of the vehicle -- a possible indication of a stolen car and something commonly seen in drive-by shootings, Beck said.</p> <p>Snell, seated in the back, looked at officers and then ducked down "as if to hide from them," Beck said.</p> <p>When officers tried to pull the car over, Snell jumped out holding his waistband and the foot pursuit began, he said.</p> <p>After a chase of several hundred yards, Beck said, Snell took a gun from his waistband and turned in the direction of the pursuing officers, prompting the shooting.</p> <p>Snell died at the scene and police recovered a fully loaded semi-automatic gun with one round in the chamber within 5 feet of where Snell lay, Beck said, adding that the weapon had not been fired.</p> <p>In the other shooting Beck addressed, a man was shot when he pointed what turned out to be a replica handgun at police in another high-crime area on Sunday, the chief said, adding that an orange tip had been colored black to make the replica look real.</p> <p>The man remained unidentified. He was only described as Hispanic.</p>

	Beck said both officers involved in that shooting were wearing body cameras and the footage supports their accounts while refuting claims that the man was shot on the ground.
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HEADLINE	10/03 NKorea missiles leave Japan vulnerable
SOURCE	http://time.com/4517524/north-korea-missile-rocket-test-japan-threat/?xid=homepage
GIST	<p>(TOKYO) — Successful rocket tests have propelled North Korea ahead in a two-decade long arms race with Japan, leaving Tokyo unsure it could fend off a missile strike by the Pyongyang regime without U.S. help, military sources told Reuters.</p> <p>Under young leader Kim Jong Un, North Korea has test fired 21 ballistic missiles since the start of the year, an unprecedented burst of activity that has rattled its neighbors and the international community.</p> <p>“Their progress has been faster than anticipated,” a senior Japanese military commander said. “There is a limit to what our current ballistic missile defense system can achieve,” he added, asking not to be identified because he isn’t authorized to speak to the media.</p> <p>Planned upgrades to Japan’s ballistic missile defense (BMD) are not due to begin until April at the earliest, while the deployment of new systems designed to destroy incoming warheads could take years to complete.</p> <p>Constrained by production schedules and tight budgets that limit its ability to accelerate those plans, Japan may instead have to lean more heavily on its U.S. ally to guard against attacks, the sources said.</p> <p>“Our only option for now may be to rely on the U.S. to stop them,” said another source at Japan Self Defense Forces (SDF).</p>
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HEADLINE	10/04 Colombia’s rebels left in limbo
SOURCE	http://time.com/4517544/colombia-rebels-farc-peace-deal-limbo/?xid=homepage
GIST	<p>BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — As peace talks in Colombia advanced over the past year, 7,000 rebel fighters began slowly emerging from their jungle hideouts hoping for, if not a hero’s welcome, at least an outstretched hand from fellow Colombians tired of a half century of bloody combat.</p> <p>But with the peace deal’s stunning defeat in a referendum Sunday, the future of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia’s rebels is now in limbo just a few days after they unanimously ratified the accord and began planning a return to civilian life.</p>

For now, a return to the battlefield in a war that has already killed 220,000 people and displaced 8 million seems unlikely. Within hours of defeat, FARC leader Rodrigo Londono reaffirmed the group's commitment to peace, saying its only weapon going forward would be the power of its word. On Monday, he said his troops would honor its commitments to the government and stick by a permanent cease-fire.

The government has vowed the same and President Juan Manuel Santos quickly dispatched his negotiators to Cuba to try to salvage the accord. He also extended an olive branch to arch-rival former President Alvaro Uribe, inviting the hard-line conservative who led the opposition to the accord to join him in a bid to renegotiate and strengthen it.

But the rebels' ambition, enshrined in a 297-page document that would have allowed them to avoid jail time and form a political movement with seats in Congress, is now at risk. As part of the deal, rebels who confess their crimes to special peace tribunals were to be spared prison sentences and instead perform development work in areas hard-hit by the conflict.

Colombians overwhelmingly loathe the FARC, who they blame for dozens of crimes from drug-trafficking and the forced recruitment of child soldiers to kidnapping and attacks on civilians. That hatred was only reinforced by Sunday's results. The FARC always opposed Santos' idea of a referendum and instead favored ratifying the accord in a constitutional convention.

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HEADLINE	10/03 NKorea work gangs race against time
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/north-korea/north-korea-floods-work-gangs-race-against-time-winter-looms-n658551
GIST	<p>YONSA, North Korea — It has suffered the worst natural disaster in its history but North Korea blowing its trumpet of revolutionary socialism and trying to turn catastrophe into triumph.</p> <p>Everywhere you look across dozens of miles of the country's remote northeast, red flags flutter in the stiff breeze and work gangs toil to fix broken river banks, digging away mud that was piled deep by raging waters in recent floods.</p> <p>In the small town of Yonsa, more than 4,000 soldiers are hauling rocks, making bricks and rebuilding bridges.</p> <p>After a four-hour drive on dirt roads into the most inaccessible corner of this secretive country, NBC News witnessed scenes of frantic activity.</p> <p>Soldiers and citizens have been given three weeks by their leader Kim Jong Un to rebuild the town and house the 27,000 people who lost their dwellings, before the winter sets in at the end of the month.</p>

	It's no easy task. Where 700 homes once stood, only five remain. To the rousing accompaniment of a military band, they are racing against time to build three-story apartment blocks to house the families.
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HEADLINE	10/03 Geologists: major L.A. quake soon
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/7-earthquake-to-shake-la-or-not/328689465
GIST	<p>HOUSTON-LOS ANGELES (KHOU) -- As I type this up from my perch in Houston -- an area more at risk for a meteor impact than a major earthquake -- learning of one of the first ever, "earthquake advisories" issued for Los Angeles sounds like something out of the movies. Geologists with the California Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (CEPEC) say a 7.0 could hit at any moment either today or tomorrow.</p> <p>The reason for the hype? A large grouping of micro-quakes have occurred with high frequency -- one after another -- in the Salton Sea, a lake located directly on the San Andreas fault southeast of Los Angeles.</p> <p>Earth scientists say this, "swarm" of quakes could act like the wick to a firework, triggering the infamous fault to unleash a historic and devastating 7.0+ quake right through our nation's 2nd largest city. The San Andreas fault typically shakes once every 200 years, but according to geological history it hasn't since the 17th century. If 1680 was the last big one, LA is about 136 years overdue!</p> <p>We've only popularly speculated what could happen in summertime blockbusters like, "San Andreas" with The Rock and in B-movies like, "10.0 Earthquake" (which was actually pretty entertaining.) While the state of California wouldn't separate from the continent and while LA would not be sent plummeting into the sea, its countless warehouses, movie studios, cinder block buildings, scores of downtown skyscrapers, its theme parks and bridges -- all could break apart with debris falling to the streets below. A 7.0 in LA would mean that that the ground could shake for one minute straight, with violent aftershocks for days after. Fires from broken natural gas lines, impassible roads from fallen overpasses, and general mayhem would result in looting and general anarchy. The National Guard would have to swoop in -- like ASAP -- in a huge mobilization.</p> <p>If LA does get a huge earthquake, it'll be horrible -- but scientifically, it'll be a landmark in earthquake forecasting. So far, there have been no successful earthquake warnings and consequently millions of lives worldwide have been lost. If they get it right, it'll not only shake up LA, but the whole world.</p> <p>The chance for this happening today is roughly double what it is on any other day: only 1 in 3000. But, some geologists estimate using this same data says that there's only a 1 in 100 chance in the next day or so! In the real world, that's thankfully still a generally small chance, but if it was going to happen sometimes soon anyway, this would be the time.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 'Thin blue line coffee' helps COPS
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/thin-blue-line-coffee-to-help-families-of-fallen-officers/328680334
GIST	<p>EDMONDS, Wash. -- After 18 years in law enforcement, Carl Orsi has consumed more than his share of coffee. It runs through his veins, much like his commitment to police officers everywhere.</p> <p>Orsi and his wife Cheri moved to Edmonds when he retired from the Berkley, California Police Department. His career saw the start of the crack cocaine epidemic, the Rodney King riots, and more murders than he can remember. But it was what he watched from the safety of his living room this summer -- the ambush-style slaughter of five Dallas police officers at a Black Lives Matter rally -- that impacted him in a way he has never experienced before.</p> <p>"The job is hard enough. Now you've got people targeting police officers just for the fact they wore a blue uniform," Orsi said.</p> <p>Not long after the Dallas killings, Orsi decided to get into the coffee business. He founded Thin Blue Line Coffee, a reference to the "thin blue line" of police that protects people from criminals.</p> <p>Proceeds from the sale of his coffee go to Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), an organization that supports families of police killed in the line of duty.</p> <p>"Once you're in the law enforcement family, you're in the family for good," said Orsi. "I just want to take care of family."</p> <p>Orsi sees the venture as simply a way to support people who have lost a loved one. It's a cause he believes everyone can get behind regardless of color or politics.</p> <p>"Because it doesn't just affect the officer. It affects the family, their teammates, the whole community."</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Who are Syria's 'white helmets'?
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/who-are-syria-s-white-helmets-n656171
GIST	<p>As the Syrian peace accord has crumbled — even threatening to reignite the Cold War — and barrel bombs continue to fall on the rebel-held city of Aleppo, many are fleeing the death and destruction. But one group of residents has vowed to stay behind and help.</p> <p>They are the "White Helmets," a volunteer team of first responders who plunge head-first into crumbling buildings to save civilians trapped in the rubble of Syria's brutal civil war.</p> <p>Named after their iconic protective headgear, the group of about 3,000 rescue workers have reportedly saved more than 60,000 lives since the civil war began.</p>

	<p>In August, their courage garnered international attention when they rescued 5-year-old Omran Daqneesh, the stunned little boy covered in dust and blood whose photo shocked the world.</p> <p>They have since been nominated for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize.</p> <p>The heroism of these ordinary citizens — former doctors, shopkeepers, and teachers — is profiled in a 40-minute Netflix documentary.</p> <p>"These are very normal, ordinary people who now do one of the most extraordinary jobs on this planet," said the film's director, Orlando von Einsiedel told NBC News last month.</p> <p>"They represent the best of what humanity can be," he said. "It has given us faith in humanity and has made us want to be better people."</p>
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HEADLINE	10/04 Turkey suspends 12,800 police officers
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/turkey-military-coup/turkey-suspends-12-800-police-officers-following-failed-coup-n659101
GIST	<p>ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish authorities on Tuesday suspended some 12,800 police officers from duty over their suspected links to U.S.-based Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen as Turkey pressed ahead with its vast crackdown on a network it says is behind the country's July 15 failed military coup.</p> <p>In a brief statement posted on its website, the Turkish police headquarters said those suspended were allegedly "in cohesion with or connected to" Gulen's movement. It said 2,523 of them were police chiefs.</p> <p>The move comes a day after the Cabinet extended by a further three months a state of emergency declared after the coup, which has facilitated the government's crackdown on Gulen's movement.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Nigeria risks renewed oil supply curbs
SOURCE	http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-10-03/nigeria-risks-renewed-oil-supply-curbs-amid-fraying-cease-fire
GIST	<p>If the Nigerian government wants to fight militants blowing up oil pipelines, it should send troops into the creeks and mangrove swamps of the Niger River delta. Not the city.</p> <p>That's the suggestion of Babalola Olarewaju, a taxi driver who plies the airport route in Port Harcourt, the largest city in the restive oil-rich region.</p>

“We’re talking about people who blow up pipelines in the night and then disappear,” said Olarewaju, 41, as he perched on the hood of his rickety cab outside the Le Meridien Hotel in the city center, referring to three T-72 tanks, Nigeria’s main battle tank, parked about a mile away. “What has a tank got to do here in the city?”

Dozens of tanks and 3,000 more troops have joined existing forces in and around Port Harcourt in the past month, a sign the government is pulling out the stops to quell a new wave of violence in Africa’s second-largest oil producer. So worrisome are the attacks that OPEC allowed Nigeria to be exempt from production curbs the cartel agreed on last week, the oil ministry said.

A six-week-old cease-fire show signs of weakening: The Niger Delta Avengers, responsible for more than 90 percent of all attacks this year, on Sept. 23 claimed responsibility for an attack, its first since July 24, on a key supply pipeline to Royal Dutch Shell Plc’s Bonny export terminal, a few miles outside Port Harcourt, in a statement on its website. The authenticity of the website, which has proved reliable before, couldn’t be verified.

There’s a lot at stake. Exxon Mobil Corp. is planning to resume some shipments at its Qua Iboe terminal, the country’s largest, at the end of September and expects repairs on the 400,000 barrel-a-day main export line will be completed in December. Shell also expects its Forcados terminal, out since February, to come back on line any time now. The company earlier this month lifted a delivery halt on its Bonny terminal shipments it had imposed in August after saboteurs breached its main supply pipeline.

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HEADLINE	10/03 Millions brace for Caribbean hurricane
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/hurricane-matthew-expected-bring-life-threatening-floods-parts/story?id=42531051
GIST	<p>The brunt of Hurricane Matthew's dangerous wind and rain is expected to strike several Caribbean countries tonight and Tuesday as the Category 4 hurricane heads toward Haiti, Cuba and Jamaica.</p> <p>The hurricane, with maximum sustained winds of 145 mph, is expected to bring "life-threatening flash floods and mudslides," according to the National Hurricane Center.</p> <p>According to the Associated Press, the outer bands of the storm were soaking Haiti Monday night. Officials pushed residents in a suburb of Port-au-Prince who lived near a river to seek shelter.</p> <p>At least three people had died in the storm -- one in Colombia, one in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and a fisherman in the waters off Haiti. Another fisherman was missing there, the AP said.</p> <p>Rainfall of up to 25 inches -- with isolated areas of 40 inches -- is forecast over the next two days across southern Haiti and parts of the southwestern Dominican Republic. As much as 12 inches of rain is</p>

	expected in Cuba and parts of western Haiti, and up to 10 inches is forecast in eastern Jamaica, according to the National Hurricane Center.
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HEADLINE	10/04 Evacuations as Colorado fire rages
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/hundreds-buildings-evacuated-fire-rages-colorado-42546238
GIST	<p>A wind-whipped wildfire destroyed several structures and forced hundreds of evacuations near a small mountain community in southern Colorado, authorities said Monday.</p> <p>More than 500 buildings were evacuated throughout the day and into the evening, affecting about 1,250 residents of Beulah, which is southwest of Pueblo. And more residents were warned to be ready to leave if necessary.</p> <p>No injuries were reported.</p> <p>The fire, which has destroyed at least seven structures and burned about 4 square miles, started on top of Beulah Hill on the east side of the community Monday afternoon and jumped Colorado Highway 78, The Pueblo Chieftain reported.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Kelso officer cleared in fatal shooting
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/kelso-officer-cleared-in-fatal-shooting-at-gas-station/
GIST	<p>KELSO — Charges will not be filed against a Kelso police officer who shot and killed an assault suspect inside a Kelso gas station food mart in August.</p> <p>Cowlitz County Prosecutor Ryan Jurvakainen says 27-year-old Omer Ali attacked a clerk, a customer and the officer with a 4-foot-long wooden staff and did not respond to the officer's orders to drop the pole.</p> <p>He told the Daily News of Longview Friday that his decision not to charge officer John Johnston, a 22-year veteran, was "clear cut."</p> <p>The prosecutor said Johnston properly asked Ali to drop his weapon and it was clear that Ali was committing crimes.</p> <p>Ali, of Spokane, died at the scene, and a coroner later ruled that he had died from a gunshot wound to his chest.</p>
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SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/politics/hillary-clinton-coming-to-seattle-for-fundraiser/328659576
GIST	<p>SEATTLE – Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton is coming to Seattle next week for a fundraiser.</p> <p>Seattle Theater Group is promoting “An Afternoon With Hillary Clinton” at the Paramount Theater on Friday, Oct. 14. The exact time has not been announced.</p> <p>Ticket prices range from \$250 for a seat in the balcony to \$25,000. The high price grants you a photo opportunity with Clinton and preferred floor seating.</p> <p>There is no word on whether Clinton will hold a public rally during her stop.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 What next for Colombia?
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-colombia-peace-idUSKCN1230BH
GIST	<p>Colombia's government and Marxist guerrillas scrambled on Monday to revive a plan to end their 52-year war after voters rejected the hard-negotiated deal as too lenient on the rebels in a shock referendum result that plunged the nation into uncertainty.</p> <p>Any renegotiated peace accord now seems to depend on whether the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) could accept some tougher sanctions against them.</p> <p>"No" voters, who narrowly won Sunday's plebiscite, want assurances the rebels will hand in cash from drugs, spend time in jail, and earn their political future at the ballot box rather than get guaranteed unelected seats in Congress.</p> <p>Both President Juan Manuel Santos and Rodrigo Londono, the top FARC commander better known by his nom de guerre Timochenko, put a brave face on the referendum setback after their teams had negotiated for four years in Havana.</p> <p>They vowed to maintain a ceasefire and keep working together, even though that could now be another lengthy and complicated process. "I will keep seeking peace until the last minute of my term," said Santos, who leaves office in mid-2018.</p> <p>In a statement, the FARC said it would "remain faithful" to the accord signed last week with the government and called on Colombians to mobilize peacefully to support terms of the existing agreement.</p>
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SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/10/03/turkey-extends-state-emergency-by-3-months-after-failed-coup.html
GIST	<p>ISTANBUL – Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus says a three-month-long state of emergency, declared after Turkey's failed military coup, has been extended by three more months.</p> <p>Speaking to reporters after a Cabinet meeting Monday, Kurtulmus said the state of emergency will be extended for another 90 days from Oct. 19.</p> <p>The state of emergency was introduced on July 20 -- five days after the failed coup attempt that killed at least 270 people.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Europe pushes joint army, defenses
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/u-s-led-nato-spotlight-europe-pushes-joint-army-defenses-n656976
GIST	<p>LONDON — European nations are pressing ahead with plans for joint defenses and military cooperation, raising fears that U.S.-led NATO could be undermined.</p> <p>With Britain poised to quit the European Union and Donald Trump raising doubts over NATO, France and Germany have been spearheading moves to boost Europe's capacity to run its own security operations.</p> <p>Joint development of assets such as helicopters and drones, stronger defenses against state-sponsored computer hackers and the expansion of peace-keeping abroad were among the proposals unveiled last week at a conference of European ministers.</p> <p>The plans, which could be green-lighted as early as December, come after EU President Jean-Claude Juncker called for the construction of a new EU military headquarters that would eventually control a joint EU army comprised of troops from member states.</p> <p>A common military force would be "in complement to NATO," he insisted in a speech last month, adding: "More defense in Europe doesn't mean less transatlantic solidarity."</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 US cuts talks with Russia over Syria
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/us-cuts-off-talks-russia-syria-cease-fire-aleppo-hospital/
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON – The U.S. State Department announced Monday it had suspended bilateral talks with Russia over the failed cease-fire in Syria's five-year-old civil war, saying Moscow had "failed to live up to its own commitments."</p>

	<p>The cessation of talks was announced amid worsening diplomatic relations between Washington and Moscow, and just after aid groups said their hospitals have been apparently directly targeted by a Russian-led bombing campaign. Activists have blamed the Russian government for 9,000 deaths in the last year.</p> <p>In a statement, spokesman John Kirby said “Russia and the Syrian regime have chosen to pursue a military course, inconsistent with the Cessation of Hostilities, as demonstrated by their intensified attacks against civilian areas, targeting of critical infrastructure such as hospitals, and preventing humanitarian aid from reaching civilians in need, including through the September 19 attack on a humanitarian aid convoy.”</p> <p>The U.S. and Russia had negotiated a short-lived and largely unsuccessful cease-fire that included a military coordination deal. As part of the suspension, the U.S. is withdrawing personnel that it had dispatched to take part in the creation of a joint U.S.-Russia center. That center was to have coordinated military cooperation and intelligence if the cease-fire had taken hold. The suspension will not affect communications between the two countries aimed at de-conflicting counter-terrorism operations in Syria.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Italy: 6,000 migrants rescued off Libya
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/italy-6000-migrants-rescued-sea-off-libya-42541637
GIST	<p>The Italian coast guard says 6,055 migrants have been rescued in one day in the Mediterranean off Libya. Nine bodies were recovered.</p> <p>The coast guard said it coordinated a total of 39 rescues Monday in the sea about 30 miles north of Tripoli. Smugglers took advantage of the first day of calm seas after days of rough waters to launch vessels crowded with migrants who pay them in hopes of reaching European shores.</p> <p>Italian coast guard and navy ships, as well as vessels in European Frontex sea patrols and several humanitarian organizations, participated in the rescues.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Judge tosses Ferguson civil rights suit
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/judge-tosses-lawsuit-ferguson-protest-police-tactics-42540460
GIST	<p>A federal judge has tossed out a \$40 million civil rights lawsuit that alleged police used excessive force against protesters in Ferguson after the 2014 police shooting death of Michael Brown.</p> <p>U.S. District Judge Henry Autrey, in a 74-page ruling Friday in St. Louis, found that the nine plaintiffs "completely failed to present any credible evidence" proving crowd-control tactics by police in the days following Brown's August 2014 death in the St. Louis suburb involved malice or bad faith.</p>

	<p>Autrey also concluded that the protesters ignored "repeated warnings" to disperse and that the officers named as defendants were entitled to immunity from the lawsuit.</p> <p>The protesters on Monday filed a notice of their plans to appeal Autrey's ruling to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Hawaii telescope battle rages
SOURCE	http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/04/science/hawaii-thirty-meter-telescope-mauna-kea.html
GIST	<p>MAUNA KEA, Hawaii — Little lives up here except whispering hopes and a little bug called Wekiu. Three miles above the Pacific, you are above almost half the oxygen in Earth's atmosphere and every step hurts. A few minutes in the sun will fry your skin. Brains and fingers go numb. At night, the stars are so close they seem tangled in your hair.</p> <p>Two years ago, this mountaintop was the scene of a cosmic traffic jam: honking horns, vans and trucks full of astronomers, V.I.P.s, journalists, businesspeople, politicians, protesters and police — all snarled at a roadblock just short of the summit.</p> <p>Abandoning their cars, some of the visitors started to hike up the hill toward what would have been a groundbreaking for the biggest and most expensive stargazing machinery ever built in the Northern Hemisphere: the Thirty Meter Telescope, 14 years and \$1.4 billion in the making.</p> <p>They were assembling on a plateau just below the summit, when Joshua Mangauil, better known by his Hawaiian name of Lanakila, then 27, barged onto the scene. Resplendent in a tapa cloth, beads, a red loin cloth, his jet black hair in a long Mohawk, he had hiked over the volcano's cinder cones barefoot.</p> <p>"Like snakes you are. Vile snakes," he yelled. "We gave all of our aloha to you guys, and you slithered past us like snakes."</p> <p>"For what? For your greed to look into the sky? You guys can't take care of this place."</p> <p>No ground was broken that day or since.</p> <p>To astronomers, the Thirty Meter Telescope would be a next-generation tool to spy on planets around other stars or to peer into the cores of ancient galaxies, with an eye sharper and more powerful than the Hubble Space Telescope, another landmark in humanity's quest to understand its origins.</p> <p>But to its opponents, the telescope would be yet another eyesore despoiling an ancient sacred landscape, a gigantic 18-story colossus joining the 13 telescopes already on Mauna Kea.</p>

	Over the years, some have portrayed this fight as a struggle between superstition and science. Others view the telescope as another symbol of how Hawaiians have been unfairly treated since Congress annexed the islands — illegally in the eyes of many — in 1898. And still others believe it will bring technology and economic development to an impoverished island.
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HEADLINE	10/03 Forecast: wet, cold, snow in the West
SOURCE	https://weather.com/forecast/regional/news/cold-change-forecast-west-cold-snow
GIST	<p>A big dip in the jet stream has ushered in cold air across most of the West to start the week allowing snow to fall from California's Sierra Nevada into the Rockies.</p> <p>This is the most widespread, locally heavy mountain snow event of the season, so far.</p> <p>As of late Sunday, parts of the Sierra Nevada near the border between California and Nevada had seen anywhere from a dusting to an inch of snow. Snowflakes were even spotted falling in the Reno, Nevada, area Sunday evening.</p> <p>The best chance of at least 6 inches of additional snow will be over the higher elevations of the northern Rockies, including mountain locations near Yellowstone National Park, as well as the higher peaks of the Wasatch of Utah.</p> <p>Some higher passes and peaks may pick up over a foot of heavy, wet snow, through midweek.</p>
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Cyber Awareness

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HEADLINE	10/03 Nat'l Cybersecurity Awareness Month
SOURCE	https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/national-cyber-security-awareness-month-2016
GIST	<p>Data breaches resulting in the compromise of personally identifiable information of thousands of Americans. Intrusions into financial, corporate, and government networks. Complex financial schemes committed by sophisticated cyber criminals against businesses and the public in general.</p> <p>These are just a few examples of crimes perpetrated online over the past year or so, and part of the reason why Director James Comey, testifying before Congress last week, said that “the pervasiveness of the cyber threat is such that the FBI and other intelligence, military, homeland security, and law enforcement agencies across the government view cyber security and cyber attacks as a top priority.”</p>

	<p>The FBI, according to Comey, targets the most dangerous malicious cyber activity—high-level intrusions by state-sponsored hackers and global cyber syndicates, and the most prolific botnets. And in doing so, we work collaboratively with our domestic and international partners and the private sector.</p> <p>But it's important for individuals, businesses, and others to be involved in their own cyber security. And National Cyber Security Awareness Month—a Department of Homeland Security-administered campaign held every October—is perhaps the most appropriate time to reflect on the universe of cyber threats and on doing your part to secure your own devices, networks, and data.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/04 Hacked Steam accounts with malware
SOURCE	https://www.hackread.com/hacked-steam-accounts-spreading-malware/
GIST	<p>Steam users are again under the radar of cyber criminals — This time, hacked steam accounts have been found distributing Remote Access Trojan (RAT).</p> <p>Previously we informed our readers about the hacking of Steam accounts. Now a Reddit user is claiming that some of these hacked accounts are distributing malware.</p> <p>The user on Reddit who goes by the alias Hayaddict can be seen alerting about the hacked Steam accounts being used to SPAM malicious URLs. Steam chat is the primary platform used for the distribution of this new malware. The chat messages contain a link to a video available at this address: videomeo.pw. As soon as the recipient of this message visits this page, another message window pops up requesting the visitor to download a Flash Player update to watch the video.</p> <p>Lawrence Abrams from Bleeping Computers writes that if the unsuspecting user downloads this update and installs it, nothing will happen and the video still won't be displayed because the installer is actually a malware. This Trojan immediately executes zaga.ps1, which is a PowerShell script that downloads a 7-zip archive, a CMD script and 7-zip extractor from the zahr.pw server.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Real-time phishing emerges in Brazil
SOURCE	http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/realtime-phishing-emerges-in-brazil/
GIST	<p>A real-time phishing campaign is targeting Brazil. This tactic is designed to emulate a banking Trojan by extracting critical data from its victims in real time via a live, interactive phishing attack.</p> <p>According to IBM X-Force, the phishing scheme takes place over a web session between the attacker and the victim. It is able to mimic a target website's look and feel, more so than just an idle phishing page. From afar and behind the scenes, cyber-criminals impersonate the victim's bank and ask for all kinds of account details. Data stolen through interactive phishing can be commercialized on underground boards.</p>

“Most likely, the criminal will access the compromised account from the bank’s website to make a transaction in real time, all the while milking more authentication details from the unsuspecting victim,” they said, in a blog post. “The emergence of this new method will likely contribute to rises in fraud in Brazil over the coming months.”

Typical tactics include sending emails impersonating a bank, redirecting users to fake sites, deploying pharming attacks, inducing malicious proxy changes, or launching fake windows or images on the victim’s desktop to rob access credentials, account information, card data and personally identifiable information (PII). But all of these have one downside: Most banks require users to provide personal details in real time to authenticate customers during digital transactions.

“This usually foils fraud attacks,” the researchers noted. “These details are called out-of-band authentication because they happen away from the user’s browser, via a smartphone, card reader or numeric code chart.”

Interactive phishing takes place via a real-time web session that dupes users with a seamless flow of changing screens and messages controlled by the attacker from a remote server. And it can give cyber-criminals real-time access to a time-based code issued by the bank for a given transaction.

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HEADLINE	10/04 SANS Institute IoT botnet warning
SOURCE	http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/sans-institute-in-iot-botnet/
GIST	<p>The SANS Institute is urging security professionals to help monitor the internet for attempts to compromise IoT devices after confirming that they’re happening virtually every minute.</p> <p>The organization’s Johannes Ullrich wrote in a new note that he ran a test using an old DVR connected to a "normal" cable modem internet connection, ensuring that it wouldn’t be used to attack other systems.</p> <p>“The sad part is, that I didn't have to wait long. The IP address is hit by telnet attempts pretty much every minute. Instead of having to wait for a long time to see an attack, my problem was that the DVR was often overwhelmed by the attacks, and the telnet server stopped responding. I had to reboot it every few minutes,” he explained.</p> <p>“Not all attacks were successful. The attacks used various passwords, and my honeypot only allowed logins for one of them. But a couple times an hour, someone used the correct password.”</p> <p>The attacks all followed a similar pattern, according to Ullrich.</p>

	<p>They started with an attacker running commands to ensure they weren't connected to a router or a common honeypot like cowrie.</p> <p>This was followed by some additional fingerprinting, before downloading binaries of only a few hundred bytes.</p> <p>Soon after, they started scanning for more vulnerable IoT devices at more than 100 connections per second.</p> <p>“Interestingly, I didn't see any attempt by these bots to reset the password. The DVR was left wide open to additional attacks,” said Ullrich.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 ICS-CERT: 427 vulnerabilities 2015
SOURCE	http://www.securityweek.com/over-400-vulnerabilities-reported-ics-cert-2015
GIST	<p>The Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) last week published its annual vulnerability coordination report for the fiscal year 2015. The report provides details on the number and types of security holes disclosed to the agency last year.</p> <p>ICS-CERT published 197 advisories and 16 alerts in 2015, which cover a total of 427 vulnerabilities. This is a considerable increase from the previous year when the organization was only informed of 245 issues.</p> <p>There is also an increase in the percentage of vulnerabilities coordinated with ICS-CERT – only roughly 7 percent of these flaws were disclosed without allowing the vendor to release a patch, compared to nearly 20 percent in 2014.</p> <p>According to ICS-CERT, 43 percent of the security holes reported last year have been rated high severity, a considerable drop compared to the previous year, when more than 70 percent of flaws were classified as high severity. The average CVSS scores have gradually decreased over the past years, from 8.55 in 2010 to 6.85 in 2015.</p> <p>As for the most affected industries, the energy sector tops the chart, with more than 800 vulnerabilities reported since 2011, followed by critical manufacturing, with over 700 flaws. The water and wastewater systems sector was also impacted by over 600 bugs.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 'DressCode' spotted in Android apps
SOURCE	http://www.scmagazine.com/no-shoes-shirts-or-ties-needed-in-order-to-be-served-by-this-trojan-malware/article/526451/

GIST	<p>Victims don't need shoes or a shirt to get served by the DressCode malware which has already been spotted in 3,000 Android applications, 400 of which are available in the Google Play Store.</p> <p>Trend Micro researchers said the malicious code only makes up a small portion of the code in the "trojanized" apps making it difficult to detect since the malicious apps are disguised as anything from games, skins and themes to phone optimization boosters, according to a Sept. 29 blog post.</p> <p>Once installed the malware connects to its command and control server and allows threat actors to infiltrate a victim's network where it can scan for other unprotected devices for an attacker to seize control over. The malware poses a significant threat to enterprise networks with BYOD programs as it could allow and attacker to bypass the NAT device to attack an internal server or to access sensitive data.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 IoT botnet code release means mayhem
SOURCE	http://www.scmagazine.com/powerful-botnet-source-code-goes-public-prepare-for-trouble/article/526618/
GIST	<p>The release of the source code for 'Mirai,' the Internet of Things (IoT) botnet responsible for launching a historically large DDoS attack against security researcher Brian Krebs, on Hackforums Friday by a user under the nickname "Anna-senpai," will mark the beginning of a wave of high-powered IoT botnet DDoS attacks, researchers said.</p> <p>Anna-senpai claimed to have gotten into the cybercrime industry to make money with no plans of staying long, releasing the source code in response to increased scrutiny from the security industry, according to an Oct. 1 KrebsonSecurity blog post.</p> <p>"With Mirai, I usually pull max 380k bots from telnet alone," Krebs quoted Anna-senpai as saying. "However, after the Kreb [sic] DDoS, ISPs been slowly shutting down and cleaning up their act. Today, max pull is about 300k bots, and dropping."</p> <p>The malware spreads by continuously scanning the web for vulnerable devices using default or hard-coded usernames and passwords. Once infected, the devices are seeded with malicious software that converts them into the bots and forces them to report to a central control server which can be used as a staging ground for launching powerful DDoS attacks, the post said.</p> <p>Experts agree that the release of the code will trigger a flood of new high powered DDoS attacks powered by insecure routers, IP cameras, DVRs and other easily hackable IoT devices and Rubicon Labs Vice President of Product Rod Schultz told SCMagazine that reusable code blocks driving technological innovation will cause problems.</p>
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SOURCE	http://thehackernews.com/2016/10/dropbox-password-hack.html
GIST	<p>Over a month ago, The Hacker News reported about the Dropbox Hack, where hackers had managed to steal more than 68 Million Dropbox accounts in a data breach that was initially disclosed by the online cloud storage platform in 2012.</p> <p>Although the initial announcement failed to reveal the true scale of the data breach, it was in late August when the breach notification service LeakBase obtained files containing details on over 68 million accounts, which contains email addresses and hashed passwords for Dropbox users.</p> <p>Last month, a hacker was selling this Dropbox data dump on a Dark Web marketplace known as TheRealDeal for around \$1200.</p> <p>However, Motherboard recently discovered that a researcher has just uploaded the full dump of hacked Dropbox database online.</p> <p>Thomas White, known online as The Cthulhu, uploaded Monday the full Dropbox data dump onto his website in a move, as he claims, to help security researchers examine the data breach.</p> <p>So, anyone can now download the leaked database of 68,680,741 Dropbox accounts, containing email addresses and hashed passwords, totally for FREE.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Facebook takes on Craigslist, eBay
SOURCE	http://money.cnn.com/2016/10/03/technology/facebook-marketplace-craigslist/index.html
GIST	<p>Facebook is taking on Craigslist and eBay with a new marketplace for people to sell and hunt for stuff.</p> <p>Appropriately called "Marketplace" -- which launched Monday -- the section lets people browse items for sale nearby. Buyers can also search and filter results based on category, price and location.</p> <p>The new feature is located via a tab inside the Facebook (FB, Tech30) mobile app.</p> <p>Each listing contains basic information about the item on sale, including photos, descriptions and asking price. There's also a counter for the number of times a post has been viewed.</p> <p>Marketplace lets buyers message sellers and make an offer, too -- as well as make arrangements for pick up and payments. Facebook doesn't facilitate the transactions.</p> <p>After a seller posts a listing, it can be shared elsewhere on Facebook. Although anyone over 13 years of age can join Facebook, the Marketplace feature is only be available to users who are over 18.</p>

	While the feature is new, Facebook users have long been able to buy and sell things through the platform. Many people already create for-sale posts and share them with their friends or inside a group. Now, Marketplace formalizes the process and puts the concept of classifieds in one place.
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HEADLINE	10/03 ISIS leader al-Baghdadi 'poisoned'?
SOURCE	http://nypost.com/2016/10/03/isis-leader-al-baghdadi-may-have-been-poisoned/
GIST	<p>The Pentagon is investigating whether ISIS kingpin Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was poisoned during a lunchtime feast — causing him to fall seriously ill.</p> <p>The ISIS leader and three commanders were eating in the small town of Be'aj, Iraq, when all four suffered “severe poisoning” and had to be “transferred to an unknown location under strict measures,” the Iraqi news agency WAA said.</p> <p>The barbaric terror group, also known as ISIL and Daesh, has launched a full-scale investigation to find the culprits, according to WAA.</p> <p>Pentagon spokesman and Navy Capt. Jeff Davis told The Post that he is “aware of the reports, but we have no information to corroborate [them].”</p> <p>“Suffice it to say we always have great interest in the whereabouts and condition of the leader of ISIL,” Davis added when asked if the US military was looking into the matter.</p> <p>Over recent years, Baghdadi has risen to the top of the extremist world, becoming the most feared jihadi leader since Osama bin Laden.</p> <p>The US government has put a \$7 million bounty on his head.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 First responders drill for potential attack
SOURCE	http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2016/10/03/drill-prepares-first-responders-for-potential-terror-attack/
GIST	<p>CHICAGO (CBS) — Police officers, firefighters, and other first responders took part in the largest full-scale active shooter exercise in the state overnight in Rosemont.</p> <p>Anti-terrorism experts have said these types of large-scale training sessions are critical to prepare for attacks, saying it isn't a matter of if but when and where the next one is coming.</p>

Return to Top	<p>The drill in Rosemont involved approximately 300 first responders. The exercise was modeled after a Paris-style terrorist attack, with multiple active shooters. It also included a mock truck bomb detonating at a stadium, and dozens of mock terrorists moving in on a public place.</p> <p>Approximately 300 volunteers played the roles of victims and innocent bystanders, who responders needed to help while also searching for the attackers.</p> <p>“The skills that our first responders are honing tonight are applicable in a variety of circumstances. Part of the process is intended to identify gaps in our preparedness, identify strengths so that we can reinforce our strengths, and fill those gaps wherever they exist,” said Ernest Brown, executive director of the Cook County Department of Homeland Security.</p> <p>The drill included first responders from multiple Cook County municipalities, as well as private sector partners.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Morocco arrests 10 female ISIS militants
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-morocco-security-idUSKCN1231K0?il=0
GIST	<p>Morocco has dismantled a suspected Islamic State militant cell and arrested 10 women believed to be planning attacks in the North African kingdom, the Interior Ministry said on Monday.</p> <p>It was the latest in a series of militant cells Morocco says it has broken up, but it is the first time authorities have arrested a group of female suspects.</p> <p>An Interior Ministry statement said the cell was operating in several regions including the cities of Kenitra and Tangier.</p> <p>It said the cell members reflected an Islamic State effort to integrate female militants for attacks in the kingdom and they were inspired by the brother of one of them who was involved in bombings in Iraq earlier this year.</p> <p>Morocco's Central Bureau of Judicial Investigation (BCIJ), the judicial arm of the domestic intelligence service, seized chemicals and bomb-making materials in one of the suspects' houses, the statement said.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 US warships sent to southern Yemen
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/10/03/us-warships-sent-to-area-where-iran-backed-rebels-attacked-saudi-led-coalition-ship.html

GIST	<p>The U.S. Navy dispatched three warships near the southern coast of Yemen after four rockets hit and nearly sank a United Arab Emirates auxiliary ship Saturday, two U.S. defense officials told Fox News.</p> <p>Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen claimed responsibility for the attack. There were no reported injuries to the Emirati crew. Al Jazeera reported on video of the attack.</p> <p>Iran supplied the Houthis with the “shoulder-fired rockets” that nearly destroyed the UAE ship, according to two U.S. officials. It was not immediately clear what type of rocket the rebels may have fired.</p> <p>Military officials sent the Navy warships to the southern end of the Bab al-Mandab Strait, also known as the Mandab Strait, which connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden. Two U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyers, USS Mason and USS Nitze, armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles, Harpoon anti-ship missiles and an assortment of deck-mounted high-caliber machine guns, joined USS Ponce, a floating staging ship which includes a compliment of special operations forces, according to one official.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 ‘Revenge’ leads some to Boko Haram
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/revenge-nigerias-military-leads-boko-haram-42536071
GIST	<p>A new study indicates that the desire for revenge against Nigeria's heavy-handed military is a leading reason that people join Boko Haram's Islamic extremist group.</p> <p>Nearly 60 percent of 119 former Boko Haram fighters interviewed in Nigerian rehabilitation camps cited revenge against the military as having a strong, or being the only, influence in their recruitment.</p> <p>The study published Monday was conducted by Helsinki-based Finn Church Aid and The Network for Religious Peacemakers and South Africa's Vibrand Research.</p> <p>Separately, Amnesty International has reported some 7,000 people, including babies, have died in military detention linked to the insurgency.</p> <p>President Muhammadu Buhari has promised to halt military abuses, but they continue.</p> <p>Overall, an estimated 20,000 people have died in the seven-year Boko Haram uprising.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Somali intel service fires 1,000 staff
SOURCE	http://www.matthewaid.com/post/151279901781/head-of-somali-intelligence-service-fires-over

GIST	<p>Somalia’s intelligence chief fired 1,500 intelligence officers including the Mogadishu chief in a new major shakeup of the country’s spy agency which is struggling to contain a deadly insurgency by al-Shabab militants, sources told Allestafrica Saturday.</p> <p>Gen. Abdullahi Gafow told the officers to abandon their positions, accusing them of failing to perform their duties, saying that he’d ‘re-energize’ the agency’s leadership to bring ‘more competent’ officers to defeat militants, according to sources in the Somali intelligence agency who spoke to Allestafrica by phone from Mogadishu.</p> <p>Abdihakim Farei, the agency’s Mogadishu commanding officer becomes the latest officer to be dismissed by Mr. Gafow who vowed opening a ‘new page’ for the spy agency.</p> <p>However, for some officer the bad news shouldn’t come as a surprise that militants continue to unleash relentless lethal attacks across the Somali capital.</p> <p>Since taking the agency’s leadership few months ago has sought to overcome rivalry and deep divisions within the Somali intelligence agency in the face of rising power of al-Shabab which threatened with attacks against the upcoming Somali presidential election which is scheduled to take place in November 30.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 DOJ: 561 FBI FISA requests 2012-2014
SOURCE	http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20161003-from-2012-to-2014-fbi-submitted-561-section215-applications-doj-oig
GIST	<p>The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) last week released a June 2016 report examining the FBI’s use of the investigative authority granted by Section 215 of the Patriot Act between 2012 and 2014.</p> <p>Section 215 is often referred to as the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) “business records” provision. DOJ IG says that the report, which was mandated by the USA Freedom Act of 2015, is the DOJ OIG’s fourth review of the FBI’s use of FISA business records. Three previous reports issued in March 2007, March 2008, and May 2015 addressed the FBI’s use of Section 215 authority between 2002 and 2009. A classified version of the report released publicly last week was submitted to Congress and DOJ leadership when it was completed in June, and was being released publicly upon completion of a classification review by the FBI and the intelligence community.</p> <p>The report released last week notes that from 2012 through 2014 the DOJ, on behalf of the FBI, submitted 561 Section 215 applications to the FISA Court, all of which were approved. DOJ OIG found that while the number of business records orders obtained by the FBI increased significantly between 2007 and 2012 — an increase that was largely driven by the refusal of several communications providers to produce</p>

	electronic transactional records in response to FBI National Security Letters — the number of Section 215 orders peaked in 2012 with 212 orders and has declined annually since that time. DOJ OIG further found the orders were used far more frequently in counterintelligence cases than as a counterterrorism or cyber tool.
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HEADLINE	10/03 ISIS battle for Dabiq ‘apocalyptic’
SOURCE	http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20161003-isis-regards-battle-for-dabiq-as-an-apocalyptic-showdown-of-muslim-and-christian-armies
GIST	<p>This may not be the end of the ISIS caliphate – which military experts say will occur sometime during the second half of 2017 – but the Islamist organization views the coming battle for the town of Dabiq in apocalyptic terms nonetheless.</p> <p>U.S.-backed Syrian opposition forces and Turkish military units are within forty-eight hours of reaching the ISIS-controlled Dabiq, which jihadists regard as the preordained site of the final apocalyptic battle between Muslims and Christians.</p> <p>Business Insider notes that Prophet Muhammad foretold 1,400 years ago “the last hour will not come” until an Islamic army defeated “the Romans” there. ISIS view the Americans and their regional supporters as the Romans.</p> <p>Dabiq, located northeast of Aleppo near the Turkish border, has no strategic value, but the Islamists are likely to defend it as long as they can because of its theological value. In the past few weeks the organization has sent several hundred of its most experienced fighters to defend the town, which came under its control in 2014.</p> <p>U.S. commanders say that taking Dabiq would be a blow to ISIS morale, especially as the groups will soon lose Mosul in Iraq and Raqqa in Syria – the two largest cities held by the Islamists.</p> <p>ISIS emphasized the theological significance of Dabiq, even naming one of its two main English-language propaganda magazines after the town.</p> <p>“The spark has been lit in Iraq, and its heat will continue to intensify — by Allah’s permission — until it burns the Crusader armies in Dabiq,” Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, one of Isil’s founders, said in a 2015 issue of the magazine.</p> <p>Military analysts say, however, that the coming loss in Dabiq is not likely to dent the group’s resolve.</p>

	“If they lose the battle, I’m sure they’ll fold it into their narrative of ‘in God’s good time’, said Kyle Orton of the Henry Jackson Society think-tank. “The idea is that there is much suffering and many setbacks needed before the promised land.”
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HEADLINE	10/03 FBI charges immigrant in terror plot
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/jihad/2016/10/03/islamic-immigrant-charged-terror-plot-maryland/
GIST	<p>The FBI has detained yet another Islamic immigrant named Mohamed for preparing a jihad attack.</p> <p>This time, the arrested Islamic immigrant is Nelash Mohamed Das, aged 24. He was born in Bangladesh and was living in Maryland.</p> <p>Since 2001, law-enforcement officials have arrested more than 101 people named for Islam’s reputed prophet, Muhammad. Many other Islamic immigrants, converts and citizens have launched deadly attacks against Americans in Orlando, Florida, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in San Bernardino, California, in Fort Hood, Texas, and in other places.</p> <p>In 2015, Das began to prepare a murder attempt of a U.S. service member living in Hyattsville, Maryland. When he and a confidential FBI source drove to the target’s house on October 3, Das was arrested as he tried to remove the weapons from the car’s trunk.</p> <p>Das repeatedly expressed his determination to comply with Islam’s doctrinaire call for war against non-believers, showed his support for the Islamic States in Syria, and expressed his belief in orthodox Islam’s offer of paradise in exchange for murder.</p> <p>According to the Baltimore Sun, Das used social media last year to express his support for ISIS, prosecutors said, “including support for terrorist attacks in Paris, France, and San Bernardino, California.” Das tweeted the name and hometown of the service member, prosecutors said, and said the service member “aspires to kill Muslims.”...</p> <p>On Twitter, Das also expressed envy of people “slaying kuffar” — killing nonbelievers — and dying as religious martyrs, prosecutors said...</p> <p>During a meeting [with the confidential FBI source] on Sept. 11, prosecutors said, “Das confirmed that he was committed ‘100 percent’ to conducting an attack.”</p> <p>“That’s like my goal in life,” he told the source, prosecutors said. And on Friday, prosecutors said, he sent the source a text: “I’m ready”</p>
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HEADLINE	10/04 'Core Al-Qaeda' on rise in Syria
SOURCE	http://www.aol.com/article/news/2016/10/04/core-al-qaida-on-the-rise-in-syria/21491065/
GIST	<p>The group that launched the Sept. 11 attacks, waged insurgent war against U.S. forces in Afghanistan, catalyzed extremist movements in places like Iraq, Yemen, Somalia and North Africa, and was supposed to have been all but "decimated" and hiding in Pakistan's tribal regions has found new life in the conflict in Syria, and according to the Defense Department is on the rise there.</p> <p>The U.S. conducted an airstrike in Syria on Monday morning against an operative in what Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis described as "core al-Qaida." Davis wouldn't confirm the effect of the strike or even the target itself, though local media reported it was Abu Farag al-Masri, an Egyptian and senior commander of an al-Qaida affiliate.</p> <p>The strike was against a "prominent al-Qaida leader," Davis said, adding that the military has observed "a bit of a growth of core al-Qaida in Syria."</p> <p>The revelation indicates increased danger for the U.S. from Syria, a veritable cauldron of violence that now serves as one of the most likely havens from which terrorist groups can plan and execute attacks abroad.</p> <p>"Al-Qaida central is not decimated. I'd put it as simply as that," says Charles Lister, a terrorism expert and senior fellow at the Middle East Institute. "If anything, they are rapidly revitalizing themselves on Syrian territory, which should be of serious concern."</p> <p>President Barack Obama and other top U.S. government officials refer to "core al-Qaida" or "al-Qaida central" in the context of having been decimated by U.S. military and intelligence operations during the war in Afghanistan. According to the Pentagon, it differs clearly from other extremist networks operating internationally and on the ground in Syria, such as the Islamic State group, which formally separated itself from al-Qaida after its public rise in 2011; the Khorasan group, considered the experimental arm of al-Qaida's planning operations; or the Nusra Front, now known as Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, a Syrian al-Qaida affiliate that has operated in close tandem with elements of the Syrian opposition fighting the regime of Bashar Assad, including reportedly some opposition groups the U.S. has supported.</p> <p>The al-Qaida that Osama bin Laden founded, now under the leadership of the elusive Ayman al-Zawahiri, sees Syria as an opportunity to establish a second and much more central base of operations where it would have greater access to its enemies. Since 2012, Western intelligence has tracked its operatives moving in and out of Syria from places like Iran, Yemen, Central Asia and elsewhere in the Middle East.</p> <p>"There's been a movement over the last three to four years by al-Qaida in Afghanistan and Pakistan to throw as much resources as possible into Syria because of what it represents: the potential opportunity to have an Afghanistan of the late 1990s but this time in Syria, practically on Europe's doorstep with easy access to Turkey and then back into Syria," Lister says.</p>

HEADLINE	10/04 Afghanistan battle rages in Kunduz
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/afghan-officials-battle-taliban-rages-kunduz-42547833
GIST	<p>Fierce gunbattles raged for a second day Tuesday across Afghanistan's embattled northern city of Kunduz after the Taliban launched a new, multipronged attack on the city they had briefly captured last year, officials said.</p> <p>Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqqi said Afghan security forces were "trying to secure the city" but that Taliban gunmen are hiding in residential homes, making progress slow and difficult.</p> <p>The Taliban began their attack from all directions early the previous day. They briefly raised a flag over a main intersection before being repelled from the city center.</p> <p>Mohammad Yusouf Ayubi, the head of the Kunduz provincial council, said the city has become a battlefield, with fighting going on in many different areas on Tuesday.</p> <p>Taliban militants have planted mines in different areas of the city, making movement extremely difficult, he said. "Local people are trapped in their homes."</p> <p>The city fell to the Taliban a year ago before the insurgents were beaten back by Afghan forces with the help of U.S. airstrikes. It is the capital of Kunduz province, a breadbasket region that borders Tajikistan to the north and sits on a major crossroad in the country.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 AQ militant leader 'killed in air strike'
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-37547144
GIST	<p>A senior leader in a Syrian militant group that split this year from al-Qaeda has reportedly been killed in an air strike in north-western Syria.</p> <p>Abu al-Faraj al-Masri died in Idlib province, according to the Jabhat Fateh al-Sham group, which was known as the Nusra Front when linked to al-Qaeda.</p> <p>The Egyptian national and veteran al-Qaeda cleric was a member of the group's consultative Shura Council.</p> <p>The Pentagon confirmed it had "targeted a prominent al-Qaeda member in Syria".</p> <p>"We are assessing the results of the operation at this time," Pentagon spokesman Jeff Davis said.</p>

	<p>He provided no further details.</p> <p>Reports suggest that al-Masri was killed when the vehicle he was travelling in was hit near the Turkish border.</p> <p>Jabhat Fateh al-Sham is one of the most powerful jihadist rebel groups fighting the government of President Bashar al-Assad in Syria.</p> <p>It broke from al-Qaeda in late July, changing its name from the Nusra Front.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 ISIS radio station bombed into silence
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/isis-terror/isis-al-bayan-radio-station-mosul-bombed-silence-iraqi-jets-n658521
GIST	<p>A radio station used by ISIS to spread extremist ideology in one of the cities it conquered has been bombed out of operation, officials said Monday.</p> <p>The Al-Bayan radio station was "one of the strongest" propaganda tools for the militants inside Mosul, a spokesman at Iraq's Joint Operation Command told NBC News.</p> <p>Broadcasting stopped Sunday after the station was bombed by Iraqi jets, the spokesman said.</p> <p>"They used to broadcast Islamic anthems that encouraged people to join them," the Iraqi military spokesman said.</p> <p>The ISIS radio station urged people "to stand against the government and encouraged people to be terrorists under the name of jihad," he added.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Suicide bomber strikes Syria wedding
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/latest-airstrikes-damage-syrias-highly-secure-hospital-42525039
GIST	<p>Syrian activists and a Kurdish news agency say a suicide bomber has struck a wedding hall just outside the northeastern Syrian city of Hassakeh.</p> <p>The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which relies on a network of activists inside Syria, says the attack killed 14 people, with the toll expected to rise. The Kurdish Hawar news agency confirmed the attack but did not provide a toll.</p>

	<p>Syrian Kurdish forces control most of the Hassakeh province, but the Syrian government maintains some strongholds there.</p> <p>Islamic State militants have repeatedly targeted the Kurds, who have proven to be among the most effective ground forces battling the extremist group.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Creepy clowns reported in Pierce Co.
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/tacoma/creepy-clown-spotted-in-tacoma/328602882
GIST	<p>TACOMA, Wash. -- It's not Halloween yet, but people in Western Washington are already reporting sightings of creepy clowns in their neighborhoods.</p> <p>KING 5 viewer Ryan Naylor took video of a clown walking in Tacoma on 26th Street around 7 p.m. Sunday. Naylor said he called police, who told him to stay indoors.</p> <p>Peewee Nuno spotted a clown at an AM/PM parking lot in Lynnwood around the same time and captured it on Facebook live.</p> <p>Other people have reported seeing clowns in Spanaway, Graham and South Hill.</p> <p>Reports of eerie clown sightings have been popping around the country, resulting in school closures and investigations. And the reports keep coming.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Seattle, police union stuck in mediation
SOURCE	http://www.thestranger.com/slog/2016/10/03/24587124/mayor-threatened-seattle-police-union-with-immediate-move-to-arbitration-two-months-ago
GIST	<p>Back in July, one week after the resignation of Seattle Police Officers Guild president Ron Smith and one day after the guild rejected a new contract offer, Mayor Ed Murray threatened to "immediately move" to binding arbitration with the city's largest police union if a labor agreement could not be reached.</p> <p>The move would have brought in an outside arbitrator to settle disputed terms and force an agreement. But more than two months later, with the negotiations dragging into their twenty-first month, the city and union remain in mediation, negotiating with one another.</p>

In a letter obtained by *The Stranger* through a public records request, Mayor Ed Murray wrote to the new head of the police guild, Kevin Stuckey, on July 22:

We cannot continue to operate under a collective bargaining agreement that restricts the ability of the Department and the City to make needed improvements to our operations and accountability processes... One way or another, reform is going to happen. While I remain hopeful that such changes can be achieved at the bargaining table, the city is fully committed to immediately move to interest arbitration if that is necessary.

The city's police officers—SPOG's members—had overwhelmingly voted down the city's contract proposal one day prior. The vote was 823 to 156, according to a report from Q13 Fox.

We published a confidential summary of the offer, which showed the city had negotiated a raft of reforms in the agreement, including changes to the makeup of the Discipline Review Board, a tribunal stacked two-to-one with police that can overturn firing decisions. (Cynthia Whitlatch, fired for racial bias last year, is appealing to the body.) But Sam Sinyangwe, an analyst with the Black Lives Matter group Campaign Zero, said the reforms in the agreement didn't go nearly far enough.

Then, in an August hearing, federal judge James Robart, who oversees the Department of Justice consent decree, sent a strong message to the union: The city would "not be held hostage" by SPOG holding out for more pay in exchange for reforms that protect the civil rights of Seattle residents. The judge threatened to override the negotiation process if the union "resists needed change."

"I think the entire city of Seattle would march behind me in that position," Robart said.

So, why hasn't the city acted on Murray's threat and already moved to arbitration?

"Currently, we remain in mediation," said mayoral spokesperson Benton Strong. "The shift in leadership at SPOG had an impact on the schedule of our negotiations, but discussions continue."

Strong refused to elaborate, so we're left with the above statement—which, given recent events, is a bit puzzling. By the time the mayor sent his letter, the shift in leadership had already taken place. The former SPOG president, Ron Smith, had resigned in the wake of an offensive Facebook post. The mayor was addressing his replacement, Kevin Stuckey, who Smith considered one of his union allies.

Last week, the *Seattle Times* reported that Rich O'Neill, the notorious former-former president of SPOG and current vice-president of the union, is now taking on the lead role in negotiating the contract.

According to the *Times*, O'Neill had campaigned within SPOG against the ratification of the city's previous offer.

HEADLINE	10/03 Police scan gun show license plates
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/10/03/feds-enlist-police-to-scan-gun-show-customers-license-plates-report-finds.html
GIST	<p>Federal agents have persuaded police officers to scan license plates to gather information about gun-show customers, government emails show, raising questions about how officials monitor constitutionally protected activity.</p> <p>Emails reviewed by The Wall Street Journal show agents with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency crafted a plan in 2010 to use license-plate readers—devices that record the plate numbers of all passing cars—at gun shows in Southern California, including one in Del Mar, not far from the Mexican border.</p> <p>Agents then compared that information to cars that crossed the border, hoping to find gun smugglers, according to the documents and interviews with law-enforcement officials with knowledge of the operation.</p> <p>The investigative tactic concerns privacy and guns-rights advocates, who call it an invasion of privacy. The law-enforcement officials say it is an important and legal tool for pursuing dangerous, hard-to-track illegal activity.</p> <p>There is no indication the gun-show surveillance led to any arrests or investigative leads, but the officials didn't rule out that such surveillance may have happened elsewhere. The agency has no written policy on its use of license-plate readers and could engage in similar surveillance in the future, they said.</p> <p>Last year, the Journal reported that the Drug Enforcement Administration had considered conducting such surveillance at gun shows, but scrapped the plans for unclear reasons. Emails and interviews with law-enforcement officials show ICE went ahead with the strategy in 2010, relying on local police to do so.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/02 Surge: NYC schools missing children
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/10/02/disturbing-trend-kids-going-missing-from-new-york-city-schools.html
GIST	<p>City schools keep losing kids. Complaints about unsupervised children who went missing from school buildings, buses and field trips or were left unattended surged to 457 last year — nearly twice the 279 cases reported in 2014, the office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation for city schools told The Post.</p> <p>The “disturbing trend” has gotten worse since SCI chief Richard Condon warned Chancellor Carmen Fariña in May 2015 that lax supervision was putting kids in harm’s way. Condon’s report came after the</p>

drowning death of Avonte Oquendo, [a 14-year-old autistic student who ran out of his Queens school undetected in October 2013](#). His body [washed up on a beach several months later](#).

The most alarming cases involve special-needs students and the city’s youngest charges, including 3- and 4-year-olds in pre-kindergarten, which Mayor de Blasio has made it his mission to expand.

At PS 154 in Queens, teacher Stephen Morganlander and substitute paraprofessional Jennifer Vasquez failed in July 2015 to supervise a pre-K boy who ran out of his gym class, left the building and walked four blocks home.

The school had no cameras and the doors had no alarms, SCI discovered. Last November, the city Department of Education claimed it installed more than 21,000 door alarms in 1,200 school buildings to prevent children from wandering off, as required by “Avonte’s Law,” passed by the City Council.

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HEADLINE	10/03 Philadelphia investigates clown threats
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2016/10/03/philadelphia-school-district-investigating-clown-threats/91459542/
GIST	<p>Philadelphia school district officials and police are investigating creepy clown threats made against local schools on social media, officials said Sunday.</p> <p>In a joint statement, the school district and Philadelphia Police Department said officials are investigating the disturbing threats against students and teachers, WCAU-TV reported.</p> <p>“The safety of our children and the communities surrounding our schools is a top priority for us and we are taking this matter seriously,” officials said in the statement.</p> <p>Philadelphia is far from the first city to deal with threatening social media posts warning against violence from creepy clowns. People posing as threatening clowns on social media are forcing schools nationwide to send letters to parents, and some have even been locked down.</p> <p>On Sunday night, the Spring Independent School District in Houston issued a security statement due to new clown threat hoaxes made online, KHOU-TV reported.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Russia withdraws from plutonium treaty
SOURCE	http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/04/world/europe/russia-plutonium-nuclear-treaty.html
GIST	MOSCOW — Saying relations with the United States have deteriorated into a “radically changed environment” of threat and instability, President Vladimir V. Putin withdrew Russia on Monday from a

plutonium disposal treaty that was one of the framework nuclear disarmament deals of the early post-Cold War period.

The treaty, signed in 2000, required Russia and the United States to destroy military stockpiles of plutonium, the radioactive material used in some bomb cores, in a deal presented as yet another step away from nuclear doomsday.

The deal has no bearing on the numbers of nuclear weapons deployed by Russia or the United States. Instead, it concerns 34 tons of plutonium in storage in each country that might go into a future arsenal.

Still, the abrogation signals that the nuclear agreements that accompanied the breakup of the Soviet Union and were to lead the world back from the hair-trigger brink of atomic conflict could be open to revision, as Russia's relations with the West sour on a range of disputes today, including Syria and Ukraine and the Kremlin's interference in the domestic politics of Western democracies.

Russia will withdraw from the original pact and subsequent amendments, the decree says, meaning that the country will no longer be treaty bound to destroy its plutonium stockpiles. But the decree also offers an assurance, backed by no bilateral agreement, that the plutonium will not be used for military purposes.

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HEADLINE	10/03 NKorea nuke scientists worked in Russia
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2016/10/03/Report-Russia-allowed-North-Korea-nuclear-scientists-to-conduct-research/6581475546563/?spt=hts&or=3
GIST	<p>TOKYO, Oct. 3 (UPI) -- Moscow may have allowed several North Korean nuclear researchers to work at Russian nuclear sites, including a scientist who is under United Nations Security Council sanctions.</p> <p>The North Korean nuclear scientists were allowed to engage in their research in Russia until early 2015 when Pyongyang stopped paying an annual membership fee to the Russian government, Japanese news agency Jiji Press reported Monday.</p> <p>Katsuhisa Furukawa, who served on the U.N. Security Council's North Korea sanctions committee, said the group has evidence the North Koreans were allowed to conduct studies at Russian nuclear facilities in violation of international sanctions.</p> <p>Russian authorities had said the North Korean scientists' work was "not related to nuclear weapons research," but Furukawa said the researchers were working at a major nuclear research institute where North Korea was one of 18 countries in representation.</p>

	The Japanese official said the Russian policy is a violation of international sanctions, adding the research center may have also hosted Ri Chae Son, a North Korean nuclear scientist under U.N. sanctions since 2009.
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HEADLINE	10/03 Grant Co. sheriff: clown reports rumor
SOURCE	http://www.krem.com/news/local/grant-county/grant-county-sheriffs-office-school-lockdowns-due-to-clowns-a-rumor/328646490
GIST	<p>GRANT CO., Wash – The Grant County Sheriff’s Office took to Facebook Monday to confirm that no school lockdowns are in place due to clown reports.</p> <p>GCSO said they have received several calls regarding a rumor that Moses Lake Schools were on lockdown due to a person or people dressed as clowns posing a threat to schools and children.</p> <p>GCSO said they spoke with Moses Lake Schools and Moses Lake Police and confirmed the rumors are unfounded.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Creepy clown spotted on Idaho trail
SOURCE	http://www.khq.com/story/33307788/creepy-clown-spotted-on-coeur-dalene-trail
GIST	<p>COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho - 17-year-old Tyler Clinedinst told KHQ he was walking to a friend's house on the Centennial trail between Lake City High School and Bluegrass Park Sunday night when he saw a clown emerge from behind a tree.</p> <p>"I heard laughing out of my earbuds, so when I unplugged my earbuds I saw him, and he started chasing me," said Clinedinst. "He had reddish pants on with a red and white shirt and a black mask."</p> <p>Clinedinst said the clown was also holding knives. He ran to his friend's house, locked the doors, and his friend's mother called police.</p> <p>"We see a lot of clowns on Facebook and half of them aren't real probably, but yeah, I didn't expect to see one out here," said Clinedinst.</p> <p>Coeur d'Alene Police confirmed they have received a few calls of people seeing suspicious clowns throughout town. Police say they are aware of what's happening and are keeping an eye out for copycats.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/04 NYPD ‘don’t be afraid of the clowns’
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SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/creepy-clown-rumors-upenn-umass-uconn-nypd-dont-be-afraid-clowns/
GIST	<p>NEW YORK -- Don't fear the creepy clowns.</p> <p>That was the message on Monday from a top New York Police Department official whose main job is protecting the city from terrorism.</p> <p>Asked about the unexplained spike in reports in other places of menacing by people dressed as clowns, Deputy Commissioner John Miller told reporters that the department had assessed supposed clown threats against the city on social media and deemed them harmless.</p> <p>"We're tracking it but we don't see any real threat here," Miller said. "We have tried to avoid falling into the trap of putting extra police protection or presence in places where we've had these."</p> <p>He added: "Our main message is don't believe the hype and don't be afraid of the clowns."</p> <p>Since August, people in upstate New York and in states including South Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Georgia have reported scary or suspicious incidents involving people dressed as clowns. Two suburban school districts on Long Island recently beefed up security after alerting police of clown reports.</p> <p>The clown scare took over the social media feeds of students at a couple major universities on Monday night, meanwhile, with unfounded rumors about clown sightings on Twitter drawing large crowds onto campuses.</p> <p>Penn State appeared to be the college with the largest clown rumor-related disturbance, with a college police official telling CBS News "hundreds" of people had gathered in the streets. Pictures and video posted online showed students chanting anti-clown slogans.</p> <p>"Several people are saying they have seen clowns, but nobody has actually confirmed they have seen a clown," however, the police official told CBS News.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/04 Indonesia air force largest military drill
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-southchinasea-indonesia-idUSKCN124009
GIST	Indonesia's air force is holding its largest military exercise this week, near some of its islands in the South China Sea, in a show of sovereignty over the gas-rich area on the fringe of territory claimed by China, officials said on Tuesday.

President Joko Widodo in June launched an unprecedented campaign to bolster fishing, oil exploration and defense facilities around the Natuna island chain after a series of face-offs between the Indonesian navy and Chinese fishing boats.

China, while not disputing Indonesia's claims to the Natuna islands, has raised Indonesian anger by saying the two countries had "over-lapping claims" to waters near them, an area Indonesia calls the Natuna Sea.

"We want to show our existence in the area. We have a good enough air force to act as a deterrent," said Jemi Trisonjaya, spokesman for Indonesia's air force.

More than 2,000 air force personnel were taking part in the two-week long exercise, which includes the deployment of Indonesia's fleet of Russian Sukhoi and F-16 fighter jets, he said.

Other branches of the Indonesian armed forces are not taking part in exercise, which ends on Thursday.

China claims almost the entire South China Sea, where about \$5 trillion worth of trade passes every year. Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam also have claims.

While Indonesia is not part of the dispute over claims in the South China Sea, it objects to China's inclusion of waters around the Natuna Islands within its "nine-dash line", a demarcation line used by China to show its claims in the sea.

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HEADLINE	10/03 Mystery polio-like illness paralyzing kids
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/mysterious-polio-illness-paralyzing-u-s-children-n658766
GIST	<p>Little Carter Roberts, of Chesterfield, Virginia, was a typical 3-year-old — playful, healthy, and active. But over the course of a weekend Carter went from his happy-go-lucky self to a paralyzed patient unable to move his arms or legs.</p> <p>"He needed a tube to help him breath," says his mother Robin Roberts. "Doctors were working really hard to try and figure out what was going on."</p> <p>At the hospital, the Roberts family was left with more questions than answers. Doctors considered a list of diagnoses from Guillain-Barré Syndrome to various other auto-immune diseases. Finally, after an MRI scan and hours of waiting, Carter was diagnosed with acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) — a mysterious muscle weakness, similar to polio — that appears to be on the rise this year.</p> <p>On Monday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that, as of August 2016, there have been 50 cases of confirmed AFM across 24 states. That's nearly double over 2015, when 21 cases for the whole year were reported.</p>

	AFM has been linked to a strain of enterovirus that's now circulating again. Some doctors are warning this could be the same mysterious, polio-like illness detected in 2014 that paralyzed 120 children.
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HEADLINE	10/03 Conn. school district bans 'clown costumes'
SOURCE	http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/New-Haven-School-District-Prohibits-Clown-Costumes-395754941.html
GIST	<p>New Haven Public School district is prohibiting clown costumes and any other "symbols of terror" during this year's Halloween season.</p> <p>The district said they are working with the New Haven Police Department to investigate the authenticity of a number of clown-related Instagram posts.</p> <p>While there is no indication these posts pose any real threat to the city's school district, administrators said they are taking the incidents very seriously.</p> <p>Various towns in the country are stepping up patrols as the creepy clown craze stays steady. In August, children in South Carolina reported seeing multiple clowns lurking in the woods and showing them money.</p> <p>Twelve people were arrested across Georgia, Alabama and Virginia in the past two weeks for making false reports of clown threats or chasing people while costumed, authorities said on various county police Facebook posts, NBC News reports.</p> <p>Sightings and hoaxes have spread to more than a dozen states, including New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania in September and have led to elementary, middle schools and high schools being shut down in Ohio and added police patrols in Alabama, Florida and Georgia, according to NBC News.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Child left in Miss. patrol car dies
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/officers-paid-leave-child-left-patrol-car-dies-42543370?cid=clicksource_4380645_1_hero_headlines_headlines_hed
GIST	<p>Two police officers in Mississippi are on paid leave after a 3-year-old daughter of one of the officers died unattended in a patrol car.</p> <p>Hancock County Chief Deputy Sheriff Don Bass said Long Beach police officer Cassie Barker's daughter died Friday after the child was left in the car for four hours while her mother was visiting with Long Beach patrolman Clark Ladner. Both officers were off-duty at the time.</p>

	<p>Long Beach Police Chief Wayne McDowell told The Sun Herald that Barker and Ladner were placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation.</p> <p>Hancock County Sheriff Ricky Adam said the car was running and the air conditioning was on when investigators found the child, who died at a hospital.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Deal: FBI destroyed Clinton laptops
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/10/03/fbi-agreed-to-destroy-laptops-clinton-aides-with-immunity-deal-sources-say.html
GIST	<p>Immunity deals for two top Hillary Clinton aides included a side arrangement obliging the FBI to destroy their laptops after reviewing the devices, House Judiciary Committee sources told Fox News on Monday.</p> <p>Sources said the arrangement with former Clinton chief of staff Cheryl Mills and ex-campaign staffer Heather Samuelson also limited the search to no later than Jan. 31, 2015. This meant investigators could not review documents for the period after the email server became public -- in turn preventing the bureau from discovering if there was any evidence of obstruction of justice, sources said.</p> <p>The Republican-led House Judiciary Committee fired off a letter Monday to Attorney General Loretta Lynch asking why the DOJ and FBI agreed to the restrictive terms, including that the FBI would destroy the laptops after finishing the search.</p> <p>The immunity deals for Mills and Samuelson, made as part of the FBI's probe into Clinton's use of a private email server when she served as secretary of state, apparently included a series of "side agreements" that were negotiated by Samuelson and Mills' attorney Beth Wilkinson.</p> <p>The side deals were agreed to on June 10, less than a month before FBI Director James Comey announced that the agency would recommend no charges be brought against Clinton or her staff.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Teens charged in fake clown threats
SOURCE	http://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/index.ssf/2016/10/clown_threats_lead_to_charges_against_gloucester_c.html
GIST	At least two teens in Gloucester County have been arrested and charged for allegedly posting social media threats similar to the creepy "clown" craze going on around the country, police said.

	<p>More charges may be on the way for two juveniles in Deptford Township, police said Monday night.</p> <p>One of the teens charged is a 13-year-old female — whose identity was not released, but attends Bunker Hill Middle School in Washington Township. Police said she made threats that started out "broadly based," Washington Township Police Department Capt. Dennis Sims said Monday evening. Those threats against students later turned much more specific, Sims added. Names and addresses of specific people were included in the threat, according to police.</p> <p>According to NBC10, the girl made the threats because of the current trend, which began with reports of people dressed as clowns in rural South Carolina trying to lure kids into the woods, and because she thought it would be funny. The report adds that the teen's parents are cooperating with investigators.</p> <p>The girl was charged with one count of cyber harassment, a fourth-degree crime, and released to her parents, police said.</p> <p>Police said later Monday that a second teen — a 14-year-old male — was charged with cyber harrassment in connection with a separate, but similar, investigation.</p> <p>Deptford Police said on Monday that two juveniles will be charged with false public alarm in relation to two different social media accounts that were created and posted threats about clowns coming to harm students and teachers specifically at Deptford schools.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Sex assaults prompts new programs
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/409380/prevalance-of-sexual-assault-prompts-new-programs-strategies-from-king-co-advocates/
GIST	<p>Despite the best efforts to prevent sexual assault, it remains prevalent in our state and across the nation.</p> <p>Recent studies find more than 33 percent of women in Washington have been sexually assaulted in their lifetime, but only about one-third sought counseling.</p> <p>Since 1976, the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center has been working to change that.</p> <p>A rape or forcible sex offense happens every 3.5 hours — over 4,000 a year. And 80 percent of sexual assaults happen before the victims turn 18, according to Deanne Yamamoto, the deputy executive director of the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center.</p> <p>“Unfortunately there’s a really big need (for our services). We serve thousands of victims of sexual assault and child physical abuse every year,” Yamamoto said.</p>

Return to Top	<p>The agency says at any given time it has over 800 clients taking part in some form of their open and legal advocacy services alone, and at least 200 receiving trauma-specific therapy.</p> <p>Their ultimate goal in treating the victims is helping them overcome the devastation of post-traumatic stress and learn to lead what she calls a “healthy” life.</p> <p>The organization has developed therapies for young victims, so they can grow up and experience healthy relationships and overcome the trauma of abuse.</p> <p>The focus isn’t exclusively on victims — it’s about prevention as well.</p> <p>“Think about this: sexual assault is 100 percent preventable and it can end tomorrow if we end perpetration,” she said.</p> <p>So how do you do that? It starts young. Yamamoto says the message has to be hammered home from an early age that victimization of any kind, including bullying, is unacceptable.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Angry mob busted: Calif. police arrest 3
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/10/03/angry-mob-busted-california-police-arrest-3-in-attack-on-patrol-car.html
GIST	<p>California police arrested three men believed to have been part of an angry mob that kicked a patrol car while yelling “F the police, we run the streets”, in an incident that was caught on video and widely shared on social media.</p> <p>The arrests were announced Friday as officials released dashcam video from the California Highway Patrol car, ABC 30 reported.</p> <p>Footage from the incident, which unfolded two weekends ago, showed a group of people in Fresno punching and kicking the stopped car before the officer sped away unharmed.</p> <p>"There were other people that were chanting, yelling, 'F the police, we run the streets,'" Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer told the station.</p> <p>Capt. Craig Kunzler said the officer is “doing fine” and is back on the job, but the suspects caused more than \$12,000 in damages and face charges for felony vandalism and inciting a riot, according to ABC 30. The officer reportedly was responding to calls of illegal street racing and reckless driving before the crowd closed in.</p>

	<p>Three men suspected in the attack -- Federico Gonzalez, Gabriel DeAnda and Milton Rodriguez – were identified through the dashcam video and fingerprints on the car.</p> <p>Dyer said one of the men admitted to the attack, saying he was upset at the highway patrol recently towing his vehicle, while another said he was proud of the damage he caused.</p> <p>Police are looking for a fourth suspect, 19-year old Guadalupe Gonzales, and are trying to identify five more people.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Forceful arrest of man sitting on porch
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/footage-shows-officer-arresting-man-sitting-porch-42534053
GIST	<p>Greensboro police are outraged that the City Council released body camera footage showing a white officer forcefully arresting a black man who was sitting on his front porch and locked out of his home.</p> <p>The News & Record of Greensboro reports an attorney for the Greensboro Police Officers Association said in a letter Friday that the Council had started a "witch hunt" against former Officer Travis Cole and his partner Charlotte Jackson, who have both resigned since the June 17 arrest of Dejuan Yourse.</p> <p>Calling for Cole to be charged, the Council released video last week showing Cole throwing Yourse to the ground while Yourse repeatedly yelled, "I am not resisting."</p> <p>Prosecutor Howard Neumann declined to press charges in August and last week reiterated no charges are being filed.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Japan probes dozens hospital deaths
SOURCE	https://www.yahoo.com/news/japan-probes-dozens-hospital-deaths-poisonings-133042231.html
GIST	<p>Japanese police are probing the deaths of 46 patients on the same floor of a hospital where a pair of elderly men were fatally poisoned, reports said Monday.</p> <p>An autopsy on the two men who died at the hospital in Yokohama determined they were caused by a chemical found in disinfectant, public broadcaster NHK and other media reported earlier.</p> <p>Police reportedly suspect the chemical was injected into intravenous drips that were administered to the two 88-year-old victims, Sozo Nishikawa and Nobuo Yamaki. The men both died last month.</p> <p>But the probe has grown with authorities looking at how almost four dozen others died at the hospital since early July, although some were already seriously ill.</p>

	Hospital staff reportedly found puncture marks in 10 intravenous bags stored near the nursing station on the same floor.
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HEADLINE	10/03 Teen arrested for handgun in school
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2016/10/03/16-year-old-federal-way-high-student-arrested-for-allegedly-bringing-handgun-to-campus/
GIST	<p>FEDERAL WAY, Wash. — A 16-year-old Federal Way High School student was arrested Monday for allegedly bringing what police said was a stolen handgun to campus.</p> <p>The suspect was booked into King County Juvenile Detention, with a recommendation of a charge of dangerous weapon on school campus.</p> <p>Cathy Schrock, with the Federal Way Police Department, said Federal Way High School went into lockdown at about 11:36 a.m. due to a report of a student having a gun on campus. The boy allegedly showed the gun to another student. Police could not find him and suspected he had left campus. As a precaution, Todd Beamer High School was also placed on lockdown, too, she said.</p> <p>An officer later found the suspect at his home in Federal Way and a weapon was located that was determined to be a stolen handgun.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Police: teen asked clown to kill teacher
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/class-clown-police-say-teen-asks-social-media-clown-to-kill-teacher/
GIST	<p>HAMPTON, Va. — Authorities say a 13-year-old girl in Virginia asked a person posing as a clown on social media to kill one of her teachers.</p> <p>Hampton police said in a news release Monday that the teenager asked the person to kill a teacher at Davis Middle School.</p> <p>“The individual whom the suspect contacted was utilizing a clown photo as a profile picture as well as an alias,” police said in the release.</p> <p>The Daily Press reports the request came only a few days after social media threats involving clowns caused police to increase security at schools in Newport News and Hampton. Investigators say they did not consider the threats credible, but they still patrolled the schools as a precaution.</p> <p>The girl has been arrested and charged with one count of threatening to kill by electronic message.</p>

HEADLINE	10/03 Court rejects Whitey Bulger appeal
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/whitey-bulger-appeal-rejected-supreme-court-n658546
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has turned away James "Whitey" Bulger's appeal of his racketeering convictions and life sentence.</p> <p>The justices did not comment Monday in leaving in place Bulger's convictions for playing a role in 11 murders and many other crimes.</p> <p>The 87-year-old Bulger was a fugitive for 17 years until his arrest in 2011. A jury convicted him in 2013.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/04 Guilty pleas in immigration fraud, scams
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/admit-sham-marriages-crime-reports-immigration-scam-42548611
GIST	<p>Tarunkumar and Sachin Patel wanted to find a way so that more of their friends and business associates from India could get permanent legal status to remain in the United States. But they admitted Monday their plans were federal crimes.</p> <p>Now they and up to 17 others face prison time.</p> <p>The men said that in 2011 they arranged four sham marriages between their friends and American women the two Patels had met. The two are business acquaintances. Then in 2014, Tarunkumar Patel said he began bribing a Mississippi police officer to create false crime reports in an effort to immigration authorities to grant them special visas for victims of certain types of crimes.</p> <p>The Patels, former Jackson officer Ivory Harris and lawyer Simpson Goodman pleaded guilty Monday in federal court in Jackson to conspiracy charges, as did two of the men who benefited from the fake police reports. The Patels and Goodman face up to 10 years in prison, having pleaded guilty to both marriage fraud and the police report fraud.</p> <p>A seventh defendant pleaded guilty Friday, and more guilty pleas from others in the scheme are scheduled this month. Nineteen people were indicted in two linked cases in April.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Illinois sheriff: 4 homicides in 36 hours
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/kankakee-county-sheriff-homicides-36-hours-42535610
GIST	<p>Four homicides, including a triple homicide, occurred in less than 36 hours in a northeastern Illinois township and police said Monday that it appears the crimes are related.</p>

	<p>Ralph Ledet, 46, of Pembroke Township was found dead in his driveway shot in his head about 1 a.m. Saturday, Kankakee County officials said. The next day just before 1 p.m. deputies investigating a report of three men shot found a father and two sons dead.</p> <p>Those victims were identified as Reginald Neal, 56, Dangelo Neal, 24, and Davante Hopkins, 21. The Kankakee County coroner plans autopsies Monday morning. The three men suffered multiple gunshot wounds, Kankakee County Sheriff Mike Downey said at a Monday morning news conference.</p> <p>The sheriff said there is a \$1,000 reward for information in the cases and law enforcement are asking anyone with information to come forward.</p>
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HEADLINE	10/03 Rising Vegas murder rate strains police
SOURCE	http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/04/us/las-vegas-homicides.html?_r=0
GIST	<p>LAS VEGAS — In the seven months since Heriberto Diaz Marcial was shot and killed walking home from his job as a casino porter on the Vegas Strip, church volunteers have knocked on hundreds of doors in his neighborhood and handed out fliers seeking information.</p> <p>The police released blurry security footage of a gray sedan tied to his three killers. His wife, Maria Diaz, has gone on television to plead for help.</p> <p>But so far, nothing.</p> <p>Detectives in Las Vegas pride themselves on having one of the country’s better track records for solving homicides, clearing nearly eight in every 10 cases while many other big-city departments struggle to solve half of their murders.</p> <p>But like other big cities across the nation, Las Vegas is in the midst of a dramatic rise in homicides. The rising murder rate is now testing whether the 19 homicide detectives at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department can keep solving those crimes as new calls pour in, from parks awash in heroin, from streets where freelance gang members are quick to draw their guns, and from poor neighborhoods that lie just blocks from the shimmering casinos of the Strip.</p> <p>The nation’s murder rate, which has declined sharply for the last 20 years, rose by nearly 11 percent in 2015, the largest single-year jump in nearly 50 years. But there are still far fewer murders than in the 1990s, and criminologists believe that many large cities are in a period in which they will see steep, and unpredictable, rises and falls in homicides, but that murder rates across the country will remain fairly constant. A few cities were responsible for much of the increase, according to F.B.I. figures.</p>

In Las Vegas, the victims are a mix of African-Americans, whites and Latinos who have been killed during robberies, gang shootings, drug disputes and domestic violence incidents.

For homicide detectives here, the most disturbing factor may be that much of the killing is being committed by teenagers and men in their early 20s, many of whom do not understand the consequences of engaging in violence.

“You find out there was a minor altercation and someone pulled out a gun,” said Lt. Daniel McGrath, who heads the Police Department’s homicide section. “They are so quick to resort to violence that it goes from profanity to shooting.”

As homicides here have swelled to 125 so far this year — a 27 percent increase over 2015 — detectives have watched caseloads grow to five or six apiece, and have become accustomed to phones ringing at 3 a.m. bringing more bad news.

“I’ve got a lot of tired people,” Lieutenant McGrath said.

The pace of the killings has been relentless, even for veteran detectives, who have seen the number creep steadily upward, from 84 in 2012, and are spending more of their time at crime scenes.

April was especially violent, with 24 homicides, the most in any month in the city’s history. While the pace has slowed somewhat, the count this year may surpass the 157 killed in 2006. The city’s worst year was 1996, when 167 people were murdered.

The homicide clearance rate for Las Vegas remains a point of satisfaction for investigators even as they are swamped with cases. Last week, the unit added two detectives to bring the total to 21, in order to help with the caseload, Lieutenant McGrath said.

And Las Vegas is still far better than most cities at clearing homicides — which generally means that a suspect has been arrested or identified.

In Chicago, for instance, detectives solve about 30 percent of their cases, and Philadelphia and Baltimore investigators clear about 50 percent. But clearance rates can swing drastically. Detroit, for instance, solved only about 9 percent of its murders in 2012, but now reports a clearance rate of more than 60 percent.

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New developments in technology continue to challenge our traditional definitions of search and Fourth Amendment violations. In this month's issue, we look at one case where the court ruled in favor of the suspect when investigators used a StingRay device without a warrant. In another case, however, the court refused to get involved in the technical aspects of a search warrant involving a GPS tracker. Both cases build on *United States v. Jones*, which found that the use of a GPS tracker on a vehicle constituted a search.

But even as the courts grapple with issues created by contemporary investigatory tools, basic investigation tactics continue to be defined. The third case we examine draws on the 1975 *Brown v. Illinois* ruling to further clarify when evidence is admissible following an unlawful detention.

Thanks for reading!

Warrant required for StingRay cell-site simulator device

Agents investigating an international drug-trafficking organization obtained warrants for pen register information and cell site location information (CSLI) for a target cell phone. Using CSLI, the agents were able to determine the general vicinity for the target cell phone, but the location was not sufficiently precise enough to identify the particular apartment building or apartment where the phone was being used.

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GPS tracker installation specifics fall outside court's jurisdiction

A confidential informant (CI) told officers that Faulkner was traveling to and from Chicago to obtain heroin and then sell it in Minneapolis. The CI described Faulkner's two cars and two residences. During surveillance, officers saw Faulkner driving both cars to and from both residences. The officers obtained a warrant to place GPS trackers on either or both of Faulkner's vehicles. The warrant specified that the device could be placed on either of Faulkner's vehicles located in Hennepin County (Minneapolis). The officers ultimately placed the device on one of the vehicles while it was in Ramsey County (St. Paul).

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Evidence admitted after unlawful detention leads to discovery of arrest warrant

An officer stopped Strieff after he left a home where officers had watched numerous persons come and go after a brief visit. Suspecting that Strieff was involved in drug crimes, the officer stopped him and asked what he was doing at the home. The officer asked for Strieff's identification and checked for warrants. Upon learning of an active arrest warrant, the officer arrested Strieff. A search incident to arrest yielded methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

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New Study Finds No Racial Bias In Police Violence.

[CNN](#)  (7/25, Howard) details a “provocative” new paper published on Monday in the Journal of Injury Prevention that “combined statistics from various hospital, law enforcement and media sources to expand data on police-involved violence.” CNN says the study found that “while racial minorities were more likely to be stopped by police, the probability of being killed or injured during that stop may not vary by race.” The study found that “once an actual stop or arrest occurs, that racial disparity disappears, and blacks face no greater risk of injury or death.”

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[Reuters](#)  (7/25, Ortiz) reports retired basketball star Michael Jordan on Monday announced he will donate \$1 million each to the Institute for Community-Police Relations and the NAACP. Jordan said in a statement, “As a proud American, a father who lost his own dad in a senseless act of violence, and a black man, I have been deeply troubled by the deaths of African-Americans at the hands of law enforcement and angered by the cowardly and hateful targeting and killing of police officers.” The Institute for Community-Police Relations is “an organization launched in May by the International Association of Chiefs of Police that will work to foster best practices in community policing.”

The [Chicago Sun-Times](#)  (7/25, De Luca) reports that Jordan said the Institute for Community-Police Relations is doing important work “focused on building trust and promoting best practices in community policing” and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund is working “in support of reforms that will build trust and respect between communities and law enforcement.” Jordan added, “Although I know these contributions alone are not enough to solve the problem, I hope the resources will help both organizations make a positive difference.”

The [Washington Post](#)  (7/25, Jackman) provides more background on the Institute for Community-Police Relations, saying the organization focuses on “technology and social media, community policing and crime reduction, training and education, and officer safety and wellness.”

Basketball Star Gathers Law Enforcement, Community Leaders For Discussion With Kids.

The [AP](#)  (7/25) reports basketball star Carmelo Anthony spent a few hours on Monday before leaving to “continue the Americans’ pre-Olympic tour” by gathering “basketball stars, community leaders and police officers to speak with teenagers and young adults about the importance of respect, communication and safety.”

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Obama Signs Opioid Bill.

The [Lake County \(IL\) News-Sun](#)  (7/26, Newton) reports President Obama on Friday signed a new law “aimed at reducing heroin and prescription opiate deaths.” The legislation “approves \$181 million in funding for states to battle heroin and opiate

addiction through efforts from naloxone to education, and new emphasis in courts on treatment instead of incarceration.” The bill’s sponsor, Illinois Rep. Robert Dold (R) “said the funding will be put toward programs that include providing naloxone to first responders in law enforcement.”

OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

Officers Trying To Avoid Attention During Leisure Time.

[USA Today](#)  (7/25, Disis, King) reports, in the wake of recent attacks, officers are attempting to avoid attention when not on the job. Indianapolis Metropolitan Officer Lauren Carmack “has decided that she should not wear clothing that identifies her as a police officer while she’s out with her stepdaughter.” While Officers remain cautious, USA Today says that some have noticed that the recent attacks have inspired an increased amount of public appreciation, with members of the public “offer[ing] to pick up the tab for a cup of coffee or a meal” or shaking hands and saying “thank you.”

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Dallas Police Department Applications Up 344%.

The [Washington Post](#)  (7/25, Bogage) reports applications to the Dallas Police Department are up 344% after Police Chief David Brown told protesters they could fix the community by putting in an application three weeks ago. The Department has been receiving nearly 40 applications per day.

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CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

Federal Judge In New York Sentences Colombian Drug Dealer To 35 Years.

The [AP](#) (7/25, Neumeister) reports from New York that “a Colombian described as one of history’s biggest cocaine dealers was sentenced to 35 years in prison Monday by a Manhattan judge who called the scope of his crimes ‘staggering.’” Daniel Barrera, 48, known as “El Loco,” was sentenced by US District Judge Gregory Woods, “who rejected a defense lawyer’s request for leniency on the grounds that his client tried to cooperate, urged others to surrender and had rescued victims of kidnappings.”

[Reuters](#) (7/25, Raymond) reports that prosecutors said Barrera, 48, “had been one of the most prolific drug traffickers of the last two decades before his capture in Venezuela in 2012 following years in hiding.” Prosecutors “said that from 1998 to 2010, Barrera ran a cocaine manufacturing and trafficking syndicate that produced an estimated 5,000 kilograms of cocaine a month, resulting in more than 720 tons of cocaine being produced during the scheme.”

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Chicago Using Predictive Policing To Reduce Violent Crime Rate.

The [Chicago Tribune](#) (7/22, Gorner) reported Chicago Police are attempting to use predictive policing strategies to reduce the recent rise in violent crime. The Tribune says the department is relying on a "strategic subject list" for its "overall antiviolence strategy, which includes seizing illegal weapons, and is geared at gang factions police say are responsible for much of the rise in violence." The strategy also includes "call-ins", which are "meetings at which gangs are warned they will be singled out if more violence occurs, but gang members also are offered help to change their way of life."

Newspaper Profiles Washitaw Movement.

[The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (7/25, Teague) profiles the Washitaw movement, an African American branch of the sovereign citizens movement to which Baton Rouge shooter Galvin Long had pledged alliance. According to the Washitaw, its members were the original settlers of the Americas. Despite their unique views, the Guardian paraphrases Southern Poverty Law Center researcher Mark Patok as saying, they "fall in line with sovereign aspirations: to separate themselves from the United States, and unburden themselves of its laws." The sovereign citizens movement has recently swelled to 300,000 adherents. The FBI calls sovereign citizens "a domestic terrorist movement" the newspaper says.



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Connecticut Congress Members Unveil "Casey's Law."

The [AP](#) (7/25) reports, "U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Rep. Joe Courtney, both Connecticut Democrats, unveiled "Casey's Law" on Monday in Hartford." The law would have DHS "determine whether foreign countries are systematically and unreasonably refusing or delaying attempts by U.S. officials to deport dangerous criminals," and calls on the State Department to "notify foreign

governments that the U.S. may deny visas to their citizens, if their countries 'systematically and unreasonably' refuse or delay the deportation of nationals in the U.S. who have been convicted of felonies or violent crimes, or are a threat to national security or public safety."

Judge Orders Yahoo To Say How It Collected Emails In Drug Case.

The [Tech Times](#) (7/25) reports that a US magistrate judge has "ordered Yahoo to explain how it was able to recover emails used as evidence in a drug case that were supposedly deleted." The emails were partially responsible for the conviction of drug trafficker Russel Knaggs. His defense team claims the emails' recovery by Yahoo should not have been possible and the evidence may have instead been gathered by real-time interception or NSA surveillance. "In its appeal, the defense requested documents from Yahoo, including instruction manuals for peripheral equipment used in retrieving the emails," the Times says.

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Security Services On Alert For Terror Threats Ahead Of DNC.

The [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)  (7/24) reports, “Thousands of law enforcement officials from at least 50 federal, state, and local agencies are expected to descend upon Philadelphia to secure this week’s Democratic National Convention, as well as the dozens of protests associated with it.”

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

Malaysian Police Foil Attempted ISIL-Connected Bombing Of Law Enforcement Officers.

[Reuters](#) (7/23, Sipalan) reports that Malaysian authorities said on Saturday that they thwarted an attempted bomb attack on high-ranking police officers and arrested 14 suspected ISIL operatives, including the alleged recruiter of militant Abu Ghani Yaacob, who was killed in Syria in mid-April. The suspects arrested in the week-long operation ranged from the ages of 20 and 49 and served as cooks, a mechanic, a student, and a welder.

Spanish Police Arrest Nine Over Illegal Arms Ring.

The [AP](#) (7/23) reports Spanish police have arrested nine individuals, including the leader, of an “international ring allegedly involved in extortion and illegal arms sales.” The leader, “a Polish multimillionaire and former soldier,” was captured during a raid of a home in Ibiza. Police allege the illegal arms ring had been “involved in the sale of over 200,000 AK-47 assault rifles, missile launchers and tanks to South Sudan during the armed conflict in the African country.”

LAW ENFORCEMENT AT WORK

Agents Rescue Immigrants From Rio Grande.

The [Laredo \(TX\) Morning Times](#) (7/24) reports, "Border Patrol agents assigned to the Laredo Sector rescued four immigrants as they tried to enter the U.S. illegally" at around 1 am last Friday, and one agent "jumped into the Rio Grande to rescue these individuals who were in distress." The agent "reached them and brought them to safety." Border Patrol Laredo Sector chief Mario Martinez is quoted saying, "The Rio Grande River is dangerous and despite the dangers, undocumented immigrants still risk their life attempting to swim across this unpredictable river. This rescue is an example of a Border Patrol agent going above and beyond his duty. I commend his actions in risking his life to save others."

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Louisiana Law Aims To Shut Down Human Trafficking In Hotels.

The [Shreveport \(LA\) Times](#) (7/22, Talamo) reports on a law taking effect August 1 that will require all Louisiana hotels to post a human trafficking hotline number in employee notice areas. Hotels violating the law will face a fine of \$50 to \$500 for a first offense, \$250 to \$1000 for a second, and \$500 to \$2500 for a third. The National Human Trafficking Resource Center listed hotels and motels as the second most common venue for human trafficking.

DOJ: Microsoft Has No Legal Basis To Keep User Data From Government.

[Bloomberg News](#) (7/23, Mehrotra) reports the DOJ says, in a court filing, that Microsoft has no legal basis to require the government to notify them when their customer’s emails are intercepted. Microsoft’s lawsuit alleges “customers have a constitutional right to know if the government has searched or seized their property.” Bloomberg News says the government’s filing underscores the “willingness to fight back against tech companies it sees obstructing national security and law enforcement investigations.”

TECHNOLOGY

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Thank You,

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Sgt. Donahue, your team is scheduled to work day shift this day and I have put on the schedule no time off. I and Lt. Rausch will also be working in marked units to help with traffic. This will give us 7 bodies to cover this event and I am also working with Marsi Woody on getting some ONL to put more bodies on the road. So please don't allow anyone time off and give them a heads up on this upcoming event.

Thanks:

Capt. Gonzales

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Subject: Stuntman hopes to re-try Evel Knievel's Snake River Canyon jump on Sept. 17

A plan by Hollywood stuntman Eddie Braun to re-enact Evel Knievel's failed 1974 jump over the Snake River Canyon – Braun hopes to launch on Sept. 17 – is examined by AP sports writer Pat Graham, who reports that Braun wants to prove Knievel could've made it had his parachute not prematurely deployed. "Evel took off on one side of the canyon in 1974," Braun told the AP. "I'm hoping his spirit lands on the other side of the canyon in 2016."

Braun, 54, said he's completed the necessary paperwork and will launch a few miles away from Knievel's original site near Twin Falls. "How many people get to fulfill the dreams of their hero? It's kind of like touching Superman's cape," he said.

He's partnered with two sons eager to complete the legacies of their fathers: Kelly Knievel, who was present the day of the crash, and rocket designer Scott Truax, whose dad constructed the original rocket cycle for Knievel. Braun said he's dubbed his steam-powered rocket cycle "Evel Spirit." Here's Graham's full report:

Stuntman to attempt Knievel's launch over Snake River Canyon

Fueled by the memory of the late daredevil Evel Knievel, Hollywood stuntman Eddie Braun plans to strap into a steam-powered rocket cycle on Sept. 17 for his most death-defying role yet. He will replicate a launch over the Snake River Canyon that could have cost Knievel his life four decades ago.

By PAT GRAHAM, AP Sports Writer

The Hollywood stuntman doesn't want to follow in his idol's footsteps so much as rocket above them — over a gaping canyon, no less.

Evel Knievel's iconic launch, Take II.

Eddie Braun, fueled by the memory of the late daredevil, plans to strap into a steam-powered rocket cycle on Sept. 17 for his most death-defying role yet: Replicating a launch over the Snake River Canyon in Idaho that could have cost Knievel his life four decades ago.

Braun named his rocket "Evel Spirit " after his boyhood hero. It's nearly identical to the model Knievel used for his failed canyon attempt on Sept. 8, 1974. Braun wants to prove Knievel could've made it had his parachute not prematurely deployed.

Joining this endeavor are two sons eager to complete the legacies of their fathers: Kelly Knievel, who was present the day of the crash, and rocket designer Scott Truax, whose dad constructed the original rocket cycle for Knievel.

Ready, set, and (gulp) launch.

"Evel took off on one side of the canyon in 1974. I'm hoping his spirit lands on the other side of the canyon in 2016," said the 54-year-old Braun, who says he completed the necessary paperwork and will launch a few miles away from Knievel's original site that's near Twin Falls, Idaho. "How many people get to fulfill the dreams of their hero? It's kind of like touching Superman's cape."

Braun has long been fascinated by everything Knievel, the popular figure who attempted so many memorable motorcycle jumps over an iconic career:

- The fountains at Caesars Palace in 1967 (crashed, crushed pelvis and femur)
- 13 buses at Wembley Stadium in London in 1975 (crashed, broke pelvis and back)
- 14 Greyhound buses at Kings Island theme park in Ohio in 1975 (success).
- A 90-foot tank filled with sharks in 1977 (crashed on landing ramp during rehearsal, broken arms)

And, of course, the Snake River Canyon attempt. Wearing his patriotic jumpsuit, Knievel was the epitome of cool and calm.

Soon after takeoff, his parachute deployed and halted the rocket's momentum. Watching that day was son, Kelly, and the rocket's designer, Robert Truax, who put a comforting arm around Kelly as the cycle drifted into the canyon.

Evel Knievel walked away with only minor injuries.

"He flipped a coin with his life, and came out alive," said Kelly Knievel, whose father died in 2007 at 69 after suffering from diabetes and pulmonary fibrosis. "My dad certainly had nine lives, didn't he?"

Just before the attempt, the daredevil landed on the cover of Sports Illustrated. Just after, his celebrity status was only cemented.

The town of Twin Falls can't forget him, either. He put the city on the map — and opened its eyes because the Evel Knievel cavalcade supposedly left behind a trail of unpaid bills.

In 1974, Chris Talkington worked as the news director for the local television station and watched Knievel fail to make it over the canyon and then fail to pay vendors for their services. Now a city councilman in Twin Falls, he said his town is wiser about what to expect from a daredevil attempting to jump the canyon.

"It woke our little town up," explained Talkington, who wasn't aware of Braun's jump but said there is a ramp near the canyon. "I look forward to (another attempt). I applaud them."

As a kid, Braun would often jump over trash cans in the driveway on his Schwinn Stingray, pretending to be Knievel. Braun even became a professional stuntman because of Knievel, serving as a stunt double for actors such as Ray Liotta and Charlie Sheen, along with coordinating stunts for movies, TV shows and music videos.

For three years, Braun tried to launch this project and invested nearly \$1.5 million. He's looking to raise another \$150,000.

He said he's secured the proper permission and permits from private land owners, Federal Aviation Administration, even Homeland Security, to green light his blastoff. Others have stepped up as well, including Slash from Guns N' Roses. Braun said the guitarist recorded a theme song for him — fittingly using Elton John's hit, "Rocket Man."

The jump will be live-streamed on the Internet.

For years, many believed Evel Knievel's daredevil son, Robbie — who's completed more than 350 jumps — might be the first to take a crack at the canyon. At one point, Robbie Knievel was looking at the jump in 2011, but it didn't take flight.

"Eddie put together the team and he's the one that got it done," Kelly Knievel explained. "It's very dangerous — and very ambitious."

Scott Truax used his father's blueprints to reconstruct the rocket. He wanted to show that his dad's version of Evel Knievel's "X2 Skycycle" would've worked, if not for the parachute malfunction.

The late Robert Truax was considered one of top rocket scientists of the 20th century.

"With this re-creation, it is my intent to clear his name and tell his amazing story," Scott Truax said in an email. "I like to think that instead of looking up at the rocket launch, he and Evel will be looking down on it and that's a much better view."

The rocket will reach a top speed of 400 mph in about 3 seconds and an altitude of 3,000 feet before the engine cuts off and the parachute deploys. Braun says he expects to soar about 1,500 feet or 0.28 miles over the canyon.

While parachute technology has improved, there's still plenty of danger.

That's why Braun's wife and four kids aren't planning to attend the launch. Braun constantly reassures them.

"They think it's really cool that dad gets to fly a rocket," Braun said. "I guess there's just a little Evel in all of us."

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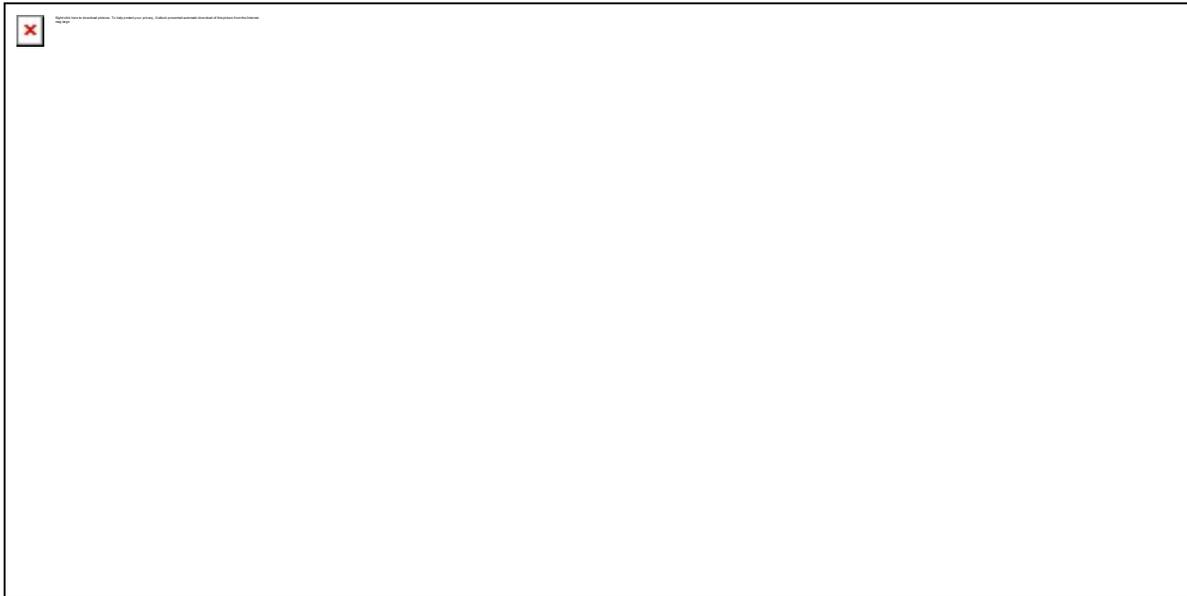
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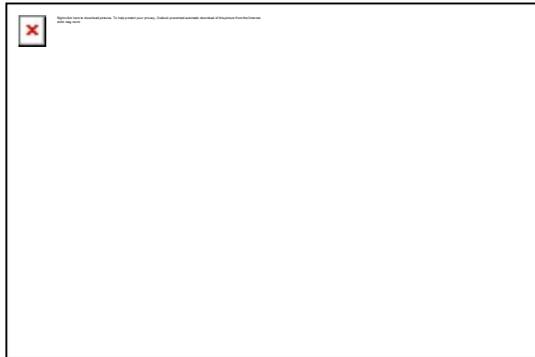


Robots The Latest Threat To Associates And The Billable Hour

By Eric Kroh

As cost-conscious clients force changes in the legal profession and law firms search for new places to cut expenses, artificial intelligence is poised to take on an ever-expanding role and muscle in on BigLaw associates' turf.

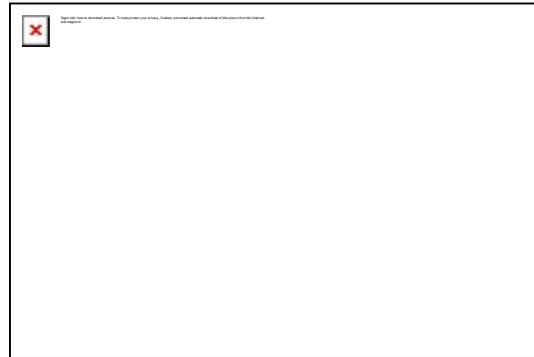
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Reed Smith Atty's Widow Wages Battle Against Paradox Of Generic-Drug Injury Law

By Sindhu Sundar

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Why Financial Crisis Cases Against Wall Street Execs Veered Off Target

By Ed Beeson

Although federal authorities have been repeatedly slammed for not holding more

Recent case law surrounding generic-drug injury claims prevents many plaintiffs from suing either generics makers or their branded counterparts, leaving scores of people without legal recourse. But a case brought by the widow of a Reed Smith attorney over her husband's suicide is beating the odds.

individuals accountable for the financial crisis, many of the high-profile prosecutions that were brought have flopped before judges or juries or fizzled during the throes of litigation, raising questions about what more the government could have done.



News Analysis

Cravath's New Chief Could Represent Tipping Point For Female Leadership

By Aebra Coe

Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP is by no means the first BigLaw firm to elect a woman to lead the partnership, but experts say news that longtime partner Faiza J. Saeed has broken that final barrier of law firm hierarchy could hasten others to follow suit given the Wall Street firm's status as a trendsetter.



News Analysis

Ginsburg's Trump Attack Breaks New Ground In Court Politicization

By Zachary Zagger

While the wall between the judiciary and politics may often appear flimsy, experts say Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's recent remarks about Donald Trump are almost unprecedented.



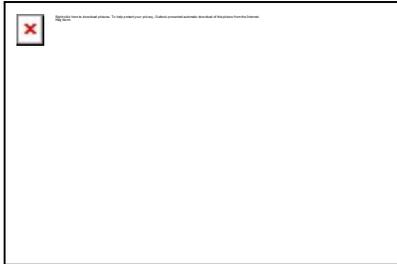
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Ex-Fox News Anchor's Suit Puts Media Sexism In Spotlight — For Now

By Vin Gurrieri

Gretchen Carlson's lawsuit against Fox News head Roger Ailes could be a high-profile case study on sexual harassment in the

media. But its impact could be limited if it ends up in private arbitration.



Sidebar

Thomas Girardi Talks ‘Real Housewives’ And Honest Abe

By Aebra Coe

Renowned plaintiffs attorney Thomas Girardi opened up to Law360 about his personal life during a recent 10-minute interview, revealing his admiration for Abraham Lincoln, love of golf, and the people other than his wife, a reality TV star, who can get him to crack up.

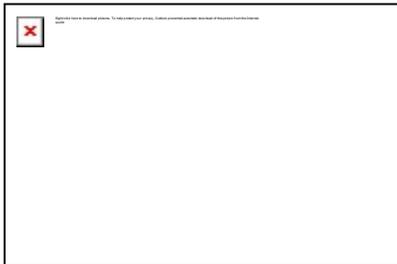


Secret Lives of Lawyers

Quarles & Brady’s Sarah Ames Takes Globetrotting To The Next Level

By Jessica Corso

Seven marathons. Seven continents. Seven days. In her spare time, Sarah Ames puts to rest any attorney complaints about the rigors of business travel.



You Can Quote Me On That

The Week’s Best In Legal Talk Stingray, Brex-Factor, Cheap Chicken

By Richard McVay

Legal minds this week took on Pokemon Go, illegal cellphone tracking and “bar girls.” Here are the week’s best lines from the legal world.



Op-Ed
Quid No Quo

The high court's decision on corruption in McDonnell v. U.S. is correct

By Craig Engle, Arent Fox LLP

It is rare when the U.S. Supreme Court overturns someone's criminal conviction. It is even rarer when it does so unanimously. Something must be terribly out of whack inside the Justice Department when that happens — as it was with the attempted conviction of Governor Bob McDonnell of Virginia on half-cooked charges of corruption.



Op-Ed
BigLaw's Gender Diversity Problem Is The Traditional Model Itself

By Mark A. Cohen, Legal Mosaic LLC

BigLaw was architected by men for men. And while some firms are making considerable efforts to level the playing field and right past wrongs, their structure, reward system and deeply embedded resistance to change militates against rapid progress. Diversity will be achieved when the traditional law firm partnership model has its sunset.

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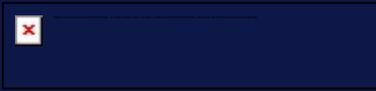
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Video: Fresno Police Release Footage of Man Refusing to Show Officers His Hands Before Being Shot and Killed

The Fresno (CA) Police Department released body camera video Wednesday showing Dylan Noble repeatedly ignoring officers' demands that he stop moving back and forth at a gas station parking lot and show his hands before officers fired their weapons.

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President Obama Holds Meeting with BLM Activists and Police, Reports No Progress

"There is no doubt that police departments still feel embattled and unjustly accused," Mr. Obama said. "And there is no doubt that minority communities, communities of color, still feel like it just takes too long to do what's right. We have to as a country sit down and just..."

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Colorado Deputy Shoots Bullet Down Barrel of Attacker's Gun

Marquez was visiting his girlfriend when two armed suspects approached him with their guns drawn. He was shot multiple times in the chest and abdomen before the suspects ran away.

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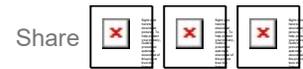
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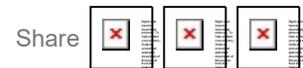
Video: Chicago BLM Activist Calls for Abolishing Police

"Here are the solutions. We need to abolish the police, period. Demilitarize the police, disarm the police, and we need to come up with community solutions for transformative justice," said Jessica Disu, drawing some shocked reactions.



Video: Richmond Police Memorial Vandalized with Spray Paint

Initially, someone spray painted the words "Justice for Alton" on the ground, which has been cleared. However, there is still more work to be done.



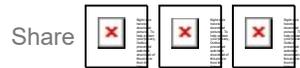
Baltimore Officer Acquitted in Freddie Gray's Death to Receive \$87K in Back Pay

Officer Caesar Goodson Jr., who was acquitted of second-degree murder and other charges in the death of Freddie Gray, is set to receive \$87,000 in back pay.



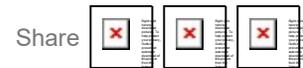
Federal Judge Throws Out Cell Phone Evidence Gathered by Stingray Surveillance Device

For the first time, a federal judge has suppressed evidence obtained without a warrant by U.S. law enforcement using a stingray, a surveillance device that can trick suspects' cell phones into revealing their locations.



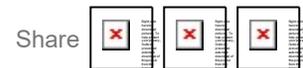
Video: NYPD Officers Cope with Dozens of Synthetic Marijuana K2 "Zombies"

The NYPD said the incident began around 9:40 a.m., with most of the subjects being found on the sidewalk and subway platforms near Broadway and Myrtle Avenue - a notorious spot for K2 users that has been dubbed "Zombieland" by police and residents.



Video: Dallas Police Overwhelmed by Calls and E-mails from People Wanting to Join Force

It was a brief appeal in a news conference earlier this week: "We're hiring," said Dallas Police Chief David Brown. "Get off that protest line, and put in an application."



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POLICING & POLICY

Dallas Police Department Inundated With Applications For Employment Following Chief's Plea.

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#)  (7/13, Link) reports the Dallas Police Department has been “inundated with job applicants after the police chief told protesters earlier this week that the agency was hiring.” Chief David Brown, at a news conference Monday, was quoted, saying “Don’t be a part of the problem. We’re hiring. We’re hiring. Get off that protest line and put an application in.” The Journal-Constitution says the spike in application is good for the department, as they are in the same situation as “cities across the nation [that] have struggled to bring on new staff amid ever-tightening budgets and increasing tensions.”

Proposed “Back The Blue Act” Would Create Increased Penalties For Those Who Target Officers.

The [Washington Post](#)  (7/13, Demirjian) reports Sens. John Cornyn (R-TX), Ted Cruz (R-TX), and Thom Tillis (R-NC) introduced a bill on Wednesday that would “ratchet up penalties against anyone who intentionally targets police.” The bill

would make “attempting or conspiring to kill a law enforcement officer or judge a federal crime punishable by up to 30 years in jail.” The [Houston Chronicle](#) (7/13, Diaz) reports the bill is called the “Back the Blue Act.”

Baltimore Police Relying On 24/7 War Room To Target Repeat Offenders.

The [Baltimore Sun](#) (7/13, Rodricks) reports the Baltimore Police have utilized a 24/7 war room for the past year to “bring police, prosecutors, and federal law enforcement agencies together to target violent repeat offenders and build cases against them.” Lt. Jarron Jackson says the war room has been “very effective” as the task force has “been able to identify a multitude of crime drivers” within the city. Jackson says the group analyzes data to find suspects responsible for most of the city’s shootings and forms a “trigger-pull list.” Lt. Jackson says the “dedicated units within the war room have subtracted 566 trigger pullers” from the streets of Baltimore in the one year of its existence.

COMMUNITY

Law Enforcement Officials, Activists Have “Productive” White House Meeting.

The [AP](#) (7/13, Freking) reports President Barack Obama met with law enforcement officials, community activists, and politicians for over four hours on Wednesday to begin a conversation on how to “resolv[e] issues between police and the communities they serve.” Those in attendance called the meeting productive, and the President said he looks forward to repeating the “kind of respectful conversations” had during the meeting. Police groups and activists “did agree the meeting...could lead to building trust and improving accountability in police departments.”

IACP President Terry Cunningham, who was seated next to the President during the meeting, is quoted, saying “From the law enforcement perspective, we hear it, we understand it. I think that too often we comment about statistics. This isn’t about statistics from one side or another. This is about emotion. This is about people’s lives. This is about fear in the community and it’s our job to make people safe.” Cunningham also “said the Dallas Police Department exemplified that commitment to their community when officers used themselves as human shields to protect bystanders from possibly being shot.”



Call for Case Examples



The IACP continues to track hot button issues facing our membership. One such issue is the continued threat that smartphone encryption poses to law enforcement when investigating crimes and keeping the public safe. As part of that effort, it is important that our members continue to provide examples in which smartphone encryption has impeded aspects of an investigation or prevented the identification of potential suspects resulting in an unsolved case.

As some may be aware, the House Judiciary and House Energy and Commerce Committees announced the formation of a working group to study the encryption issue and receive input from stakeholders impacted. IACP has been asked to brief the working group this summer. Please send anecdotal stories or specific case examples where encryption has impacted an investigation to Sarah Guy at guy@theiacp.org by July 29, 2016. We are particularly interested in case examples from CA, IL, MA, MI, NJ, NY, OH, WA, WI, and VA.

CRIME & DRUGS

Obama To Sign Opioid Bill.

[The Hill](#)  (7/13, Ferris) "Floor Action" blog reports "the White House on Wednesday reluctantly agreed to sign off" on a bill that aims to fight opioid abuse. [McClatchy](#)  (7/13, Pugh) reports that the Senate on Wednesday passed the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act by a vote of 90-2.

Telephone Scams Double In Past Three Years.

[NBC Nightly News](#) (7/13, story 8, 2:00, Holt) reported telephone scams have doubled in the past three years, with the "average consumer now receiving 10 such calls per week." The most common scams involve callers pretending to be from the IRS, Google, or claiming that the recipient has won a cruise.

OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

Police Nationwide Taking Extra Precautions Following Dallas Attack.

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the next two weeks for the first time in nearly a decade.” Meanwhile, in cities like St. Louis, New York, Los Angeles, and Washington, police have begun “patrolling in pairs.”

TECHNOLOGY

Burr-Feinstein Encryption Draft Appears Stalled.

[McClatchy](#)  (7/13, Cockerham) reports that the draft encryption bill from SSCI Chairman Richard Burr and Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein is unlikely to pass in the current Congress. The plan “to give law enforcement access to encrypted cellphone data has fizzled.” Feinstein spokesman Tom Mentzer “said there have been no decisions on moving forward with the proposal and ‘staff continue to consult’ on the matter.”

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Suspect Fleeing From Police Climbs Over Fence And Into Jail.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (7/12, Repard) reports on a “surprise ending” to a pursuit by law enforcement in San Diego (CA) County. The suspect fled from law enforcement after an attempted stop for a traffic violation. The suspect eventually “stopped outside the Vista jail and climbed a fence to get in,” where

he went straight to the jail intake area. The Times says the officers “obliged by closing a gate and arresting him.”

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Fraudsters May Be Exploiting Orlando Shooting To Solicit Money.

[WKMG-TV](#) Orlando, FL (7/13, Washington) reports online that some individuals soliciting money as purported victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting were not actually at the club at the time the incident occurred. “There are dozens and dozens of GoFundMe pages for victims of the Pulse nightclub massacre,” some of which may be fraudulent, WKMG warns.



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Proposed "Back The Blue Act" Would Create Increased Penalties For Those Who Target Officers.

The [Washington Post](#) (7/13, Demirjian) reports Sens. John Cornyn (R-TX), Ted Cruz (R-TX), and Thom Tillis (R-NC) introduced a bill on Wednesday that would "ratchet up penalties against anyone who intentionally targets police." The bill would make "attempting or conspiring to kill a law enforcement officer or judge a federal crime punishable by up to 30 years in jail." The [Houston Chronicle](#) (7/13, Diaz) reports the bill is called the "Back the Blue Act."

Burr-Feinstein Encryption Draft Appears Stalled.

[McClatchy](#) (7/13, Cockerham) reports that the draft encryption bill from SSCI Chairman Richard Burr and Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein is unlikely to pass in the current Congress. The plan "to give law enforcement access to encrypted cellphone data has fizzled." Feinstein spokesman Tom Mentzer "said there have been no decisions on moving forward with the proposal and 'staff continue to consult' on the matter."

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New Technology Will Allow Police Body Camera Footage To Be Easily Searched.

[Engadget](#) (7/13) reports technology from Vu Digital, dubbed S.M.A.R.R.T. (Storage Metadata Automated Redaction Review Technology), that uses algorithms to tag and decipher data within policy body camera footage will be provided to the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office. Engadget says the technology "makes it simple for anyone needing to comb through...footage to be able to do so." The tech can also "pick out faces, audio and text and can time stamp each bit of information to create a searchable database for the purposes of archiving and inspecting evidence." Engadget adds that the technology will likely be very useful "because of the sheer amount of data that's recorded via police cam."

Proposed Utah Legislation Will Allow Authorities To Target Drones Near Wildfires.

The [AP](#) (7/13, Price) reports the Utah governor is likely to sign a measure in the coming days to allow authorities in the state to "disable and crash drones for flying too close to wildfires." The AP says Utah would be the first state in the nation to give authorities that power. The law would also allow for "harsher penalties on people caught flying the aircraft,...if a drone causes a firefighting aircraft to crash." The bill's sponsor, state Sen. Evan Vickers, expects law enforcement will use technology to jam the signal and crash the drone, although the measure does allow law enforcement to shoot the drone down.

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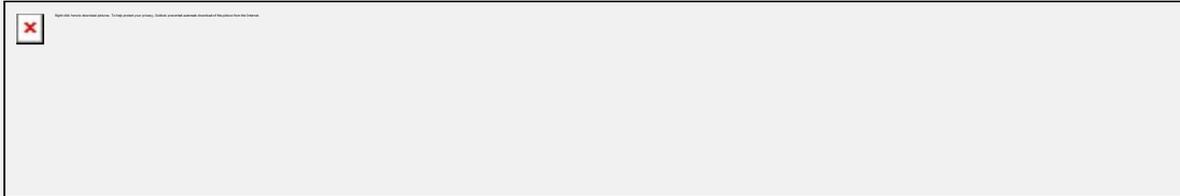
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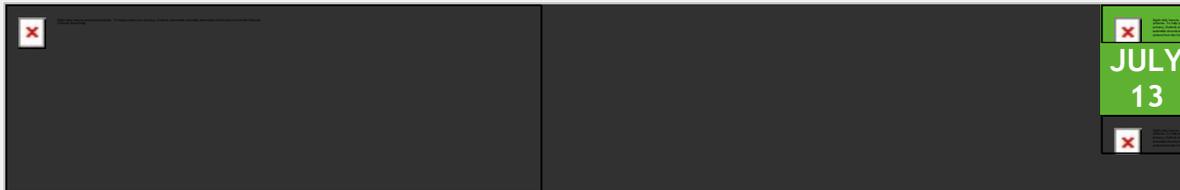
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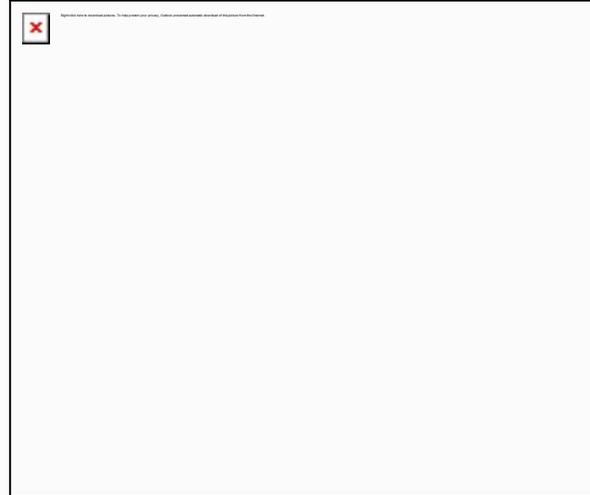
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Paper currencies around the world, are typically made of a cellulose based paper which can easily adsorb cocaine onto the surface. Due to the frequency of contaminated paper coming into contact with other bills, the cocaine is easily transferred from one bill to the next. This application note explores a method for extraction, identification, and quantitation of cocaine on paper money from nine different geographical locations around the globe

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By pinging a targeted cell phone, the Stingray mimics a cell phone tower and forces the phone to send back a signal. By calculating the strength of the signal, authorities pinpointed the location of the targeted cellphone. Once there, they found the alleged drug dealer asleep in his bed. After finally consenting to a search of his home, authorities found the narcotics, three digital scales, and empty zip lock bags.

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There are a large number of explosives-contaminated sites in the US, Europe, and Asia. High levels of explosives in soil can threaten the health of humans, livestock, and wildlife. A number of remediation efforts are underway, which require the analysis of explosives in soil samples. Recently, a new technique was introduced that allows the automated super critical fluid extraction and SFC analysis of explosives in soil samples with minimal sample preparation and handling requirements to save analyst time and sample preparation expenses.

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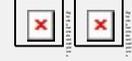
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HEADLINE	07/11 Anonymous 'day of rage' false rumor?
SOURCE	http://www.snopes.com/2016/07/11/anonymous-day-of-rage-protests-2016/
GIST	<p>A rumor that the hacktivist collective Anonymous has called for nationwide 'Day of Rage' protests on 15 July 2016 is identical to a false rumor circulated in 2014.</p> <p>Early July 2016 saw a week of high-profile shootings involving police the United States: On 5 July 2016, Alton Sterling was shot and killed by police officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; the following day, Philando Castile was shot and killed by police during a traffic stop in Minnesota; and the day after that a sniper shot and killed five police officers during a Black Lives Matter protest in Dallas. Soon afterwards, a rumor began circulating that the hacktivist group Anonymous was now calling for a nationwide Day of Rage protests on 15 July 2016 as a response to those incidents...</p> <p>To those inclined to question the likelihood that an actual "Day of Rage" is being planned by Anonymous, we note that this rumor is virtually identical to one that was circulated two years earlier after the shooting of teenager Mike Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. As we pointed out back then, one of the key aspects of Anonymous is its amorphous nature and overall lack of central organization; as such, anyone can initiate an Anonymous "operation," and none is ever officially sanctioned by any particular portion of the collective...</p> <p>The call to demonstrate back in August 2014 was said to be a response to the ongoing protests and unrest in Ferguson, with one Twitter account, @OpFerguson, live-tweeting events and calls to action relating to the controversy. Often, actions linked to Anonymous are codenamed with a hashtag and given an "operation" title to organize activity for those who support the group and its initiatives. While the loose organizational structure of Anonymous actions allows for a level of unpredictability, the @OpFerguson Twitter account had more than 28,000 followers and appeared to be a larger and more cohesive mouthpiece for Anonymous operatives supporting Ferguson protests. The rumors of a "Day of Rage" of August 2014 were circulated for quite a while in advance of that date, and the @OpFerguson Twitter account denied any involvement in planning or calling for such an action several days beforehand...</p> <p>As in 2016, versions of e-mails and social media posts warning Americans about potential "Day of Rage" protests or unrest in 2014 were linked to posts listing the following locations and scheduling information:</p> <p><i>EMERGENCY PR: NATIONAL DAY OF RAGE</i> <i>DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 2014</i> <i>7PM ET, 6PM CT, 5PM MT, 4PM PT</i> <i>Phoenix: 5:00PM (EASTLAKE PARK, 1549 E Jefferson St , Phoenix, AZ 85034)</i> <i>Tucson: 5:00PM (CATALINA PARK, 900 N 4th Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85705)</i> <i>Little Rock: 6:00PM (OUTSIDE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr., Little Rock, AR 72201)</i> <i>San Francisco: 4:00PM (CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 355 Mcallister St, San Francisco, California 94102)</i></p>

Oakland: 4:00PM (FRANK OGAWA PLAZA, 1 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612)
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Tampa: 7:00PM (OUTSIDE HILLSBOROUGH COURTHOUSE, 800 E Twiggs St, Tampa, FL)
Orlando: 7:00PM (LAKE EOLA PARK, 195 N Rosalind Ave, Orlando, Florida 32801)
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New Orleans: 6:00PM (LAFAYETTE SQUARE, New Orleans, LA 70130)
Baltimore: 7:00PM (201 E Pratt St, Baltimore, MD 21202)
Boston: 7:00PM (MASSACHUSETTS STATE HOUSE, 24 Beacon St, Boston, MA 01233)
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Salt Lake City: 5:00PM (SALT LAKE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 4600 S Redwood Rd, Salt Lake City, Utah 84123)
Seattle: 4:00PM (QUEEN ANNE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2011 1st Ave N, Seattle, Washington 98109)
Milwaukee: 5:00PM (DINEEN PARK, Milwaukee, Wisconsin)
IF YOUR CITY IS NOT LISTED, MAKE A FACEBOOK EVENT FOR IT NOW.

	It's virtually impossible to say who specifically began "Day of Rage" rumors calling for protests across the U.S. in August 2014. However, no one appeared to actually be organizing or endorsing the actions mentioned in such rumors.
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HEADLINE	07/13 Dark side of Pokémon Go
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/the-dark-side-of-pokemon-go/
GIST	<p>The wildly successful release of Pokemon Go hasn't exactly been all fun and games. The new, "augmented reality" smartphone game, in which players try to capture cute digital monsters overlaid on real-world settings, has already spawned its share of problems and controversy.</p> <p>Police have had to warn the public about the dangers of playing the game while driving, and some distracted players have reportedly wiped out as they wandered public places in search of Pokemon. In Missouri, four men committed a string of robberies by targeting their victims through the game, CBS affiliate KMOV reported.</p> <p>Now, some experts are raising privacy concerns about the game, which became the most downloaded iPhone app following its rollout last week and has already been installed on more than 5 percent of all Android devices.</p> <p>In the game's initial release, iPhone users could sign in by creating an account or through their Google (GOOG) accounts. The latter option reportedly gave Niantic, Pokemon's developer, full access to players' Google accounts, meaning the company could access their Gmail, Google Drive files, photos and videos stored in Google Photos and other content.</p> <p>"You were giving [Niantic] permission, at least in theory to crawl into every aspect of your Google world," said Adam Levin, founder and chairman of consulting firm IDT911 and author of "Swiped: How to Protect Yourself in a World Full of Scammers, Phishers and Identity Thieves."</p> <p>If Niantic were to get hacked, all the information it collects would be up for grabs, he noted.</p> <p>"We, as consumers, give away far too much access to our information," warned Levin. "This is America: Give away whatever you want to give away, but just understand what it is you're giving away and the ramifications" of your decisions.</p> <p>"We are living in a world where breaches have become the third certainty in life," he added.</p> <p>Niantic, which was spun out of Google in 2015, responded on Monday to criticism over privacy concerns by releasing a statement that it "recently discovered" the "account creation process on iOS erroneously requests full access permission for the user's Google account."</p>

The growing privacy concerns surrounding the game have not only led some consumers to uninstall the free app but also caught the attention of lawmakers. On Tuesday, Sen. Al Franken, D-Minnesota, sent a letter to Niantic posing questions to clarify how the company will handle user information.

In their rush to join the Pokemon Go craze, many consumers, said Levin, have overlooked privacy considerations. In addition, some have been duped into downloading "clone" apps from third parties. Such apps could infect their devices with malware and make would-be Pokemon monster catchers vulnerable to identity theft and phishing scams, he said.

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HEADLINE	07/12 Seattle police guild president resigns
SOURCE	http://www.thestranger.com/slog/2016/07/12/24337587/seattle-police-guild-president-resigns
GIST	<p>In the wake of another offensive Facebook post, SPOG President Ron Smith is resigning. His e-mail to members is below the jump. "I regret that this post offended any one, as that was not the intent in any way," Smith writes. "We don't need any further distractions in moving down the reform road."</p> <p>The Facebook post tried to blame the shootings of Dallas police officers by a lone gunman last week on what Smith called country's "minority movement," which many took as a thinly veiled reference to Black Lives Matter. He added the hashtag #WeShallOvercome. He deleted it after it was roundly condemned.</p> <p>Smith has had a rocky tenure during a key time for the SPD, as it tries to complete a federally-mandated reform process. He succeeded Rich O'Neil, a complete asshole, in 2014. After his election, he broke with SPOG's practice of ignoring <i>The Stranger</i>, making overtures and promising a newly open posture toward accountability. Under his direction, the union didn't join an unhinged, failed lawsuit that sought to block reforms. He gave a "stunning" interview after one year on the job, telling Seattle cops to adapt to the city's liberal political climate or get out, but backtracked after a furor within the union and calls for his resignation, then doubled down last summer on delusional right-wing rhetoric.</p> <p>SPOG members are voting by mail on a new contract this week.</p> <p>Kevin Stuckey, an African-American police officer and SPOG's representative on the Community Police Commission, will replace him at the end of the month.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Coffee just got more expensive
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/341091/why-your-cup-of-coffee-just-got-more-expensive/
GIST	Starbucks coffee got more expensive Tuesday after the company raised prices on many of its popular coffee drinks.

In Seattle, however, Starbucks coffee has experienced more considerable price hikes over the past year than anywhere else.

Starting July 12, Starbucks coffee will cost 10-20 cents more — for the brewed variety. Espresso beverages and tea lattes have increased by 10-30 cents. The company said it expects the average customer's bill to go up by 1 percent and stress that prices on 65 percent of its menu items will not change.

The price hike comes in the wake of employee criticism over pay. Starbucks employees recently started an online petition — which has garnered 13,000 signatures — by asking the company to increase hours and staffing levels.

July's price hikes come one year after the company last spiked prices. At that time, Starbucks raised prices by 1 percent at its United States stores. But in the Seattle region prices jumped by 3.5 percent. When Starbucks raised prices in July 2015, the cost of brewed coffee went up by 10-20 cents in Seattle.

That means within one year, the cost of brewed Starbucks coffee in the Seattle-area has gone up by as much as 40 cents.

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HEADLINE	07/12 Convention cities adjust security plans
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/07/12/convention-cities-adjust-security-plans-after-shootings.html
GIST	<p>Rising tensions after the deadly ambush of police officers in Dallas and subsequent protests nationwide have led Cleveland and Philadelphia to adjust security plans for the national political conventions this month.</p> <p>Cleveland, where the Republican National Convention is to begin Monday, has moved up by a week the activation of a tip line for reporting suspicious activity, Police Chief Calvin Williams said. Security plans have been "ramped up" because of the Dallas shootings last week, which killed five officers and wounded nine others at the end of a march to protest the fatal shooting of black men by police in Louisiana and Minnesota, he said.</p> <p>"We're going to make sure we stay vigilant," Williams said. "But we also want to make sure that we ask the community to remain vigilant."</p> <p>There have been no credible reports of threats against officers in Cleveland or the surrounding region, Williams said. But adding to concerns over security is Ohio's status as an "open carry" state, meaning it's legal to carry a gun in the open without a permit. One supporter of the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, Donald Trump, has already asked Cleveland march participants to be mindful of the message that openly carrying might convey.</p>

"We really don't want people to bring long guns," said Tim Selaty Sr., lead organizer for Citizens for Trump.

In Philadelphia, where the Democratic convention begins July 25, Police Commissioner Richard Ross said Monday that his agency won't change its general approach for policing protesters at the Democratic convention. He said the Dallas shootings have "required that we do things different tactically," although, like Cleveland's police chief, he declined to elaborate on specific strategies.

With Philadelphia police already on heightened alert because of Dallas, an incident at a downtown high-rise hotel late Monday rang alarm bells. Two people were found on the rooftop with smoke bombs and camera equipment and taken into custody. There was no immediate word on what they were doing.

One Philadelphia group's police protests grew hostile in recent days, with anti-police chants and at least one speaker praising the Dallas gunman. That group, the Philly Coalition for REAL Justice, has sought a permit for a march in downtown Philadelphia on the second day of the convention. It's pending.

But a lack of official permission to demonstrate will not stop them or anyone else from protesting; police say the lack of a permit alone will not result in arrests.

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HEADLINE	07/12 Oklahoma cops shot, killed unarmed man
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/oklahoma-police-shooting-andrew-henson-video-unarmed/
GIST	<p>WAGONER, Okla. -- Body-worn camera footage shows that a man who was killed last month by a Wagoner police officer after a high-speed pursuit was unarmed.</p> <p>The Tulsa World reports officer Robert Reynolds fatally shot 25-year-old Andrew Henson on June 7 after Henson rammed the officer's car several times during the chase.</p> <p>Video recorded by two officer-worn body cameras shows Henson turn toward the officer with both arms extended after getting out of his car.</p> <p>Officers say Henson pointed his hand in the shape of a gun, saying, "You're going to have to kill me," according to CBS affiliate KOTV. They say officer Robert Reynolds thought it was a real gun when he fired, killing Henson.</p> <p>Both the men are white.</p> <p>Police say Henson raised his arms like someone would hold and point a gun. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is reviewing the shooting.</p>

	After the shooting, the OSBI said Henson made a "threatening move" at Reynolds, but didn't elaborate.
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HEADLINE	07/12 Colorado confirms refugee TB spike
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2016/07/12/colorado-now-says-sixteen-refugees-diagnosed-active-tb/
GIST	<p>The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment admits that sixteen refugees were diagnosed with active TB between 2011 and 2014.</p> <p>The admission comes one month after Breitbart News reported ten recently arrived refugees in Colorado were diagnosed with active tuberculosis (TB). Between 2011 and 2014, 16 out of 7,754 refugees were diagnosed with active TB at the time of their initial medical screening.</p> <p>That's one out of every 484 arriving refugees.</p> <p>During that same time period, 67 out of the state's estimated 4.5 million U.S.-born residents were diagnosed with active TB. That's one out of every 67,164 U.S.-born residents of Colorado.</p> <p>Refugees resettled in Colorado developed active TB at a rate 138 times higher than U.S.-born residents of Colorado.</p> <p>The number of refugees resettled in Colorado between 2011 and 2015 diagnosed with active TB may actually be higher than sixteen, since the most recent total does not include any refugees who may have been diagnosed in 2015.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 China rejects South China Sea ruling
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/07/12/tribunal-rules-theres-no-legal-basis-for-chinas-claims-in-south-china-sea.html
GIST	<p>A tribunal at The Hague ruled in a sweeping decision Tuesday that China has no legal basis for claiming much of the South China Sea and had aggravated the seething regional dispute with its large-scale land reclamation and construction of artificial islands that destroyed coral reefs and the natural condition of the disputed areas.</p> <p>China "does not accept or acknowledge" the tribunal or the ruling, China's state Xinhua news agency said. The nation has long maintained that the tribunal did not have jurisdiction over the dispute.</p>

The ruling is binding on both countries under a United Nations treaty that both have signed, but there is no policing agency or mechanism to enforce it. The ruling still constitutes a rebuke, carrying with it the force of the international community's opinion. It also gives heart to small countries in Asia that have helplessly chafed at China's expansionism, backed by its military and economic power.

Ruling on a variety of disputes the Philippines asked the tribunal to settle between it and China, the five-member panel unanimously concluded that China had violated its obligations to refrain from aggravating the dispute while the settlement process was ongoing.

The tribunal also found that China had interfered with Philippine petroleum exploration at Reed Bank, tried to stop fishing by Philippine vessels within the country's exclusive economic zone and failed to prevent Chinese fishermen from fishing within the Philippines' exclusive economic zone at Mischief Reef and Second Thomas Shoal.

The Philippines, which sought the arbitration ruling, welcomed the decision. "The Philippines strongly affirms its respect for this milestone decision as an important contribution to ongoing efforts in addressing disputes in the South China Sea," Foreign Secretary Perfecto Yasay said in Manila.

State Department spokesman John Kirby said the U.S. expected China and the Philippines both to comply with their obligations under the ruling, calling it an important contribution to the shared goal of peacefully resolving South China Sea disputes.

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HEADLINE	07/12 Most healthcare co-ops have failed
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/07/12/most-obamacare-co-ops-have-now-failed.html
GIST	<p>Only a third of ObamaCare co-ops are still in operation after two more co-ops announced they were closing their doors in the past week.</p> <p>Connecticut's co-op, HealthyCT, was placed under an immediate order of supervision on July 5 after being forced to pay \$13.4 million for the Affordable Care Act's risk adjustment program.</p> <p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services initially awarded HealthyCT \$75.8 million in June 2012, then awarded it \$3.8 million in November 2013 and \$48.4 million in September 2014.</p> <p>"It became evident that this risk adjustment mandate would put the company under significant financial strain," said Katharine Wade, Connecticut's insurance manager. "This order of supervision provides for an orderly run-off of the company's claim payment under close regulatory oversight."</p> <p>Three days later, the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services announced it would place Oregon's Health Co-Op in receivership and liquidate the company's assets. The co-op lost \$18.4 million in</p>

	<p>2015 due to medical claims and individual policies and owes \$900,000 to pay for Obamacare’s risk adjustment program. The co-op was awarded a total of \$56.7 million from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.</p> <p>“We understand changing plans in the middle of the year will be difficult for Oregonians, but this action was necessary given the sudden deterioration of the company’s financial position,” said Patrick Allen, director of the department. “Unfortunately, as a startup, Oregon’s Health CO-OP is not in a position to sustain these losses while meeting its obligations to policyholders.”</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Football player sorry for cop ‘image’
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/cleveland-browns-isaiah-crowell-apologizes-instagram-drawing-cop/
GIST	<p>Cleveland Browns running back Isaiah Crowell has apologized for posting a drawing on Instagram last week showing a police officer getting his throat slashed.</p> <p>Crowell posted the drawing after men in Louisiana and Minnesota were shot and killed by police. He subsequently deleted the post, but a screenshot continued to be circulated on social media, prompting his apology Monday.</p> <p>Five police officers were killed in a sniper attack in Dallas last Thursday night at a protest over the two deaths. Seven other officers and two civilians were wounded.</p> <p>"Last week was an emotional and difficult week as we saw extreme acts of violence against black men across our country as well as against police officers in Dallas," Crowell said in a statement distributed by the Browns.</p> <p>"I posted an image to Instagram in the midst of that emotion that I shouldn't have and immediately removed it. It was an extremely poor decision and I apologize for that mistake and for offending people. My values and beliefs do not match that image. I am outraged and upset by the deaths of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile along with so many others. I am also outraged and saddened by the attacks in Dallas and the deaths of the 5 honorable police officers (Lorne Ahrens, Michael Krol, Michael J. Smith, Brent Thompson and Patrick Zamarripa) who were providing protection while trying to keep peace. We have to be better as a society, it's not about color, it's about what's right and wrong. I was very wrong in posting that image. Every single life matters, every death as a result of violence should be treated with equal outrage and penalty."</p> <p>The Browns were clear about their displeasure with Crowell's post, calling it an "extremely disturbing and unacceptable social media decision" in a statement released later Monday night.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Cops mad at WNBA team social protest
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/report-cops-walk-off-job-minnesota-lynx-black-lives-matter/
GIST	<p>MINNEAPOLIS - The Minnesota Lynx voiced their support for social change on Saturday night, and local police officers are furious about it.</p> <p>The WNBA team wore black warmup shirts that said on the front, "Change starts with us. Justice & Accountability." On the back of the shirt were the names Philando Castile and Alton Sterling, both fatally shot by police officers this past week. Castile was killed by a suburban St. Paul police officer during a traffic stop. Also on the back of the shirt is the Dallas police shield above the phrase "Black Lives Matter."</p> <p>According to the Minneapolis Star Tribune, police officers are furious about their message. The four off-duty cops who had been hired to work the game walked off the job when they heard about the players' social statement.</p> <p>Lt. Bob Kroll, president of the Minneapolis Police Federation, the union that represents rank-and-file officers, told the Star-Tribune the four officers removed themselves from the list for working future games, which they do on an independent contract. Additionally, Kroll said that "if [the players] are going to keep their stance, all officers may refuse to work there."</p> <p>The police union spokesman Kroll slammed players for speaking out, and according to the Star Tribune, he warned against "'false narratives' in the past two years in which some allegations of police misconduct in the killing of black people were refuted."</p> <p>"Rushing to judgment before the facts are in is unwarranted and reckless," he said.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Mich. inmate handcuffed in shooting
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/michigan-inmate-handcuffed-fatally-shot-bailiffs-courthouse/story?id=40511385
GIST	<p>Larry Darnell Gordon, the inmate who stole an officer's gun and shot four people, including two fatally, while he was being moved from a holding cell inside the Berrien County Courthouse in St. Joseph, Michigan, was handcuffed at the front of his body before the incident occurred, according to Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey.</p> <p>Gordon, who was being held on sexual assault and kidnapping charges, somehow managed to steal a gun from an officer in court despite the handcuffs, shooting two bailiffs dead and injuring two others. He took hostages for a brief period and tried to leave through a door in the courtroom, Bailey said.</p> <p>Court bailiffs shot and killed Gordon, according to Bailey.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 PSE to close part of Montana coal
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/environment/puget-sound-energy-to-shut-part-of-montana-coal-power-plant/
GIST	<p>OLYMPIA — Puget Sound Energy has reached an agreement to close part of its Montana coal-fired power plant by 2022, the company announced Tuesday.</p> <p>Under a settlement with the Sierra Club and Montana Environmental Information Center, PSE and Talen Energy will shut down the two oldest units of the Colstrip Generating Station, which the companies co-own, by July 1, 2022.</p> <p>In return, the environmental organizations will drop their allegations that the plant has violated the federal Clean Air Act, which stem from a 2013 lawsuit filed with the U.S. District Court in Missoula.</p> <p>The Clean Air Act allows the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Justice 45 days to review the settlement and possibly intervene or comment, according to court records.</p> <p>The proposed settlement represents a big step in a complex problem that has vexed Washington state officials, lawmakers, environmentalists and the company for years. It also raises the question of what form of energy PSE will choose to replace Colstrip.</p> <p>The Colstrip station — which includes four operating units — supplies about 20 percent of the power used by PSE, which has 1.1 million customers in the Puget Sound area, including parts of King County.</p> <p>The station is considered one of the major polluting coal facilities in the country, according to studies by environmental-advocacy groups using government data.</p> <p>The settlement keeps open the two newer, more efficient units, which PSE co-owns with five other companies.</p> <p>A spokesman for PSE has previously said all viable alternatives, including natural gas, wind and solar power — or a combination — could be used to replace the energy lost by the closure.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 SPD: above curve in police reform
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2016/07/12/seattle-police-say-they-are-above-the-curve-when-it-comes-to-police-reform/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- With the divide in the nation many say all of us need to talk about race relations. It's a topic front and center at the Seattle Police Department.</p> <p>Since a 2012 consent decree with the US Department of Justice Seattle police have been working on use of force and bias policing. Recently the feds, even the president recognized the progress Seattle has made.</p>

Seattle police say they require officers to report when they see bias policing within their own department. They say more of their officers are also out in the community getting to know the people they protect.

“Our diversity is increasing both in our applicant pool and final hiring recruits, I say at this point Seattle is a leader in policing reform,” Chief Operating Officer Brian Maxey said.

COO Brian Maxey says Seattle police is now not only more diverse but better trained to deescalate dangerous situations before using force.

“Instead of doing the classroom settings we’ve gone into scenario based training,” Maxey said.

That means more role playing and simulations of intense situations.

“To see how they will implement that skill in real time,” Maxey said.

Seattle city council member Bruce Harrell acknowledges the progress made by SPD and says the vast majority of officers are good. But he says police reform in Seattle still has a long way to go.

Harrell says nationally African Americans are disproportionately affected by police misconduct. They point to a Bureau of Justice study from 2013 that said blacks and Hispanics were more likely to be searched during a traffic stop than whites.

And a Facebook post from the Seattle Police Officers Guild may put the perception of progress in jeopardy. On the heels of the deadly Dallas police shootings, the guild posted:

‘Dallas PD and their officers are in our thoughts and prayers ...the hatred of law enforcement by a minority movement is disgusting..heads in swivels brothers and sisters..#weshallovercome’

“I think it was a poorly thought through post and it’s disappointing he certainly can speak for himself or the guild can speak for him as what they meant by this post,” Maxey said.

“We need to get closer to our community to heal some of those wounds and to better develop communication,” Maxey said.

SPD says they are also encouraged by new numbers that show every year police officers deal with about 10,000 crisis situations when they come in contact with people.

They say .5% of those cases result in significant force used. That’s 50 cases out of 10,000.

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HEADLINE	07/12 White man points shotgun at cops; lives
SOURCE	http://fusion.net/story/323829/police-white-man-north-carolina/
GIST	<p>In the same week two black men, Alton Sterling and Philando Castile were shot and killed by police in Louisiana and Minnesota allegedly because both men were armed, a white man who aimed his shotgun at passing motorists and officers in Raleigh, North Carolina, was taken into custody unharmed.</p> <p>Raleigh police responded to a report last Tuesday, the News & Observer reported, that William Ray, 62, was pointing a shotgun at people as they drove by. As officers approached Ray, Wake County Sheriff Donnie Harrison told reporters last week, he became “belligerent” and raised his weapon. Donnie Farmer, a deputy at the scene, was able to push the barrel of Ray’s gun away. Ray then told officers, “I got something for you,” before pulling a second gun, a pistol, from his pocket. Farmer then hit Ray’s hand as the pistol fired. No one was injured.</p> <p>“He had been drinking,” Wake County Sheriff Donnie Harrison told reporters. “He definitely had been drinking.”</p> <p>Ray was charged with assault on a law enforcement officer with a firearm and damage to property. His lawyer told the court he may be suffering from a mental illness, according to local news reports.</p> <p>Ray’s encounter with police was a stark contrast to that of Sterling and Castile: Philando Castile was reaching for his wallet to retrieve his driver’s license, as instructed, when he was shot four times and killed by Officer Jeronimo Yanez. Alton Sterling was selling CDs outside a convenience store before being pushed to the ground, tasered, and then shot to death by officers. Ray aimed two weapons at police officers, firing at least once—officers did not return fire, and Ray is alive.</p> <p>As protests unfolded around the country last week for Sterling and Castile’s deaths, many held up Ray’s case as example of how dramatic a role race can play in interactions with police.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Secret Service: elevated threat
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/secret-service-director-threat-to-candidates-is-slightly-elevated/
GIST	<p>There are security concerns for the Republican National Convention next in Cleveland next week, but Secret Service Director Joseph Clancy says his agency is prepared.</p> <p>People can openly carry some weapons in Ohio, so they are planning for armed protesters.</p> <p>But Clancy also told CBS News that its actually the campaign trail where the threat has grown. Protecting the candidates is getting tougher -- and offenders are getting braver.</p>

	"I would say the candidate threat picture is slightly elevated," Clancy told CBS News' Jeff Pegues. "People are bolder ... we have to be prepared for that."
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HEADLINE	07/12 New Black Panthers will go to Cleveland
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/new-black-panthers-will-go-to-cleveland-with-guns-for-self-defense/
GIST	<p>The New Black Panther Party, a "black power" organization, plans to attend demonstrations in Cleveland ahead of the Republican National Convention, and members plan to bring their firearms.</p> <p>Hashim Nzinga, chairman of the New Black Panther Party, told Reuters in an interview on Tuesday that the group planned on exercising its Second Amendment rights in Ohio, an open-carry state, because "there are other groups threatening to be there that are threatening to do harm to us."</p> <p>Ohio's open-carry laws are the same as Texas, where lone gunman Micah Johnson killed five Dallas police officers during a peaceful Black Lives Matter protest last week. In the wake of that incident, the law is raising security concerns for law enforcement. Nzinga expects that a few hundred members of the New Black Panther Party will be attending the Black Unity rally that will begin on Thursday and run through Sunday, the day before the convention begins.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 SKorea chooses site US missile unit
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-southkorea-thaad-idUSKCN0ZT03F
GIST	<p>South Korea announced on Wednesday the site where a U.S. THAAD anti-missile defense unit will be deployed against North Korea's missile and nuclear threats, a plan that has angered China and prompted a North Korean warning of retaliation.</p> <p>South Korea and the United States said last Friday they had made a final decision to deploy the Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) system in the South.</p> <p>Tension on the Korean peninsula has been high since North Korea conducted its fourth nuclear test in January and followed that with a satellite launch and a string of test launches of various missiles.</p> <p>The South Korean Defence Ministry said the THAAD system would be deployed in the southeastern county of Seongju to maximize its effectiveness while minimizing any impact on residents and the environment.</p> <p>North Korea's military on Monday threatened to retaliate against the deployment of the system with a "physical response" once its location and time of installation were decided.</p>

	South Korea's defense ministry has said it aims to have the system operational by the end of 2017.
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HEADLINE	07/12 Seattle: more plastic bag rules
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/tech/science/environment/seattle-could-modify-bag-rules/270987146
GIST	<p>SEATTLE – There’s been a 50 percent decline in the amount of bags going into the garbage from Seattle’s residential sector, Seattle Public Utilities announced Tuesday. But residents and businesses should expect more changes in the near future.</p> <p>The plastic bag ban took effect in 2012, but some businesses, like fast food restaurants, can still give out plastic bags.</p> <p>Between 2010 and 2014, the amount of plastic bags in residential garbage declined from 262 tons to 136 tons, according to Sego Jackson, project manager for project stewardship at Seattle Public Utilities.</p> <p>Now SPU is planning to suggest a change in what colored bags exempt businesses can give out.</p> <p>“The problem with these green bags is that one of these is compostable and the other is not and the public can’t tell the difference,” Jackson said as he held up two bags.</p> <p>He said it becomes a problem when people put their food waste into the curbside yard debris program, using bags that aren’t compostable. He said it’s difficult and expensive to separate out the types of plastics contaminants of the compost.</p> <p>“What we think needs to happen is to restrict the green coloration to compostable bags only and not allow it for the petroleum bags,” he said.</p> <p>The proposed changes will come later this year, when SPU also suggests extending a rule that retailers charge 5-cents for paper bags. That part of the ordinance was supposed to end in December of this year.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Tacoma bans plastic bags
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/tacoma/tacoma-city-council-votes-to-ban-plastic-bags/271281555
GIST	<p>TACOMA, Wash. - The Tacoma City Council has voted to ban the use of thin plastic bags by grocery stores and other businesses.</p> <p>The Tacoma News Tribune reports the council voted 8-1 in favor of the measure after hours of discussion Tuesday.</p>

	<p>The law will require retailers to charge a five-cent fee to customers for paper bags and other carryout bags they offer. That fee will be kept by the retailer.</p> <p>Joe Lonergan, the lone council member to vote against the ban, said he opposed government charging a fee that it then allows someone else to keep.</p> <p>The ordinance prohibits plastic bags less than 2.25 millimeters thick, but includes an exemption for traveling shows and events at the Tacoma Dome and convention center.</p> <p>The ordinance will go into effect in one year. Tacoma joins several other Washington cities and counties that have banned plastic bags, including Seattle, Bellingham, and Mercer Island.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 Fire response challenge Okanogan Co.
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/wildfire-response-challenges-in-okanogan-county/271424965
GIST	<p>OKANOGAN COUNTY, Wash. - In Okanogan County, Commissioner Jim DeTro describes the old way of fighting fire as rushing in with resources to protect people and property. But he says the new method of attack focuses too heavily on managing the wildfire.</p> <p>"We need to change things fundamentally. We have to go back to fighting fires and not managing fires, and that comes right back to initial attack," said DeTro.</p> <p>Sheriff Frank Rogers says after two harsh wildfire seasons back-to-back, the evacuation plan looks good on paper but does not work.</p> <p>"I'm not knocking the system. Why I'm saying it doesn't work, we have gone out literally and spent hours on a level one, and you just get done and the winds will pick up and so we will go back and spend hours to make it a level two," said Rogers. "In my opinion it comes out of the fire world. It's those guys. It's their world. It's their evacuations. You do it through them and emergency management, but they have to make the call."</p> <p>Rogers says his Deputies are the ones who go door to door delivering evacuation levels. Level one lets people know a fire was in their area. Level two means it's getting closer, pack up. Level three means get out because your life is in danger.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 UK Prime Minister: Theresa May
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/brexit-referendum/theresa-may-bloody-difficult-woman-be-u-k-prime-minister-n608001

GIST	<p>LONDON — Theresa May takes over as Britain's prime minister Wednesday, tasked with steering the country through the Brexit crisis.</p> <p>The steely 59-year-old replaces David Cameron, who became the first political casualty of last month's referendum when he announced his intention to quit hours after the result.</p> <p>She is the second woman in the job, following in the steps of fellow Conservative Margaret Thatcher — who was nicknamed the "Iron Lady" and whose decade-long political partnership with President Ronald Reagan helped reshape the global order in the 1980s.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 World's best airline for 2016
SOURCE	http://www.aol.com/article/2016/07/12/emirates-is-now-the-best-airline-in-the-world/21430833/
GIST	<p>Emirates has been named the best airline in the world for 2016 by leading consumer aviation website Skytrax.</p> <p>The Dubai-based airline was presented with the award on Tuesday at a ceremony during the 2016 Farnborough Air Show.</p> <p>This is the fourth time Emirates has garnered this honor in the last 15 years, and its first win since 2013. Emirates' victory unseats last year's top airline, Qatar Airways.</p> <p>In addition, the Persian Gulf-based airline also took home the top prize for best in-flight entertainment or IFE. It's an award Emirates has won the last 12 years.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 Death toll Italy train crash rises to 27
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-italy-train-crash-idUSKCN0ZT124
GIST	<p>The death toll from a high speed train crash in southern Italy rose to 27 on Wednesday after rescuers worked through the night to try to extract bodies from the tangled wreckage and continued their search in the morning.</p> <p>With Italian media focusing on the antiquated technology on the single-track line, prosecutors have opened an investigation and Prime Minister Matteo Renzi has promised that the cause of Tuesday's accident will be quickly identified.</p> <p>Rescuers were still searching for the driver of one of the trains that collided head-on while traveling down the same stretch of track linking the small towns of Corato and Andria in the southeastern Puglia region in Italy's heel.</p>

	<p>The driver of the other train was one of the victims. With dozens of people injured, some seriously, rescuers expected the death toll could rise higher.</p> <p>It is still unclear whether the accident was due to human error or a technical problem on a stretch of track where safety is dependent on telephone calls rather than computer systems.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 Iran nuclear deal holding, but fragile
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/year-iran-nuclear-deal-holding-fragile-40538464
GIST	<p>The Iran nuclear accord is fragile at its one-year anniversary.</p> <p>Upcoming elections in both the U.S. and Iran could yield new leaders determined to derail the deal. The Mideast's wars pit U.S. and Iranian proxies in conflict. Iran's ballistic missiles are threatening American allies in the Middle East. Congressional opposition remains.</p> <p>But for now, the seven-nation nuclear pact is holding. Washington and Tehran are expanding cooperation. And Boeing's recent announcement of a multibillion-dollar plane deal with Iran Air suggests some of the agreement's early problems may be getting resolved.</p> <p>"It really wasn't long ago that we saw a rapidly expanding nuclear program in Iran, only months away from having enough weapons-grade uranium to build 10 to 12 nuclear weapons, and we were on the cusp of confrontation," Secretary of State John Kerry said recently.</p> <p>Iran has lived up to its end of the deal. It shut down thousands of centrifuges for enriching uranium and exported almost its entire stockpile of the bomb-making material. It disabled a heavy water plant that would have produced plutonium usable in a weapon. It opened up its supply chain to far greater scrutiny. An underground enrichment facility near Fordo operates under strict limits.</p> <p>If Iran were to race now toward an atomic weapon, the Obama administration and most independent experts say it would need at least a year. The U.S. and its partners — Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia — say that is enough time to discover the effort and intervene. Before the deal was struck, the timeframe for Iran to "break out" toward a bomb was a couple of months.</p> <p>Iran's compliance and the expanded breathing room have eliminated for now the threat of a military confrontation.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 China warns on South China Sea
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/china-blames-philippines-stirring-trouble-dispute-40536519

GIST	<p>China warned other countries Wednesday against threatening its security in the South China Sea after an international tribunal handed the Philippines a victory by saying Beijing had no legal basis for its expansive claims there.</p> <p>Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin said Beijing could declare an air defense identification zone over the waters if it felt threatened, a move that would sharply escalate tensions. But Beijing also extended an olive branch to the new Philippine government, saying the Southeast Asian nation would benefit from cooperating with China.</p> <p>The Philippines, under a U.N. treaty governing the seas, sought arbitration from an international tribunal on several issues related to its long-running territorial disputes with China.</p> <p>The tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, rejected China's claims in a landmark ruling that also found the country had aggravated the seething regional dispute and violated the Philippines' maritime rights by building up artificial islands that destroyed coral reefs and by disrupting fishing and oil exploration.</p> <p>While introducing a policy paper in response to the ruling, Liu said the islands in the South China Sea were China's "inherent territory" and blamed the Philippines for stirring up trouble.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 Troops sent to embassy in S. Sudan
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/united-states-deploys-troops-protect-embassy-south-sudan/story?id=40538898
GIST	<p>ABC News has confirmed the United States deployed 40 additional troops to protect the embassy in Juba, South Sudan on Tuesday amid the deteriorating security situation there. Clashes that erupted last week have so far killed nearly 300 people, including several dozen civilians, before a ceasefire took effect on Tuesday.</p> <p>"We brought in a small contingent of U.S. military forces," U.S. Ambassador Molly Phee said in an interview with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan. "They are here to protect the embassy and to help us provide support for those Americans who want to depart from South Sudan at this time."</p> <p>The State Department announced this week the embassy is under an "ordered departure," meaning that all non-essential personnel have been ordered to leave the region. The additional forces will assist with those departures and provide additional security.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Malware targets power firm networks
SOURCE	http://www.zdnet.com/article/state-backed-hackers-blamed-for-malware-targeting-power-company-networks/
GIST	<p>Hackers are targeting energy companies in Western Europe with sophisticated form of malware. Cybersecurity researchers from SentinelOne Labs say that the malware, which has infected at least one power company in Europe, takes "extreme measures" to avoid detection before it drops its payload, used to report information about the infected network back to a command-and-control centre.</p> <p>Power companies have been the target of hackers before, such as the cyberattack against a Ukrainian power grid which caused blackouts in December last year.</p> <p>The researchers don't name the state they think is behind the malware, but note it is of "Eastern European origin" and has traits which suggest it is likely to be the work of a nation state; namely the sophistication of the malware sampled and the cost required to developing something as advanced in nature.</p> <p>SentinelOne said the malware was developed to work on any devices running any version of the Microsoft Windows operating system and is capable of avoiding detection by anti-virus software, firewalls and even more recent endpoint solutions capable of using sandboxing security techniques.</p> <p>Not only that but the malware is capable of detecting when it's being monitored in a sandbox environment itself and when it does, it re-encrypts itself and stops working in order to evade detection by security professionals. In this case, SentinelOne cybersecurity researchers managed to examine the malware by reverse engineering it, which once again suggests that some serious funding has gone into developing it.</p> <p>"The malware has all the hallmarks of a nation state attack due to its extremely high level of sophistication and the cost associated with creating software of this advanced nature," says Udi Shamir, Chief Security Officer at SentinelOne.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Pokémon Go catches personal info
SOURCE	http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/pokemon-go-catches-a-ton-of/
GIST	<p>The cultural phenomenon known as Pokemon GO has already become a criminal's present on a platter, because it collects a scary amount of personal information from the user.</p> <p>The augmented reality game was first released in Australia and New Zealand on July 4th and was released in the United States right after—and in those scant few days it has grown to be an obsession for millions. The game works with Google Maps, overlaying Pokemon gyms, beacons and the Pokemons themselves onto maps of neighborhoods. As users move around in the physical world, they collect and fight the Pokemon they run across. It's sparked many to get out and walk around, which is a good thing—but something this popular always has a downside in the form of presenting a wide, attractive threat vector for hackers.</p>

Pokemon Go's creator, Niantic Labs, began by having full access to the collector's Google account if he or she used it to log into the game from an iOS device. That full account permission means that Niantic had access to all information, including email, contacts, photos and documents, as well as the ability to post, delete and send things from an account.

Niantic said in a statement that it did not use that access for ill and that so far it has accessed only user IDs and email addresses. But of greater concern than what Niantic might do with the captured information is how secure its servers are; a successful hack could lay open millions to compromise.

"We recently discovered that the Pokémon GO account creation process on iOS erroneously requests full access permission for the user's Google account," the company said. "Once we became aware of this error, we began working on a client-side fix to request permission for only basic Google profile information, in line with the data that we actually access." The update was released today.

But even outside of the iPhone problem, Pokemon Go taps into all kinds of info, including the phone's GPS information. That includes location history, current location, to the amount of time someone spent in a given place, geolocation data and more—all of which is ultimately stored by the developer.

Worse, a look at the game's privacy policy shows that it gathers personal email addresses, birth dates and privacy settings: "During gameplay and when you (or your authorized child) register to create an account with us ... we'll collect certain information that can be used to identify or recognize you (or your authorized child) (PII)," the policy states. "Specifically, because you must have an account with Google, Pokémon Trainer Club ("PTC"), or Facebook before registering to create an Account, we will collect PII (such as your Google email address, your PTC registered email address, and/or your Facebook registered email address) that your privacy settings with Google, PTC, or Facebook permit us to access."

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HEADLINE	07/12 Uptick 'Nymaim' malware Brazil
SOURCE	http://www.scmagazine.com/nymaim-detections-spike-at-the-beginning-of-the-year-begin-targeting-brazil/article/509065/
GIST	<p>ESET researchers spotted a 63 percent uptick in the number of Nymaim malware detections during the first half of 2016 compared to the same time in 2015 and noticed a series of targeted attacks in Brazil.</p> <p>Most appeared in Poland which accounted for 54 percent of all Nymaim detections this year but researchers noted highly target attacks directed at financial institutions in Brazil, according to a July 12 blog post.</p>

	<p>“Despite the relatively low number of detections, which is to be expected due to the very specific target selection, Brazil accounts for 0.07% of all detection incidents involving this variant, placing it 11th in the list of countries where this variant was most often detected,” the post said.</p> <p>The attacks in Brazil appeared to target selected victims soon after Nymaim was repackaged into <i>Nymaim.BA</i>, when both the downloader and <i>Nymaim.BA</i> payload were only able to be detected by a few antivirus engines, the post said.</p> <p>Researchers said the latest version of the malware is spread via spearphishing campaigns using emails that contain malicious Microsoft Word or macros, unlike the 2013 version which used drive-by-download attacks delivered via compromised websites.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Report: US ICS the most exposed
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/cloud/ics-mess-us-industrial-systems-the-most-exposed/d/d-id/1326236?
GIST	<p>Hundreds of thousands of industrial control systems (ICS) worldwide are available on the public Internet via a Shodan search, nearly 60,000 of them in the US, according to a new report published yesterday.</p> <p>Kaspersky Lab’s report says the around 221,000 exposed ICS devices run on some 188,019 host systems from 133 different vendors across 170 countries, with Tridium (11.1%), Sierra Wireless (8.1%), and Beck IPC (6.7%) as the biggest offenders. The security vendor also compiled data on ICS vulnerabilities that have been reported publicly and found that 189 were reported in 2015, up slightly from 2014, with about half in the critical category and 42% in the medium-severity category. Most of the vulns were in Siemens, Schneider Electric, and Hospira products.</p> <p>Exploits are available for some 26 of the reported bugs overall; exploits are not necessarily needed to attack many of the devices that were found with default credentials. The nature of the flaws reflect the relative immaturity of secure coding of these systems: 9% are buffer overflows; 7% hard-coded credentials; and 7% cross-site scripting.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Healthcare hacks face critical condition
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/healthcare-hacks-face-critical-condition/d/d-id/1326239?
GIST	<p>Cybercriminals have moved well beyond the theft of social security numbers (SSNs) and credit card data when it comes to healthcare organizations: They're now employing more complex schemes to pick up detailed health records, as one new report out this week explains.</p> <p>According to a new study by researchers at InfoArmor of four attacks against US-based healthcare organizations, attackers in a theft campaign this spring were able to steal at least 600,000 detailed patient</p>

records and place 3 terabytes of associated data on the Dark Web's black market. These included MRI and X-ray images, patient-specific biometrics, and doctor's treatment notes. In [initial reports](#) of the breaches that came to light last month, the threat actors themselves claimed they had access to millions of records, as well as persistent unauthorized access to medical organizations' systems for ransomware distribution. Initial reports show at least part of the compromise was achieved through a zero-day attack against the remote desktop protocol (RDP), and that one of the databases was being shopped around for nearly \$500,000.

According to InfoArmor CTO Andrew Komarov, who led research into this campaign and wrote the brief released this week, attackers like these are building momentum with their attacks. They are broadly targeting the healthcare IT infrastructure, digging not just into weakly defended traditional networks, but also connected medical devices, mobile computing devices used by medical staff and, most profitably, electronic health records (EHR) systems. In this instance, the bad actors were able to gain access to victims' centralized EHR records through a compromised host for EHR software SRSsoft.

According to a [report](#) out from the Brookings Institution in May, 23% of all reported data breaches occur at healthcare organizations, and [IBM reported](#) that last year the rate of attacks struck healthcare more than any other industry.

Further, the [Ponemon Institute reported](#) that almost 90% of healthcare organizations have been hit by a breach in the past two years, costing the industry \$6.2 billion.

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HEADLINE	07/11 Industrial cybersecurity threat landscape
SOURCE	https://securelist.com/analysis/publications/75343/industrial-cybersecurity-threat-landscape/
GIST	<p>Industrial control systems (ICS) surround us: they are used in electric, water and wastewater, oil and natural gas, transportation, chemical, pharmaceutical, pulp and paper, food and beverage, and discrete manufacturing (e.g., automotive, aerospace, and durable goods). Smart cities, smart houses and cars, medical equipment – all of that is driven by ICS.</p> <p>Expansion of the Internet makes ICS easier prey to attackers. The number of ICS components available over the Internet increases every year. Taking into account that initially many ICS solutions and protocols were designed for isolated environments, such availability often provides a malicious user with multiple capabilities to cause impact to the infrastructure behind the ICS due to lack of security controls. Moreover, some components are vulnerable themselves. The first available information about vulnerabilities in ICS components is related to 1997, only two vulnerabilities were published that year. Since then the number of vulnerabilities significantly increased. Over the past five years this index has increased from 19 vulnerabilities in 2010 to 189 vulnerabilities in 2015.</p>

In this research we provide an overview of the current situation with ICS security worldwide from the point of view of vulnerabilities, and vulnerable ICS components exposed to the Internet.

Main Findings

The number of vulnerabilities in ICS components keeps growing. With increased attention to ICS security over the last several years, more and more information about vulnerabilities in these systems is becoming public. However, vulnerabilities themselves could be present in these products for years before they are revealed. In total, 189 vulnerabilities in ICS components were published in 2015, and most of them are critical (49%) or have medium severity (42%).

Vulnerabilities are exploitable. For 26 of the vulnerabilities published in 2015, exploits are available. Besides, for many vulnerabilities (such as hard-coded credentials) an exploit code is not needed at all to obtain unauthorized access to the vulnerable system. Moreover, our ICS security assessment projects show that ICS are often considered by their owners as a “black box”, so default credentials in ICS components are often not changed and could be used to gain remote control over the system. The SCADAPASS project of the SCADA Strangelove team provides a representation of known default ICS credentials. Currently information on 134 ICS components of 50 vendors is available.

ICS vulnerabilities are widely diversified. New vulnerabilities were found in 2015 in the ICS components of different vendors (55 different manufacturers) and types (HMI, electric devices, SCADA, industrial network devices, PLCs and multiple others). The largest amount of vulnerabilities were found in Siemens, Schneider Electric and Hospira devices. Vulnerabilities in ICS components have a different nature. The most widespread types are buffer overflows (9% of all detected vulnerabilities), use of hard-coded credentials (7%) and cross-site scripting (7%).

Not all of the vulnerabilities found in 2015 are fixed. Patches and new firmware are available for 85% of the published vulnerabilities, the rest are not fixed or are only partially fixed for different reasons. Most of the unpatched vulnerabilities (14 out of 19) are of high level risk. These unpatched vulnerabilities pose significant risk to the owners of the corresponding systems, especially for those who, due to inappropriate network configuration management, have their vulnerable ICS systems exposed to the Internet. Examples include the 11,904 remotely available SMA Solar Sunny WebBox interfaces that are under risk of compromise though hard-coded passwords. Although for Sunny WebBox this number has significantly reduced since 2014 (when over 80 thousand available components were found), the amount is still high, and the unfixed hardcoded credentials issue (published in 2015) is now putting these systems under a much higher risk than was previously thought.

Numerous ICS components are available via the Internet. 220,668 ICS components were discovered by the Shodan search engine. They are located on 188,019 hosts in 170 countries. Most of the remotely available hosts with ICS components are located in the United States (30.5%) and Europe. Among European countries Germany has a leading position (13.9%) followed by Spain (5.9%). The available

systems are of 133 different vendors. The most widespread ones are Tridium (11.1%), Sierra Wireless (8.1%), and Beck IPC (6.7%).

Insecure protocols are widely used by remotely available ICS components. There is a number of protocols, which are open and insecure by design, such as HTTP, Niagara Fox, Telnet, EtherNet/IP, Modbus, BACnet, FTP, Omron FINS, Siemens S7 and many others. They are used on 172,338 different hosts, which corresponds to 91.6% of all the externally available ICS devices found. This provides an attacker with additional ways to compromise the devices by performing man-in-the-middle attacks.

Multiple vulnerable ICS components are externally available. We found 13,033 vulnerabilities on 11,882 hosts (6.3% of all hosts with externally available components). The most widespread revealed vulnerabilities are Sunny WebBox Hard-Coded Credentials (CVE-2015-3964), and critical vulnerabilities CVE-2015-1015 and CVE-2015-0987 in Omron CJ2M PLC. Combining these results with statistics of usage of insecure protocols, we were able to estimate the total number of vulnerable ICS hosts as 172,982 (92%).

Multiple industries are affected. We found that at least 17,042 ICS components on 13,698 different hosts in 104 countries likely belong to large companies, and availability of these components from the Internet is likely related with significant risks. Among owners we were able to identify 1,433 large organizations, including ones belonging to the following industries: electricity, aerospace, transportation (including airports), oil and gas, metallurgy, chemical, agriculture, automotive, utilities, drinks and food manufacturing, construction, liquid storage tanks, smart cities, and ICS vendors. There are also research and education entities, government institutions (including police), medical centers, financial organizations, resorts, hotels, museums, libraries, churches and multiple small businesses among identified owners of remotely available ICS. The number of vulnerable externally available ICS hosts, which likely belong to large organizations, is 12,483 (91.1%), where 453 hosts (3.3%), including hosts belonging to energy, transportation, gas, engineering and manufacturing organizations, drink and foods manufacturing, energy and transportation organizations, contain critical vulnerabilities.

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HEADLINE	07/12 Fire dept. captain fired over online post
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/fire-department-captain-fired-posts-protesters-40520100
GIST	<p>A fire department captain in South Carolina's capital has been dismissed for posting on social media that he would run over protesters if they were still blocking traffic when his shift ended.</p> <p>News media outlets report that Capt. Jimmy Morris, a 16-year veteran of the department, was fired Monday over Facebook posts about Black Lives Matter protesters.</p>

	<p>Protesters closed an intersection near the Statehouse and prompted the closing of a small section of Interstate 126, a thoroughfare into Columbia, late Sunday. There were no arrests, injuries or property damage reported.</p> <p>The protests came after blacks were killed by police in Minnesota and Louisiana and white officers were gunned down in Dallas.</p> <p>The news reports say that in one post, Morris said the "idiots" blocking traffic "better not be there when I get off work or there is gonna be some run over dumb a----."</p> <p>The next read, "Public Service Announcement: If you attempt to shut down an interstate, highway, etc on my way home, you best hope I'm not one of the first vehicles in line because you're a-- WILL get run over!"</p> <p>City Manager Teresa Wilson said the posts violated the city's handbook regarding employees' conduct and responsibilities when communicating and working with the public.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/11 Report: 600K healthcare records stolen
SOURCE	http://www.eweek.com/security/attackers-steal-600k-records-from-health-care-firms-report.html
GIST	<p>A group of attackers infiltrated American health care institutions and stole at least 600,000 patient records and attempted to sell more than 3 terabytes of associated data, according to a report set to be released later this week from security firm InfoArmor.</p> <p>Andrew Komarov, chief intelligence officer at InfoArmor, told <i>eWEEK</i> that he informed the National Healthcare and Public Health Information Sharing and Analysis Center (NH-ISAC) about the attacks in May. InfoArmor was able to discover the attack through what Komarov referred to as, "deep e-crime monitoring" as well as profiling the threat actor involved in the attacks.</p> <p>While hospitals have been a primary target for attackers in 2016, Komarov noted that the hacker he investigated was able to compromise different types of health care institutions, including private clinics and vendors of various medical equipment and suppliers like orthopedics. By being inside the compromised systems, the hacker is able to take personally identifiable information (PII) and medical data, including X-ray images, he added.</p> <p>The attacker was able to gain access to the medical information by way of weak user credentials and hacked Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) connections on some servers that had static external IP addresses.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Report: CEO fraud strikes 400 firms daily
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SOURCE	http://www.itproportal.com/2016/07/12/more-than-400-companies-hit-by-ceo-fraud-daily/
GIST	<p>More than 400 businesses get targeted by CEO fraud scams every day, a new report by security researchers Symantec says. CEO fraud is a type of scam in which cyber-criminals target financial staff, often posing as CEOs or other executives, and request large money transfers.</p> <p>Even though it sounds too simple to work, its success rate is actually quite high, and relies mostly on putting financial staff under a lot of pressure through a sense of urgency, not giving them enough time to think things through.</p> <p>From those 400 daily targets, small and medium-sized businesses (SMB) are the biggest target (40 per cent). The second largest industry is finance (14 per cent). On average, one company will have at least two individuals being targeted.</p> <p>Organisations have lost more than \$3 billion to these scams in the past three years, with more than 22,000 victims all over the world.</p> <p>Another interesting takeaway from the report is the fact that one group holds responsibility for 12 per cent of all CEO fraud email traffic. Someone's been earning a lot of money.</p> <p>Most common subject line is Request (25 per cent), followed by Payment (15 per cent), Urgent (10 per cent) and Transfer Request (9 per cent).</p>
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HEADLINE	07/11 Anonymous synchs with protests
SOURCE	http://news.softpedia.com/news/anonymous-will-synchronize-cyber-attacks-with-black-lives-matter-protests-506205.shtml
GIST	<p>Members of the Anonymous hacking collective announced this past Saturday plans to synchronize and coordinate cyber-attacks on official institutions on the same dates as Black Lives Matter protests.</p> <p>The racial tensions in the US are reaching peak points after the recent, very suspicious, and public deaths of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile.</p> <p>These incidents triggered nationwide protests from the Black Lives Matter movement, with the most famous one ending in a bloodbath, after a former military member ambushed and killed five police officers in Dallas, Texas.</p> <p>Regardless of this tragic incident, the Black Lives Matter movement plans to continue with protests over the coming days. The most important day is next Friday, July 15, when the group has scheduled 37 protests in cities across the US.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 SPOG online post triggers complaints
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/local/spog-facebook-post-yields-almost-two-dozen-racial-bias-complaints/271036987
GIST	<p>SEATTLE - A controversial statement from the Seattle Police Officer's Guild has led to almost two dozen complaints of racial bias, disabling of its social media accounts, and a resignation from the guild's top leader.</p> <p>After the backlash surrounding the post, Ron Smith, the president of Seattle Police Officer's Guild announced Tuesday he will step down from his position July 31.</p> <p>"It was absolutely stupid and totally irresponsible on his part," said Gerald Hankerson, president of NAACP Seattle.</p> <p>Hankerson accused Smith of fanning the flames of tension.</p> <p>"If we're not careful here, and we keep talking the same rhetoric here, another Dallas is going to happen," Hankerson said.</p> <p>Hankerson called for the department to speak out against the message. But last Friday, Chief Kathleen O'Toole wouldn't go that far.</p> <p>"I'm not going to defend it," she said. "I'm not going to comment on it. I'm not going to feed into the division between the police and the community."</p> <p>City council president, Bruce Harrell, called the post "a botched opportunity," but doesn't believe it represents the department's rank and file.</p> <p>By Tuesday afternoon, the Office of Professional Accountability had fielded 23 complaints alleging the post "was disrespectful, disparaging, and displayed racial bias," but it's unclear if the O.P.A. has jurisdiction to investigate an act by the union.</p> <p>"I don't know who holds the jurisdiction to hold him accountable," said Hankerson. "But the one people I do hold accountable is the officers that he claims to represent that's a part of that union. I'm looking for them to come out and say 'what he said is not indicative of who we are' and say 'he does not represent us.'"</p> <p>SPOG has taken down its social media accounts for now, until the board of directors can decide how to move forward.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Pokémon Go players unwelcome
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2016/07/12/pokemon-go-players-unwelcome-at-arlington-holocaust-museums/
GIST	<p>NEW YORK (CNNMoney) — Players of Pokemon Go are finding critters everywhere, including some places that are considered to be hallowed ground and inappropriate for gaming.</p> <p>The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and Arlington National Cemetery, both in Washington, DC area, have both issued appeals for players to avoid hunting Pokemon on their sites.</p> <p>“Playing Pokemon Go in a memorial dedicated to the victims of Nazism is extremely inappropriate,” said Andy Hollinger, director of communications at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. in a statement sent to CNNMoney.</p> <p>“We are attempting to have the Museum removed from the game,” the statement said.</p> <p>Arlington, the burial ground for the nation’s war dead, tweeted out a somber request: “We do not consider playing ‘Pokemon Go’ to be appropriate decorum on the grounds of ANC. We ask all visitors to refrain from such activity.”</p> <p>Other hallowed locations where Pokemon have reportedly been spotted include the Auschwitz museum in Poland, the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, the 9/11 Memorial in New York City, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington and monuments in national parks.</p> <p>Pawel Sawicki, a spokesman for the Auschwitz Memorial, told CNNMoney that he wasn’t familiar with the game, but has seen screenshots posted to Twitter of the use of Pokemon Go in Holocaust memorials.</p> <p>He wrote in a direct message to CNNMoney that creating Pokestops in memorials is “absolutely inappropriate.”</p> <p>Other locations, like National Mall and Memorial Parks have embraced the hot game. The National Park Service — which oversees the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial — posted on its Facebook page to encourage selfie-taking with their favorite Pokemon creatures.</p> <p>“Remember to be respectful of the memorials and other visitors,” the post reads.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 Australia terror recruiter found guilty
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SOURCE	http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/big-fish-terrorism-recruiter-found-guilty/news-story/772f32eff9c327e0221d5ac386ee3b97
GIST	<p>It was late 2013 and the big Afghan was in tears.</p> <p>Mohamed Ali Baryalei was in Syria, thousands of kilometres from the plush lawns and McMansions of Sydney’s Hills district, where he had grown up. Baryalei had only been in the strife-torn country a few months, but already he’d seen enough blood and killing to know he had made a terrible mistake.</p> <p>“I don’t want to be here, man,” Baryalei sobbed down the phone. “I’m over it, I’m over it ... I don’t know what to think anymore.”</p> <p>Baryalei was a formidable bloke. A former Kings Cross bouncer, he had a heavy black Salafist beard and arms like wine barrels. Other jihadis looked up to him. Police would later allege he was the instigator of the largest terrorist plot ever undertaken in Australia — to abduct and behead a random member of the public.</p> <p>If Baryalei couldn’t hack life in Syria you had to wonder about the dozens of lesser men he had helped recruit to the Islamist cause. Within a year Baryalei would be dead, blown to pieces in the Battle of Kobane, one of the most pointless and savage encounters of the Syrian civil war.</p> <p>But the man on the other end of the phone was just getting started. Police listening to those phone taps didn’t know it yet, but Hamdi Alqudsi would go on to become one of the biggest terrorist targets in Australia.</p> <p>NSW Police Assistant Commissioner Mark Murdoch told The Australian yesterday: “He was a big fish. This is a significant result for Australian law enforcement. We’ll await with great interest the decision of the judge in terms of sentence.”</p> <p>Alqudsi, 39, was yesterday found guilty of recruiting seven young Australians to fight with terror groups in Syria between June — October 2013, some of whom were sent to their deaths.</p> <p>For police, it was one of the most significant victories they have had yet in the fight against Islamic State-inspired terrorism.</p> <p>Police believe the disability support pensioner was the emir, or spiritual leader to a generation of young Australian jihadis hellbent on killing as many of their fellow citizens as they could.</p> <p>At the time of his arrest in December 2013, Alqudsi was al-Qa’ida’s main point man in Australia, sending dozens of Islamic radicals to the Syrian jihad, where they fought for Islamic State or Jabhat al-Nusra, al-Qa’ida’s official affiliate in the Syrian conflict.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Idaho in 'see something, say something'
SOURCE	http://www.ktvb.com/news/idaho-joins-see-something-say-something-campaign/270716466
GIST	<p>BOISE - A terror scare in Boise back in 2013 is a reminder that terrorism can happen anywhere. An Idaho jury convicted Fazliddin Kurbanov last year for supporting a foreign terrorist group and possessing a destructive device.</p> <p>Idaho joined the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign on July first as part of an ongoing effort led by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that encourages citizens to be aware of suspicious activity.</p> <p>Idaho State Police Sgt. David Neth says suspicious activity around buildings is something they are really focused on.</p> <p>"If someone is asking too many questions, if they are asking questions that seem a little odd like - what kind of security does a building have? Or when does shift change take place? Things like that worry us," said Neth.</p> <p>Identifying an unusual situation can be tough, but law enforcement says just be observant.</p> <p>"I would rather have 99 reports that turn out to be nothing than to miss the one that is something," said Neth.</p> <p>Law enforcement says saying something could really make a difference.</p> <p>"This is our job, this is our state, and this is our responsibility," said Neth. "Together we can absolutely prevent the next attack if we have that information."</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Family: FBI set up 'another Mohamed'
SOURCE	https://theintercept.com/2016/07/12/accused-american-isis-plotter-was-set-up-family-says/
GIST	<p>Mohamed Bailor Jalloh, the former Virginia National Guardsman arrested last week on charges of plotting to provide material support to Islamic State, was manipulated by a government informant, his siblings say.</p> <p>Jalloh was also mischaracterized by the government, the family members added, with innocent or thoughtless words twisted to make the 26-year-old naturalized citizen, originally from Sierra Leone, sound like a budding terrorist. Jalloh faces up to 20 years in prison.</p>

“He is just another Mohamed that got set up,” his brother Chernor Jalloh told *The Intercept*. “He sympathizes with the oppressed abroad...The FBI used his love for those being oppressed against him by inciting him in all manners that they deemed fit.”

A criminal complaint unsealed last week and widely publicized revealed that Jalloh had been speaking for months with a government informant, who recorded conversations in which Jalloh seemed to support acts of violence. The informant solicited Jalloh’s help in procuring money and weapons that he said would be used in support of ISIS. At one point, Jalloh was provided with a mobile messaging application to help him send \$500 to an undercover FBI agent posing as an ISIS member abroad.

After Jalloh attempted to purchase a rifle at a local gun store, he was placed under arrest.

The government affidavit against Jalloh alleges that he had been radicalized by watching the lectures of former Al Qaeda ideologue Anwar al-Awlaki. But his family says that Jalloh was young and impressionable, and had been manipulated by his conversations with the government informant.

Chernor also said he believed his brother looked up to the informant as someone who was older and whose opinion should be respected. “He looked at him as an older brother with more knowledge about what is going on in the Middle East and was trying to understand their plight.”

The use of informants in FBI terrorism cases has become a source of controversy after several high-profile cases in which terrorism plots appeared to have been devised and propagated by the informant themselves. The FBI is believed to have at least 15,000 informants active in the United States.

While the full details of Jalloh’s interactions with the informant are not yet known, his family says that the behavior linked by the government to terrorism is being mischaracterized.

It’s unclear how long Jalloh had been under government surveillance. His conversations with the informant lasted several months, though reference is also made in the affidavit to a trip Jalloh took to Nigeria last year. Privacy advocates and whistleblowers have long warned that extended government surveillance could create “databases of ruin” about innocent people, whereby harmful or provocative statements are catalogued over time and then later contextualized in an incriminating manner.

Jalloh’s family claims that in his case, innocent actions and thoughtless words, or “tough talk,” are being conflated together by the government to paint a picture of him that is more nefarious than the reality.

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HEADLINE	07/13 Tucson man denies DMV terror plot
SOURCE	http://www.mohavedailynews.com/news/tucson-man-denies-dmv-terror-plot/article_69d77544-48cf-11e6-830a-17f34d59d047.html

GIST	<p>PHOENIX (AP) — A Tucson man pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges of plotting a terrorist attack on a motor vehicle office in metro Phoenix.</p> <p>Mahin Khan is accused of asking a suspected militant for help making a pipe bomb in a plot to blow up a Motor Vehicle Division office in Maricopa County.</p> <p>In court, Khan was dressed in a jail uniform, wore glasses and sported a five o'clock shadow. His only comments consisted of affirming his correct name and recognizing that he understood his legal rights.</p> <p>Kahn was charged with terrorism, conspiracy to commit terrorism and conspiracy to commit misconduct involving weapons.</p> <p>Authorities said Khan had written emails to a suspected member of the Pakistan Taliban seeking weapons and instructions for a homemade explosive. It's not clear if Khan was corresponding with an actual member of the group, but court records show that the FBI examined the emails.</p> <p>In the emails, Khan said he backed the Islamic State terrorist group and was looking to carry out an attack. Court records show the person responded that he would have to pay for two rifles and a pistol he requested, so Khan said he wanted instructions for a bomb itself.</p> <p>The FBI began investigating Khan after someone reported him for suspicious activity and agents were tracking him as he asked someone else on April 16 about targeting Mission Bay, Calif., and an Air Force recruitment center in Tucson, according to the probable cause statement filed into court records.</p> <p>The identity of that person was redacted, but it was not the suspected Taliban member.</p> <p>The statement was written before Khan's arrest, and the plot against the motor vehicle office came to light after authorities searched his home. He was indicted in that plot because it appeared he took steps to carry it out, as opposed to his discussions against the other targets, authorities said.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Russia bombs ISIS camp in Syria
SOURCE	http://tass.ru/en/defense/887758
GIST	<p>MOSCOW, July 12. /TASS/. Six long-range Tu-22M3 bombers of Russia's Aerospace Forces on Tuesday morning used high-explosive ammunition to hit terrorist facilities in Syria, Russia's Defense Ministry said in a statement obtained by TASS.</p> <p>"In the morning of July 12, six long-range Tu-22M3 bombers, which took off from the home airfield on the territory of the Russian Federation, delivered a combined strike with high-explosive ammunition at</p>

	<p>facilities of the ISIL terrorist group (former name of the Islamic State terrorist organization) east of Palmyra and As-Suhnah," the statement said.</p> <p>The ministry said a large field camp of militants, three ammunition and armaments depots, three tanks, four infantry combat vehicles, eight vehicles equipped with heavy machineguns, as well as "a great amount of enemy manpower" were destroyed.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 France intel: booby-trapped cars, bombs
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/france-intelligence-chief-predicts-attacks-booby-trapped-cars/
GIST	<p>PARIS - France's intelligence chief believes that Islamist extremists like those who carried out two waves of attacks in Paris last year will look to increase their capacity to kill by using booby-trapped cars and bombs.</p> <p>The remarks by Patrick Calvar, testifying before a parliamentary commission examining French means to fight terrorism, were published on Tuesday in a 300-page report.</p> <p>The Nov. 13 attack on a stadium, a concert hall, bars and restaurants were carried out by suicide bombers and assailants with assault rifles. But Calvar said in his May 24 testimony that he thinks attack methods will evolve.</p> <p>He said: "I'm convinced they'll go to booby-trapped vehicles and bombs, thus upping their power."</p> <p>The commission's work uncovered intelligence letdowns that led to the failure to foil the attacks that killed 147.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Boko Haram senior leader arrested
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2016/07/12/Six-Boko-Haram-suspects-including-chief-arrested-in-Nigeria/3421468331449/?spt=hs&or=tn_int
GIST	<p>LAGOS, Nigeria, July 12 (UPI) -- Six suspected Boko Haram members, including a senior leader, were arrested after a local vigilante group found them in Lagos, Nigeria.</p> <p>They were rounded up in various parts of Lagos, Nigeria's largest city, after leaving Maiduguri in Borno state, headquarters of the militant Islamist movement that has terrorized Nigeria since 2009. Alhaji Mustapha Mohammed, leader of the Lagos Civilian Joint Task Force, said the suspects were turned over Monday to Nigeria's Department of State Services after their capture Friday. He added that the alleged Boko Haram members were found in different places around Lagos, looking unkempt and showing signs of starvation.</p>

HEADLINE	07/12 ISIS stages 'jihad Olympics'
SOURCE	https://www.rt.com/news/350758-jihad-olympics-isis-iraq/
GIST	<p>Although Islamic State has recently executed professional soccer players in Syria, members of the feared terror group had no qualms about staging their own "Jihad Olympics" in neighboring Iraq, where they played games like tug-of-war and musical chairs.</p> <p>The events, which included blowing balloons, tug-of-war, and musical chairs, looked more akin to games played at a young child's birthday party than those you would expect a radical jihadist group to put on.</p> <p>The games are believed to have taken place earlier in July in the city of Tal Afar in Iraq, which is controlled by Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS/ISIL). Photographs allegedly showing the event were posted on Twitter by the anti-terror watchdog Terrormonitor.</p> <p>Pre-school age youngsters can be seen taking part, and, somewhat surprisingly, some of the participants in the pictures are wearing soccer shirts belonging to popular British clubs Manchester City and Glasgow Celtic.</p> <p>Although these kids games were given the thumbs up by IS, other sports such as soccer, which the jihadist group has labeled as "un-Islamic," have not been as lucky.</p> <p>The terror monitoring group "Raqqa is being Slaughtered" posted photos on Twitter showing members of the Syrian Al-Shbab soccer team from Raqqa who were killed by IS because they were suspected of spying for the Kurds.</p> <p>Three soccer players were publically beheaded in front of children in the city earlier this month.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/11 Brazil arrests man for terror plot
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2016/07/11/pakistani-man-arrested-for-alleged-plot-to-bomb-brasilia-airport-before-olympics/
GIST	<p>Authorities arrested a 32-year-old Pakistani man in Brazil Sunday after his wife told police he was planning to bomb the Brasilia International Airport. Brazil is on high alert for jihadi activity as it prepares for the 2016 Summer Olympics beginning in August.</p> <p>The man, whose name law enforcement officials did not release, was allegedly planning a bomb attack on Brasilia's Juscelino Kubitschek Airport on Monday. His wife told police he had amassed explosives in his home for that purpose. She also told police he was looking to return to Pakistan that Monday.</p>

While he is described as a Pakistani national, at least one report identifies him as having been born in Algeria. He is said to have arrived in Brazil in 2014 and married, his wife being a Brazilian native. The couple subsequently split after she found out that, to marry her, the man had forged a death certificate for a woman he had married in Pakistan.

Brazil's *O Globo* newspaper reports that a search of the man's premises found no explosives on Monday, but the man has not denied the plot. When police asked him whether he was seeking to bomb the airport, the newspaper reports that he invited police to go to the airport "to find out." Police described the man as speaking "in a very disturbed way."

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HEADLINE	07/12 Pentagon punts propaganda contractor
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2016/07/12/pentagon-punts-propaganda-contractor/87001838/
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has severed its relationship with its longtime propaganda contractor in Afghanistan after spending more than \$425 million on its pamphlets, broadcasts, websites and billboards.</p> <p>In February, the military denied the last of Leonie Industries' protests that it should be awarded the lucrative contract, Lt. Col. David Hylton, a spokesman for the Army's contracting command, said in an email Tuesday. Instead, the military awarded the \$32 million contract to SOS International.</p> <p>But from 2008 to 2015, Leonie was the military's top propaganda contractor despite doubts about the effectiveness of what the Pentagon calls Information Operation programs and the company's own troubled history.</p> <p>A spokesman for Leonie, Alfred Soygar, declined in an email to comment on the protest denial.</p> <p>In 2012, USA TODAY reported on the hundreds of millions of dollars the Pentagon had spent on poorly tracked information operations programs designed to sell the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to often hostile populations. A year later, a Government Accountability Office report, meant for internal use only by the Pentagon but obtained by the paper, showed that the impact of the programs was unclear and that the military didn't know whether it was targeting the right people.</p> <p>Propaganda programs are more closely tracked now, the Pentagon says. But after a pamphlet drop in Syria late last year, military officials would not provide measures of its effectiveness, saying that information was classified.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 ISIS preparing for end of caliphate?
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SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/07/13/islamic-state-reportedly-preparing-for-end-its-so-called-caliphate.html
GIST	<p>Islamic State terror leaders are reportedly preparing for the fall of its so-called caliphate after the U.S.-led coalition and Russian-backed forces made significant gains in recent months in Iraq and Syria.</p> <p>The Washington Post reported Tuesday that the terror group’s leaders in Syria are bracing for its strongholds to fall, but vow to continue its wave of terror attacks abroad. U.S. counterterrorism experts believe the recent large-scale attacks in Istanbul and Baghdad are a sign that its reign in the Middle East is dwindling.</p> <p>Experts still believe that even if the terrorists affiliated with ISIS start to move underground, the group will still remain dangerous abroad.</p> <p>“Where Al Qaeda was hierarchical and somewhat controlled, these guys are not. They have all the energy and unpredictability of a populist movement,” retired Air Force Gen. Michael Hayden told The Post.</p> <p>ISIS officials still believe that its vision of a “caliphate” across the Middle East is still viable despite its losses across the region it claims. One also insisted that the group had “shifted some of our command, media and wealth structure to different countries.”</p> <p>Officials in the terror group issued a grim statement to its fighters that soon all could be lost. The Post reported that an editorial in ISIS’ weekly Arabic newsletter acknowledged that its territory could be lost just two years have rejoicing in the start of its Islamic State across the Middle East.</p> <p>Will McCants, a Brookings Institution researcher who also detailed the history of ISIS in a 2015 book, believes that the Istanbul attack and the Baghdad attack on a café are just reassurances to its followers of how volatile it could still be despite losing its territory.</p> <p>However, top ISIS leaders failed to place the blame on any of its battlefield missteps. ISIS spokesman Abu Muhammad al-Adnani has admitted that the group had made errors in its losses, McCants said.</p> <p>According to The Post, an ISIS operative spoke to a Western journalist and told the reporter that some of the militants had become disillusioned because of commanders’ mistakes. However, he added that once Raqqa falls, it would be avenged.</p> <p>“There is a message to all members of the coalition against us: We will not forget, and we will come into your countries and hit you,” he said, “one way or the other.”</p> <p>As for the next step, Islamic State leaders haven’t specified but European officials believe it’s already underway.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 Saudi Arabia's new jihadists
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-security-idUSKCN0ZT0K3
GIST	<p>Technical hitches limited the death tolls in three suicide attacks in Saudi Arabia but the apparent coordination of the blasts suggests jihadis have the tools to sustain their bombing campaign.</p> <p>Three young Saudis detonated explosive vests near a Shi'ite mosque in Qatif last Monday, killing only themselves, while an attack by another young Saudi suicide bomber at the Prophet's mosque in Medina killed four policemen.</p> <p>Before dawn the same day a 34-year-old Pakistani driver had blown himself up in a car park outside the U.S. consulate in Jeddah but only injured two security guards.</p> <p>"Technically these people are poor. Psychologically they are very poor. Training-wise they are poor," said Mustafa Alani, an Iraqi security expert at the Jeddah-based Gulf Research Centre with ties to the Saudi Interior Ministry.</p> <p>"Out of five suicide bombers, four killed themselves for nothing."</p> <p>Nevertheless, that five individuals were able to build or acquire explosive vests and to plot three attacks on the same day points to a command chain and supply network that presents a formidable threat, security analysts say.</p> <p>The attacks were not claimed by any group although the government believes Islamic State is responsible after detaining 19 suspects linked to the five attackers.</p> <p>The coordination but poor training appear to be a sign of Islamic State's operational model in Saudi Arabia, recruiting would-be jihadists online and managing plots remotely with minimal involvement in training.</p> <p>An Islamic State recruit inside the kingdom will then seek friends or relatives to join him in an attack, while his handlers in Syria or Iraq suggest a target and help to provide explosives and instructions on how to make a bomb.</p> <p>That low profile makes it very difficult for the security forces to identify networks or uncover attacks before they are carried out, and Islamic State's minimal investment in operations means it has little to lose if a plot goes awry.</p> <p>Unlike during an al Qaeda campaign a decade ago there is no network of interconnected cells under a central leadership in Saudi Arabia that can be infiltrated or rolled up by the security services.</p>

	"They ask young people to stay in Saudi Arabia and create sleeper cells and this is a very dangerous thing because you do not know who is in a sleeper cell or who is a lone wolf," a senior Saudi security officer told Reuters last year.
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HEADLINE	07/13 Car bomb attack kills 7 north Baghdad
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-blast-idUSKCN0ZT0OP
GIST	<p>A suicide bomber killed at least seven people north of Baghdad on Wednesday, security and medical sources said, in the second bombing claimed by Islamic State in the district in as many days.</p> <p>Eleven others were injured when the attacker detonated his car, laden with explosives, at a checkpoint.</p> <p>Islamic State, which regularly carries out such bombings in the capital and other parts of Iraq, where it seized large swathes of territory in 2014, said in an online statement it had targeted the army.</p> <p>A similar attack in Rashidiya on Tuesday, also claimed by the Sunni Islamist group, killed nine people.</p> <p>Islamic State has been turning increasingly to suicide bombings, which U.S. and Iraqi officials have touted as proof that battlefield setbacks are weakening the jihadists.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 Iraq forces link up south of Mosul
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-mosul-idUSKCN0ZS2E6
GIST	<p>Iraqi government forces advancing on the Islamic State-held city of Mosul retook a village from IS on Tuesday and linked up along the Tigris river with army units pushing from a separate direction, Defence Minister Khalid al-Obeidi said.</p> <p>The territorial gain, which followed the recapture of a key air base nearby at the weekend, further isolated Mosul in preparation for a government assault to recover Iraq's second largest city 60 km (40 miles) to the north.</p> <p>"Forces from the 9th Armoured Division and the counter-terrorism service liberated Ajhala village north of Qayara base," Obeidi said on Twitter.</p> <p>"Our heroes arrived at the riverbank and made contact with Nineveh Liberation Operation units," he added, referring to troops who had set out from Makhmour, 25 km east of the Tigris, in March.</p> <p>The newly retaken territory still needs to be secured since IS insurgents remain holed up in several towns behind the government's front line, a military spokesman said.</p>

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HEADLINE	07/12 Seattle police erasing dash cam videos?
SOURCE	https://photographyisnotacrime.com/2016/07/12/seattle-police-erasing-thousands-dash-cam-videos-massively-breaching-public-records-law/
GIST	<p>Washington state law requires all known videos by police to be kept for 90 days, but Seattle Police capture dash video from all patrol cruisers and automatically dump it 3-5 days later.</p> <p>Seattle activist Tim Clemans requested video from the fail-safe dash cam video recording system implemented by private contractor COBAN.</p> <p>His request was denied.</p> <p>Seattle Police Chief Kathleen O'Toole claimed in a lengthy letter, packed with legal jargon which you can see below, that Seattle PD would have to take cars out of service to retrieve the videos, which was clearly written by the department's legal team.</p> <p>"I think there's a reasonable way to preserve fail-safe video while not taking vehicles out of service: Remote into the car computer as admin and change the file permissions to prevent the dashcam software from deleting the video(s) requested," said Clemans on his blog.</p> <p>Based on Chief O'Toole's three page reply, it seems to indicate that Seattle Police Department definitely knows this video is being recorded, is not making any efforts to retrieve or store the videos as indicated by state law (see page 46) for at least 90 days and for the life of any criminal case.</p> <p>It's unclear what Clemans' next step will be, but it seems inevitable that Seattle PD's non-compliance with the law is sure to wind up in a courtroom costing taxpayers money to defend their own police department's law breaking activities.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Claim: Putin sacks Baltic fleet command
SOURCE	https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/1430469/vladimir-putin-russian-leader-sacks-every-commander-in-his-baltic-fleet-after-they-refused-to-confront-western-ships/
GIST	As many as 50 senior officers including a Vice Admiral have been purged by Vladimir Putin amid reports they refused to confront Western ships.

Other Russian news sites also speculated that attempts to cover up a crash between a Russian sub and a Polish boat may have been behind the bloodletting.

But given the endemic nature of corruption and incompetence across the Russian military, Western analysts are scratching their heads as to the real reason behind the purge.

The performance of Russia's military during recent high profile, large-scale military NATO military exercises in the Baltic may have something to do with it. As could the ever escalating games of brinkmanship being played out in the international waters and skies.

"Some hint that the 'buzzing' of USS Donald Cook by Russian Su-24 fighter-bombers on April 14, 2016 was meant to be part of a broader series of Russian confrontations against Western ships in the Baltic," says international affairs analyst Peter Coates.

"But the Russian Baltic Fleet in April, however, refused to follow such dangerous orders — hence Putin's retaliation against his own naval officers."

News of the purge has been trickling out through official Russian news agencies including TASS and Interfax.

But an article in The Moscow Times blamed "chaos" in the Baltic Fleet's command structure for the dramatic move, citing the Russian Defense Ministry as accusing the officers of dereliction of duty.

"On June 29, the Russian Defense Ministry announced it was purging the entire senior and mid-level command of the Baltic Fleet.

"It was a dramatic move that suggested deep structural problems within the fleet command.

"In total, 50 officers were dismissed from their post, including the fleet commander, Vice Admiral Viktor Kravchuk, and his chief of staff, Vice Admiral Sergei Popov," The Moscow Times report reads.

"Not since Stalin's purges had so many officers been ousted at once."

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HEADLINE	07/12 N.C. deputies taunted at restaurant
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/north-carolina-deputies-taunted-restaurant-40516673
GIST	Two North Carolina sheriff's deputies say they were taunted and served inedible food at a restaurant in Shelby.

	<p>Cleveland County Sheriff's Capt. Joel Shores told WBTV he was angry, but not surprised by what happened at the Zaxby's restaurant Sunday.</p> <p>Shores posted a message on Facebook on behalf of the wife of one of the deputies, who were not identified.</p> <p>She said cooks yelled at the deputies and called them names. She said her husband and his partner ignored the insults and ordered anyway. The woman said her husband realized they had put the hottest sauce possible on his wings and he could not eat them.</p> <p>Shores later posted that Zaxby's had apologized.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 County investigates 911 system outage
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/marylands-montgomery-county-911-system-outage-investigated-40515936
GIST	<p>Officials in a Maryland suburb of the nation's capital say they will investigate why the county's 911 system failed for two hours recently, during which time two people died.</p> <p>Officials said in a statement Monday that the Montgomery County 911 system was out from about 11:10 p.m. Sunday until 1:10 a.m. Monday. Callers received only a busy signal.</p> <p>During the outage, crews responded to two medical emergency calls involving fatalities, including that of a 91-year-old woman and a 40-year-old man. It's unclear if the outage was involved.</p> <p>County Executive Ike Leggett says he's requesting an immediate investigation.</p> <p>County chief spokesman Patrick Lacefield says the 911 outage was traced to a malfunctioning heating and air conditioning system that caused both the main power system and backup system to shut down.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Arctic sea ice falls to record low
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2016/07/12/Arctic-sea-ice-falls-to-record-low-in-June/2381468341397/?spt=hts&or=7
GIST	<p>TORONTO -- Sea ice cover in the Arctic beat a hasty retreat throughout June, reaching record-breaking levels by month's end.</p> <p>Data published by the U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center last week showed average sea ice extent for June was 100,000 square miles smaller than in 2010, the year of the previous June record.</p>

	<p>Almost every month this year has set new record lows for sea ice extent. March, however, was the second-lowest, slightly greater than 2015. The average sea ice extent for June was 4.09 million square miles.</p> <p>"In 30 years, the area has shrunk approximately by half. There doesn't seem to be anything able to stop this trend," said Christian Haas, an Arctic sea ice geophysicist at York University, Toronto.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Comcast major phone outage
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/tech/comcast-experiencing-major-phone-outage/271155533
GIST	<p>Comcast is experiencing a major phone service outage affecting businesses nationwide.</p> <p>The outage is only impacting small to medium businesses, according to Comcast spokeswoman Amy Keiter.</p> <p>Residential and large corporations are not affected.</p> <p>Portland and Seattle were hotspots where many outages were reported. San Jose, Calif., Houston, Atlanta, Denver, Minneapolis, Washington, Philadelphia and Chicago also had major outages.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 New medical clinic for firefighters only
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/health/new-medical-clinic-focused-only-on-treating-firefighters/270766613
GIST	<p>SEATTLE - A new primary care clinic focused on treating Seattle firefighters is set to open this week.</p> <p>The clinic will be run by Qliance, a Seattle-based membership-based company, and will be located above Seattle's Fire Station 2 in Belltown.</p> <p>The International Association of Fire Fighters cites studies showing firefighters face a high risk for heart disease, cancer, chronic respiratory disease, hepatitis and stress.</p> <p>"There's a great opportunity here to intervene early and help them prevent those things from developing in the first place, ideally," said Erika Bliss, MD, and CEO of Qliance.</p> <p>Bliss said Qliance will be able to cater its care to firefighters, who will have access to a streamlined version of the firefighter physical.</p> <p>The clinic is being paid for through the Seattle Fire Fighters Health Care Trust.</p>

	<p>“Because of the nature of our business, we also need unique health care and a unique program to make sure firefighters are as healthy as possible,” said Kenny Stuart, President of IAFF Local 27.</p> <p>This clinic includes a physical therapy room and an X-ray room.</p> <p>“Specialized care for fire fighters is really focused on identifying their risks patterns,” said Dr. Bliss. “Then we tailor make the experience so that we really know what fire fighters need.”</p> <p>The city will have a ribbon cutting this Thursday and will start seeing patients next week.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 China corners rare-earth market
SOURCE	https://foreignpolicy.com/2016/07/12/decoder-rare-earth-market-tech-defense-clean-energy-china-trade/
GIST	<p>Most people have no idea what’s in an iPhone. Yttrium and praseodymium don’t exactly roll off the tongue, but they’re part of what make smartphones so small, powerful, and bright. These exotic materials are among the planet’s 17 rare-earth elements, and surprisingly, the soft, silvery metals are not at all rare.</p> <p>But they’re found in tiny concentrations, all mixed together, and usually embedded in hard rock, which makes them difficult — and messy — to isolate. In China, which mines 89 percent of global output, toxic wastes from rare-earth facilities have poisoned water, ruined farmlands, and made people sick.</p> <p>Beyond high-tech gadgets, rare earths play a critical role in national defense, enabling radar systems and guided missiles. Ironically, they also power clean-energy technologies, such as wind turbines and electric cars. This year, global consumption is expected to be about 155,000 tons, far more than the 45,000 tons used 25 years ago. Demand will only grow — likely at an accelerated pace — as the world tries to rein in climate change.</p> <p>At the moment, only China can satisfy that hunger. Yet in 2010, Beijing cut rare-earth exports by 40 percent — possibly to boost its high-tech sector — and cut off supplies to Japan over a territorial dispute. Its muscle flexing caused prices to soar, sparking new exploration for rare-earth deposits around the world.</p> <p>A boom in illegal mining in China has since driven prices back down, making it extremely difficult for non-Chinese mines to stay open or get off the ground. Nevertheless, the rest of the world hasn’t given up: There are currently 50 deposits at an advanced stage of development (see map below) that could someday challenge China’s dominance.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 NYC: ‘spice’ overdose hospitalizes 33
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/dozens-hospitalized-in-nyc-for-apparent-k2-synthetic-marijuana-overdoses/

GIST	<p>NEW YORK -- Police said at least 33 people were hospitalized Tuesday after showing signs of overdosing on synthetic marijuana in Brooklyn, CBS New York reported.</p> <p>The incident happened in the neighborhood of Bedford-Stuyvesant, in the same area where the station reported on the problem last month.</p> <p>CBS New York reported that police rushed Tuesday from one street corner to another, finding people strung out on K2 synthetic marijuana, also known as "spice."</p> <p>Victims were slumped over on the sidewalk with blank stares, some barely standing, others strapped on to stretchers.</p> <p>The NYPD says because K2 recipes change constantly, some ingredients aren't illegal, so it's difficult to crack down on the dangerous drug. The Police Department added that synthetic pot is still not included in penal law. It can be illegal under federal law if it is made using a controlled substance.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Singers add 'all lives matter' in anthem
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/canadian-singers-slip-all-lives-matter-message-anthem-all-star-n608306
GIST	<p>SAN DIEGO — A Canadian singing quartet changed a lyric in its national anthem and held up a sign proclaiming "All Lives Matter" during its pregame performance at the 87th All-Star Game on Tuesday.</p> <p>The Tenors, a group based in British Columbia, caused a stir at Petco Park with their unexpected actions while singing "O Canada."</p> <p>One member of the group held up the sign during the middle portion of the anthem, which is often sung in French at sporting events.</p> <p>The Tenors instead sang: "We're all brothers and sisters. All lives matter to the great." The normal lyric is "With glowing hearts we see thee rise. The True North strong and free."</p> <p>"United We Stand" was written on the back of the quartet's sign.</p> <p>Although the audio wasn't crystal-clear at the park, many fans reacted with surprise when they saw the sign on the ballpark video scoreboard. The Canadian anthem wasn't shown live on U.S. television, but it aired in Canada, where the Tenors' decisions lit up social media with overwhelming criticism of the change.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Judge suppresses 'stingray' evidence
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/usa-crime-stingray-idUSL1N19Y29N
GIST	<p>For the first time, a federal judge has suppressed evidence obtained without a warrant by U.S. law enforcement using a stingray, a surveillance device that can trick suspects' cell phones into revealing their locations.</p> <p>U.S. District Judge William Pauley in Manhattan on Tuesday ruled that defendant Raymond Lambis' rights were violated when the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration used such a device without a warrant to find his Bronx apartment.</p> <p>The DEA had used a stingray to identify Lambis' apartment as the most likely location of a cell phone identified during a drug-trafficking probe. Pauley said doing so constituted an unreasonable search.</p> <p>"Absent a search warrant, the government may not turn a citizen's cell phone into a tracking device," Pauley wrote.</p> <p>The ruling marked the first time a federal judge had suppressed evidence obtained using a stingray, according to the American Civil Liberties Union, which like privacy advocacy groups has criticized law enforcement's use of such devices.</p> <p>"This opinion strongly reinforces the strength of our constitutional privacy rights in the digital age," ACLU attorney Nathan Freed Wessler said in a statement.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Seattle a 'hotspot' for car thefts
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/news/crime/seattle-a-hot-spot-for-car-theft/270643987
GIST	<p>The National Insurance Crime Bureau recently released its annual "hot spots" report that shows the cities with the highest per capita vehicle theft rate. Yakima and Seattle rank No. 19 and No. 20 on the list.</p> <p>Washington State is considered No. 4 in the nation for most car thefts according to the NICB.</p> <p>A recent presentation by Seattle Police Detective Scotty Bach described how auto thefts are up more than 18% this year in King County. The West Seattle Blog reports that the same presentation revealed 'car prowls' are worse than ever.</p> <p>So far this year, for example, in all of King County, auto thefts are up more than 18% this year. The West Seattle Blog reports that the same presentation revealed 'car prowls' are worse than ever.</p>

HEADLINE	07/12 Ore. Gypsy Joker's eyed in torture slay
SOURCE	http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2016/07/12/oregon-s-white-supremacist-biker-gang-eyed-in-torture-slay.html
GIST	<p>Members of the Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Club call each other brothers. Once a Joker, always a Joker, “till the day you die,” members say. But when Robert Huggins died last July—his mutilated body identified by his Gypsy Joker tattoos—it was at the hands of his so-called brothers, police claim.</p> <p>In a July 11, 2016 hearing, prosecutors described Huggins’s death as torture, alleged punishment after a rare excommunication from the Gypsy Jokers. Someone had driven nails through the 56-year-old biker’s boots. His skull, one leg, and a rib were fractured. His face and back bore multiple slash wounds.</p> <p>Charged with Huggins’s murder are four high-ranking Gypsy Jokers, whose testimony could offer a rare glimpse inside Oregon’s secretive, white supremacist motorcycle club.</p> <p>The Portland, Oregon-based Gypsy Jokers call themselves a “One Percent” bike club. The title has nothing to do with their tax bracket. Instead it references an old motorcyclist maxim that “99 percent” of bikers abide by the law, while the other 1 percent are outlaws. Stitching “1%” patches on their jackets or tattooing the sign on their bodies, Gypsy Jokers revel in the outlaw title.</p> <p>Until his relationship with the Gypsy Jokers went bad in 2014, Robert Huggins, aka “Bagger Bobby,” was the group’s treasurer and “enforcer,” Portland Police Bureau Homicide Detective James Lawrence testified during a Monday bail hearing.</p> <p>Huggins lived in Portland, Oregon, where the Gypsy Jokers’ United States branch is headquartered. The group keeps a notorious clubhouse on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. But the club’s address is the closest the group will come to diversity; Gypsy Joker membership is whites-only.</p> <p>Huggins was white. But his issues with the Gypsy Jokers apparently began when he violated that second-to-last membership clause: no needle users. Huggins was a heroin user, police say. That was his first strike. His second strike was allegedly stealing from the Gypsy Jokers’ coffers, using his treasurer role to fund his drug habit. The club kicked him out with a non-fatal beating in 2014, investigators say.</p> <p>“They were absolutely done,” Senior Deputy District Attorney Glen Banfield testified during the Monday bail hearing.</p> <p>The Gypsy Jokers appointed a new enforcer, who was quickly arrested on felony weapons charges after posing with a gun on Facebook. But Huggins was not ready to forgive the group for banishing him. In</p>

	<p>June 2015, he decided to give the Gypsy Jokers a taste of their own outlaw justice, police say. With revenge on his mind, Huggins broke into the home of Mark Dencklau, the club's regional president.</p> <p>Once inside, Huggins allegedly tied up Dencklau's girlfriend, threatened her at gunpoint, and robbed the house.</p> <p>The insult was too great for the Gypsy Jokers to ignore, prosecutors say.</p> <p>Early on July 1, 2015, a Chevrolet Suburban parked outside the home where Huggins was staying. "Somebody help me!" a woman staying at the house heard Huggins shouting. It was the last anyone heard of him. Shortly before 6 a.m., loggers found him lying dead in a rural field.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Europol: human smuggling record level
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-smuggling-europe-idUSKCN0ZS2CE
GIST	<p>LONDON (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Law enforcement agencies are battling a surge in the number of people smugglers to record levels as criminal networks cash in on Europe's escalating migrant crisis, according to the head of the European Union's police agency Europol.</p> <p>Director Rob Wainwright said the crime-fighting agency now had close to 50,000 suspected people smugglers in its database, with an extra 7,000 suspects added in the first half of 2016.</p> <p>He said the number of people seeking to make money out of the thousands of people fleeing to Europe to escape conflict and poverty was picking up pace, with 6,400 new suspects identified by Europol in 2014 and 10,000 during 2015.</p> <p>Wainwright said people smugglers were deploying more sophisticated techniques to evade tighter border controls in Europe and increasingly pairing human trade with drug trafficking.</p> <p>"We are seeing a huge increase in the size of the criminal market ... with larger syndicates starting to bed down and take control," Wainwright told the Thomson Reuters Foundation in an interview.</p> <p>A Europol report earlier this year labeled people-smuggling as the "fastest growing criminal market in Europe", estimating gangs netted 6 billion euros (\$6.6 bln) last year which could double or triple if the migration crisis persisted.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 Colombia targets wildlife traffickers
SOURCE	http://www.insightcrime.org/news-analysis/colombia-investigation-reveals-workings-of-wildlife-traffickers

GIST	<p>Authorities in Colombia say they have dismantled the largest wildlife trafficking ring ever discovered in the country, lifting the veil on the shadowy networks behind a lucrative, but widely underreported transnational criminal activity.</p> <p>On July 7, Colombian police announced they had taken down a wildlife trafficking ring known as Los Pajareros (The Birders), which they accused of selling and distributing endangered wildlife across Colombia and internationally.</p> <p>In raids against the network, police arrested eight people and recovered 83 animals, among them parrots, turtles, flamingos, turkeys, toucans, gulls, storks, capybaras, canaries and parakeets.</p> <p>The arrests are the result of a yearlong investigation that began with a tip off that Heriberto Mateus, alias "El Pajarero," was selling endangered species in a market in the city of Girardot, El Espectador reported. After putting Mateus under surveillance, police then traced his suppliers, the brothers Jairo and José Luis Algarra Gutiérrez, who allegedly headed the gang.</p> <p>According to El Espectador, police believe vendors such as Mateus put in their specific requests with Jairo Gutierrez, who paid locals in rural areas between \$10 and \$17 to source the animals. The animals were then sedated and transported to farms or private houses that acted as distribution centers before being trafficked on to customers or sales points.</p> <p>The animals were kept at these wildlife warehouses in deplorable conditions, and subjected to cruel treatment such as birds having their feathers dyed to make them more attractive, the police stated.</p> <p>While many of the animals were then sold in Colombia, police say some were also moved on to Ecuador and Mexico. Police sources told El Espectador they believe the animals were trafficked internationally by sedating them and then concealing them on the person of "mules" or sending them directly to buyers by mail.</p> <p>Police estimate that 90 percent of the species trafficked by Los Pajareros were endangered and that their operations earned them between \$27,000 and \$48,000 a month.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 Torture scandal in Mexico
SOURCE	https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/torture-scandal-in-mexico-american-nearly-beaten-to-death/2016/07/13/e4130ace-48ae-11e6-8dac-0c6e4acc5b1_story.html
GIST	MEXICO CITY — Ronald James Wooden flexes the large blacksmith’s hands with which he once forged everything from large chandeliers to intricate jewelry. He’s says he is still regaining feeling in them three years after a four-hour beating with fists and rifle butts by municipal police in southern Mexico.

The officers tightened his handcuffs and then stood on them to inflict maximum damage to his hands, said Wooden, 46, who had set up a workshop in the hills outside the silver-mining city of Taxco along with his Mexican-born wife. Police detained him for allegedly disturbing the peace, but Wooden says the beating arose from a dispute with his neighbor, a former cop who claimed to belong to a local drug cartel.

“They beat me for close to four hours. Some would get tired and then others would come in. They were going to kill me and disappear me,” said Wooden, who said he suffered nerve damage, broken ribs and injuries to his genitals.

He said what saved him was “divine intervention and the love that my family has for me.” His wife, Carmen, waited outside the police station for hours until she was allowed to pay Wooden’s 200-peso (\$12 fine) and took him to a hospital after he was released.

Human rights groups say police torture remains all too common in Mexico, but Wooden’s case from 2013 is unusual in two respects: He’s an American citizen and he’s won a court order for a criminal investigation into the beating.

A probe in 2014 by the governmental Human Rights Defense Commission in Guerrero state found that Taxco police illegally detained Wooden, contradicted themselves about how he sustained his injuries and essentially lied about their extent. It found that the American had been covered in bruises, scrapes and cuts.

The commission issued a directive that municipal authorities should punish those responsible and pay reparation.

After two years of no action, a federal judge on June 30 ordered Mexico’s government to open a formal criminal investigation for torture and kidnapping in Wooden’s case.

“This opens a new road, little explored and little used” to force authorities to investigate the thousands of torture complaints in Mexico, said Mario Santiago, a lawyer for the human rights group Idheas, which is representing Wooden. “We know there are hundreds or thousands of torture complaints all the time in the country. There is no investigation; these go unpunished.”

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HEADLINE	07/12 DHS worker arrested for gun at HQ
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/12/politics/dhs-contract-employee-gun/
GIST	A contract employee for the Department of Homeland Security was arrested Monday after allegedly attempting to take a concealed firearm through security at the department's headquarters, DHS spokeswoman Marsha Catron said.

The employee, an intelligence analyst, was found to be in possession of an unauthorized 9 mm pistol as he went through security screening at the DHS Nebraska Avenue Complex (NAC). Questions seeking additional details, including the employee's name and the charges filed, were referred to Washington, D.C., police, who didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Last month, another Homeland Security employee, Jonathan Wienke, was arrested at the NAC after allegedly carrying a gun onto DHS property without a license. Investigators later determined that Wienke may have been plotting to carry out a violent attack, possibly on senior DHS officials who worked near him.

While investigators are still determining Wienke's motive and the extent to which he may have plotted, a statement addressing the latest incident by DHS said authorities "have no information to suggest that this individual sought to cause harm," and attributed Monday's arrest to "enhanced security and screening measures at the NAC."

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HEADLINE	07/12 Shots fired at D.C. officers; 5 arrests
SOURCE	http://www.wusa9.com/news/local/shots-fired-at-officers-in-se-dc-arrests-made-/270545267
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON (WUSA9) -- Five people have been arrested after shots were fired at police early Tuesday morning in Southeast, D.C., Metropolitan police said.</p> <p>The incident happened in the 3200 block of 6th Street where a large SUV was parked. When officers got there the people inside the SUV immediately started firing at them.</p> <p>The officers started firing as well. Nobody was hit or injured, authorities said.</p> <p>The occupants in the SUV refused to get out, which then led to a 30 minute barricade situation. Officers were eventually able to talk the occupants out of the SUV.</p> <p>Two adult males and two females were arrested in connection with the incident.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/13 Report: Sterling's earlier brush with cops
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/alton-sterling-had-earily-similar-brush-with-cops-in-past-report/
GIST	<p>BATON ROUGE, La. - The CBS affiliate here has obtained a police report that details a previous arrest of Alton Sterling stemming from an incident eerily similar to the recent one that led to his being shot to death by an officer.</p> <p>CBS News also obtained a copy of the police report.</p>

Sterling, 37, was killed in a shooting involving two Baton Rouge police officers on July 5. It turns out Sterling had struggled with police in the past, WAFB says.

Documents show that, in May 2009, Sterling fought with cops outside a convenience store where he was selling CDs while carrying a gun.

In the report dated May 29, 2009, the officer said he was dispatched to a convenience store after getting a complaint about a subject "on the corner selling CDs" and that the subject had pulled a gun on someone.

According to the officer's report, when he arrived at the store, he spotted the suspect, whom he later identified as Sterling, carrying a crate of CDs.

The officer asked Sterling to put his hand on the hood of his police car and asked if Sterling had any weapons on him. The report says Sterling did "not answer" and, as the officer continued to pat him down, Sterling started reaching for his pocket.

The officer went on to say in the report that Sterling suddenly spun around and the two began to struggle. The officer and Sterling hit the ground. The officer said he was able to call for backup as Sterling tried to push him off.

"While wrestling with this subject on the ground, a black semi-auto hand gun fell from this subject's waist band at this time," the report states.

A deputy with the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office arrived as the officer was on the ground with Sterling. The two eventually were able to get Sterling into handcuffs. "Sterling was then escorted to my unit, where he continued to fight with officers," the report ends.

After that incident, Baton Rouge Police charged Sterling with possession of marijuana, sound reproduction prohibited (for the CDs), illegal possession of a firearm with drugs, resisting an officer and illegal possession of a stolen firearm, says WAFB.

Sterling pleaded guilty to illegal carrying of a weapon with a controlled dangerous substance. On July 19, 2011, he was sentenced to five years in prison, where he was until being granted parole on Dec. 5, 2013.

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HEADLINE	07/13 Va. triple shooting on Facebook Live
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/facebook-live-video-captures-triple-shooting-norfolk-virginia-n608386

GIST	<p>A shooting that was apparently captured during a Facebook Live video left three men in hospital — including two with life-threatening injuries, police said.</p> <p>Video uploaded by Facebook user TJ Willams showed three men sitting in a car listening to music and smoking until gunfire is suddenly heard and the phone is dropped.</p> <p>About 30 gunshots are audible on the video, which continues with the sound of passers-by calling 911 and comforting the victims.</p> <p>Police in Norfolk, Virginia, said three men were shot at about 6 p.m. Tuesday in the suburb of Berkley.</p> <p>"Upon arrival, officers located three men inside a vehicle suffering from apparent gunshot wounds," the police department said in an update. "All three men, ages 27 and 29, were taken to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital with significant injuries."</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Suspect fires machine gun at D.C. cops
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/capitol-complex-lockdown-police/story?id=40529280
GIST	<p>Police chased a car with a suspect armed with a machine gun through Washington, D.C., streets this afternoon, prompting a brief lockdown at the Capitol complex.</p> <p>Three people were taken into custody, D.C. Metro Police Chief Cathy Lanier said, and the weapon was recovered.</p> <p>The incident began when officers, who were at 4th St. SW and P St. SW, about 2 miles south of the Capitol, saw someone they thought they had a lookout alert on, Lanier said. The car fled the area.</p> <p>While officers chased the car, one suspect extended an arm out the window with a gun and fired a shot toward the police behind the car, Lanier said.</p> <p>After the suspect fired, the shooter dropped the gun in a tunnel near the Capitol, Lanier said.</p> <p>The chase ended near the Capitol building at 1st and D St.</p>
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HEADLINE	07/12 Arrests in plot to attack La. police
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/baton-rouge-gun-burglary-tied-plot-attack-police/story?id=40531402
GIST	<p>A burglary at a pawn shop in Baton Rouge is believed to be part of a larger conspiracy to attack police officers in the area, according to the Baton Rouge Police Department.</p>

Eight guns were stolen from Cash America Pawn Saturday before 2 a.m., police said. Of the four suspects who were involved in the burglary, three have been taken into custody. One suspect told police he was looking for bullets to harm police officers in the Baton Rouge Area, said Baton Rouge Police Chief Dabadie, Jr.

Police said they consider the threats credible. Six of the firearms, which were all handguns, have been recovered. A BB gun was also stolen from the store.

One of the suspects was apprehended while fleeing on foot. A 17-year-old was apprehended on the scene in possession of one handgun and one airsoft BB gun. During questioning, he informed police that he and the three other suspects stole the firearms and were going to get bullets to shoot police. He was booked into parish prison for simple burglary and theft of a firearm, police said.

One of the suspects involved in the burglary was a 13-year-old, who was charged with simple burglary and theft of a firearm, police said. Another suspect, 20-year-old Malik Bridgewater, was arrested Sunday at his home and charged with burglary and theft of a firearm. Police recovered three of the stolen handguns from him.

Police are asking that the fourth suspect, who is still at large, turn himself in. His identity is unknown.

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The [Wall Street Journal](#)   (7/12, Lee, Frosch, Lazo) reports President Obama spoke at some length about the five officers who were killed, in their roles as fathers, husbands, military veterans, and police personnel. President Bush is quoted saying, “These slain officers were the best among us...With their deaths, we have lost so much. We are grief stricken, heartbroken and forever grateful.”

CRIME & DRUGS

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OFFICER SAFETY & WELLNESS

Three Men Arrested For Plot To Kill Baton Rouge Officers.

The [CBS Evening News](#) (7/12, story 3, 1:10, Pelley) reported Baton Rouge police say on Saturday morning, three men ages 20, 17, and 13 broke into a pawn shop and stole eight guns while a protest over the death of Alton Sterling was taking place in front of police headquarters. One suspect was found in the shop, and allegedly told the responding officer that “he was looking for bullets in order to use with the stolen guns to kill law enforcement in the Baton Rouge area.” The three young men were apparently arrested on Tuesday.

The [New York Times](#)   (7/12, Robertson) reports Baton Rouge law enforcement cited the plot “to explain the heavy police presence at protests within the last week.” One of the four suspected in the plot has not yet been arrested. Police Chief Carl Dabadie Jr. described the threat as ongoing and credible.

Lynch: DOJ Ready To Assist Michigan After Courthouse Shooting.

[Reuters](#)   (7/12) reports that Lynch said the Justice Department “stands ready to assist local law enforcement in the aftermath of a deadly shooting in a Michigan courthouse on Monday.”

Slain Michigan Bailiffs Identified. The [CBS Evening News](#) (7/12, story 4, 0:25, Pelley) reported Joseph Zangaro and Ronald Kienzle were the two bailiffs killed in Michigan yesterday after an inmate grabbed one of their guns. The inmate, whose shots injured two others, was shot and killed by another bailiff.

TECHNOLOGY

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Police Warn Of Robberies Committed Through New “Pokemon Go” Game. [CBS News](#)   (7/10) reported Police in St. Louis and St. Charles counties are saying “four men used the newly released ‘Pokémon Go’ game to commit multiple robberies.” The suspects are alleged to have committed the robberies by “targeting their victims through the...game.” CBS News adds that police believe the suspects placed a beacon in the game to “lure...players nearby.”

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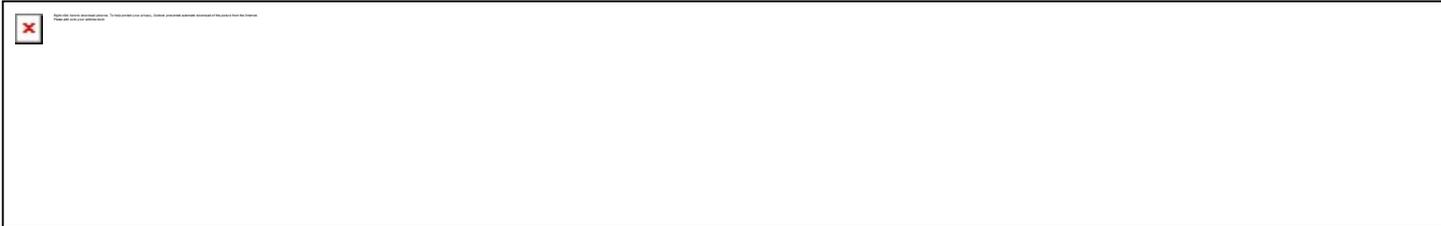
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CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

MS-13 Founder Sentenced For Illegal Re-Entry.

The [AP](#) (7/12) reports from Boston that “the founder of a notorious street gang has been sentenced to prison in Massachusetts for illegally entering the United States after having been deported.” Carlos Geovanni Martinez-Aguilar, of Mesquite, TX, was sentenced on Tuesday by a federal judge to three years in prison followed by two years of probation. Martinez-Aguilar pleaded guilty in April to unlawful re-entry of a deported alien. Federal prosecutors said Martinez-Aguilar, “a native of El Salvador, illegally entered the U.S. in 1995.” He was convicted of unarmed robbery in 2002 and was deported in 2003.

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Proposed Legislation To Outlaw Ransomware In California Gaining Support.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (7/12, Ulloa) reports proposed state legislation to outlaw ransomware in California is “drawing broad support from tech leaders and lawmakers.” The Times says the proposed bill would make knowingly using ransomware a felony. Critics of the legislation are wondering “just who will get caught in the dragnet, as such incidents are tough to trace and culprits are often overseas.” The Times says California Gov. Jerry Brown may sign the legislation before the end of August.

Rhode Island Governor Signs Bill To Reduce Opioid Abuse.

The [Providence \(RI\) Journal](#) (7/12, Borg) reports that Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo (D) signed bills intending to prevent opioid overdose into law on Tuesday. The package of measures, which aim to reduce opioid overdose deaths by one third within three years, “requires all insurers to cover naloxone to prevent fatal overdoses, limits the length of most first-time opioid prescriptions for acute pain, and requires insurers to cover expanded medication-related treatment.”

TECHNOLOGY

Researchers Create New Anonymous Network.

[The Hill](#) (7/11, Uchill) reports researchers at MIT and the Swiss École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne collaborated on creating a “network architecture they claim is a dramatically more efficient way for users to interact anonymously.” The technology, known as “Riffle networking,” “could make it more difficult for law enforcement to trace the source of illegal or copyrighted files being transmitted

over a network.” The Hill says Riffle works differently than Tor because Riffle “mixes up the order of servers, making it difficult to figure out who is contacting what.”

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From: Riggins, John
Sent: Tuesday, July 5, 2016 9:14 AM
To: Spencer, Charlie; Kelley, Sheldon; Horn, Tim; Bingham, Aaron
Subject: FW: Chevrolet Police/Fire 2017 Ordering Update
Attachments: Buildout 2016-2017 B-O S-U Comm - V4 US.xlsx; Impala Municipal 2017 Hero Card FINAL 6 22 16.pdf

Thanks.

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Posted At: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 4:07 PM
Conversation: Magnetic Stingray Repels Sharks
Posted To: emails meeting criteria

Subject: Magnetic Stingray Repels Sharks

 Dr. Craig O'Connell tests whether a magnet will make a hammerhead shark avoid its favorite food. From Shark Week 2016's "Sharks Among Us."

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A powerful tornado and hailstorm struck the outskirts of an eastern Chinese city on Thursday, killing at least 78 people and destroying buildings, smashing trees and flipping vehicles on their roofs.

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From: Riggins, John
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 4:21 PM
To: Bingham, Aaron; Spencer, Charlie; Kelley, Sheldon
Subject: FW: REMINDER: 2016 Tahoe PPV & SSV order cut off is THURSDAY, JUNE 2
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Tahoe cutoff date

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Subject: REMINDER: 2016 Tahoe PPV & SSV order cut off is THURSDAY, JUNE 2

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To: Bingham, Aaron; Spencer, Charlie; Hanson, Scott
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John,

Are we ordering any Tahoes with year end funds? If so we have until the 2nd to place the order.

Specialist Aaron J. Bingham
Idaho State Police Fleet Specialist
(208)576-2070

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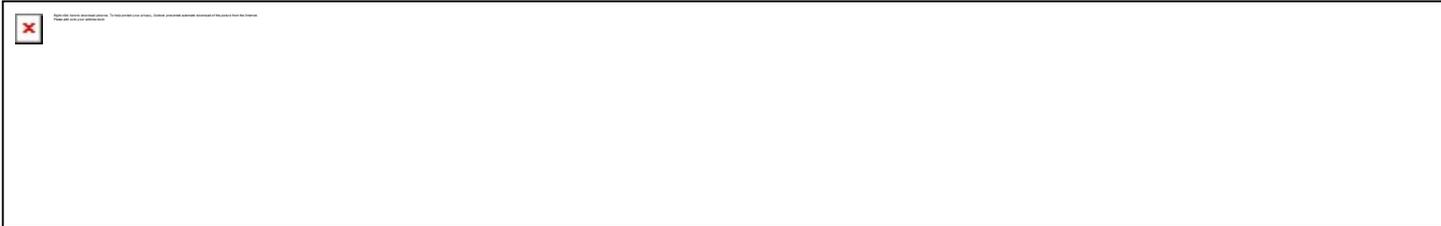


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Sent: Friday, May 20, 2016 5:52 AM
To: Neth, David
Subject: May 20, 2016: CNBC Analysis: Darknet Is Haven For Criminal Activity And Easier To Access Than Ever

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Good morning David Neth

Friday, May 20, 2016

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

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[CNBC](#) (5/19, Taylor) analyzes the darknet, "the part of the internet that lies beyond a normal web browser's reach." CNBC says the darknet "is a haven for an astonishing amount of criminal commerce," such as "a vast array of illegal products and services." CNBC adds that users can get onto the darknet easier than ever with the download of a TOR browser. CNBC says the darknet also contains "education services aimed at helping bad guys evade detection."

ABC News Analysis: Gun Store Burglaries On The Rise.

[ABC News](#) (5/19) reports statistics from the ATF show a "28 percent increase from 2013 to 2015" in gun store burglaries. ABC News says the statistics show "more than 12,000 handguns, shotguns, and rifles [were] stolen." ABC News adds that the ATF has released recommendations to gun dealers on how to secure their stock as "thieves have been using any means necessary to get their hands on valuable firearms."

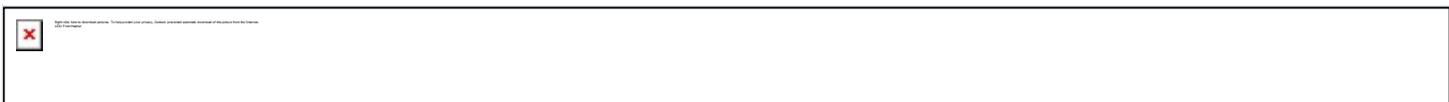
Two Individuals Added To FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List.

The [Chicago Tribune](#) (5/19, Meisner) reports that the FBI has added reputed Chicago-area street gang member Luis Macedo to its Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list. According to the bureau, Macedo has been charged with first degree murder and fleeing to avoid prosecution. He may be in Mexico or somewhere in the Southern United States. The [Los Angeles Times](#) (5/19, Rocha) reports that the FBI on Thursday added Los Angeles Man Philip Patrick Policarpio to its Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list. Policarpio has been charged with first-degree murder and state and federal warrants have been issued for his arrest. [NBC News](#) (5/19, Schuppe) adds online that authorities say Policarpio may have fled to Las Vegas.

AP Examines History Of The FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List. The [AP](#) (5/19) reports that the "FBI had hunted dangerous fugitives for years when a United Press International reporter asked in 1949 for the names of the 'toughest guys' to catch." The resulting 1949 article was so popular that then-FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover made the list permanent. "The list has been populated by bank robbers, killers, kidnappers, drug traffickers, terrorists and others – many whose names were known around the country and the world, and others who were little known beyond the city limits where their crimes were committed. Some weren't captured for years, while one guy was on the list for all of two hours before he was captured," the AP says. Several notable figures, including Osama Bin Laden, have been included in the list.

Massachusetts State Police Introduce Electronics-Sniffing Dog.

[Boston](#) (5/19, Palma) reports Massachusetts State Police introduced Winnie, who is "one of only seven dogs in the country certified" to "sniff out electronic devices." Winnie, who went through a five-week training course, will aid police in investigating "criminals such as child pornographers and those who use electronic equipment to make threats, try to conceal these items because they hold evidence of their crimes."



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LEGAL ISSUES

Senators Introduce Bill To Stop Botnets.

[FedScoop](#) (5/19, Otto) reports Sens. Lindsey Graham, Richard Blumenthal, and Sheldon Whitehouse introduced the Botnet Prevention Act this week that would "give the government greater powers to prosecute and punish those who operate and rent out botnets." FedScoop adds that the bill would also "expand the Justice Department's civil injunction authority to tear down botnets."

NYPD Sued By Civil Liberties Union For Using "Stingray" Device.

The [New York Post](#) (5/19, Marsh) reports the NYPD has been sued by the New York Civil Liberties union "because of privacy concerns over portable cell phone tracking devices called 'Stingrays.'" The lawsuit claims the "NYPD has no written policing governing the use" of the devices that have the "potential to implicate the privacy of countless innocent New Yorkers." The Post adds that police records have "shown that the devices have put scores of murderers, rapists, and other violent criminals behind bars."

TECHNOLOGY

Saab Develops "Sea Wasp" Technology To Disarm Underwater Bombs.

[Fox News](#) (5/19) reports Saab has developed “Sea Wasp” technology “that will be able to discover and tackle bombs hidden underwater off US shores and near American vessels,” and will test the technology in the next year with several law enforcement groups. Fox News says “the threat of improvised explosive devices underwater continues to grow,” and this new device is “specifically designed to handle the challenging conditions human EOD divers routinely face.” Saab’s “Sea Wasp” can be controlled by two individuals from a remote site to reduce risk to personnel, according to Fox News.

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From: Fusion Center Mail (icic)
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 11:28 AM
Subject: Update to request : 30969 - 5/17/2016 - Statewide Terrorism Intelligence Center Daily for Tuesday, May 10, 2016
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Request for Information

Received by the Idaho Criminal Intelligence Center

ACTIVITY

Assigned To: Hill, Brenda

Analysts The director to the Idaho Criminal Intelligence Center is Sgt. Dave Neth. He can be contacted at
Comments: david.neth@isp.idaho.gov. He is out of the office this week and part of next week. Have a great day. Brenda Hill

INFORMATION

Category: RFI

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Category:

Subject: Statewide Terrorism Intelligence Center Daily for
Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Description: Briefing Title
To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to see if I might be able to obtain the contact information for the Idaho Criminal Intelligence Center **Director**.

I have been working with several **Fusion Center directors** over the past weeks, creating a daily briefing service that is to go out to all those affiliated with them in the community – be they law enforcement, first responders, or other EMS teams.

I have included below the sample we developed for the Central Region – and I am interested in a conversation with your director about whether or not such a daily briefing would be of interest/help to the ICIC and other Fusion Centers in the West.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Marie-Rose

Marie-Rose Lohier
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Good morning John Smith

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Regional News

Chicago Police Superintendent: Weekend Gun Violence “Completely Unacceptable.”

The [Chicago Tribune](#) (5/9, Gorner) reports that Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, “confronted with the bloodiest weekend in Chicago” since he was named to the post six weeks ago, on Monday “called the gun violence ‘completely unacceptable’ and said the dozens of shootings highlight ‘the uphill battle’ confronting police.” A Tribune analysis found that “more than 50 people were shot, eight fatally, between Friday afternoon and early Monday, the city’s most violent weekend since the end of September.” Chicago “is already closing in on 200 homicides as the city endures its worst violence since the late 1990s,” and “at this rate, the city is on pace to top 500 homicides for the year for only the second time since 2008.”

US Charges 11 In Texas Crack House Operation.

The [Houston Chronicle](#) (5/9, Banks) reports that 11 Jefferson County, TX men are facing federal drug charges “following a federal investigation into a crack cocaine operation prosecutors believe was run out of [a] family home in Beaumont.” A federal grand jury last week “indicted 13 individuals on four counts,” and “a task force of federal, state and local officers Friday began executing search warrants, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, based in Beaumont.” US Attorney John M. Bales “called the alleged family business ‘a vortex of misery and lost dreams,’ in the release.” The Chronicle adds that five defendants in the case, all from

Beaumont, TX, “were apprehended and are expected to have initial appearances in federal court this week,” while “six other defendants, also from Beaumont, were already in custody.”
West Virginia Man Faces Charges Over Possession Of Guns, Explosives.

The [AP](#) (5/9) reports that 66-year-old Denver Clifford Julious was arrested Friday at his Hilltop, West Virginia home “on charges of making an explosive device” after authorities executed a search warrant there and “seized multiple firearms and a substantial amount of explosive materials.” Julious, who “has a violent criminal history and had made threats to others” is facing “multiple charges, including possession of a destructive device or explosive materials and being a felon in possession of a firearm.”

Grand Forks Police Recover Explosives Following Accidental Gun Firing.

The [AP](#) (5/9) reports that over the weekend, Grand Forks, North Dakota police “recovered explosives from an apartment” following a call indicating that a man accidentally “fired a gun through the floor of an apartment.” No injuries were reported, “but officers who obtained a search warrant for the apartment called in a bomb squad when they found ‘concerning’ items.”

National News

DHS Conducts Airborne Material Tests In New York City Subway.

[ABC News](#) (5/9) reports that on Monday, DHS personnel “released non-hazardous gas into the New York city subway as part of a study designed to help authorities know how to respond in case a biological weapon, like anthrax or ricin, were released in the nation’s largest public transit system.” ABC adds that the “harmless particulate tracers” will be tracked “over the next five days from Grand Central, Times Square and Penn Station subway platforms” while “equipment at more than 55 stations throughout Manhattan will measure airflow,” according to officials.

FBI Memo Urges Police To Recreate Evidence Gathered With Stingrays.

[ZDNet](#) (5/9) reports on a recently disclosed FBI document urging a local police department to recreate evidence gathered using Stingray technology by some other means before presenting it at trial. Departments that use Stingrays are bound by a non-disclosure agreement required by the device’s manufacture. “Disclosing the use of stingrays would violate the non-disclosure agreement. Many cases have been dropped to prevent disclosing the use of the technology,” ZDNet says.

Jury Selection Begins In Trial Of Three Men Accused Of Trying To Join ISIL In Syria.

The [AP](#) (5/9, Forliti) reports jury selection began Monday in the federal trial of three Minnesota men – Abdirahman Yasin Daud, 22, Mohamed Abdihamid Farah, 22, and Guled Ali Omar, 21-- accused of plotting to travel to Syria to join ISIL. Prosecutors claim they were part of a larger group in the state’s large Somali community that conspired to help one another plan and finance their trips. All three have pleaded not guilty to multiple counts, the most serious being conspiracy to commit murder outside the US. One witness expected to testify is Abdirahman Bashir, “who was part of the conspiracy but became an informant for the FBI.” The defense is expected to “take issue with Bashir’s past and the amount of money he’s been paid by the FBI for his work.”

Obama To Convene NSC On Tuesday To Discuss Islamic State.

[Reuters](#) (5/9) reports that President Obama will meet with his National Security Council Tuesday to discuss the fight against Islamic State. The White House said in a statement, “The session is the latest in a series of NSC meetings in recent months convened at the White House and at key departments and agencies, including the CIA, the Department of State and the Department of Defense, on our campaign against the terrorist group.”

Thwarted Synagogue Attack Highlights Importance Of Security For Florida Jewish Community.

The [South Florida Sun Sentinel](#) (5/9, Carmona) reports that the recent arrest of James Gonzalo Medina, a man accused of trying to blow up a Florida synagogue, has brought security to the forefront of issues within the South Florida Jewish community. Several synagogues and other Jewish organizations contacted by reporters said they were increasing security in the wake of Medina’s arrest. Medina was arrested for attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction – a dummy bomb sold to him by an FBI informant – against the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center on April 29. He is set to appear in court on May 10 to determine if he is safe to release on bond.

Twitter Downplays Dataminr Move.

The Wall Street Journal report saying that Twitter plans to cut off access to Dataminr for US intelligence agencies generated significant second-day coverage. [Ars Technica](#) (5/9, Kravets) reports that in a statement, Twitter “downplayed the development.” saying, “Dataminr uses public Tweets to sell breaking news alerts to media organizations such as Dow Jones and government agencies such as the World Health Organization, for non-surveillance purposes. We have never authorized Dataminr or any third party to sell data to a government or intelligence agency for surveillance purposes. This is a longstanding Twitter policy, not a new development.”

Global News

US Army General: North Korean Hackers Are Extremely Skilled.

[Tech Insider](#) (5/9, Szoldra) reports US Army General Vincent Brooks told the Senate last month that North Korean hackers “are among the best in the world and the best organized.” Tech Insider says Gen. Brooks “sees North Korean hackers as a threat to be taken seriously.”

US, Russia Reach Deal To Restore Nationwide Truce In Syria.

The [AP](#) (5/9, Lederman) reports Secretary of State Kerry on Monday announced a nationwide truce in Syria “would be restored,” but it was “immediately called into doubt” as Syria extended a local cease-fire in Aleppo by just 48 hours. Kerry, announcing the new deal, said it would “reinstate a nationwide cessation of hostilities,” but “cautioned that the agreement itself meant little if it was not backed up by the parties on the ground.” [Reuters](#) (5/9, Davison, Brunnstrom) quotes Kerry as saying, “These are words on a piece of paper. They are not actions. We have a responsibility to make certain that the opposition lives up to this, and Russia and Iran have a responsibility to make sure the Assad regime lives up to this.”

Pentagon: ISIL Military Chief Killed In Iraq.

[Reuters](#) (5/9) reports that on Monday, the Pentagon said a US airstrike hit a vehicle carrying Abu Wahib, ISIL’s military chief in Anbar province, along with three other ISIL members near the town of Rutba.

The [Washington Times](#) (5/9, Muñoz) reports Monday's strike was the fourth time in three years that Wahib, also known as Shaker Wahib al-Fahdawi al-Dulaimi, had reportedly been killed by US or allied forces. However, Monday was the first time the Pentagon confirmed his death. Cook said the Defense Department was "confident" that the strike was successful and that Wahib was among those killed. US and European counterterrorism experts claim Wahib was a close confidant of ISIL leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, and had even been "tapped as a possible replacement to Baghdadi should the ISIS leader be killed." Cook said Monday's strike was one of several ongoing US efforts to combat ISIL in Iraq, stating, "It is dangerous to be an ISIL leader in Iraq and Syria these days, and for good reason." [International Talks On Libya To Be Held Next Week In Vienna.](#)

[Reuters](#) (5/9) reports international talks on support for Libya's new unity government will be held in Vienna next week, Italian Foreign Minister Paolo Gentiloni said Monday. He did not provide details on who would attend, but Reuters notes past talks on Libya have included US and European officials, as well as Libya's North African neighbors.

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CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

Marijuana Users Increasingly Turning To "Dabbing" In New York City.

The [New York Times](#) (5/12, Nir, Subscription Publication) reports dabbing – the practice of consuming waxy marijuana extract that contains high levels of THC – “appears to have risen rapidly in New York City over the past few years, according to federal law enforcement officials as well as people who use and sell the drug.” Medical experts are beginning to voice concern over the potential unknown health risks, and critics cite the largely unregulated nature of production, which “often involves home cooks who douse marijuana with volatile butane, which can lead to explosions.”

US Planning "Surge" Of Deportation Raids.

Immigration officials are planning a serious of raids to deport Central American mothers and children who have entered the US illegally, [Reuters](#) (5/12, Edwards) reports in an exclusive, citing sources and internal documents. ICE has instructed its field offices to conduct a 30-day “surge” of arrests targeting mothers and children who have previously been told to leave the country.

Swift Reports Second Attack Similar To Bangladesh Central Bank Heist.

The [New York Times](#) (5/12, A1, Corkery, Subscription Publication) reports Swift, the messaging system used by thousands of banks and companies to transfer money across the globe, will send a letter to users Friday warning that it has suffered a second attack on a commercial bank that “bore numerous similarities” to the \$81 million heist from Bangladesh’s central bank in February. Swift said the two attacks were part of a “wider and highly adaptive campaign targeting banks.”

Research Shows Hackers Targeting Policy Groups And NGOs For Government Strategy.

[Bloomberg News](#) (5/12, Syeed) reports research from cybersecurity company CrowdStrike Inc. shows that hackers “are targeting policy groups and nongovernmental organizations to get a leg up on U.S. government strategy.” CrowdStrike claims the hackers are so-called “nation-state” hackers, that are “often tied to governments including China or Russia.”



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Mozilla Urges Disclosure Of Firefox Vulnerability Used In FBI Probe.

[The Hill](#) (5/12, Trujillo) reports that Mozilla on Wednesday filed a brief in a child pornography case being tried in Washington state. The brief asks that the government disclose a "possible security vulnerability in its Firefox web browser that helped the FBI track down visitors to a child pornography site," The Hill says. Mozilla said there is reason to believe that the Firefox vulnerability is still active and putting users around the world at risk.

Comey: Terrorists Using Encryption As "Essential Tradecraft."

[Ars Technica](#) (5/12, Kravets) reports FBI Director James Comey told a group of reporters on Wednesday that "encryption was an 'essential tradecraft' of terror groups like ISIS." Ars Technica points out the comments come at a time when the US government is reviewing legislation "that mandates the tech sector build backdoors into their products."

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All,

Attached is the 2016 Order Cutoff and 2017 Start of Ordering dates for Chevrolet Police vehicles. Please let your departments know about these important dates so they can order accordingly.

When you look at the attachment please look to the far right for the order cutoff and start-up dates. Dates in red have been updated from my last email. There are two tabs at the bottom – one is 2016 Build-out Matrix and the other is 2017 Start-up Matrix. Please click on the tab to see the information you want and then scroll up or down to find the vehicles you may be interested in ordering.

In the Build-out tab, SEO means Special Equipment Options. For example, back-up alarm, rear seat delete, etc.

I have highlighted in **yellow** the vehicles that represent our Chevrolet Police vehicles:

Caprice PPV

Impala Detective - New for 2017 MY is our Impala Municipal or Detective sedan

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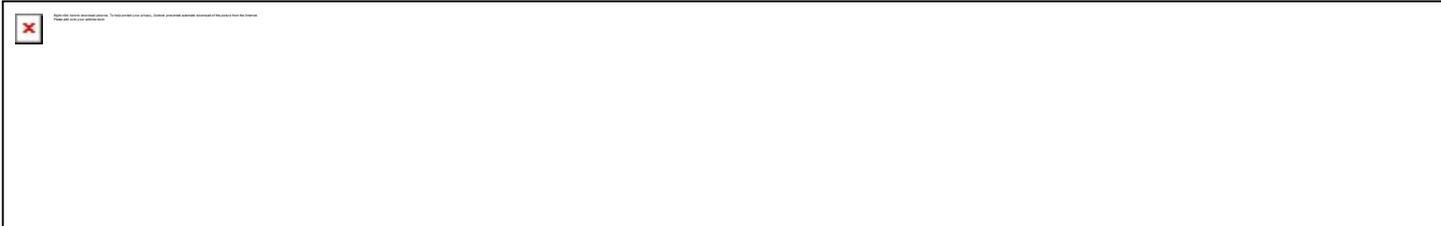


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Heroin, Opium Found In Luggage At Chicago Airport.

[Reuters](#) (5/11, Madden) reports that three women were arrested at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago after CBP agents found 70 pounds of heroin and opium in their luggage. All three women, Pa Yang, Mai Vue Vang, and True Thao, are from Minnesota and arrived Tuesday on a flight from Japan.

The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (5/11, Xiong, Harlow) reports that the office of DEA Minnesota head Kent Bailey "received an internal memo about the arrests in light of the drug's tie to Minnesota

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[Phys \(UK\)](#) (5/11, Forno, Joshi) analyzes the definition and explanation of “cyberbomb” or “cyberweapon.” Phys says cyberbombs are not single weapons, but are “collections of computer hardware and software, with the knowledge of their potential uses against online threats.” Phys goes on to describe how targets are selected, which involves “not only technological experts but military strategists, researchers, policy analysts, lawyers and others across the military-industrial complex.”

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IACP IN THE NEWS

IACP Officials Meet With Bulgarian Prime Minister.

[Focus News \(BUL\)](#) (5/11) reports IACP First Vice President Don De Lucca and IACP International Policing Division Director Paul Santiago met with Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov on Wednesday to talk about the “fight against smuggling and

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CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

FBI Memo Urges Police To Recreate Evidence Gathered With Stingrays.

[ZDNet](#) (5/9) reports on a recently disclosed FBI document urging a local police department to recreate evidence gathered using Stingray technology by some other means before presenting it at trial. Departments that use Stingrays are bound by a non-disclosure agreement required by the device's manufacture. "Disclosing the use of stingrays would violate the non-disclosure agreement. Many cases have been dropped to prevent disclosing the use of the technology," ZDNet says.

DEA Agent: Synthetic Opioids May Be Next Epidemic.

DEA Special Agent in Charge James Shroba tells [AOL](#) (5/9) that synthetic opioids "is the next front," and "says agents are tracking the beginnings of drug traffickers tweaking the chemical compounds of Fentanyl." Shroba warns synthetic opioids are "hundreds, if not thousands of times more potent than heroin, or other opioids." AOL says synthetic Cathinones or cannabinoids, which are available in some stores, may make "new users out of people who might not normally try drugs."

Twitter Downplays Dataminr Move.

The Wall Street Journal report saying that Twitter plans to cut off access to Dataminr for US intelligence agencies generated significant second-day coverage. [Ars Technica](#) (5/9, Kravets) reports that in a statement, Twitter “downplayed the development.” saying, “Dataminr uses public Tweets to sell breaking news alerts to media organizations such as Dow Jones and government agencies such as the World Health Organization, for non-surveillance purposes. We have never authorized Dataminr or any third party to sell data to a government or intelligence agency for surveillance purposes. This is a longstanding Twitter policy, not a new development.”



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LEGAL ISSUES

Immigration Court Backlog Seen As Draw For More Illegal Immigration.

[Fox News](#) (5/9) says the surge of Central American migrants into the US is “worse – as Border Patrol agents apprehend even more Honduran, Guatemalan and Salvadoran immigrants claiming asylum. But due to a backlog in the courts, there is even less of a chance they’ll be deported.” Former CBP deputy commissioner David Aguilar is quoted saying, “Where the backflow and choke point is occurring is in the immigration judge docket system – 800,000 on the dockets right now. ... So, that backlog, that inability to basically send these people back, remove them back to their countries of origin, is causing a draw of more of these people coming into the country.”

ODNI Pushes Back Against Wyden Demands Over Surveillance.

[The Hill](#) (5/9, Williams) reports that the intel community is “pushing back on a Harvard report that has become a touchstone in the Capitol Hill debate over encryption.” In a letter to Sen. Ron Wyden, ODNI’s Deirdre Walsh wrote, “The public debate about the appropriate scope of lawful access to encrypted communications ... must be informed by recognition that the increased use of encryption represents a significant impediment to our efforts to protect the nation.” Wyden “had demanded feedback on the report, produced by Harvard’s Berkman Center, during a February hearing on the topic. Titled ‘Don’t Panic,’ the study suggests that law enforcement will be able to turn to alternative data streams in order to conduct needed surveillance.”

Wyden Prepping Bill To Block DOJ Revisions To Rule 41. [The Hill](#) (5/9, Williams) reports that Sen. Ron Wyden is “moving to prevent a controversial expansion of the federal government’s hacking powers.” This week, he is “expected to unveil legislation blocking a Justice Department request to allow judges to grant a single warrant for electronic searches in multiple locations – even when investigators don’t know the physical location of a device.” The DOJ, “which has been working for years on getting the change, insists the revision to what’s known as Rule 41 is a necessary update to match the realities of modern digital investigations.”

TECHNOLOGY

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The [Washington Post](#) (5/9, A1, Davenport) reports that faced with the prospect of hostilities in space, US defense officials are “developing ways to protect exposed satellites floating in orbit and to keep apprised of what an enemy is doing hundreds, if not thousands, of miles above Earth’s surface. They are making satellites more resilient, enabling them to withstand jamming efforts.”

India Claims To Have Developed Tool To Defeat iPhone Encryption.

[CNET News](#) (5/9) reports India's communications and IT minister Ravi Shankar Prasad claims the country has developed a tool that can defeat encryption for smartphones, including the iPhone. CNET News says that "Prasad didn't reveal details about how the tool works."

DOJ Creating Body Camera Catalog to Aid Law Enforcement.

[FierceGovernmentIT](#) (5/9, Richman) reports DOJ is creating a catalog of body camera devices "to help local law enforcement agencies compare and choose between them." FierceGovernmentIT says the DOJ guide will also include information about the data security and hacking susceptibility of the individual devices. FierceGovernmentIT adds that DOJ plans to make the guide available by the end of 2016.

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POLICING & POLICY

NBC News Analysis: Body Camera Usage Gaining Support Among Officers.

[NBC News](#)  (5/8) analyzes the growing use of body cameras worn by law enforcement and tells the story of Ohio Officer Steven Wilson. NBC News says Wilson was exonerated by a grand jury after fatally shooting a man “who was stabbing his ex-girlfriend and wouldn’t stop.” NBC News says “Wilson is back on the job,” and he “has nothing but praise for the device that he believes may have saved his career.” NBC News adds that “testimonials like Wilson’s are beginning to pile up in support of the tiny cameras.”

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[The Guardian \(UK\)](#)   (5/7, Allison, Hattenstone) reports prisons in the UK and Wales are dealing with increasing use of synthetic cannabis across the prison population and escalating violence associated with drug use. The Guardian interviews several sources who say the epidemic of synthetic drug use in UK prisons “is emerging as the biggest single problem facing the prison service in England and Wales.”



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Drones Being Used To Find Cause Of Canadian Wildfire.

[Reuters](#) (5/7, Nickel) reports the government in Alberta, Canada will utilize drones to find the cause of a wildfire that has displaced around 88,000 people. Reuters says the drones will use various cameras to pinpoint the hottest part of the fire and trace its source in a process called fire-mapping.

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CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

Growing Number Of US Police Departments Turning To Crisis Intervention Team Training.

On the front page of its Science Times section, the [New York Times](#) (4/25, Goode, Subscription Publication) reports in a 1,800-word piece that a growing number of police departments across the US are now turning to crisis intervention team training (CIT). Research has suggested that such "training can alter the way officers view people with mental illness." What's more, the CIT "approach, which teaches officers ways to defuse potentially violent encounters before force becomes necessary, is useful for officers facing any volatile situation," even situations in which no mental health crisis is "involved, law enforcement experts say."

Gardner: The Rise Of ISIL Represents A New Sort Of Terrorism.

Homeland security studies professor Jeff Gardner opines in [In Homeland Security](#) (4/25, Gardner) that the rise of ISIL constitutes a new phase of terrorism. This wave, he says, must be combated primarily

at home. Gardner lists the TSA and the FBI's watch lists as key tools "strengthening our home game to prevent any more terrorists from entering the country."

Record TSA Firearm Finds Come Amid Security Line Complaints.

[USA Today](#) (4/25) reports the "disconcerting factoid" that TSA officers last week "found 73 firearms in carry-on bags at airport checkpoints around the country," breaking a "record set in October 2015, when an alarming 68 firearms were found at checkpoints in one week." USA Today adds, "The new TSA 'firearm finds' record comes at a time when complaints are on the rise about long security checkpoint lines at many of the nation's airports."

Study Finds High Percentage Of People Who Find USB Drives Will Plug Them Into Computers.

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (4/26, Marotti) reports a study by the University of Illinois "found that nearly half of people who find a USB drive will plug it into a computer and open the files, typically out of curiosity or in hopes of finding the owner." The Journal-Constitution adds that "security experts say just plugging in a USB drive can allow hackers to attack you." The Journal-Constitution says the study placed 300 USB sticks throughout UIUC's campus, and found that "ninety-eight percent of the drives were moved, and at least 45 percent were connected to computers."



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Baltimore Judge Excludes Murder Evidence Obtained Following Use Of Stingray Tracking Device.

The [Baltimore Sun](#) (4/25) reports Baltimore Circuit Judge Yolanda Tanner “threw out key evidence in the 2014 killing of a woman in Northwest Baltimore because police obtained it after using a powerful cellphone tracking device.” The Sun says Investigators found the blood of the victim in the suspect’s apartment after using a stingray cellphone tracking device to trace the victim’s phone to the apartment. The Sun adds that the suspect, Robert Copes, let law enforcement inside the apartment. The Sun reports that Judge Tanner “said she believed police investigators acted in good faith,” however the search was unconstitutional because the stingray device was used without a warrant.

ICE Proposes Fingerprinting All Unaccompanied Minor Guardians.

[Reuters](#) (4/26, Edwards) reports that ICE officials propose in an internal memo the taking of fingerprints from all people who claim custody over unaccompanied minors. The proposal would expand fingerprinting, currently limited to non-parents, to include the children’s parents.

TECHNOLOGY

Company Plans To Introduce High Security Android Phone.

[CNBC](#) (4/25) reports online that a “A Swiss-based start-up has raised \$72 million and is planning to launch a high-security smartphone next month that could cost up to \$15,000.” The company, Sirin Labs, plans to release the Android smartphone in London next month. “You should expect to see almost in every aspect, very high specs on the product, higher than all of the great mass market phones, combined with software and security features,” said Sirin Labs co-founder Moshe Hogeg. Sirin Labs, CNBC says, is attempting “to tap into the growing consumer concern over privacy just weeks after the end of the high-profile tussle between Apple and the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation.”

DHS Using “White Hat” Hackers To Test Agency Cybersecurity.

[Federal News Radio \(DC\)](#) (4/25, Miller) reports DHS is using “white hat” hackers to test the networks of three unnamed government agencies “to improve their network security.” NCCIC director John Felker said the “white hat” hackers “owned those agencies from top to bottom and side-to-side” in a matter of days. SANS Institute director of research Alan Paller “said DHS moving to conduct penetration testing from just vulnerability testing is a big change,” and “said the key to any red team exercise is to ensure the organization continues to analyze and review its security controls every hour, every day.”

Researchers Use Amplified Radio To Unlock Cars.

[Digital Trends](#) (4/25, Edelstein) reports researchers in Germany were able to successfully “unlock and start cars by tricking onboard systems into thinking a key fob was nearby.” Digital Trends says the researchers used a “simple radio amplifier” that is “placed near the fob, while a receiver is placed near the car.” Digital Trends adds that the “amplifier increases the signal from the key fob, meaning thieves can unlock a car even if the owner is up to 90 meters (295 feet) away.”

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[CBS News](#) (4/14) reports a federal government "radiation-detecting helicopter flew over the Boston Marathon route on Wednesday" as a precautionary measure ahead of the race. CBS News says the "helicopter flies about 150-feet off the ground" and uses "two pods on the sides of the helicopter [to] measure the radiation levels." CBS News adds that the data collected "will be used to make a map that tells scientists what are acceptable normal levels." CBS News quotes Boston Police Commissioner William Evans on the use of aircraft to keep marathon attendees safe by saying "the FAA has banned drones from coming into the area, obviously we are going to use some anti-drone technology out there...the public is going to see some technology out there that we haven't used before."

Thirty-Two Massachusetts Schools Receive Bomb Threats.

The [Springfield \(MA\) Republican](#) (4/14) reports that 32 Massachusetts schools on Thursday reported receiving robocalls containing bomb threats. "For each individual threat, a risk assessment is being

performed and local police and fire departments, with support from the State Police bomb squad, are responding accordingly," the Republican reports. The FBI is leading the investigation into the threats.

FBI Looking For "Can't Wait Bandit" After Phoenix Robberies.

The [Arizona Republic](#) (4/14, Woo) reports FBI Bank Robbery Task Force is looking for a man investigators call the "Can't Wait Bandit" for four Phoenix-area bank robberies in five days last week. He earned the nickname for robbing two banks within an hour of each other on Apr. 8.

[KPHO-TV](#) Phoenix (4/14, Hoey) reports the suspect is described as a white male between 25 and 35 years old, weighing 160 to 180 pounds, and having "light brown hair, a brown mustache and beard, and crooked teeth." In each robbery, the suspect threatened to use a weapon, though a weapon was never seen. The FBI's contact information is included for anyone with information on the suspect.

ISIL Threatens Michigan Muslim Cleric.

The [Detroit Free Press](#) (4/14, Warikoo) reports that ISIL has threatened to kill Shaykh Hisham Kabbani, a Flint-area moderate Muslim leader, the FBI's Detroit office has confirmed. In the most recent issue of ISIL's online magazine, the terror group lists Kabbani among other Muslim-American religious leaders who should be killed for apostasy. "We are aware of the information, but beyond that, we are not commenting at this time," said FBI Detroit spokeswoman Jill Washburn. "The 10 Muslim Americans whom ISIS put on its hit list...were strongly condemned by ISIS in its magazine for, ISIS alleged, not being true Muslims," the Free Press says.

FBI, DHS Brief DC Bars, Clubs On Terror Threat.

The [Washington Post](#) (4/14, Zak) reports that officials from the FBI and DHS in Washington, DC held a briefing for dozens of area nightclubs and bars about the terrorist threat to their establishments. During the briefing, "law enforcement officials shared images of Islamic State and al-Qaeda propaganda that encourage attacks on American social spots," the Post says. Despite the gravity of their message, officials say there are no known, specific threats to nightlife in the District of Columbia.

US Charges Chinese Citizen With Attempting To Illegally Export Carbon Fiber To China.

[Reuters](#) (4/14) reports that the Justice Department announced on Thursday that Fuyi Sun, a Chinese citizen, has been charged with attempting to illegally export high-grade carbon fiber that is primarily used in aerospace and military applications to China. Sun, 52, was arrested on Wednesday after

traveling to obtain the fiber from individuals working as undercover federal law enforcement agents, according to Reuters. Assistant Attorney General John Carlin said in a statement, "The carbon fiber – which has many aerospace and defense applications – is strictly controlled, and Sun expressed a willingness to pay a premium to skirt U.S. export laws."

US Indicts Engineer, Chinese Nuclear Firm For Conspiracy.

[Bloomberg News](#) (4/14, Strohm) reports the US government indicted Szuhsiung Ho, a nuclear engineer and an American citizen, and China General Nuclear Power and Energy Technology International for conspiracy to "illegally produce nuclear material outside the country without Energy Department authorization." According to the unsealed 17-page indictment, Ho and the Chinese nuclear company plotted since 1997 "to shrink the time and cost of designing nuclear reactor components by obtaining technical assistance from unidentified experts in the US." Assistant Attorney General John Carlin said Ho "allegedly approached and enlisted US based nuclear experts to provide integral assistance in developing and producing special nuclear material in China."

LEGAL ISSUES

ICE Director Pushes Back Against Proposed Mass Deportations.

The [Dallas Morning News](#) (4/14, SOLÍS) reports Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Sarah R. Saldaña "pushed back Thursday on proposals for mass deportations and expansion of a border wall," calling it "highly impractical to think about loading up estimates of 11 [million] to 12 million-plus people in some form of transportation and sending them off." Instead, she called for Congress to simplify the nation's immigration laws and "set up a system by which" those who have been in the US for years "can be in this country without something hanging over their heads as to possible apprehension and removal from the country." Saldaña compared congressional inaction to "saying, 'OK, there is an Ebola crisis. It is too hard to work on that, and we are going to punt.'" She also said that ICE's message is clear: "Do not come into the country illegally, and if you choose to do so, you face the consequences of the immigration system."

Microsoft Sues US Over Secret Demands For Customer Data.

The [AP](#) (4/14, Bailey) reports from San Francisco that "in the latest clash over privacy rights in the digital age, Microsoft is suing the U.S. government over a federal law that allows authorities to examine customer emails or online files without the individual's knowledge." The lawsuit "comes as the tech industry is increasingly butting heads with U.S. officials over the right to view a wide range of

information – including emails, photos and financial records – that customers are storing on smartphones and in so-called ‘cloud’ computing centers.” Microsoft argues that the Justice Department “is abusing a decades-old law, the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, to obtain court orders requiring it to turn over customer files stored on its servers, while prohibiting it from notifying the customer,” and argues that this “violates its constitutional rights of free speech and customers’ protection against unreasonable searches.”

Stingray Privacy Act Seeks To Toughen Requirements For Cell Site Simulator Use.

[Fox News](#) (4/13, Corbin) reports on the cellular site simulator called the “StingRay,” produced by Harris Corp among other manufacturers, which “tricks” cellphones into revealing users’ locations, and is becoming a “key weapon” for law enforcement against criminals, according to Fox News. Fox News says Rep. Jason Chaffetz (UT-R) is sponsoring the Stingray Privacy Act that would “toughen” warrants needed, and “make their use without a court order illegal.”

TECHNOLOGY

DHS: Uninstall Apple’s QuickTime To Protect Computers.

[Reuters](#) (4/14) reports an alert from the Department of Homeland Security’s United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) recommended PC users uninstall Apple’s QuickTime video player, as it has bugs that could be used to attack PCs and as Apple is ending support for the product. [CNET News](#) (4/15, Musil) reports TrendMicro, which discovered the bugs, said “they could be used to launch attacks on computers if users open a tainted file or visit a malicious Web site.”

IBM Discovers New Malware That Targets Bank Customers.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/14, Sidel, Subscription Publication) reports IBM Corp. cybersecurity researchers announced on Thursday that they have discovered a new type of malware, dubbed GozNym, responsible for \$4 million dollars in theft in only the first few days of April, which targets customers of 22 US and Canadian Banks. The Journal says that customers with business accounts are being targeted through emails containing links with a virus that steals bank login information.

THURSDAY'S LEAD STORIES

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Friday, April 8, 2016

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

US DOJ Launching Elder Justice Task Force To Address Allegations Of Abuse And Neglect In Nursing Homes.

The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (4/7, Norder) reports the US Department of Justice is assembling the Elder Justice Task Force to scrutinize skilled care facilities in 10 states where there have been allegations of abuse and neglect. The task force will bring together local, state, and other federal agencies, including HHS, with the aim of “quickly identifying and pursuing nursing homes jeopardizing the health and well-being of elderly residents.”

FBI, Scottsdale Police To Release Age-Enhanced Pictures Of Robert William Fisher.

[KNXV-TV](#) Phoenix (4/7) reports the FBI and the Scottsdale Police Department will release age-enhanced pictures of Robert William Fisher, one of the FBI’s Top Ten Most Wanted Fugitives, to coincide with the 15th anniversary of the murders of his wife and two young children. Fisher is wanted

on “three counts of first-degree murder, arson of an occupied structure and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.” KNXV-TV says the pictures will be released on Friday.

Texas Police Department Given Nearly \$500,000 From ICE, HSI In Asset-Sharing Agreement.

[KRGV-TV](#) Harlingen, TX (4/7) reports the Pharr Police Department was given a check by ICE and HSI for \$485,379.82 for working a narcotics investigation. KRGV-TV reports the funds were given as part of HSI’s asset-sharing agreement that divides funds among agencies participating in an investigation.

FBI Milwaukee Division Issues Warning Over Phone Scam That Uses The Bureau’s Number.

[WITI-TV](#) Milwaukee (4/7, DeLong) reports the FBI Milwaukee Division is issuing a warning about a phone scam and is reminding the public that it doesn’t call private citizens requesting money. The warning is tied to a scam primarily targeting students at various universities in Wisconsin that uses the phone number for the FBI’s local office in the state. The caller claims to represent the government and threatens to arrest victims over “false claims ranging from money owed for student loans, to delinquent taxes and overdue parking tickets.”

IRS Warns Of Tax Scams Ahead Of Deadline.

The [CBS Evening News](#) (4/7, story 7, 2:20, Rose) reported that with the tax deadline looming, the IRS is warning about phone scans that “continue to be one of its top concerns.” Jeff Pegues said another “rapidly growing problem” is phishing and malware scams using fake IRS emails. Matt Leas, IRS Spokesman: “These are adaptive adversaries. We’ve seen this over a time where they continue to change their tactics, continue to go after honest taxpayers.” Pegues reported that the IRS “says it will never demand immediate payment over the phone, nor will the agency email you to solicit personal or financial information.”

LEGAL ISSUES

White House Denies It Has Decided To Withhold Support From Encryption Bill.

[The Hill](#) (4/7, Williams) reported that Deputy White House press secretary Eric Schultz yesterday “denied reports that it will not offer its support to a controversial” Senate bill, to be released by SSCI leaders Richard Burr and Dianne Feinstein, “that would give law enforcement access to encrypted

data.” Said Schultz, “I saw that [report](#) and I don’t know what it’s based [on]. ... The idea that we’re going to withhold support for a bill that’s not introduced yet is inaccurate.” Schultz “did not tip his hand on the administration’s official response to the bill.” [Vox](#) (4/7) reports that the Administration’s difficulty in dealing with the issue “is part of a much longer political history of encryption debate.” The Clinton administration “was having this same conversation in 1990s when [President Clinton] introduced the ‘Clipper Chip’ initiative to give the government the power to monitor encrypted phone conversations.”

Feinstein Sends Bill Back To White House For Review. [The Hill](#) (4/7, Bennett) reports Feinstein told reporters on Thursday “that the latest draft of the bill had been sent back to the White House for review.” Feinstein said, “Yesterday, I sent a copy to [White House chief of staff Denis McDonough]. He indicated to me that the staff is going to look at it, discuss it with the president next week. So we’ll see.”

Bill Would Require Companies To Provide “Technical Assistance.” [The Hill](#) (4/7, Bennett) reports that the bill “would force companies to provide ‘technical assistance’ to government investigators seeking locked data, according to a discussion draft obtained by The Hill.” The “nine-page discussion draft fits with its backers’ promise to produce a succinct bill. It’s also subject to change as it has not yet been introduced.”

FCC Pushing To Cut Off Prisoner Access To Cell Phones.

[CNN Money](#) (4/7, Goldman) reports FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley “are pushing to cut off prisoners’ access to cell phones.” Pai said restricting inmate cell phones would prevent “incidents like one that happened in Georgia, when a woman was texted images of her incarcerated boyfriend being strangled,” and extorted for money to stop the beatings. The FCC also said a cell phone ban “might have been able to prevent the killing of a murder witness, who was shot three times after the incarcerated suspect called a gang member to pull the trigger.”

CNN Money says the FCC is looking into so-called “managed access systems,” which would allow “prisons to manage their own cell phone network access, allowing only a pre-approved list of phones to place calls on the network.” Such systems would allow a guard’s phones to get a full signal, and prevent smuggled phones from working within the facility. CNN Money adds that the FCC is also considering cell phone detection systems, and “is considering forcing wireless companies to block service for contraband cell phones found in prisons.”

TECHNOLOGY

Continuing Coverage: Comey Says FBI Bought Tool Used To Hack Farook's Phone.

[Bloomberg Politics](#) (4/7, Strohm) continues coverage of FBI Director Comey's Wednesday speech at Kenyon College in Ohio. According to Comey, the FBI "bought" the tool used to break into Syed Rizwan Farook's iPhone, though he did not provide details on the seller. Bloomberg adds that Comey said discussions are continuing "about whether to provide Apple with details about how the hack was carried out." Encryption, Bloomberg says, has led some members of Congress to push for legislation to establish a commission to probe the issue further. On Thursday, White House spokesman Eric Schultz, however, expressed skepticism that Congress could come up with a solution. "We're always willing to work with members of Congress on issues like this," he said. "We believe that this issue is complicated and that's why a national dialogue to help the American people understand it is important."

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/7, Barrett, Subscription Publication) reports that also in his Wednesday remarks, Comey said that the technique used by the FBI to hack Farook's phone does not work on newer iPhone models. "This doesn't work on the 6's, doesn't work on 5S's," Comey said. The [Washington Post](#) (4/7, Berman) reports that according to Comey, the method only "works on a narrow slice of phones. ...I can never be completely confident, but I'm pretty confident about that." "The world," Comey said, "has moved on to [iPhone] 6's." [USA Today](#) (4/7, Johnson) reports that Comey declined to say who provided the hacking tool to the FBI, but said the method would be "closely protected" and would be employed "lawfully and appropriately." "The FBI is very good at keeping secrets," he added. [Reuters](#) (4/7, Medhora, Volz) reports that according to a source, if the government continues to pursue a New York case similar to that in San Bernardino, Apple may be able to use legal discovery to force the FBI to divulge its method for hacking Farook's iPhone.

[The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (4/7, Gibbs) reports that Comey confirmed reports that the FBI could help state and local investigators by unlocking older iPhones. Evidence obtained from that process, however, could not be used in court. The hacking technique, Comey admitted, was "perishable" because Apple could update the iPhone 5C operating system at any moment and render the method ineffective.

WhatsApp Encryption Would Likely Still Allow Collection Of Metadata Information.

[MacNN](#) (4/7) reports that while WhatsApp's new end-to-end encryption will prevent surveillance of the content of message traffic, it will likely still allow the collection of "metadata."

FBI Approves 90-Minute DNA Test.

The [Boston Globe](#) (4/7, Conti) reports the FBI has given approval to a 90-minute DNA test created by NetBio. The Globe says the FBI's approval will allow the test to be used in accredited DNA labs. The Globe adds that the test, called DNAscan, "can read a DNA sample taken via cheek swab," and create a profile that "can be compared with profiles listed in national and state crime databases." The Globe points out that a congressional bill "has been introduced that would allow the system to be used in police stations, so law enforcement officials [could] get a full DNA profile of a person soon after they are arrested."

Federal Data Shows Victims Paid \$24 Million To Ransomware Criminals In 2015.

[Business Insider](#) (4/7, Turkel) reports DOJ and DHS sent a letter to members of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs regarding ransomware statistics. Business Insider details the letter, which said that "victims paid over \$24 million across nearly 2,500 cases" in 2015. The letter cautions that the ransom statistics only reflect cases that have been reported.

Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) chair Tom Duffy gave a statement to Business Insider where he claimed that police departments are especially vulnerable to ransomware. Duffy "told Business Insider that local PDs are often the least likely to have off-site backups of their data, [and] those backups are a crucial fail-safe if you want to regain access to your maliciously encrypted data without paying."

FBI Alert Says Cyber Fraudsters Stole \$2.3 Billion Through Email Wire-Transfer Scams Since October 2013.

[Reuters](#) (4/7, Finkle) reports the FBI said hackers who engage in email wire-transfer scams have stolen \$2.3 billion since October 2013. Reuters says that the cybercriminals often impersonate company executives in emails to trick unsuspecting staff. Reuters adds that the FBI's data involved around 17,642 businesses in 79 countries. Reuters points out that the FBI alert, posted on their website Monday, says there has been a 270% increase in email wire-transfer scams since January 2015.

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Thursday, April 7, 2016

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

FBI Puts Woman Accused Of Killing Ex's Lover On Top Ten Most Wanted List.

The [New York Daily News](#) (4/6, Salinger) reports FBI officials said Wednesday that the bureau is offering a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Brenda Delgado, who has been on the run since October after plotting the Sept. 2 murder of Dallas dentist Kendra Hatcher. The FBI elevated Delgado to its Top Ten Most Wanted list, making her the only woman currently on the list, "and only its ninth female on the list since the FBI began the program in 1950."

[Reuters](#) (4/6, Richter) reports FBI Special Agent Jason Ibrahim said in a statement, "Apparently [Delgado] was jealous" of Hatcher for dating her ex-boyfriend. Delgado is suspected of hiring two others to kill Hatcher. The [AP](#) (4/6) adds that police have already arrested "the alleged assassin."

[KYTX-TV](#) Tyler, TX (4/6, Kirst) reports the two co-conspirators, Kristopher Love and Crystal Cortes, are still in custody. The article says Delgado is charged with Capital Murder. Thomas Class Sr., special agent in charge of the FBI's Dallas field office, said, "Although she didn't pull the trigger

herself, she is still responsible for the murder of Dr. Kendra Hatcher, and through international publicity and significant reward offering, we intend to find her and bring her to justice.”

[KPRC-TV](#) Houston (4/6) reports FBI officials caution that Delgado is considered armed and dangerous.

CNBC Analysis: Hackers Using Phishing Scams To Steal Tax Returns.

[CNBC](#) (4/6, Taylor) analyzes the growing number of phishing scams that are resulting in the improper use of W-2 information to steal tax returns. CNBC details phishing attacks on several companies such as Seagate and Snapchat, both of which inadvertently turned over W-2 information to hackers after receiving fake emails from individuals purporting to be the company CEOs. CNBC points out “the surge in phishing email W-2 scams this year prompted the Internal Revenue Service to issue a warning to payroll and human resources professionals on March 1.” CNBC says victims have received “emails from addresses that look almost indistinguishable from legitimate email accounts within the company” that prompt them to turn over sensitive information. CNBC adds that experts interviewed say “the real solution lies in raising awareness.”

Law Enforcement Will Have Major Presence At Boston Marathon.

The [Boston Globe](#) (4/6, McCabe) reports authorities announced Wednesday some details of the security plans for the April 18 running of the Boston Marathon. The Globe says the plan “will involve nearly 5,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers, who will patrol the 26.2-mile route by land and air.” The Globe adds that the plan, which took six months to craft, includes analyses of recent terror attacks in Paris, San Bernardino, and Brussels. Law enforcement officials say “the State Police Air Wing will fly over the course, while law enforcement officers — both in uniform and plainclothes — will be on patrol, [and] security cameras will be positioned along the way.” The Globe adds that law enforcement does not have information about any specific or articulable threat, but asks event-goers to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

Consumer UAS Prohibited At the Boston Marathon. The [AP](#) (4/6, Services) reports “security plans for this year’s Boston Marathon are being finalized,” and that backpacks and consumer drones will be prohibited. Other measures include “enhanced security checkpoints” and “dozens of surveillance cameras” installed along the route.

Terror Networks Rely On Fake IDs, Passports.

The [AP](#) (4/6, Ganley) reports terror networks are increasingly relying on lost or stolen passports, as well as fake documents, to plot and carry out attacks. The AP says ISIS is prioritizing the recovery of

“thousands of blank passports and equipment in towns it conquered” in order to become a player in the “underworld of document doctors.” The AP adds that US and European passports are especially valuable to terrorist networks because of the vast access to countries granted by said documents. The AP warns that document doctors range from “industrial-sized operations to artisans working from home on easily procured and increasingly refined equipment” to provide criminals with new identities.

Study Tracks FBI, DHS Surveillance Flights Over Four Month Period.

[The Verge](#) (4/6, Brandom) reports that the FBI and DHS have conducted more than 3,500 surveillance flights over US cities between August and December 2015, a BuzzFeed News study revealed. “The project looked at flight data collected from FlightRadar24, a public tracking service, then zeroed in on flight plans logged by planes registered to the two agencies,” The Verge Says. Flights by the agencies typically circled over populated areas, occasionally traveling as if to follow a more specific target. “The flights also drop more than 70 percent on the weekends and holidays, suggesting that flights are likely more than just an emergency measure,” The Verge says. [Tech Insider](#) (4/6, Muoio) reports that the FBI has said that its surveillance planes are only deployed in specific investigations.



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On another note—I thought I could give you an update on the 2016 LEIU/IALEIA Annual Training Event that will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana from April 25-29, 2016. Our gracious host is long-time LEIU member—the Louisiana State Police. This great training is rapidly approaching and we are expecting over 700 attendees from around the world. In fact, this may prove to be our largest turnout in our history! [Get more information](#).

As we look ahead to 2017, I am also very excited to announce the 2017 LEIU/IALEIA Annual Training Event will be held in Bloomington, Minnesota from May 1-5. It will be at the Radisson Blu at the Mall of America. If you have never been there you will be amazed at this incredible location. If you have a chance to bring your family—you could not find a better location. We will, of course, be sending additional information about this training event later. For now, please mark your calendars!

LEGAL ISSUES

Wired Analysis: “Stingray” Litigation May Be Headed To Supreme Court.

[Wired](#) (4/6) reports that the decision by a Maryland state appeals court (State v. Andrews) that police use of a stingray cell-phone tracking device without a warrant was improper will result in additional cases argued on the issue and “could ultimately push the issue to the Supreme Court.” Wired says the “decision came from a state appellate court, not a federal appeals court, and is therefore not legally binding outside the Maryland state court system,” and the Supreme Court will be unlikely to hear a similar case until “another court in the country weighs in on stingrays and rules against the need for a warrant.”

White House Won’t Endorse Or Oppose Senate Encryption Legislation.

Citing unnamed sources, [Reuters](#) (4/6, Hosenball, Volz) reports that the White House will not support or oppose legislation sponsored by SSCI Chair Richard Burr and Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein giving Federal courts stronger authority to compel tech companies provide law enforcement access to encrypted data. The reason behind the White House’s decision is that Federal agencies remain at odds over the legislation.

Meanwhile, [The Hill](#) (4/6, Bennett, Williams) reports that the “midnight hour is nigh” for the Burr-Feinstein bill, as Burr told The Hill on Wednesday “that his panel could review a draft of the measure sometime Wednesday, and that he was targeting Thursday or Friday for a public release.” Burr said at a caucus meeting, “I think we closed the technical gaps last night. I’m hoping we get it out to our members in the committee today.”

San Francisco Bill Often Would Bar Notifying ICE Of Prisoner Releases.

The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (4/6, Ho) reports a San Francisco Board of Supervisors committee will consider a bill that would further tighten a city law prohibiting “holding jail inmates flagged by immigration agents for hours or days past their release date.” The bill “would bar city law enforcement officials from notifying U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents when an individual will be released from local custody, except in very limited circumstances.” The current law drew criticism when “a man wanted for deportation by federal authorities was instead released from San Francisco County Jail and was then accused of killing a woman.”

Politico Analysis: Panama Papers Pose Ethics Issues For Prosecutors, Investigators.

[Politico](#) (4/6, Gerstein) reports that “the massive leak of confidential files from a Panamanian law firm catering to secrecy-focused wealthy elites is a field day for journalists around the globe, but U.S. prosecutors looking to plumb the Panama Papers for evidence of tax evasion and corruption face a series of potential pitfalls.” Politico notes that, “so far, only a tiny fraction of the 11.5 million documents from firm Mossack Fonseca have been made public, but as more of the records emerge, Justice Department lawyers will have to confront the possibility that many of the files are covered by attorney-client privilege or similar protections.” It is “not only an issue of whether the records could be admissible as evidence or used by investigators. In many states, it is considered unethical for attorneys to review what they know or suspect are attorney-client materials that have been unintentionally disclosed.”

TECHNOLOGY

Opinion: More Information Needed On Effectiveness Of Body Cameras Worn By Law Enforcement.

In an op-ed for The [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (4/7) professors Phillip M. Kopp and Christine Gardiner discuss available and upcoming studies of the effectiveness of body cameras worn by law enforcement. Kopp and Gardiner say “the adoption of the technology is currently outpacing research on the impact of the technology.” Kopp and Gardiner detail 12 available studies showing positive results that show “officers equipped with BWC generally have been involved in fewer incidents involving the use of force and/or that resulted in a complaint against the officer,” and “when a complaint has been filed against a BWC officer, the technology has hastened resolution of the matter.”

Kopp and Gardiner preview the general results of 40 upcoming studies and say the results are mixed. The studies will continue to look at “the effects of body-worn cameras on community

attitudes,” “the impact of this technology on the investigative process,” “the long-term impact of the technology on police agencies,” and the use of footage in other areas of the criminal justice system such as the courtroom. Kopp and Gardiner opine that one of the more interesting results from the studies is that “officers are using the technology to de-escalate situations by informing citizens of the camera’s presence.”

Senators Issue Clashing Statements On WhatsApp Encryption.

[The Hill](#) (4/6, McCabe) reports that Sen. Tom Cotton on Wednesday issued a statement criticizing messaging platform WhatsApp for enabling of end-to-end encryption for all its users. “The WhatsApp and Facebook decision to add end-to-end encryption to all of WhatsApp’s services with no secure method to comply with valid search warrants continues a dangerous trend in the tech and data world,” Cotton said. “We cannot allow companies to purposefully design applications that make it impossible to comply with court orders. I strongly urge WhatsApp and Facebook to reevaluate their decision before they help facilitate another terrorist attack.” For their part, WhatsApp founders Jan Koum and Brian Acton said on Tuesday that they believed strengthened encryption would help protect users from cybercrime.

Also Wednesday, Sen. Ron Wyden, [The Hill](#) (4/6, Bennett) reports, issued his own statement lauding WhatsApp’s move. “This is especially important for human rights activists, political dissidents and persecuted minorities around the world,” Wyden said. “While some continue to spread fear about modern technology, the fact is strong encryption is essential to Americans’ individual security.” According to Wyden, the desire of some lawmakers to regulate encryption is dangerous and unrealistic. “Attacking the use of strong encryption only empowers criminals, foreign hackers and predators who will take advantage of weak digital security,” Wyden said. The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (4/6, Hinckley) and [Vox](#) (4/6, Golshan) continue coverage of the WhatsApp encryption update.

As Bureau Struggled With Farook’s iPhone, Requests To Open Locked Phones Flooded In. [USA Today](#) (4/6, Johnson) reports that as the FBI worked to crack the iPhone of San Bernardino attacker Syed Rizwan Farook, the agency received a deluge of requests from state and local authorities seeking assistance in efforts to unlock hundreds of damaged or encrypted devices tied to unrelated criminal probes. “Requests involving more than 500 such devices streamed into the bureau’s Computer Analysis Response Team and the agency’s Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory programs during a four-month period beginning last October,” USA Today says, citing the FBI. In a statement the FBI said it was responding to requests for assistance “on a case by case basis,” but was “not always able to accommodate the requested assistance.”

Apple Officials: FBI iPhone Hacking Method Unlikely To Remain Secret. [Network World](#) (4/7, Heisler) reports in continued coverage that according to senior Apple engineers, the FBI's method for hacking iPhones is unlikely to remain secret. Once the method is exposed, Network World says, Apple will be able to patch the holes in iPhone security.

Rogers Warns China, Russia Can Launch Crippling Cyberattacks.

The [Washington Times](#) (4/7, Gertz) reports US Cyber Command Commander Rogers warned a Senate hearing this week "that Russia and China now can launch crippling cyberattacks on the electric grid and other critical infrastructures." Rogers told the panel, "We remain vigilant in preparing for future threats, as cyberattacks could cause catastrophic damage to portions of our power grid, communications networks and vital services." According to Rogers, "unlike other areas of military competition, Russia is equal to the United States in terms its cyberwarfare capabilities, with China a close second."

FBI Has Briefed Feinstein On Apple Hack, Offered Briefing To Burr.

[National Journal](#) (4/7, Sasso, Subscription Publication) reports that SSCI Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein "told National Journal this week that the FBI explained to her how agents were able to access the contents of the phone that was at the center of a high-profile court fight." Chairman Richard Burr "said he has been in touch with the FBI, but hasn't learned about its technique yet. 'I have been offered [a briefing], but I haven't taken it,' Burr said." Basing its report on the National Journal piece, [Yahoo! News](#) (4/6, Chokkattu) says that the FBI "may not be willing to share how it successfully cracked the San Bernardino shooter's iPhone with Apple or the general public, but that's not stopping the agency from disclosing the method to senators in Congress." [Engadget](#) (4/6) reports that the "briefings of Feinstein and Burr are likely no coincidence – both senators are working on an anti-encryption bill that would limit the technology's usage in consumer products like the iPhone." [CNET News](#) (4/6, Tibken) reports that National Journal piece says "both Feinstein and Burr believe Apple shouldn't be given information on how the FBI broke into the phone, which is an obvious stance given the bill they're planning to introduce as soon as this week."

[The Verge](#) (4/6, Brandon) and [Mac Rumors](#) (4/6) run reports based on the National Journal story.

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All,

Attached is the 2016 Order Cut-off and 2017 Start of Ordering dates for our General Motors vehicles. Please let your departments know about these important dates so they can order accordingly.

When you look at the attachment please look to the far right for the order cutoff and start-up dates. Dates in red have been updated from my last email. There are two tabs at the bottom – one is 2016 Build-out Matrix and the other is 2017 Start-up Matrix. Please click on the tab to see the information you want.

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I have highlighted in yellow the vehicles that represent our Chevrolet Police vehicles.

The 2016 Tahoe PPV is still TBD however we anticipate an unofficial order cutoff date of 6/2/16.

Below are your upcoming 2016 order cutoff police vehicle dates:

MODEL	2016 MY NON-SEO ORDER CUTOFF
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Caprice PPV	5/5/16
Suburban	6/23/16
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I have also attached a comparison chart of our Silverado SSV Police Pick-up for your evaluation.

Please let me know if you have any questions

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Report to Congressional Committees, Contact: Jennifer Grover, Office of Public Affairs, GAO-16-285: (:Feb 17, 2016)

Testimony: Improving the Department of Homeland Security's Biological Detection and Surveillance Programs. [More.](#)

By OHA Assistant Secretary Dr. Kathryn Brinsfield, and S&T Under Secretary Dr. Reginald Brothers for a House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response & Communications

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HEADLINE	02/23 US Marshals tracked 6K cellphones
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/national-content/us-marshals-may-have-secretly-tracked6000-cellphones/108688222
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON, D.C. — A USA Today report has uncovered information that indicates federal marshals have secretly tracked almost 6,000 cellphones.</p> <p>U.S. Marshals use powerful cellphone surveillance tools called stingrays to track suspects across the country. Stingrays are mobile devices that look like cellphone towers and intercept cellphone signals. Those towers are mounted to police cars. Since cellphones are always seeking towers to connect to for signals, stingrays allow phones to connect to them and send data to it.</p> <p>A connected laptop in the police vehicle displays the data for police to understand. The data is then sent to a cellphone tower like normal.</p> <p>Data includes numbers dialed by the cellphone, out going texts and calls, the number of the connected cellphone, and the location of the phone. Cellphone users can not tell if their data has been sent to a stingray.</p> <p>U.S. Marshals have used stingrays in 5,975 cases.</p> <p>Compared to the NYPD, the number of times the U.S. Marshals have used stingrays is significantly higher.</p> <p>The NYPD told the New York Civil Liberties Union that they used the devices over thousands of times since 2008.</p> <p>The Baltimore Police Department, which has also controversially used the device, has used the technology over 4,300 times since 2007.</p> <p>"That sheer number is significant," American Civil Liberties Union lawyer Nathan Wessler said of the U.S. Marshal's number. "That's a lot of deployments of a very invasive surveillance tool."</p> <p>The agency would not name the suspects tracked, where they were arrested or the time period of the log, citing privacy.</p> <p>The report said that the Marshals Service confirmed the use of stingrays by rejecting a request the new organization made under the Freedom of Information Act.</p>

HEADLINE	02/23 SPD trains for mental health cases
SOURCE	http://kuow.org/post/seattle-cops-train-better-handle-mental-health-cases
GIST	<p>Seattle police come into contact with about 27 people every day who are experiencing a mental health crisis, including mental illness, dementia or drug-related issues.</p> <p>Sgt. Dan Nelson is in charge of coordinating the Seattle Police Department’s Crisis Intervention Program, which acts as a bridge between the criminal justice system and social services.</p> <p>“I say all the time, police and social workers are two completely different jobs while we're going towards the same common goal,” Nelson told KUOW’s David Hyde. “We want this person to not be relying on the emergency rooms and jails, not have to be such high utilizers of the system, and at the end of the day we want this person to have a nice productive life.”</p> <p>Nelson said interactions between people with mental illness and law enforcement have historically been negative, but with the Crisis Intervention Program, Seattle is getting a better police response.</p> <p>The program has also received praise from the federal monitor overseeing the department’s reforms. A report from Feb. 16 states, “There has been a real, tangible, and objective change in the way Seattle police are interacting – compassionately and with an eye towards treatment – with those in crisis.”</p> <p>To become certified in the program, an officer must complete 40 hours of training on subjects such as recognizing types of mental illness and communicating with people who may be experiencing mental illness.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Malheur Refuge back in federal hands
SOURCE	http://koin.com/2016/02/23/malheur-refuge-back-in-hands-of-us-fish-wildlife/
GIST	<p>PORTLAND, Ore. (KOIN) — Twelve days after the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge ended, the FBI said they’ve finished collecting evidence and turned the facility back to the US Fish and Wildlife Service.</p> <p>However, the refuge is not open to the public or to the media, FBI officials said. It will stay closed until both the US Attorney’s Office and USFWS feels it’s OK to re-open.</p> <p>Militant occupied the refuge in Harney County for 41 days. Since the last occupiers left on February 11, the FBI cleared the refuge, checked for bombs or explosives, documented and collected evidence, used forensic teams to process computers and electronic devices and used an Art Crime team to check for any damage to artifacts from the Burns Paiute Tribe.</p>

	The forensic examinations will continue for months, authorities said.
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HEADLINE	02/23 Israel: soldiers to take weapons home
SOURCE	https://news.yahoo.com/israeli-soldiers-ordered-guns-home-off-duty-102243164.html
GIST	<p>Jerusalem (AFP) - Israeli soldiers have been ordered to take their guns with them when off duty to allow them to intervene in the event of Palestinian attack, the military said on Tuesday.</p> <p>The decision comes after off-duty soldier Tuvia Weissman, 21, was stabbed to death at a supermarket in an Israeli industrial zone in the occupied West Bank on Thursday.</p> <p>His wife told Israeli media that Weissman, who was a dual Israeli-American citizen, had asked his superiors if he could carry his gun with him to protect himself, but they refused and required him to leave it at his base's armoury.</p> <p>Israeli military chief of staff Lieutenant General Gadi Eisenkot has now "ordered that soldiers carry their weapons even outside of their service," including while going home for leave, an army spokeswoman told AFP.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 NKorea warns US, SKorea on exercises
SOURCE	https://news.yahoo.com/north-korea-warns-against-u-south-korea-military-124927417.html
GIST	<p>SEOUL (Reuters) - North Korea warned on Tuesday of harsh retaliation against South Korea and its ally the United States, which are preparing for annual joint military exercises next month amid heightened tensions following the North's nuclear test and rocket launch.</p> <p>The North calls the annual exercises preparations for war and routinely vows to retaliate.</p> <p>"All the powerful strategic and tactical strike means of our revolutionary armed forces will go into preemptive and just operation to beat back the enemy forces to the last man if there is a slight sign of their special operation forces and equipment moving to carry out the so-called 'beheading operation' and 'high-density strike,'" the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army said in a statement carried by state media.</p> <p>It said its first target would be South Korea's presidential Blue House, while U.S. military bases in Asia and on the U.S. mainland would be its secondary targets. About 28,500 U.S. troops are based in South Korea.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Europe borders closing on migrants
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GIST	<p>BERLIN — Nations along Europe’s refugee route are taking the boldest steps yet to clamp down on migrant flows, trapping thousands of asylum seekers and potentially blocking countless war-weary families from finding sanctuary in the West.</p> <p>The crackdown in recent days, aid groups say, comes at the worst possible time — just as new arrivals are rapidly increasing and the majority of migrants, once single men, are now women and children. An even larger surge from the Middle East and beyond is expected in the coming weeks, with tens of thousands more migrants set to land in Greece and start the long trek northwest to Europe’s core.</p> <p>But crisis-weary countries from Austria to Macedonia are now moving to bar the doors. Since Sunday, Macedonia and Serbia, for instance, have blocked passage to virtually all Afghans — a group accounting for roughly a third of all migrants. Even many Syrians and Iraqis without proper documentation are being turned away, aid groups and U.N. officials say, leaving a quickly increasing number of desperate asylum seekers stranded in nearly bankrupt Greece.</p> <p>There were other signs that the main route traversed by more than 1 million migrants last year was breaking down, with aid groups saying Croatia and Slovenia are also refusing entry to more asylum seekers. Slovenia’s parliament voted late Monday to dispatch the army for border control. And in yet another blow to the cherished ideal of free movement in Europe, Belgium said Tuesday that it would set up border controls on its frontier with France to block migrants recently cleared from a sprawling camp in Calais from entering its territory.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Sheriff’s report on Scalia’s death
SOURCE	https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/texas-sheriff-releases-report-on-supreme-court-justice-scalias-death/2016/02/23/8c0bdb0c-da82-11e5-891a-4ed04f4213e8_story.html?hpid=hp_hp-more-top-stories_scaliareport-837pm%3Ahomepage%2Fstory
GIST	<p>A Texas sheriff’s department released an incident report late Tuesday that revealed new details of the discovery of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia’s body, as well as the name of the friend who accompanied him on the hunting trip and the items found inside the ranch bedroom where the justice was found.</p> <p>In response to a public records request made by The Washington Post, the Presidio County Sheriff’s Office released an incident report from the sheriff’s investigation of Scalia’s death at the Cibolo Creek</p>

Ranch on Feb. 13. The report stated that the justice's body was found in bed with a pillowcase covering his eyes. A breathing apparatus was on the table next to the bed, but it was switched off. Scalia was lying on three pillows "stacked up to elevate his head."

[\[Read the incident report here\]](#)

Scalia's sheets and pillows "were still in the creased position from that day's room service, indicating that there was no struggle involved," the report said. The top pillowcase "appeared to have shifted at some point in the night due to the weight of his pillow, causing the pillow case to slide down and cover his eyes."

The sheriff noted that the position of the pillow "did not seem to have inhibited Scalia's breathing."

About 12:14 p.m., the owner of the ranch, John Poindexter, called Presidio County Sheriff Danny Dominguez to report the death but would not give him the name of the deceased person. There was then a disagreement between them about who should handle the death report. Poindexter told Dominguez that he wanted to report the death to the U.S. Marshals Service, but Dominguez said that it was under his jurisdiction.

"He then stated to me that this death was way beyond my authority and that it should go the Feds (USMS)," Dominguez said in the report. "I then replied it doesn't matter who it is, it was still under my jurisdiction."

Dominguez called U.S. Marshal Ken Roberts, and they agreed to meet at the ranch, south of Marfa, Tex. The sheriff arrived about 12:35 p.m.

When Dominguez arrived, he met Poindexter and Allen Foster, who is described in the report as "a close friend of Scalia" who had flown in with him the day before.

C. Allen Foster is a prominent Washington lawyer who has argued before the Supreme Court. It was not immediately clear whether C. Allen Foster was the Scalia friend referred to in the report. A representative from his law firm said that he was traveling and that she would try to reach him.

Since Scalia's death at the remote West Texas ranch, questions have been raised about how the death investigation was handled and why an autopsy wasn't performed on the 79-year-old Supreme Court justice.

The Presidio County judge and the manager of the funeral home that handled Scalia's body said Scalia's family insisted on not having an autopsy done.

	<p>Scalia suffered from coronary artery disease, obesity, diabetes and other ailments, according to a letter from his Supreme Court doctor.</p> <p>Presidio County District Attorney Rod Ponton told the Associated Press there was nothing suspicious about Scalia’s death and cited a letter from Rear Adm. Brian P. Monahan, the attending physician for members of Congress and the Supreme Court. The Feb. 16 letter said Scalia’s many “significant medical conditions led to his death,” Ponton said.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 D.C. police challenged on ‘stingray’
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/feb/23/dc-police-use-of-secret-cellphone-tracking-technol/
GIST	<p>In the first known case to challenge the Metropolitan Police Department’s use of secret cellphone tracking technology, a D.C. man convicted of sexually assaulting two women he met through escort service ads is appealing his 66-year prison sentence on the grounds officers violated his Fourth Amendment rights by using the technology to locate him.</p> <p>Under nondisclosure agreements with federal law enforcement, local police departments in possession of such technology — known as cell site simulators, or often by the brand name Stingray — have fought to keep secret their use of the equipment.</p> <p>The Metropolitan Police Department has been no exception. Although the department is known to have had cell site simulators since at least 2003, civil liberties advocates who track law enforcement use of the technology say this case represents the first time that defense attorneys have uncovered the MPD’s use of the technology in a specific case and been able to challenge its use in court.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/22 Tacoma gas prices average \$2.04
SOURCE	http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/business/article61786472.html
GIST	<p>Average retail gasoline prices in Tacoma have fallen 1.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.04 per gallon Monday, the petroleum industry monitor GasBuddy.com reported.</p> <p>That compares with the national average that has increased 1.9 cents per gallon in the past week to \$1.71 per gallon.</p> <p>Including the change in gas prices in Tacoma during the past week, prices are 48.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago and are 21 cents per gallon lower than a month ago, GasBuddy reported. The national average has decreased 13.1 cents per gallon during the past month and stands 58.4 cents per gallon lower than one year ago.</p>

	According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices for this period in Tacoma have ranged widely over the past five years, from \$2.52 per gallon in 2015 to \$3.38 in 2011.
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HEADLINE	02/24 Europe cracks down on protests
SOURCE	http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/25/world/europe/spain-europe-protest-free-speech.html?hpw&rref=world&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&module=well-region&region=bottom-well&WT.nav=bottom-well&r=0
GIST	<p>MADRID — A puppet show at an open square in Madrid during Carnival festivities in February featured a policeman who tried to entrap a witch. The puppet officer held up a little sign to falsely accuse her, using a play on words that combined Al Qaeda and ETA, the Basque separatist group.</p> <p>Angry parents complained, and the real police stepped in. They arrested two puppeteers, who could now face as many as seven years in prison on charges of glorifying terrorism and promoting hatred.</p> <p>Paradoxically, the puppeteers say in their defense, the police proved their point: that Spain’s antiterrorism laws are being misapplied, used for witch hunts.</p> <p>Far from an isolated episode, the arrests on Feb. 5 are part of a lengthening string of prosecutions, including two against a rap musician and a poet, that have fueled a debate over whether freedom of protest and speech are under threat in Spain and elsewhere in Europe because of fears of terrorism.</p> <p>Some European countries, with painful historical chapters of fascism and leftist extremism, have long placed stricter limits on political and hate speech than has the United States. For instance, denying the Holocaust can be prosecuted in Germany as well as France.</p> <p>But some civic associations and legal experts are growing increasingly alarmed at the broad ways such laws are being adapted as the specter of Islamic extremism becomes Europe’s new preoccupation. Once such prohibitions become law, even if in response to real security concerns, there is no telling how the statutes could be applied in the future, they say.</p> <p>The Spanish puppeteers are a case in point. They are being prosecuted under a law on the books in Spain for more than a decade and originally aimed at ETA. Responsible for the deaths of more than 800 Spaniards, the Basque separatist group declared a unilateral cease-fire in 2011.</p> <p>Last year, however, the conservative government of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy overhauled and strengthened the law, aiming this time at Islamic terrorism. Among other things, the changes raised the maximum prison sentence for first-time offenders to three years from two to virtually guarantee jail time.</p>

	<p>Those steps coincided with the Rajoy government’s introduction of what has become known as a “gag law,” harshly penalizing unauthorized public demonstrations, which has drawn strong criticism at home and abroad.</p> <p>“This is the latest very serious attack on freedom of expression,” said Joaquim Bosch, a spokesman for Judges for Democracy, an association of about 600 judges that focuses on human rights. “During the Franco dictatorship, troublesome artists went to prison, but not in democratic Spain.”</p> <p>The widening application of antiterrorism laws related to speech extends beyond Spain, however, as countries across Europe struggle to balance civil liberties and security in the aftermath of two major terrorist attacks in Paris last year.</p> <p>Ambiguity about where exactly the legal line sits can have its own chilling effect in stifling speech, encouraging self-censorship.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 ‘Super lice’ 25 states including Wash.
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/health/2016/02/23/new-weapon/80809316/
GIST	<p>In 25 states, including Washington, scientists are finding super lice that can’t be killed with the chemical used in most over-the-counter treatments. Pyrethroids used to work 100 percent of the time back in 2000, but by 2013, it only worked in 25 percent of cases.</p> <p>But even super lice are no match for a new weapon used by the Lice Clinics of America. It’s called AirAllé.</p> <p>“We use heated air and we dehydrate the lice and the eggs in a single treatment,” Claire Roberts, CEO, Lice Clinics of America said. “It takes about an hour, and we guarantee it.”</p> <p>It’s FDA approved, costs about \$170 and may be covered by insurance. Prescription medication or nit-picking and combing can still get rid of these nasty creatures, but both options take time and multiple treatments. However the best treatment is prevention. Lice experts say parents should teach their kids a few basics.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Fitness program teams teens w/police
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/2016/02/23/badges-and-barbells-teams-police-teens-afterschool-workouts/80804182/?csp=nbcnews

GIST	<p>Student athletes are teaming up with police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders for tough, afterschool workouts meant to build trust between teens and law enforcement and help everyone get in shape.</p> <p>The new program called Badges and Barbells was started by Sgt. Andrew McCurdy with the King Co. Sheriff's Office and takes place a few days a week at Evergreen Campus, a collection of three specialized high schools within Highline Public Schools.</p> <p>"We need to find more opportunities to build friendships when they're not in a crisis," McCurdy said while training about a dozen students in the Evergreen weight room Monday.</p> <p>The participants, mostly members of the football team, follow a training routine designed by McCurdy. He was an athletic training major in college and worked in a sports injury clinic.</p> <p>"I don't really talk to cops and stuff, but Andy's a pretty cool dude," said freshman Sione Moimoi while catching his breath after a set of deadlifts. "He's different."</p> <p>"Right now in our country, police officers are under a lot of scrutiny and I think a lot of that tension comes from our difficulty building relationships with the people we're working with," said McCurdy. He is also chief of the Covington Police Department under a contract between the sheriff's office and the city.</p> <p>McCurdy was joined Monday by Capt. Theodore Boe, also with the sheriff's office. Paramedics, firefighters, and corrections officers have also worked out with the teens since the program started in January.</p> <p>McCurdy is raising funds to open a similar gym at a middle school in Covington.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 San Francisco: homeless camp hazard
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/san-francisco-declares-homeless-tent-city-health-hazard-37150959
GIST	<p>San Francisco health officials declared a tent city that has been growing along a city street a health hazard and gave homeless people living on the sidewalk 72 hours to clear the area.</p> <p>The Department of Public Health said notices declaring the area along Division Street a public nuisance and encouraging homeless people to move to city shelters would be posted Tuesday.</p> <p>"Unfortunately, conditions where multiple tents are congregated have become unsafe," said Barbara A. Garcia, the department's director of health. "People are living without access to running water, bathrooms, trash disposal or safe heating or cooking facilities."</p>

An inspection found that people in tents along Division Street between South Van Ness Avenue and 11th Street are living among garbage, human feces, hypodermic needles, urine and other insanitary conditions, the department said.

If people don't vacate by Friday, the department will recommend the San Francisco Department of Public Works and the San Francisco Police Department remove all encampments from the area, it said.

Mayor Ed Lee said at least two other encampments in the city would be cleared in the coming weeks.

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HEADLINE	02/23 NAACP condemns SPD killing of man
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/police-killing-man-seattle-condemned-naACP-37151009
GIST	<p>Civil rights leaders are condemning the fatal shooting of a black man by Seattle police and said Tuesday they have hired a law firm to investigate.</p> <p>Seattle-King County NAACP President Gerald Hankerson disputed the police account of the shooting that killed Che Taylor, 47. Hankerson said Taylor was trying to comply with police orders when he was shot, the Seattle Times reported.</p> <p>"It was clear to me that they (police) came with the intent to kill, not arrest," he said at a news conference Tuesday.</p> <p>Taylor, who also went by the name Marvin Hunter, was a violent felon legally prohibited from possessing a handgun, police said. His criminal history includes convictions for assault, robbery and rape.</p> <p>Hankerson said whatever Taylor did "in his life before, this is irrelevant to us." He blasted the media for not mentioning Taylor was also a father and husband.</p> <p>Police have said they were conducting surveillance Sunday afternoon in north Seattle when they saw a man with a holstered handgun and determined it was Taylor. When an officer approached his vehicle to take Taylor into custody, authorities said he didn't obey commands to show his hands and get on the ground.</p> <p>Instead, officers and a civilian witness said he reached for his gun and officers fired on him.</p> <p>Police released a video from a patrol car that shows what happened during the shooting. But Taylor's movements are somewhat obscured by a white Ford Taurus.</p> <p>Police say detectives found Taylor's gun.</p>

	The two officers who fired their weapons were identified Tuesday as Michael Spaulding and Scott Miller. Both were hired in 2008 and are now on paid leave.
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HEADLINE	02/23 Severe weather turns deadly; 3 killed
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/severe-weather-kills-mississippi/story?id=37148018
GIST	<p>At least three people were killed when a series of severe storms and tornadoes ripped through the South today, injuring more than 30 people and leaving behind a trail of destruction.</p> <p>Lamar County, Mississippi, Coroner Cody Creel confirmed one fatality there this afternoon. The victim's identity has been withheld pending notification of next of kin.</p> <p>In Convent, Louisiana, St. James Parish Sheriff Willy Martin said a trailer park was demolished after a reported tornado struck the area. More than 300 people live in the trailer park, though it's not clear how many were home at the time.</p> <p>Martin confirmed that two people died as a result of the storms, while seven others were critically injured and more than 30 were wounded.</p> <p>And in Pensacola, Florida, there were three buildings reported with heavy damage and reports of six injuries, according to the Escambia County website.</p> <p>More than six million people in five different states are in the path of the storms, which have spawned tornadoes in Louisiana and golf ball-sized hail in Texas.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 SR16 renamed for Trooper Radulescu
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2016/02/23/state-route-16-renamed-in-memory-of-trooper-radulescu/
GIST	<p>PORT ORCHARD, Wash. -- The Washington Department of Transportation is renaming State Route 16 in memory of State Trooper Tony Radulescu. He was killed four years ago Tuesday on that roadway.</p> <p>A rededication ceremony is planned for Tuesday morning in Port Orchard. The governor and other dignitaries are scheduled to speak.</p> <p>Radulescu was shot and killed while making a traffic stop in Gorst early in the morning of Feb. 23, 2012. The 44-year-old was a U.S. Army veteran and had served with the Washington State Patrol for 16 years.</p> <p>The man accused of the shooting later committed suicide and the passenger in his vehicle was sentenced to one year in prison.</p>

	The section of highway named after the trooper runs from Milepost 18 to Milepost 28.
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HEADLINE	02/23 Hanford cleanup estimate: \$107B
SOURCE	http://komonews.com/news/local/latest-estimate-to-finish-hanford-cleanup-is-107-billion
GIST	<p>RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) - The latest estimate is out to complete the cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.</p> <p>The U.S. Department of Energy says the remaining work will cost \$107.7 billion and be largely completed by 2060.</p> <p>Monday's estimate was released by the Department of Energy with its regulators, the Environmental Protection Agency and the state of Washington.</p> <p>Hanford for decades made plutonium for nuclear weapons and the site is now engaged in the cleanup of the radioactive waste that was left behind.</p> <p>The Tri-City Herald reports that last year's estimate to finish the cleanup was \$110.2 billion.</p> <p>The Energy Department in recent years has spent about \$2 billion a year on cleanup work. The work is a major driver of the economy of the Tri-Cities of Richland, Kennewick and Pasco.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Bertha back to digging under Seattle
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/local/article/Bertha-back-to-digging-under-Seattle-6849708.php
GIST	<p>Seattle's massive tunneling machine Bertha is back to digging Tuesday after the state agreed to allow the contractor to begin again "conditionally."</p> <p>Contractor Seattle Tunnel Partners was given permission to dig roughly 160 feet forward, provided they update work quality plans and institute new quality assurance protocols, among other requirements, according to an announcement from the state Department of Transportation.</p> <p>"During this time, they (Seattle Tunnel Partners) must demonstrate that they have implemented a number of changes to ensure they can safely continue mining," the release said.</p> <p>The machine that's digging the tunnel meant to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct has been stopped since Jan. 14, when the state halted its work after a sinkhole opened up in its wake.</p>

	<p>Bertha only began digging again in late December after a more than two-year delay due to damage to the machine.</p> <p>The contractor was asked to provide full explanation of why the sinkhole opened up and proof that such an event wouldn't happen again.</p> <p>Gov. Jay Inslee called for the halt, but agreed with WSDOT's decision to lift the suspension Tuesday, according to the release.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 CDC: cancer risk from some floorings
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/health/2016/02/23/cdc-cancer-risk-from-flooring-3-times-what-thought.html?intcmp=hplnws
GIST	<p>A certain type of laminate flooring made by Lumber Liquidators may up the risk of cancer, and the company's stocks are taking a beating, CNNMoney reports.</p> <p>Shares fell by up to 24 percent Monday morning, per Bloomberg and Reuters, after the CDC issued a revised report that found health effects from the formaldehyde in unnamed floor samples from China include increased risk of respiratory issues such as asthma or eye, nose, and throat irritation, as well as an estimated risk of six to 30 cases of cancer per every 100,000 people.</p> <p>The risk for both these issues was upped from an earlier version of the report that used the wrong measurement for ceiling height, which resulted in the formaldehyde concentration in the air coming in at about a third less than it should've been (that earlier report put the risk at two to nine cases per 100,000).</p> <p>"We sent the report to scientists at several universities and discovered the government forgot to convert feet to meters in some calculations," Anderson Cooper said during Sunday night's broadcast of 60 Minutes, per Reuters.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 China builds radar facility on Spratly's
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/02/23/china-reportedly-building-new-radar-facilities-on-disputed-islands.html?intcmp=hplnws
GIST	<p>China apparently has been building radar facilities on some of the artificial islands it constructed in the South China Sea in a move to bolster its military power in the region, according to a report released Tuesday by a U.S.-based think tank.</p> <p>The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) says the radars on the outposts of Gaven, Hughes, Johnson South and Cuarteron reefs in the disputed Spratly Islands "speak to a long-term anti-</p>

	<p>access strategy by China—one that would see it establish effective control over the sea and airspace throughout the South China Sea."</p> <p>The report cited satellite images taken between late January and mid-February of this year that appear to show radar towers on four artificial islands in the Spratlys.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Recall: Mars candy bars
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/mars-recalls-candy-bars-55-countries-plastic-find-37133983
GIST	<p>U.S. chocolate maker Mars said Tuesday it's recalling candy bars and other items in 55 countries in Europe and elsewhere after plastic was found in one of its products.</p> <p>Roel Govers, spokesman for Mars in the Netherlands, told The Associated Press that the recall affects 55 countries but would not provide further details, saying the company would email a news release later.</p> <p>The Dutch food safety authority posted what it said was a Mars press release on its website, saying a piece of plastic had been found in a product that could lead to choking. It listed affected products as: Mars, Milky Way, Snickers, Celebrations, and Mini Mix.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Greece busses refugees back to border
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/greek-police-start-removing-migrants-macedonian-border-062952274.html
GIST	<p>ATHENS (Reuters) - Greece raged at neighbours and began bussing hundreds of migrants back from its northern border on Tuesday, fearing it could be inundated with migrants halted by Balkan states trying to shut the main land route to Western Europe.</p> <p>Athens filed a rare diplomatic protest with fellow EU member Austria for excluding Greek officials from a high-level meeting on measures aimed at curbing Europe's biggest inward migration since World War Two.</p> <p>More than a million migrants and refugees passed through Greece last year, and nearly 100,000 have already arrived this year. Nearly all reached Greece by sea and travelled onward by land over the Balkan peninsula to richer EU countries further north and west, above all Germany.</p> <p>But several of the countries along that route have been taking measures to close their frontiers, prompting those further down the chain to impose similar restrictions to prevent a bottleneck.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 China fighter jets on contested island
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SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/02/23/exclusive-china-sends-fighter-jets-to-contested-island-in-south-china-sea.html
GIST	<p>In a move likely to further increase already volatile tensions in the South China Sea, China has deployed fighter jets to a contested island in the South China Sea, the same island where China deployed surface-to-air missiles last week, two U.S. officials tell Fox News.</p> <p>The dramatic escalation came minutes before Secretary of State John Kerry was to host his Chinese counterpart, Foreign Minister Wang Yi, at the State Department.</p> <p>Chinese Shenyang J-11s (“Flanker”) and Xian JH-7s (“Flounder”) have been seen by U.S. intelligence on Woody Island in the past few days, the same island where Fox News reported exclusively last week that China had sent two batteries of HQ-9 surface-to-air missiles while President Obama was hosting 10 Southeast Asian leaders in Palm Springs.</p> <p>China has sent fighter jets to Woody Island before. In November, Chinese state media published images showing J-11 fighter jets on the island, but this was the first deployment of fighter jets since the Chinese sent commercial airliners to test the runway at one of its artificial islands in the South China Sea.</p> <p>The Pentagon sailed a guided-missile destroyer past a contested island in the South China Sea as a result. Late last year, the U.S. military conducted a flight of B-52 bombers and another warship to conduct a “freedom of navigation” exercise.</p> <p>The Chinese have protested the moves and vowed “consequences.”</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Flow of illegal immigrant children on rise
SOURCE	http://freebeacon.com/national-security/flow-of-illegal-immigrant-children-into-u-s-expected-to-rise-in-2016/
GIST	<p>The flow of illegal immigrant children into the United States is expected to rise to record-breaking numbers in 2016 as deportations decrease, according to leading members of the Senate’s Judiciary Committee.</p> <p>At least 20,455 unaccompanied minors have been caught during fiscal year 2016 along the U.S.-Mexico border as of last month, according to committee chairman Sen. Chuck Grassley (R., Iowa), who warned that if this trend continues, the number of illegal minors could eclipse a massive 2014 surge that strained the resources of the Department of Homeland Security and prompted investigations into the Obama administration’s handling of the issue.</p> <p>While illegal border crossings surge, the number of children actually being deported from the United States is declining, senators said during a Tuesday hearing with senior Obama administration officials.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Busted clutch shuts down Navy ship
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/02/23/politics/navy-littoral-combat-ship-damaged/index.html
GIST	<p>Imagine you just got that brand-new top-of-the-line sports car and you take it out for that first road trip and -- you blow the clutch.</p> <p>Now imagine that your hot new ride is a \$360 million warship.</p> <p>Well, that's about what happened to the USS Milwaukee, one of the U.S. Navy's newest littoral combat ships.</p> <p>The 388-foot, 3,400-ton Milwaukee broke down in the Atlantic Ocean on December 10, less than a month after it was commissioned. The ship had to be towed 40 miles to Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story in Virginia.</p> <p>The Navy said at the time that metallic debris was found in filter systems in the ship, causing a loss of pressure in lubricant to gears that transfer power from the ship's diesel and gas turbine engines to its water jet propulsion system.</p> <p>The Milwaukee "is designed to operate with gas turbine and diesel engines, which can operate in tandem or independently," Navy Lt. Rebecca Haggard said. "In the case of Milwaukee, when switching from one system to the other, a clutch failed to disengage as designed. Instead, the clutch remained spinning and some of the clutch gears were damaged."</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Severe weather threat for Southeast
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/02/23/us/severe-weather-threat-for-southeast/index.html
GIST	<p>Rough weather was rumbling across the Gulf Coast states on Tuesday evening, with reports of tornadoes in Louisiana and Mississippi.</p> <p>The Assumption Parish Sheriff's Office in Louisiana reported severe damage to businesses in Paincourtville and damage to a home in Belle River. There were no immediate reports of injuries, Deputy Robert Martin said, after two tornadoes reportedly moved through the parish.</p> <p>The National Weather Service in Jackson, Mississippi, said a confirmed tornado hit southern Marion County. It issued tornado warnings for Forrest and Lamar counties as well as Yazoo County.</p> <p>Forecasters earlier said at least 20 million people in the southeastern United States are at risk of severe storms and tornadoes into Wednesday.</p>

	The National Weather Service is predicting severe thunderstorms with damaging winds and some strong tornadoes along the Gulf Coast from eastern Louisiana to Alabama.
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HEADLINE	02/23 Xbox Live service restored
SOURCE	http://www.inquisitr.com/2821559/xbox-live-service-restored-following-ddos-attack-hackers-say-they-can-knock-xbox-off-face-of-earth/
GIST	<p>Xbox One owners have had a rough 24 hours trying to play their games online due to a DDOS attack against Xbox LIVE. Service was finally restored early Tuesday afternoon amid complaints and the hacker group responsible crowing about their takedown of the service to Newsweek.</p> <p>Xbox Head Phil Spencer apologized to Xbox owners on Twitter by publicly stating he was “[v]ery sorry for the current issues.” The Xbox Support page now shows that all services have been restored with the exception of the Xbox Video and Music Stores for the Xbox 360.</p> <p>Those attempting to play games suffered from either not being able to launch their digitally purchased games, because the servers to verify the purchase were down or had problems connecting to online games when they were able to launch. For example, the population of the <i>ARK: Survival Evolved</i> official servers were the lowest seen since launch, while <i>Rocket League</i>’s matchmaking took forever because the number of people able to get in the playlists were barely over a thousand. That’s for a game that enjoyed a record 195,000 concurrent players across three platforms over the weekend.</p> <p>So what caused the Xbox LIVE outage over the past day? A hacking group launched a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack against the service with the explicit purpose of taking it offline and disrupting gamers.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Era: industrialization of cybercrime
SOURCE	http://www.welivesecurity.com/2016/02/23/industrialization-cybercrime-may-upon-us/
GIST	<p>We are slowly seeing the “industrialization” of cybercrime according to an expert.</p> <p>Dr. Adrian Nish, head of cyber threat intelligence at BAE, said that cybercriminals are becoming more “professionalized”, the Telegraph reported.</p> <p>He explained: “They are running phone support scams, writing their own software that comes with service agreements and money-back guarantees if the code gets detected with the promise of a replacement.”</p>

The UK broadsheet newspaper also revealed that the defense group is facing relentless rounds of cyberattacks. The company said that this happens at least twice a week, with cybercriminals attempting to steal sensitive defense secrets.

BAE Systems, which is the world's third largest arms group in the world, claimed that foreign government-backed attackers are behind the attacks.

It added that those responsible for the breaches are what it describes as "unusual suspects".

These actors have been put into six categories – mules, professionals, nation state actors, activists, getaways and insiders.

Getaways, for example, are described as individuals "too young to be prosecuted", while mules are those "naïve opportunists who may not even realize they work for criminal gangs to launder money".

Kevin Taylor, head of applied intelligence business at BAE, told the Telegraph: "Behind every cyber attack is a real human with motivations and ways of operating.

"Understanding the threat such as what motivates them and how they work is one of the best ways of defending against them."

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HEADLINE	02/23 DHS, DOJ cyber sharing guidelines
SOURCE	http://www.scmagazine.com/dhss-johnson-tackles-cybersecurity-act-of-2015-implementation/article/478101/
GIST	<p>The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), along with the Department of Justice, issued two sets of guidelines and procedures, required by the Cybersecurity Act of 2015, for federal agencies and the private sector to use regarding the sharing of cyber threat indicators.</p> <p>The department issued one set of guidelines to assist non-federal entities on how to share cyber threat indicators and defensive measures, and another set to detail how the federal government will share and use said information.</p> <p>The DHS also issued interim guidelines to define how the department will implement its own process to conduct a privacy review of received information and ensure compliance with the new law over time.</p> <p>Secretary Jeh C. Johnson said in a statement Tuesday that his department has improved its sharing system and added new capabilities to address the requirements of the new law.</p>

“We know many cyber intrusions can be prevented if we share cyber threat indicators,” Johnson said. “These can include, for example, the subject line of a spear phishing email, or the IP address of the computer from which it originated,” he said.

Johnson contended that by sharing this kind of information in real-time and by swiftly applying defensive measures, the government and private sector can work together to more effectively prevent attacks.

Johnson said he encourages companies to work with the DHS to set up the technical infrastructure needed to share and receive cyber threat indicators in real-time. He said that he welcomes feedback from privacy advocates and private sector participants in the Automated Indicator Sharing system.

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HEADLINE	02/23 FBI warns of pro-ISIS hackers
SOURCE	http://motherboard.vice.com/read/fbi-warns-of-pro-isis-hackers-calls-methods-unsophisticated
GIST	<p>The Federal Bureau of Investigation has issued a warning about pro-Islamic State hackers carrying out cyberattacks against the US, but has stated that most of these hacktivist groups use relatively unsophisticated methods.</p> <p>“Over the past 18-24 months, an unknown number of online extremists have conducted ‘hacktivist’ cyber operations—primarily Web site defacements, denial-of-service attacks, and release of personally identifiable information (PII) in an effort to spread pro-Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) propaganda and to incite violence against the United States and the West,” the FBI document obtained by Motherboard reads. Warnings about threats like this are often sent to government agencies and contractors.</p> <p>The FBI explicitly names several apparent pro-Islamic State groups: “Elite Islamic State Hackers,” “Islamic Cyber Army,” and “Caliphate Cyber Army.”</p> <p>“In September 2015, group members began posting a series of messages via Twitter stating that they were conducting cyberattacks against the United States in commemoration of the September 11th terrorist attacks using the hashtag #AmericaUnderHacks for their Twitter postings,” the document continues.</p> <p>But these so-called cyberattacks are often nothing more than the republishing of already publicly available data. As Motherboard has previously reported, spreadsheets from an Italian educational institute “dumped” by the “Islamic Cyber Army” under the hashtag #WorldUnderHacks, with details of French government personnel, and a US Department of Defense spreadsheet, were all just a Google search away.</p> <p>Indeed, “the FBI assesses most pro-ISIL hacktivist groups use relatively unsophisticated methods and tools to scan for and exploit well-known Web site vulnerabilities,” the document continues. And when they do actually carry out some hacking, pro-Islamic State groups use common methods of attack, such as</p>

	Structured Query Language injection (SQLi), Cross Site Scripting (XSS), and social engineering to obtain account credentials, the document notes.
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HEADLINE	02/24 Cybercriminals target IRS e-filing
SOURCE	http://www.bsminfo.com/doc/cybercriminals-target-irs-e-filing-pin-application-0001
GIST	<p>The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has released details about a cyber attack upon its Electronic Filing PIN application. The IRS reported that it has stopped the cyber attack.</p> <p>IRS officials said they identified unauthorized attempts involving approximately 464,000 unique Social Security Numbers (SSNs), of which 101,000 were used to successfully access an E-file PIN. The automated attack used personal data stolen elsewhere outside the IRS to attempt to generate E-file PINs for the SSNs.</p> <p>“Using personal data stolen elsewhere outside the IRS, identity thieves used malware in an attempt to generate E-file PINs for SSNs,” the IRS said in a prepared statement. “No personal taxpayer data was compromised or disclosed by IRS systems. The IRS also is taking immediate steps to notify affected taxpayers by mail that their personal information was used in an attempt to access the IRS application.”</p> <p>All affected taxpayers will be notified by mail of the attack. “The IRS is also protecting their accounts by marking them to protect against tax-related identity theft,” the agency added.</p> <p>The IRS was also quick to assure that the attack was not related to the temporary shutdown of the e-filing system, during which time the IRS could not accept many returns due to a system-wide computer failure, according to Fortune.</p> <p>IRS cybersecurity experts are currently assessing the situation, and the IRS is working closely with other agencies and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. The IRS also is sharing information with its Security Summit state and industry partners.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Vulnerability: wireless dongles
SOURCE	http://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta/blog/atlantech/2016/02/atlantas-bastille-uncovers-vulnerabilitythat-could.html
GIST	<p>Atlanta-based Bastille has discovered a vulnerability in wireless mice and keyboards that leaves billions of PC's and millions of networks vulnerable to remote exploitation via radio frequencies.</p> <p>Using an attack which Bastille researchers have named “MouseJack,” malicious actors are able to take over a computer through a flaw in wireless dongles, the company said in a statement.</p>

	<p>Once paired, the MouseJack operator can insert keystrokes or malicious code with the full privileges of the PC owner and infiltrate networks to access sensitive data.</p> <p>The attack is at the keyboard level, therefore PC's, Macs, and Linux machines using wireless dongles can all be victims. Notable wireless keyboard and mouse manufacturers affected by the MouseJack discovery include: Logitech, Dell and Lenovo, but most non-Bluetooth wireless dongles are vulnerable, Bastille noted.</p> <p>“MouseJack is essentially a door to the host computer,” said Marc Newlin, Bastille’s engineer responsible for the MouseJack discovery. “Once infiltrated, which can be done with \$15 worth of hardware and a few lines of code, a hacker has the ability to insert malware that could potentially lead to devastating breaches.”</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Growing target: critical infrastructure
SOURCE	https://defensesystems.com/articles/2016/02/23/trend-micro-critical-infrastructure-threats.aspx
GIST	<p>Eduardo Cabrera is Trend Micro’s vice-president for Cybersecurity Strategy. He directs studies into emerging cyber threats, and develops risk management strategies for the company’s strategic partners like Interpol, the FBI and others. Cabrera is a former Chief Information Security Officer of the U.S. Secret Service.</p> <p>In an interview with Defense Systems, he broadly addressed the critical infrastructure (CI) threat environment, and urged collaboration—getting governments and their commercial sectors on the same cybersecurity page.</p> <p>Defense Systems: With CI threats spiraling, there’s a ramped-up urgency to gear up for what some now call “cyberwar.”</p> <p>Eduardo Cabrera: Threats against all critical infrastructure have steadily been increasing over the last 10 years; however, the level of sophistication has been growing at a much higher pace. Attacks have also become more destructive [as our and the Organization of American States 2015 CI report on the Americas attests.]</p> <p>DS: And more common; recent assaults on Ukraine's critical infrastructure, for example.</p> <p>EC: [Such escalations] are more concerning with the increased level of digital connection and dependence. Converged corporate networks and ICS [Internal Control System] networks involved in business needs, such as real-time billing and remote support, have introduced systemic vulnerabilities. These significantly increase avenues of attack.</p> <p>DS: CI probes are still overwhelmingly digital versus physical. Why?</p>

EC: Cyber attacks against critical infrastructure are predominantly digital in nature, but are having physical consequences. Attacks have been primarily focused around targeted cyber-espionage campaigns. However ... advanced threat actors also focus on critical infrastructure supply chains. Threat research has linked Ukrainian CI companies in mining and rail to Ukraine's power attacks and outages.

DS: Which types of attackers and attacks pose the greatest dangers to the U.S. homeland's critical infrastructure - whether government or privately owned?

EC: Regardless of threat actor motivation, destructive malware attacks, from wiper malware to crypto-ransomware, represent the most clear and present danger to critical infrastructure. Cybercriminals, hactivists, and cyber espionage operatives all show a propensity [to include] destructive malware in their campaigns.

Whether as the primary aim or coupled with a ... multi-stage and multi-vector attack, there is probably no other attack that could so disrupt and degrade critical infrastructure operations in any sector.

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HEADLINE	02/23 Cyber threats against energy networks
SOURCE	http://www.elp.com/articles/powergrid_international/print/volume-21/issue-2/features/cyber-threats-teaming-up-to-u-s-energy-networks.html
GIST	<p>Will the first major cyberattack on the U.S. energy infrastructure come as a big bang of coordinated events, or as a series of barely noticed intrusions that gradually cripple and isolate electric or gas networks?</p> <p>Whatever the plausible combination of these scenarios, preparing for a cybersecure future is proving to be one of the most difficult operational and organizational challenges to U.S. infrastructure in decades. With the responsibility of keeping the lights on while confronting new cybersecurity requirements, utilities are juggling multiple priorities: managing aging operational technology (OT) and information technology (IT) systems, dealing with growing data volume and complexity from an increasingly sensed smart grid, and monitoring new physical and cyberthreats to these networks.</p> <p>The level of cyberreadiness among utility operators varies widely because of the complexity of these responsibilities, but there is broad consensus that more coordinated policies, funding and actions on cybersecurity are required to safeguard utilities' operational and information technology networks. Operators are realizing that new technologies and business practices are needed, and have started to incorporate advancements such as big data analytics, cloud computing and machine learning into their toolsets. These technologies, including approaches that merge the cyberprotection of traditionally separate OT and IT networks, are becoming essential competencies for any utility's cybersecurity strategy.</p> <p>Two converging factors are creating a perfect storm for grid and infrastructure operators as they strive to securely administer their OT and IT networks.</p>

	<p>1. Rapidly growing numbers of interconnected sensors and control components-ranging from 10 to 100 million for a typical utility-that are remotely machine addressable and vulnerable to cyberattack; and,</p> <p>2. Proliferating cyber actors and threats that outpace the traditional regulatory processes and standards designed for a hardware-centric world.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Japan under 'escalating' attacks
SOURCE	http://www.zdnet.com/article/japans-critical-infrastructure-under-escalating-cyber-attack-says-report/
GIST	<p>The research arm of security company Cylance, SPEAR, has released a report entitled Operation Dust Storm that details cyber-attacks, starting in 2010 and spanning multiple years and vectors, against major industries spread across Japan, South Korea, the United States, Europe and several other Southeast Asian countries.</p> <p>The report includes SPEAR's most recent research, which suggests that the as-yet-unidentified attackers have shifted their focus to "specifically and exclusively target Japanese companies or Japanese subdivisions of larger foreign organisations."</p> <p>Attribution in cyber-attacks is complex, thanks to the ease with which hackers can lay false trails. However, in a briefing, Cylance's chief marketing officer Greg Fitzgerald noted that the attacks are "significantly financed, significantly resourced in terms of personnel and skillset, with a sustained presence, with the sole intention to be long-term espionage of these organisations."</p> <p>Choosing his words carefully, Fitzgerald said: "It's probably a nation state 'in the region'...and two particular countries, China and North Korea, both have an enormous amount of power, resources and skill in the cybersecurity arena. We, Cylance, do not have any indication as to either of those countries, and our position is that attribution, or the concept of blaming a country, is a very dangerous activity because it can be spoofed -- it can be made to look like a country when it's somebody else."</p> <p>Cylance has notified the Japanese arm of CERT (Computer Emergency Response Team), which is participating in the ongoing investigation, said Fitzgerald.</p> <p>"The attack that is happening is a current attack, in progress, that has sustained compromise of a variety of Japanese organisations -- in particular they include electric utility companies, oil companies, natural gas companies, transportation organisations, construction and even some finance organisations," said Fitzgerald.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Report: attackers use macros, trickery
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SOURCE	http://www.cso.com.au/article/594523/attackers-drop-web-exploits-macros-trickery/
GIST	<p>New research shows that old-fashioned spam and trickery is the most common way of infecting machines, driven largely by Dridex banking malware.</p> <p>Over the course of 2015 cybercriminals turned away from technically sophisticated software exploits towards cheaper and possibly more effective social engineering that tricks people to infecting their own machines, according to security firm Proofpoint.</p> <p>“The year 2014 was all about the technically sophisticated attacker. We saw levels of software coding and ingenuity that were very impressive. These were people that spent lots of time and money and the guys in the underground forums were offering bounties of millions of dollars for technical exploits.</p> <p>Over the past year the pendulum went all the way in the other direction. As humans, we’re a lot easier to exploit and cheaper,” Kevin Epstein, VP of threat operations at Proofpoint told CSO Australia.</p> <p>Analysing a subset of its own customers data, Proofpoint found that in 2015 99.7 percent of documents used in attachment-based campaigns contained malicious macros to compromise a target rather than automated exploits.</p> <p>Macros in Microsoft’s Word, for example, are disabled by default to reduce the risk of attackers exploiting them to install malware. Epstein said a typical method to convince people to undo that protection is by creating a document with a blurred image and instructions that tell the recipient the image was blurred for their protection and that to view it requires enabling macros.</p> <p>In instances where attacker email contained a URL, 74 percent led to pages designed to phish credentials while 26 percent sent victims to a page that encouraged them to run a malicious program, for example by downloading a Word document from Dropbox.</p> <p>According to Epstein, just two percent of the attack email linked to a web page hosting an exploit kit. In other words, very few attacks required no human interaction.</p> <p>The most common malware last year were banking Trojans, accounting for 74 percent of all payloads. Dridex banking malware, as measured by message volume, was ten times greater than the next most common malware.</p> <p>Despite efforts by law enforcement to take down Dridex’s infrastructure, the botnet emerged as one of the key sources of malware infections last year.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Russia banks under attack
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SOURCE	http://securityaffairs.co/wordpress/44706/cyber-crime/ratopak-trojan-russian-banks.html
GIST	<p>According to the Symantec security firm, a cyber criminal gang financially -motivated has targeted employees of Russian banks.</p> <p>The threat actors have been using a Trojan called Ratopak to gain control over the victim's machine and exfiltrate data. The experts spotted several attacks since October, the attack chain starts with fake Central Bank employment emails sent to the staff of Russian financial institutions. In the attempt to trick victims, the threat actors behind the malicious campaign have registered that domain cbr.com.ru that is similar to the official domain used by Russia's Central Bank cbr.ru.</p> <p>The domain is referenced by the content of the fake emails and it is used by the cyber criminals as a repository for the Ratopak Trojan.</p> <p>The Ratopak Trojan implements a number of backdoor features, including logging keystrokes and stealing clipboard data.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/22 Germany: malware to 'spy' on citizens
SOURCE	http://www.dw.com/en/german-government-to-use-trojan-spyware-to-monitor-citizens/a-19066629
GIST	<p>A spokesman for the German interior ministry announced on Monday that the government had approved the usage of Trojans to monitor suspected citizens.</p> <p>The interior ministry spokesman defended the government's decision, saying "basically we now have the skills in an area where we did not have this kind of skill." The program was already endorsed by members of the government in autumn 2015, the ministry said.</p> <p>Trojans are software programs, also known as malware, specially designed to get into users' computers. They are often used by hackers and thieves to gain access to somebody else's data.</p> <p>In order to use the malware, government officials will have to get a court order, allowing authorities to hack into a citizen's system.</p> <p>The approval will help officials get access to the suspect's personal computer, laptop and smartphone. Once the spyware installs itself on the suspect's device, it can skim data on the computer's hard drive and monitor ongoing chats and conversations.</p> <p>Members of the Green party protested the launching of the Trojan, with the party's deputy head Konstantin von Notz saying, "We do understand the needs of security officials, but still, in a country under the rule of law, the means don't justify the end."</p>
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HEADLINE	02/22 FrameWorkPOS alive and doing well
SOURCE	http://www.scmagazine.com/improved-frameworkpos-spotted-alive-and-well-in-the-wild/article/478402/
GIST	<p>It's alive! FrameWorkPOS is still in the wild and it's better than ever with a recent campaign stealing 43,000 credit cards, according to researchers at ThreatStream Labs.</p> <p>In a Thursday blog post, the researchers noted that a sample of the malware family, aimed at point-of-sale systems, indicated that bad actors have made improvements to the original iteration in subsequent versions.</p> <p>We were able to leverage passive DNS data to learn more about its scope and some of the victims. The data gave us insight to the following:</p> <p>“During the analysis of the data 3 different campaigns were observed,” the blog post said, noting that researchers leveraged passive DNS data to gain more insight about the scope of the campaigns and their victims. They noted one campaign to be “more active than others.” What the researchers referred to as the grp10 campaign infected the most hosts though its “running timeframe was 2.5 months which is very short compared to” another campaign, known as grp05. That latter campaign ran from August 2015 to February 2016. The third campaign, grp03, ran for two months but infected 10 IPs.</p> <p>The researchers noted a total of 67 unique IPs infected and distributed between the U.S. and Russia.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/22 DHS: Einstein key to future big data
SOURCE	https://fcw.com/articles/2016/02/22/cyber-einstein-schneck.aspx
GIST	<p>Even if the Office of Personnel Management had the latest version of the Department of Homeland Security's multibillion-dollar firewall in place last year, it still would not have prevented the massive hack of OPM that compromised the data of some 22 million Americans. Phyllis Schneck, DHS' top cybersecurity official, readily admits this.</p> <p>Nonetheless, Schneck sees Einstein, an intrusion detection and prevention system for civilian agencies that is administered by DHS, as a foundational platform for a more sophisticated, data-driven cyber defense.</p> <p>In the coming months, the deputy undersecretary for cybersecurity and communications said, officials will pair Einstein 3A, the latest version of the firewall, with cyber intelligence to more quickly detect and thwart hackers like the OPM intruders. In other words, Schneck wants to use a signature-based system to do more than block threat signatures.</p> <p>DHS is currently piloting a "reputation scoring" system that works with Einstein to add more analytical color to adversaries' trademark cyber signatures. The pilot uses cyberthreat information from both the</p>

intelligence community and the private sector to flesh out a "credit score" of a cyber adversary, said Schneck, once an executive at cybersecurity vendor McAfee.

The reputation scoring system is "a subset of a larger direction we're going in data analytics," Schneck told FCW in a recent interview in her Arlington, Va., office.

Einstein, whose projected lifecycle cost is \$5.7 billion through fiscal 2018, according to the Government Accountability Office, came under fire in the aftermath of the OPM breach last summer. Hackers were in OPM networks for 10 months before their malware signatures were plugged into Einstein, according to a DHS timeline of the hack obtained by FCW.

A recently published GAO study offered further fodder for Einstein's critics.

The report found that Einstein provides a "limited ability to detect potentially malicious activity entering and exiting computer networks at federal agencies." Moreover, the program "does not monitor several types of network traffic, and its 'signatures' do not address threats that exploit many common security vulnerabilities and thus may be less effective."

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HEADLINE	02/23 La. police can't unlock iPhone for clue
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/pregnant-louisiana-womans-iphone-case-highlights-apple-versus-fbi-debate/
GIST	<p>Last April, 29-year-old Brittney Mills -- who was 8-months pregnant-- was shot and killed when she answered her door in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She and her unborn child were killed.</p> <p>Police suspect she knew her killer, and her locked iPhone could contain vital clues.</p> <p>"The fact that her phone was encrypted and we are unable to obtain her password has thrown a stumbling block for the investigators in the case," explained police lieutenant Johnny Dunham.</p> <p>Since the California magistrate's ruling that Apple had to help the FBI break into the iPhone used by San Bernardino shooter Sayed Farook, there has been new focus on cases around the country involving locked smartphones.</p> <p>"This is a very, very slippery slope," said Apple's attorney Ted Olson, who used to represent the U.S. government before the Supreme Court.</p> <p>He said he thinks the government could develop a backdoor, with Apple's help, to listen in and eavesdrop on phone calls.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Judge's order could expose 10M kids?
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/02/23/judges-order-could-expose-10m-california-schoolkids-personal-info-say-critics.html?intcmp=hpbt2
GIST	<p>A federal judge's order earlier this month that California public schools turn a trove of personal information on millions of children over to two nonprofits has parents worried and privacy rights advocates outraged.</p> <p>The nonprofits, who advocate for special needs kids, say they need access to information on a state database to gauge compliance with federal law, but critics don't believe Social Security numbers, home addresses and other sensitive records should be included. The ruling by Judge Kimberly Mueller of the Eastern District of California, grants access to data on all students enrolled in Golden State public schools at any time since 2008, a number estimated at 10 million.</p> <p>"People are confused, worried and angry," said Bill Ainsworth, a spokesman for the California Department of Education.</p> <p>The order from Mueller, who sits in Sacramento, stems from a 2012 lawsuit filed by two special needs advocacy groups, the Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Association and the Concerned Parents Association, alleging local educational agencies have failed to accommodate children with disabilities in compliance with federal law.</p> <p>Critics say the ruling could also potentially expose statewide assessment results, progress reports, behavior and disciplinary information, special education evaluations and records pertaining to health, mental health and medical information.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Houston terror evidence classified?
SOURCE	http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Feds-say-terror-evidence-classified-6848804.php
GIST	<p>Federal prosecutors contend that some of the evidence against Houston's Omar Al Hardan, who is charged with trying to support the ISIS terrorist group, is so classified that Al Hardan himself should not be able to see it.</p> <p>U.S. District Judge Lynn N. Hughes, who is presiding over the case, has been asked by the Department of Justice to sign an order that requires Al Hardan's lawyer, David Adler, undergo a background check to obtain a security clearance for access to classified information.</p>

Hughes has already clashed with prosecutors in the case, as he tongue-lashed a prosecutor sent here from Washington, D.C. by questioning his professionalism and worth to the case.

The judge also recently took the extraordinary step of issuing a written "Order of Ineptitude" over how the attorney had not followed proper local procedures for requesting an official transcript of a hearing.

Hughes said if the "pretentious" prosecutors visiting from Washington, D.C., knew what they were doing, or had the humility to ask for help from their Houston-based federal counterparts, they would have known how to get transcripts from a hearing in the case.

"It would not have taken three days, seven telephone calls, three voice mail messages and one snippy electronic message for them to indirectly ask the court for assistance in ordering a transcript," the judge states in the order.

It remains to be seen how Hughes will address the prosecution's most recent request. He has asked the government to whittle down its trove of evidence that prosecutors have said is the equivalent of 250 million sheets of paper. It is unclear how many of those pages are classified.

Prosecutors also ask that Adler only be able to review the classified information at the courthouse and that he be forbidden to discuss the evidence over the phone or with anyone who is not approved by the government.

The transcript from a reportedly heated Feb. 12 conference behind closed doors that involved prosecutors, Adler and Hughes remains classified.

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HEADLINE	02/23 Canada: rise in terror acts abroad
SOURCE	http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/sharp-rise-in-number-of-canadians-involved-in-terrorist-activities-abroad/article28864101/
GIST	<p>Canada's spy agencies have tracked 180 Canadians who are engaged with terrorist organizations abroad, while another 60 have returned home.</p> <p>The latest figures mark a significant increase from the findings of the 2014 Public Report on the Terrorist Threat to Can-ada, which identified about 130 people involved in terror-related activities overseas, including 30 taking an active role with the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq and the Nusra Front in Syria.</p> <p>"The total number of people overseas involved in threat-re-lated activities – and I'm not just talking about Iraq and Syria – is probably around 180," Canadian Security Intelligence Service director Michel Coulombe told The Globe and Mail after testifying before the House of Commons public safety committee. "In Iraq and Syria, we are probably talking close to 100."</p>

	<p>These people are involved in various activities, including direct combat, training, fundraising to support attacks, promoting radical views and planning terrorist violence.</p> <p>Mr. Coulombe said about 60 suspected foreign fighters have returned to Canada, although he stressed the numbers keep changing almost daily.</p> <p>The CSIS director said the greatest danger to this country remains terror suspects who have not managed to leave Canada.</p> <p>“By talking about the number of people who are overseas, we are not thinking about people who are either prevented from travelling or have no intention of travelling but are here in Canada and are actually involved in threat-related activities,” he said.</p> <p>RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson said Canadian security agencies are keeping careful tabs on the 60 people who have returned home, even if they do not have enough evidence to charge them with terrorist activities.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/24 Nigeria: terrorists killed, 150 rescued
SOURCE	http://www.vanguardngr.com/2016/02/23-boko-haram-terrorists-killed-150-hostages-rescued-by-nigeriacameroon-troops/
GIST	<p>Abuja – 23 Boko Haram terrorists killed, 150 Hostages rescued as Nigeria/Cameroon troops continue clear out of terrorists hideouts.</p> <p>The Nigerian Army said Tuesday night that in line with the Chief of Army Staff’s directive for troops to maintain the momentum, troops of 7 Division carried out major operations against the Boko Haram terrorist’s locations in Talala and Kumshe axis. During the joint operation between elements of 7 Division and the Cameroonian forces along Banki-Kumshe axis, 20 Boko Haram terrorists were killed, the troops destroyed 4 AK 47 rifles and captured a gun truck mounted with an Anti-Aircraft Gun (AA Gun) and 2 AK 47 rifles, as well as a 60mm mortar and a Dane gun.</p> <p>Also, troops at Kodo rescued 150 persons who were mainly children. In addition, a house with Boko Haram terrorists’ flag at Fatake caught fire with several ammunitions explosions in which 3 Boko Haram terrorists were killed in the house.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 ISIS losing ground around world
SOURCE	http://www.vox.com/2016/2/23/11099338/isis-global-problems

GIST	<p>Libyan fighters are celebrating a major victory on Tuesday: They've driven ISIS out of parts of Benghazi, eastern Libya's largest city, building on advances in and around the city on Sunday.</p> <p>ISIS isn't just losing in Benghazi. In its home base in Syria and Iraq, it's lost up to 30 percent of its territory from its peak in August 2014. And it's tried expanding abroad, officially declaring a wilayat — which literally means "province" and refers to ISIS's foreign franchises — in roughly a dozen countries.</p> <p>These ISIS franchises showed some initial successes, for example in Libya, but since mid-2015 they have been struggling. Many of ISIS's wilayat have stopped growing and begun shrinking. Some ISIS affiliates have been wiped out altogether.</p> <p>"The Islamic State has encountered one serious obstacle after another as it has tried to expand its presence beyond Syria and Iraq," Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, a fellow with the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and CEO of the consulting firm Valens Global, writes with threat analyst Nathaniel Barr in War on the Rocks on Tuesday. "These stumbles have gone largely unnoticed by the international media."</p> <p>Gartenstein-Ross and Barr examined seven ISIS expansion attempts and found that each had serious problems. In every case, the ISIS franchise they looked at has either suffered a major battlefield defeat, had members targeted and killed in significant numbers by rival jihadist groups, or was defeated outright.</p> <p>Despite ISIS's defeats in the Libyan cities of Benghazi and Derna, the group is still deeply entrenched in Sirte — and getting a number of new recruits. Its Egypt branch has withstood repeated assaults from the Egyptian government and has managed to pull off a number of high-profile terrorist attacks. And that's to say nothing of Boko Haram, which pledged itself to ISIS last year and is now recognized as Wilayat Nigeria.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/24 Rescued teen: life under ISIS hard
SOURCE	http://www.torontosun.com/2016/02/24/rescued-swedish-girl-says-life-under-islamic-state-really-hard
GIST	<p>ERBIL, Iraq - A Swedish teenager rescued from Islamic State militants in Iraq has said life in the so-called caliphate was "really hard" and that she was duped into going there by her boyfriend.</p> <p>In her first interview since Kurdish special forces recovered her in northern Iraq, the 16-year old told a Kurdish TV channel she had met her boyfriend in mid-2014 after dropping out of school in Sweden.</p> <p>"First we were good but then he started to look at ISIS videos and speak about them and stuff like that," she told Kurdistan 24 in a brief interview, using another name for the Islamic State group.</p> <p>"Then he said he wanted to go to ISIS and I said ok, no problem, because I didn't know what ISIS means, what Islam is -- nothing," said the girl.</p>

	<p>The couple set off from Sweden in late May 2015 and made their way across Europe by bus and train until reaching the Turkish border province of Gaziantep, from which they crossed into Syria.</p> <p>From there, Islamic State militants ferried them by bus with other men and women to the city of Mosul in neighboring Iraq and provided them with a house. There was no electricity or running water.</p> <p>"I didn't have any money either - it was a really hard life," she said, looking relaxed and healthy. "When I had a phone I started to contact my mom and I said 'I want to go home'."</p> <p>The teenager, who was rescued on Feb. 17, is currently in Iraq's Kurdistan region and will be handed over to Swedish authorities.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/24 DNA report: Ankara bomber Turkish
SOURCE	http://www.todayszaman.com/national_dna-report-suggests-ankara-bomber-was-turkish_413138.html
GIST	<p>A DNA report from a suicide bombing that killed 29 people in the Turkish capital Ankara last week suggests the main perpetrator was Turkish-born, not Syrian as initially stated by the government, a senior Turkish security official said on Tuesday.</p> <p>A car laden with explosives detonated next to military buses as they waited at traffic lights near Turkey's armed forces' headquarters, parliament and government buildings in the administrative heart of Ankara last Wednesday.</p> <p>The next day, Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoğlu blamed a Syrian Kurdish YPG militia fighter working with Kurdish militants inside Turkey for the attack, naming him as Salih Nekar, born in 1992, and from the Hasakah region of northern Syria.</p> <p>But the DNA report suggested the attack was carried out by Abdalbaki Somer, born in the eastern Turkish city of Van, said the security official and the state-run Anadolu news agency, which cited prosecution sources.</p> <p>That matches the name given by the Kurdistan Freedom Hawks (TAK), a Kurdish militant group, when it claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement on its website on Friday.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Captured militant: ISIS weakened
SOURCE	http://rudaw.net/english/kurdistan/230220163

GIST	<p>ERBIL, Kurdistan Region—The Islamic State (ISIS) has been weakened by months of air strikes and the death of many of its commanders, says a militant arrested in Kirkuk last week.</p> <p>“Everything is different from what it used to be. They are weakened now,” Saad Sulaiman Ali confirmed in an interview with Rudaw. “Hawija is disconnected from Mosul now. They are surrounded in both Hawija and Anbar,” noting that ISIS is lacking in weapons, ammunition and explosives.</p> <p>Ali said that ISIS has now relocated its training camps to wooded areas near Hawija.</p> <p>“Their training centers are also among those trees,” Ali claimed. “And they have camps in other places in the hills.”</p> <p>He says he joined ISIS in 2014, shortly before the group captured most of Iraq’s Sunni heartland and he underwent 40 days of training at a camp somewhere between Riyaz and Hawija.</p> <p>Ali’s first assignment was to join an attack unit led by Khaled Abush, nicknamed Abu Waleed from Nahrawan. His fellow militants included foreigners but he says that, now, the number of foreign fighters is dwindling, “Dozens of them have been killed.” His commanders were all Arabs.</p> <p>During his time with ISIS, he witnessed the executions of more than 300 security forces captured by the group in Kirkuk and Mosul. Their bodies were buried in a trench dug behind a checkpoint.</p> <p>Ali believes they were policemen and soldiers, killed for the sole reason that they were employees of the Iraqi government.</p> <p>Ali’s final mission was to join an undercover ISIS cell in Kirkuk, assigned to carry out bombings in the city. He carried out one car bombing near a group of police officers before being arrested by Kirkuk security forces.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Libya forces ‘liberate’ Benghazi
SOURCE	http://www.dw.com/en/libyan-forces-wrestle-benghazi-from-militant-grasp/a-19069316
GIST	<p>After a campaign to regain coastal Benghazi, government forces have seized control of the central neighborhood of al-Laithi. "Islamic State" and al Qaeda have gained traction in Libya following the 2011 uprising.</p> <p>In a video statement, General Khalifa Hifter, Libya's army chief, called the breakthrough in Benghazi the result of "much patience."</p> <p>"We have totally liberated the area of al-Laithi," said Fadel al-Hassi, a member of Libya's special forces.</p>

	<p>People took to the streets of al-Laithi - once Benghazi's most populous district - to celebrate the victory, carrying banners and Libyan flags.</p> <p>Residents were stopped from entering certain parts of the neighborhood as loyalist forces continued to comb buildings for booby traps.</p> <p>The victory comes as Brett McGurk, the US special envoy to the coalition fighting the "Islamic State," said the militant group is trying to recruit more fighters to join their campaign in the North African country.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 German paper: 800 Islamists go to ISIS
SOURCE	http://www.dw.com/en/more-than-800-islamists-leave-germany-to-join-is-in-syria-and-iraq/a-19066880
GIST	<p>German daily "Die Welt" reported on Tuesday that more than 800 Islamists have left Germany to join jihadi groups such as the so-called "Islamic State" (IS) in Syria and Iraq.</p> <p>Around a third of Islamists who had joined up with the jihadi militants abroad had also returned to Germany, meaning the number of "jihadi travelers" has slightly increased since the beginning of the year, said a spokeswoman for the Federal Criminal Office (BKA). In January, BKA President Holger Münch said the criminal bureau had in fact seen a slight decline in travel by Islamists to the war zones.</p> <p>The report also said that German authorities now believe that more than 130 jihadis who have traveled to Syria or Iraq have as foreign fighters have died - some of them as suicide bombers.</p> <p>After studying the backgrounds of 677 Islamists who traveled to Syria and Iraq up until last June, the BKA found that most of the militants were men between the ages of 22 and 25. More than 60 percent of jihadi travelers had German citizenship, and one sixth had converted to Islam.</p> <p>Authorities in Germany and throughout Europe are currently working on how to contend with the problem of the hundreds of citizens who have left to fight alongside extremists in conflict regions and the danger they pose on their return.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Terms of Syria ceasefire agreement
SOURCE	http://www.voanews.com/content/terms-of-syria-cease-fire-agreement/3202930.html
GIST	A U.S.-Russia cease-fire plan for Syria is scheduled to take effect at midnight (local time) Friday in Syria.

	<p>The Syrian government accepted the plan Tuesday. Opposition groups have until midnight Friday to confirm their participation. The cease-fire agreement does not apply to Islamic State or al-Qaida-linked groups, and Syria said it will continue military operations against those groups.</p> <p>Syrian forces and other armed opposition groups must agree to the cease-fire terms, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 2254, also known as the "Roadmap for Peace in Syria," which includes the readiness to participate in a U.N.-led political negotiation process. • Cessation of attacks by each side with any weapons, including rockets, mortars and anti-tank guided missiles. • Unhindered and immediate access to humanitarian groups delivering aid to besieged areas. • No land grabs. • Proportionate use of force by either side when responding in self-defense. • Any party to the cease-fire can bring allegations of violations to the International Syria Support Group (ISSG) and its cease-fire task force. A U.S. State Department spokesman said the group may also rely in part on non-government organizations and journalists in Syria for reports on possible cease-fire violations.
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HEADLINE	02/23 Iraq Kurds rescue Swedish teen
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/iraq-kurdish-rescue-swedish-teen-girl-isis-mosul/
GIST	<p>The government of Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdistan Region said Tuesday that Kurdish troops had rescued a 16-year-old Swedish girl who was "misled" by an Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) militant and travelled to Syria and then onto the extremists' stronghold in Iraq.</p> <p>"The Kurdistan Region Security Council was called upon by Swedish authorities and members of her family to assist in locating and rescuing her," a statement said.</p> <p>The girl was identified by the Kurds as a teenager from the city of Borås, east of Gothenburg.</p> <p>The Kurds said she was rescued by special forces troops in ISIS-controlled territory near Mosul on Feb. 17, and that she was now being cared for in Kurdistan.</p> <p>The Kurdistan Region authority said she would be transferred to Swedish custody "to return home once necessary arrangements are put place."</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Bomb attacks northern Afghanistan
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2016/02/23/Bomb-attacks-kill-more-than-a-dozen-in-northern-Afghanistan/6711456262348/?spt=hs&or=tn_int

GIST	<p>KUNDUZ, Afghanistan, Feb. 23 (UPI) -- Two bomb attacks targeting police and a pro-government figures in northern Afghanistan killed at least 15 people and injured several others, authorities said Tuesday.</p> <p>One person was killed and seven others injured when a magnetic bomb, placed under a car in Kunduz, detonated Tuesday, China's Xinhua news agency reported.</p> <p>The vehicle belonged to Hajji Abdul Qadir, an influential figure in Kunduz province and an advocate for the Kabul government. It was not immediately clear if Qadir was killed or injured in the blast.</p> <p>The Taliban claimed responsibility for a separate bombing in the Parwan province on Monday. That suicide blast killed at least 14 people, including six local police officers, and appeared to have been targeted at a police commander who was among the dead.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Canada imam: Rome will be conquered
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2016/02/23/radical-canadian-imam-rome-will-be-conquered/
GIST	<p>A radical Canadian imam called for Muslims to “look forward” as “Rome will be conquered,” in a Friday sermon posted on the Internet on Feb. 16 and translated by the Middle East Monitoring Research Institute (MEMRI).</p> <p>“The prophecies of the Prophet Muhammad came true. But some prophecies have not come true yet. Look forward to it, because the Prophet Muhammad said that Rome would be conquered! It will be conquered,” preached Imam Shaban Sherif Mady.</p> <p>Mady, based in Edmonton, also spoke of restoring the “rightly-guided” Islamic Caliphate.</p> <p>His reference to conquering Rome mirrors a similar call by Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. “This is my advice to you. If you hold to it you will conquer Rome and own the world, if Allah wills,” Baghdadi preached in an attempt to garner more recruits to ISIS.</p> <p>Mady’s Facebook page reveals the extent of his radicalism, boasting a cover photo featuring Muslim Brotherhood leaders including ousted Egyptian President Mohammad Morsi and Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan.</p> <p>On Tuesday, Mady shared a Hamas propaganda video on his Facebook page depicting terrorists sniping and killing Israeli soldiers, issuing threats to Israelis in Hebrew and Arabic. Mady captioned the video by writing: “Qassam (Hamas’ terrorist wing), the earth’s best soldiers.”</p>

	<p>Moreover, on Feb. 13, Mady posted photos of Hamas terrorists celebrating “the martyrdom of Imam Hassan al Banna, founder of the Muslim Brotherhood,” according to an Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT) translation.</p> <p>A day later, Mady shared a gruesome video of a wounded woman and called for the destruction of Israel.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 ISIS attacks on rise in Syria
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/isis-attacks-are-rise-syria-despite-russian-airstrikes-n524186
GIST	<p>The Russians are playing Whack-A-Mole with ISIS — they hit the murderous militants in Iraq and the fanatics pop up in Syria.</p> <p>So says the IHS Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center, which has done a tally of ISIS attacks in 2015 since Moscow began bombing the militants.</p> <p>"Following the start of airstrikes and Russian intervention in September 2015, the number of Islamic State attacks in Iraq declined in the last quarter of the year, however, the number of attacks in Syria increased," said Matthew Henman, who heads the Jane's center.</p> <p>"This is somewhat a consequence of the growing pressure the Islamic State has come under in Iraq," he added. "Whereas in Syria the group has had more room to maneuver and, at least for the time being, retained the ability to relocate fighters between the different front lines."</p> <p>Hoping to make gains in Syria, ISIS has refocused on the cities of Homs and Deir ez Zour and moved forces away from key areas in Iraq that the Russians have been bombing, Henman said.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Detainees left at Gitmo
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/quantanamo-bay-who-are-detainees-left-prison-facility-n524196
GIST	<p>The number of detainees held at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has slowly shrunk from hundreds to the current count of 91.</p> <p>All would be transferred somewhere else under President Obama's plan to close the facility.</p> <p>Nearly 800 people have been held at the prison at one time or another, and nine have died there, including seven suicides.</p> <p>Of the 91 detainees still there, half are facing criminal charges, while 35 have been deemed eligible for transfer to other countries. Another 10 have been determined to be "unreleasable." Three have been</p>

convicted in the military commissions system, one of whom has been sentenced. Many have gone on hunger strikes to protest their confinement and the conditions at the prison.

The prisoners who remain there today are from more than a dozen countries, including 52 from Yemen.

The detainees include:

Khalid Shaikh Mohammed

Mohammed, a Pakistani citizen, is perhaps the most notorious of all Guantanamo detainees. He was "the principal architect" of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks, according to the 9/11 Commission Report, and was captured in his home country in March 2003. He is one of a handful of al-Qaida operatives whom the CIA has admitted waterboarding during interrogations.

Mohammed has been at Guantanamo since 2006. After several months of detention there, he not only admitted organizing the 9/11 attacks, but also having a hand in the the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, the murder of Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl, and Richard Reid's attempted shoebombing.

Abu Zubaydah

Zubaydah, suspected of being an al-Qaida operative and 9/11 plotter, is considered by human rights advocates as the poster boy of American torture, having been waterboarded and lost an eye while held by the CIA after his capture in 2002. The Pakistani citizen's attempts to challenge his detention, and see his case move through the legal system, have been stalled for years. He has been held at Guantanamo since 2006.

Ahmed Umar Abdullah al Hikimi

Hikimi, of Yemen, is suspected of being a bodyguard for Osama bin Laden, and of fighting for the Taliban against U.S. forces in Afghanistan. As a close bin Laden associate, he was known in Guantanamo as one of the so-called "Dirty 30," detainees who were the best potential sources of information about the al-Qaida leader and subject to some of the harshest interrogation methods.

Mohamedou Ould Slahi

Slahi, a citizen of Mauritania, has been held at Guantanamo since 2002. He has never been charged with a crime, although he has admitted loyalty to Al Qaeda in the early 1990s.

He was subject to harsh interrogation methods — including beatings, exposure to extreme heat and cold, and being blasted with heavy metal music while naked and under strobe lights,. He is famous for the publication of his memoir, "Guantanamo Diary," based on his writings from prison, which was critically praised and became a bestseller. He has never seen a copy of it.

Ali Hamza al Bahlul

	<p>A former al-Qaida propaganda chief from Yemen, Bahlul arrived in Guantanamo on the day it opened in January 2002. He was found guilty of terrorism charges by a military panel at Guantanamo that sentenced him to life at the prison. But that conviction was overturned by a civilian court.</p> <p>Mohammed al-Qahtani Qahtani, a Saudi, allegedly planned to participate in the 9/11 attacks as the so-called 20th hijacker, but was blocked from entering the United States. He was captured in Afghanistan and taken to Guantanamo when it opened in January 2002. His interrogation was so harsh — isolation, sleep deprivation, exposure to life threatening cold that — that the head of military commissions said he'd been tortured — the first such admission by a U.S. official. Because of that, he was not recommended for prosecution. But those charges may be refiled.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Official: ISIS losing foreign fighters
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/us-official-claims-isis-is-losing-foreign-fighters/
GIST	<p>A top Obama administration official says the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) ranks of foreign fighters have dropped to about 25,000 from a peak of 35,000.</p> <p>Brett McGurk is the U.S. special envoy for the global coalition to counter ISIS. He says fighters from 120 countries have joined ISIS.</p> <p>McGurk is touting progress in the U.S.-led effort to defeat ISIS. He says the extremist group is under pressure and has cut fighters' salaries by about half.</p> <p>The group -- which once bragged about minting its own currency -- is having trouble meeting expenses, thanks to coalition airstrikes and other measures that have eroded millions of dollars from its finances since last fall. Last year both the U.S.-led coalition, as well as Russian fighters, began targeting their oil production capabilities and cash stores.</p> <p>Those circumstances include the dramatic drop in global prices for oil - once a key source of income. Additionally, the targeted airstrikes have dramatically reduced cash stockpiles and oil infrastructure. And the Iraqi government has stopped paying civil servants in territory controlled by the extremists.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 President's plan to close Gitmo
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/obama-sends-plan-congress-close-guantanamo-bay-prison/story?id=37134529
GIST	<p>After sending a plan to Congress to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility this morning, President Obama stressed that the prison "undermines" the country's national security and must be closed.</p>

"This is about closing a chapter in our history. It reflects the lessons we've learned since 9/11," Obama announced as he detailed his proposal from the Roosevelt Room at the White House.

The president's plan has four primary elements, including transferring to other countries detainees who are already designated for transfer. Although 91 detainees are now at Guantanamo, 35 are already eligible for transfer if the administration can find another country to take them. Officials anticipate getting the prison's population below 60 later this year.

The plan aims at accelerating periodic reviews of authority to detain an individual, prosecuting detainees who are facing charges, and working with Congress to establish a location in the homeland to securely hold detainees who cannot be transferred. Lastly, the president wants to move all remaining detainees to the United States.

"Our preferred option," Obama said, "must be our strong, proven federal courts."

The proposal does not specifically endorse any single facility, but the administration believes moving 30 to 60 detainees would cost between \$290 to \$475 million, upfront costs it believes would be recovered within years compared to keeping detainees at Guantanamo.

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HEADLINE	02/23 Ex-detainee arrested over ISIS ties
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/ex-guantanamo-detainee-among-suspected-jihadists-held-spain-170122749.html
GIST	<p>Madrid (AFP) - Spanish and Moroccan police on Tuesday detained four people suspected of recruiting jihadists for the Islamic State group, one of whom was a former Guantanamo prisoner who received military training in Afghanistan.</p> <p>The four -- three Spaniards and one Moroccan -- were "willing to commit terrorist acts on Spanish soil," police said, adding they had allegedly made contacts to acquire weapons and substances used to make explosives.</p> <p>They were detained in Spain's north African enclave of Ceuta and the Moroccan city of Nador, and police said the brother of one of the cell members had committed a suicide attack in Syria for the Islamic State group (IS).</p> <p>"One of the leaders of the cell received military and combat training in camps in Afghanistan under the authority of terrorist jihadist organisations," police added.</p> <p>"In 2002 he was detained and later put in the Guantanamo detention camp. The fact that this leader was trained in handling weapons, explosives and in military tactics makes this cell particularly dangerous."</p>

	Police said the main aim of the cell was to recruit people for IS, particularly minors.
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HEADLINE	02/22 Chicago inmates literally eating jail
SOURCE	http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2016/02/22/2-investigators-inmates-eating-pieces-of-jail-costing-taxpayers-millions/
GIST	<p>Some Cook County jail inmates are literally eating parts of the jail, and taxpayers must pay their healthcare and other costs. CBS 2 Investigator Dave Savini reports.</p> <p>X-rays show pieces of metal swallowed by Cook County Jail inmates.</p> <p>“Who would ever think we’d be talking about this?” asks Sheriff Tom Dart, who was more concerned about stabbings, fights and fires when he first took office.</p> <p>Metal-swallowing inmate Lamont Cathey alone has cost Cook County taxpayers more than \$1 million, according to reports.</p> <p>“Oh my God, the amount of money we have spent — both in the hospital area and then in the staff having to watch these people — I couldn’t even calculate it,” Dart says. “I know it’s in the millions.”</p> <p>Cathey is currently in jail. His mother, Lorine Barber, says he has had 19 to 20 surgeries because of all the metal he has ingested, including screws and nails.</p> <p>Barber says her son needs psychological help. He is not the only inmate swallowing metal.</p> <p>Jail records show multiple inmates reported swallowing screws, unidentified metal and buttons. Two reported swallowing the contents of ice packs. One inmate, bleeding from the mouth, said he swallowed a pin. Another inmate put small parts of his wheelchair in his mouth.</p> <p>“I’m at a loss,” Dart says. “I don’t know how to prevent some of this stuff anymore.”</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Brazil to fight Zika using radiation
SOURCE	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/zika/12169491/Brazil-plans-to-zap-mosquitoes-with-radiation-to-halt-spread-of-Zika-virus.html

GIST	<p>Brazil is planning to fight the Zika virus by zapping millions of male mosquitoes with gamma rays to sterilise them and stop the spread of the virus linked to thousands of birth defects.</p> <p>Called an irradiator, the device has been used to control fruit flies on the Portuguese island of Madeira. The International Atomic Energy Agency said on Monday it will pay to ship the device to Juazeiro, in the northeastern state of Bahia, as soon as the Brazilian government issues an import permit.</p> <p>"It's a birth control method, the equivalent of family planning for humans," said Kostas Bourtzis, a molecular biologist with the IAEA's insect pest control laboratory.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Commuting congestion to get worse
SOURCE	https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/02/23/how-cheap-gas-is-going-to-ruin-your-morning/?hpid=hp_hp-more-top-stories_cheapgas-610am%3Ahomepage%2Fstory
GIST	<p>American drivers put a record number of miles on their vehicles last year -- roughly 3.15 trillion miles, or enough to make roughly 337 round trips to Pluto.</p> <p>These figures were just released by the Federal Highway Administration, which says they mark an important milestone: The number of vehicle miles traveled in 2015 finally surpassed the highs last seen in 2007, before the Great Recession. The numbers encompass all types of road travel -- passenger vehicles, trucks and buses.</p> <p>But the population has grown since the recession. On a per-capita basis, vehicle miles still haven't caught up to the levels seen in the mid-2000s. Vehicle miles per capita topped out in 2004, at 10,105 miles per person. Last year, the per-capita tally stood at 9,794 miles.</p> <p>Still, last year was a big year for driving. Total vehicle miles increased by more than 4 percent, the biggest year-over-year jump since the late 1980s. And the reason why can be summed up in two simple words: cheap gas.</p> <p>With gas currently at \$1.71 per gallon, it hasn't been this affordable to drive since 2004. In places like Missouri and Oklahoma, gas costs less than \$1.50 per gallon, according to the American Automobile Association.</p> <p>If it's cheap to drive, people are going to drive. They're also going to be less worried about fuel efficiency. Back in October 2007, the average fuel efficiency of purchased new vehicles was about 20 miles per gallon, according to the University of Michigan. As gas prices rose, so did average fuel efficiency -- peaking at 25.8 miles per gallon in August 2014. Since then efficiency has plateaued and even declined slightly, down to 25.1 miles per gallon in January.</p>

More driving means more congested roads, and more wear and tear on those roads too. But as usual, infrastructure spending remains the forgotten stepchild of congressional budget battles. Total public spending on transportation and water infrastructure declined from 3 percent in 1959 to 2.4 percent of GDP in 2014, [according to the Congressional Budget Office](#).

At the federal level, the decline in infrastructure spending has been sharper, falling from close to 6 percent of all federal spending in the 1960s to less than 3 percent in 2014.

And if you drive to work -- or drive anywhere, for that matter -- this failure to fund infrastructure directly affects you on a daily basis. Consider that the typical urban commuter spends 42 hours a year stuck in traffic jams, according to [a report from the Texas Transportation Institute](#). That number has more than doubled since 1982, when the average time stuck in traffic was 16 hours a year.

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HEADLINE	02/24 GAO: Healthcare.gov 'passive' on fraud
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/feb/24/ap-exclusive-healthcaregov-passive-on-heading-off/
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON (AP) — With billions in taxpayer dollars at stake, the Obama administration has taken a “passive” approach to identifying potential fraud involving the president’s health care law, nonpartisan congressional investigators say in a report due out Wednesday.</p> <p>While the Government Accountability Office stops short of alleging widespread cheating in President Barack Obama’s signature program, investigators found that the administration has struggled to resolve eligibility questions affecting millions of initial applications and hundreds of thousands of consumers who were actually approved for benefits.</p> <p>The agency administering the health law — the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services — “has assumed a passive approach to identifying and preventing fraud,” the GAO report said. In a formal written response, the administration agreed with eight GAO recommendations while maintaining that it applies “best practices” to fraud control.</p> <p>The report is being released by Republicans on the House Energy and Commerce Committee in connection with a hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services budget. A copy was provided to The Associated Press.</p> <p>GAO “raises many red flags,” said committee chairman Rep. Fred Upton of Michigan. “Perhaps the most unsettling is that while HHS agrees there are many vulnerabilities, the agency has no urgency or plan to fix these critical errors.”</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Some Seattle shelter beds go empty
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SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/some-shelter-beds-go-empty-even-right-next-to-seattles-jungle-encampment/
GIST	<p>In the debate about Seattle’s homelessness emergency, city officials have said repeatedly that the reason so many people are sleeping on the streets is that the network of shelters and beds for the indigent is overflowing.</p> <p>This talk drives Tim Rockey crazy.</p> <p>“I’ve got empty beds,” he says. “We haven’t been full since ... since I can’t remember when.”</p> <p>Rockey runs a residential rehab center for adult men and women in the Sodo neighborhood for the Salvation Army. His 100-bed facility on Fourth Avenue South and another Salvation Army shelter off Dearborn are the two closest help facilities to The Jungle, the illegal encampment under I-5 that saw a mass shooting last month.</p> <p>But he isn’t full. Despite an estimated 400 people in The Jungle, and dozens more tents and cardboard structures I counted in the two-block area around Rockey’s office near the football and baseball stadiums, he’s still got empty beds every night.</p> <p>“We range between about 60 to 70 percent full, up to 90 percent in the coldest months,” he said. “It used to be unheard of to have any vacancies.”</p> <p>How can this be? How can a homeless rehab center next to the city’s most notorious encampment have 10 to 30 empty beds?</p> <p>Now some of this may be because the Salvation Army has rules you have to follow. There’s a basic dress code. You have to work. It also provides addiction counseling and a spiritual component, through chapel services. But Rockey says they take anyone, of any belief system.</p> <p>The Salvation Army is convinced its beds are going empty in part due to Seattle’s permissive attitude toward letting people sleep on the streets.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Drugs flooding to Puget Sound and salmon
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/environment/drugs-flooding-into-puget-sound-and-its-salmon/
GIST	Puget Sound salmon are on drugs — Prozac, Advil, Benadryl, Lipitor, even cocaine. Those drugs and dozens of others are showing up in the tissues of juvenile chinook, researchers have found, thanks to tainted wastewater discharge.

The estuary waters near the outfalls of sewage-treatment plants, and effluent sampled at the plants, were cocktails of 81 drugs and personal-care products, with levels detected among the highest in the nation.

The medicine chest of common drugs also included Flonase, Aleve and Tylenol. Paxil, Valium and Zoloft. Tagamet, OxyContin and Darvon. Nicotine and caffeine. Fungicides, antiseptics and anticoagulants. And Cipro and other antibiotics galore.

Why are the levels so high?

It could be because people here use more of the drugs detected, or it could be related to wastewater-treatment plants' processes, said Jim Meador, an environmental toxicologist at NOAA's Northwest Fisheries Science Center in Seattle and lead author on a paper published this week in the journal Environmental Pollution.

"The concentrations in effluent were higher than we expected," Meador said. "We analyzed samples for 150 compounds and we had 61 percent of them detected in effluent. So we know these are going into the estuaries."

The samples were gathered over two days in September 2014 from Sinclair Inlet off Bremerton and near the mouth of Blair Waterway in Tacoma's Commencement Bay.

The chemicals turned up in both the water and the tissues of migratory juvenile chinook salmon and resident staghorn sculpin. If anything, the study probably underreports the amount of drugs in the water closer to outfall pipes, or in deeper water, researchers found.

Even fish tested in the intended control waters in the Nisqually estuary, which receives no direct municipal treatment-plant discharge, tested positive for an alphabet soup of chemicals in supposedly pristine waters.

"That was supposed to be our clean reference area," Meador said. He also was surprised that levels in many cases were higher than in many of the 50 largest wastewater-treatment plants around the nation. Those plants were sampled in another study by the EPA.

The findings are of concern because most of the chemicals detected are not monitored or regulated in wastewater, and there is little or no established science on the environmental toxicity for the vast majority of the compounds detected.

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HEADLINE	02/24 Egypt military: toddler arrest mistake
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2016/02/24/Egyptian-military-admits-mistake-in-sentencing-4-year-old-to-life-in-prison/8261456298307/?spt=hs&or=tn_int

GIST	<p>CAIRO, Feb. 24 (UPI) -- The Egyptian military admitted to making a mistake when they sentenced a four-year-old boy to life in prison last week.</p> <p>The court was supposed to sentence a 16-year-old for murder, but sentenced the four-year-old instead because he had a similar name, spokesman Col Mohammed Samir said on Facebook.</p> <p>Ahmed Mansour Qurani Ali was convicted in a group of 115 men who were said to be part of a Muslim Brotherhood riot in 2014, despite Ali's lawyer providing documents that proved Ali was only a year old at the time.</p> <p>The teen the military were intending to convict was Ahmed Mansour Qurani Sharara.</p> <p>The four-year-old's conviction is the latest embarrassment for a court that has already become an international laughing stock. The United Nations declared in 2014 the country had "a judicial system where international fair trial guarantees appear to be increasingly trampled upon" after more than 1,200 people were given death sentences in a pair of mass trials "rife with procedural irregularities."</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 US to fund NKorea defector groups?
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2016/02/23/as-tensions-grow-on-north-korean-border-u-s-to-fund-defector-groups/
GIST	<p>North Korean defector organizations say that the U.S. State Department is willing to fund projects to help liberalize North Korea's population, including information drops and agitating movements working within the communist country's borders.</p> <p>UPI is reporting that a number of representatives of North Korean defector groups operating out of South Korea believe they will soon receive financial support from the State Department. While UPI does not identify the individual organizations, it claims that representatives of these groups met with State Department officials in January and were told the White House was willing to "commit significant funds to defector organizations that can work toward internal regime change in the North."</p> <p>Among the programs that may be funded are airdrop operations using balloons, which provide information on the outside world to North Korea, as well as groups within the country that try to identify potential dissident leaders. UPI cites South Korean news agency Yonhap as confirming the meeting between the defector groups and the State Department.</p> <p>Pro-democracy groups have been working near the North Korean border for years, attempting to break the information wall set up by the Kim regime to block out the reality of the outside world. One such project expected to begin this year is called Flash Drives for Freedom. Run by the Human Rights Foundation (HRF), the program requests that American volunteers donate old, used flash drives to its offices. The</p>

	drives are then filled with news articles, South Korean soap operas, and Hollywood movies, then air-dropped into North Korea.
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HEADLINE	02/23 Prison in Monroe hazmat scare
SOURCE	http://www.kiro7.com/news/prison-in-monroe-locked-down-for-hazmat-response/108570425
GIST	<p>MONROE, Wash. — The Twin Rivers prison unit was locked down Tuesday afternoon in Monroe for a hazmat scare.</p> <p>Staff opened a piece of mail that contained a powdery, white substance.</p> <p>Officials with the Washington Dept. of Corrections say no one was taken to the hospital.</p> <p>The Twin Rivers unit, part of the Monroe Correctional Complex, was placed on lockdown around noon. Snohomish fire officials said one woman had white powder on her and was contained.</p> <p>Police are investigating.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Port Orchard explosion leaves 2 dead
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/explosion-levels-house-in-port-orchard/
GIST	<p>PORT ORCHARD — Two people are dead following an early morning explosion that leveled a Port Orchard home Tuesday morning.</p> <p>Kitsap County sheriff’s investigators said two sets of human remains were found in the rubble of the home’s bedroom, but their identities have not been confirmed. The sheriff’s office said they are believed to be the home’s owners, identified as William McDonald, 70, and his wife, Maria McDonald, 65.</p> <p>Confirmation of the identities will be made by the Kitsap County Coroner’s Office, said sheriff’s Deputy Scott Wilson.</p> <p>Meanwhile, fire officials continue to investigate the cause of the fiery blast that sent pieces of the triple-wide manufactured home over a wide area, shattered neighbors’ windows and was detected by seismograms.</p> <p>Kitsap County Fire Marshal David Lynam said it will take several days for investigators to “put the pieces of the puzzle together.”</p>

	“It’s going to be a tough investigation,” he said. “Pieces that were in the house are literally scattered over an acre.”
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HEADLINE	02/23 Space rock burns up over Atlantic
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-35645854
GIST	<p>The biggest fireball since the Chelyabinsk explosion has plunged through the atmosphere over the Atlantic Ocean.</p> <p>The event, which has only just come to light, occurred off the coast of Brazil at 13:55 GMT on 6 February. As it burned up, the space rock released the equivalent of 13,000 tonnes of TNT.</p> <p>This makes it the most powerful event of its kind since an object exploded over <u>Chelyabinsk in Russia in 2013</u>.</p> <p>That blast was much bigger, releasing the equivalent of 500,000 tonnes of TNT.</p> <p>But the fireball over the Atlantic probably went unnoticed; it burnt up about 30km above the ocean surface, 1,000km off the Brazilian coast.</p> <p>Nasa listed the event on its <u>Fireball and Bolide Reports web page</u>.</p> <p>Measurements suggest that about 30 small asteroids (between 1m and 20m in size) burn up in the Earth's atmosphere every year.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 British power station bldg. collapses
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/02/23/reports-several-casualties-in-major-british-power-station-explosion.html?intcmp=hplnws
GIST	<p>A major incident has been declared and one person has reportedly been killed after a building collapsed at Didcot Power Station.</p> <p>It follows reports of a loud explosion at the site in south Oxfordshire.</p> <p>Rodney Rose, deputy leader of Oxfordshire County Council, told the Oxford Mail: "I have been told there has been one fatality, but the rest is currently unknown."</p> <p>Rose added: "At the moment this is being treated as a collapsed building, not an explosion, but there was a bang."</p>

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HEADLINE	02/23 Name: Bacon Double Cheeseburger
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/leisure/2016/02/23/man-legally-changes-his-name-to-bacon-double-cheeseburger/?intcmp=hplnws
GIST	<p>A British man decided to legally change his name to Bacon Double Cheeseburger as a show of his undying love of the sandwich.</p> <p>Sam Smith, 33, told the U.K.'s Standard that the, "Bacon Double Cheeseburger was pretty much the first thing that came up," after a night of drinking with his buddies who convinced him to do go ahead with the stunt.</p> <p>"It was the culmination of probably too many drinks in the pub where there was a conversation about names," he said.</p> <p>After he sobered up, he still embraced his new identity.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Child porn scandal Md. school grows
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/02/23/child-pornography-scandal-at-suburban-maryland-school-widens.html?intcmp=hpbt3
GIST	<p>Federal prosecutors announced charges Tuesday against a school volunteer in a widening child pornography investigation at a suburban Maryland elementary school that involves students ranging from 9 to 11 years old.</p> <p>United States Attorney Rod Rosenstein said 22-year-old Deonte Carraway is charged with eight counts of federal violations for the production of child pornography, in addition to state charges.</p> <p>The new charges detail allegations that Carraway engaged in sex acts with children, and also directed them to perform sex acts he recorded on video.</p> <p>The incidents allegedly took place at Judge Sylvania Woods Elementary School in Glenarden, Md., at a church, a pool, a community center and several homes, Fox 5 DC reported.</p> <p>Prince George's County Police have identified 17 victims, and say there may be more.</p> <p>More than 40 child porn videos have been discovered in the case to date, officials said.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Half with more debt than savings
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/business/business-news/about-half-america-has-more-debts-savings-survey-n523671
GIST	<p>Barely half of Americans have bigger emergency funds than outstanding credit card balances, according to a new survey from Bankrate.com. The 52 percent of people who have more savings than debt is the exact same percentage as five years earlier, even though most measures of the country's economic health have improved since then.</p> <p>One bright spot is that millennials seem to be taking saving more seriously than older age brackets, with 57 percent of respondents younger than 30 indicating that their savings are greater than their debts.</p> <p>Respondents between 30 and 49 were most likely to have greater debt than savings, with 26 percent reporting that their credit card balances outweighed their savings.</p> <p>Roughly a third of those in the under-30 age bracket said their net worth is higher today than it was a year ago, compared to about a quarter of all respondents. This relatively upbeat assessment of their financial situation comes in spite of the fact that only 64 percent of millennials told Bankrate that they are employed, and one in four only work part-time.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 CDC: sexually transmitted Zika in US
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/zika-virus-outbreak/now-it-s-15-cases-sexually-transmitted-zika-virus-us-n524286
GIST	<p>Fourteen more people may have caught the Zika virus in the U.S. without traveling to affected zones, federal health officials said Tuesday — strong evidence that the virus is sexually transmitted fairly often.</p> <p>Some of those suspected of having been infected sexually have been pregnant women, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says.</p> <p>"CDC and state public health departments are now investigating 14 new reports of possible sexual transmission of Zika virus, including several involving pregnant women," the CDC said in a statement.</p> <p>"In two of the new suspected sexual transmission events, Zika virus infection has been confirmed in women whose only known risk factor was sexual contact with an ill male partner who had recently traveled to an area with local Zika virus transmission; testing for the male partners is still pending."</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Teen in killing to be charged as adult
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2016/02/23/16-year-old-accused-of-killing-wesley-gennings-charged-as-an-adult-with-first-degree-murder/
GIST	<p>FEDERAL WAY – The 16-year-old boy accused of killing 16-year-old Wesley Gennings in Federal Way last week is being charged as an adult with first-degree murder.</p> <p>Michael J. Rogers is also being charged with first-degree unlawful possession of a firearm in what police have said was a robbery targeting Gennings’ marijuana.</p> <p>A 14-year-old boy who police have said was also involved will likely be charged on Wednesday, prosecutors said.</p> <p>According to charging documents, Rogers was given a deferred disposition in juvenile court on Jan. 26 related to three separate incidents: attempted robbery, first-degree attempted theft, and fourth-degree assault. Prosecutors said he was offered “Option B” at that time – treatment in lieu of incarceration.</p> <p>As part of that deal, he agreed he couldn’t be in possession of a firearm.</p> <p>Less than three weeks later, prosecutors say, he and the 14-year-old planned the robbery that would lead to the shooting death of Gennings.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Sacramento: #1 FBI list violent crime
SOURCE	http://www.kcra.com/news/sacramento-sees-an-increase-violent-crimes-tops-fbi-list/38139118
GIST	<p>SACRAMENTO, Calif. (KCRA) —When it comes to an increase in violent crime, Sacramento ranks No. 1 among major cities in the United States. The new data comes from FBI statistics compiled by the Public Policy Institute of California.</p> <p>Researchers found Sacramento saw 76 more violent crimes per 100,000 people during the first half of 2015 compared to the same time in 2014.</p> <p>“Reducing crime rates, it’s a work in progress, but we need to do it together,” Sacramento Police Sergeant Justin Brown said.</p> <p>Brown compared the police department’s relationship with the community to a marriage - issues need to be worked out and the two sides need to talk.</p> <p>“The more you communicate, the stronger that marriage gets, and so we’re married to our community and we want the community to know we care,” Brown said.</p>

	<p>Sacramento police don't know why the numbers ticked up but point out that in 2014, the city enjoyed some of the lowest violent crime numbers since the early 2000s.</p> <p>The data only includes cities with large populations, ranging from New York City, with a population of 8.5 million, to Kansas City, Missouri, with a population of 468,000. Cities are only required to submit crime data to the FBI once per year, so several large cities were not included in the report which used data from the halfway point of the year.</p> <p>Of the cities that did submit data on violent, five of the top 10 are in California. Sacramento saw the largest increase, followed by Los Angeles (3), Long Beach (5), San Francisco (8) and San Diego (9).</p> <p>When it comes to property crimes, Sacramento saw the fifth greatest increase nationwide, but was outranked by three other California cities: San Francisco (1), Long Beach (2) and Los Angeles (3).</p> <p>Led by Detroit, 10 of the 25 cities ranked saw a decrease in violent crime. Sixteen cities saw a decrease in property crime, with Seattle seeing the greatest decrease.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/24 Anarchists disrupt Greece TV
SOURCE	http://www.ekathimerini.com/206288/article/ekathimerini/news/anarchist-group-disrupts-state-tv-news-broadcast
GIST	<p>A group of Greek anarchists disrupted the evening news broadcast of state ERT TV on Tuesday after forcing their way past a guard to enter the live studio.</p> <p>Anchorman Panos Haritos said the anarchists wanted to read a protest text on air. During the negotiations, producers switched to archive footage.</p> <p>Haritos said he offered to read the text instead but the protesters refused and left.</p> <p>The text wasn't revealed and it wasn't clear what the protest was about.</p> <p>An interviewee on the program said the anarchists injured a cameraman and police later detained 24 protesters.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Cartel drug leader pleads guilty
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/accused-leader-mexican-drug-cartel-pleads-guilty-us-37141656

GIST	<p>The accused leader of a Mexican drug trafficking cartel who authorities say once maintained close ties to Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman pleaded guilty in federal court Tuesday, admitting that he helped ship tons of cocaine from South America to the United States.</p> <p>The plea from Alfredo Beltran Leyva, who was captured in Mexico in 2008 and extradited two years ago, comes weeks after Guzman, the notorious drug kingpin, was captured by Mexica authorities following a prison escape.</p> <p>Though the plea resolves the case without a full-blown airing of evidence, prosecutors said in court documents that they would have been prepared to show that Beltran Leyva sold drugs to U.S. gangs in exchange for weapons, commanded squads of hit men that tortured and murdered rivals, and paid bribes to Mexican government officials. One witness could have testified that he saw Beltran Leyva return from a meeting in the mountains with Guzman, wearing a tactical vest containing grenades, court filing show.</p> <p>"For decades, Alfredo Beltran Leyva helped to lead one of the world's most notorious drug cartels, causing widespread violence and disrupting lives," Attorney General Loretta Lynch said in a statement.</p> <p>The arrest of Beltran Leyva was among the early take-downs of cartel bosses by Mexican authorities in their fight against the criminal syndicates that started in the early days of former President Felipe Calderon's term.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/24 New Zealand: school bomb threats
SOURCE	http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/77241421/bomb-threats-to-nz-schools-very-similar-to-global-robohoaxes-in-us-australia
GIST	<p>Bomb threats against schools in New Zealand may be the latest in a string of cyber-attacks on schools around the world.</p> <p>In most cases, schools receive coordinated calls with an automated, recorded message making a threat, often in a robot-like voice.</p> <p>So-called "robo-hoaxes" use technology similar to the automated systems used in call centres.</p> <p>In the United States, dozens of schools were evacuated in January and, in apparently co-ordinated calls, schools in Australia, England, Paris, Amsterdam and Tokyo were also affected.</p> <p>Malicious "robo-hoaxes" now appear to have spread to New Zealand, with police confirming investigators would be liaising with law enforcement agencies overseas.</p>

Police have not confirmed the calls to six schools were automated hoax calls, but the circumstances bear the hallmarks of a cyber attack. The anonymous calls appear to have originated overseas, police said, while staff at the affected schools described a voice as robotic, or robot-like.

New Zealand investigators will be working to establish whether the calls to six school were the latest in a string of global attacks.

One Twitter group that claimed responsibility for disruption to schools in Europe went by the name of "Evacuators 2KI6", offered a paid-for bomb hoax service and claimed six individuals who hated the United States operated anywhere.

That account was suspended.

In Australia, the calls started on January 29 and continued over the next few days.

Over the course of a week, dozens of schools in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and Canberra were evacuated, affecting thousands of students.

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HEADLINE	02/23 Shootings, fires Phoenix home: 4 dead
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/four-dead-after-shootings-fires-at-phoenix-arizona-home/
GIST	<p>PHOENIX - Authorities have confirmed that four people died after a shooting and two fires at a Phoenix home Tuesday morning, according to CBS affiliate KPHO.</p> <p>According to the station, firefighters and police officers from Phoenix and Glendale responded to reports that a family of four had been shot at the home around 4:45 a.m. PST.</p> <p>Capt. Reda Bigler with the Phoenix Fire Department confirmed three people died at the scene. A woman approximately 20 years old and a girl who is 10 to 12 years old suffered life-threatening injuries and were transported to hospitals.</p> <p>The woman died at the hospital and the girl is in critical condition at a trauma center, reports the station.</p> <p>Meanwhile, crews were working a first-alarm fire at the home as well. Firefighters could not make entry right away to give aid to the victims because there was still an active shooter inside the house.</p> <p>Shortly before 7 a.m., police said the suspected shooter "is down."</p> <p>"Officers were getting shot at from the second floor of the home while they were trying to extinguish the fire and extract people from the house," Crump said.</p>

	The station also reports the fire was under control around 7:30 a.m.
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HEADLINE	02/23 Leaders of polygamous sect arrested
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/leaders-of-utah-polygamous-sect-arrested-for-food-stamp-fraud/
GIST	<p>SALT LAKE CITY -- Several top leaders from Warren Jeffs' polygamous sect were arrested Tuesday on federal accusations of food stamp fraud and money laundering -- marking one of the biggest crackdowns on the group in years.</p> <p>The charges are the government's latest move targeting the sect based on the Utah-Arizona border, coinciding with legal battles in two states over child labor and discrimination against nonbelievers.</p> <p>Prosecutors accuse church leaders of orchestrating a yearslong fraud scheme instructing members how to use food-stamp benefits illegally for the benefit of the faith and avoid getting caught, according to an indictment from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Utah.</p> <p>One common tactic was buying groceries with the food stamps and giving the supplies to the church's communal storehouse for leaders to choose how to divvy up. Other times, members would give their cards to others who weren't supposed to use them, prosecutors said.</p> <p>They also would swipe the cards at church-run stores without walking away with foods or goods, leaving the money to the store owners. Some of those funds were then used to pay thousands for a tractor and a truck, the indictment shows.</p> <p>Eleven people were charged in the scheme, including Lyle Jeffs and Seth Jeffs, top-ranking leaders of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and brothers of imprisoned sect leader Warren Jeffs.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Arrests in D.C. commuter train shooting
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/police-washington-dc-commuter-train-passenger-shot-2-teens-arrested/
GIST	<p>Police say a man was shot on a commuter train in Washington, D.C., and two teenagers have been arrested.</p> <p>News media outlets report that a 24-year-old man was shot on a Green Line train Tuesday as it approached the Anacostia Metro station. Police say the victim was conscious and breathing when he was found on the platform about 12:45 p.m.</p>

	<p>Metro Transit Police said on Twitter that two other "persons of interest" were being sought in connection with the shooting, which they said was not an act of terrorism.</p> <p>Metro spokesman Dan Stessel said there were other people on the train, but it wasn't packed at the time of the shooting. He said video surveillance helped police quickly apprehend two suspects, ages 15 and 19. Police said the 15-year-old was the shooter.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Woman who cut out fetus convicted
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/02/23/us/unborn-baby-cut-from-womb-verdict-colorado/index.html
GIST	<p>A Colorado woman accused of cutting an unborn baby from its mother's womb was convicted Tuesday on all counts, including attempted murder.</p> <p>A jury in Boulder found former nurse's aide Dynel Lane, 35, guilty in the attack on Michelle Wilkins at Lane's home last year. Wilkins, who was seven months pregnant, survived the attack but her unborn baby - a girl -- did not.</p> <p>District Court Chief Judge Maria Berkenkotter will sentence Lane on April 29. Lane faces a minimum of 16 years in prison, but prosecutors plan to ask for more.</p>
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HEADLINE	02/23 Police: Uber driver switched cars
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2016/02/23/us/kalamazoo-michigan-shootings/index.html
GIST	<p>A strange phone call. An inquiry for a mysterious person. A heavy duty jacket. Piecing together these scant clues in search of a motive for this weekend's shooting spree in Kalamazoo, Michigan, has not yet produced an answer.</p> <p>Jason Brian Dalton is charged with six counts of murder. According to detectives, Dalton told them he "took people's lives."</p> <p>On Tuesday, police said Dalton did not have a history of mental health issues.</p> <p>Dalton was a driver for Uber, and picked up fares between the shootings, a source close to the investigation said.</p> <p>Matt Mellen was one of the passengers Dalton picked up before the bloodshed started.</p> <p>About 1 mile into the trip, Mellen told CNN's "AC360," Dalton received a phone call. Mellen heard Dalton tell the caller he had a rider at the moment, and that he would call back after dropping him off.</p>

Dalton hung up, and then started driving erratically, Mellen said.

Dalton ran red lights, squealed the tires and nearly side-swiped another vehicle, Mellen said. Mellen pleaded for Dalton to stop and let him get out of the car, but he initially refused to stop. Once Dalton slammed on the brakes, Mellen jumped out of the car and called police, he said.

"I was actually picked up in a different vehicle than the vehicle he was apprehended in," Mellen said. "I was picked up in a Chevy Equinox -- silver Equinox -- and he was apprehended in a darker colored HHR."

During the hourslong search for the gunman Saturday night, authorities said they were looking for a silver or dark blue car.

Kalamazoo Police Chief Jeff Hadley confirmed that Dalton switched cars. Dalton allegedly committed the first shooting in the Equinox, then went home and started driving the HHR, Hadley told CNN.

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Aaron,

Thank you for your interest in our Chevrolet Police vehicles. Below is what I sent out a few weeks ago in case you didn't receive.

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From: Rich H. Patterson

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All,

Attached is the 2016 Order Cutoff and 2017 Start of Ordering dates for Chevrolet Police vehicles. Please let your departments know about these important dates so they can order accordingly.

Please continue to order Tahoe PPV/SSV's. We have not announced an order cutoff date yet for that vehicle. I will provide an updated Order Cutoff version when available.

When you look at the attachment there are 2 tabs. One is Buildout Matrix for 2016 MY and the other is Start up Matrix for 2017 MY. I have highlighted in yellow the vehicles that represent our Chevrolet Police vehicles:

Caprice PPV

Tahoe PPV or SSV

Silverado LD Crew which includes our Silverado SSV

Suburban 1500 & 3500 HD (see attached spec sheet)

Express Van which includes our Express Prisoner Transport Van

Also for 2017 MY we will have an Impala Municipal sedan for police & fire.

A couple of notes:

The **Silverado SSV** is the only true police pickup on the market for the following reasons:

Auxiliary Battery	Standard
High Capacity Air Cleaner	Standard
Upfitter Connection - Speed, Battery, etc.	Standard

Spot lamp Driver or Driver & Passenger	Available
Grille & Siren Wiring	Available
Horn / Siren Circuit Wiring	Available
Upfitter Switches	Available
4G Connectivity	Available
Common Fleet Key	Available

In the Buildout Matrix tab under Fleet there are two columns, one is SEO and the other Non-SEO. SEO means Special Equipment Options. For example, back up alarm, special paint, rear seat delete, ship thru's, etc.

Also, attached is information on our **Suburban HD** for both Police & Fire. This vehicle has a 4405 lbs. payload. This is a great vehicle for Police & Fire Command Centers, SWAT, etc.

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The vendor for our siren amps called to let me know about production delays at Federal Signal. We will have nine units in two weeks, then twenty more in April and another twenty in late May. This is coming through my personal email because his emails to my ISP account keep bouncing.
John

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Subject: SO#430412 - WC PO#1134

Hi, Lissa. I just got word from procurement that there is an issue with the (49) Siren's on order (our item #1016). It looks like our vendor is running behind. They have assured us that they are going to do all that they can to speed these dates up. Please take a look at the following and let me know if you would like me to ship these complete or ship partial, as we receive them.

Total	Approximate delivery date to Harris	Approximate delivery date to White Cloud
(9)	2/17/2016	2/24/2016
(20)	3/31/2016	4/07/2016
(20)	5/19/2016	5/26/2016

I apologize for the inconvenience.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Martha E. Moore

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Attachments: Suburban 3500HD Armour Prep-SWAT Prep Package.pdf; Suburban 3500HD Fire Battalion Chief.pdf; Buildout 2016-2017 B-O S-U Comm - V1 US (002).xlsx

Info on Chevy order cutoffs, as well as the advantages of buying PPV trucks.

Thanks.

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Suburban 1500 & 3500 HD (see attached spec sheet)

Express Van which includes our Express Prisoner Transport Van

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High Capacity Air Cleaner	Standard
Upfitter Connection - Speed, Battery, etc.	Standard
Spot lamp Driver or Driver & Passenger	Available
Grille & Siren Wiring	Available
Horn / Siren Circuit Wiring	Available
Upfitter Switches	Available
4G Connectivity	Available
Common Fleet Key	Available

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Please let me know if you have any questions

Thank you,

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FALL 2015

Live the Dream at Spring Mountain Motor Resort

Motorsports enthusiasts' paradise in the desert

Welcome to autumn at [Spring Mountain Motor Resort & Country Club](#), a 332-acre driver paradise near Las Vegas with 6.1-miles of challenging road course and over 30 track configurations. Spring Mountain is home to the exclusive [Ron Fellows Performance Driving School](#) for Corvettes, with multi-level driving programs available. We also offer the [Cadillac V-Series Academy](#) with a fleet of Cadillac vehicles to test on the track. If Formula 1 racing is right up your alley, check out the our [Wolf Racing Cars](#) from Italy. For sports car racing fans, we announced the [Michelin Corvette Challenge](#) with 15 races in 2016.



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Spring Mountain is a destination resort offering extreme sports activities with the comforts of home, designed for fun on the land or in the water. If you prefer adrenaline highs on the track there are a variety of driving circuits available for all skill levels. Water sports enthusiasts will appreciate our **sparkling lake** with paddle-boarding, pedal-boating, canoeing, water-propelled jet packing, and now featuring our white-sand volleyball court! Visit us this season and discover the changes made to the facility, including the completion of the **Aquatic Center** for water activities at Lake Spring Mountain. Our beautiful lake is surrounded by white-sand beaches, a center

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Spring Mountain Estates, our residential development, is moving along with our final parcel map expected in January 2016. The commercial property in front of the facility will also be developed in 2016, with restaurants, hotels and retail stores opening for our students, visitors and Club members' convenience.

We are proud of our glowing reviews on Yelp and Trip Advisor.

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We'll see you at the Track!

Michelin Corvette Challenge to Debut at Spring Mountain

Stingray-based spec-racing series launches with 15-race season

This month Spring Mountain Motor Resort & Country Club announced a new spec-racing series based around the award-winning 7th generation Corvette, the Corvette Stingray. The Michelin Corvette Challenge race series kicks off its inaugural season February 20, 2016 at Spring Mountain.

Composed of identically prepared, track-ready Corvette Stingray models, the series will feature 15 races over 8 weekends, utilizing multiple configurations of Spring Mountain's 6.1-mile race track. With a unique season-long payment plan, competitors will simply arrive and drive for each event and take delivery of their Corvette Stingray following the season finale on December 10, 2016. The Ron Fellows Performance Driving School, based at Spring Mountain, will serve as the technical race partner for the series.

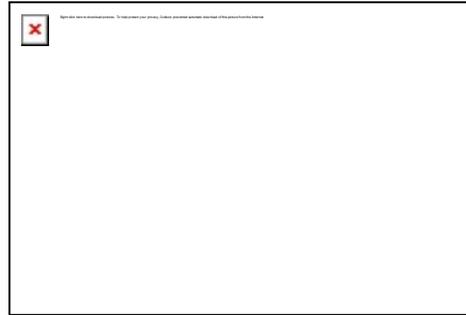
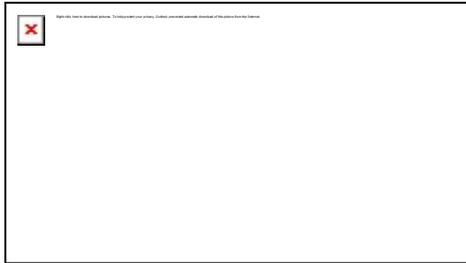


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"The Corvette Stingray is one of the most track-capable production cars available and our enhancements simply augment the production specs to help ensure durability for a dedicated racing life," said Ron Fellows. "With the cars mechanically on equal footing, driver skill will be the determining factor in the rankings, which should make it a very exciting series."

The Ron Fellows Performance Driving School collaborated with Chevrolet and Michelin to develop the series, as well as the package of performance and safety equipment required for each participating race car. Many of the performance components are derived from a new portfolio of Corvette Z06-based parts from Chevrolet. They're designed to enhance the handling, braking, cooling and downforce performance of the Stingray. Chevrolet displayed a Corvette Stingray Z51-based concept race car featuring the new Z06-based parts at the SEMA Show, in Las Vegas.

More information on the racing series is available at: <http://michelincorvettechallenge.com>.

Wolf Racing Cars

Bellisima! Stunning Italian beauties have arrived at Spring Mountain

We recently announced the execution of an exclusive distributor agreement for the US with [Wolf Racing Cars](#) and the **Wolf GB08**. Wolf Racing Cars is an Italian racing car manufacturer based in the Province of Brescia, Italy. The track debut of the GB08 took place in April 2010 at the Misano World Circuit during the opening round of the Italian Prototypes Championship. Ivan Bellarosa dominated the whole weekend securing the pole position and the first of a long string of victories.

Since its winner debut in 2010, the **Wolf GB08** proved to be the best CN 2 car, winning the Italian championship in 2010, and triumphing in the Speed Euroseries in 2011 and

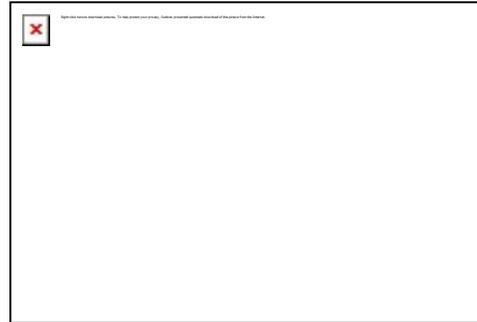


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Wolf Racing Cars Staff with CEO John Morris

2012. The Wolf GB08 had major aerodynamic upgrades in 2013, and the new car has won competitions all over Europe and in the USA. With a Honda K20-A 2.000cc, 255 hp engine, the GB08 features lightning-fast acceleration, nimble cornering and excellent braking.

Spring Mountain CEO John Morris recently visited the Wolf Racing Cars factory in Verona, Italy where he had the opportunity to tour their remarkable facility and to meet the proprietors.

For more information about the Wolf GB08 please contact **Sean McGray**, Spring Mountain Racing, via email or phone: sean@springmountainracing.com or 702-420-

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Grand Opening of the Aquatic Center

Jetpack America hosts a Fund Raiser for the Susan G. Komen Foundation

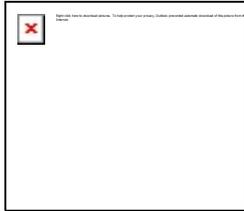


Water sports enthusiasts celebrated the grand opening of the Lake Spring Mountain Aquatic Center on Sunday, October 25th.

Photo by Ken Melgoza

Jetpack America offered jetpack/jetboard flights, paddle boarding, kayaks, food and drinks, all while helping to fight breast cancer. Jetpack America partnered with **Susan G. Komen of Southern Nevada** to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. All donations for flights were donated to this worthy cause.

News 3 from Las Vegas was on hand to provide live coverage of the event. Two Susan G. Komen representatives



Leah Pritchett

attended to watch the festivities, and everyone involved considered the Grand Opening a huge success.

A few weeks earlier we welcomed drag racing star and NHRA Top Fuel Driver **Leah Pritchett** to Lake Spring Mountain as she took a break from flying in the fast lane to flying in the sky with Jetpack America. Leah tried both the Jetpack and the Jetboard, and as she describes her experience, **"This place rocks!"**

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Happy Holidays from the staff at Spring Mountain

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SOURCE	http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/local/cougar-creek-fire-grows-acres-as-containment-shrinks/article_ef25456a-49c9-11e5-9a16-57433f9680bc.html
GIST	<p>The Cougar Creek Fire near Mount Adams grew 5,000 acres Saturday, reducing containment from 25 percent Saturday morning to 15 percent Sunday morning, fire officials reported.</p> <p>The fire, now burning on 30,421 acres, was very active on its north, northeast and west flanks Saturday, the official update said this morning. A spot fire north of Cunningham Creek merged into the main fire, keeping crews busy as they try to keep it west of the 255 road.</p> <p>On the west side, firefighters were working on improving containment lines built for the Cascade Creek Fire in 2012.</p> <p>Containment lines along the south and southeast flanks of the fire are holding up well, and mop-up operations will continue. Portions of those flanks will go into patrol status.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Chelan area fires burn 140,000 acres
SOURCE	http://www.khq.com/story/29805853/chelan-area-fires-nowover-140000-acres
GIST	<p>CHELAN, Wash. –</p> <p>UPDATE: 10:30 a.m. Sunday: Fire crews in Chelan fighting the Chelan Complex fire and other area fires say the fires burned a combined 140,703 acres as of Sunday morning.</p>

	<p>The Chelan Complex fire has burned an estimated 87,412 acres and is 35 percent contained. The Wolverine fire has burned 49,570 acres and is 30 percent contained. The First Creek fire has burned about 3,541 acres and is 2 percent contained and the Blankenship fire has burned 180 acres with zero percent containment.</p> <p>Fire crews continue to battle active fire behavior and warm and dry conditions over the weekend.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Ferry Co. fires grow to 59,000 acres
SOURCE	http://www.khq.com/story/29842923/kettle-complex-fire-now-59000-acres
GIST	<p>FERRY COUNTY, Wash. –</p> <p>UPDATE: 1:30 p.m. Sunday: Fire crews working on the three fires burning in Ferry County that make up the Kettle Complex fire, say that fire is a combined 59,321 acres as of Sunday afternoon.</p> <p>Support teams from the Washington National Guard are assisting fire managers to ensure safety of the public and firefighters on the Kettle Complex. There are firefighters from 24 states and one Canadian province fighting these fires.</p> <p>The Stickpin Fire is now 47,544 acres. The fire is 15 percent contained. Firelines constructed along the western edge of the perimeter are holding. Crews continue to strengthen the lines Sunday.</p> <p>The Roy Road Fire west of Republic is 120 acres and 45 percent contained.</p> <p>The Renner Lake Fire is approximately 7,006 acres and is zero percent contained. Firefighters continue to be shifted off of other areas to assist local fire district personnel. Highway 395 has reopened and drivers are urged to use caution and be aware of firefighters in the area.</p> <p>Evacuations haven't changed since Saturday and are being reevaluated Sunday.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Neselem fire grows to 140,000 acres
SOURCE	http://www.khq.com/story/29803831/north-star-fire-now-140000-acres-in-size-city-of-republic-on-level-ii-notice
GIST	<p>NESPELEM, Wash. –</p> <p>UPDATE: Sunday 1:40 p.m: Fire crews continue to battle the North Star Fire north of Neselem Sunday. The fire has grown to about 140,000 acres as of Sunday and remains 2 percent contained.</p>

	<p>Crews will continue protection of critical communications sites and reinforce firelines to enhance community protection during the day and night shifts. Structure assessment continues in the surrounding areas. Smoke is still impacting local communities. Smoke sensitive individuals should take precautionary measures and stay inside when possible.</p> <p>Fire behavior was moderate overnight Saturday, The National Guard arrived Saturday to help with firefighting efforts.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Carpenter Road fire continues to grow
SOURCE	http://www.khq.com/story/29843088/carpenter-road-fire-now-at-35000-acres-15-contained
GIST	<p>FRUITLAND, Wash –</p> <p>UPDATE: 2:20 p.m. Sunday: As the Carpenter Road fire continues to grow 20 miles west of Springdale, the Spokane Tribe has declared a State of Emergency for the reservation. The entire Spokane Reservation is under a level 2 evacuation notice. A level 3 evacuation notice is in effect for Drum Road and Cottonwood Road on the Spokane Reservation.</p> <p>The fire has grown to 35,198 acres Sunday afternoon with 15 percent containment.</p> <p>Containment was increased as more line was constructed and successful burn-out operations were conducted. Firefighters continue to patrol secure areas, mop-up recently constructed line, and continue to extend fire line on both the northern and southern edges of the fire. Containment lines have been started on the eastern edge of the fire. Firefighters also continue to patrol and mop-up around structures.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Kaniksu complex fires at 11,000 acres
SOURCE	http://www.khq.com/story/29789507/kaniksu-complex-tower-fire-at-11000-acres-5-contained
GIST	<p>CUSICK, Wash. –</p> <p>UPDATE: 4:50 p.m.: The total acreage of the Kaniksu complex has grown to 11,159 acres. The complex includes the Tower fire and several smaller fires in the area. The Tower fire is burning 10,238 acres and the complex is 5 percent contained Sunday afternoon.</p> <p>The fire grew approximately 800 acres on Saturday but remained within containment lines.</p> <p>The fire is staffed with 558 firefighters including 265 Army personnel from Joint Base Lewis McChord from Washington.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Okanogan fires grow to 244,453 acres
SOURCE	http://www.khq.com/story/29834926/okanogan-complex-fire-244453-acres-10-percent-contained
GIST	<p>OKANOGAN COUNTY, Wash. –</p> <p>Update: August 23, 11:45 a.m.: At a press conference Sunday, fire officials reported the Okanogan Complex has grown to a combined acreage of 244,453 acres. Incident Commander Todd Pechota said the entire complex is now 10 percent contained.</p> <p>Pechota says Saturday was a much better day, but there is still much work to be done.</p> <p>Air quality in the area is poor Sunday. Pechota calls the smoky air "a blessing and a curse," because the smoke reduces fire behavior, but aircraft can't be used to fight the blaze. He says National Guard helicopters were called in Sunday morning, but had to turn around because of poor visibility.</p> <p>Officials say about 1,000 firefighters are on the scene of the complex now. Additionally, 50 National Guard troops have been called in to fight this fire and additional fire crews are expected to arrive at the fire as early as Tuesday.</p> <p>Crews are making progress, but Pechota called the fire "unrelenting."</p>
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HEADLINE	08/24 NOAA: July hottest month on record
SOURCE	http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20150824-july-2015-the-hottest-month-on-record-since-measurements-began-in-1880
GIST	<p>Global warming continues unabated. The latest NOAA report notes that July 2015 was warmest month ever recorded for the globe – that is, the warmest month since 1880, when temperature measurements were taken in a systematic fashion for the first time.</p> <p>The July globally averaged land surface temperature was 1.73°F (0.96°C) above the twentieth century average. The year-to-date temperature combined across global land and ocean surfaces was 1.53°F (0.85°C) above the twentieth century average. This was the highest for January–July in the 1880–2015 record, surpassing the previous record set in 2010 by 0.16°F (0.09°C).</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 REAL ID enforcement federal bldgs.
SOURCE	http://qsnmagazine.com/node/45080?c=access_control_identification
GIST	Washington, DC, Aug. 20 - Beginning October 10, security screeners in roughly 200,000 federal buildings may deny access to visitors who present a driver's license or identification card from a state

non-compliant with REAL ID rules. Alternatively, a passport or ID specially approved by the federal government can be used as proof of identity. Yesterday, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released guidance for federal agencies for this phase of REAL ID enforcement.

The document is "REAL ID Act of 2005 Implementation: An Interagency Security Committee Guide," and contains a list of approved federal and state issued IDs (<http://www.dhs.gov/publication/isc-real-id-guide#>).

The 2005 REAL ID Act prohibits federal agencies from accepting driver's licenses and IDs that do not meet standards set by DHS. One purpose of the REAL ID Act was to better safeguard federal facilities from terrorist attacks. The guide clarifies how identity card clearances are to be uniformly applied to protect federal employees and private citizens who work within and visit these buildings.

According the Government Services Administration, there are 275,195 buildings that are owned and leased by the federal government as of 2014. To date, enforcement of the REAL ID Act has been limited to only 217 of these buildings. This next phase of enforcement will include "semi-restricted" federal facilities with Federal Security Levels 3, 4, or 5. Federal buildings where no ID checks currently occur, such as museums, benefits offices and government hospitals will not be among those covered by the increased enforcement.

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HEADLINE	08/23 Fallen firefighters remembered
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Fallen-firefighters-remembered-during-tribute-to-first-responders-322639911.html
GIST	<p>FIFE, Wash. -- Dozens of people gathered in Fife Sunday for an emotional tribute to all first responders.</p> <p>The 3 firefighters who died and the 4 others who were hurt battling a major wildfire near Twisp were on many people's minds during the event, which was sponsored by the Puyallup Tribal Police Department, Pacific Knight Emblem & Insignia, and the Restored Emergency Vehicle Association.</p> <p>Police cars and fire engines were on display, including one from 1964. It was a chance to get an up-close look at how emergency equipment has evolved.</p> <p>"You've got retired law enforcement out here showing their grandkids, 'Hey, Grandpa drove this car back in 1970,'" said Patrick Dooley, Chairman of the Restored Emergency Vehicle Association.</p> <p>The event, which was held at the Emerald Queen Hotel and Casino, came several days after the deaths of firefighters Tom Zbyszewski, Richard Wheeler, and Andrew Zajac near Twisp.</p>

	Daniel Lyon was one of four firefighters who were hurt battling the fire. He suffered burns to over 60 percent of his body.
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HEADLINE	08/23 Less smoke could mean more fires
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/news/science/article/Less-smoke-could-mean-more-fire-in-Washington-6460689.php
GIST	<p>OKANOGAN, Wash. (AP) — The massive cloud of smoke began to lift over Washington wildfires on Sunday. But as air quality improves, the fire's behavior could become more erratic and intense, fire officials said.</p> <p>"It's like a flue opening in a fireplace," said Suzanne Flory, spokeswoman for the U.S. Forest Service and the Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team. "Smoke serves as a cap on the fire."</p> <p>The Okanogan Complex of wildfires was measured at 374 square miles as of Sunday morning. Once the smoke lifts, humidity drops, heat rises and fires can flare up.</p> <p>Flory said they would not know until Sunday night or early Monday how much the fire had grown on Sunday, but as of late afternoon, fire activity had been relatively quiet. Visibility and air quality improved Sunday.</p> <p>The complex of fires was estimated to be about 10 percent contained as of Sunday morning, fire spokesman Dan Omdal said.</p> <p>Containment does not mean the fire has stopped burning. It means it has run out of fuel to burn in that area, either because it has hit a man-made fire line, a drop from airplanes of fire retardant, a road or a lake.</p> <p>Some of the land within the fire lines is still burning, but other sections have burned out.</p> <p>"We call it a wildfire, but much of the fire has been tamed," Omdal said. "We are making progress," The good news for Sunday is that less smoke means restrictions on air travel will be lifted and more fire tankers can drop water and chemical retardant, Flory said.</p> <p>Air quality, which has been dangerously bad, will also improve when the smoke cloud lifts, but firefighters won't be able to take a breather. "We tell firefighters, if you see blue sky, heads up," Flory said.</p> <p>Meanwhile, local officials have downgraded some evacuation notices, allowing some people to return to their homes. Thousands remain under evacuation notices.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Beirut protests violent second night
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SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/World/GlobalTalk/ML-Lebanon/2015/08/23/id/671496/
GIST	<p>BEIRUT — Lebanese riot police battled in the streets of downtown Beirut for a second night Sunday after demonstrators rallied over government corruption and an ongoing trash crisis, violence that wounded at least 44 people and 30 police officers, authorities said.</p> <p>The violence came hours after Prime Minister Tammam Salam hinted he might step down following violent protests Saturday that injured more than 100 people. The demonstrations, the largest in years to shake tiny Lebanon, seek to upend what protesters see as a corrupt and dysfunctional political system that has no functional Cabinet or parliament, nor a president for more than a year.</p> <p>Protest organizers said they pulled their supporters out of the area after men they described as political thugs began fighting with police, trying to tear down a barbed wire fence separating the crowds from the Lebanese government building.</p> <p>Sporadic gunfire could be heard in the capital's commercial district into the night as police fired in the air to disperse those who remained after officers used tear gas and water cannons against the crowds.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/24 New Calif. wildfire forces evacuations
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/california-summit-wildfire-threatens-homes-fire-fighters-killed-washington/
GIST	<p>A new wildfire in the West is forcing the evacuation of hundreds of people, reports CBS News correspondent Carter Evans.</p> <p>The Summit Fire is burning about 100 miles east of Los Angeles in the Big Bear Resort and is only 30 percent contained.</p> <p>That fast-moving fire in Southern California led to a quick mobilization of forces. While air tankers dropped fire retardant from the air, officials urged everyone in the area to evacuate.</p> <p>As many as 500 homes are in the fire's path.</p> <p>It is one of more than 65 major wildfires in seven western states.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/24 Global stocks fall sharply
SOURCE	http://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/2015/08/24/global-stocks-fall-sharply-amid-china-fears/?intcmp=hpbt1
GIST	A selloff in global stocks gathered pace Monday, hot on the heels of the steepest one-week decline in years for many major markets.

European stocks and U.S. stock futures fell sharply as a rout in Chinese shares gathered pace, wiping out gains for the year. Oil prices continued to drop, while Treasuries surged as investors sought the relative safety of government bonds.

Fears that China's economy is slowing dramatically have sparked the heavy selling around the globe in recent days. Beijing's unexpected move to devalue its currency two weeks ago raised the alarm that the world's second-largest economy may be in worse shape than many investors had thought. Since then, weak economic data have fueled worries that a drop-off in Chinese growth could cause a global slowdown.

The Shanghai Composite sank 8.5%, entering negative territory for 2015, having risen as much as 60% to its June peak. Japan's Nikkei benchmark tumbled 4.6%.

Investors were further rattled Monday by the lack of fresh steps to stem the selloff over the weekend from Chinese authorities. The Wall Street Journal reported that the central bank is preparing to flood the banking system with liquidity to increase lending.

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HEADLINE	08/23 Seattle homebuyers eye parking spots
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2015/08/23/seattle-homebuyers-weighing-value--parking-spots/32233929/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>SEATTLE - When Brooks Hall started looking for a condo in Seattle's Belltown and Queen Anne neighborhoods, she figured out quickly that "no parking spot" was a deal-breaker.</p> <p>"I have a free parking space at work and I kind of tested out how it would work if I just used that parking space," Hall said. "It didn't work. It was not convenient. It was not fun walking 2 miles after work."</p> <p>Hall, who purchased a condo about a month ago after moving from California kept her Ford. She bought a place that included a parking spot.</p> <p>"I love living here and just being able to get in my car and take a drive to the Cascades knowing I have a parking space to come back to," she said. "To me it's worth it."</p> <p>Demand for housing isn't the only thing homebuyers have been paying attention to in Seattle. For people like Hall, parking has become a premium as well.</p> <p>"It's purely a function of convenience so people pay for that," said Edward Krigsman, an agent with Windermere Real Estate, who's been selling in-city homes in Seattle for nearly two decades now.</p> <p>"In Seattle ... there were 6 or 7 sells of deeded parking spaces in the last 12 months and they've sold anywhere from \$20,000 to \$50,000 depending on the location."</p>

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HEADLINE	08/23 Week-long ferry delays start today
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/2015/08/23/week-long-ferry-delays-start-monday/32243087/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>Ferry riders can expect long delays this week.</p> <p>The state is downsizing the Fauntleroy-Vashon-Southworth route and the Mukilteo-Clinton route.</p> <p>They need to shift ferries while the Tokitae and Elwha ferries are out of service for maintenance.</p> <p>The shift starts Monday and will last at least a week.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/24 Thousands participate 'go topless day'
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/women-men-doff-their-shirts-around-world-go-topless-day-n414581
GIST	<p>Thousands of people paraded shirt-free around the world Sunday to push for laws that would allow women to go topless in public.</p> <p>"It's absurd that someone has judged topless women as obscene, and yet topless men is considered normal in our culture," said Carolyn Estes, a participant in Sunday's parade in Austin, Texas.</p> <p>"We just abhor the double standard," Estes told NBC station KXAN of Austin. "We are practicing our rights. We think everyone should try it — it's a lot of fun."</p> <p>The parades in at least 60 cities around the world took place amid a debate over New York Mayor Bill de Blasio's efforts to remove topless and "painted" women from Times Square, whom he calls nuisances even though toplessness is legal in New York.</p> <p>Sunday's events were coed affairs, with hundreds of men joining in in many cities, including New York, Paris, Montreal and Seoul, South Korea. Women were encouraged to wear pasties in cities where female toplessness remains illegal.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/24 Frustration mounts as Koreas talk
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/rival-koreas-restart-talks-pull-back-brink-now-33258126
GIST	<p>South Korea's president on Monday vowed a hard line and signaled Seoul's mounting frustration as marathon negotiations by senior officials from the rival Koreas stretched into a third day.</p>

Park Geun-hye said that without a clear North Korean apology for a land mine attack that maimed two soldiers, anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts will continue. Her strong words provide a good hint at why the talks, which started Saturday evening and whose second session began Sunday afternoon and was still going Monday afternoon, have dragged on.

For now, the try at diplomacy has pushed aside previous heated warnings of imminent war, but South Korea's military said North Korea has continued to prepare for a fight, moving unusual numbers of troops and submarines to the border.

North Korea has denied involvement in the land mine explosions earlier this month and rejected Seoul's report that Pyongyang launched an artillery barrage last week — so winning an apology will be difficult work. Pyongyang demands that Seoul stop the propaganda broadcasts started in retaliation for the land mine attack.

These are the highest-level talks between the two Koreas in a year. And just the fact that senior officials from countries that have spent recent days vowing to destroy each other are sitting together at a table in Panmunjom, the border enclave where the 1953 armistice ending fighting in the Korean War was agreed to, is something of a victory.

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HEADLINE	08/24 Second cancers on rise in US
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/cancers-rise-us-cases-repeat-33272087
GIST	<p>Second cancers are on the rise. Nearly 1 in 5 new cases in the U.S. now involves someone who has had the disease before.</p> <p>When doctors talk about second cancers, they mean a different tissue type or a different site, not a recurrence or spread of the original tumor.</p> <p>About 19 percent of cancers in the United States now are second-or-more cases, a recent study found. In the 1970s, it was only 9 percent. Over that period, the number of first cancers rose 70 percent while the number of second cancers rose 300 percent.</p> <p>Strange as it may sound, this is partly a success story: More people are surviving cancer and living long enough to get it again, because the risk of cancer rises with age.</p> <p>Second cancers also can arise from the same gene mutations or risk factors, such as smoking, that spurred the first one. And some of the very treatments that help people survive their first cancer, such as radiation, can raise the risk of a new cancer forming later in life, although treatments have greatly improved in recent years to minimize this problem.</p>

	Psychologically, a second cancer often is more traumatizing than the first.
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HEADLINE	08/23 Blaze breaks out near Tokyo airport
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/blaze-breaks-steel-plant-near-tokyos-haneda-airport-031915087.html; ylt=AwrC1C6MkdpVKzwAcnbQtDMD; ylu=X3oDMTByOHZyb21tBGNvbG8DYmYxBHBvcwMxBHZ0aWQDBHNIYwNzcg-
GIST	<p>Tokyo (AFP) - A huge blaze broke out Monday at a steel pipe plant near Tokyo's Haneda airport, a fire department official said, as television images showed plumes of thick black smoke and flames shooting up into the air.</p> <p>The blaze came just hours after a blast ripped through a warehouse at a US military post near Tokyo, sending sparks into the sky and triggering a blaze that burned through the night, although there were no reports of injuries.</p> <p>Local police declined to speculate on whether there was any link between the two incidents.</p> <p>"We do not know any details at this point," a police spokesman told AFP on the question of any connection.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/24 EU-bound migrants cross into Serbia
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/wave-eu-bound-migrants-cross-serbia-macedonia-33274584
GIST	<p>In a new human wave surging through the Balkans, thousands of exhausted migrants from the Middle East, Asia and Africa crossed on foot Monday from Macedonia into Serbia on their way to the European Union.</p> <p>The rush over the border came after Macedonia lifted the blockade of its border with Greece, after thousands of migrants stormed past Macedonian police who tried to stop their entry by force.</p> <p>Some 7,000 migrants, including many women with babies and small children mostly from Syria, crossed into Serbia over the weekend by Monday morning. Some were pushed in wheelchairs and wheel barrows or walked on crutches. Hundreds more entered Macedonia from Greece on Monday.</p> <p>The new migrant tide that has hit the Western Balkans has worried EU politicians and left the impoverished Balkan countries struggling to cope with the humanitarian crisis.</p> <p>After entering Serbia, the migrants, fleeing wars and poverty, head toward EU-member Hungary from where they want to continue further north to richer EU countries, such as Germany and Sweden.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Explosion at US Army base in Japan
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-34035819
GIST	<p>Firefighters in Japan have put out a blaze triggered by an explosion at a US Army base in the city of Sagamihara.</p> <p>There were no reports of injuries. The fire, which broke out after midnight, was extinguished several hours later.</p> <p>It took place at the Sagami Depot, a US Army post in Sagamihara, which is 40km (25 miles) south-west of Tokyo.</p> <p>The US Army said the warehouse stored compressed gases including nitrogen, oxygen and freon. Authorities are still investigating the cause of the blast.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Recall: Apple iPhone 6 Plus
SOURCE	http://money.cnn.com/2015/08/23/technology/apple-iphone-6-plus-camera-recall/index.html
GIST	<p>The company's website says the issue applies mostly to phones sold between September 2014, when they were released for sale, and January 2015. Apple said these phones may have a defective component in the camera and will take fuzzy pictures.</p> <p>The issue is with the iSight camera on the back of the iPhone 6 Plus -- and not the "selfie" camera -- according to the company.</p> <p>Apple said it will replace the cameras for free. Affected customers can go to an authorized service provider, any Apple store, or contact technical support to set up a swap. The company noted wireless carriers are not able to fix the issue.</p> <p>Owners can check if their phone is included in the recall by entering a serial number on this website. Serial numbers can be found under "Settings > General > About" on an iPhone. It's also on the device's original box and can be looked up on iTunes.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Firefighters deal w/lack of resources
SOURCE	http://www.khq.com/story/29858582/firefighters-still-dealing-with-lack-of-resources
GIST	CUSICK, Wash. - The Tower Fire is burning at 8,685 acres and is 2 percent contained. It's burning east of the Pend Oreille River.

While things are a little calmer Saturday, firefighters are still facing many challenges. The main one being the lack of resources.

Because of the many fires burning in our region, Pete Buist, public information officer, says they're just in line like everyone else hoping for more resources.

The Tower Fire will be getting more help though. An army battalion came in from St. Louis Saturday and will be trained up and put on the fire lines in three days. They're also getting another aircraft and some more supplies. Even so, they don't have everything they would have for a fire of this complexity.

Buist says the firefighters they do have on the lines are talented, and have been effective with the bare minimum of resources.

"If resources get freed up, things will get better," Buist says. "If the weather moderates some things will get better. None of those things are things we can foretell. And so we hope that people will listen to what the firefighters and fire managers are putting out for public information."

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HEADLINE	08/23 Too many wait for competency hearings
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Monitor-Too-many-in-jails-awaiting-competency-services-322622461.html
GIST	<p>SEATTLE (AP) - Efforts by Washington state health officials to shorten the amount of time mentally ill people wait in jails for competency services are failing to keep up with a growing demand and urgent measures are needed to deal with the backlogs, according to a court-ordered monitor.</p> <p>U.S. District Judge Marsha Pechman issued a permanent injunction in April, ordering the Washington Department of Social and Health Services to cut the wait times to seven days, saying that holding mentally ill people in jails for months while awaiting competency services is unconstitutional.</p> <p>She set a January deadline and appointed Danna Mauch, an expert in public mental health systems, to monitor the state's progress.</p> <p>In her first quarterly report, Mauch said the state should be commended for taking steps to address the waitlists, but the measures have not provided relief for those waiting for services.</p> <p>"The critical conditions in the jails suggest that interim urgent measures to clear backlogs are in order," Mauch said in her report filed with the court Tuesday.</p> <p>She also questioned if the state's long term plan will meet the judge's deadline.</p>

	Messages sent to state health officials seeking a response to Mauch's findings were not immediately returned.
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HEADLINE	08/22 Extreme weather, food price hikes
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/nation/2015/08/21/extreme-weather-cause-extreme-food-shortages-task-force-finds/32104685/
GIST	<p>Food shortages and price hikes caused by extreme weather will be three times more likely over the coming decades, according to a new report.</p> <p>The U.K.-U.S. Taskforce on Extreme Weather and Global Food System Resilience found that unless better planning, modeling and trade arrangements are put in place, massive disruptions to our food supply — the kind that usually only occur once a century — will happen every 30 years.</p> <p>Extreme weather in areas that produce our most important crops is largely the cause. A massive drought is already underway in California — the world's richest food-producing region — causing a loss of 30% of its cropland at a value of nearly \$2 billion.</p> <p>The U.S. isn't alone in feeling the impact of extreme weather. Venezuela is undergoing beer shortages because of a heat wave. Violence has even struck food lines there.</p> <p>The U.S. and European Union will likely be sheltered from widespread impacts because of strong economies and the ability to outbid other countries for food supplies, the report found. Still, it says global cooperation needs to happen to prevent large food shocks. That means policy and trade agreements that take into account sharing water resources and banning restrictions on certain staple crops.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Violent crime vigil on Capitol Hill
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2015/08/23/capitol-hill-crime/32220345/
GIST	<p>After he was beat up a little more than a week ago, Daniel Goodman knew it was time to stand up to violent crime. Goodman organized a vigil on Seattle's Capitol Hill Saturday to remember Ramon Mitchell man who was murdered on the hill last weekend, but also to raise awareness for an increase in serious crimes against persons in Seattle's East Precinct.</p> <p>Seattle Police say there's been a 13% increase compared to this same time last year. Serious crimes against persons include homicide, rape, robbery, domestic violence, and other forms of assault.</p> <p>Goodman handed out fliers prior to the event and spoke about why he helped coordinate Saturday's event.</p>

	<p>"Getting beat up and becoming a victim made me want to help the community so other people don't have to become victims," Goodman said. "I hope we can change this so other people don't have to be the victim of violent crime."</p> <p>According to the Seattle Police and their new numbers published on their website this week, aggravated assault (excluding DV) is up 26%, robbery 8%, and rape is up 20% in the east precinct compared to a year ago. Overall serious crimes against persons is up 13%.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 TSA requires 'clean' gun ranges
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/tsa-now-requires-proof-gun-ranges-are-clean-for-air-marshals/
GIST	<p>The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is now requiring commercial gun ranges seeking contracts to help train federal air marshals and other officers to first prove the facilities are not tainted with lead.</p> <p>The changes come after a Seattle Times investigation in April revealed indoor-gun ranges in Washington and elsewhere had exposed hundreds of air marshals and federal Bureau of Prisons employees to dangerous levels of the poisonous metal.</p> <p>Two Seattle-area gun ranges each had outstanding violations for inadequate ventilation and lead-contaminated surfaces while benefiting from federal contracts. The two ranges also had repeatedly violated lead-safety regulations and ended up sickening their own workers.</p> <p>Firing lead-based ammunition emits lead vapor and dust, causing shooters to be overexposed to the toxic metal if a range doesn't have proper ventilation or adequate cleanup.</p> <p>The TSA inserted new lead-safety language in two recently issued proposals seeking bids for firing-range services in Houston and suburban Detroit.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Military exercises in South China Sea
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2015/08/22/us-adds-muscle-seeks-friends-south-china-sea-standoff/31921703/
GIST	<p>ABOARD USS FORT WORTH IN THE JAVA SEA – Cmdr. Chris Brown looked at the line of warships behind him and didn't like what he saw.</p> <p>An Indonesian ship, KRI John Lie, had crept too close in an attempt to spot an "enemy" submarine lurking nearby. But when Brown relayed directions for the John Lie to ease back, the ship cut speed too quickly and forced others in line to veer off in all directions.</p>

“Well, that’s why we practice these things,” Brown said, assessing the ragged formation.

The drill was part of a recent four-day exercise in which American and Indonesian forces stormed beaches, boarded ships, hunted submarines and practiced the wide range of skills they’d need if called upon to fight together in wartime.

While no one mentioned China by name, the increasing number and complexity of joint exercises with friendly countries in the region forms a key part of the U.S. response to China’s growing military strength and assertiveness.

“(The) exercises help to build skills among Southeast Asian navies, and importantly build relationships between the U.S. and Southeast Asian countries. They help participating Southeast Asian navies exercise and prepare for real-world scenarios,” said Bonnie Glaser, senior adviser for Asia at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

So far this year, the U.S. has conducted joint exercises with naval forces in Singapore, Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia. All those countries have territory that borders the disputed South China Sea. Other joint exercises are planned later this year.

China has asserted ownership of nearly all of the South China Sea and is building at least seven artificial islands in the key waterway. Parts of the region are also claimed by five other countries, including three of this year’s training partners.

“These exercises allow the U.S. to show its flag and maintain access to the South China Sea, building capacity for regional partners. It sends a political signal to China, but more importantly, to the region as a whole,” said Tetsuo Kotani, senior fellow and maritime security specialist at the Japan Institute of International Affairs in Tokyo.

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HEADLINE	08/23 Growing wildfires across Western states
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/08/23/deadly-wildfires-charge-across-western-states/?intcmp=hpbt1
GIST	<p>Wildfires raging in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and California have officials in the drought-plagued Western states struggling to contain the flames that have forced thousands from their homes and led to the deaths of three firefighters.</p> <p>In northern Washington, officials are hoping a break in the weather will allow firefighters to gain control of a series of wildfires in the northern part of the state that have left three firefighters dead and injured several others.</p>

The crews fighting the massive Okanogan Complex wildfires are under such tremendous pressure that fire officials are training volunteers with heavy equipment to help extinguish the giant fires that currently cover 355 square miles. It is the first time in state history that residents are being asked to help operate backhoes and bulldozers to dig fire lines, KING-TV reported.

Thousands of area residents remain under evacuation orders, while some were escorted back to their homes Saturday, according to officials cited the station.

In California, more than 12,000 firefighters are battling 17 wildfires across the state.

A fire that has burned for nearly three weeks on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada grew to 73 ½ square miles near Kings Canyon National Park and was bearing down on popular Hume Lake.

Firefighters focused on defending Hume Lake Christian Camps on Saturday. More than 2,500 campers, hikers, employees and residents have been evacuated this week.

A wildfire on the eastern outskirts of the San Francisco Bay Area scorched nearly 4 square miles of dry brush near Livermore. Evacuations have been ordered in the rural area as the fire moves toward Tracy. It was two-thirds contained.

In San Luis Obispo County, about 800 people returned to their homes after firefighters stopped the growth of a wildfire that had charred more than 5 square miles.

In Oregon, Gov. Kate Brown is activating an additional 250 Oregon National Guard members to help fight destructive wildfires raging across the state.

Brown's decision on Saturday comes days after she activated an initial 125 guard members, who began training in Salem on Saturday and were scheduled to be dispatched on Wednesday to the front lines.

Meanwhile, evacuations have been ordered in northern Idaho as a group of wildfires that has already destroyed 42 homes threatened more residences Friday. Nearly 800 firefighters were trying to beat back the flames that have already scorched 63 square miles of mostly timber.

Idaho had 17 large fires.

In Montana, residents and firefighters alike are welcoming much improved weather conditions that have calmed wildfires burning in the western part of the state.

However, firefighters cautioned that conditions were expected to become more favorable for active fire early this week.

HEADLINE	08/23 Analysis: Pell Grants costly
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/feature/freshman-year/billions-taxpayer-dollars-go-students-who-dont-graduate-analysis-finds-n412431
GIST	<p>Billions of taxpayer dollars go to college students who never end up with a diploma in their hands, a new report found.</p> <p>Pell grants — which are given to low-income families and, unlike student loans, do not need to be paid back — are the costliest education initiative in the nation. But little official data exists on whether they are a good investment, according to the education watchdog Hechinger Report.</p> <p>Education Department Undersecretary Ted Mitchell last month lauded Pell grants as "one of the key levers that we have" to increase college completion rates. But an analysis published Monday by Hechinger revealed that Pell recipient graduation rates are often considerably lower than the overall graduation rate — even six years after a student starts college.</p> <p>To make matters worse, the government keeps no official tally of what proportion of those who receive the grants end up getting degrees — despite the fact that money spent on Pell grants has quadrupled since 2000.</p> <p>"There's two scandals here. We have spent over the last decade one quarter of a trillion dollars on Pell grants, and if you ask the federal government what percentage of those kids graduate from college, they can't tell you," said Richard Vedder, director of the non-profit Center for College Affordability and Productivity. "The second scandal is as far as we can estimate, that graduation rate is embarrassingly low."</p> <p>Vedder has done research on Pell recipient graduation rates, which concluded that only about 40 percent Pell recipients graduate, significantly lower than the national average of about 60 percent.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Swiss airshow collision; 1 dead
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/swiss-airshow-plane-collision-leaves-pilot-dead-n414466
GIST	<p>Two planes crashed during an airshow in Switzerland Sunday morning, leaving a pilot dead, according to police.</p> <p>The two small planes were flying in a formation of three German aircraft at the Dittingen airshow near Basel in north Switzerland when they collided at about 11:15 a.m. (5:15 a.m. ET), according to a statement from Basel-Landschaft police.</p> <p>The 50-year-old pilot of one of the two Comco Ikarus C42 aircraft crashed his plane into a barn and was killed, the statement said.</p>

	<p>The other pilot involved in the collision was able to eject out of his plane safely, while the pilot of the third plane in the demonstration was able to land safely, according to police.</p> <p>All three planes were with the German GrassHoppers aerobatics team.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Nepal opens Everest to climbers
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/nepal-opens-everest-climbers-1st-time-avalanche-33259665
GIST	<p>Nepal has opened Mount Everest to climbers for the first time since an earthquake-triggered avalanche in April killed 19 mountaineers and ended the popular spring climbing season.</p> <p>Japanese climber Nobukazu Kuriki will be the first to attempt to scale the world's highest peak since the quake. Nepal's tourism minister, Kripasur Sherpa, gave Kuriki his climbing permit at a ceremony in Kathmandu on Sunday.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Raging wildfires grow by 100sq. miles
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/raging-washington-wildfires-grow-100-square-miles-33251131
GIST	<p>Reduced winds on Saturday helped firefighters gain the upper hand against a series of giant wildfires in north-central Washington that earlier left three firefighters dead.</p> <p>The Okanogan Complex of wildfires was measured at 355 square miles on Saturday, about 100 miles larger than Friday, fire spokesman Rick Isaacson said.</p> <p>But the flames were moving away from population centers in Okanogan County, which by land area is the largest in Washington state. Thousands of people in the county remained under evacuation orders of various levels after strong winds drove flames across parched ground earlier this week.</p> <p>Sheriff Frank Rogers said it was too early to say how many homes had burned in the county of 5,300 square miles. The official tally of three homes and 33 other structures lost was very preliminary, he said.</p> <p>"That'll take weeks," Rogers said. "I know we are going to have quite a few."</p> <p>These fires are burning only one or a handful of homes at a time, not entire neighborhoods, Rogers said. "It's not 45 or 50 in one spot," he said.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 UK reopens embassy in Iran
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SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/23/world/iran-uk-embassy-reopening/index.html
GIST	<p>Nearly four years after protesters stormed the UK Embassy in Iran, triggering a drastic breakdown in relations, Britain is restoring its diplomatic presence in Tehran.</p> <p>UK Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said he was "delighted" to be in the Iranian capital for the reopening of the embassy, in what is the first British ministerial visit to Iran in more than a decade.</p> <p>Iran also reopened its embassy in London on Sunday in a coordinated move that reflects improved ties between the two nations.</p> <p>The move comes a few weeks after Iran struck a deal on its nuclear program with six world powers, although plans for the reopening were announced by Britain last summer.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Italy: 4,400 migrants rescued
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/23/europe/migrant-crisis/index.html
GIST	<p>Some 4,400 migrants were rescued off the coast of Libya in the space of 24 hours, the Italian coast guard said, in a massive international rescue operation involving several ships.</p> <p>The migrants were pulled from 22 vessels, including rubber dinghies, off the North African country's coast on Saturday.</p> <p>Several Italian coast guard and navy ships were among those involved in the Mediterranean rescue operation, the Italian coast guard said, as well as vessels from the EU border agency, Frontex.</p> <p>Humanitarian group Medecins Sans Frontieres, also known as Doctors Without Borders, said its own vessel, the Argos, had rescued 95 people from a very unstable rubber dinghy and taken on board another 206 rescued by the Italian navy. The ship is now carrying the migrants to Italy, it said.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/24 France bestows 4 w/Legion of Honor
SOURCE	http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/aug/24/legion-dhonneur-for-men-who-prevented-carnage-on-french-train
GIST	<p>Three young American tourists and a Briton who tackled a heavily armed gunman on a high-speed train from Paris to Amsterdam have been awarded France's highest honour by François Hollande, who praised them as an example of the need for action when faced with terrorism.</p> <p>The French president said the men showed that "faced with terror, we have the power to resist" and that they "gave us a lesson in courage, in will, and therefore in hope". He added that their actions had averted a</p>

tragedy and massacre by a determined gunman carrying large amounts of ammunition and 300 bullet rounds.

Two off-duty American soldiers, Spencer Stone and Alek Skarlatos, as well as their childhood friend, student Anthony Sadler, were travelling in the first-class carriage on Friday night when Ayoub El-Khazzani, a 25-year-old Moroccan national, reportedly burst out of the toilet carrying an AK47 and ran into their carriage, firing. Stone and his friends tackled and subdued him.

Chris Norman, 62, a British IT consultant living in France, helped restrain the man and tie his hands using his necktie.

The train was carrying around 500 passengers.

Awarding them the Légion d'honneur, Hollande said: "The whole world admires your sangfroid. With your bare hands, unarmed, you were able to overcome a heavily armed individual, resolved to do anything."

Hollande praised the soldiers, saying: "In France you behaved as soldiers but also as responsible men. You put your life in danger to defend the idea of freedom."

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HEADLINE	08/23 Sequestration looms over D.C. region
SOURCE	http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/digger/wp/2015/08/23/cloud-of-sequestration-looms-over-d-c-region/
GIST	<p>Five weeks before another round of deep Defense Department cuts is set to go into effect absent action from Congress, budget analysts and elected leaders throughout the region are renewing concerns about the Washington area's reliance on Pentagon spending and the need to advance private sector growth in its place.</p> <p>No state is more reliant on defense spending than Virginia, where it affects nearly 13 percent of the commonwealth's economic output, tops nationwide, and provides the basis for 11 percent of jobs, third in the nation.</p> <p>D.C. and Maryland also rank in the top 10 in Defense Department spending among states, with 6.9 percent and 5.8 percent of their output relying on defense respectively, according to a department report released last year.</p> <p>In some ways Virginia is still reeling from automatic spending cuts known as sequestration that took place in 2013. The state's gross domestic product had zero growth in 2014, according to a recent Department of Commerce report, third worst among states.</p>

	<p>Though the unemployment rate remains below the national average, office parks in Northern Virginia have emptied while defense contractors consolidated or closed locations, and developers of some new buildings have had trouble finding companies willing to sign deals.</p> <p>According to the Defense Department research, things are likely to worsen over the next four years. From 2010 to 2012, Virginia experienced \$9.8 billion in defense cuts, with the vast majority of losses in Northern Virginia. Direct defense spending in the state is projected to drop from \$64 billion this year to under \$62 billion in 2019.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Judge orders detained families release
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/08/22/california-judge-orders-immigrant-families-released-from-detention/?intcmp=hplnws
GIST	<p>A federal judge in California on Friday ordered the government to release immigrant children from family detention centers “without unnecessary delay,” and with their mothers when possible, according to court papers.</p> <p>California U.S. District Judge Dolly Gee refused the government’s request to reconsider her ruling in late July that children held in family detention centers after cross the US-Mexico border illegally must be released quickly.</p> <p>Gee called the government’s latest arguments “repackaged and reheated.’ She found Homeland Security in beach of a longstanding legal agreement stipulating that immigrant children cannot be held in unlicensed facilities, and gave agency officials until October 23 to comply.</p> <p>Homeland Security lawyers asked the judge to reconsider her ruling, arguing that the agency was already doing its best to move families through detention quickly and that the facilities had been converted into short-term processing centers.</p> <p>This is the second time Gee has ruled that detaining children violates parts of a 1997 settlement from an earlier case. The settlement requires minors to be placed with a relative or in appropriate non-secure custody within five days. If there is a large influx of minors, times may be longer, but children still must be released as expeditiously as possible, under the terms of the law.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 China: 2nd chem. plant explosion
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/08/22/explosion-rips-through-chemical-plant-in-eastern-china-no-casualties-reported/?intcmp=hplnws

GIST	<p>BEIJING – China's Xinhua Agency says an explosion has ripped through a chemical plant in eastern China.</p> <p>Xinhua says no casualties were immediately reported following the blast Saturday night in Shandong province on Saturday night.</p> <p>The news agency says the explosion triggered a fire and that a dozen fire engines are battling the fire.</p> <p>The blast follows the Aug. 12 chemical warehouse explosion in the northern Chinese port of Tianjin. At least 121 people were killed in that disaster, while another 54 remain unaccounted for.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/21 Australia sends wildfire experts to US
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/western-wildfires/western-wildfires-experts-australia-will-help-u-s-firefighters-n413582
GIST	<p>More than 70 firefighting experts from Australia and New Zealand will travel to the United States to help tackle deadly wildfires across the West as local officials warned they could not keep up with the spread of the flames.</p> <p>The international contingent will travel to Boise, Idaho, on Sunday for a briefing and then be sent to areas including California, Oregon and Washington.</p> <p>A mandatory evacuation order was issued Thursday night for the town of Tonasket in north-central Washington, about 60 miles northeast from where three firefighters were killed. Conditions deteriorated in the area Thursday with high winds and high temperatures.</p> <p>Nearly 29,000 firefighters — 3,000 of them in Washington — are battling some 100 large blazes across the drought and heat-stricken West, many so large they are visible from space.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/21 President declares emergency in Wash.
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/western-wildfires/western-wildfires-president-obama-declares-emergency-washington-n414111
GIST	<p>President Barack Obama on Friday signed an emergency declaration for Washington state as firefighters there struggled to tame at least a dozen wildfires, which had already consumed hundred of thousands of acres.</p> <p>The declaration, which mobilizes FEMA and provides federal resources "is welcome news for the communities on the front lines battling the wildfires," said Gov. Jay Inslee in a statement. "The large</p>

	<p>number of wildfires in the Western United States has created a large scale fuel supply shortage for firefighting activities in Eastern Washington."</p> <p>At least 16 massive fires have swept through 400,000 acres of Washington, according to the governor's office. More than 100 homes have been destroyed, and 5,000 remained under threat in eastern Washington alone.</p> <p>In central Washington, three Washington firefighters were killed battling the Okanogan Complex Wednesday.</p> <p>More than 800 firefighters continued the efforts Friday as the fire, near the towns of Twisp and Winthrop, continued to swell, reaching 124,083 acres, according to state officials. Firefighters feared the fire would continue to spread rapidly and erratically as winds were expected to gust up to 30 mph.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Volunteers to help fight wildfires
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/wildfires/2015/08/22/3000-plus-volunteer-to-help-fight-wash-wildfires/32203277/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>OMAK, Wash. - More than 3,000 people called and emailed in response to the state's request for volunteer help with wildfires.</p> <p>Dozens of volunteers showed up to a training session in Omak on Saturday as they prepare to help firefighters on the front lines.</p> <p>"I don't like standing around," said 22-year-old Zac Yamery, who has been itching to do something since the logging company he works for suspended operations as the Okanogan Complex fires exploded in size.</p> <p>"I just want to get this stuff over with, get back to normal life," he said.</p> <p>The Department of Natural Resources put out the help-wanted ad this week, when it became clear that state crews were overwhelmed with work.</p> <p>Yamery could be out there with firefighters as soon as next week, helping run heavy equipment, driving trucks, and supporting firefighters who are exhausted and stretched thin.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Ore. activates more Nat'l Guard for fires
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/western-wildfires/oregon-mobilizes-more-guard-members-fires-ravage-west-n414341

GIST	<p>Oregon's governor on Saturday activated 250 National Guard members to help fight wildfires that have ravaged parts of the West.</p> <p>"With up to a couple months of fire season still ahead of us, and many large fires currently underway, we will need to be ready to put more boots on the ground," Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said Saturday.</p> <p>"Oregon National Guard citizen soldiers will be ready for activation to provide the reinforcements necessary to get the job done," she said. The governor activated another 125 National Guard troops earlier in the week.</p> <p>There were at least 14 large wildfires and several smaller ones burning across Oregon, according to the U.S. Forest Service. One of the largest, the Canyon Creek Complex fire, has destroyed 36 homes near the community of John Day, in the western part of the state.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/21 New US embassies come w/hefty price
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/new-u-s-embassies-come-at-a-hefty-price/
GIST	<p>As Congress studies ways to save money, U.S. Embassies around the world are getting a closer look. The embassy in Afghanistan is expected to cost American taxpayers nearly \$900 million. And then, there's the plan to build a new embassy in Mexico.</p> <p>Everyone agrees that 55-year-old U.S. Embassy in downtown Mexico City is cramped, outdated and needs to be replaced. But finding new property in the world's fifth most populated city can be difficult.</p> <p>In 2011, the State Department settled on a 15 acre plot that came with strings attached. It was the site of a Colgate Palmolive factory. And needed a full environmental cleanup before building could begin.</p> <p>Four years later, construction is still in limbo.</p> <p>The State Department's Head of Embassy Construction, Lydia Muniz, visited the site in May. She told CBS News the cost increases aren't due to delays, but to an increase in the size of the planned embassy from approximately 890 desks to 1,335 desks.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Military jet crash in UK airshow; 7 dead
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/military-jet-uk-airshow-crash-road/
GIST	<p>A military jet taking part in a British airshow crashed into a busy main road, killing seven people and injuring more than a dozen others, police said Saturday.</p>

	<p>The Hawker Hunter fighter jet, which was participating in the Shoreham Airshow near Brighton in southern England, hit several vehicles on a nearby road as it crashed Saturday afternoon. Witnesses told local TV that the jet appeared to have crashed when it failed to pull out of a loop maneuver.</p> <p>West Sussex Police said seven died at the scene and one patient with life-threatening injuries was taken to the hospital. A further 14 people were treated for minor injuries.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Iran: Islamic unity against US, Israel
SOURCE	http://www.timesofisrael.com/khamenei-urges-islamic-unity-against-real-enemies-us-and-israel/
GIST	<p>Iran's supreme leader claimed Saturday that Islamic nations were being manipulated into internal strife by the world's "bullies" and urged Islamic unity in the face of what he identified as the Umma's two greatest enemies: the US and Israel.</p> <p>Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the US had long sought to incite "third-party" states against Iran but "such third parties are only deceived puppets," the Islamic republic's Fars news agency reported.</p> <p>"The root cause of the problems returns to their real enemies, the US and Israel," he said.</p> <p>The bullying powers, as he called them, are conspiring "against the Quran and not Shiism and Iran, because they know that the Quran and Islam are the center of awakening nations."</p> <p>Iranians, he said, "have realized that their real stubborn enemy is the world arrogance and Zionism and that's why they chant slogans against the US and Zionism."</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Refugee chaos at Macedonia border
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/refugee-crowds-build-macedonia-border-night-spent-open-073620518.html
GIST	<p>GEVGELIJA, Macedonia (Reuters) - Thousands of migrants stormed across Macedonia's border on Saturday, overwhelming security forces who threw stun grenades and lashed out with batons before apparently abandoning a bid to stem their flow through the Balkans to western Europe.</p> <p>Some had spent days in the open with little or no food or water after Macedonia on Thursday declared a state of emergency and sealed its borders to migrants, many of them refugees from war in Syria and other conflicts in the Middle East.</p> <p>But by nightfall on Saturday, thousands had crossed the frontier, milling around the border town of Gevgelija where busses had converged from all over the country and trains left in quick succession to take them north to the next leg of their journey through Serbia.</p>

HEADLINE	08/21 Saudi Arabia allows women to vote
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/21/world/saudi-arabia-women-voting/index.html
GIST	<p>For the first time in the history of Saudi Arabia, women can begin registering to vote this week.</p> <p>According to local media, women will be able to vote and run in elections held in December of this year, marking a step forward for proponents of women's rights in a country that has received heavy criticism for its treatment of women.</p> <p>"This is something new to women," an unidentified woman told al Ekhbariya, Saudi state television. "I am pretty sure women will have different opinions and thoughts. I am very happy."</p> <p>Official voter registration begins August 22, and candidate registration begins on August 30, according to a Saudi government website. Both days will mark firsts for women in Saudi Arabia gearing up to participate in elections in December. Women will only participate in elections at the municipal level.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Leak: Israel planned Iran strike
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/22/middleeast/israel-plan-iran-military-target-strike/index.html
GIST	<p>Israeli leaders planned to attack military targets in Iran in recent years, but they were held back due to the opinions of other government and military leaders, according to an audio recording leaked to an Israeli television broadcaster.</p> <p>One planned strike was canned after scheduling conflicts with a joint military exercise with the United States got in the way, according to the audio.</p> <p>The recording with former Defense Minister Ehud Barak was leaked to Israel's Channel 2. It detailed three strikes Barak had allegedly planned with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively.</p> <p>CNN has translated the audio, which is in Hebrew. Barak, who also previously served as prime minister, acknowledged to CNN on Saturday that the recording is authentic, but declined to comment further.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Police chief: IRA exists but changed
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/08/22/us-nireland-ira-idUSKCN0QR00J20150822

GIST	<p>Some organizational structure of the Irish Republican Army still exists a decade after its public disbandment but there is no evidence it was involved in two recent murders, the head of Northern Ireland's police force said on Saturday.</p> <p>The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) held a series of meetings with the province's political parties after Northern Ireland Justice Minister David Ford said on Friday that police were examining whether members of the group were involved in the recent murder of ex-IRA member Kevin McGuigan.</p> <p>The revelation has threatened the stability of Northern Ireland's power-sharing government which is predicated on the dissolution of the IRA, the one-time armed wing of Sinn Fein who govern with former foes, the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP).</p> <p>However PSNI chief constable George Hamilton said the purpose of the IRA had radically changed since a 1998 peace accord that largely ended three decades of violence between Catholics who favored unification with the Republic of Ireland and Protestants wanting to stay British.</p> <p>"Our assessment indicates that a primary focus of the provisional IRA is now promoting a peaceful, political agenda. It is our assessment that the Provisional IRA is committed to following a political path and is no longer engaged in terrorism," Hamilton told a news conference.</p> <p>"We have no information to suggest that violence was sanctioned or directed at a senior level in the republican movement," he added, referring to the two recent murders of former IRA members.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 WSU trying to stop hacking attempt
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Washington-State-University-trying-to-stop-hacking-attempt-322628061.html
GIST	<p>PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) - Washington State University administrators say they are trying to stop a sophisticated hacking attempt they discovered more than a month ago.</p> <p>The Spokesman-Review reports that administrators notified students and staff Thursday that they noticed suspicious activity in the school's email and directory systems July 8.</p> <p>The university says it began an investigation with help from federal investigators and a private security firm. According to the school, there is no evidence that hackers have accessed Social Security numbers or banking information.</p>

	<p>But it's possible that they could have stolen student and staff user names and passwords for university web services. Washington State University urged people to change their passwords.</p> <p>Interim President Daniel Bernardo says the school waited to notify students and staff to avoid tipping off the hackers.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/24 Porn sites next after Ashley Madison?
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/08/24/us-ashleymadison-cybersecurity-idUSKCN0QT0DF20150824
GIST	<p>Larry Flynt, a defender of free speech and sexual freedom if there ever was one, has this advice for anyone worried by the hack of infidelity site Ashley Madison: Muzzle yourself.</p> <p>"Don't do or say anything you wouldn't want to read about on the front page of the New York Times," said the founder of Hustler magazine and owner of businesses that sell sexually explicit videos online.</p> <p>It might be too late for many people who, lured by a supposed cloak of digital anonymity, have shared their innermost wishes, fetishes and fantasies on hook-up and porn sites. And those companies know that their digital troves of secrets are exactly what make them a target for emboldened hackers.</p> <p>In exposing the Ashley Madison accounts of as many as 37 million users, hackers released a cache of potentially embarrassing and damaging data. The dump contained email addresses for U.S. government officials, UK civil servants, and workers at European and North American corporations, taking already deep-seated fears about Internet security and data protection to a new level.</p> <p>"This represents a scary precedent" because of the scope and depth of intrusion into people's private lives, said Ajay Sood, Canada general manager at cyber security company FireEye/Mandiant. "Ashley Madison wasn't the first, but it's the one."</p> <p>The data dump made good on the hackers' threat last month to leak customers' nude photos, sexual fantasies, names and credit card information from the Canadian website with the slogan, "Life is short. Have an affair."</p> <p>The hackers, who have not been identified, appear to bear a grudge against the company and want to undermine it by exposing users to public scrutiny.</p> <p>The prospect of attacks by non-financially driven hackers pursuing publicity, blackmail or moral judgments sends shivers through the online dating and sex industry.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 DHS creates timeline of OPM hack
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SOURCE	http://www.executivegov.com/2015/08/fcw-opm-breach-timeline-details-hackers-data-extraction-federal-response-to-attack/
GIST	<p>The Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Homeland Security have created a timeline of cyber attack that exposed data on approximately 22 million former and current federal employees, FCW reported Friday.</p> <p>Sean Lyngaas writes the official OPM breach chronology obtained by FCW indicates that hackers performed “one sustained assault rather than two separate intrusions” to access government personnel and background investigation records.</p> <p>Federal investigators determined that hackers initially accessed the local area network of the agency May 7, 2014, and that the actual data exfiltration from the agency’s background checking system occurred from July 3 through the month of August, the publication reports.</p> <p>The timeline showed OPM officials did not discover the malicious activity until April 15, 2015, and immediately reported the incident to DHS’ U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team, the report said.</p> <p>Lyngaas said US-CERT then uncovered a threat to the personnel database April 17 through the <i>Einstein</i> intrusion detection system.</p> <p>After that, OPM implemented predictive malware prevention and host-based security tools and by April 30, the agency confirmed that malware left its network, according to FCW.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/24 Cyberattacks target tourist hot spots
SOURCE	http://securitywatch.co.nz/story/cyber-attacks-target-tourist-hot-spots/
GIST	<p>Cyber crime is concentrated in areas of high traffic, according to a new study from security defence firm Skycure, who says the world’s top tourist destinations are particularly vulnerable to attack.</p> <p>The research found that SSL decryption was the most common type of attack at hot tourist destinations, while Android devices have a 2x higher monthly likelihood of a network exposure compared to iOS devices.</p> <p>“The most frequent threat that we identified at the Top 15 Danger Destinations was a WiFi-based attack called SSL decryption, which allows cyber criminals to capture personal and work information, such as mobile banking logins/passwords and corporate credentials, the company explains.</p> <p>The study found Times Square in New York was the leading dangerous spot for cyber attacks, followed by the Notre Dame Cathedral and Disneyland in France. Other notable tourist spots that were vulnerable were the Las Vegas Strip, the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Golden Gate Park, all in the United States.</p>

	<p>Safe hot spots included the Taj Mahal in India, Universal Studios in Japan, the Great Wall of China, and the Sydney Opera House.</p> <p>The study found iOS devices connect to more Wi-Fi networks, but Android devices connect more to malicious ones.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Iran warns Israel on cyberattacks
SOURCE	https://www.algemeiner.com/2015/08/23/iran-warns-israel-of-crushing-response-to-any-cyber-attack-attempt/
GIST	<p>A senior Iranian official threatened a “crushing response” to any Israeli attempt to tamper technologically with its infrastructure, Iran’s semi-official state news agency Fars reported on Sunday.</p> <p>“If the Zionist regime dares to launch a cyber attack on Iran, we will surely respond to it,” Mahmoud Vaezi, Iranian Communications and Information Technology Minister, said.</p> <p>He claimed that Iran didn’t need to launch cyber attacks against other countries, but warned, “If our country comes under such an attack, Iran will adopt a totally different policy.”</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Google reveals Jupiter network
SOURCE	http://techfrag.com/2015/08/22/google-reveals-secrets-behind-its-servers-and-massive-jupiter-network/
GIST	<p>Google recently released a 15-page document at SIGCOMM 2015, in which it explained the networking technologies used in its servers, tracing the evolution over the years.</p> <p>To date, Google has the largest network of data centers around the world, connected by the infrastructure that the company called Jupiter. According to Google Fellow Amin Vadat, Jupiter can deliver a bisection bandwidth of 1 petabit per second (1 million gigabits).</p> <p>That means each of its 100,000 servers in a data center can communicate to each other at a speed of 10Gb/s. It is the rate one hundred times faster than the first-generation network granted by the technologies used in 2005. Google considers Jupiter as one of the main advantages it has over rivals like Microsoft and Amazon.</p> <p>One of the major reasons Google is speaking about its network now is that the company is opening up its infrastructure and offering cloud services to other companies.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Data hack exposes thousands in UK
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SOURCE	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3207396/Thousands-exposed-massive-new-data-hack-s-not-just-adulterers-outed-web-PC-hard-drive-risk-Google-hackers.html
GIST	<p>Thousands of Britons have been made vulnerable to cyber crime after the secret contents of their computers were exposed on the internet by a vast website dubbed the ‘Google for hackers’.</p> <p>Family photographs, medical records and bank statements can all be easily downloaded from the site because of glaring security flaws in hard drives used to back up and store personal and business data, a Mail on Sunday investigation has found.</p> <p>Highly confidential files belonging to a High Street law firm were also freely available on the website, called Shodan, including full details of their clients’ financial affairs, passports and driving licences.</p> <p>Last night, security experts said millions more British companies and internet users are also at risk of being hacked because the US-based Shodan website provides crucial information about their web-connected devices.</p> <p>Even private servers run by the world’s biggest and most expensive science lab, CERN, can be viewed and potentially tampered with.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/21 China’s massive cybercrime crackdown
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2015/08/21/china-follows-crackdown-on-tianjin-reports-with-15000-cybercrime-arrests/
GIST	<p>China’s government announced earlier this week that it had arrested 15,000 people for an assortment of cybercrimes, the result of a project announced in July titled “Cleaning the Internet.” The announcement of these arrests follows a major crackdown on social media sharing stories of the devastation following a massive chemical explosion in the harbor city of Tianjin.</p> <p>Reuters reported on the statement, released by Chinese police, claiming that around 15,000 people were identified as suspects who “jeopardized Internet security” and thus were taken off the streets. The police did not identify what type of cybercrime they were arresting these people for—in addition to identity theft and hacking, pornography, some political speech, and other anti-communist expressive material is illegal in China—but only that those arrested were involved in 7,400 individual cases of crime. To find these crimes, the government noted it had “investigated” 66,000 websites.</p> <p>The arrests are part of “Operation Clean Internet,” a move by the administration of President Xi Jinping to take full control of China’s Internet structure. The program is aimed at curbing hacking and identity theft, but also activism against the communist government. The announcement of these arrests follows a series of website shutdowns related to the chemical explosion that has left dozens dead in Tianjin, a port city. State media outlet Xinhua reported this week that 50 websites had been “punished” for spreading rumors</p>

	about the Tianjin blast, namely that dangerous chemical gases were still surrounding the affected areas beyond where the government had evacuated individuals.
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HEADLINE	08/22 IRS data breach more widespread
SOURCE	http://www.tjcnewspaper.com/irs-cyber-attacks-on-taxpayers-much-worse-than-thought-19758/
GIST	<p>A computer breach at the IRS in which thieves stole tax information from thousands of taxpayers is much bigger than the agency originally disclosed. This included information like Social Security Numbers, dates of birth, and street address, all of which were used as authenticators for logging into the system.</p> <p>Based on Koskinen’s congressional testimony, the suit adds, the security breach was not related to the financial resources available to the agency, but rather a deliberate decision to not implement the security measures recommended by GAO and TIGTA and, reportedly, by its own employees.</p> <p>An additional 220,000 potential victims had information stolen from an IRS website as part of a sophisticated scheme to use stolen identities to claim fraudulent tax refunds, the IRS said Monday.</p> <p>The IRS said in late May the tax return information of about 114,000 U.S. taxpayers had been illegally accessed by cyber criminals over the preceding four months, with another 111,000 unsuccessful attempts made. It identified another 170,000 suspected failed attempts by third parties to gain access to taxpayer data.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/20 ISIS: American bomber in attacks
SOURCE	http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/daily-news-analysis/single-article/isis-names-american-bomber-in-four-suicide-attacks-in-iraq/6fee1133c374b3d8545c9e7981e65df1.html
GIST	<p>An American named Abu Abdallah Al Amriki was among four ISIS suicide bombers who targeted the Iraqi Army barricades near the city of Baiji north of Baghdad, the media office of the Islamic State (ISIS) in Iraq’s Salah Al Din province announced Wednesday, including a photo of Al Amriki.</p> <p>The operation was part of a raid named after Sheikh Abu Khattab Al Shihawi.</p> <p>US officials were aware that Al Amriki, who they identified as Moner Mohammad Abusalha, had been fighting with ISIS since earlier this year. He appeared in an ISIS video, “Turning Point,” which the jihadi organization released on July 16 featuring jihadists from around the world who’d traveled to Syria to engage in jihad.</p>

	<p>The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), which monitors jihadi social media, said, “The statement, released on the ISIS-affiliated forum Shumoukh Al Islam, noted that Al Amriki had detonated his explosive-packed four-wheel-drive vehicle against the barricade set up by the ‘rejectionist’ army near the Hyundai area, southwest of the city.”</p> <p>According to the statement, another attacker, Abu Muawiyya Al Iraqi, had targeted the same barricade with a booby-trapped Hummer.</p> <p>The other two bombers, Abu Ali Al Tajiki and Abu Muhammad Al Tajiki used motorcycles to target the Iraqi army in the Al Sakak area west of Baiji, MEMRI said the statement declared.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/24 Yemen: Houthi rockets kill 14 civilians
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/08/24/us-yemen-security-idUSKCN0QT0X620150824
GIST	<p>Rockets fired by Houthi militiamen killed 14 civilians, most of them children, as fighting intensified for control of Yemen's third largest city, Taiz, residents said on Monday.</p> <p>The Saudi-led coalition opposing the Houthis also launched air raids on military bases and Houthi positions in the southwestern city during the fighting, residents said, but no casualties were reported.</p> <p>Fighters loyal to Yemen's exiled government have been contesting control of Taiz -- known as Yemen's cultural capital -- with the Houthis since April. Hundreds of combatants and civilians have been killed.</p> <p>"The situation is awful and the fighting is happening on many fronts. All the hospitals have closed except for one, so there's a shortage of medical care. Two rockets fell on the Deluxe neighborhood, killing 14 people, among them women and children," Taiz resident Abdul Aziz Mohammed said.</p> <p>"Taiz is being devastated."</p>
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HEADLINE	08/24 Europe terror threats to soft targets
SOURCE	http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/24/world/europe/europe-ponders-terror-threat-to-soft-targets.html? r=0
GIST	<p>PARIS — Two days after a young Moroccan man was thwarted from an apparent plan to cause carnage on a Paris-bound express train, European officials confronted the deepening quandary of what additional steps they could take in the face of such attacks on soft targets, short of paralyzing public spaces or even more intrusive surveillance.</p>

Enhanced security and surveillance measures had already filtered out the young man, Ayoub El Khazzani, 26. But he was one of thousands of Europeans who had come on the radar of authorities as potential threats after traveling to Syria.

The sheer number of militant suspects combined with a widening field of potential targets have presented European officials with what they concede is a nearly insurmountable surveillance task. The scale of the challenge, security experts fear, may leave the Continent entering a new climate of uncertainty, with added risk attached to seemingly mundane endeavors, like taking a train.

In fact, the authorities in at least two countries already knew quite a lot about Mr. Khazzani before he surged into notoriety on Friday afternoon: He was on a French list as a security threat, and Spanish officials told news media there that he had traveled to Syria — not in itself an offense, unless he went there for jihad. Had he been living in France, a tough new surveillance law, approved at the end of July by France’s constitutional council, would have likely turned up even more on him.

Yet with all that the authorities already knew about him, he managed to board unhindered the heavily traveled Amsterdam-to-Paris high-speed train with a sack of weaponry, probably in Belgium, and was ready to inflict serious damage, with dozens of rounds of ammunition, an AK-47, an automatic pistol and a box cutter. If not for the fortuitous presence of three Americans, and the help of a British and a French passenger in the train car, many could have died.

“We are now faced with unpredictable terrorism,” said Jean-Charles Brisard, a French security consultant and terrorism expert. “Terrorists henceforth will be choosing soft targets, those where there is little security,” he said. “And that’s why he chose a train — because there is little security.”

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HEADLINE	08/23 France train attacker terror links?
SOURCE	http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/world/article31980162.html
GIST	<p>BERLIN - The suspect in Friday’s thwarted attack of a high-speed train bound for Paris flew to Istanbul from Berlin on May 10, following a path that has been used hundreds of times by Islamist militants seeking to join the Islamic State.</p> <p>French authorities said German intelligence alerted them to the trip by Ayoub El-Khazzani, the 25-year-old suspect in the train incident, which was prevented from becoming a tragedy by the actions of three Americans who subdued El-Khazzani before he could unjam the automatic rifle and pistol he was carrying.</p> <p>Little is known about the trip, which authorities said lasted 16 days. But the fact that police in three countries were tracking El-Khazzani prior to Friday’s train attack makes the Turkey excursion even more suspicious.</p>

A Moroccan national, El-Khazzani had lived in Spain, France and Belgium, according to reports.

But European newspapers and police statements are full of accounts noting that Friday was not the first time El-Khazzani had popped up in regards to possible ties to terrorism.

Spanish anti-terror police believe that between May 2014 and May 2015 he traveled to Syria and they passed a file on him to French anti-terror police in 2014 when he left Spain for France. French police said in a statement that El-Khazzani was included on their “S” list of about 5,000 people believed to have terror connections. That list included Said and Cherif Kouachi, the two men believed to have killed 11 at the offices of the Parisian satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo in January.

The Frankfurter Allgemeine newspaper reported Sunday, citing German and Spanish intelligence officials, that El-Khazzani had returned to Belgium May 26 after his flight to Istanbul.

The newspaper quoted Spanish officials saying he had lived in Madrid, and that he is believed at some point in the last 16 months to have traveled to Syria, where, the newspaper said, “he possibly participated in the activities of the Islamic State.”

The Spanish newspaper El Mundo reported that he had moved from Madrid and until 2014 had lived in Algeciras, Spain, and that his mother attends what is considered the most radical mosque in that city.

Algeciras has been in the news for radical Islam before. There was a thwarted attack on a shopping center, and small weapons cache was found in an abandoned farm house. That weapons cache included an AK-47 officials say matched the type used on the train Friday.

If he were homeless, it wouldn’t remove him from the possibility of terror ties. In Germany, social workers have become worried in recent months that the Islamic State has been targeting the homeless for recruiting, especially for suicide attacks.

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HEADLINE	08/24 ISIS blows up ancient temple
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/24/middleeast/syria-isis-palmyra-ruins-temple/index.html
GIST	<p>The already burgeoning list of appalling acts by ISIS appears to have grown even longer: the Islamic extremist group has reportedly blown up a nearly 2,000-year-old temple in the historic ruins of Palmyra in Syria.</p> <p>Maamoun Abdulkarim, Syria's director-general of antiquities and museums, told the Syrian state news agency SANA that local sources in Palmyra informed him that ISIS members rigged the Temple of Baalshamin with large quantities of explosives and detonated them.</p>

	<p>There was uncertainty -- not unusual amid the chaos of the Syrian conflict -- over when exactly the damage was done to the temple, which dates from the first century AD.</p> <p>The SANA report Sunday didn't specify when the explosion took place. The UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the conflict, reported on the same day that its sources said ISIS blew up the temple about a month ago.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 ISIS bombings, attacks in Anbar
SOURCE	https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/iraqi-officials-say-23-soldiers-sunni-fighters-killed/2015/08/23/ba2deea4-49a4-11e5-9f53-d1e3ddfd0cda_story.html
GIST	<p>BAGHDAD — At least 23 Iraqi soldiers and government-allied militiamen were killed Sunday in an attack by Islamic State militants in the turbulent Anbar province west of Baghdad, Iraqi military and police officials said.</p> <p>The officials said Sunday's attack, which killed 17 soldiers and six Sunni militia fighters, took place in the rural district of Jaramshah, north of Anbar's provincial capital, Ramadi.</p> <p>The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.</p> <p>They said the IS fighters used suicide bombings and mortar shells and that chief of army operations in Anbar, Maj-Gen. Qassim al-Dulaimi, was lightly wounded.</p> <p>News of Sunday's attack came two days after up to 50 soldiers were killed by the IS in two ambushes elsewhere in Anbar province, much of which is under IS control.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Yemen: coalition bombs rebel sites
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/yemen-officials-coalition-bombs-rebels-bab-el-mandeb-33262516
GIST	<p>Yemeni security officials close to pro-government forces fighting Yemeni rebels say a Saudi-led coalition is bombing rebel positions near the Bab el-Mandeb strait to weaken them in preparation for a ground offensive there.</p> <p>Security officials close to the rebels, known as Houthis, say Sunday that 13 of their fighters were killed in the airstrikes. The airstrikes took place in areas Houthis control around the strategic Red Sea strait, including the port town of Mocha, which is connected by road to Taiz, Yemen's third-largest city.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 UAE: British hostage freed in Yemen
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/uae-army-frees-british-hostage-held-yemen-33258378
GIST	<p>The United Arab Emirates said Sunday that its military freed a British hostage who was kidnapped 18 months ago by al-Qaida in Yemen, which has expanded its reach amid fighting between Shiite rebels and their opponents.</p> <p>A statement carried by the UAE's official WAM news agency identified the British hostage as Robert Douglas Semple, after initially referring to him as Douglas Robert Semple. It said Semple, 64, had been working as a petroleum engineer in the Yemeni province of Hadramawt when he was kidnapped in February 2014. The statement did not say where Semple had been held in Yemen or provide any details on the rescue.</p> <p>Yemeni security officials contacted by The Associated Press said they were not aware of any Yemeni forces assisting in the operation and did not have details about how Semple was released, suggesting his handover may have been negotiated among local tribesmen before the involvement of Emirati forces.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Rail security in spotlight
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/france-train-attack-puts-rail-security-spotlight-150139658.html; ylt=AwrXnCDS6tIVx3AAZGfQtDMD; ylu=X3oDMTByc3RzMXFjBGNvbG8DZ3ExBHBvcwM0BHZ0aWQDBHNIYwNzcg-
GIST	<p>Paris (AFP) - Since 9/11, airports around the world have implemented tougher security checks for travellers, but the foiled attack on a packed high-speed train in Europe raises questions whether railway stations should also follow suit.</p> <p>The suspected gunman, named as 25-year-old Moroccan national Ayob El Khazzani, boarded the Amsterdam-Paris express in Brussels on Friday with a Kalashnikov assault rifle, a Luger automatic pistol, nine cartridge clips and a box-cutter, investigators say.</p> <p>Courageous intervention by a trio of young Americans who overwhelmed the attacker prevented a possible massacre.</p> <p>In the wake of the episode, Belgium said it would increase baggage checks and patrols on high-speed trains. And France said its state-run rail firm, the SNCF, would introduce an emergency hotline to report "abnormal situations".</p> <p>Experts say these are valuable tools in the fight against terrorism. But at the same time, these fast-track measures also highlight an underlying problem: applying airport-style security to railway stations is almost impossible.</p> <p>"The idea of extending the airport system to railway stations today isn't something that I can call realistic," SNCF head Guillaume Pepy, said.</p>

	<p>"There's a choice -- you either have comprehensive security or low (transport) efficiency."</p> <p>"Airplanes leave from a specific place -- you can build a security apparatus around it," said Raffaello Pantucci, of the Royal United Services Institute in London.</p> <p>"It's just not possible to do that with trains. You would have to do that at every station."</p> <p>Retrofitting the railway network -- nationally and internationally -- so that it meets airport-style criteria would be astronomically costly, said Marc Ivaldi at the IDEI research institute in Toulouse, southwestern France.</p> <p>"The task is strictly impossible in the immediate future," he said.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Jihadi John vows to return to Britain
SOURCE	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3207366/Jihadi-John-Britain-carry-cutting-heads-chilling-new-video-man-said-hooded-butcher-beheaded-two-British-hostages-vows-come-home-murder-unbelievers.html
GIST	<p>Swaggering in the desert and glowering menacingly at the camera, this is believed to be notorious Islamic State murderer Jihadi John – filmed unmasked in Syria for the first time.</p> <p>In a one-minute 17-second video, the knife-wielding fanatic, who has taken part in the gruesome beheadings of at least seven hostages in Syria, including two Britons, vows to continue ‘cutting heads’.</p> <p>He then promises a triumphant return to Britain with the terror group’s self-styled leader.</p> <p>The Mail on Sunday has obtained the first footage of the killer to emerge from Syria since he was identified in February as 27-year-old Londoner Mohammed Emwazi.</p> <p>He was last seen in a sickening IS video at the end of January, beheading Japanese hostage Kenji Goto.</p> <p>We understand the latest film was shot on a mobile phone about two months ago near the IS-held town of Deir Ezzor in south-east Syria.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Nigeria army chief survives ambush
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-34034251
GIST	Suspected Boko Haram militants ambushed a convoy carrying the new head of the Nigerian army, the military says.

	<p>The ambush, which took place on Saturday in north-eastern Borno state, led to a clash in which one soldier and at least five militants were killed.</p> <p>Army chief Gen Tukur Buratai took up his post in July after the president sacked the heads of the military for failing to end Boko Haram's insurgency.</p> <p>Nigeria's Premium Times reported that an advance section of the convoy had been targeted, and that Gen Buratai had later ordered the convoy to stop so that suspects could be arrested.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/24 The other France
SOURCE	http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/08/31/the-other-france
GIST	<p>Fouad Ben Ahmed never paid much attention to Charlie Hebdo. He found the satirical magazine to be vulgar and not funny, and to him it seemed fixated on Islam, but he didn't think that its contributors did real harm.</p> <p>One of its cartoonists, Stéphane Charbonnier, also drew for Le Petit Quotidien, a children's paper to which Ben Ahmed subscribed for his two kids. On January 7th, upon hearing that two French brothers with Algerian names, Saïd and Chérif Kouachi, had executed twelve people at the Charlie Hebdo offices—including Charbonnier—in revenge for covers caricaturing Muhammad, Ben Ahmed wrote on Facebook, "My French heart bleeds, my Muslim soul weeps. Nothing, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING, can justify these barbaric acts. Don't talk to me about media or politicians who would play such-and-such a game, because there's no excuse for barbarism. #JeSuisCharlie."</p> <p>That night, Ben Ahmed left his house, in the suburbs outside Paris, and went into the city to join tens of thousands of people at a vigil. He is of Algerian and Tunisian descent, with dark skin, and a few white extremists spat threats at him, but Ben Ahmed ignored them—France was his country, too.</p> <p>On January 11th, he joined the one and a half million citizens who marched in unity from the Place de la République.</p> <p>Ben Ahmed's Facebook page became a forum for others, mostly French Muslims, to discuss the attacks. Many expressed simple grief and outrage; a few aired conspiracy theories, suggesting a plot to stigmatize Muslims.</p> <p>"Let the investigators shed light on this massacre," Ben Ahmed advised. One woman wrote, "I fear for the Muslims of France. The narrow-minded or frightened are going to dig in their heels and make an amalgame"—conflate terrorists with all Muslims. Ben Ahmed agreed: "Our country is going to be more divided." He defended his use of #JeSuisCharlie, arguing that critiques of Charlie's content, however</p>

legitimate before the attack, had no place afterward. “If we have a debate on the editorial line, it’s like saying, ‘Yes—but,’ ” he later told me. “In these conditions, that is unthinkable.”

Ben Ahmed, who is thirty-nine, works as a liaison between residents and the local government in Bondy—a suburb, northeast of Paris, in an area called Department 93. For decades a bastion of the old working class and the Communist Party, the 93 is now known for its residents of Arab and African origin.

To many Parisians, the 93 signifies decayed housing projects, crime, unemployment, and Muslims. France has all kinds of suburbs, but the word for them, *banlieues*, has become pejorative, meaning slums dominated by immigrants. Inside the *banlieues* are the *cités*: colossal concrete housing projects built during the postwar decades, in the Brutalist style of Le Corbusier. Conceived as utopias for workers, they have become concentrations of poverty and social isolation. The *cités* and their occupants are the subject of anxious and angry discussion in France. Two recent books by the eminent political scientist Gilles Kepel, “*Banlieue de la République*” and “*Quatre-vingt-treize*” (“Ninety-three”), are studies in industrial decline and growing segregation by group identity. There’s a French pejorative for that, too: *communautarisme*.

After the Charlie massacre—and after a third terrorist, Amedy Coulibaly, gunned down a black policewoman outside a Jewish school and four Jews at a kosher supermarket—there was a widespread feeling, in France and elsewhere, that the killings were somehow related to the *banlieues*. But an exact connection is not easy to establish. Although these alienated communities are increasingly prone to anti-Semitism, the profiles of French jihadists don’t track closely with class; many have come from bourgeois families. The sense of exclusion in the *banlieues* is an acute problem that the republic has neglected for decades, but more jobs and better housing won’t put an end to French jihadism.

For all their vitality, the *banlieues* feel isolated from the city, and from France itself. Parisians and tourists rarely visit them, and residents complain that journalists drop in only to report on car burnings and drug shootings. The suburb Clichy-sous-Bois—the scene, in 2005, of youth riots that spread across the country—has tried to raise revenue by offering a tour de *banlieue* for curious outsiders. Many suburban residents, meanwhile, never even think of going to Paris.

Compared with American slums, the *banlieues* have relatively decent standards of housing and safety, but the psychological distance between the 93 and the Champs-Élysées can feel insuperable—much greater than that between the Bronx and Times Square. The apartment blocks in the *cités*, often arranged around a pharmacy, a convenience store, and a fast-food joint, look inward. Many have no street addresses, obvious points of entry, or places to park. The sense of separation is heightened by the names of the surrounding streets and schools, preserved from a historical France that has little connection to residents’ lives. The roads around Gros Saule—a drug-ridden *cité* where the police dare not enter—include Rue Henri Matisse and Rue Claude Debussy.

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HEADLINE	08/22 Boko Haram strengthens ties w/ISIS
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/boko-haram-strengthens-ties-islamic-state-group-33246567
GIST	<p>Nigeria's Boko Haram extremists are strengthening ties with the Islamic State group, as shown by reports that Nigerian militants are fighting in Libya, recent arrests in Lebanon and India and the blocking of thousands of suspected extremists from leaving Nigeria.</p> <p>Boko Haram pledged allegiance to IS in March and in June was declared its West African province. More than 1,000 people have been killed in the insurgency since President Muhammad Buhari was elected in March and pledged to halt the 6-year-old Islamic uprising blamed for the deaths of some 20,000.</p> <p>An estimated 80 to 200 Boko Haram fighters are in the Libyan city of Sirte, according to Nigeria analyst Jacob Zenn, in The Sentinel magazine of the Washington-based Jamestown Foundation.</p> <p>Algerian security forces believe Boko Haram fighters have joined other militants in northern Niger, he wrote.</p> <p>Further evidence of Boko Haram's links with IS is the arrest on Aug. 15 by Lebanese authorities of hard-line IS cleric Ahmad al-Assir at Beirut airport. They said he planned to fly to Nigeria on a forged Palestinian passport with a Nigerian visa.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Americans subdue gunman in France
SOURCE	http://www.kval.com/news/local/Oregon-Army-National-Guard-soldier-subdues-gunman-in-France-322562971.html
GIST	<p>An active duty Oregon Army National Guard and an Air Force member were able to jump on an active shooter in France. They subdued and held the Islamist gunman until authorities were notified and arrived on scene.</p> <p>Three people were injured before the shooter was taken down. The gunman was taken into police custody.</p> <p>Sources say Alek Skarlatos and another member from the U.S. Air Force saw a man, later identified as an Islamist militant, loading a gun in a train bathroom.</p> <p>Nick Choy, a spokesperson for the Oregon Military Department confirmed Skarlatos is an active member of the Oregon Army National Guard.</p> <p>“Obviously these military members reverted to their training, their military training and experience and they were able to drop on that and utilize it to save countless lives today,” Choy said.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Police: al Shabaab steps up attacks
SOURCE	http://ca.reuters.com/article/topNews/idCAKCN0QR0LT20150822
GIST	<p>MOGADISHU (Reuters) - At least 21 people were killed in two separate suicide car attacks in Somalia on Saturday, one in Mogadishu and another at a military training base in the southern port city of Kismayu, police and military sources said.</p> <p>Islamist militant group al Shabaab has lost control of most of their territories to African Union troops in recent years but they stepped up attacks in Mogadishu and elsewhere.</p> <p>Sheikh Abdiasis Abu Musab, al Shabaab's spokesman for military operations, said his group was behind the car bomb in Kismayu.</p> <p>The attack at Kismayu University, which is being used as a base for training government troops, was launched as soldiers were lining up for training, military officials said.</p> <p>Colonel Ahmed Ato told Reuters at least 16 Somali soldiers were killed and 21 others were wounded in the blast.</p> <p>The second car exploded in the capital Mogadishu at a busy junction in the evening. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the Mogadishu attack.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Afghan bomb attack kills 3 Americans
SOURCE	https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/bomb-attack-kills-12-including-three-americans-in-afghan-capital/2015/08/22/a67496ac-48d6-11e5-9f53-d1e3ddfd0cda_story.html
GIST	<p>KABUL — A massive car bomb targeting a U.S.-led NATO mission convoy killed at least 12 people, including three Virginia-based American civilian contractors, near a hospital during rush hour Saturday, the latest in a series of deadly attacks that have struck the capital in recent weeks.</p> <p>The assault unfolded at 4:20 p.m. outside Shinozada Hospital in a middle-class enclave of the capital, a few miles from the heavily fortified American Embassy. The blast was so powerful that it could be heard in far-away neighborhoods and prompted the embassy to blare its emergency sirens. Nearby vehicles, including a school minivan, were severely mangled, some in flames.</p> <p>In addition to those killed, as many as 66 people were wounded in the attack, said Wahidullah Mayar, a Health Ministry spokesman.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Vocabulary of militancy widespread
SOURCE	http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/aug/22/disturbing-pattern-emerging-latest-terrorist-attack-narrowly-averted-france-train
GIST	<p>A new attack, a young man who would be a killer and a tragedy narrowly averted. The media attention is currently on the identity of the have-a-go heroes who prevented carnage in France. It will shift eventually to the man who tried to open fire with an automatic weapon in a crowded European train.</p> <p>From what we know already, he fits a classic type: young, of north African origins, with a possible recent visit to Syria and known to security services. This profile is very similar to that of the men who attacked satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo in January this year, to Mohamed Merah, a 23-year-old who killed 12 in a shooting spree in south-west France in 2012, and to that of Mehdi Nemmouche, who shot at a Jewish Museum in Brussels last year.</p> <p>The two shocking French attacks underlined the nature of the wave of violence emerging in the country.</p> <p>This latest attacker too is now being described as a lone wolf, with people asking how he was radicalised. Both terms, however, are deeply misleading. Few lone wolves exist, certainly in the recent history of Islamic militancy, and to insist that they do is to fail to understand how Islamic militancy works.</p> <p>Furthermore the idea of radicalisation is not particularly useful either.</p> <p>Of the hundreds of Islamic militants who have been involved in attacks in Europe over recent years, only a tiny minority have acted alone. Most have been involved in broader networks of activism, some violent, some less so.</p> <p>Many have travelled overseas and spent time with major militant groups. A high proportion – possibly two-thirds, recent research tells us – have told others of their plans to commit violence.</p> <p>Most importantly perhaps, a very large number of them have been in prison with others who are steeped in extremist thinking, have peer groups who share much of their extremist worldview, know other people who have travelled to Iraq, Syria or Afghanistan, or even grew up in families where casual prejudice against non-believers, Jews or the west in general was part of everyday conversation.</p> <p>Terrorism is a social activity and so-called lone wolves are often a product of a much broader environment. All the militants today speak the same phrases, repeating the same tired, familiar tropes of jihadi thinking.</p> <p>If there is one key marker of a community it is a shared language, and the vocabulary of militancy – whether that of the al-Qaida dialect or that of the newer Islamic State – is more widespread than ever before. If true lone wolves exist, they are extremely rare.</p>

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HEADLINE	08/22 ISIS-linked group claims Egypt attacks
SOURCE	http://forexreportdaily.com/2015/08/22/1018-isis-bombing-militant-group-claims-responsibility-for-cairo-auto-bombing/
GIST	<p>Peninsula-based militants who support ISIS, namely members of the Islamist militant group Anbar Beit al-Maqdis, have claimed responsibility for recent attacks on Egyptian security forces.</p> <p>Enacted by President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi without parliamentary approval, a new wide-reaching counterterrorism law puts limits on what can be said about the government.</p> <p>At least 29 people, including six policemen, were injured when group linked to the dreaded Islamic State militants carried out a powerful auto bomb attack near a key police building in the Egyptian capital, officials said. Wrecked cars stood around the building, as Kalashnikov-wielding security forces patrolled the streets and set up roadblocks to ward off hysterical residents.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Official: ISIS No. 2 killed in US airstrike
SOURCE	http://www.denverpost.com/nationworld/ci_28683679/militant-groups-no-2-killed
GIST	<p>The No. 2 leader of the Islamic State militant group was killed in a U.S. military airstrike in Iraq earlier this week, the White House said Friday.</p> <p>Ned Price, a spokesman for the White House National Security Council, said Fadhil Ahmad al-Hayali was traveling in a vehicle near Mosul, in northern Iraq, when he was killed Tuesday.</p> <p>As the senior deputy to Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, al-Hayali was the primary coordinator for moving large amounts of weapons, explosives, vehicles and people between Iraq and Syria, where Islamic State militants control vast amounts of territory.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Gunman in France a suspected militant
SOURCE	http://www.newsweek.com/france-gunman-suspected-islamist-militant-365207
GIST	<p>PARIS/ARRAS, France (Reuters) - A gunman overpowered by passengers on a train in France on Friday was known to European authorities as a suspected Islamist militant, provided the identity he has given interrogators is correct, France's interior minister said.</p>

Two people were wounded in the struggle to subdue the Kalashnikov-toting attacker aboard the high-speed train from Amsterdam to Paris. Two U.S. servicemen, one of whom suffered knife wounds, were among passengers who stopped the gunman.

"It is important to be careful about his identity which is not yet established with certainty," Cazeneuve said.

"If the identity he has declared is confirmed, he is a 26-year-old man of Moroccan nationality identified by the Spanish authorities to French intelligence services in February 2014 because of his connections to the radical Islamist movement."

He said inquiries in collaboration with other European authorities "should establish precisely the activities and travels of this terrorist."

Spain's interior ministry could not immediately be reached for comment.

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Suspicious, Unusual

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HEADLINE	08/24 Spike in fatal crashes w/legal pot
SOURCE	http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20150824/NEWS01/150829662/With-legalization-fatal-crashes-involving-marijuana-spiked
GIST	<p>EVERETT — Marijuana increasingly plays a role in fatal crashes on Washington's roadways, according to a recent state study.</p> <p>The number of drivers involved in deadly crashes who tested positive for marijuana increased 48 percent from 2013 to 2014, according to the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission report.</p> <p>"We have seen marijuana involvement in fatal crashes remain steady over the years, and then it just spiked in 2014," said Staci Hoff, the traffic commission's data and research director.</p> <p>A total of 99 drivers involved in fatal accidents tested positive for marijuana in 2014. By contrast, that number was 56 in 2011.</p> <p>"It certainly seems there has been a real uptick in cases where it was at least partially a factor," said Tobin Darrow, a Snohomish County deputy prosecutor who handles many vehicular homicide cases.</p>

	Statewide, marijuana was found in 28 percent of blood samples taken in impaired driving cases in 2014, according to data provided by the Washington State Patrol. That number has gone up and down over the past five years but was higher last year than in 2012 or 2013.
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HEADLINE	08/23 Capitol Hill's mystery soda machine
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/capitol-hills-magical-pop-machine-stays-stocked-and-a-mystery/
GIST	<p>There's a Coke machine on Capitol Hill with a history that's just as mysterious as what's inside.</p> <p>It's within earshot of the neighborhood's new light-rail station and Broadway's posh eateries and shops, right in front of a locksmith business at East John Street and 10th Avenue East. The graffiti-covered soda-pop dispenser has been reportedly spitting out cans of "mystery" soda for decades — right now, for a retro price of 75 cents a pop.</p> <p>And beyond the rusting machine's clashing look with a neighborhood that's become known for its modern gleam, the unanswered questions surrounding its history and upkeep have generated online popularity.</p> <p>More than 20,000 people support the Seattle "landmark's" Facebook page, and its story has gained attention from a wide variety of media sources around the globe for more than a decade.</p> <p>"I've heard supernatural stories about how sometimes you'll press a button and you'll get a soda that was discontinued like 20 years ago," said Kyle Cosoleto-Miller of Bloomsburg, Pa. While on vacation in Seattle last week, he posed for photos in front of the crusty box before it ate his dollar bill and he scrounged up three quarters to eventually score a Sierra Mist.</p> <p>But the identity of who owns the machine's keys and is refilling it with stacks of random beverages is unknown, even to the employees of Broadway Locksmith, which lends electrical power and property to keep the mystery going.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Mystery lights in space increasing
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/science/article/Mystery-lights-in-space-could-warn-of-global-6458563.php
GIST	<p>Strange blue lights glowing on the edge of space first appeared over polar regions in 1885 and today, sightings are becoming increasingly common, and now the phenomenon is moving into lower latitudes including Northern California.</p> <p>Like the proverbial canary in the coal mine, these glowing space clouds may be a celestial siren, warning of Earth's global warming, according to some scientists.</p>

They're called "noctilucent clouds" or NLCs, basically, clouds that glow at night. They appear mainly in northern latitudes, about 50 miles above earth as miniscule droplets of water reflect the sun on the other side of the globe.

Now, they're moving farther south.

"Public interest in noctilucent clouds is definitely growing as they spread to mid-latitudes," said SpaceWeather.com's Tony Phillips, who tracks the appearances and reports from astronomers.

Never before in human history had they been reported until two years after the eruption of the Krakatoa super volcano, throwing plumes of ash dozens of miles high and affecting the global atmosphere.

Since then, spacecraft exhaust has created tiny ephemeral clouds, and there is even research that meteorite particles may increase them. The sights were noticed increasingly again after the Tunguska meteor event over Siberia in 1908.

Phillips said the ties to global warming are still being explored.

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HEADLINE	08/23 Legal pot industry have race problem?
SOURCE	http://blog.seattlepi.com/marijuana/2015/08/23/does-the-legal-marijuana-industry-have-a-race-problem/#35048101=0
GIST	<p>For decades, people of color have paid a heavy price for the war on drugs. It's well known that minorities are arrested and jailed at disproportionate rates on marijuana-related charges. But, now that recreational weed is legal in Washington, are those same people who were once likely to be racially profiled reaping the benefits of the industry of legal pot?</p> <p>What we found</p> <p>We cold-called 270 marijuana producers, processors and recreational retailers in Washington state to determine who exactly is running and being employed by these pot shops, and who is actually benefitting.</p> <p>Out of the producers and processors we were able to make contact with, 110 provided employee demographic information consistent with what could be expected: The marijuana industry is mostly saturated with white males, many of whom are not only employed by businesses but also run them.</p> <p>Despite marijuana's newfound legality, for some people of color entering this business is understandably wary territory, if not entirely out of the question. The American Civil Liberty Union's War on Marijuana report found that, "a Black person is 3.73 times more likely to be arrested for marijuana possession than a white person, even though Blacks and whites use marijuana at similar rates."</p>

However, out of the several retailers we were able to speak with in the Seattle area, 40 percent of their employees are people of color (defined as non-Caucasian, but included mixed-race individuals), as compared to about 9 percent for producers and processors across the state.

Racial disparities?

Minority employment in legal weed actually seems to be consistent with statewide racial statistics. About 30 percent of Washington’s population is nonwhite, and about 4 percent is black, according to the 2013 US Census. Seattle also happens to rank as the fourth city with the lowest number of black-owned businesses, according to the Census Survey of Business Owners.

“When they did the lottery [for recreational licenses] there wasn’t one African American as a winner,” said Michael Gordon, who is black, and a partial owner at White Center’s Bud Nation. “Then it kinda set a precedent for becoming a predominantly white male culture.”

Marijuana retailers from I-502 shops seemed to consistently have more diverse staff, and more women employees than production and processing operations. However, many of the producers and processors said their minority employment increases during harvest season, with more women and Hispanics being seasonally employed.

A Liquor and Cannabis Board spokesman said the state does not keep any racial demographic information on marijuana business owners or applicants.

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HEADLINE	08/23 Boston police thwart event shooting
SOURCE	https://ca.news.yahoo.com/boston-police-thwart-possible-shooting-pokemon-game-competition-235530158.html
GIST	<p>(Reuters) - Two men linked to violent threats directed over social media at people attending the Pokemon World Championships in Boston were arrested last week on suspicion of illegally possessing an AR-15 rifle, shotgun, and hundreds of bullets, police said on Sunday.</p> <p>The men, 18-year-old Kevin Norton and 27-year-old James Stumbo, were stopped as they tried to enter the event on Thursday at Boston's Hynes Convention Center, the Boston Police Department said.</p> <p>Detectives learned they had toted a 12-gauge shotgun, an AR-15 rifle, several hundred rounds of ammunition, and a hunting knife in their car from Iowa, Boston police said in a statement.</p> <p>The men lacked a proper license to carry the guns and were arrested at a hotel in nearby Saugus on Friday on suspicion of unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition, and other related charges.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Alaska: massive whale mortality event
SOURCE	http://time.com/4007434/whale-deaths-alaska/
GIST	<p>Scientists are deeply troubled and puzzled by the sudden deaths of 30 large whales that washed up on the coast of Alaska, calling the incident an “unusual mortality event.”</p> <p>“While we do not yet know the cause of these strandings, our investigations will give us important information on the health of whales and the ecosystems where they live,” Dr. Teri Rowles, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries’ marine mammal health and stranding response coordinator, said in a statement. “Members of the public can greatly assist the investigation by immediately reporting any sightings of dead whales or distressed live animals they discover.”</p> <p>The deaths of the whales—which include 11 fin whales, 14 humpback whales, one gray whale, and four unidentified others—are strange: the rate is nearly three times the historical average. NOAA’s declaration of the situation as an “unusual mortality event” will allow the agency to partner with federal, state, and tribal agencies to coordinate a response plan.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Request for all Sno. Co. phone data
SOURCE	http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20150823/NEWS01/150829711/Anonymous-records-request-seeks-data-from-1000-county-phones
GIST	<p>EVERETT — A new anonymous records request has left Snohomish County grappling yet again with technological challenges and huge demands on staff time.</p> <p>A person using the name Mr. Public Requestor emailed in June to demand all data from all active government cellphones being used by county employees. Audio, video and pictures were sought, along with applications, operating system data and everything else that makes a smart phone work.</p> <p>Extracting all of that information could take up to four hours for each of the county's 1,000 cell phones, tech employees estimate. That's not counting time to redact personal information, computer passwords and other details exempt from public disclosure.</p> <p>In the meantime, county workers have been told not to delete anything from their work phones.</p> <p>“You have to look at every picture, you have to look at every text,” said Teri Lawrie, a public records assistant in the county's tech department. “I wouldn't be comfortable with saying how many hours of work.”</p> <p>Mr. Public Requestor's demand is the largest active request for government records at the county. But it's only the latest in a series of increasingly numerous and complex requests for public records that have left state agencies and local governments throughout Washington playing catch-up.</p>

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HEADLINE	08/22 NASA: no Earth killer asteroid in Sept.
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2015/08/22/NASA-Huge-asteroid-will-not-destroy-Earth-in-September/6221440248806/?spt=hts&or=7
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (UPI) -- NASA struck down apocalyptic theories that a giant asteroid will hit Earth in September, saying there is "not one shred of evidence" the rumors are true.</p> <p>In response to online rumors about a massive asteroid strike between Sept. 15 and 28, the U.S. space agency sought to clarify "numerous recent blogs and web postings" as false. "All known Potentially Hazardous Asteroids have less than a 0.01 percent chance of impacting Earth in the next 100 years," NASA said.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Probe in deadly St. Louis cop shooting
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/prosecutors-investigate-deadly-st-louis-police-shooting/
GIST	<p>Prosecutors announced an investigation separate from a police probe into the death of a suspect killed by a St. Louis officer, after an autopsy showed the 18-year-old was shot in the back.</p> <p>Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce announced Friday a simultaneous investigation after the autopsy results on Mansur Ball-Bey were announced, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported. The past practice has been for the prosecution to await the police results before proceeding.</p> <p>"I want nothing more than to reach the right conclusion here," Joyce said. "I want there to be peace in this city."</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Train attacker to 'a wider framework'?
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/train-attacker-ayoub-el-khazzani-probed-links-broader-framework-n414411
GIST	<p>Authorities were investigating on Sunday whether the heavily-armed gunman thwarted in the midst of an apparent terror attack on a Amsterdam-Paris train was acting alone, or whether "a wider framework" was involved.</p> <p>Belgium's chief prosecutor Eric Van Sypt told NBC News that the suspected attacker was 26-year-old Moroccan Ayoub El Khazzani, who had lived in Europe for several years and recently spent time in Brussels.</p>

	<p>Van Sypt said it was not yet known if El Khazzani had an accomplice or was acting alone, and authorities in Belgium were probing "if there is possibly a wider framework involved."</p> <p>Van Sypt said Belgium had opened a judicial investigation because El Khazzani boarded the train in Brussels and had recently lived in the city for a brief period.</p> <p>French Interior Minister Brenard Cazeneuve said Saturday that Spanish authorities had flagged a 26-year-old Moroccan in February 2014 because of his links to radical Islam.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Train gunman robber; not terrorist?
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/train-gunman-wanted-rob-people-looked-malnourished-lawyer-124944254.html ; ylt=AwrXoCAw79IVcCAAs4vQtDMD; ylu=X3oDMTBzdmVvZmlwBGNvbG8DZ3ExBHBvcwMxMAR2dGikAwRzZWMDc3I-
GIST	<p>PARIS/ALGECIRAS, Spain (Reuters) - A gunman who attacked passengers on a high-speed train in France two days ago is "dumbfounded" at having been taken for an Islamist militant and says he only intended to rob people on board because he was hungry, his lawyer said on Sunday.</p> <p>As details emerged of the gunman's early adult life in Spain, lawyer Sophie David said her client -- now in detention near Paris -- also looked ill and malnourished.</p> <p>French and Spanish sources close to the case have identified him as a 26-year-old Moroccan named Ayoub el Khazzani who was known to European authorities as a suspected Islamist militant.</p> <p>"(I saw) somebody who was very sick, somebody very weakened physically, as if he suffered from malnutrition, very, very thin and very haggard," David told BFMTV.</p> <p>"He is dumbfounded by the terrorist motives attributed to his action," she added.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Reports: second Clinton server exists
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/08/22/more-evidence-questions-arise-about-existence-second-private-clinton-email/?intcmp=hpbt1
GIST	<p>The tens of thousands of emails on Hillary Clinton's private server from when she was secretary of state could also be on a second device or server, according to news reports.</p> <p>The FBI now has the only confirmed private server, as part of a Justice Department probe to determine whether it sent or received classified information for Clinton when she was the country's top diplomat from 2009 to 2013.</p>

	<p>Platte River Networks, which managed Clinton's server and private email network after she left the State Department, has indicated it transfer – or “migrated” – emails from the original server in 2013, according to The Washington Examiner.</p> <p>However, Clinton, the front-running Democratic presidential candidate, has suggested that she gave the department 55,000 pages of official emails and deleted roughly 30,000 personal ones in January, which raises the possibility they were culled from a second device.</p> <p>Neither a Clinton spokesman nor an attorney for the Colorado-based Platte River Networks returned an Examiner’s request for comment, the news-gathering agency reported Saturday.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/21 Seattle seawall delayed; over budget
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2015/08/21/seattle-seawall-delayed-millions-over-budget/32104647/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>SEATTLE - The new Alaskan Way Seawall will not be done on time nor on budget.</p> <p>That's the word from the Seattle Department of Transportation which, for months, had hailed the project as a shining example of how it can handle major projects. It was scheduled to be completed by 2016, on time and on budget, leaders said.</p> <p>But, SDOT Director Scott Kubly admits the department underestimated the true cost and time needed to make the repair.</p> <p>"We had a project. For us to work within our budget, we were going to have to have everything go right. And you know what? Not everything has gone right. We've had a lot of risk items materialize," said Kubly.</p> <p>Voters approved a bond measure in 2012 to pay for \$290 million of repair to the quake-prone seawall and for waterfront improvements. It was promised that the measure would fully fund the first phase of the seawall. But soon thereafter the project was budgeted at \$300 million. Quietly, that number rose in 2013 to a bit more than \$330 million.</p> <p>Now Kubly says it will take \$409 million -- more than 33% over the original budget -- to complete. He also says it will take an additional year to build and won't be completed until 2017.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/20 State Dept. admits Tripoli escape errors
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/state-department-screwed-tripoli-escape-wont/story?id=33158837

GIST	<p>Less than two years after the security debacle of Benghazi, the State Department apparently botched some aspect of the dramatic, ultimately successful operation to get its diplomats out of Tripoli, Libya amid civil unrest last year, but the department refuses to say what went wrong.</p> <p>The purported mistake was referenced in an unclassified summary of an urgent State Department Office of Inspector General alert posted online in late July.</p> <p>“During the course of an Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit of Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) for U.S. Missions in North Africa, OIG became aware of an issue related to the July 2014 evacuation of Embassy Tripoli requiring immediate action by the Department of State,” says the OIG “Management Alert.”</p> <p>The alert doesn’t describe the “issue” except to say the embassy “did not adequately prepare for or execute all aspects of its July 2014 evacuation” and that the OIG made recommendations “intended to promote the development and execution of effective EAPs worldwide and to prompt practicable actions to address deficiencies associated with the evacuation of Embassy Tripoli.”</p> <p>An official with the State Department’s Bureau of Diplomatic Security declined to explain further, telling ABC News that OIG’s full report is classified and is being reviewed. A representative for the OIG declined to comment.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/21 Autopsy: man died from shot in back
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/21/us/st-louis-police-shooting/index.html
GIST	<p>A black man killed in a shooting by St. Louis police Wednesday died from a gunshot wound in the back, the city's police department said Friday, citing an autopsy.</p> <p>Police have said that Mansur Ball-Bey, 18, pointed a gun at them before officers opened fire -- an account disputed by his family's attorney. Chief of Police Sam Dotson said the wound's location doesn't confirm or disprove the officers' account that Ball-Bey pointed a gun, according to a report Friday by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.</p> <p>"Just because he was shot in the back doesn't mean he was running away," Dotson said, according to the Post-Dispatch. "It could be, and I'm not saying that it doesn't mean that. I just don't know yet."</p> <p>Wednesday's shooting sparked demonstrations that night, with protesters throwing bricks and bottles at officers, and people setting a car on fire and burglarizing businesses, according to police.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Claim: HIV infected suicide bombers
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SOURCE	http://www.euronews.com/2015/08/22/isil-plans-to-send-aids-militants-on-suicide-missions/
GIST	<p>The terror group ISIL is planning to send its militants who have contracted HIV on suicide missions, reports ARA News.</p> <p>The Kurdish-Syrian news agency, quoting local medical sources, claims at least 16 ISIL fighters were diagnosed with AIDS in the city of al-Mayadeen city in Syria's eastern province of Deir ez-Zor.</p> <p>Militants including foreigners are now being kept in quarantine in a local hospital after being infected with the HIV virus from two Moroccan women.</p> <p>The independent press agency, mainly staffed by a group of journalists and media activists reporting from within Syria and abroad, stated that ISIL's leadership is planning to deploy these militants as suicide bombers.</p>
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Crime, Criminals

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HEADLINE	08/23 Tracking cellphones to solve crimes
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2015/08/23/baltimore-police-stingray-cell-surveillance/31994181/
GIST	<p>BALTIMORE — The crime itself was ordinary: Someone smashed the back window of a parked car one evening and ran off with a cellphone. What was unusual was how the police hunted the thief.</p> <p>Detectives did it by secretly using one of the government's most powerful phone surveillance tools — capable of intercepting data from hundreds of people's cellphones at a time — to track the phone, and with it their suspect, to the doorway of a public housing complex. They used it to search for a car thief, too. And a woman who made a string of harassing phone calls.</p> <p>In one case after another, USA TODAY found police in Baltimore and other cities used the phone tracker, commonly known as a stingray, to locate the perpetrators of routine street crimes and frequently concealed that fact from the suspects, their lawyers and even judges. In the process, they quietly transformed a form of surveillance billed as a tool to hunt terrorists and kidnappers into a staple of everyday policing.</p> <p>The suitcase-size tracking systems, which can cost as much as \$400,000, allow the police to pinpoint a phone's location within a few yards by posing as a cell tower. In the process, they can intercept information from the phones of nearly everyone else who happens to be nearby, including innocent bystanders. They do not intercept the content of any communications.</p> <p>Dozens of police departments from Miami to Los Angeles own similar devices. A USA TODAY Media Network investigation identified more than 35 of them in 2013 and 2014, and the American Civil Liberties</p>

Union has found 18 more. When and how the police have used those devices is mostly a mystery, in part because the FBI swore them to secrecy.

Police and court records in Baltimore offer a partial answer. USA TODAY obtained a police surveillance log and matched it with court files to paint the broadest picture yet of how those devices have been used. The records show that the city's police used stingrays to catch everyone from killers to petty thieves, that the authorities regularly hid or obscured that surveillance once suspects got to court and that many of those they arrested were never prosecuted.

Defense attorneys assigned to many of those cases said they did not know a stingray had been used until USA TODAY contacted them, even though state law requires that they be told about electronic surveillance.

"I am astounded at the extent to which police have been so aggressively using this technology, how long they've been using it and the extent to which they have gone to create ruses to shield that use," Stephen Mercer, the chief of forensics for Maryland's public defenders, said.

Prosecutors said they, too, are sometimes left in the dark. "When our prosecutors are made aware that a detective used a cell-site stimulator, it is disclosed; however we rely upon the Police Department to provide us with that information," said Tammy Brown, a spokeswoman for the Baltimore's State's Attorney. "We are currently working with the Police Department to improve upon the process to better obtain this information in order to comply with the law."

Baltimore is hardly alone. Police in Tallahassee used their stingray to track a woman wanted for check forging, according to records provided to the ACLU last year. Tacoma, Wash., police used theirs to try to find a stolen city laptop, according to records released to the website Muckrock. Other departments have acknowledged that they planned to use their stingrays for solving street crimes.

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HEADLINE	08/24 NYC mayor security officer 'shot'
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/08/24/nyc-police-officer-assigned-to-guard-mayor-shot-with-pellet-gun/
GIST	<p>NEW YORK – Authorities say a police officer assigned to New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio's security detail was shot with a pellet gun in front of the mayor's home.</p> <p>It happened at Gracie Mansion, the mayor's official residence in Manhattan, around 7:15 p.m. Sunday. A police spokesman says the officer was exiting an unmarked police vehicle when she "felt pain in the lower back."</p> <p>Investigators believe she was shot with a pellet gun. She was taken to the hospital for treatment and released.</p>

	<p>Police say the mayor was not home at the time.</p> <p>An 18-year-old boy and a 17-year-old girl were taken into custody for questioning. No charges have been filed.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Calif. music festival shooting; 1 dead
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/after-california-music-festival-shooting-leaves-1-dead-7-injured-n414561
GIST	<p>A gunman shot eight people and killed one early Sunday morning after a sprawling music festival in California that featured Waka Flocka Flame, Tech N9ne and dozens of other performers, Modesto police said Sunday.</p> <p>The shooting occurred outside a warehouse a few miles from the festival, in an industrial section of Modesto, the police said in a release.</p> <p>"While attendees were waiting to get into the party, a black male adult walked into the parking lot and started shooting," police said.</p> <p>The gunman was not identified, and it was unclear why he opened fire.</p> <p>Zachary McGee, 25, died at the hospital, the release said. Two unidentified victims — a 23-year-old woman and a 25-year-old man — remained in critical and serious but stable condition, while five others were treated and released.</p> <p>The concert, called the X Fest, bills itself as the "biggest party" in California's Central Valley. This was its 15th year, and its lineup included 120 bands on 13 stages across 15 city blocks, drawing 20,000 people, according to the festival's Facebook page.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 La. state trooper shot; suspect arrested
SOURCE	http://www.kplctv.com/story/29860967/lsp-trooper-shot-in-head-after-responding-to-traffic-incident-suspect-in-custody
GIST	<p>CALCASIEU PARISH, LA (KPLC) - A Louisiana State Trooper was shot in the head with a shotgun Sunday afternoon near Bell City, authorities said.</p> <p>Trooper Steven Vincent, 43, a 13-year veteran of the state police force, was airlifted to Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, where he is in critical condition, Col. Mike Edmonson said at a news conference</p>

	<p>Sunday evening. Vincent, a veteran, is married with a 9-year-old son. Both of his brothers are in law enforcement — Keith Vincent is the Chief of Police in Iowa and Terrell Vincent is a fellow state trooper.</p> <p>A suspect, Kevin Daigle, 54, was arrested. Edmonson said Daigle is to be charged with first-degree attempted murder of a police officer.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Ex-whistleblower in NYC shooting
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/23/us/manhattan-shooting-whistleblower/index.html
GIST	<p>The man who authorities say shot and killed a security guard at a federal building in lower Manhattan on Friday had blown the whistle on a government agency housed in the building when he was an employee there 16 years ago, according to the shooter's New Jersey congressman.</p> <p>Kevin Downing was fired by the U.S. Department of Labor in 1999 in what he had said was retaliation for being a whistleblower, federal documents show. He had fought the termination ever since, most recently through Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr., the congressman's office said.</p> <p>Documents filed with the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, the government agency responsible for federal workforce issues, show that Downing, 68, alleged he was fired "based on his whistleblowing activities," which included complaining to members of Congress about the closing of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' New York regional office.</p> <p>Just after 5 p.m. Friday, Downing walked into the lobby of the building housing that office with a handgun and shot and killed 53-year-old security guard Idrissa Camara, authorities said. Moments later, Downing shot himself in the head.</p> <p>NYPD Chief of Department James O'Neill said Friday that a motive for the shooting was still under investigation, but that there was no indication the incident was linked to terrorism.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Mobile forensics lab key to Fogle bust
SOURCE	http://www.mlive.com/news/us-world/index.ssf/2015/08/post_47.html
GIST	<p>INDIANAPOLIS — When they arrived at Jared Fogle's home last month, law enforcement officials were armed with more than a search warrant: They rolled up with a mobile forensics laboratory that has revolutionized how Indiana investigates child-exploitation and pornography crimes and helped make the state a national model.</p>

	<p>While one investigator questioned the longtime Subway pitchman in one of the vehicle's two rooms, others watched the interview unfold on a screen in another room. At the same time, authorities searched computers, mobile devices and other media recovered from the suburban Indianapolis home.</p> <p>The custom-built lab allows investigators to feed real-time questions to interviewers based on what they find or what is missing. It also lets them preview data before computers or devices are shut off or erased. It helps identify other devices to look for inside the home. And it saves days, weeks or months of time compared with the old method of copying their contents.</p> <p>Indianapolis police detective Darin Odier said it's imperative that authorities develop new tools to keep up with changing technology, like the way that some people are using streaming video to show sexual abuse rather than storing the footage.</p> <p>"Just when we think we have some idea of what's going on, the bad guys change the game," Odier said.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Gunmen opens fire at car; 1 killed
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/local/komo/article/24-year-old-man-dies-after-gunmen-open-fire-at-6460579.php
GIST	<p>A 24-year-old man has died after a shooting at Boren Avenue and S. Main Street overnight.</p> <p>Police say the victim and a few others were sitting inside a parked car in the 1200 Block of S. Main Street just after 3 a.m. when three men approached the car, and a fight started.</p> <p>Everyone but the victim got out of the car, and police say the suspects opened fire on the car, hitting the victim several times.</p> <p>Medics rushed the man to Harborview Medical Center where he later died of his injuries.</p> <p>Detectives are investigating the shooting, and are in the process of identifying the suspects.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Driver killed dragging cop w/vehicle
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/driver-killed-after-dragging-officer-in-wichita-kansas/
GIST	<p>Police said a driver was shot and killed after dragging an officer with his car during a routine traffic stop Saturday night in Wichita, Kansas.</p> <p>CBS affiliate KWCH reported the incident occurred around 10:10 p.m. in a parking lot on Kellogg Drive. "As the officer approached, at this time we believe a struggle did ensue, at which point the officer was dragged by the suspect's vehicle," police Lt. James Espinoza told the Wichita Eagle.</p>

	<p>Espinoza said the driver dragged the officer for "a very long distance... at which point shots were fired."</p> <p>While dragging the officer, the suspect attempted to drive east in the westbound lanes of traffic and hit another car head-on, according to Espinoza.</p> <p>The suspect, a white male, died at the scene. The officer was taken to a local hospital in serious condition.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Arrests in school shooting incident
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/two-arrested-after-allegedly-firing-shots-on-roof-of-elementary-school/
GIST	<p>Two men were arrested Sunday after a shooting incident at an elementary school in Fort Bend, Texas, reports CBS affiliate KHOU.</p> <p>The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office responded to calls about shots being fired off the roof of Velasquez Elementary School at around 8 a.m. Two adult men - one in his 30s and the other in his 20s - were taken into custody, the sheriff's office said in a statement.</p> <p>A handgun and shell casings were recovered at the scene and holes were found in some of the rooftop equipment.</p> <p>One of the men was playing bagpipes on the roof, police said.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Juror issued challenge in cop's trial
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/juror-issued-challenge-talks-officers-trial-33258124
GIST	<p>A juror who heard evidence in the trial of a white North Carolina police officer said he challenged his colleagues to determine what an unarmed black man did to lead the defendant to fatally shoot him.</p> <p>"I wrote on the board: 'What did Jonathan Ferrell do, and I underlined "do," to warrant death: 10 shots.' I had done this because there was nothing that I had seen in the weeks preceding that showed me what he had done," said juror Moses Wilson, who was one of the jurors who chose to convict Officer Randall Kerrick of voluntary manslaughter.</p> <p>"And I said that if anyone can show me what he did, I might change my vote — which is going to be for conviction — to acquittal, and every day, that was my challenge," he said.</p> <p>After four days of deliberations, the jury was deadlocked, 7-5 on an initial vote and 8-4 on the succeeding three votes. And when Judge Robert C. Ervin asked the jury foreman last Friday if further deliberations</p>

would resolve the impasse, the response was no. Ervin then declared a mistrial — a move that sparked protests outside the courthouse and elsewhere. At least two people were arrested.

Kerrick, who is suspended without pay from the force, fired 12 shots at Ferrell, hitting him 10 times. Prosecutors said nonlethal force should have been used to subdue Ferrell, a former Florida A&M football player, in September 2013. Two officers with Kerrick didn't fire their guns. One of those officers did use a Taser.

But Kerrick's attorneys said the officer feared for his life when he shot and killed Ferrell while responding to a breaking-and-entering call.

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HEADLINE	08/23 Anti-kidnapping units Mexico border
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2015/08/23/anti-kidnapping-unit-started-in-mexican-border-cities/
GIST	<p>MATAMOROS, Tamaulipas — In response to the rising number of kidnapping in the border city of Matamoros, authorities kicked off new anti-kidnapping units that is supposed to investigate and prosecute the crime. The units were also created to calm the public's anger at the continued lack of security conditions.</p> <p>With the group in Matamoros, there will be three anti-kidnapping units in Tamaulipas. One will be headquartered in Ciudad Victoria, one in Reynosa and the third in Matamoros. Their goal will be to highlight the high crime rate in the border cities despite the all too common speeches by public officials claiming that the border area is safe.</p> <p>Since February, the border cities of Matamoros and Reynosa have been ground zero for a bloody war between two rival factions of the Gulf Cartel. The conflict led to violent gun battles in broad daylight as well as a sharp spike in the number of kidnappings.</p> <p>According to government officials, the units is made up of trained investigators. They are equipped with state of the art equipment to allow them to target the criminal activity which has deeply hurt many citizens in this border area.</p> <p>In the border city of Reynosa, State officials have confirmed that there are more than 800 individuals who have been reported as missing or kidnapped. It remains unclear how many cases have gone unreported, Breitbart Texas reported.</p> <p>The goal of the units are to bring back a sense of peace to the area. They will attempt to learn the fate of the hundreds of travelers who went missing while travelling along the highways to and from this border city.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/23 Police dog 'sniffs out' key evidence
SOURCE	http://www.ctvnews.ca/world/electronics-sniffing-police-dog-uncovered-key-evidence-in-jared-fogle-child-porn-case-1.2529927
GIST	<p>A police dog trained to sniff out electronics helped find a key piece of evidence in the Jared Fogle child pornography investigation, prosecutors said.</p> <p>“When somebody first told me there was a dog that could find storage media, I laughed. I didn’t believe them,” said Steven Debrot, the assistant district attorney in the case.</p> <p>But Bear, a two-year-old black Labrador retriever, recovered a USB thumb drive hidden in the former Subway pitchman’s home that human investigators had missed when they searched the property in July.</p> <p>The device, officials said, contained information crucial to the investigation and, ultimately, Fogle’s guilty plea.</p> <p>Bear is one of only four dogs in the U.S. trained to sniff out data storage devices such as USB drives and hard drives.</p> <p>Fogle, also known as “the Subway guy,” became known for his role in the sandwich chain’s advertising campaigns over more than a decade. On Wednesday, Fogle pleaded guilty to possessing and distributing child pornography charges as well as having sex with underage girls.</p> <p>With his job in the investigation done, Bear left for Seattle, Wash., on Friday to help with another case.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Mistrial in N.C. police shooting case
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/mistrial-declared-police-officers-manslaughter-trial-33235595
GIST	<p>A North Carolina judge declared a mistrial Friday after a jury deadlocked in the case of a white police officer charged with voluntary manslaughter in the death of an unarmed black man.</p> <p>Judge Robert C. Ervin declared a mistrial in the case of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police officer Randall Kerrick after four days of deliberations.</p> <p>Ervin brought the racially diverse jury of eight women and four men back into the Mecklenburg County courtroom around 4:10 p.m. The foreman said they continued to be deadlocked 8-4, and he saw no possibility of reaching a verdict.</p> <p>"Honestly, we have exhausted every possibility," the foreman said. Officials did not say which way the 8-4 vote was leaning.</p>

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HEADLINE	08/22 Protestors in Germany attack refugees
SOURCE	http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/dresden-riots-protesters-in-germany-attack-refugee-buses-shouting-foreigners-out-10467287.html
GIST	<p>Up to 1,000 protesters have clashed with police in eastern Germany in riots reportedly sparked by the arrival of 250 migrants.</p> <p>Police said protesters shouting "foreigners out" and carrying banners against the "asylum flood" threw bottles and stones at busloads of asylum seekers arriving in Heidenau, near Dresden. At least 31 officers were hurt in violent scuffles as police used tear gas to disperse crowds.</p> <p>Peaceful demonstrations began after news spread that the town was welcoming a large number of refugees who are set to be housed in an empty building.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/22 Gun fight in Queen Anne
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/1-dead-2-injured-after-gunfight-at-Queen-Anne-gas-station-322586471.html
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- Homicide detectives are investigating after an overnight gunfight in lower Queen Anne left one man dead and two others severely injured.</p> <p>Multiple 911 calls sent police to the corner of Denny Way and Queen Anne Avenue North shortly after 3 a.m, Detective Mark Jamieson with Seattle Police said.</p> <p>A 22-year-old man was dead in the parking lot when police arrived, and two other victims suffered gunshot wounds and were transported by medics to Harborview Medical Center with life-threatening injuries.</p> <p>Detectives have determined that the shooting took place inside of a parked car, and all suspects and victims have been identified. They are looking into whether the shooting was part of a drug deal gone bad, Seattle police said.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/21 Tacoma skinheads get long jail terms
SOURCE	http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/crime/article31851942.html
GIST	Before he left the Cowlitz County city of Kalama for a trip to Tacoma in November 2013, Derek Wagner told his mother he'd be back soon to celebrate her birthday, promising it would be one she'd never forget.

On Friday in Pierce County Superior Court, Kristi Koethe told Shanne McKittrick and Eric Elliser they'd turned Wagner's promise into a horrifying reality.

"I'll never forget it because that was the last time I spoke to him," Koethe said at the sentencing hearing for the two men, who were convicted of second-degree murder in Wagner's death.

"I want you boys to know what you took from me. You took my life. You took all of me."

A jury in April convicted McKittrick and Elliser of murdering Wagner, 27, on a Tacoma street in a dispute involving an acquaintance's wife. Wagner's death came late Nov. 16 or early Nov. 17, a few days before Koethe's birthday.

On Friday, Judge Jack Nevin sentenced McKittrick, 33, to a high-end sentence of 24 years, 11 months in prison and Elliser, 35, to life without parole under the state's three-strikes law.

Deputy prosecutors James Schacht and Angelica Williams argued at trial that McKittrick and Elliser were upholding a skinhead code when they attacked Wagner, with McKittrick stabbing him multiple times.

Wagner, who had ties to the skinhead movement, had shown disrespect to another white supremacist by starting an affair with his wife, a transgression punishable by violence, the prosecutors argued.

McKittrick had goaded Wagner into a confrontation and used it as an excuse to kill him, the prosecutors said.

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HEADLINE	08/21 Cocaine corridor into Ontario, Canada
SOURCE	http://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/2015/08/21/cocaine-corridor-uses-busy-border-crossings
GIST	<p>With some of North America's busiest border crossings, and geography that pokes finger-like deep into the densely-populated U.S. mid-Atlantic and Midwest states, Southwestern Ontario is a major cocaine corridor to Canada, a smuggler's alley for vast amounts of the drug that blow through the region to markets in the nation's heartland, often on a route that begins thousands of kilometres away in Mexico.</p> <p>Snow, dust, nose candy -- the drug with many nicknames moves up the area's Highway 401 spine to the rest of Canada, following the same routes that make Southwestern Ontario a major gateway for legal trade.</p> <p>"A lot of the drugs -- particularly when we are referring to cocaine coming through the border -- do not remain in Southwestern Ontario, it transits to other major urban centres," said Staff Sgt. Peter Koersvelt of the RCMP in Windsor, who investigates drug-smuggling into Ontario from Michigan.</p>

While police-reported drug crimes in Windsor and London run more than four times higher for pot than for cocaine, according to Statistics Canada figures, down along the region's U.S. borders -- from its remote southwestern tip in Windsor, to the Niagara Peninsula -- cocaine dominates the illegal drug mountain.

An analysis of seven years of federal port-of-entry data, obtained under a freedom-of-information request, shows Canadian border guards seized cocaine worth \$207 million on the street at the region's six international bridges from 2007 to 2013, making it by far and away the top drug smuggled in.

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HEADLINE	08/09 Foreign students summer w/J-1 visas
SOURCE	http://fusion.net/story/180188/international-student-workers-summer-in-america/
GIST	<p>The beach is big business. The roughly 3.5 million trips per year to Delaware's Rehoboth Beach generate around \$630 million for the local economy according to Southern Delaware Tourism, a travel agency in nearby Georgetown, Del. And as the popular summer destination swells with D.C.-area beachgoers, so too does it fill up with international students in the U.S. on a J-1 visa.</p> <p>Over the weekend, Fusion spoke to some of the students who fry your fries, run your ring toss, swirl your soft serve, and secure you a beachside table. They come from Bulgaria, Russia, Poland, Lithuania, and Moldova, among other places, through a State Department program that "offers exchange participants a hands-on experience to learn about U.S. society and culture while sharing their own culture and perspectives with Americans."</p>

In fact, Ireland still sends more J-1 visa participants than any other country in the world. Nearly 275,000 students come to the United States on a J-1 visa every year, and, over the past 50 years, more than 150,000 of those participants have come from Ireland.

Though the point of the J-1 visa is to facilitate cultural exchange, Moldovan student Livia Lupu says that she has really only experienced one facet of American culture so far. “People yes, places no. When I finish working, I’ll go to Washington. Maybe New York.” Until then, she has her one day off a week. “I sleep,” she says.

Maria Kostadinova manages the Ice Cream Store on Rehoboth Avenue. She’s not a J-1 visa participant, but she used to be. She first came to Rehoboth two summers ago from Varna, Bulgaria. Now, she’s an international affairs major at the University of Virginia.

“I just decided that I loved it here,” Kostadinova said. “You meet different people every day, you meet different people every summer.” She’s come back to work at the Ice Cream Store every summer since she first arrived in May 2013.

“My first year here I got 40, 45 hours a week. We were probably 25 people working here. Now the kids are getting between 50-60 hours a week because there are less people,” she said.

Kostadinova estimates around 70 percent of the summer workers at the Ice Cream Store are there on J-1 visas. “I really don’t know,” she said when asked who they would hire without J-1 students. This year they have workers from Bulgaria, Lithuania, Turkey, Ecuador, and Serbia. Their employer provides them with housing, but they have to pay \$100 a week. Kostadinova said that most jobs also offer housing, but it depends on the employer.

The J-1 visa program has come under increased scrutiny in recent years.

Four years ago, 200 international students walked out of a Hershey packaging plant in Palmyra, Pa. They accused the agencies that arranged for their employment, as well as their employers, of misrepresenting the opportunity (there is not much cultural exchange to be had in overnight factory shifts. They also accused them of underpayment and abusive working conditions.

In a deal struck with the U.S. Labor Department in 2013, the students won \$213,000 in back wages and an additional \$143,000 for the health and safety violations present at the packing facility.

“I don’t know if I’m coming back or not,” Bulgarian student Vasilena Mitrova said in the back dining room of Gus & Gus. “We’ll see. I’m not going to think about next summer yet.”

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HEADLINE | **08/10 US, Canada, Mexico ‘Trusted Travelers’**

SOURCE	http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20150810-u-s-canada-mexico-create-north-american-trusted-traveler-network
GIST	<p>DHS said it has joined Public Safety Canada and the Secretariat of Governance of Mexico in outlining the first steps toward the creation of a North American Trusted Traveler network.</p> <p>The new agreement, signed on 10 July 2015, will make it easier for eligible travelers in the United States, Mexico, and Canada to apply for expedited screening programs. Eligible travelers will be able to apply for each program beginning in 2016.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 Seattle protestors mark Ferguson
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2015/08/10/seattle-protesters-mark-one-year-since-ferguson/31398005/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE – Dozens of Seattle demonstrators protested the one year anniversary of Michael Brown's death Sunday night.</p> <p>Members of the "Black Lives Matter" Seattle chapter took credit for Bernie Sanders releasing a detailed platform on combating racial inequality, one day after two Black Lives Matter interrupted and eventually cancelled Sanders' event Saturday.</p> <p>The crowd marched through Seattle's Capitol Hill and stopped right in front of Seattle Police Department's east precinct.</p> <p>"We're not here to make threats," father of two Luis Rodriguez said toward police. "We are just telling the truth. Just like you guys have families. We have families, too."</p> <p>The protest continued until the 9 o'clock hour and ended at Garfield High School on 23rd Avenue.</p> <p>Police kept close watch at a distance and seemed to let protesters walk where they wanted. The only barricade KING 5 News saw was at the department's east precinct.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 Japan to restart nuclear reactor
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/world/japan-to-restart-1st-reactor-under-new-rules-since-crisis/
GIST	<p>TOKYO (AP) — A power plant operator said it will restart a reactor in southern Japan on Tuesday, the first restart under new safety requirements following the Fukushima disaster and a milestone for the nation's return to nuclear power.</p>

	<p>Kyushu Electric Power Co. said Monday that it will restart the No. 1 reactor at its Sendai nuclear plant Tuesday morning.</p> <p>The restart marks Japan's return to nuclear energy, breaking a four-and-half-year nuclear power impasse since the 2011 meltdowns at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in northeastern Japan following an earthquake and tsunami. The disaster displaced more than 100,000 people due to radioactive contamination in the area.</p> <p>The Nuclear Regulation Authority affirmed the safety of the Sendai reactor and another one at the plant last September under stricter safety rules imposed after the accident, the worst since the 1986 Chernobyl explosion. The plans call for the second reactor to be restarted in October.</p> <p>The Sendai No. 1 reactor is scheduled to start generating power on Friday and reach full capacity next month.</p> <p>All of Japan's 43 operable reactors are currently offline. Of those, 23 others, including the other Sendai reactor, have applied for safety inspections and are in the process of restart approvals. Abe's government wants as many of them as possible to be put online to sustain the nation's economy, which now relies on imported energy.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Lake Chelan fire continues to grow
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/northwest/wolverine-fire-expands-crews-fight-to-protect-communities/
GIST	<p>Firefighters continued to keep Lake Chelan's Wolverine fire away from populated areas Sunday even as the fire grew about two square miles.</p> <p>The fire expanded to about 45 square miles (28,725 acres) by Sunday morning, and is 20 percent contained, according to the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center.</p> <p>Controlled burns in the fire's path Friday stalled its progress toward the resort area of Stehekin to the north and the retreat site, Holden Village, to the west in Chelan County. The blaze is about two miles east of Holden Village and a mile and a half southwest of Stehekin.</p> <p>"Crews were able to keep those under control and we are feeling better and better all the time that we are getting this thing stopped on the north end," fire-information officer Wayne Patterson said Saturday. "If we can hold onto that for another day, or two days, we'll be thinking we've got that northern end pretty well knocked down."</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 SPD sets example for 'Safe Place'
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/spd-sets-national-example-with-lgbtq-friendly-safe-haven-plan/
GIST	<p>In the 2½ months since Jim Ritter began recruiting businesses to provide safe havens for the city's LGBTQ community, he's been working nonstop to keep up with demand for the rainbow-badge window decal that denotes "Safe Places" around Seattle.</p> <p>The sticker designates businesses as places of refuge for victims of assault or harassment, particularly for members of the LGBTQ community. Employees at the businesses are trained to report the crime to police and harbor victims until cops arrive.</p> <p>Since the program's launch in May, Ritter, a Seattle police officer and his department's first full-time liaison to the city's LGBTQ community, has since pushed his efforts outside Capitol Hill, but word-of-mouth and media coverage have also generated interest in the program throughout the state and beyond. A television interview about the Safe Place program was even broadcast in Japan.</p> <p>Ritter has enrolled more than 380 Seattle businesses so far and is also fielding calls about the program from people in Everett and Buckley — even as far away as Cleveland.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Lewis Co. wildfire spurs evacuations
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/New-wildfire-in-Lewis-County-spurs-evacuations-6434328.php
GIST	<p>ONALASKA, Wash. (AP) — A new wildfire has prompted evacuations in Lewis County.</p> <p>Washington's Department of Natural Resources said Sunday afternoon the fire was burning near Onalaska and was estimated to be about 25 acres.</p> <p>Newaukum Valley Fire and Rescue Chief Gregg Peterson says four homes had been threatened but firefighters were able to stop the flames before they reached the residences. He says he estimates the fire is about 50 percent contained and is expected to be fully contained within hours.</p> <p>The agency said the affected areas included from Gish Road to Clark Road.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 Drones getting in way of fire crews
SOURCE	http://www.stripes.com/news/us/drones-getting-in-way-of-emergency-responders-grounding-fire-crews-1.362252
GIST	SAN DIEGO — As Jason Thrasher lowered his helicopter to a park with seven firefighters aboard, he saw what he thought was another firefighting chopper battling a blaze that was threatening homes.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pilot suddenly identified the object as a four-rotor drone only 10 feet from his windshield, forcing him to make a hard left to avoid a collision about 500 feet above ground, according to a report he filed the next day.

"If that drone came through my windshield, I have no idea what could have happened," Thrasher said in a phone interview. "If that drone hits my tail rotor, for sure it's going to be catastrophic."

The near-miss last September in Nevada City, about 60 miles northeast of Sacramento, explains why drones have quickly become a serious nuisance and concern for firefighting pilots and other first responders, fueling calls for more oversight and self-policing in the skies.

The U.S. Forest Service has tallied 13 wildfires in which suspected drones interfered with firefighting aircraft this year — 11 since late June — up from four fires last year and only scattered incidents before.

Last month, the sighting of five drones in a wildfire that closed Interstate 15 in Southern California and destroyed numerous vehicles grounded crews for 20 minutes as flames spread.

Firefighting agencies have introduced public service announcements to warn drone hobbyists, while lawmakers are seeking stiffer penalties for interfering.

"When you can't support firefighters on the ground, fires get bigger," said Ken Pimlott, director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. "It's significant, and it's a huge issue."

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HEADLINE	08/10 Questions of flight in damaging storm
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/delta-flight-hit-hail-lightning-storm-boston-salt-lake-city-lands-safely/
GIST	<p>Large hailstones slammed into the windshield of a Delta flight heading from Boston to Salt Lake City. Lightning also struck the plane before it made an emergency landing in Denver Friday night.</p> <p>It is the third time this summer an airliner has been damaged in a hailstorm, and now there are questions about why the pilots couldn't see the storms coming, but passengers could on their wireless devices, reports CBS News correspondent Kris Van Cleave.</p> <p>"The irony is that pilots flying small planes or sometimes passengers in the cabin with a personal electronic device have the ability to see weather information that the airline pilots flying their flight don't," CBS News aviation and safety expert Sully Sullenberger said.</p> <p>He said unlike passengers, pilots don't have access to the Internet in the cockpit, and their radar systems sometimes aren't able to detect weather patterns like hail storms.</p>

HEADLINE	08/09 DHS: don't make perilous journey
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/aug/9/immigration-campaign-tells-central-americans-not-t/
GIST	<p>The Department of Homeland Security is ramping up a new campaign to try to persuade Central American families not to make the perilous journey to jump the U.S. border, as new statistics suggest that last summer's surge could be happening again.</p> <p>The effort comes as the administration fights a federal judge who is trying to severely limit detention of illegal immigrant families, once again testing President Obama's standing in the Hispanic- and immigrant rights communities</p> <p>In a court filing last week, Border Patrol Deputy Chief Ronald Vitiello said they saw a rise in illegal immigrant families crossing into the U.S. in July, which was surprising as it breaks the usual pattern in which a decrease occurs as the year wears on and the immigrants' journey through the late-summer heat becomes more difficult.</p> <p>The Obama administration said things could get even worse should Judge Dolly M. Gee's decision to curtail detention of illegal immigrants stand, because it will serve as an invitation for more people to try — and to “incentivize” them to bring their children along on the dangerous trip, using them as human shields, of sorts, to avoid deportation.</p> <p>Hoping to head off a surge now, the administration kicked off a public relations campaign last week to send the message to would-be immigrants in Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico — and to their relatives already here in the U.S. who might encourage them — that there is no legal status awaiting them.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 State of emergency in Colorado
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/09/us/colorado-epa-mine-river-spill/index.html
GIST	<p>The city of Durango and La Plata County, Colorado, have declared a state of emergency after a federal cleanup crew accidentally released mine waste into the water.</p> <p>An estimated 1 million gallons of waste water spilled out of an abandoned mine area in the southern part of the state last week, turning the Animas River orange and prompting the Environmental Protection Agency to tell locals to avoid it.</p> <p>"This action has been taken due to the serious nature of the incident and to convey the grave concerns that local elected officials have to ensure that all appropriate levels of state and federal resources are brought to</p>

	bear to assist our community not only in actively managing this tragic incident but also to recover from it," said La Plata County Manager Joe Kerby.
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HEADLINE	08/10 Gunfire, grief in Ferguson
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/10/us/ferguson-protests/index.html
GIST	<p>A day of peaceful vigils to mark the one-year anniversary of Michael Brown's shooting death turned ugly late Sunday night when protesters threw rocks and bottles at officers, and police critically injured a man who they say fired at them.</p> <p>The unidentified man in his 20s was undergoing surgery early Monday morning.</p> <p>He unleashed a "remarkable amount of gunfire" against the officers using a stolen handgun, St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar said.</p> <p>"We cannot continue, we cannot talk about the good things that we have been talking about, if we are prevented from moving forward with this kind of violence," he said.</p> <p>Belmar said those resorting to violence are not protesters.</p> <p>"Protesters are people who are out there to effect change," he said. There were "several people shooting, several rounds shot."</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 SKorea warns NKorea of retaliation
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/09/asia/koreas-tensions/index.html
GIST	<p>South Korea says it will resume broadcasting propaganda messages over its heavily armed border with North Korea in retaliation for landmine blasts that wounded two of its soldiers.</p> <p>The use of loudspeakers to blare government messages into North Korean territory is a form of psychological warfare that the South Korean Defense Ministry stopped more than a decade ago during a thaw in relations between the two sides.</p> <p>Restarting the broadcasts is all but certain to infuriate North Korea, which has threatened in the past to destroy the groups of huge speakers that the South set up at the demilitarized zone that separates the two countries.</p>

	But the South Korean government is upset over the serious leg injuries suffered by two soldiers who stepped on landmines last week in the demilitarized zone, which is considered to be the most heavily fortified border in the world.
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HEADLINE	08/09 Spokane officers' shooting review
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Officials-review-Spokane-officers-shooting-of-suspect-321197181.html
GIST	<p>SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - The Spokane County Sheriff's Office says a team will review a fatal police shooting of a suspect during a gunfight over the weekend.</p> <p>Authorities say Spokane Police Department officers were trying to arrest a man who was wanted for a probation violation related to federal firearms charges on Saturday when they followed him to a home. The officers tried to talk to him, and additional officers arrived and set up a perimeter to keep him contained.</p> <p>The sheriff's office says the suspect shot at officers repeatedly, and the officers returned fire. Medics treated him at the scene and took him to a hospital, where he died. No one else was injured.</p> <p>The sheriff's office says the Spokane Investigate Regional Response Team and Spokane County Forensic Unit technicians will process evidence, interview witnesses and interview the officers involved. The regional response team comprises representatives of several Eastern Washington law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>Once the investigation is complete, the case will be forwarded to the Spokane County prosecutor for review.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Claim: how local cops score military gear
SOURCE	http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2015/08/new-documents-reveal-fearmongering-local-cops-use-score-military-gear-pentagon
GIST	<p><i>Mother Jones</i> obtained more than 450 local requests, filed over two years, for what may be the most iconic piece of equipment in the debate over militarizing local police: the mine resistant ambush protected vehicle, or MRAP.* And an analysis of these documents reveals that in justifying their requests, very few sheriffs and police chiefs cite active shooters, hostage situations, or terrorism, as police advocates do in public.</p> <p>Instead, the single most common reason agencies requested a mine-resistant vehicle was to combat drugs. Fully a quarter of the 465 requests projected using the vehicles for drug enforcement. Almost half of all departments indicated that they sit within a region designated by the federal government as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. (Nationwide, only 17 percent of counties are HIDTAs.) One out of six</p>

departments were prepared to use the vehicles to serve search or arrest warrants on individuals who had yet to be convicted of a crime. And more than half of the departments indicated they were willing to deploy armored vehicles in a broad range of Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) raids.

By contrast, out of the total 465 requests, only 8 percent mention the possibility of a barricaded gunman. For hostage situations, the number is 7 percent, for active shooters, 6 percent. Only a handful mentioned downed officers or the possibility of terrorism.

"This is a great example of how police as an institution talk to each other privately, versus how they talk to the public and journalists who might raise questions about what they're doing with this equipment," says Peter Kraska, a professor at Eastern Kentucky University who has studied police militarization for decades. When police are pressured in public, Kraska says, "They're going to say, 'How about Columbine?' or point to all these extremely rare circumstances."

The requests flowed to a massive Pentagon program—known as the 1033 program—that has given communities across the country a total of \$5.6 billion in combat equipment left over from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, including, a spokeswoman for the Pentagon said, 625 MRAPs. A 2014 NPR analysis found that the Pentagon has also doled out 80,000 assault rifles, 200 grenade launchers, and 12,000 bayonets. In 2012, the program began making MRAPs available. The vehicles weigh around 14 tons, and feature armored hulls and tiny, blast-proof windows. "Nothing short of a rocket-propelled grenade will trouble this powerhouse," one manufacturer boasted.

The focus on drugs may owe partly to the fact that the Pentagon originally launched the 1033 program to help local agencies fight the domestic war on drugs. But starting with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the federal government vastly expanded the program, and created new, larger funding streams that help agencies purchase new combat equipment, under the guise of readying local police forces for future attacks.

Law enforcement advocates today dispute that police are using their heavy combat equipment primarily for drug enforcement. Jim Pasco, the director of the Fraternal Order of Police, suggests that police departments were probably just writing down what they thought the Pentagon wanted to hear. "In reality, they're almost exclusively used as defensive tools," Pasco says. It's a rare drug enforcement case that would require an MRAP, he adds. "We're talking barricaded shooters and downed officers."

But civil rights advocates have observed that SWAT teams—the specialized officers who use these vehicles—are now overwhelmingly deployed for drug raids and search warrants. In a 2014 report examining 800 raids, the American Civil Liberties Union found that SWAT teams replaced regular uniformed police officers in executing search warrants, mostly on private homes, in 80 percent of cases.

The raids disproportionately targeted minority residences, and evidence that the raid would be dangerous for the officers was often scarce. Sixty percent of the raids involved a drug search—meaning the subject of

	<p>the search warrant had not yet been convicted of a crime—and 36 percent of the raids turned up no contraband at all. Raids for minor drugs charges, the report continued, have frequently resulted in officers killing and maiming unsuspecting residents and even children—including a 19-month-old boy who was injured when an officer chucked a flash-bang grenade into his crib.</p> <p>"Most will agree that the line between military and local law enforcement needs to be clear," says Kanya Bennett, an attorney with the ACLU. "And when you're incorporating military weapons and equipment into day-to-day policing, that line becomes blurred, and it undermines the trust that previously existed between communities and police."</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Northern Calif. wildfire 62% contained
SOURCE	http://www.khq.com/story/29741608/california-wildfire-62-percent-contained-evacuees-return-home
GIST	<p>CLEARLAKE OAKS, Calif. –</p> <p>A Northern California wildfire that incinerated 43 homes and sent thousands fleeing has been reduced to embers and smoke.</p> <p>Fire officials say the blaze was 62 percent contained as of Saturday morning, after sweeping through nearly 109 square miles of rural timberlands and brushy hills. Crews are now concentrating on dousing hot spots.</p> <p>Most of the estimated 1,200 people forced from their homes by the July 29 blaze have been allowed back, and two highways used as firebreaks reopened.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Nine Mile Falls fire under control
SOURCE	http://www.khq.com/story/29742037/mile-19-fire-near-highway-291-in-nine-mile-falls-under-control
GIST	<p>NINE MILE FALLS, Wash. –</p> <p>Update, 11:00 a.m. Sunday: Fire crews with Stevens County Fire District 1 report the fire burning near Highway 291 and Stone Lodge Road, known officially as the Mile 19 fire, is under control with a trail drawn around 100 percent of the fire. However, official containment numbers have not yet been released.</p> <p>The Mile 19 fire grew to about 36 acres at last report. In all, 70 firefighters responded to the fire including seven aircraft and four helicopters.</p>

	Fire officials say the cause of the fire is believed to be people who were shooting at explosive targets on Department of Natural Resources land used as a shooting range in the area. The DNR is investigating to find out who these people are.
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HEADLINE	08/09 Spokane fire 25% contained
SOURCE	http://www.khq.com/story/29742486/coulee-hite-fire-25-percent-contained
GIST	<p>SPOKANE, Wash. –</p> <p>Update 11:35 a.m., Sunday: State fire assistance has been mobilized to help crews fighting the Coulee Hite fire, six miles west of Spokane near Airway Heights.</p> <p>At last report, the fire is 240 acres in size and 25 percent contained. Right now, about 80 structures are threatened but no evacuation orders are in place as of Sunday morning. Fire crews with multiple agencies battled the blaze overnight.</p> <p>The cause of the fire remains under investigation.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 State won't audit Navy shoreline deal
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/state-wont-audit-shoreline-deal-navy-got-at-half-the-17m-value/
GIST	<p>The acting state auditor has turned down a request by two state senators asking for an audit of a Hood Canal land-lease deal between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Navy.</p> <p>As her reason, Auditor Jan Jutte cited a Jefferson County Superior Court judge's opinion in May that said DNR had authority to grant the shoreline lease and that the way the agency determined its \$720,000 value "was not arbitrary, capricious or unlawful."</p> <p>The Seattle Times earlier reported that an independent, state-approved appraisal valued the 50-year lease of 4,804 acres of Hood Canal seafloor at \$1.68 million. DNR later accepted a \$720,000 offer from the Navy.</p> <p>Because of the lower value, the Navy avoided congressional oversight of the deal. State law required DNR to obtain fair-market value for the seafloor.</p> <p>The 100-foot-wide seafloor easement puts the shoreline off-limits to Thorndyke Resource, developer of a pier project on the Hood Canal's western shoreline.</p> <p>The Navy viewed the proposed pier as an "encroachment threat" that could hamper "national defense."</p>

	Thorndyke has sued the Navy and DNR over the restriction, and is appealing the Jefferson County judge's decision.
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HEADLINE	08/08 Recall: Real Foods salad kits
SOURCE	http://www.kirotv.com/ap/ap/washington/real-foods-recalls-salad-kits-due-to-peanut-allerg/nnGC9/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE, Wash. — Real Foods of Seattle, LLC is recalling 29 cases of Harvest Slaw Kit and 13 cases of Broccoli Salad Kit because they may contain peanuts not listed in the ingredients.</p> <p>The recall, announced by the Kent, Wash. company on Saturday, is being conducted in coordination with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. No illnesses have been reported to date.</p> <p>The company says the recalled items may potentially be packaged with sunflower seeds mixed with peanut pieces. People who have severe sensitivity to peanuts run the risk of severe allergic reaction if they consume the products.</p> <p>Most of the cases were shipped to deli departments in Haggen stores in Oregon and Washington. The products were sold to consumers directly from deli counter orders between August 5 and August 7.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 DOJ, Ferguson still in talks year later
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2015/08/08/doj-and-ferguson-remain--talks--year-after-michael-browns-death/31087923/
GIST	<p>FERGUSON, Mo. — Federal authorities and local officials remained locked in negotiations about how to resolve Justice Department allegations that the city's police department engaged in a broad pattern of racially biased enforcement, city leaders said.</p> <p>The Justice Department's scathing 102-page report, made public in March, seven months after the fatal shooting of a black teenager by a white police officer, details how racial biases permeated the city's police and justice system. The revelations prompted the resignations of the city's police chief and a local judge.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Social Security facing major problems
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/social-security-turns-80/2015/08/09/id/669208/
GIST	As Social Security approaches its 80th birthday Friday, the federal government's largest benefit program stands at a pivotal point in its history.

Relatively modest changes to taxes and benefits could still save it for generations of Americans to come, but Congress must act quickly, and even limited changes are politically difficult.

The longer lawmakers wait, the harder it will become to maintain Social Security as a program that pays for itself, a key feature since President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act on Aug. 14, 1935.

"The more time that they take, the less acceptable the changes will be because there needs to be adequate time for the public to prepare and to adjust to whatever changes Congress will make," Carolyn Colvin, acting commissioner of the Social Security Administration, said in an interview.

Social Security's long-term financial problems are largely a result of demographic changes. As baby boomers swell the ranks of retirees, relatively fewer workers are left to pay taxes.

In 1960, there were more than five workers for every person receiving Social Security. Today there are fewer than three. In 20 years, there will be about two workers for every person getting benefits.

"Remember, these are our most vulnerable population," Colvin said. "These are the elderly who helped to build this country. These are the disabled who certainly did not wish to become disabled."

The options fall into broad categories: benefit cuts, tax increases or a combination of both.

None is popular.

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HEADLINE	08/09 UK: Spain 'violated' Gibraltar's waters
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33842868
GIST	<p>Spanish vessels and helicopters were in "clear violation of the international law" after entering UK waters in Gibraltar, the Foreign Office has said.</p> <p>Spanish police chasing criminals have made several incursions into British waters in the past two days, it added.</p> <p>The Royal Navy escorted the Servicio de Vigilancia Aduanera (SVA) - Spanish police's drugs and money laundering squad - out of the waters.</p> <p>Minister Hugo Swire said the incursions were "completely unacceptable".</p> <p>He said: "On 9 August Spanish state vessels repeatedly entered British Gibraltar Territorial Waters without notifying Gibraltar authorities."</p>

	<p>"We understand that the Spanish were in pursuit of vessels who may have been committing crimes. However it is completely unacceptable and unlawful under the international law of the sea to enter our waters without notifying us."</p> <p>He described the "repeated incursions into British Gibraltar Territorial Waters" as a "clear violation of UK Sovereignty by another EU country".</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Armed guards for Navy reserve centers
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/chattanooga-shooting/chattanooga-shooting-navy-plans-armed-guards-reserve-centers-n405931
GIST	<p>After a gunman killed four Marines and a sailor at a Navy Reserve Center in Chattanooga last month, the Navy plans to station armed guards at all of its reserve centers across the country, NBC News has learned.</p> <p>An email sent to Naval Reservists nine days after the attack, and obtained by NBC News, says "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!" to provide 45 days of "armed sentry watchstander duty" at 53 "NOSCs," or Navy Reserve Centers, beginning Aug. 17, and also asks for volunteers to provide a full year of armed sentry duty at 70 reserve centers starting Oct. 17.</p> <p>The Navy confirmed to NBC News that it plans to station armed personnel at all 70 reserve centers that are not located on military bases. The guards would be reservists called to active duty on an all-volunteer basis.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Israel cracks down Jewish extremists
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/israel-carries-interrogations-settlement-outposts-32972688
GIST	<p>Israel intensified its crackdown on Jewish extremists Sunday, imprisoning two high-profile ultranationalist Israelis for six months without charge and arresting additional suspects in West Bank settlement outposts, security authorities said.</p> <p>The crackdown comes after a deadly July 31 firebomb attack on a Palestinian home in the West Bank that killed an 18-month-old boy and his father and severely wounded his mother and brother.</p> <p>Tensions have soared since that attack and on Sunday, Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian who had stabbed an Israeli in the West Bank, wounding him lightly.</p>

	Authorities called the arson attack an act of "Jewish terrorism," and Israel's Security Cabinet approved the use of harsh measures to combat the trend, including administrative detention, which allows suspects to be held for lengthy periods without charge.
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HEADLINE	08/09 Firefighter killed battling Calif. blaze
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/us-forest-service-firefighter-killed-battling-blaze-32972924
GIST	<p>The U.S. Forest Service says one of its firefighters was killed Saturday evening in the Lake Tahoe area after he was struck by a tree while battling a wildfire.</p> <p>The agency says in a news release that the firefighter was hit about 5:30 p.m. while working in a remote area between the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and Eldorado National Forest. The release did not identify him or provide an age.</p> <p>The Forest Service says a second male firefighter who was also injured in the incident has been treated and released from a nearby hospital.</p> <p>On July 30, a firefighter was killed by a wildfire in the Modoc National Forest while he scouted the area for ways to fight the blaze, officials said Saturday.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Protestors shutdown political rally
SOURCE	http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/250667-protesters-interrupt-bernie-sanders-rally
GIST	<p>Protesters who claimed affiliation with the Black Lives Matter movement stormed the stage during a rally for Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) in Seattle on Saturday, taking over the microphone and forcing Sanders to leave without ever speaking.</p> <p>Moments after Sanders took the stage at Westlake Park, two women and one man climbed the stage and confronted the Democratic presidential candidate, demanding a chance to speak.</p> <p>After several moments of confusion and confrontation, an event organizer took the microphone and said the protesters would be allowed to speak before Sanders. Some in the crowd booed.</p> <p>After the protesters and organizers continued the confrontation on stage, Sanders waved to the crowd and walked off the stage.</p> <p>He entered the crowd to greet supporters, who chanted his name as he shook hands.</p>

	<p>The event, entitled "Social Security Works," was organized to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Social Security and the 50th anniversary of Medicare. Rep. Adam Smith (D-Wash.) and Seattle council-member Kshama Sawant spoke earlier at the event.</p> <p>During the NetRoots Nation interruption, Sanders still attempted to speak to the crowd and mentioned the issues facing the criminal justice system.</p> <p>"Black lives, of course, matter. I spent 50 years of my life fighting for civil rights and for dignity," he said. "But if you don't want me to be here, that's OK. I don't want to outstream people."</p> <p>He has also talked about policing issues on other occasions during his bid for the White House.</p> <p>The event supporting Social Security and Medicare is one of a sweep of campaign stops Sanders has on the calendar for his swing through Seattle.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Cops kill 24 unarmed black men 2015
SOURCE	http://www.washingtonpost.com/sf/national/2015/08/08/black-and-unarmed/
GIST	<p>It begins with a relatively minor incident: A traffic stop. A burglary. A disturbance. Police arrive and tensions escalate. It ends with an unarmed black man shot dead.</p> <p>That pattern played out in March in Madison, Wis., where police responded to reports of a man yelling and jumping in traffic.</p> <p>It was repeated two months later in Los Angeles, where beachgoers complained that a homeless man was harassing people on the Venice boardwalk.</p> <p>It surfaced again in Cleveland, where police were called to a burglary at a corner store. And in Tallahassee, where a man was reported banging on someone's door. And last month in Cincinnati, where Samuel DuBose, 43, wound up with a bullet in his head after being pulled over for driving without a front tag.</p> <p>Perhaps most infamously, the pattern played out one year ago Sunday in Ferguson, Mo., where a white police officer searching for a convenience-store robber shot and killed an unarmed black teenager. That incident sparked a national movement to protest police treatment of African Americans and turned 18-year-old Michael Brown into a putative symbol of racial inequality in America.</p> <p>So far this year, 24 unarmed black men have been shot and killed by police - one every nine days, according to a Washington Post database of fatal police shootings. During a single two-week period in</p>

	<p>April, three unarmed black men were shot and killed. All three shootings were either captured on video or, in one case, broadcast live on local TV.</p> <p>Those 24 cases constitute a surprisingly small fraction of the 585 people shot and killed by police through Friday evening, according to The Post database. Most of those killed were white or Hispanic, and the vast majority of victims of all races were armed.</p> <p>However, black men accounted for 40 percent of the 60 unarmed deaths, even though they make up just 6 percent of the U.S. population. The Post's analysis shows that black men were seven times more likely than white men to die by police gunfire while unarmed.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Super typhoon kills 12 in China
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/09/asia/china-taiwan-typhoon-soudelor/index.html
GIST	<p>At least a dozen people have died and five are missing in the eastern Chinese city of Wenzhou in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor, according to the state-run Xinhua news agency, which cited local disaster management officials.</p> <p>It was one of the strongest storms anywhere in the world so far this year, with peak winds at 180 miles per hour, according to the Joint Typhoon Warning Center. The West Pacific Basin has seen 10 typhoons so far this year.</p> <p>Soudelor made landfall Saturday night in the city of Putian, in China's southern Fujian province. More than 185,000 people moved to higher ground, Xinhua reported. The typhoon weakened as it moved inland toward the northwest.</p> <p>Earlier Saturday, it hit Taiwan north of the city of Hualien. One city in northern Taiwan saw a wind gust measured at 210 kilometers per hour (130 miles per hour).</p> <p>Soudelor pounded Taiwan on Saturday with sustained winds of 52 miles per hour, the center said. Meteorologists said that Taipingshan received 40 inches of rain in two days.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Not just cops; bad prosecutors as well
SOURCE	http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/08/08/it-s-not-just-cops-prosecutors-run-wild.html
GIST	<p>One year ago, Michael Brown was shot dead by a police officer. Since then, the nation has debated the justice system more feverishly than any other period in recent memory. Most of the scrutiny has rightly fallen upon the police, which is where the justice system meets the people viscerally and sometimes</p>

fatally. Cops only have the power to arrest, though; the power to prosecute and put millions of Americans in prison—and more than a few to death—rests with prosecutors.

And too many are abusing that power.

Suppressing evidence, coddling informants, even outright lying are some of the instances of prosecutorial misconduct that sent away nearly half the 1,621 people convicted for crimes they didn't commit since 1989, according to the University of Michigan Law School's National Registry of Exonerations. These are only the cases we know about, and they are surely only a fraction of the wrongly convicted. Even so, the figure is stunning—especially when you consider that 115 of them were people condemned to die.

The punishment for bad prosecutorial misconduct is virtually nil. In a 2011 report on 707 such cases, only six prosecutors were disciplined. Almost all still have their licenses, and are still practicing law.

Almost nothing is being done to systematically fix prosecutorial misconduct despite multiple avenues available for reform and bipartisan agreement that there's an epidemic on our hands. But, let's face it, convicted criminals (even wrongfully convicted ones) don't play well at the polls.

America is the only country in the world in which many prosecutors are elected—and many of them run as being “tough on crime.” The disciplinary commission that sanctioned Durham County, North Carolina District Attorney Michael Nifong—prosecutor of the Duke lacross team on false rape charges—noted his upcoming primary election as a motivating factor for his misconduct. The pressure to produce wins has led to a “win-at-all-costs” mentality in some offices, especially when voters reward such behavior.

Perhaps most importantly, prosecutors are granted immunity for most kinds of misconduct. It's easy to see the reasons for this policy: otherwise, every well-heeled convict would sue, clogging the system and making it impossible for prosecutors to do their jobs. At the same time, that immunity is so absolute that prosecutors simply get off scot-free, even when misconduct is established. Even worse, most states lack any meaningful oversight of prosecutors: no commissions, no review boards, nothing.

Then there's race. Ninety-five percent of elected prosecutors are white, and two-thirds of the states that elect prosecutors have no black ones. Yet 40 percent of the incarcerated population is black and one in three black men will have spent time in prison. How is the justice system supposed to be seen as fair when this crucial element of it is almost exclusively run by white people?

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HEADLINE	08/07 Columbia Center sold for \$711M
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2015/08/07/pacific-northwests-tallest-building-sold-for-711-million-to-hong-kong-investment-firm/

GIST	<p>SEATTLE (AP) — The Pacific Northwest's highest building has been sold to Hong Kong investment company for \$711 million.</p> <p>The Seattle Times reports Hong Kong-based Gaw Capital Partners completed its purchase of the 76-story Columbia Center building on Friday. It's one of the biggest real-estate transactions in the region's history.</p> <p>Real estate market experts could only remember two larger deals in Seattle, but both were for collections of buildings, including a \$1.15 billion Amazon.com purchase of 11 buildings in South Lake Union. A Goldman Sachs affiliate made a bulk purchase in 2007 of a dozen properties in the Seattle area for \$921 million.</p> <p>Seattle's tallest skyscraper has gone through several owners since it was built by developer Martin Selig in 1985.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Hot temps kill trout in hatchery
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Hot-temperatures-kills-5400-trout-in-state-hatchery-321103781.html
GIST	<p>BELLINGHAM, Wash. -- Washington State's record high temperatures and low water levels are causing yet another massive fish die off -- this time at a state fish hatchery near Bellingham.</p> <p>Fish hatcheries help counter the human impact on natural fish populations. People have had to rely on them more and more. But at a hatchery near Bellingham, more than 5,000 trout are dead. Some can still be seen dying. Only a few hundred trout survive.</p> <p>"It's always a kick to the stomach," said Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Regional Hatchery Manager Kevin Clark. "I mean these are fish that we've cultured for over a year."</p> <p>Because the hatchery uses surface water from nearby Whatcom Lake, it's coming in hotter than normal and then further bakes under the summer sun in cement ponds.</p> <p>Regional hatchery manager Kevin Park said they tried shading with tarps, but it didn't work. He says he may resort to shutting down this hatchery during summer and moving some of the operation to hatcheries that are fed with cooler well water.</p> <p>The die off means nearby lakes in Whatcom County will not get the normal stock of trout. But the bigger question: Are higher temperatures, lower water levels and warmer water likely to be part of a new normal for not just fisheries but a myriad of other environmental issues?</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 District water wells running dry
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SOURCE	http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/water-districts-wells-across-washington-running-dr/nnF26/
GIST	<p>The Startup Water District declared a water emergency; one of the district's only two wells went dry and now the water district is charging customers extra for using more than 7,500 gallons of water a month.</p> <p>A bar can't exactly stop serving drinks so they are trying to conserve elsewhere. One place they're taking the hit is the lawn; Hughes says they've stopped watering the grass. It now looks a lot like the Skykomish River-- bone dry.</p> <p>"This is as low as I've ever seen this river in 16 years that I've lived up here," Dano Drinnin told us, standing on the bank.</p> <p>But what may be most concerning-- 1,400 water districts are in the same boat as Startup with one water source, many 50 feet deep or shallower, and when the water runs dry in one district, they often have to buy from another. In Snohomish County that's typically the city of Everett and already dangerously low Spada Lake.</p> <p>"There's going to be more draw on that lake, not only because people are using more water but because more people are using water," explained Snohomish County Fire District 5 Chief Merlin Halverson.</p> <p>With fires up 12 percent, that's a very scary concept for Halverson. When fighting a fire in Startup he takes this tender carrying 3,000 gallons of Sultan's water.</p> <p>"The reason we fight fire with water, one of the reasons is, it's plentiful and easily accessed," says Halverson-- or at least WAS.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Drought driving down lakes levels
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2015/08/07/drought-driving-down-seattle-lake-levels/31325693/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>SEATTLE - The U.S Army Corps of Engineers says because of the drought, the official water level in Lake Union, Lake Washington, the Ship Canal and connected waters is already nearly two feet below the spring peak in April.</p> <p>It is now forecast to drop about another foot before fall rains kick in. That's a three foot drop. A four foot drop would exceed the official record low set back in 1958 of 18.3 feet. That's the height above mean sea level when the locks were completed in the early 1900s.</p> <p>Because of conservation measures, the Corps does not expect to meet or exceed the old record, even though this is considered a record drought for the state.</p>

	<p>The Corps of Engineers tries to keep the lake within a two-foot range. But levels are set to exceed that range because the amount of rainfall and runoff coming into the lake won't match the amount of water evaporating and the water needed to run the locks in Ballard.</p> <p>Conservation measures have been in place since spring, including an increased reliance on the smaller of the two locks and filling those locks with as many boats as possible. Waits for pleasure boats at the locks can run up to an hour.</p> <p>For the Washington State Department of Transportation, the lake level would have to drop six feet or more before the floating bridges would be impacted. But Seattle's large houseboat community could be at greater risk, particularly homes floating near shore.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Iran military chief supports nuke deal
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/irans-military-chief-comes-support-nuclear-deal-143647069.html
GIST	<p>DUBAI (Reuters) - Iran's military chief and a close ally to the Supreme Leader expressed his support on Saturday for the country's nuclear deal with world powers, a key endorsement for the accord that faces strong opposition from hardliners.</p> <p>Conservative members of the Iranian parliament and chief commander of the elite Revolutionary Guards, Mohammad Ali Jafari, have sharply criticized the deal, saying it undermined the Islamic Republic's military capabilities.</p> <p>While Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has not publicly approved or disapproved of the deal, he has told officials and experts to take legal procedures to ensure the other side does not breach it, saying some of the world powers involved were untrustworthy.</p> <p>Major General Hassan Firouzabadi listed 16 "advantages" to the deal, which Iran signed in Vienna in July, without detailing any drawbacks.</p> <p>"The armed forces have the most concerns about the effect of the deal on Iran's defense capabilities ... but this agreement and the U.N. Security Council resolution have many advantages that the critics ignore," Firouzabadi was quoted as saying by Fars News Agency.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Australia turns back asylum seekers
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/07/world/australia-boat-turnbacks/index.html
GIST	The government of Prime Minister Tony Abbott has revealed Australia has turned back 633 asylum seekers on 20 boats as part of a strict but highly contentious migration policy.

	<p>Minister for Immigration and Border Protection Peter Dutton revealed the numbers in a statement on Thursday, which marked the one-year anniversary of the last boat to arrive on Australian shores. Canberra usually declines to provide specific details on boat turn-backs.</p> <p>"We have had 20 successful turn-back operations," he told reporters. "We have had 633 people that would have arrived otherwise on those ventures."</p> <p>Australia started turning boats backs in December of 2013, under the controversial Operation Sovereign Borders, shortly after Abbott was elected to power.</p> <p>However, Australia has faced mounting international criticism after the U.N. refugee agency reported in May that it had paid human smugglers to turn back, and over its treatment of refugees in offshore detention centers.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Cop shoots unarmed teen in pot bust
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/06/us/seneca-teen-dead-police-shooting/index.html
GIST	<p>You think you've heard this story before. A young, unarmed man is shot to death by a police officer. Black activists are outraged. The only difference with this scenario is that the young man was not black, but white.</p> <p>Nineteen-year-old Zachary Hammond was on a date July 26 when he was fatally shot by a police officer while in parking lot at a Hardee's fast-food restaurant in Seneca, South Carolina, according to Eric Bland, the attorney representing the teen's family.</p> <p>The Seneca Police Department said the officer was conducting a drug investigation and shot Hammond in self-defense.</p> <p>"He was a uniformed officer, he was in a marked vehicle, was out of his vehicle on foot approaching the suspect vehicle -- weapon drawn given it was a narcotics-type violation," Seneca Police Chief John Covington said to CNN affiliate WHNS in Greenville. He added that the officer is now on administrative leave.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Cop fatally shoots college athlete
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/08/us/texas-dealership-shooting/index.html
GIST	<p>An unarmed Texas college football player was fatally shot by police after he allegedly drove a vehicle through the glass doors of a car dealership in the middle of the night in Arlington, authorities said.</p>

	<p>Christian Taylor, 19, played defensive back at Angelo State University, according to the team website. Last year's roster listed him as a 5-foot-9, 180-pound freshman.</p> <p>A rookie police officer, Brad Miller, 49, who graduated from the police academy in March, shot Taylor and is now on routine administrative leave as authorities investigate the shooting, Arlington police said.</p> <p>Taylor's father said while it appears his son did wrong, he shouldn't have had to die.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 US team wins video game tournament
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/us-team-wins-18-million-prize-at-video-game-tournament/
GIST	<p>While the Mariners were taking on the Texas Rangers Saturday afternoon, another — much more lucrative — battle was going on at KeyArena.</p> <p>U.S. team Evil Geniuses won the best-of-five grand finals, taking home more than \$6.6 million at “The International,” a video game tournament with the largest purse in e-sports history: \$18 million.</p> <p>The game: Dota 2, short for “Defense of the Ancients,” a fantasy-themed multiplayer game in which teams of five players pilot hero characters battling for control of a map.</p> <p>The history: To promote the release of Dota 2 in 2011, Bellevue-based Valve sponsored a tournament. In 2012, they moved the tournament to Seattle’s Benaroya Hall. Two years later the tournament outgrew that space and moved to KeyArena. This year more than 12,000 video game fans crowded into KeyArena for the week to watch the 16 teams of professional gamers square off.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 FBI intensifies Twitter monitoring
SOURCE	http://news.softpedia.com/news/retweeting-an-isis-tweet-will-get-you-on-the-fbi-s-watchlist-488851.shtml
GIST	<p>In an interview for The Huffington Post, FBI director James Comey has made it pretty clear that any ISIS-friendly action on Twitter will get US residents onto their watchlist, or even worse.</p> <p>Talking about the fine line between free speech and actual intentions, Mr. Comey has said, "You have to manifest a criminal intent to further the aims prohibited by the statute."</p>

This doesn't mean that one random tweet, a news story, or an academic performing research and then sharing it on Twitter will put anyone on a no-fly list, but having a clear intention to aid the terrorist group will get them in serious trouble.

And by serious trouble he means a legal inquiry like the ones facing Keonna Thomas, Arafat Nagi, Bilal Abood, or Ali Shukri Amin.

Mrs. Thomas is now charged with attempting to provide material support for ISIS after constantly re-posting ISIS tweets to her followers.

Mr. Nagi is currently arrested after lying to FBI agents. A search of his Twitter account showed he was following and was followed by official ISIS members.

Mr. Abood actually went on to pledge obedience via Twitter to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of the Islamic State. He was also arrested by the FBI after lying about the incident.

All of these are scenarios that show the FBI's interest in the social network, which has recently become a watering hole for all kinds of terrorist groups, not just ISIS.

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HEADLINE	08/10 Industrial hacking: the untold story
SOURCE	http://www.computerweekly.com/news/4500251365/BlackHat-2015-Industrial-hacking-the-untold-story
GIST	<p>Hacking of industrial plants for extortion is one of the biggest untold stories because such attacks are seldom reported, according to Marina Krotofil, a researcher at Hamburg University of Technology.</p> <p>Hackers have been penetrating industrial control systems of utility companies on a large scale for extortion since at least 2006, she told visitors to BlackHat USA 2015 security conference in Las Vegas.</p> <p>“Yet, almost 10 years later, we still know almost nothing about how the attackers are doing that because targeted companies are unwilling to make any information available,” she said.</p> <p>Most of the attacks on operational technologies in the past 20 years have not been reported, which means exactly how attackers interact with industrial control systems remains unknown.</p> <p>While the hacking of industrial control systems, including Scada systems, is commonly associated with causing physical damage, Krotofil said extortion is the most prevalent motivation.</p> <p>“The most common goal is to be able to cause persistent economic damage,” she said, adding that targeted companies will be willing to pay large sums of money to stop it from happening.</p>

	<p>Alternatively, attackers want to remain in the system undetected to cause as much economic damage as possible on behalf of competitors or any other hostile parties. The most common goal of attackers, therefore, is to impact the industrial production process so it affects the quality of the end product or raises operational and maintenance costs.</p> <p>“However, most of these cases are not reported because if there is no compliance violation companies are not legally required to do so, and they are usually unwilling to risk damage to the reputation of the brand by going public,” said Krotofil.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 UK warns of hostile intelligence services
SOURCE	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3191733/Foreign-spies-LinkedIn-trying-recruit-civil-servants-befriending-stealing-British-secrets.html
GIST	<p>Enemy spies are attempting to recruit civil servants in a bid to steal Britain’s secrets by ‘befriending’ them on LinkedIn.</p> <p>MI5 have warned that ‘hostile intelligence services’ are clandestinely targeting Government employees through the popular online CV website.</p> <p>Secret agents working for malign foreign powers, including Russia and China, have created fake profiles on the social networking service to lure unsuspecting victims.</p> <p>In the elaborate scam - that wouldn’t be out of place in a James Bond novel - enemy spies are using bogus accounts on the website, described as like Facebook but for business professionals, to try and ‘find, connect with, cultivate and recruit’ current and former Government employees.</p> <p>Instead of a trusting civil servant connecting with a potential business partner, they are unwittingly tricked by a foreign agent into exposing a treasure trove of personal details, including pictures, phone numbers, email addresses and information about their work in Whitehall.</p> <p>Security experts have said that even current members of Britain’s spy agencies – MI5, MI6 and GCHQ – have put potentially risky information in LinkedIn profiles.</p> <p>Others on the website work, or were previously employed, in departments which deal with highly-sensitive intelligence such as the Foreign Office, Home Office or Ministry of Defence.</p> <p>Now spy chiefs have launched a crackdown to minimise the threat of enemy agents coaxing out secrets.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 Airlines under siege from hackers
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SOURCE	http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/250614-airlines-under-siege-from-hackers
GIST	<p>The airline industry is under siege from cyberattackers, and lawmakers are struggling to help.</p> <p>In recent months, hackers have infiltrated the U.S. air traffic control system, forced airlines to ground planes and potentially stolen detailed travel records on millions of people.</p> <p>Yet the industry lacks strict requirements to report these cyber incidents, or even adhere to specific cybersecurity standards.</p> <p>With recent revelations that the same suspected Chinese hackers that pilfered millions of people's information from the government might also have stolen travel records from United Airlines and American Airlines, lawmakers insist the need for legislation is urgent.</p> <p>But with a crowded September legislative calendar, many wonder if Congress will even be able to approve the FAA's budget, let alone pass a cybersecurity bill.</p> <p>The growing cyber threat to the aviation industry is getting hard to ignore, though.</p> <p>The FAA recently acknowledged serious security concerns plague the industry.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Ashley Madison site linked to spam
SOURCE	http://www.christiantoday.com/article/ashley.madison.hack.update.spam.links.promising.access.hacked.database.surface/61405.htm
GIST	<p>One of the most recent cyber hacks was, surprisingly, not to a government installation with hackers trying to gain access to highly classified information. Rather, a group of hackers decided to raid the servers of one adult date finder site, get all of the personal data of the customers, and threaten to release the information online if the website does not shut down.</p> <p>Ashley Madison is an adult date finder site that seeks to partner couples online. However, unlike other dating sites, Ashley Madison is one of those who cater to the married ones, enticing customers to have an extramarital affair.</p> <p>The attack on Ashley Madison exposed at least 37 million customers, with their personal data in danger of being released online. Currently, the hackers who did the breaching, calling themselves the Impact Team, are still threatening to release the data to the online world.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the attack on the website is also being used to spam unsuspecting curious readers. According to the reports, spam sites and links promising access to the hacked database are currently appearing online. Different links are flourishing in the wake of the attack, encouraging readers to take a sneak peek at the hacked customer database. These spam range from email correspondences to expertly camouflaged news links on social media sites.</p>

	Experts warn of these spam links, as aside from exposing themselves to malware, these links can also pose as phishing clickbaits and get personal information about the user. Some news sites have also investigated the spam links and other than false data and malware, no sign of the hacked database can be seen.
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HEADLINE	08/10 Anonymous threatens Malaysia
SOURCE	http://www.therakyatpost.com/news/2015/08/10/anonymous-malaysia-declares-all-out-warfare-against-authorities/
GIST	<p>An eight-minute video posted by hacktivist group Anonymous Malaysia, threatening the Malaysian government and the Prime Minister has been removed.</p> <p>Apart from the government and Datuk Seri Najib Razak, the video which was posted on August 4, on the group’s official Facebook Page, showcased the group also declaring an “all-out Internet warfare” towards the Malaysian Anti-corruption Commission (MACC), police , along with another 150 web portals that the group “strategically” selected.</p> <p>“Today we are confronting you, Datuk Seri Haji Mohammad Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak to declare a duel and challenge,” said the figure wearing the signature Guy Fawkes mask — which has become synonyms with the hacker movement — in a synthesised voice.</p> <p>The group warned that the cyber attack would be carried out during the Bersih 4.0 demonstrations on August 29 till August 30 from 6PM to 5PM.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 ‘No emails, no phones, nothing’
SOURCE	http://www.arabianbusiness.com/-no-emails-no-phones-nothing-how-saudi-aramcoworld-s-biggest-oil-company-survived-debilitating-cyber-attack-602094.html#.Vch3RvIVhBc
GIST	<p>An independent cyber security consultant has described how Saudi Aramco had to get by on typewriters and paper, after the August 2012 cyber-attack that disabled more than 30,000 of the company's workstations for almost two weeks.</p> <p>A cyber cabal calling itself "Cutting Sword of Justice" launched the hacktivist campaign against the state-controlled oil company in protest against the ruling Al Saud family. The gang's Shamoon virus hit systems for several hours on 15 August, 2012, before admin staff shut down machines as a mitigating measure.</p> <p>Aramco's public statements at the time claimed oil production had not been affected, but in December 2012 the company admitted that critical infrastructure had been the intended target.</p>

	<p>Speaking at this week's Black Hat conference in Las Vegas, Chris Kubecka, who was tasked with securing Aramco's EMEA satellite offices in the wake of the attack, said the oil giant initially had, "No emails, no phones, nothing", according to a report from the darkreading.com website.</p> <p>Aramco, which claims on its website to have maximum sustainable capacity of 12 million barrels per day, had invested heavily in protecting the production infrastructure itself, but Shamoon targeted PCs, email servers and other, less critical systems.</p> <p>The company "got pwned [owned]", Kubecka said, employing a phrase used by hackers and gamers to denote victory over a target. She said the attack was traced to an Aramco employee's errant click on a malicious link in a spear-phishing email, but the precise time the email was sent remains a mystery.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Firm claims victim of \$47M cyber scam
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/tech/security/ubiquiti-networks-says-it-was-victim-47-million-cyber-scam-n406201
GIST	<p>Ubiquiti Networks, a Silicon Valley computer networking company, says it was scammed of nearly \$47 million by cyber thieves. In an SEC filing this week, Ubiquiti said it expects to recoup about \$15 million of that amount and is working with law enforcement to recover the remainder.</p> <p>The company said it determined on June 5 that it was the victim of "criminal fraud" involving "employee impersonation and fraudulent requests from an outside entity targeting the Company's finance department." The scam led to the transfer of \$46.7 million held by a Ubiquiti subsidiary incorporated in Hong Kong to other overseas accounts held by third parties, the company said.</p> <p>Ubiquiti, whose founder and CEO is Robert Pera, owner of the Memphis Grizzlies basketball team, didn't disclose details of the scam. Cybersecurity blogger Brian Krebs said the swindle that hit the company is commonly known as "CEO Fraud," or the "Business Email Compromise," in which cybercriminals use "phishing" and other email spoofs to target businesses that regularly perform foreign wire transfers.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Survey: 88% adults engage in sexting
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/08/health/sexting-adults-online-survey-feat/index.html
GIST	<p>Think sexting is just for carefree (or careless) teens? Think again.</p> <p>Researchers at Drexel University's Women's Health Psychology Lab conducted an online survey to explore the potential benefits of sharing sexually explicit messages or images through electronic means, cell phones in particular.</p>

	<p>Preliminary findings suggest some correlation between sexting and relationship satisfaction, the researchers said.</p> <p>Among 870 respondents surveyed online who identified as adults in the United States between the ages of 18 and 82, 88% reported having sexted at least once. A slightly lower number of respondents, 82%, reported sexting in the past year, according to an abstract published on the American Psychological Association's website.</p> <p>The research, which was presented Saturday at the APA's annual convention, is in the process of being submitted for publication in peer-reviewed journals, said co-author Emily C. Stasko, a clinical psychology PhD student at Drexel.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Gas pumps not safe from hackers
SOURCE	http://www.techtimes.com/articles/75107/20150809/u-s-gas-pumps-are-not-safe-from-hackers-what-to-know.htm
GIST	<p>If you thought hackers could only wreak havoc in certain areas, think again. Gas stations in the U.S. too are vulnerable to cyberattacks as researchers at Trend Micro show.</p> <p>Post the hacking of a monitoring system of a gas station earlier in January 2015, where the system's name was changed to "We Are Legion" from "Diesel," Stephen Hilt and Kyle Wilhoit - both researchers at Trend Micro who call themselves the FTR or Forward-Looking Threat Research team - thought of delving deeper into the area.</p> <p>The researchers created a fake Internet-connected system dubbed GasPots in countries around the world in a bid to track the movements of the hackers. The 10 fraud GasPots or monitoring systems acted as online honeypots and any person (including cybercriminals) who sought them out would think they were the real deal as they resembled the authentic Guardian AST, which are gas monitoring devices. The AST basically controls and keeps a check of the fuel levels in the tanks at a gas station. When the level of fuel decreased the operators are alerted.</p> <p>During a period of six months, the FRT team saw several attacks on the planted GasPots, most of which were harmless. Interestingly, the U.S.-based honeypots were the ones which were targeted more when compared to other countries.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 UK cellphone provider hacked
SOURCE	http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-08-09/u-k-data-agency-looking-into-cyber-attack-at-carphone-warehouse

GIST	<p>The U.K.'s data protection watchdog said it is looking into a cyber-attack on mobile phone retailer Carphone Warehouse.</p> <p>"The ICO is aware of an incident at Carphone Warehouse and is making inquiries," Robert Parker, a spokesman for the Information Commissioner's Office, said by phone on Sunday. The retailer, owned by Dixons Carphone Plc, took immediate action to secure its systems, it said in a statement on Saturday.</p> <p>The personal details and bank information for as many as 2.4 million customers may have been accessed in a breach detected at a division of the company on Aug. 5, according to the retailer. Encrypted credit card data of up to 90,000 clients may also have been accessed.</p> <p>The business affected by the breach operates OneStopPhoneShop.com, e2save.com and Mobiles.co.uk while also providing a number of services to iD Mobile, TalkTalk Mobile and Talk Mobile, it said. The company and its partners will inform customers who may be affected and offer advice to minimize inconvenience, Carphone Warehouse said.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Online death records easy to be hacked
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/rush-put-death-records-online-lets-anyone-killed-074408319.html
GIST	<p>Las Vegas (AFP) - Hackers at an infamous annual Def Con gathering in Las Vegas got schooled in how to be online killers.</p> <p>A rush to go digital with the process of registering deaths has made it simple for maliciously minded folks to have someone who is alive declared dead by the authorities.</p> <p>"This is a global problem," Australian computer security specialist Chris Rock said as he launched a presentation titled "I Will Kill You."</p> <p>The process of having someone officially stamped dead by getting a death certificate issued typically involves a doctor filling out one form and a funeral home filling out another, according to Rock's research.</p> <p>Once forms are submitted online, certificates declaring the listed person legally dead are generated.</p> <p>A fatal flaw in the system is that people can easily pose as real doctors and funeral directors, Rock demonstrated to a rapt audience. Doctors practising general medicine often don't bother setting up accounts at online portals for filling out information for death certificates.</p> <p>An aspiring online assassin can step into that void, and borrow the identity of a doctor.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 AQ branch in Syria withdrawing
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/al-qaidas-branch-syria-withdrawing-area-turkey-32985907
GIST	<p>Al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria says it is withdrawing from areas on the border with Turkey where a zone free of the Islamic State group is expected to be established.</p> <p>The Nusra Front says in a statement Monday it is against its religion to join the U.S.-led coalition or be aided by it.</p> <p>In a major policy shift, Turkey agreed last month to allow the United States to use the strategic Incirlik Air Base to launch airstrikes against IS and agreed on the outlines of a plan to rout the extremists from a stretch of Syrian territory along the Turkish border.</p> <p>The Nusra Front and other Islamic factions in Syria have been fighting IS since last year. Nusra Front says other insurgent groups are replacing it in northern Aleppo.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Oil dispute threatens a divided Iraq
SOURCE	https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/a-new-fight-over-oil-shows-why-its-so-hard-to-keep-iraq-from-splintering/2015/08/09/a17fd04e-240a-11e5-b621-b55e495e9b78_story.html?hpid=z1
GIST	<p>BAGHDAD — Iraq's Kurdish region has begun to sell oil independently of the central government, a move that is exacerbating divisions in the country as it struggles to turn back Islamic State militants.</p> <p>The Kurdish region last month stopped transferring oil to the state as it had promised to do under a landmark deal in 2014. Kurdish officials argued that payments from Baghdad had not been sufficient. Instead, the region exported more than 600,000 barrels a day itself, Kurdish and Iraqi officials said, a step that Baghdad considers illegal.</p> <p>The dispute threatens to widen differences in a country already effectively split into three parts: the Kurdish north, areas in southern and central Iraq controlled by the Shiite-led government, and territory in the north and west seized by the Islamic State.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 Car bomb explodes near Kabul airport
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/kabul-blast-car-bomb-airport-gate-kills-least-five-n406941
GIST	<p>KABUL — A suicide car bomb at the entrance of Kabul's international airport killed at least 5 people on Monday, officials said, the latest in a deadly series of attacks targeting the Afghan capital.</p>

	<p>Kabul Police Chief Gen. Abdul Rahman Rahimi told NBC News that a bomber in a Toyota Corolla detonated as vehicles went through one of the many checkpoints leading into the airport.</p> <p>Both civilians and security forces were caught up in the blast, according to Ministry of the Interior spokesman Najib Danish.</p> <p>"A suicide car bomb attack at the entrance of Hamid Karzai International Airport and has caused casualties both on civilians and security forces," Danish said. "I do not have the exact number."</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 Leftist group in US consulate attack?
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/report-assailants-fire-shot-us-consulate-istanbul-32983742
GIST	<p>Two assailants opened fire at the heavily protected U.S. Consulate building in Istanbul on Monday, touching off a gunfight with police before fleeing the scene, Turkish media reports said.</p> <p>One of the assailants, a woman, was later captured at a nearby building and hospitalized. Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency, quoting unnamed police sources, said she has been identified as a member of a banned leftist group. The Istanbul governor's office said police were searching for a second woman involved in the attack.</p> <p>Anadolu named the captured assailant as 42-year-old Hatice Asik and said she is a member of the far-left Revolutionary People's Liberation Army-Front, or DHKP-C. The group claimed responsibility for a 2013 suicide attack on the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, which killed a Turkish security guard.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 Shots fired near US consulate
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/10/europe/turkey-istanbul-violence/index.html
GIST	<p>Also Monday, shots were reportedly fired close to the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul.</p> <p>Turkish authorities have detained one person suspected of involvement in the shooting and are hunting for another, Anadolu reported. No casualties were reported at the consulate, it said.</p> <p>The exact circumstances of the shooting near the consulate remained unclear.</p> <p>"There was a security incident this morning near the U.S. Consulate General in Istanbul," the consulate said in a short statement. "We are working with Turkish authorities to investigate the incident. The Consulate General remains closed to the public until further notice."</p>

	<p>Authorities didn't disclose details of the suspects in the shooting near the consulate. And police are trying to establish the identities of the two dead police station attackers, Anadolu reported.</p> <p>U.S. diplomatic missions in Turkey have been targeted in the past.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 Istanbul police station attacked
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/10/europe/turkey-istanbul-violence/index.html
GIST	<p>One person was reported killed and 10 others were wounded after an Istanbul police station was attacked early Monday -- first with a bomb and then with guns.</p> <p>Two attackers were also killed after police returned fire, Turkey's semi-official Anadolu news agency reported.</p> <p>The violence began around 1 a.m. Monday in the city's Sultanbeyli district, police said, when a vehicle-borne bomb exploded near the police station, wounding at least 10 people.</p> <p>Then, around 6:45 a.m., assailants opened fire at security forces who were guarding the damaged police station, Anadolu reported.</p> <p>Two attackers were killed in the gunfight, and a police officer who was wounded later died at the hospital, the news agency said.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 ISIS intensifies online UK recruiting
SOURCE	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3192024/Join-ISIS-washing-machine-Jihadis-trying-lure-Brits-join-promise-fridges-domestic-appliances-offer-money-bring-children.html
GIST	<p>ISIS extremists are trying to lure would-be jihadis from Britain by offering to accommodate them in homes fitted with the latest domestic appliances.</p> <p>The terror group is apparently offering to provide basic household items such as washing machines, fridges, cookers, carpets and mattresses to those who flee the UK and join militants in Syria.</p> <p>The extremists are also offering to pay potential fighters additional money for each child they take out to Syria, in a bid to recruit large families from Britain.</p> <p>The incentives have been unveiled by Omar Hussain, 27, a former Morrisons supermarket security guard who now acts as an ISIS propaganda machine in western Syria.</p>

	<p>In his latest post, in which he addresses 'frequently asked questions', Hussain claims ISIS will pay would-be fighters' rent, and give them monthly supplies of basic foods such as bread, rice and pasta.</p> <p>He adds: 'They also pay you additional money to support your wife, and if you have children, then this monthly wage increases per every child.</p> <p>'If this isn't enough, then Dawlah (Islamic State) also provides your family with the basic household items, such as a washing machine, fridge, cooker, carpets, mattresses and some other kitchen items.'</p> <p>Foreign jihadists recruited to ISIS are reportedly given a monthly wage of about \$US500, which is said to be five times as much as the amount given to those who sign up to the militant group locally.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 Study: Iran terror funding gets boost
SOURCE	http://freebeacon.com/national-security/study-iran-terror-funding-gets-4-8-billion-boost-under-uke-deal/
GIST	<p>Sanctions relief provided to Iran under a recently inked nuclear accord is expected to boost the Islamic Republic's military spending by nearly \$5 billion dollars, with much of that money going to fund Iran's terror forces, according to a new study by a Washington, D.C.-based think-tank.</p> <p>Under the parameters of the deal, Iran will receive nearly \$150 billion in sanctions relief and cash assets. Because the money comes with no strings attached, it is expected that Iran will spend the money to fund its global terrorism operation, as well as its defense sector.</p> <p>The cash windfall will allow Iran to put another \$4.8 billion into its defense budget if current spending trends remain the same, according to a new study by the American Action Forum (AAF).</p> <p>The study comes amid multiple reports indicating that Iran is building a series of new weaponized drones, missile defense shields, and other types of military hardware meant to deter an attack from Western forces in the region.</p> <p>Iran is currently spending about 3.4 percent of its total public budget on defense, according to AAF, which used official documents published by Iran to conduct its study.</p> <p>About 65 percent of the money budgeted for defense is spent on Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), the elite paramilitary fighting force that is known to coordinate and conduct terror activities across the globe.</p> <p>"If current budget trends persist, the Iran deal would mean at least \$4.8 billion in additional Iranian defense spending and a 50 percent budget increase for the IRGC," AAF concludes.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 Man arrested in UK counter-terror raid
SOURCE	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/terrorism-in-the-uk/11793641/Birmingham-homes-evacuated-as-police-hold-man-in-counter-terror-raid.html
GIST	<p>Homes were evacuated after a Birmingham man was arrested in a counter-terror swoop.</p> <p>People had to leave their houses when "suspicious items" were discovered by police in the raid in the Alum Rock area of the city on Sunday.</p> <p>West Midlands Police said a 27-year-old is being held on suspicion of the "commission, preparation or instigation" of acts of terrorism.</p> <p>Officers originally arrested the man at 1.40am on Sunday on suspicion of going equipped and possession of an offensive weapon.</p> <p>No further details on the nature of these items have been disclosed, but police said there was "no immediate risk to the public".</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Kurdish rebels fire at Turkey police
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/World/Europe/EU-Turkey-Kurds/2015/08/09/id/669220/
GIST	<p>ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Officials say Kurdish rebels have fired at a police vehicle in southern Turkey, killing a policeman and wounding another, in the latest attack against Turkish security forces.</p> <p>The governor's office for Mardin province said militants of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, opened fire late Saturday at the officers who were on patrol duty.</p> <p>Militants also fired rockets at a military outpost in the southeastern Mus province. There were no casualties.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Afghanistan: Taliban kill 29 in attack
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-33841724
GIST	<p>At least 29 members of a pro-government militia have been killed in an attack in northern Afghanistan, officials say.</p> <p>Four commanders are said to be among those killed on Saturday when a Taliban suicide bomber targeted a gathering in the province of Kunduz.</p>

	<p>The interior ministry described them as civilians but local officials and the Taliban said they were militiamen.</p> <p>There has been a sharp increase in Taliban attacks in Afghanistan - more than 50 people died on Friday alone.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Houthis driven out of key Yemen city
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-33839735
GIST	<p>Pro-government forces in Yemen, backed by Saudi-led airstrikes, are reported to have retaken the city of Zinjibar from Houthi rebels.</p> <p>Zinjibar is the capital of the southern Abyan province and has been the scene of heavy fighting in recent days.</p> <p>Its loss would be another big blow to the rebels in the wake of the recapture of Yemen's second city, Aden, by pro-government militias last month.</p> <p>They were driven out of a key airbase this week, following the loss of Aden.</p> <p>Reports say pro-government troops entered Zinjibar, some 50km (30 miles) east of Aden, after overrunning a Houthi barracks outside following strikes from a Saudi-led coalition.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Jets, personnel to Turkey for ISIS fight
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/isis-terror/u-s-sends-6-jets-300-personnel-turkish-base-fight-n406681
GIST	<p>Six U.S. Air Force jets and 300 military personnel arrived at a Turkish airbase Sunday, following Turkey's decision to host American aircraft in the fight against ISIS, according to a Pentagon statement.</p> <p>Senior defense officials told NBC News that the F-16 Falcons stationed at Turkey's Incirlik base will begin air patrols "within a few days."</p> <p>The U.S. started launching airstrikes against ISIS in Iraq just a little more than a year ago and armed drones at Incirlik have already been conducting airstrikes against ISIS and al Nusra forces in Syria. But manned aircraft fighting ISIS have previously been flown from the Persian Gulf — hundreds of miles away from ISIS targets in Syria. Incirlik is just a little more than 100 miles from the Syrian border.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Saudi-led airstrikes kill 20 allied fighters
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SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/saudi-led-airstrikes-kill-20-in-friendly-fire-incident-in-yemen/
GIST	<p>SANAA, Yemen - A Saudi-led coalition airstrike in Yemen hit allied fighters in a friendly fire incident, killing at least 20, Yemeni security officials and pro-government fighters said Sunday.</p> <p>The officials said the incident happened late Saturday as the fighters were on a coastal road heading toward the embattled city of Zinjibar in southern Yemen.</p> <p>The Saudi-led, American-supported coalition began launching airstrikes in March against the Shiite Houthi rebels and their allies, who control the capital and much of the country's north.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 VJ terror threat sparks security review
SOURCE	http://news.sky.com/story/1532749/vj-day-terror-threat-sparks-security-review
GIST	<p>Security arrangements for next weekend's VJ Day celebrations in London are being reviewed after intelligence of a possible terrorist threat, sources have told Sky News.</p> <p>The Queen and other members of the Royal Family are due to take part in a series of events next Saturday, marking the Allied Victory over Japan in 1945.</p> <p>Security officials are understood to be reviewing security arrangements surrounding those events, but are not being specific about the nature of any threat.</p> <p>The Mail on Sunday said it was informed by sources that a specific threat was made against the Queen, triggering the security review.</p> <p>The Metropolitan Police has encouraged people to continue with their plans to attend the VJ Day celebrations.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 'Ginger Jihadi' makes twisted boasts
SOURCE	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3190685/Terrorist-s-sick-propaganda-British-Muslims-ISIS-make-series-boasts-attack-UK-soil.html
GIST	<p>Islamic State terrorists have made a series of twisted boasts about launching terror attacks on UK soil. Last month, Abdullah Elmir – dubbed the 'Ginger Jihadi' because of his long red hair – bragged to an undercover Mail on Sunday reporter that IS would not stop their murderous campaign until its flag was flying over Buckingham Palace.</p> <p>It followed the online circulation of a series of terror manuals providing step-by-step instructions on how to launch 'lone wolf' attacks in the UK.</p>

	<p>Compiled by an extremist who claimed to be from England, the document carried the strapline: 'A guide to strike terror in the hearts of the kuffar [non-believers] of the West.'</p> <p>Police launched an urgent investigation after Elmir, 18, who fled his home in Australia last year and later turned up in Syria, sent a horrific warning to this newspaper that supporters of the terror group are planning attacks in London.</p> <p>Elmir said: 'Brothers that I know there... are itching to do an attack.' He added: 'This is a direct threat.'</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Attacks kill at least 50 in Kabul
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/08/08/us-afghanistan-attack-idUSKCN0QC1U920150808
GIST	<p>A wave of attacks on the Afghan army and police and U.S. special forces in Kabul killed at least 50 people and wounded hundreds, dimming hopes that the Taliban might be weakened by a leadership struggle after their longtime leader's death.</p> <p>The bloodshed began on Friday with a truck bomb that exploded in a heavily populated district of the capital and ended with an hours-long battle at a base used by U.S. special forces. It became the deadliest day in Kabul for years.</p> <p>The Islamist insurgents claimed responsibility for both the police academy attack and the battle at the U.S. special forces base, though not for the truck bomb.</p> <p>The scale of the violence heightened obstacles to reviving the stalled peace process and conveyed a no-compromise message from the Taliban at a delicate time following last week's revelation of Mullah Mohammad Omar's death and a dispute over the leadership of the insurgency.</p> <p>"The question is, who is sending the message?" Thomas Ruttig of the Afghanistan Analysts Network said.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Taliban attacks 'sign of infighting'
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-33833385
GIST	<p>Security has been stepped up in the Afghan capital after a series of bomb attacks killed more than 50 people.</p> <p>Eleven people, including a Nato soldier and eight contractors, were killed in an attack on a base in Kabul.</p> <p>On Friday, at least 25 people died in a suicide bombing at a police academy and a truck bomb killed 15.</p>

	<p>The UN said the attacks were likely to be the product of a Taliban power struggle following the death of its leader Mullah Omar.</p> <p>The attacks, which happened within 24 hours of each other and injured hundreds, are the first major incidents since the Taliban confirmed last week he had died two years ago.</p> <p>President Ashraf Ghani is due to hold a meeting of the National Security Council on Saturday to discuss the worsening situation and Afghan soldiers have been deployed across the capital to boost security.</p> <p>Nicholas Haysom, the head of the UN mission in Afghanistan, said the attacks were probably linked to the current power struggle within the Taliban.</p> <p>"We suspect the upsurge in violence may be triggered by the succession battle within the Taliban," he told the BBC.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Afghanistan getting more violent
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/u-s-legacy-afghanistan-culture-guns-arbaki-police-drive-violence-n405736
GIST	<p>KABUL, Afghanistan — What started as a wedding with hundreds of guests eating and dancing ended in tragedy when armed men took out their AK-47s and fired into the crowd of revelers.</p> <p>The bride and groom survived, but 22 others died in the Afghan village of Shashan on July 26 — 16 of them relatives of Mohammad Ghani, a police officer who witnessed the massacre firsthand. Powerless to prevent the attack, Ghani says he doesn't know what prompted onslaught.</p> <p>"There was no reason for these guys to shoot except that they had guns and could," the 44-year-old said. "None of the culprits have been caught even though they are part of a well-known band of outlaws."</p> <p>The massacre is part of a much larger problem that he says is growing throughout the country.</p> <p>"The culture of guns disappeared for a few years, but it is coming back and it is causing insecurity in areas that were safe and secure a year or two ago," he said.</p> <p>Afghanistan is becoming more violent. Armed groups — some supported by the U.S.-backed government in Kabul and who act as local police forces known as "Arbaki," others fighting to overthrow that government, and some that are just gangs of bandits — are wreaking havoc in parts of Afghanistan.</p>

	<p>So despite some \$110 billion the U.S. has spent on relief, reconstruction and military aid to Afghanistan, the country is arguably more dangerous than it has been since the Taliban fell to American-backed forces nearly 15 years ago.</p> <p>Afghan civilian casualties are hitting their highest levels on record, with 1,592 killed and 3,329 injured during the first six months of the year, according to the United Nations. When the U.N. began to systematically compile casualty statistics in 2009, they recorded 1,052 deaths and 1,439 injured over the same period.</p> <p>As foreign troops continue to draw down sharply with plans to leave completely in 2016, the government says that an average of between 10 and 15 Afghan national army and police members are being killed every day.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Jury convicts ex-Russian soldier
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/jury-convicts-ex-russian-soldier-of-terror-related-charges/
GIST	<p>A federal jury on Friday night convicted a former Russian military tank commander of planning and leading a Taliban attack on U.S. forces in Afghanistan.</p> <p>Irek Hamidullin showed no expression as guilty verdicts were read on all 15 counts, including providing material support to terrorism, attempting to destroy U.S. aircraft and conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction. He faces up to life in prison. Sentencing was set for Nov. 6.</p> <p>The verdict came after eight hours of deliberations and five days of testimony.</p> <p>Defense attorney Rob Wagner declined to say whether the convictions will be appealed.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 DOJ won't charge female ISIS militant
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/isis-militant-who-held-kayla-mueller-captive-wont-be-charged-in-u-s/
GIST	<p>The Islamic State militant who held American hostage Kayla Mueller captive will not be charged in the U.S. for her crimes.</p> <p>Nasrin As'ad Ibrahim, also known as Umm Sayyaf, had been held by American military interrogators since May, after U.S. Special Forces captured her during a raid in Syria. Late Thursday, the U.S. transferred her into the custody of the Iraqi Kurdish courts.</p>

	<p>White House Spokesman Josh Earnest said that the Justice Department, along with other U.S. agencies, came to a "unanimous decision" to hand Umm Sayyaf over to Iraq, despite their confidence that she played an important role within ISIS and was "complicit" in Kayla Mueller's captivity.</p> <p>Earnest cited diplomatic and legal factors as some of the considerations behind the decision not to bring Umm Sayyaf to be tried in a U.S. court.</p> <p>American officials confirmed that they had explored charging Umm Sayyaf and bringing her to the U.S. but ultimately decided not to indict her at this time.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Ex-Saddam officers rise in ISIS ranks
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/top-command-dominated-officers-saddams-army-32962309
GIST	<p>While attending the Iraqi army's artillery school nearly 20 years ago, Ali Omran remembers one major well. An Islamic hard-liner, he once chided Omran for wearing an Iraqi flag pin into the bathroom because it included the words "God is great."</p> <p>"It is forbidden by religion to bring the name of the Almighty into a defiled place like this," Omran recalled being told by Maj. Taha Taher al-Ani.</p> <p>Omran didn't see al-Ani again until years later, in 2003. The Americans had invaded Iraq and were storming toward Baghdad. Saddam Hussein's fall was imminent. At a sprawling military base north of the capital, al-Ani was directing the loading of weapons, ammunition and ordnance into trucks to spirit away. He took those weapons with him when he joined Tawhid wa'l-Jihad, a forerunner of al-Qaida's branch in Iraq.</p> <p>Now al-Ani is a commander in the Islamic State group, said Omran, who rose to become a major general in the Iraqi army and now commands its 5th Division fighting IS. He kept track of his former comrade through Iraq's tribal networks and intelligence gathered by the government's main counterterrorism service, of which he is a member.</p> <p>It's a common trajectory.</p> <p>Under its leader, Iraqi jihadi Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the Islamic State group's top command is dominated by former officers from Saddam's military and intelligence agencies, according to senior Iraqi officers on the front lines of the fight against the group, as well as top intelligence officials, including the chief of a key counterterrorism intelligence unit.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 American killed in Taliban attack
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SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/us-service-member-killed-attack-base-kabul/story?id=32963983
GIST	<p>An American service member and eight Afghan civilian contractors were killed in a Taliban attack on Camp Integrity, a coalition base near Kabul's airport, culminating a series of high-profile insurgent attacks in the Afghan capital that killed at least 50 people and injured hundreds more Friday.</p> <p>A suicide bomber at the base's entrance started the attack late Friday. It ended with a gun battle that raged for hours before the four attackers were killed.</p> <p>Several other coalition service members and civilians were also wounded in the attack. Officials haven't identified the U.S. service member killed in the attack.</p> <p>The coalition base, close to Kabul's airport, supports Afghanistan's counter-narcotics efforts and houses U.S. special operations forces, coalition and Afghan personnel.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Mali hotel siege ends with 12 dead
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/08/africa/mali-hotel-siege/index.html
GIST	<p>Twelve people -- including five Malian soldiers -- died as a result of a hostage situation and ensuing battle between the attackers and soldiers at a Mali hotel, Malian state-run broadcaster ORTM reported Saturday.</p> <p>Five foreigners have been evacuated from the hotel in Sevare, in central Mali, the broadcaster said.</p> <p>Earlier, a spokesman for Mali's President told CNN that officials believed the dead included five soldiers, four attackers and three civilians, but that the toll had yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>Army spokesman Col. Souleymane Maiga said at least one foreigner had been killed, among other casualties, but did not specify the foreigner's nationality.</p> <p>The soldiers stormed the hotel to end a daylong siege that started Friday when gunmen raided the hotel after attacking a military site nearby, witnesses said.</p> <p>"The land operation was solely operated by the Malian forces," Radhia Achour, a spokeswoman for MINUSMA, said after the siege ended.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Official: US-trained rebels in disarray
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/07/politics/isis-mass-casualty-strategy/index.html
GIST	<p>Meanwhile, the U.S. effort to train rebels in Syria to fight ISIS is having trouble. The few rebels that the U.S. has put through training are already in disarray, with defense officials telling CNN that up to half are</p>

	<p>missing, having deserted soon after training or having been captured after last week's attack by the al-Qaeda-affiliated Nusra Front attack on a rebel site.</p> <p>One defense official admitted to CNN that "they are no longer a coherent military unit," and Pentagon officials acknowledged the approach of how to support the rebels has to change.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Intel: ISIS planning a mass attack
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/07/politics/isis-mass-casualty-strategy/index.html
GIST	<p>Some in the U.S. intelligence community warn that ISIS may be working to build the capability to carry out mass casualty attacks, a significant departure from the terror group's current focus on encouraging lone wolf attacks, a senior U.S. intelligence official told CNN on Friday.</p> <p>To date, the intelligence view has been that ISIS is focused on less ambitious attacks, involving one or a small group of attackers armed with simple weapons. In contrast, al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP, has been viewed as both more focused on -- and more capable of -- mass casualty attacks, such as plots on commercial aviation. Now the intelligence community is divided.</p> <p>The potential change within ISIS itself is driven -- in part -- by a broadening competition between ISIS and AQAP for attention and recruits.</p> <p>"I think they're taking a lot of the new recruits that don't have time to train, who have not been brought up in their systems, and they're using them to create the type of mass casualty which produces the media attention, which is exactly what they want, that shows they're still powerful," said CNN Military analysts Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling. Meanwhile, ISIS is continuing to draw large numbers of new foreign recruits.</p> <p>U.S. intelligence assesses that the formidable flow of foreign fighters to Syria and Iraq has not abated.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Bomb threat forces ballpark evacuation
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/bomb-threat-prompts-evacuation-of-wrigley-field/
GIST	<p>CHICAGO -- A bomb threat prompted police to evacuate Wrigley Field, the Chicago Cubs' ballpark, for about an hour Sunday.</p> <p>The Cubs said in a statement that they received the threat after Sunday's game and "took swift action to clear the few remaining fans, players, staff and media from the ballpark." The team said "no evidence was</p>

	<p>found to suggest this threat was credible," and they were working with authorities to find the person who was responsible.</p> <p>Chicago Police spokesman Thomas Sweeney confirmed the threat, but declined to provide further details.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 N.J. airport reports drone sighting
SOURCE	http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2015/08/09/newark-airport-drone/
GIST	<p>Another drone was reported Sunday in the path of several flights at a Tri-State Area airport.</p> <p>The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said a drone was found on the final approach path to Runway 4 Right at Newark Liberty International Airport between noon and 12:30 p.m. Sunday.</p> <p>As CBS2's Hazel Sanchez reported, air traffic control tower audio captured the disturbing incident.</p> <p>"Attention all aircraft use caution," an air traffic controller warns. "Drone activity reported left side."</p> <p>The drone was spotted by the pilots of four commercial flights, which were between 2,000 and 3,000 feet in the air and between eight and 13 miles from the airport at the time, the Federal Aviation Administration said.</p> <p>Last week alone, there were three reports in as many days of drones near John F. Kennedy International Airport.</p> <p>The FAA noted that even small, hobby-type drones are dangerous to planes, and that it is illegal to operate drones in a way that interferes with manned aircraft.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Suspicious: city marathon winners
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/08/09/us-athletics-doping-idUSKCN0QE0JL20150809
GIST	<p>Thirty-two medal winners at the world's six top city marathons were among the hundreds of long distance runners with suspicious blood test results revealed in a leak, a newspaper reported on Sunday.</p> <p>The leaked blood tests have jolted the world of international athletics since a German broadcaster and a British newspaper first published reports about them a week ago.</p> <p>Britain's Sunday Times and Germany's ARD say the results from the database of the sport's governing body, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), show evidence of widespread cheating among long distance runners.</p>

	<p>Last week, the news organizations said the data showed that between 2001 and 2012 a third of Olympic and world championship endurance and middle distance running medals had been won by athletes who, at some point in their careers, had given a suspicious blood test.</p> <p>The Sunday Times said many of the suspect runners had also won medals in the six most prestigious city marathons: in Berlin, Boston, Chicago, London, New York and Tokyo.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Active grenade found in Md. parking lot
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/08/09/active-military-grade-grenade-found-at-maryland-mcdonald/?intcmp=hplnws
GIST	<p>THURMONT, Md. – An active military-grade hand grenade was uncovered Saturday afternoon in the parking lot outside a Maryland McDonald's.</p> <p>The Frederick News-Post reports a bomb technician with the Office of the State Marshal secured and removed the active grenade.</p> <p>Dale Ednock, the bomb technician, told the News-Post the grenade found lodged about a foot under the pavement was there for quite some time. Ednock said it was likely a relic of the military base located in Thurmont, about 65 miles northwest of Baltimore, several decades ago.</p> <p>Ednock said if the grenade had gone off, anyone in the vicinity could have suffered severe injuries, or death.</p> <p>The grenade was found about 1 p.m. by a landscaping crew.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Mystery fungus killing snakes
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/mystery-fungus-killing-snakes-in-several-different-states/
GIST	<p>Hidden on hillsides in a remote part of western Vermont, a small number of venomous timber rattlesnakes slither among the rocks, but their isolation can't protect them from a mysterious fungus spreading across the eastern half of the country that threatens to wipe them out.</p> <p>In less than a decade, the fungus has been identified in at least nine Eastern states, and although it affects a number of species, it's especially threatening to rattlesnakes that live in small, isolated populations with little genetic diversity, such as those found in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York.</p>

	<p>In Illinois the malady threatens the eastern massasauga rattlesnake, which was a candidate for the federal endangered species list even before the fungus appeared.</p> <p>Biologists have compared its appearance to the fungus that causes white nose syndrome in bats, which since 2006 has killed millions of the creatures and continues to spread across North America.</p> <p>It's unclear, though, if snake fungal disease, "ophidiomyces ophiodiicola" was brought to the United States from elsewhere, as was white nose fungus, or if it has always been present in the environment and for some unknown reason is now infecting snakes, biologists say.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Seniors seeking dentists in Mexico
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/facing-rising-dental-costs-seniors-head-mexico-32976085
GIST	<p>Mark Bolzern traveled 3,700 miles to go to the dentist. The 56-year-old Anchorage, Alaska, native left home this spring, made a pit stop in Las Vegas to pick up a friend, and kept heading south, all the way to Los Algodones, Mexico, a small border town teeming with dental offices.</p> <p>About 60 percent of Americans have dental insurance coverage, the highest it has been in decades. But even so, the nation's older population has been largely left behind. Nearly 70 percent of seniors are not insured, according to a study compiled by Oral Health America. A major reason is because dental care is not covered by Medicare and many employers no longer offer post-retirement health benefits. What's more, the Affordable Care Act allows enrollees to get dental coverage only if they purchase general health coverage first, which many seniors don't need. At the same time, seniors often require the most costly dental work, like crowns, implants and false teeth.</p> <p>As a result, many are seeking cheaper care in places like Los Algodones, where Mexican dentists who speak English and sometimes accept U.S. insurance offer rock-bottom prices for everything from a cleaning to implants. Dentists in Los Algodones say a large portion of their clients are seniors.</p> <p>In the desert outpost near the border of California and Arizona, men in white shirts stand outside of offices with signs advertising root canals and teeth cleanings. Other signs advertise prescription drugs like muscle relaxers at low rates — no prescription needed.</p> <p>For Bolzern, seeing a dentist in Los Algodones meant a savings of up to \$62,000. He was told the extensive dental work he needed — his teeth needed to be raised and he needed a crown on every molar — would cost \$65,000 at a private dentist. He looked for lower rates, finding a dental school where the work was less expensive because it was performed by students. But it still cost \$35,000.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 NYC Legionnaire's outbreak a record
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SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/record-108-contract-legionnaires-disease-york-213304754.html; ylt=AwrXgiNsuMZVYS0ABQPQtDMD; ylu=X3oDMTByM3V1YTVuBGNvbG8DZ3ExBHBvcwMzBHZ0aWQDBHNIYwNzcg-
GIST	<p>New York (AFP) - The number of people diagnosed with Legionnaires disease has risen to 108 as America's largest city suffers from a record outbreak of the form of pneumonia, authorities said Saturday.</p> <p>No new deaths have been reported on top of the 10 announced earlier in the week and officials say the outbreak is now on the decline.</p> <p>To date, 94 people have been admitted to the hospital with the infection since the outbreak began on July 10 in the south Bronx, the poorest section of New York state.</p> <p>The disease is spread by a bacteria, which has recently been discovered in the cooling towers of five buildings in the South Bronx area.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Advent of artisanal cash
SOURCE	http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/09/fashion/change-for-a-bowie-the-advent-of-artisanal-cash.html? r=0
GIST	<p>LONDON — Though paper money here typically bears the visage of Queen Elizabeth, the Brixton district of the city last month released a new 5-pound note designed by Jeremy Deller, an artist who won the prestigious Turner Prize in 2004. It features a fuzzy, psychedelic image of an androgynous face surrounded by rainbow clouds and coruscating, swirling etchings.</p> <p>“I wanted something old-fashioned looking,” Mr. Deller said. “Something almost pre-currency.”</p> <p>One hundred and twenty miles west of Brixton, in the city of Bristol, a pound note issued after a design competition that was open to locals displays a colorful lemur striding atop a vibrant cityscape. The back has magenta-hued, hand-cut stencil illustrations of accomplished denizens, including the author J. K. Rowling and Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman to receive a medical degree in the United States.</p> <p>As Bitcoin, PayPal and other electronic forms of payment grow in popularity in the global economy, cash in a growing number of places — not only Bristol and Brixton, but also Amsterdam; Ithaca, N.Y.; and elsewhere — is becoming quite literally an artisanal object.</p> <p>Many of the new alternative currencies have the look and feel of the regular legal tender accepted at such places. Most include anticounterfeiting measures like holograms and serial numbers. But they are more eye-catching.</p>

	The local currency, though, is intended not as collectible but to encourage trade at the community businesses where they are accepted, rather than chain stores, where money taken in tends to flow out of town and into the coffers of multinational corporations.
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HEADLINE	08/06 Ferguson pumping out arrest warrants
SOURCE	http://money.cnn.com/2015/08/06/news/ferguson-arrest-warrants/index.html?iid=ob_homepage_deskrecommended_pool&iid=obnetwork
GIST	<p>A year after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown sparked a firestorm in Ferguson, the city is still pumping out thousands of new arrest warrants and jailing people over minor offenses, according to an exclusive CNNMoney analysis.</p> <p>This practice continues despite a scathing report from the Department of Justice in March that found that Ferguson's police department and municipal court were unconstitutionally targeting low-income and minority residents with tickets and fines for minor offenses -- often in pursuit of revenue. The report noted that there were more than 16,000 people (residents and non-residents alike) with outstanding arrest warrants as of the end of last year, equivalent to around 75% of the town's population.</p> <p>While the police were the ones giving out the tickets, the DOJ slammed the city's court for using arrest warrants to squeeze money out of the people least able to afford the fines. Even though there need to be repercussions for people who break the law and ignore their tickets, the DOJ says jail time is far too harsh a punishment for infractions that rarely pose a major threat to public safety.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Extremist denied citizenship but stays
SOURCE	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/terrorism-in-the-uk/11792257/Jihadi-preacher-linked-to-bin-laden-allowed-to-stay-in-UK-despite-extremist-views.html
GIST	<p>The Yemeni-born imam has spent more than a decade fighting for UK citizenship in a case that has cost the British taxpayer tens of thousands of pounds in court bills.</p> <p>The Telegraph is prevented from naming the preacher under protection given him by the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC).</p> <p>The special court has ruled that the 50-year-old preacher - known in documents as FM - is not entitled to a British passport because of his extremist views and connections to bin Laden.</p> <p>He has been detained between four and five times at British airports under terror laws and his home searched by Special Branch officers and 'items' seized. He frequently travels to Yemen, a known hotspot for al-Qaeda linked terrorist groups.</p>

	<p>But incredibly, the Home Office cannot deport the imam, who preaches at a large mosque in the north of England, because it would be a breach of his human rights to do so.</p> <p>Under Article 3 of both the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act, individuals are protected against torture and inhuman or degrading treatment.</p> <p>SIAC has ruled that FM must not be given British nationality. The commission, made up of two senior judges and the former head of MI5 Sir Stephen Lander, agreed with the Home Office that the imam had preached extremist views and was not of 'good character' needed to become a UK citizen.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Capitol Hill makes way for pedestrians
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/City-turning-over-busy-Capitol-Hill-street-to-pedestrians-321107521.html
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- A wildly popular stretch of street on Seattle's Capitol Hill is closing to cars for the next four Saturday nights, leaving the space for late-night revelers.</p> <p>People familiar with the nightlife along East Pike understand why.</p> <p>"Weekends here are just absolutely crazy," said TJ Anissipour, who was grabbing a slice of pizza at Mario's.</p> <p>The skinny sidewalks are crammed with crowds on summer Saturdays hitting clubs, shops and restaurants.</p> <p>"It's gotten to the point where a lot of people who live or work in the neighborhood feel uncomfortable, feel unwelcome coming through this area, feel like there isn't enough space for them to walk down the street," said Alex Brennan.</p> <p>Brennan is a senior planner for Capitol Hill EcoDistrict, the group spearheading a pilot project that will close East Pike to cars between Broadway and 12th on Saturday August 8th and 15th from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. August 22nd and 29th, the three blocks will be pedestrian only from 8 p.m. until bars close.</p> <p>The vision is to give people more space so crowds can be better managed, people have easier access to businesses and their homes, and police can patrol easier.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Supply freeze hits Russia military
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-33822821

GIST	<p>Russia's defence firms have been hit not only by Western sanctions but also by a breakdown in business ties with Ukraine.</p> <p>For decades under Soviet rule, Russia's strategic industries had close links with partners in Ukraine, all centrally controlled from Moscow. But relations soured last year, with Ukraine's pivot to the West, Russia's annexation of Crimea and the pro-Russian insurgency in eastern Ukraine.</p> <p>The EU and US banned military exports to Russia, saying Moscow was supplying the insurgents with sophisticated heavy weapons and regular troops. Moscow denied the allegations.</p> <p>Last month, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin told parliament that Ukrainian components were used in the production of 186 types of Russian military equipment.</p> <p>That is a serious problem, he admitted, and Moscow could resolve it only by 2018.</p> <p>Back in June 2014, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko ordered a halt to military co-operation with Russia - and that has shut down several projects.</p> <p>Ukraine hosts the design bureau of Antonov military transport planes. The economic freeze has blocked plans to deliver a new heavy transport plane, the An-70. And this month, Russia stopped producing another transport plane - the An-140.</p> <p>In February, Russia closed another programme - Rokot space rockets, which had been putting military satellites into orbit.</p> <p>The Russian navy has suffered too. It was awaiting three Project 22350 frigates (Admiral Gorshkov-class), but they did not arrive because Ukraine did not deliver the turbines for them.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Hepatitis linked with heroin abuse
SOURCE	http://www.aol.com/article/2015/08/07/hepatitis-increasingly-goes-hand-in-hand-with-heroin-abuse/21219975/?icid=maing-fluid%257Cbon1-t%257Cdl5%257Csec1_Ink2%2526pLid%253D-1735803110&intcmp=hplnws
GIST	<p>MACHIAS, Maine (AP) — Public health agencies and drug treatment centers nationwide are scrambling to battle an explosive increase in cases of hepatitis C, a scourge they believe stems at least in part from a surge in intravenous heroin use.</p> <p>In response, authorities are instituting or considering needle exchange programs but are often stymied by geography — many cases are in rural areas — and the cost of treatment in tight times.</p>

	In Washington County, at the nation's eastern edge, the rate of the acute form of hepatitis C last year was the highest in a state that was already more than triple the national average. The problem, health officials there agree, is spurred by the surge in the use of heroin and other injectable drugs and the sharing of needles to get high.
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HEADLINE	08/07 Foreign women gain most jobs in US
SOURCE	http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/jobs-shock-100-of-female-employment-gains-taken-by-foreigners-since-2007/article/2569824
GIST	<p>All of the employment gains among women since the recession hit in December 2007 have been taken by foreigners, even at a time when the numbers of U.S.-born women surged more than 600,000, according to new federal statistics.</p> <p>The jobs data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed gains in the "employment level" among "foreign born women" and losses among "native born women."</p> <p>The charts show that 9.041 million foreign-born women held jobs in December of 2007 compared to 10.028 million today – or a gain of roughly 1 million jobs.</p> <p>In contrast, 59.322 million U.S.-born women held jobs in December of 2007 compared to 59.258 million today – or a loss of nearly 64,000 jobs.</p> <p>Overall, nearly 25 million foreign workers, men and women, hold jobs inside the United States, according to a Senate immigration expert.</p> <p>The shocking female jobs statistic comes as the U.S. provides some 1 million green cards to new permanent immigrants, along with 700,000 foreign workers visas, and accepts 70,000 refugees and asylum-seekers, and half a million foreign students.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Israel hints at covert assassinations
SOURCE	http://www.timesofisrael.com/yaalon-israel-not-responsible-for-iran-nuke-scientists-lives/
GIST	<p>Israel is not responsible for the lives of Iranian nuclear scientists, Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon said in an interview published Friday, making a less-than-veiled threat that covert assassination missions blamed on Israel could resume.</p> <p>As the world moves closer to ratifying a nuclear deal that Jerusalem says won't keep Iran from obtaining a nuclear arsenal, Ya'alon told German newspaper Der Spiegel that Israel would do anything necessary in order to assure Tehran does not get atomic weapons, including taking military action.</p>

“Ultimately it is very clear, one way or another, Iran’s military nuclear program must be stopped,” Ya’alon said, according to a retranslation from an interview published in the German daily. “We will act in any way and are not willing to tolerate a nuclear-armed Iran. We prefer that this be done by means of sanctions, but in the end, Israel should be able to defend itself,” the defense minister said.

He added that he was “not responsible for the lives of Iranian scientists,” according to Der Spiegel, which will publish the full interview on Saturday.

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HEADLINE	08/07 EPA accidentally pollutes river
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/07/us/colorado-epa-mine-river-spill-irpt/index.html
GIST	<p>A federal cleanup crew accidentally caused a big, and potentially hazardous, mess in Colorado, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.</p> <p>An estimated 1 million gallons of wastewater spilled out of an abandoned mine area in the southern part of the state on Wednesday, turning the Animas River orange and prompting the EPA to tell locals to avoid it.</p> <p>"When I first saw it, I was speechless, [the river] didn't look real," said Durango, Colorado, resident Ian Lucier. "But in person, it truly looks like the river was turned into carrot juice."</p> <p>Officials said they believe the spill carried heavy metals, mainly iron, zinc and copper, from the mine into a creek that feeds into the Animas River. From there, the orange water plugged steadily along through the small stretch of winding river in southern Colorado and across the state border to New Mexico where the Animas meets the San Juan River. The EPA said it will continue to sample water downstream from the mine until the contamination has passed and it determines there are "no additional concerns for aquatic life or water users." When asked if the spill could affect drinking water, the EPA spokesperson said she did not yet know.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Ore. inmate walks away from fire crew
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Oregon-inmate-walks-away-from-fire-crew-near-Canyonville-kenneth-polchowski-321177921.html
GIST	CANYONVILLE, Ore. -- Officials say a 26-year-old inmate walked away from his mobile camp at the Stouts Creek fire near Canyonville early Sunday morning.

	<p>According to a news release from the Oregon Department of Corrections, crews realized Kenneth C. Polchowski was missing from his work crew during a routine count around 6 a.m.</p> <p>He's described as standing 5-feet 10-inches tall, weighing 180 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes.</p> <p>Polchowski was last seen wearing blue jeans with the word "inmate" and the DOC logo stenciled on the knee in orange, and a blue T-shirt with the word "inmate" and the DOC logo stenciled in orange on the front and back.</p> <p>Polchowski had been behind bars in Lakeview since Jan. 29, 2015 on four counts of identity theft, one count of theft and one count of burglary.</p> <p>The inmates had been stationed at the Stouts Creek fire since July 31.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 Recession downside: career criminals
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/another-downside-of-recession-career-criminals/
GIST	<p>How costly are recessions? To answer that question, analysts often calculate the lost GDP due to the higher levels of unemployment and idle capital during economic slumps. For example, during the Great Recession, the Dallas Fed estimates the loss was between \$6 trillion and \$14 trillion, or \$50,000 to \$120,000 for every person in the U.S.</p> <p>However, the economic costs of recessions encompass far more than simply the goods and services that could have been produced, but weren't. They also include the psychological costs of being unable to provide for one's family, health costs due to increased stress, drug problems, higher suicide rates, family conflict and so on.</p> <p>Evidence also shows that new entrants into the labor market during recessions have a lower lifetime earnings trajectory than those who enter during better times.</p> <p>That may explain new research results showing that young people who leave school during recessions have a much higher chance of becoming career criminals. Why does this happen? Of course, one reason is the higher unemployment rates and diminished job prospects that occur during recessions.</p> <p>But "feedback effects" can also reinforce the choice to engage in crime. First, as the researchers Brian Bell, Anna Bindler and Stephen Machin noted, involvement in crime may lead to an increase in "criminal knowhow" that raises the "expected net benefit of crime" -- the difference between the expected gain and the chance of getting caught. This makes it more likely that an individual will choose to commit a crime.</p> <p>Second, those who do get caught may have difficulty finding a job because of their criminal record.</p>

	How large are these effects? The researchers "find that the average arrest rate for a cohort entering the labor market during a recession is 10.2% higher than for an otherwise similar cohort entering a more buoyant labor market." In addition, "entering the labor market during a recession increases the probability of being incarcerated at some point over the next two decades by 5.5%." Thus, the effects are relatively large.
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HEADLINE	08/10 NYPD: men open fire into large crowd
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Shooting-Crowd-Midtown-Manhattan-NYPD-321230311.html?partner=nbcnews
GIST	Police are looking for two men who opened fire into a large crowd early Sunday morning in midtown Manhattan. The men began firing just after midnight inside the courtyard of 840 Columbus Avenue, the NYPD said.
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HEADLINE	08/09 Police search for Penn. gunman
SOURCE	http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Philadelphia-Triple-Shooting-1-Dead-1-Critical-321140781.html
GIST	Police on Sunday morning were still searching for a gunman shown on surveillance video running out of a Kensington, Philadelphia, barbershop armed with a rifle and opening fire. One man was killed in the shooting, police said, and two others were injured. In surveillance video obtained by NBC10, the gunman, wearing a white T-shirt, can be seen running on E Street just north of Allegheny Avenue firing a black rifle. A witness told NBC10 the unidentified suspect walked into a barbershop on the block Saturday afternoon carrying a large box. The man sat down as if he was going to get a haircut but pulled out a rifle from the box minutes later, according to the witness. The man then allegedly started an argument, ran outside the barbershop and opened fire.
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HEADLINE	08/09 Random attacks hit Minn. cyclists
SOURCE	http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/08/09/police-issue-warning-after-cyclists-randomly-attacked-in-minneapolis/
GIST	Random attacks against bicyclists in Minneapolis are prompting warnings Sunday from police.

	<p>We'll warn you, there are disturbing photos with this story as someone's been throwing chunks of concrete at bikers. Two people were hit on Friday in separate incidents, including 20-year-old Mackenzie Jensen of south Minneapolis.</p> <p>He was biking on a quiet south Minneapolis block of 41st Street when officers say he was attacked out of the blue. A woman who was hit was in the same area.</p> <p>The female victim was grazed with the chunk of cinder block but the other victim, avid bicyclist Mackenzie Jensen, is in rough shape.</p> <p>Officers say they have a list of similar reports from around south Minneapolis, Mackenzie was hurt the worst.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Rwandan peacekeeper kills soldiers
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/08/africa/central-african-republic-rwanda-soldiers-killed/index.html
GIST	<p>A Rwandan soldier working as a U.N. peacekeeper in the Central African Republic turned a gun on his colleagues early Saturday, killing four and injuring eight others before killing himself, the Rwandan military said.</p> <p>The shooting happened at the Rwandan peacekeepers' headquarters in the Central African Republic's capital of Bangui at about 5:45 a.m.</p> <p>Like the gunman, all 12 of those killed or hurt in the shooting were members of the Rwandan military, serving as U.N. peacekeepers in Bangui.</p> <p>"Investigations have immediately commenced to establish the motive behind this deplorable shooting of his ... colleagues," said Brig. Gen. Joseph Nzabamwita, a spokesman for the Rwandan military.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/10 Police: man cuffed 8 then killed them
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/10/us/houston-killings/index.html
GIST	<p>A suspect in the killing of eight people in Texas broke into the house and handcuffed the victims in their bedrooms before he shot them, authorities said.</p> <p>David Conley was charged with capital murder after deputies discovered the bodies of two adults and their six children in their Houston-area home early Sunday.</p> <p>Conley, 48, forcibly entered the home because the owners had changed their locks, authorities said.</p>

	<p>His motive appears to be related to the mother of the children, who had a past relationship with him, Harris County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Tim Cannon said.</p> <p>One -- and possibly two -- of the children killed might have been the suspect's, authorities said.</p> <p>"Once again, a senseless tragedy has struck our community," Cannon said. "Our hearts go out to the family and friends of those lost."</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Vocal Mexico activist found slain
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/09/americas/mexico-missing-students-activist-killed/index.html
GIST	<p>When he felt authorities weren't doing enough to protect his hometown, he organized more than 100 women to police the streets.</p> <p>When 43 students went missing in a controversial case that drew global attention to Mexico's struggles with violence and corruption, he led search parties trying to find them.</p> <p>And when more families in his state came forward reporting that their loved ones had disappeared, he organized searches for them, too.</p> <p>Saturday night, investigators in Mexico's Guerrero state say Miguel Ángel Jiménez Blanco was found dead inside a taxi he owned, with two gunshot wounds. Authorities haven't said whether there are any suspects in the slaying.</p> <p>Jiménez was a vocal leader of citizen self-defense groups in Guerrero and a sharp critic of local officials, who he accused of hiding evidence tied to the students' disappearance.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Woman is suspect in Vt. slayings
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/3-deaths-linked-to-vermont-woman-accused-of-killing-social-worker/
GIST	<p>The woman charged in the slaying of a Vermont social worker is also "the alleged perpetrator" of the deaths of three relatives whose bodies were found Saturday, Gov. Peter Shumlin said.</p> <p>The three women found dead at a Berlin home Saturday morning were an aunt and two cousins of 40-year-old Jody Herring, the governor said at a news conference Saturday night after returning from vacation in Nova Scotia upon hearing of the deaths.</p>

	<p>Lara Sobel was gunned down after work Friday outside a state office building in Barre. She handled a case for the state Department for Children and Families in which Herring lost custody of her nine-year-old daughter, authorities said.</p> <p>CBS affiliate WCAX reported that Herring was officially charged with first degree homicide in Sobel's death Saturday, according to Vermont State Police. She was scheduled to be arraigned Monday. It wasn't clear if she had a lawyer who could comment on her behalf.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Sex abuse scandal rocks Pakistan
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/massive-child-sex-abuse-scandal-rocks-pakistan/
GIST	<p>Police in eastern Pakistan say they've arrested seven men accused of sexually abusing children and distributing videos of the abuse.</p> <p>Kasur district regional police chief Shahzad Sultan says investigators are sifting through evidence Sunday, including 18 or 19 videos seized so far. It was not yet known how many children were abused or if there were other videos.</p> <p>Al Jazeera reports 400 video recordings of more than 280 children being forced to have sex have been discovered. They also claim that a gang of 25 men has been involved in the crime, coordinating it.</p> <p>Officer Babar Saeed says it's not clear how long the suspects were allegedly sexually abusing the children.</p> <p>The allegations became public after victims' families clashed with police last Tuesday, complaining authorities were ignoring their cases.</p> <p>Some in Pakistan are calling this the biggest scandal of its sort in the country's history, even worse than the infamous serial killer Javed Iqbal, who is reported to have killed and abused 100 teenage boys.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Police kill North Carolina gunman
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/police-dead-hurt-including-officers-shootout-32972462
GIST	<p>Police responding to a call about a man killing his neighbor in North Carolina shot and killed the gunman, authorities said Sunday. Two officers and a bystander were wounded.</p> <p>The injuries to the officers didn't appear to be life-threatening, Gaston County Assistant Police Chief Joseph Ramey said at a late-night news conference Saturday. A woman was also wounded during the incident, but she is expected to survive, Ramey said.</p>

	<p>A number of officers rushed to the neighborhood around 9:30 p.m. Saturday after getting several 911 calls about a man shot to death and another man still in the area with a gun, the assistant chief said.</p> <p>The suspected gunman was on a street corner armed with a pistol and a rifle and fired on officers. He was killed when several officers fired back, Ramey said.</p> <p>The names of the officers and the people killed have not been released.</p> <p>Gaston County Police are investigating the death of the neighbor, while the State Bureau of Investigation is investigating the police shooting. The officers involved have been put on administrative duty, authorities said.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 SPD searches for shooting suspect
SOURCE	http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/police-suspect-fires-shots-ground-3-injured-ricoch/nnGDC/
GIST	<p>Seattle police are looking for a man who is suspected of firing several shots during an attempted robbery early Saturday morning in the Ballard neighborhood.</p> <p>The incident happened at about 12:15 a.m. near Northwest Market Street and Ballard Avenue Northwest. According to police, witnesses said a man approached a woman on the street and tried to take her necklace.</p> <p>Police said the woman struggled with the suspect and a doorman from a nearby club intervened. The suspect then pulled out gun and fired shots into the ground before fleeing the scene.</p> <p>When officers arrived, they found three people with minor injuries. The victims had been struck by ricocheting fragments from the suspect's bullets. They were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.</p> <p>Police searched the area for the suspect but couldn't find him. Authorities described the man as black and in his 20s.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/09 Texas police: 8 slain in home
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/texas-police-5-children-3-adults-found-dead-inside-home/
GIST	<p>HOUSTON (AP) — Eight people — including five children and three adults — were found slain inside a Houston-area home and a man who exchanged gunfire with police has been charged with three counts of capital murder, according to Texas authorities and court records.</p>

	<p>Court records show that one capital murder count against David Conley covers multiple deaths. Another capital murder count is for a person under six years of age. He was being held Sunday in the Harris County Jail. Bond had not yet been set for him. An attorney is not yet listed for him.</p> <p>The Harris County Sheriff's Office said in a statement that the eight people were found slain after a welfare check was conducted at the home. The suspect was taken into custody after members of the Harris County Sheriff's Office High Risk Operations Unit and Hostage Negotiation Team negotiated his surrender.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Prolific identity thief gets 7yrs
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/local/komo/article/Prolific-identity-thief-sentenced-to-7-years-in-6432198.php
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- A prolific identity thief was sentenced Friday to seven years in prison for stealing personal information from 44 people and using it to make counterfeit checks and credit cards.</p> <p>Junette A. Short used the fake credit cards and checks to go on shopping sprees in King and Pierce counties. Prosecutors say the 34-year-old got the personal information by burglarizing homes, prowling cars and stealing mail from as many as 100 people.</p> <p>Short pleaded guilty in June to nine counts of identity theft. Because the crimes were considered a "major economic offense," prosecutors recommended Short be sentenced to 10 years in prison, according to prosecutors.</p> <p>Instead, a King County judge sentenced the Pierce County woman to seven years. She was also sentenced for possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of stolen property, and two separate identity theft cases from 2014.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Burglaries hit Ballard apartment
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2015/08/07/ballard-apartment-residents-on-alert-after-series-of-burglaries/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE – Another Seattle neighborhood is on alert after an increase in thefts. Police are investigating after several apartments in Ballard were broken into.</p> <p>Thomas Kelly wasn't that surprised to hear that thieves had found a way to break into AVA Ballard, even though residents are given electronic key fobs to get into the building and into their individual apartments.</p> <p>"There's no lock that can't be picked," he says. "Clever people, if they want something bad enough."</p>

	Apartment managers sent notices to all residents this week, letting them know about a series of burglaries. They say the thieves were caught on surveillance camera, and police are now investigating. They also say the locks that were affected have been replaced.
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HEADLINE	08/08 Ballard shooting, robbery 3 wounded
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Robbery-attempt-leaves-three-wounded-in-Ballard-321136381.html
GIST	<p>SEATTLE - Three people were treated for wounds after a shooting and robbery attempt outside of a club in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle overnight, the Seattle Police Department said.</p> <p>According to Seattle Police, a man tried to rob a woman of her necklace near NW Market St and Ballard Ave NW around 12:15 a.m. A doorman saw the woman struggling, and tried to intervene. The suspect then pulled out a gun and fired several shots into the ground before fleeing the scene, police said.</p> <p>Three people were struck by ricocheting bullet fragments, and were treated for minor injuries at the hospital.</p> <p>The suspect fled before police arrived, and is still on the loose.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 NYC: surge in synthetic pot use
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/US-Synthetic-Pot-Scare/2015/08/08/id/669184/
GIST	<p>Ignoring the police officers standing down the block and the disingenuous fine print on the foil packet peeking out of his front pocket — "Warning: Don't Smoke" — a homeless man openly lit up a synthetic marijuana joint and explained why it's not like the real thing.</p> <p>"It's a zero-to-60 high," said the 47-year-old, who gave his name only as J.C. because of his frequent run-ins with the law. "I've done plenty of drugs in my life, and it only compares to dust," he said, referring to PCP. "But it doesn't last as long."</p> <p>The tutorial was offered in broad daylight on a bustling street corner in East Harlem, one the neighborhoods where the New York Police Department says it's seen an alarming increase in consumption — mainly by homeless men — of the leafy substance known as "K2." The cheap knock-off weed is spiked with unknown chemicals that are supposed to mimic the more mellow effects of pot, but often comes with harsh side effects that have created a quandary for authorities already grappling with how to deal with the city's homeless population.</p> <p>"When people talk about synthetic marijuana, it's kind of bad misnomer because we don't know what these chemicals are," said Robert Messner, a police official in charge of civil enforcement.</p>

	What's known is that in recent months, there's been a spike in emergency room visits in New York City by users suffering from high blood pressure, hallucinations, hot flashes and psychotic meltdowns that can turn violent or deadly.
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HEADLINE	08/07 Nightclub hit by arson again
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2015/08/07/neighbours-nightclub-hit-arson-again/31323153/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- An iconic gay nightclub in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood has been hit by arson again.</p> <p>Seattle police say someone set fire to Neighbours nightclub late Friday morning. The fire caused about \$350 in damage to a door at the back of the club.</p> <p>"This was caught on camera. Multiple cameras," said Shaun Knittel, the spokesperson for Neighbours. "And there's no question this was an arson."</p> <p>The club was closed at the time of the incident. No one was injured.</p> <p>Police say a man had walked into an alleyway behind Neighbours shortly before the fire was set. Detectives were working to identify him.</p> <p>"It is a very dangerous crime," said Sean Whitcomb with SPD. "It can lead to extensive loss of property and in the worse case scenarios injury or loss of life."</p> <p>Whitcomb said SPD could not yet rule out the possibility that the arson was a hate crime.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Calif. cops kill man who stabbed 6
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/long-beach-police-kill-man-stabbed-people-32961682
GIST	<p>A man who had recently been released from jail stabbed his wife and five other people, including three at a convalescent home, before he was shot to death by police, authorities and a relative said.</p> <p>Derrick Lee Hunt, 28, of Long Beach, died when he was shot Friday night. A knife with a 7-inch blade was found, police said.</p> <p>There was no immediate word on the motive for the attack. Five of the victims were listed in stable condition at hospitals, and the sixth person was treated at the scene for minor wounds, police said.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/08 Illegal alien crime wave hits states
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/big-journalism/2015/08/08/illegal-alien-crime-accounts-for-over-30-of-murders-in-some-states/
GIST	<p>The mainstream media – including, sadly, major segments of the presumably conservative media, like the <i>Wall Street Journal</i> — are working overtime to keep the American public and the American voters in the dark on the scope of illegal alien crime. The murder of Kate Steinle in San Francisco exposed only the tip of a massive iceberg, and the media establishment is desperate to avoid dealing with the iceberg underneath.</p> <p>Let’s look at a few numbers. You haven’t seen them in the <i>New York Times</i>, <i>Atlanta Constitution</i>, or the <i>Miami Herald</i>, nor have they been featured on <i>NBC Nightly</i> news or CNN. So, the average American is blissfully unaware of them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between 2008 and 2014, 40% of all murder convictions in Florida were criminal aliens. In New York it was 34% and Arizona 17.8%. • During those years, criminal aliens accounted for 38% of all murder convictions in the five states of California, Texas, Arizona, Florida and New York, while illegal aliens constitute only 5.6% of the total population in those states. • That 38% represents 7,085 murders out of the total of 18,643. <p>That 5.6% figure for the average illegal alien population in those five states comes from US Census estimates. We know the real number is double that official estimate. Yet, even if it is 11%, it is still shameful that the percentage of murders by criminal aliens is more than triple the illegal population in those states.</p> <p>Those astounding numbers were compiled by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) using official Department of Justice data on criminal aliens in the nation’s correctional system. The numbers were the basis for a presentation at a recent New Hampshire conference sponsored by the highly respected Center for Security Policy.</p>
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HEADLINE	08/07 Aurora gunman avoids death penalty
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/07/us/james-holmes-movie-theater-shooting-jury/index.html
GIST	<p>James Holmes will spend the rest of his life in prison for killing 12 people and wounding 70 more at an Aurora, Colorado, movie theater.</p> <p>A jury was unable Friday to reach a unanimous sentencing verdict, which results in life in prison without parole instead of the death penalty for Holmes, who had pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity in the</p>

2012 shootings. He was convicted last month of 24 counts of first-degree murder -- two for each of the slain victims.

The 12-member jury reached a decision after deliberating almost seven hours since late Thursday. As they walked back into the courtroom shortly after 5 p.m. (7 p.m. ET), they made no eye contact with anyone. Some had a grim face. Some were ashen.

Holmes stood with his hands in his pockets as Judge Carlos Samour read the sentencing verdicts.

One female juror later told reporters that there was no way to resolve the disagreement on what the sentence should be.

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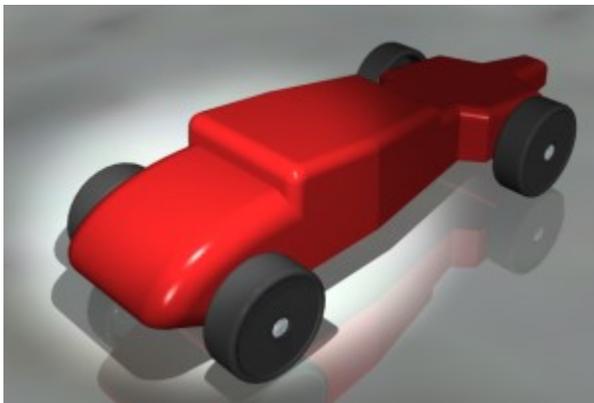
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Or an old "Hot Rod" style? Maybe paint it like the one on American Graffiti?



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Here are a few designs we could copy, do you guys like any in particular? With only two days to work with, I cant get to crazy on the body





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Subject: The military tech President Obama didn't ban is also the most dangerous

 After the protests turned into riots in Ferguson, Mo., last summer, it became abundantly clear that the surplus of military vehicles and weaponry from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan had found their way onto the streets of middle America. Americans watched in awe as Ferguson police responded to protests and minor looting with armored vehicles and the same kind of tear gas used in war zones. Jackboots and assault rifles seemed to be the official uniform of what should have been a measured response by a mid-range police force. For many protesters, this widely circulated imagery of a military encampment was enough to incite deep-seated rage about what was already a tortured relationship between police and civilians. As many news reports following Ferguson would make clear, the spread of military gear throughout America's police forces was widespread and trickling down from the federal government itself. A 2014 story from ABC's Luis Martinez and Colleen Curry referred to Ferguson police as a "small army," tying it to the historic relationship between the government and the military. Jackboots and assault rifles seemed to be the official uniform of what should have been a measured response by a mid-range police force. "The distribution of military equipment to local law enforcement began in the 1990s to help agencies fight the so-called War on Drugs," Martinez and Curry explain. "It was expanded after 9/11, with the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, to help law enforcement fight terror threats." As part of a long overdue effort to demilitarize America's police force, President Obama announced new policies this week that will place heavy regulations and restrictions on what kinds of vehicles, armor, and weaponry the military is allowed to sell at a discount to state and local police departments. Banned equipment now includes camouflaged vehicles, grenades, high-scale weaponry, and even bayonets. Restrictions have also been placed on aircrafts, riot gear, and mobile command units, forcing police to seek federal permission before obtaining or selling such equipment. These restrictions are an important step in healing the rift between police and the communities they swear to protect; however, they ignore a rather gaping loophole in federal security equipment that has quickly spread through local police departments. While Americans have become more wary of the federal government abusing their right to privacy, local police have been arming themselves with technology just as worrisome as a tank rolling down the street. In all, police in 21 states have used Stingray devices to track and locate cell phones without the phone's owner aware. The devices—roughly the size of a suitcase—locate cell phones by intercepting the signal that phone would normally send to a cell tower. Stingrays convince the phone it is talking with a secure cell network in order to collect information from the cell signal, including the phone's precise location. They collect the cell signals of phones within a given range, meaning police can collect bulk data from entire city blocks. They ignore a rather gaping loophole in federal security equipment that has quickly spread through local police departments. If that sounds familiar, it's because the technology is eerily similar to the kinds of privacy-violating tactics we've become used to hearing from leaked documents about the National Security Agency. Just as the Pentagon has regifted their devices to small-town cops, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and various

branches of the United States intelligence sector have begun shipping Stingray devices to police departments across the country, along with non-disclosure agreements protecting police from defending these tools' use against the public, lawmakers, and even judges. In fact, the FBI and police have even offered criminals plea deals in order to prevent their lawyers from demanding to see recorded use of Stingrays. In Florida, two small-time crooks who robbed a weed dealer with a BB gun were offered a cushy probation-only deal in February; the catch was that the pair had to halt their lawyers' investigation into whether or not police had used Stingrays to capture them. According to a CNN story in March, one federal judge in Erie County, N.Y., reported an attempted deal between the FBI and local police to drop criminal charges against a suspect entirely rather than reveal any details about the Stingray program. It's this intense level of secrecy that has likely protected the device from becoming the target of public derision like the military gear cited by Obama in his new regulations. As President Obama said, the armored vehicles and heavy artillery seen in Ferguson last year is "made for the battlefield" and might "alienate and intimidate local residents and may send the wrong message." But that's only because of the visibility of such equipment. While that should never be ignored, the hidden encroachment on our daily privacy has been totally ignored by the president's restrictions; this is likely because it's out-of-sight, out-of-mind even for the few Americans that know of its existence. It's this intense level of secrecy that has likely protected the device from becoming the target of public derision. It's perhaps absurd to believe a president who has spied on more American phone records than any before him would care to implement restrictions on how local and state law enforcement should go about doing the same thing. According to a report from the ACLU, Stingrays are in use by the FBI, the NSA, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secret Service, and all five branches of the military. Thus, it's abundantly clear the warrantless use of these devices isn't keeping Barack Obama awake at night as a moral or legal quandary. Why should he feel the need to justify or restrict their use among police? Typically, any electronic surveillance conducted by a police department requires judicial oversight and a warrant granted by a judge. And while the program has been justified by police and federal agents as a tool for finding and preventing terrorism, Stingrays have become a regular part of policing in just about any case wherein it could make the cops' jobs easier. In Tallahassee, police confessed to using Stingrays over 200 times in a four-year period. According to LA Weekly, the Los Angeles Police Department uses Stingrays for 13 percent of every investigation they encounter. In only one of the 21 states wherein Stingrays have been used by police have any restrictions been implemented—the Florida Supreme Court ruled in 2014 that police must obtain a warrant before using Stingrays. As has recently been the case for privacy advocates, the judicial branch may be our last, best hope. Although the president is concerned about turning America's streets into a battlefield, his policies have shown that he's fine with keeping the war alive behind the scenes. Unfortunately, the best chance we have to see Stingray finally get the regulation Americans deserve is the power of those on the bench, rather than the makeshift leadership of our president. Ben Branstetter is a writer whose work has appeared in the Washington Post, Business Insider, Salon, the Week, and xoJane. He attended Pennsylvania State University and currently lives in Central Pennsylvania. Photo via WEBN-TV/Flickr (CC BY ND 2.0)

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 After the protests turned into riots in Ferguson, Mo., last summer, it became abundantly clear that the surplus of military vehicles and weaponry from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan had found their way onto the streets of middle America. Americans watched in awe as Ferguson police responded to protests and minor looting with armored vehicles and the same kind of tear gas used in war zones. Jackboots and assault rifles seemed to be the official uniform of what should have been a measured response by a mid-range police force. For many protesters, this widely circulated imagery of a military encampment was enough to incite deep-seated rage about what was already a tortured relationship between police and civilians. As many news reports following Ferguson would make clear, the spread of military gear throughout America's police forces was widespread and trickling down from the federal government itself. A 2014 story from ABC's Luis Martinez and Colleen Curry referred to Ferguson police as a "small army," tying it to the historic relationship between the government and the military. Jackboots and assault rifles seemed to be the official uniform of what should have been a measured response by a mid-range police force. "The distribution of military equipment to local law enforcement began in the 1990s to help agencies fight the so-called War on Drugs," Martinez and Curry explain. "It was expanded after 9/11, with the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, to help law enforcement fight terror threats." As part of a long overdue effort to demilitarize America's police force, President Obama announced new policies this week that will place heavy regulations and restrictions on what kinds of vehicles, armor, and weaponry the military is allowed to sell at a discount to state and local police departments. Banned equipment now includes camouflaged vehicles, grenades, high-scale weaponry, and even bayonets. Restrictions have also been placed on aircrafts, riot gear, and mobile command units, forcing police to seek federal permission before obtaining or selling such equipment. These restrictions are an important step in healing the rift between police and the communities they swear to protect; however, they ignore a rather gaping loophole in federal security equipment that has quickly spread through local police departments. While Americans have become more wary of the federal government abusing their right to privacy, local police have been arming themselves with technology just as worrisome as a tank rolling down the street. In all, police in 21 states have used Stingray devices to track and locate cell phones without the phone's owner aware. The devices—roughly the size of a suitcase—locate cell phones by intercepting the signal that phone would normally send to a cell tower. Stingrays convince the phone it is talking with a secure cell network in order to collect information from the cell signal, including the phone's precise location. They collect the cell signals of phones within a given range, meaning police can collect bulk data from entire city blocks. They ignore a rather gaping loophole in federal security equipment that has quickly spread through local police departments. If that sounds familiar, it's because the technology is eerily similar to the kinds of privacy-violating tactics we've become used to hearing from leaked documents about the National Security Agency. Just as the Pentagon has regifted their devices to small-town cops, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and various

branches of the United States intelligence sector have begun shipping Stingray devices to police departments across the country, along with non-disclosure agreements protecting police from defending these tools' use against the public, lawmakers, and even judges. In fact, the FBI and police have even offered criminals plea deals in order to prevent their lawyers from demanding to see recorded use of Stingrays. In Florida, two small-time crooks who robbed a weed dealer with a BB gun were offered a cushy probation-only deal in February; the catch was that the pair had to halt their lawyers' investigation into whether or not police had used Stingrays to capture them. According to a CNN story in March, one federal judge in Erie County, N.Y., reported an attempted deal between the FBI and local police to drop criminal charges against a suspect entirely rather than reveal any details about the Stingray program. It's this intense level of secrecy that has likely protected the device from becoming the target of public derision like the military gear cited by Obama in his new regulations. As President Obama said, the armored vehicles and heavy artillery seen in Ferguson last year is "made for the battlefield" and might "alienate and intimidate local residents and may send the wrong message." But that's only because of the visibility of such equipment. While that should never be ignored, the hidden encroachment on our daily privacy has been totally ignored by the president's restrictions; this is likely because it's out-of-sight, out-of-mind even for the few Americans that know of its existence. It's this intense level of secrecy that has likely protected the device from becoming the target of public derision. It's perhaps absurd to believe a president who has spied on more American phone records than any before him would care to implement restrictions on how local and state law enforcement should go about doing the same thing. According to a report from the ACLU, Stingrays are in use by the FBI, the NSA, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secret Service, and all five branches of the military. Thus, it's abundantly clear the warrantless use of these devices isn't keeping Barack Obama awake at night as a moral or legal quandary. Why should he feel the need to justify or restrict their use among police? Typically, any electronic surveillance conducted by a police department requires judicial oversight and a warrant granted by a judge. And while the program has been justified by police and federal agents as a tool for finding and preventing terrorism, Stingrays have become a regular part of policing in just about any case wherein it could make the cops' jobs easier. In Tallahassee, police confessed to using Stingrays over 200 times in a four-year period. According to LA Weekly, the Los Angeles Police Department uses Stingrays for 13 percent of every investigation they encounter. In only one of the 21 states wherein Stingrays have been used by police have any restrictions been implemented—the Florida Supreme Court ruled in 2014 that police must obtain a warrant before using Stingrays. As has recently been the case for privacy advocates, the judicial branch may be our last, best hope. Although the president is concerned about turning America's streets into a battlefield, his policies have shown that he's fine with keeping the war alive behind the scenes. Unfortunately, the best chance we have to see Stingray finally get the regulation Americans deserve is the power of those on the bench, rather than the makeshift leadership of our president. Ben Branstetter is a writer whose work has appeared in the Washington Post, Business Insider, Salon, the Week, and xoJane. He attended Pennsylvania State University and currently lives in Central Pennsylvania. Photo via WEBN-TV/Flickr (CC BY ND 2.0)

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**22-23 Sept. 2015 Save the Date	Washington State Fusion Center Training Conference: <i>Homeland Security in the Digital Age</i>	0800-1700 Tues/22 Sep 0800-1200 Wed/23 Sep	Location: Richland, WA Lodging: TBD Training Site: TBD
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HEADLINE	05/18 Activists vow massive protest today
SOURCE	http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/activists-vow-disrupt-shell-oil-massive-protest/nmJM6/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE — Hundreds of protestors are vowing to stop Shell oil operations at Terminal 5 Monday morning as another Shell ship rolls into Elliott Bay.</p> <p>Quick Facts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drydock Vigilant being towed into Elliott Bay • More than 900 protesters say they will participate • Protesters will try to block Terminal 5 workers • Flotilla of kayaks surrounded oil rig on Saturday <p>The 528-foot long drydock Vigilant is being towed past Magnolia, headed for the Port of Seattle.</p> <p>More than 900 people have said they will take part in one of the biggest environmental protests ever in Seattle. They'll meet at the Duwamish Fishing Dock at 7 a.m.</p>

	<p>Currently, Seattle police are on Harbor Island setting up barricades to ensure the protest doesn't spill into nearby streets.</p> <p>They'll try to ensure that people can get to work at Terminal 5 and the protesters are given their space.</p> <p>The protests are the latest that started when the Shell Oil rig, the Polar Pioneer, showed up in Elliot Bay on Thursday.</p> <p>On Saturday, a flotilla of kayaks surrounded the rig.</p> <p>Activists say the drilling could lead to oil spills, while Shell has said more than 400 people will be employed by the jobs created.</p> <p>Protesters said their plans are to disrupt Shell Oil operations at Terminal 5. They told KIRO 7 over the weekend this is only the beginning.</p> <p>The protests when the rig arrived and over the weekend were peaceful, but Monday may be a different story.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Tacoma's new bike lane campaign
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/tacoma/2015/05/17/this-lane-is-your-lane-bike-safety/27480237/
GIST	<p>More and more bikeways are popping up in Tacoma. They're a big hit with cyclists, but for drivers it's a bit confusing.</p> <p>The city hopes a new safety campaign with a familiar slogan can get everyone on board. Instead of "This land is your land, this land is my land" the city is telling people "This lane is your lane."</p> <p>After adding more than 13 miles of bikeways the city is now working to educate everyone on how to share the road. The improvements include a bike boulevard along Park Avenue, which is marked by sharrows, letting cars and bikes know they share the lane.</p> <p>"A lot of people don't understand why you're on the road and they're not used to it" cyclist Noah Struthers says. Struthers is the Executive Director of the Second Cycle community bike shop, it's a non-profit that tries to get more Tacoma residents to choose two wheels instead of four.</p> <p>"We're just working to demystify the bike here, take away the smoke and mirrors of bike mechanics and make it more accessible and understandable" he said. Struthers believes both the extra lanes and the education are making a difference.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Officials probe airplane hack claim
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/tech/2015/05/17/hacker-sideways-chris-roberts-fbi-united/27492409/
GIST	<p>SAN FRANCISCO — U.S. authorities are probing whether a computer security expert was actually able to hack into the computer system of a plane he flew aboard and cause it to bank sideways for a brief time.</p> <p>Chris Roberts, a well-known cybersecurity researcher, had previously alerted authorities to what he said were security flaws in several common airliners.</p> <p>He told FBI agents in April that he had hacked into the in-flight entertainment systems on numerous planes and, in one case, made a plane briefly fly sideways by telling one of the engines to go into climb mode.</p> <p>Senior law enforcement officials said Sunday that no evidence gathered thus far suggests that such a capability, as outlined by Roberts, exists. The official was not authorized to speak publicly.</p> <p>"While we will not comment on specific allegations, there is no credible information to suggest an airplane's flight control system can be accessed or manipulated from its in flight entertainment system. Nevertheless, attempting to tamper with the flight control systems of aircraft is illegal and any such attempts will be taken seriously by law enforcement."</p> <p>Roberts did not respond to requests for comment, but did tweet on Saturday that he's been advised to keep quiet on the topic. "There's a whole five years of stuff that the affidavit incorrectly compressed into 1 paragraph....lots to untangle," he tweeted.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 'Paddle in Seattle' gather against oil rig
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/environment/paddle-in-seattle-protesters-gather-against-shell-oil-rig/
GIST	<p>Conrad Ely drove from Olympia with three friends, a double kayak and a canoe. Amy McKendry arrived with her family and a canoe she's had since she was 8. Brandon Juhl came in from Snohomish without a boat, but was able to launch into Elliott Bay with an extra kayak another donated to the cause.</p> <p>They joined more than 200 other boats Saturday for Paddle in Seattle, a flotilla organized by a coalition of environmental groups, activists and tribal leaders from around the country to demonstrate concern about the impact of fossil-fuel consumption on climate change and to show disappointment in the Port of Seattle's decision to host Shell's offshore Arctic oil-drilling fleet.</p>

The coalition, Shell No! Action Council, has said the protests will culminate Monday with a day of peaceful civil disobedience that will attempt to shut down Shell operations at the Port. That protest is to start at 7 a.m. at the Duwamish Fishing Dock.

“We are building a movement, and this is how it starts,” said Renny Reep, one of Seattle’s Raging Grannies, who stayed on land with hundreds of other activists for Saturday’s events.

“We just have to stop Shell Oil,” she said.

The Port of Seattle’s Terminal 5 has been the center of an environmental and political standoff since the Port commission announced in January that Foss Maritime would lease the vacant terminal to use as a home base for Shell’s fleet during the winter months.

The 307-foot-tall Polar Pioneer oil rig arrived Thursday despite a request by the Port commission that it and support vessels stay away while the Port challenges a city ruling aimed at keeping them out.

The rig is the biggest piece of Shell’s 25-vessel fleet in the Pacific Northwest that is set to resume its controversial oil exploration in the Chukchi Sea off Alaska’s North Slope. Company officials view that area as one of the world’s top prospects for a major oil find.

Terminal 5 offers a deep-water berth, and has enough space to handle the big equipment needed to load a drilling rig.

Even if the environmental community can’t change the Port’s mind and send the rig on its way, many on Saturday simply wanted to take a stand.

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HEADLINE	05/18 Ukraine: 2 Russian officers caught
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/05/18/ukraine-forces-claim-theyve-captured-2-russian-officers-near-rebel-held-area/?intcmp=latestnews
GIST	<p>KIEV, Ukraine – The Ukrainian government on Sunday claimed to have captured two Russian officers who were operating in the rebel-controlled area.</p> <p>Ukrainian military spokesman Andriy Lysenko said on Sunday the two Russian officers have been taken prisoner by the volunteer Aidar battalion in the town of Shchastia, not far from the front line. He would not provide further details and said investigators were questioning the men.</p> <p>Aidar said on its Facebook page that the two officers were wounded and taken captive in a skirmish in the area early on Sunday.</p>

	A year-long conflict between Russia-backed separatists and government troops in eastern Ukraine has killed more than 6,100 people. Russia has repeatedly denied that it was supplying the separatists with rebels or recruits despite the mounting evidence testifying to the contrary.
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HEADLINE	05/18 NE corridor Amtrak service restored
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/05/18/amtrak-service-between-philadelphia-and-new-york-restored-after-deadly-crash/
GIST	<p>PHILADELPHIA – Amtrak trains began rolling on the busy Northeast Corridor early Monday, the first time in almost a week following a deadly crash in Philadelphia, and officials vowed to have safer trains and tracks while investigators worked to determine the cause of the derailment.</p> <p>Amtrak resumed service along the corridor with a 5:30 a.m. southbound train leaving New York City. The first northbound train, scheduled to leave Philadelphia at 5:53 a.m., was delayed and pulled out of 30th Street Station at 6:07 a.m.</p> <p>About three dozen passengers boarded the New York City-bound train in Philadelphia, and Mayor Michael Nutter was on hand to see the passengers and train off.</p> <p>All Acela Express, Northeast Regional and other services were to also resume.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/18 Record number air travelers expected
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/travel/2015/05/18/us-airlines-expect-record-number-travelers-this-summer/?intcmp=latestnews
GIST	<p>NEW YORK – A record number of travelers are expected to take to the skies this summer thanks to a rebounding economy.</p> <p>U.S. airlines will carry 222 million passengers between June 1 and Aug. 31, topping the summer of 2007 when 217.6 million people flew, Airlines for America, the industry's trade and lobbying group, predicted Monday. That figure includes 31 million travelers on international flights, also a record.</p> <p>On average, there will be 2.4 million passengers a day, 4.5 percent more than last summer.</p> <p>After several years of limiting their expansion, U.S. airlines are now quickly adding more seats, including 4.6 percent more this summer. Those added seats are mostly the result of airlines flying larger planes and packing in extra rows to existing jets.</p>

	<p>Those extra seats have given pause to some Wall Street analysts who worry that airlines might have to discount fares to fill them. That hasn't happened yet, but after years of steadily rising airfares, there is a tiny bit of relief for fliers this summer — \$2.01 in savings to be exact.</p> <p>The average roundtrip domestic ticket this summer, including taxes, now stands at \$454, down less than a percent from last summer. Vacationers to Europe will fare better, with the average ticket down 3 percent to \$1,619, about \$50 less than last summer, according to the Airlines Reporting Corp., which processes ticket transactions for airlines and travel agencies.</p> <p>Summer can be one of the most difficult times to fly. While airlines can plan days in advance for blizzards, it is hard to know exactly when a thunderstorm will roll through an airport, shutting down all baggage handling and flights. Add into that extremely crowded airports: 13 of the 15 busiest days to travel fall in the summer, according to the airline trade group.</p> <p>Passengers on planes aren't going to have much spare space.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 New round of teachers strikes
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/2015/05/17/new-round-of-teacher-strikes-this-week/27508861/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>Teachers in nearly two-dozen districts – including Seattle - plan to walk out this week.</p> <p>On Monday, the strikes start with the Eastmont, North Kitsap, Port Angeles, Sequim, and Wenatchee districts. Wenatchee is the first district east of the Cascades to hold a one-day strike.</p> <p>On Tuesday, Seattle teachers, along with teachers in the Issaquah, Mercer Island, and Peninsula districts walk out.</p> <p>Teachers in 57 districts voted to walk out to protest the Legislature's failure to fully fund K-12 public school and increase teacher pay.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/18 Cracking down police 'militarization'
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/u-s-cracking-down-militarization-local-police-n360381
GIST	<p>The federal government will no longer provide heavy military equipment like tanks and grenade launchers to local cops following weeks of backlash against officers who confronted protesters in Ferguson, Missouri, in armored vehicles and camouflage last year, President Barack Obama will announce Monday.</p>

And if they want other, less-imposing military equipment, local law enforcement agencies will have to submit to stringent federal oversight and restrictions, according to guidelines Obama will outline during a visit to discuss police reform in Camden, New Jersey, for years one of the most dangerous cities in America.

A White House official told NBC News that the Justice Department is seeking to strike a balance by making only appropriate equipment available, and with clear operating standards, training and safety procedures.

The measures are the follow up to an executive measure Obama issued in January to crack down on the intimidating image presented by local agencies patrolling the streets bristling with advanced military weaponry.

The controversy was fueled when Ferguson police took to the streets in camouflage with military gear after the police shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown, who was unarmed. But complaints about paramilitary-style equipping of local police have been widespread at least since protests over the World Trade Organization exploded into riots in Seattle in 1999.

Local law enforcement agencies have been eligible to receive surplus military equipment through a Defense Department program enacted in 1997.

The equipment that's being banned Monday includes tanks and other tracked armored vehicles, weaponized aircraft and vehicles, firearms and ammunition measuring .50-caliber and larger, grenade launchers and bayonets, the Justice Department said.

Restrictions and conditions will be put on other types of equipment — including armored tactical vehicles like those used in Ferguson, as well as many types of firearms, ammunition and explosives.

The conditions are likely to rankle some local agencies.

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HEADLINE	05/18 Kerry vows security for SKorea
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/kerry-south-korea-talk-security-cyber-issues-31101445
GIST	<p>U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Monday accused North Korea of a litany of crimes and atrocities while reassuring South Korea of America's "ironclad" security commitments.</p> <p>Kerry blamed North Korea for continuing to break promises, make threats and "show flagrant disregard for international law" by continuing provocative nuclear and missile activity while oppressing its own people. He said North Korea's "horrific conduct" must be exposed and vowed to ratchet up pressure on</p>

Pyongyang to change its behavior, particularly since it has rebuffed repeated attempts to restart denuclearization negotiations.

"They have grown the threat of their program and have acted with a kind of reckless abandon," Kerry said, referring to North Korea and its leadership, less than a week after South Korea's spy agency said North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ordered his defense chief executed with an anti-aircraft gun for complaining about the young ruler, talking back to him and sleeping during a meeting Kim presided over.

That allegation, if true, adds to concerns about the erratic nature of Kim's rule, particularly after Pyongyang claimed last weekend it had successfully test-fired a newly developed ballistic missile from a submarine.

Kerry called the reported killing just the latest in a series of "grotesque, grisly, horrendous, public displays of executions on a whim and fancy." He said that if such behavior continued, calls would grow in the international community for North Korea to be referred to the International Criminal Court.

South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se said "the severity of recent threats and provocations" made it essential to bolster the security relationship.

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HEADLINE	05/17 Claim: Jay Z bails anti-cop protestors
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/jay-z-quietly-posting-bail-protesters-writer-says-223858518.html
GIST	<p>New York (AFP) - Rap mogul Jay Z has quietly used his wealth to post bail for people arrested in protests across the United States against police excesses, an author close to him said.</p> <p>Dream Hampton, a writer and activist who worked with Jay Z on his 2010 memoir "Decoded," made the revelations in a series of messages on Twitter that she later deleted but were reproduced by the hip-hop magazine Complex.</p> <p>"When we needed money for bail for Baltimore protestors, I... hit Jay up, as I had for Ferguson (and he wired tens of thousands" of dollars within minutes, read one tweet.</p> <p>She also tweeted that Jay Z and his pop superstar wife Beyonce wrote a "huge check" to support the burgeoning "Black Lives Matter" movement aimed at improving police treatment of African Americans.</p> <p>Protests spread last year after a white police officer shot dead unarmed African-American teenager Michael Brown in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson.</p> <p>One prominent critic has been Harry Belafonte, the calypso music giant who supported Martin Luther King's family financially during the Civil Rights Movement.</p>

	In a 2012 interview with The Hollywood Reporter, Belafonte said that contemporary celebrities "have turned their back on social responsibility" and singled out Jay Z and Beyonce.
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HEADLINE	05/17 Whistleblower: Trident subs 'unsafe'
SOURCE	http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/trident-whistleblower-says-nuclear-submarines-are-insecure-unsafe-and-a-disaster-wait.1431860917
GIST	<p>TRIDENT submarines are plagued by serious security lapses, beset by multiple safety blunders and are "a disaster waiting to happen", according to a nuclear weapons engineer turned whistleblower who is now being hunted by the police.</p> <p>William McNeilly, who says he was on patrol with HMS Victorious from January to April this year, alleges that the Trident missiles it carries are vulnerable to a terrorist attack that "would kill our people and destroy our land". Infiltrators have "the perfect opportunity to send nuclear warheads crashing down on the UK", he claims.</p> <p>He has written a detailed 18-page report called The Nuclear Secrets, which claims to lift the lid on the alarming state of the UK's ageing and short-staffed nuclear deterrent. He went absent without leave from the Royal Navy last week, is on the run and expects to be arrested. "This is bigger than me, it's bigger than all of us," he says. "We are so close to a nuclear disaster it is shocking, and yet everybody is accepting the risk to the public. If we don't act now lives could be lost for generations."</p> <p>The risk was "extremely high", he told the Sunday Herald. "My information comes from good sources and I have no reason to lie. If change isn't made, a nuclear catastrophe almost certainly will happen."</p> <p>McNeilly's report alleges 30 safety and security flaws on Trident submarines, based at Faslane on the Clyde. They include failures in testing whether missiles could be safely launched, burning toilet rolls starting a fire in a missile compartment, and security passes and bags going unchecked.</p> <p>He also reports alarms being muted because they went off so often, missile safety procedures being ignored and top secret information left unguarded.</p> <p>"It's just a matter of time before we're infiltrated by a psychopath or a terrorist," he says. "There were some people that I served with on that patrol who showed clear psychopathic tendencies."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/18 Hamas rebuilding tunnels to Israel
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SOURCE	http://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/diplomacy-defense/71593-150518-hamas-rebuilding-tunnels-with-at-least-one-crossing-into-israel
GIST	<p> Hamas is making alarming strides in rebuilding the tunnels leading into Israeli territory from the Gaza Strip, with at least one crossing into Israel.</p> <p> Zionist Union MK Omer Bar-Lev, member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, speaking at an Israel Bar Association conference said that " Hamas has returned to digging tunnels and one or more of them have crossed the border fence, attacking the sovereignty of the State of Israel. We can't default to (the situation) on the eve of Protective Edge. The hesitancy in government and security of the Prime Minister harms the IDF's deterrence capabilities and abandons the fate of the residents who live near Gaza to the whims of Hamas."</p> <p> During Operation Protective Edge last summer, it was revealed that Hamas has an extensive network of tunnels that they could use to get into Israel.</p> <p> Last month Ya'alon said that the IDF has not yet seen any tunnels which have crossed into Israel but that "we are prepared for the possibility that somebody will try to come out of an opening and the ground and we will have to discover him."</p> <p> Nevertheless, Gaza Division officers have reported seeing digging close to the Israeli border, some just a kilometer and a half from the border.</p> <p> The officers are unsure whether the digging is to reconstruct the tunnels destroyed during the summer war or "preparations for the next round," a senior officer told Haaretz that "Operation Protective Edge began with the goal of destroying the tunnels, and now they are saying – here we are, building again."</p> <p> Since the end of Operation Protective Edge on August 26 with an open-ended truce agreement the militant group has claimed that the terrorist group still has access to Israel via its tunnel network, and that there will be "no security" in Israel as long as there is none in Gaza.</p> <p> However in an interview with the terror group's mouthpiece the Al Risala in October, the military chief said that his men are busy reconstructing the tunnels, adding that "we have no time to lose. We have plenty of work ahead of us, which necessitates great human resources."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Gas prices rise nationwide \$.22/gallon
SOURCE	http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2015/05/17/4298985_us-gas-prices-rise-22-cents-per.html?rh=1
GIST	CAMARILLO, Calif. — The average national price of a regular gallon of gasoline has jumped 22 cents in the past three weeks to \$2.80.

	<p>Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday that higher crude prices caused by a weaker U.S. dollar and strong gasoline demand drove the increase. However, she says the price was 93 cents lower than a year ago.</p> <p>The average national price for midgrade was \$3.00 and premium was \$3.16. Diesel was \$2.97.</p> <p>In a survey of cities in the Lower 48 states, Los Angeles had the highest-priced gasoline at \$3.95 a gallon. Baton Rouge, Louisiana, had the lowest at \$2.32. The average price in California was up 53 cents to \$3.76 a gallon.</p> <p>Lundberg says gasoline price hikes will likely slow or stop because of an expected increase in supplies.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Critics: Canada 'rent-a-cop' programs
SOURCE	http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/critics-want-to-see-changes-to-rent-a-cop-programs-in-canadian-cities-1.3077503
GIST	<p>Police officers across Canada have been getting paid for years to stand around manholes and construction sites during off-hours.</p> <p>But no one seems to know just when the practice first started, or where — not even those who reap millions of dollars every year from so-called "paid duty," a program that allows companies and individuals to hire off-duty officers for various events.</p> <p>"When we tried to pin down where these requirements came from, nobody could tell us," says Alok Mukherjee, chair of the Toronto Police Services Board, which oversees the force.</p> <p>From a thick binder labelled "Paid Duty," he pulls a copy of a document from 1957 — minutes from a police board meeting that references setting the rate for paid duty.</p> <p>As far back as the 1920s, Toronto's then-police chief criticized paid duty, saying it would likely be rescinded.</p> <p>But today, the practice has become a funding source for cash-strapped police forces, and a lightning rod for criticism.</p> <p>In cities that include Montreal, Waterloo, Ont., and Calgary, critics are raising concerns that the system grants better protection to those with the means to pay for it, and questioning whether officers can remain impartial towards those who offer lucrative contracts.</p>

In Toronto, where the program has been a political hot potato for decades, city officials are eager to cut back the funds doled out each year for paid duty supervision of municipal projects.

Mukherjee also worries about what he calls the "reputational" cost.

"When people talk about police officers these days, it is interesting how frequently they talk about the police officer who is standing guard over a sewage drain doing nothing, slouching, holding a cup of coffee," he said.

Base salaries of police constables in Toronto range from \$63,436 to \$90,623, the force's website shows. Meanwhile, paid-duty earnings amount to an average of \$8,909 per officer, according to Ontario's so-called sunshine list.

Mukherjee wants to overhaul the program, including eliminating what he calls "rent-a-cops," where officers are hired for events that aren't required by law to have a police presence, such as Maple Leafs and Blue Jays games.

He also wants the city and the province to change rules that mandate when an officer must be on scene, usually to guide traffic, on larger roads that are under construction.

"I'd rather see a combination of special constables, paid duty and private security," he said.

In 2014, Toronto police officers made more than \$27 million for performing paid duties, with the service raking in another \$4 million from a 15-per-cent "administration fee" and another \$1 million for equipment.

More than 80 per cent of that cost is paid for by private individuals or organizations, which is why the head of the police union said the debate is not about finances since it doesn't affect the police budget.

A recent report by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario recommended that some of the specific functions of paid-duty officers should be transferred to civilians or other security providers.

"This could include court security and prisoner transportation, data entry, accident reporting, burglary investigations (provided the burglary is no longer in progress), and forensics, among other functions," the report states.

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HEADLINE	05/15 State AG: \$63M consumer settlement
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2015/05/15/63-million-settlement-coming-to-washington-consumers/
GIST	SEATTLE — If you purchased a smart phone, television or a computer in the past several years, you could have some money coming.

The state attorney general announced a \$63 million settlement Friday, some of which could be finding its way back into your pocket.

“We make sure powerful interests play by the rules,” said state Attorney General Bob Ferguson.

The settlement is one of the biggest recoveries for the state, seeking money from nine overseas companies.

Ferguson said big-time electronics manufacturers conspired to squeeze Washingtonians out of big bucks.

“The price of virtually every television, LCD computer monitor, TV, cell phone and laptop was inflated because of a conspiracy,” he said.

Ferguson said popular companies such as Sharp, Epson, Toshiba, LG, Hitachi and Samsung worked to fix the price of LCD panels to avoid competing with one another.

The bottom line? Consumers paid nearly 20% more for the electronic devices.

“If you bought multiple of these items,” said Ferguson, “You could have been adversely affected multiple times.”

Now the electronic giants have agreed to fork over \$63 million to Washington state consumers who bought their products between 1998 and 2006.

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HEADLINE	05/17 Mount St. Helens 35yrs later
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/A-look-back-35-years-after-Mount-St-Helens-deadly-eruption-304008531.html
GIST	<p>SEATTLE (AP) - Thirty-five years ago, Mount St. Helens in southwest Washington state erupted, killing 57 people, blasting more than 1,300 feet off the top and raining volcanic ash for miles around. Today, the volcano has become a world-class outdoor laboratory for the study of volcanoes, ecosystems and forestry, as well as a major recreational and tourist destination.</p> <p>THE DAY IT BLEW</p> <p>Within minutes of a 5.1 earthquake that hit at 8:32 a.m. on May 18, 1980, the volcano's north flank collapsed, triggering the largest landslide in recorded history. That set off powerful explosions that sent ash, steam, rocks and volcanic gas upward and outward. The lateral blast scorched and flattened about 230 square miles of dense forest.</p>

Soon after, a plume of volcanic ash rose over 80,000 feet and rained down as far as 250 miles away in Spokane. Pushed by winds over the next few days, the ash cloud traveled east across the U.S. and encircled the globe in 15 days.

The eruption blew about 1,314 feet off the volcano and created a horseshoe-shaped crater in the mountain, which now stands at 8,363 feet.

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Yes, the volcano is still active. "But it's not erupting now," said Carolyn Driedger with the U.S. Geological Survey.

Scientists, however, are constantly recording activity in and around the mountain, including tiny temblors and gas releases.

In September 2004, after 18 quiet years, the volcano rumbled back to life with a swarm of tiny, shallow quakes. The first of a series of small explosions on Oct. 1 shot volcanic ash and gases into the air. A lava dome began to rise in the volcano's crater, building slowly over three years during the eruption period that lasted from 2004 to 2008.

The volcano hasn't erupted since 2008, but it has been changing very subtly. Last year, scientists confirmed suspicions that fresh molten rock has been recharging the volcano since 2008. The magma reservoir about 5 miles beneath the volcano has been slowly re-pressurizing since 2008.

The uplift is slow, steady and subtle, measuring about the length of a thumbnail over six years, scientists said in 2014.

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HEADLINE	05/16 Kayaktivists protest Shell oil rig
SOURCE	http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/anti-arctic-drilling-kayaktivists-hold-shell-no-pr/nmHn7/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE — What a sight it was. A flotilla of kayaks and canoes surrounding Shell Oil's controversial Polar Pioneer. There, they said, to protest the oil giant's plan to drill for oil in that pristine wilderness.</p> <p>"For everybody here this feels like a moral decision, a moral choice," said Florence Case, who brought her kayak from Port Townsend.</p> <p>"I think it sends a message to people that we've got to start thinking seriously about this and draw the line somewhere," said Seattle kayaker Tony Case.</p>

	<p>That line was made clearer still when the Polar Pioneer made its way into Elliot Bay on Thursday. Shell and its host, Foss Maritime, defied 11th hour attempts by the city of Seattle and its Port Commissioners to keep the massive oil rig out of Terminal 5.</p> <p>Former Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn, who joined the protest in his own kayak, called those efforts too little, too late.</p> <p>"The port commissioners knew it would be controversial and they kept it secret until the very last minute," McGinn said. "They briefed other elected officials, including our mayor, who also helped keep it a secret until really, it's too late."</p> <p>Efforts to get a reaction from current Seattle Mayor Ed Murray proved fruitless.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 China reworking long range missiles
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/china-adding-long-range/2015/05/16/id/645091/
GIST	<p>China is now re-working many of its long-range ballistic missiles to carry multiple warheads — a move federal officials and experts say may be aimed at back-stopping the United States as it moves to send stronger missile defense systems into the Pacific, according to a recent Pentagon report to Congress.</p> <p>Though the Chinese have had the capability for years, President President Xi Jinping has reversed the course of many predecessors and has initiated efforts to utilize technology that would miniaturize warheads and put three or more on a single missile, according to a report by The New York Times on the Pentagon document.</p> <p>"This is obviously part of an effort to prepare for long-term competition with the United States," Ashley Tellis, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, told the Times. He served as a senior national security official in the George W. Bush administration. "The Chinese are always fearful of American nuclear advantage."</p> <p>The Pentagon document was released on May 8, the Times reports. Beijing's stepped-up nuclear efforts were detailed deep in the document — catching many American officials by surprise, according to the report.</p> <p>In addition, the disclosure came as Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Beijing on Saturday for discussions on a wide variety of issues, though the Times reports that it was not clear whether this weapons development was on his agenda.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/15 Self-driving cars hit roads this summer
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SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/tech/innovation/googles-self-driving-cars-approved-hit-public-roads-summer-n359586
GIST	<p>Google's self-driving cars are cruising off the closed campus tracks and rolling onto public California roads.</p> <p>"This summer, a few of the prototype vehicles we've created will leave the test track and hit the familiar roads of Mountain View, Calif., with our safety drivers aboard," Google wrote in a blog post published Friday.</p> <p>Each prototype car's speed is capped at 25 miles per hour, Google added, and the safety drivers will also have the ability to use a steering wheel, accelerator pedal and brake pedal -- likely in an effort to appease regulators. Google has already been testing the self-driving technology with software the company put in a fleet of Lexus RX450h SUVs that have been on public roads, but this summer will be the first public-road test of cars Google built itself.</p> <p>On Monday, Google defended the driverless car program after the Associated Press published an article stating four of the cars had been involved in accidents in California. Google said in a blog post the cars have been involved in 11 minor accidents over the years, but none of the incidents were the car's fault.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/15 Governor declares statewide drought
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/2015/05/15/washington-statewide-drought-governor-jay-inslee/27376697/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>OLYMPIA, Wash. -- Governor Jay Inslee declared a drought emergency for the entire state on Friday.</p> <p>"We're really starting to feel the pain from this snowpack drought," Inslee said. "Impacts are already severe in several areas of the state. Difficult decisions are being made about what crops get priority water and how best to save fish."</p> <p>The state expects the "snowpack" drought to have the biggest impact on farmers and fish. The Washington Department of Agriculture projects a \$1.2 billion crop loss for this year.</p> <p>"This drought is unlike any we've ever experienced," said Washington Department of Ecology Director Maia Bellon. "Rain amounts have been normal but snow has been scarce. And we're watching what little snow we have quickly disappear."</p> <p>Statewide, the snowpack is just 16% of normal. In April, the U.S. Geological Survey found that 78% of streams around Washington were running below normal and some were at record lows.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/15 City inspectors visit Shell oil rig
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2015/05/15/city-inspectors-visit-shell-drilling-rig/27408825/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- Shell and its Polar Pioneer Arctic drilling rig are making themselves right at home on their first full day at the Port of Seattle, where the vessel will spend the next few weeks before making its journey north to explore for oil off Alaska's coast.</p> <p>Cranes moved materials on the Polar Pioneer while a group of onlookers gathered at a nearby park to see what's happening.</p> <p>Inspectors from the Seattle Department of Planning and Development visited the port Friday to make the formal determination that Terminal 5, where the rig is docked, is not permitted for maintenance of oil services equipment, once again emphasizing that the Polar Pioneer isn't welcome in Seattle.</p> <p>"If they don't cooperate or come into compliance then we will end up fining them," said Wendy Shark, spokesperson for the Department of Planning and Development.</p> <p>If the port doesn't apply for the proper permit, expect a notice of violation on Monday and fines shortly thereafter, Shark said.</p> <p>"After about a two week period it'll be \$150 a day for 10 days, and then after that it's \$500 a day until (the port) comes into compliance," she said.</p> <p>Those penalties could eventually lead to legal action by the city, though even then there's not much Seattle can do.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Twisters from Minnesota to Texas
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/weather/tornadoes-hail-floods-hit-plains-texas-minnesota-n360206
GIST	<p>A powerful storm system stretching from Texas to Minnesota brought flash flood warnings early Sunday after kicking up at least 29 damaging tornadoes overnight and pounding the region with baseball-sized hail.</p> <p>Thousands of customers were without power but there were no immediate reports of any deaths or injuries.</p> <p>Forecasters said the system was continuing its march eastward as radar showed storms across Iowa, Missouri and a large area of Texas. Twenty-seven of the tornadoes were a part of the large, violent weather system covering the Plains, according to the Weather Channel. Two others — one each in Louisiana and Wyoming — were unrelated.</p>

	Severe storms were likely Sunday for the Upper Midwest and mid-Mississippi Valley, including the possibility of isolated tornadoes. Flash flood warnings were also in effect in many areas, including north Texas, NBC DFW reported.
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HEADLINE	05/17 NTSB investigator dispels bullet theory
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/amtrak-crash-investigator-skeptical-train-came-under-fire/
GIST	<p>Robert Sumwalt, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board Investigator (NTSB) investigating last week's Amtrak derailment that killed eight people, expressed skepticism that someone shot at the train before it came off the tracks last Tuesday night.</p> <p>"I'd like to downplay that part. I've now seen the fracture pattern. It looks like something about the size of a grapefruit, if you will. And it did not even penetrate the entire windshield," Sumwalt said in an interview on CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday.</p> <p>The NTSB said last week that a projectile appears to have hit the windshield of the train prior to the crash. The FBI is helping the agency analyze the fractural pattern of crack in the windshield, but Sumwalt cautioned that there is still not enough information to determine whether it was related to the train derailment.</p> <p>"It could be completely coincidental or it could be causal. And that's exactly what we intend to find out," he said.</p> <p>Sumwalt said the train's engineer, Brandon Bostian, has been cooperating with the investigation and met with the NTSB on Friday. He said that Bostian's claims not to remember anything about the crash are plausible, likening his situation to victims of automobile crashes who also don't remember what happened during a traumatic event.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Severe weather pummels plains
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/severe-weather-heavy-rain-continue-pummel-plains/story?id=31101246
GIST	<p>Another round of severe weather hit the central plains Saturday night, downing power lines and destroying several homes.</p> <p>More than 25 tornadoes were reported on Saturday with Oklahoma and northern Texas receiving the bulk of the storms.</p> <p>Power lines and trees were downed by up to 80 mile per hour wind gusts stretching from Texas to Missouri, and there were homes damaged - or completely destroyed - in Oklahoma.</p>

	<p>Six to 12 homes were damaged in Rogers County, Oklahoma, with two or three completely demolished, Sgt. Logan Eller told ABC news overnight. He said one family was trapped in their home but that the sheriff's office was able to get them out safely.</p> <p>Earlier in the day a tornado in Elmer, Oklahoma also caused heavy structural damage. At times during the storm more than 13,000 were without power in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and 11,000 in Oklahoma City.</p> <p>In Kansas City, the severe thunderstorms brought heavy rains that caused flash flooding, with up to four inches of rain falling in the Kansas City metro area, causing impassable roads and water rescues.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 NTSB: still assessing object hit
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/ntsb-investigator-heard-amtrak-train-engineer-communications-suggest/story?id=31101697
GIST	<p>There was no communication between the derailed Amtrak train engineer to the dispatch center to suggest that a projectile had hit the ill-fated train, National Transportation Safety Board lead investigator Robert Sumwalt said.</p> <p>“We interviewed the dispatchers and we listened to the dispatch tape, and we heard no communications at all from the Amtrak engineer to the dispatch center to say that something had struck his train,” Sumwalt said during an interview with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos on “This Week.”</p> <p>“Nothing at all,” Sumwalt said.</p> <p>Sumwalt said that the idea that an object hit the train is something that the NTSB is continuing to assess.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/15 Bird flu to disrupt US egg supply?
SOURCE	https://ca.news.yahoo.com/exclusive-sysco-sees-u-bird-flu-hurting-egg-031251016--finance.html
GIST	<p>NEW YORK (Reuters) - Food distributor Sysco Corp said on Friday that a record U.S. outbreak of avian flu would limit its supply of eggs and chickens that lay them for nine to 18 months, based on information provided to the company by its suppliers.</p> <p>Sysco is the biggest U.S. food distributor, whose clients include restaurants, hotels and hospitals. The company is discussing options with its customers, including creating alternative menu items during the period, a Sysco spokesman said in an email.</p>

It is too soon to tell whether the supply squeeze will have a material impact on financial results, spokesman Charley Wilson said. Eggs represent a small portion of the company's dairy products segment, which accounted for 11 percent of revenue in 2014.

The U.S. poultry and egg industry is grappling with the country's biggest outbreak on record of avian influenza, which has proven highly infectious and deadly for poultry. Governors in Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa have declared a state of emergency, and the outbreak has shown few signs of waning.

Meanwhile, on Thursday, Post Holdings Inc, calling the flu a "force majeure event," said it now estimates that 25 percent of its egg supply has been affected. Sysco is a major customer for Post's Michael Foods business, which sells egg products, according to filings.

Stifel Nicolaus analyst Christopher Growe expects Post's previous estimate of a \$20 million financial impact in 2015 to at least double, according to a research note.

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HEADLINE	05/17 Conflicting reports object hitting train
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_AMTRAK_CRASH?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2015-05-17-12-50-08
GIST	<p>PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- As repair crews work to restore rail service following the deadly Amtrak derailment in Philadelphia, investigators are trying to determine the reason for the train's acceleration and sorting through conflicting reports about an object striking its windshield.</p> <p>National Transportation Safety Board member Robert Sumwalt said on CBS's "Face the Nation" program on Sunday that he wanted to "downplay" the idea that damage to the windshield might have come from someone firing a shot at the train shortly before it flew off the tracks, killing eight people and injuring more than 200 others.</p> <p>"I've seen the fracture pattern; it looks like something about the size of a grapefruit, if you will, and it did not even penetrate the entire windshield," Sumwalt said.</p> <p>Officials said an assistant conductor on the derailed train said she heard the Amtrak engineer talking with a regional train engineer and both said their trains had been hit by objects. But Sumwalt said the regional train engineer recalls no such conversation, and investigators had listened to the dispatch tape and heard no communications from the Amtrak engineer to the dispatch center to say that something had struck the train.</p> <p>"But, nevertheless, we do have this mark on the windshield of the Amtrak train, so we certainly want to trace that lead down," he told CNN's "State of the Union."</p> <p>Sumwalt acknowledged, however, in an interview on Fox News Sunday that train engines are routinely struck by various projectiles without catastrophic consequences.</p>

HEADLINE	05/16 Nepal struck by third major quake
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/nepal-struck-63-magnitude-earthquake/story?id=31089979
GIST	<p>A 6.3-magnitude earthquake hit Nepal Saturday as the country was still recovering from previous earthquakes in recent weeks.</p> <p>The tremor occurred 15 miles north of Ramechhap, about 50 miles east of the capital of Kathmandu and south of Mount Everest, according to the United States Geological Survey. There was no immediate word on damages.</p> <p>The earthquake follows the deadly 7.8-magnitude earthquake from April 25 that killed over 8,200 people. Further activity, including a 7.3-magnitude earthquake, happened Tuesday, killing 117 people.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Immigration court backlog record high
SOURCE	http://touch.latimes.com/#section/-1/article/p2p-8355578/
GIST	<p>Driven by last summer's surge of illegal immigration from Central America, the already large backlog in federal immigration courts has reached an all-time high with more than 445,000 pending cases, according to a new report.</p> <p>As of April, the backlog hit 445,706 cases, a nearly 30% increase since the start of the last fiscal year, according to the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University.</p> <p>Immigration courts have been overwhelmed since last summer's influx of more than 68,500 unaccompanied children and about as many family units across the southern border, most from Central America.</p> <p>During the summer surge, unaccompanied children's cases were given priority in the courts, with expedited or "rocket dockets" in Los Angeles and other cities.</p> <p>Even so, they make up a small proportion of the backlog: 70,035 cases, about 16% of the total as of April. But the juvenile case backlog is still 68% larger than it was before the summer surge last June, when there was a backlog of 41,641 juvenile cases.</p> <p>While most backlogged cases involved Mexican immigrants, their backlog has increased only about 4% since the start of last fiscal year, while the backlog has skyrocketed for Central Americans — up about 63% for Guatemalans, about 92% for Salvadorans and 143% for Hondurans.</p>

	The report, based on federal data, found that California, Texas, and New York lead the nation with the largest immigration backlogs, followed by Florida and New Jersey.
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HEADLINE	05/16 Beijing rebukes US over islands row
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/kerry-beijing-island-building-agenda-033049828.html
GIST	<p>China's foreign minister told top US diplomat John Kerry on Saturday that Beijing was "unshakeable" in its defence of sovereignty, as tensions between the powers mount over Chinese island-building in strategic but disputed waters.</p> <p>The United States is weighing sending warships and surveillance aircraft within 12 nautical miles -- the normal territorial zone around natural land -- of artificial islands that Beijing is building in the South China Sea.</p> <p>Such a move could lead to a standoff on the high seas in an area home to vital global shipping lanes and believed to be rich in oil and gas deposits.</p> <p>Beijing regards almost the whole of the South China Sea as its own and after talks in the Chinese capital Foreign Minister Wang Yi said sternly: "The determination of the Chinese side to safeguard our own sovereignty and territorial integrity is as firm as a rock and it is unshakeable."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Italy's Coast Guard rescues 2,452
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/16/world/italy-migrant-rescues/index.html
GIST	<p>Italy's coast guard says it rescued 2,452 migrants in the Mediterranean Sea on Thursday. The rescues were conducted through 11 operations that were coordinated by a central office in Rome, the coast guard said Friday via Twitter.</p> <p>Italy has been coping with a wave of desperate migrants from Africa and the Middle East. There has been an upsurge in migrant boats crossing the Mediterranean in an attempt to reach the country, and a corresponding increase in rescues performed by the Italian Coast Guard.</p> <p>Some 34,570 migrants arrived in Italy between January 1 and May 7, according to the International Organization for Migration. The same group says 1,780 migrants died while trying to reach Italian shores.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 NASA: Antarctica ice shelf disappearing
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/16/us/antarctica-larsen-b-ice-shelf-to-disappear/index.html

GIST	<p>One of the last remaining sections of Antarctica's Larsen B Ice Shelf is dramatically weakening, according to a new NASA study.</p> <p>The study predicts that what remains of the once-prominent ice shelf, a thick floating platform of ice, most likely will "disintegrate completely" before the end of this decade.</p> <p>Ice shelves are extensions of glaciers and function as barriers. Their disappearance means glaciers potentially will diminish more quickly, as well, increasing the pace at which global sea levels rise.</p> <p>A team led by Ala Khazendar of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, found evidence of the ice shelf flowing faster and becoming more fragmented. The flow is creating large cracks in the ice shelf.</p> <p>"These are warning signs that the remnant is disintegrating," Khazendar said in a NASA press release. "Although it's fascinating scientifically to have a front-row seat to watch the ice shelf becoming unstable and breaking up, it's bad news for our planet."</p> <p>The Larsen B Ice Shelf has existed for at least 10,000 years.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 KCSO fires deputy for behavior
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/urquhart-fires-deputy-over-day-of-drunken-misbehavior/
GIST	<p>A King County sheriff's deputy has been fired after he reportedly passed out drunk while boating in the Tacoma Narrows and left his holstered gun behind on the dock, where it was found by teenagers.</p> <p>Deputy Christopher Dearth, assigned to the SeaTac Police Department, was terminated May 1 over the off-duty incident, according to records released to The Associated Press, The Seattle Times and other news organizations under a public-records request.</p> <p>At a news briefing Friday, Sheriff John Urquhart said he fired Dearth after sustaining two allegations — conduct unbecoming a deputy and conduct that was criminal in nature.</p> <p>Urquhart said Dearth had been a good deputy during about nine years with the sheriff's office.</p> <p>"But there are some things as a police officer that you do that you can't walk away from," Urquhart said. "And this was one of those."</p> <p>In recommending Dearth's termination, Chief Deputy Jim Pugel wrote that it was clear Dearth, 28, not only operated a vessel under the influence on Jan. 19, but also left his department-issued identification and firearm on the dock at the Narrows Marina — and assaulted the Tacoma police officers who responded.</p>

	<p>They nevertheless appeared to give him preferential treatment because he was a deputy, Pugel said. The gun was turned over to police by marina staff.</p> <p>“Additionally, there is ample evidence that the primary reason Deputy Dearth was not arrested and booked into jail for assault, obstructing and boating under the influence was because of his employment,” Pugel wrote, adding, “Anyone else who behaved in such a way and was not a police officer would most probably have been.”</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Flotilla protests Shell oil rig in Seattle
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/tech/science/environment/2015/05/16/kayaktivists-ready-for-another-day-of-protest/27440769/
GIST	<p>Environmental activists in kayaks and boats have launched in Elliott Bay for another protest over Shell's giant Arctic oil drilling rig.</p> <p>More than 100 kayaks and other boats have made their way to the Polar Pioneer as police and the Coast Guard look on.</p> <p>Critics of the protesters say the city's antagonism toward Arctic oil is, at the very best, confusing.</p> <p>"To ask the Port to forgo revenue based on Arctic sourced fuel when the city of Seattle collects millions of dollars every year based on Arctic sourced fuel - I think that's a major contradiction," said Dave Gering of the Manufacturing Industrial Council.</p> <p>The estimate is that the City of Seattle takes in \$13 million in gas tax revenue each year.</p> <p>Tugs brought the Polar Pioneer drilling rig into Seattle waters Thursday afternoon and it was moored at Terminal 5 by 5 p.m.</p> <p>The Polar Pioneer is one of two drilling rigs that Royal Dutch Shell plans to park in Seattle until drilling season in the Arctic begins in the summer.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Ousted Egypt president faces death
SOURCE	http://touch.latimes.com/#section/-1/article/p2p-83556887/
GIST	<p>An Egyptian court Saturday issued a preliminary death sentence against Egypt's ousted Islamist President Mohamed Morsi, making him the first president in the country's history to face the possibility of public hanging.</p>

The ruling, involving a deadly 2011 jailbreak in which some 20,000 inmates were set free, was sent to Egypt's grand mufti for a non-binding review. The action is a compulsory step under Egyptian law before the court returns its final verdict. The next hearing in the case is set for June 2.

More than 100 other defendants, including fellow former leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood, were also sentenced to death Saturday.

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HEADLINE	05/16 Starbucks mobile accounts hacked
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2015/05/15/starbucks-gift-card-hack/27370491/
GIST	<p>SAN FRANCISCO -- Some Starbucks customers have had money siphoned out of their Starbucks mobile app by thieves using a clever new attack, but Starbucks itself hasn't been hacked, the company said Friday.</p> <p>The attack, which first appeared this week, takes advantage of three things: consumers who use the same ID and password across multiple accounts, the Starbucks' app auto-load function, and the fact that Starbucks doesn't appear to have a limit on the number of password attempts before it locks a customer out.</p> <p>Any threat to its app could add up to big numbers. In 2014 Starbucks processed \$2 billion in mobile payment transactions. Currently about 18% of its transactions are done on the company's app, Starbucks says.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/18 Pakistan firm behind fake diplomas
SOURCE	http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/18/world/asia/fake-diplomas-real-cash-pakistani-company-axact-reaps-millions-columbiana-barkley.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&module=a-lede-package-region&region=top-news&WT.nav=top-news&r=0
GIST	<p>Seen from the Internet, it is a vast education empire: hundreds of universities and high schools, with elegant names and smiling professors at sun-dappled American campuses.</p> <p>Their websites, glossy and assured, offer online degrees in dozens of disciplines, like nursing and civil engineering. There are glowing endorsements on the CNN iReport website, enthusiastic video testimonials, and State Department authentication certificates bearing the signature of Secretary of State John Kerry.</p>

“We host one of the most renowned faculty in the world,” boasts a woman introduced in one promotional video as the head of a law school. “Come be a part of Newford University to soar the sky of excellence.”

Yet on closer examination, this picture shimmers like a mirage. The news reports are fabricated. The professors are paid actors. The university campuses exist only as stock photos on computer servers. The degrees have no true accreditation.

In fact, very little in this virtual academic realm, appearing to span at least 370 websites, is real — except for the tens of millions of dollars in estimated revenue it gleans each year from many thousands of people around the world, all paid to a secretive Pakistani software company.

That company, Axact, operates from the port city of Karachi, where it employs over 2,000 people and calls itself Pakistan’s largest software exporter, with Silicon Valley-style employee perks like a swimming pool and yacht.

Axact does sell some software applications. But according to former insiders, company records and a detailed analysis of its websites, Axact’s main business has been to take the centuries-old scam of selling fake academic degrees and turn it into an Internet-era scheme on a global scale.

As interest in online education is booming, the company is aggressively positioning its school and portal websites to appear prominently in online searches, luring in potential international customers.

At Axact’s headquarters, former employees say, telephone sales agents work in shifts around the clock. Sometimes they cater to customers who clearly understand that they are buying a shady instant degree for money. But often the agents manipulate those seeking a real education, pushing them to enroll for coursework that never materializes, or assuring them that their life experiences are enough to earn them a diploma.

To boost profits, the sales agents often follow up with elaborate ruses, including impersonating American government officials, to persuade customers to buy expensive certifications or authentication documents.

Revenues, estimated by former employees and fraud experts at several million dollars per month, are cycled through a network of offshore companies. All the while, Axact’s role as the owner of this fake education empire remains obscured by proxy Internet services, combative legal tactics and a chronic lack of regulation in Pakistan.

“Customers think it’s a university, but it’s not,” said Yasir Jamshaid, a quality control official who left Axact in October.

“It’s all about the money.”

HEADLINE	05/18 Muslim group hacks Auckland Univ.
SOURCE	http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/crime/68620658/muslim-group-hacks-auckland-university-website
GIST	<p>The University of Auckland is investigating how one of its websites was hacked by a group calling itself the Middle East Cyber Army.</p> <p>The cyber attack targeted the English Language Academy site, spokeswoman Alison Lees said. The site was brought down on Sunday and was out of service until Monday.</p> <p>A preview of the website on Google showed it had been "hacked by the Middle East Cyber Army". It read: "We are just here to deliver a message. We are Muslims and we are proud", along with Arabic script, which mentioned the prophet Muhammad.</p> <p>Lees said as soon as the university was alerted to the hack the site was taken offline and replaced with a maintenance page.</p> <p>She said no student data was stored on the server and no data was compromised. The website is hosted externally on a third-party server and was back running normally by Monday afternoon, she said.</p> <p>Lees said the university was looking into how the attack happened.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 ISIS preps for cyber war
SOURCE	http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/242280-isis-preps-for-cyber-war
GIST	<p>Islamic terrorists are stoking alarm with threats of an all-out cyber crusade against the United States, and experts say the warnings should be taken seriously.</p> <p>Hackers claiming affiliation with the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) released a video Monday vowing an "electronic war" against the United States and Europe and claiming access to "American leadership" online.</p> <p>"Praise to Allah, today we extend on the land and in the Internet," a faceless, hooded figure said in Arabic. "We send this message to America and Europe: we are the hackers of the Islamic State and the electronic war has not yet begun."</p> <p>The video received ridicule online for its poor phrasing and the group's apparent inability to make good on its cyber threat this week.</p> <p>But as hackers around the world become more sophisticated, terrorist groups are likely to follow their lead and use the same tools to further their ends, experts said.</p>

“It’s only really a matter of time till we start seeing terrorist organizations using cyberattack techniques in a more expanded way,” said John Cohen, a former counterterrorism coordinator at the Department of Homeland Security.

“The concern is that as an organization like ISIS acquires more resources financially they will be able to hire the talent they need or outsource to criminal organizations,” Cohen added. “I think they’re probably moving in that direction anyway.”

Military officials agree. NSA Director Adm. Michael Rogers this week called the pending shift “a great concern and something that we pay lots of attention to.”

“A number of individuals that have recently joined the movement of ISIS were folks that studied computer science in British schools and European universities,” said Tom Kellermann, chief cybersecurity officer at security firm Trend Micro, who said ISIS’s cyber capabilities are “advancing dramatically.”

Even the man responsible for a number of the brutal ISIS beheadings, dubbed “Jihadi John” by his captives, has a computer science degree, Kellermann said.

Part of the danger of the ISIS threat is the group’s ability to marshal attacks from its sympathizers, generating a diffuse and unconnected network that is hard to track.

Kellermann said the video threats this week were “a call to arms more than anything,” meant to incite individuals to act on their own.

“It has actually added a new dimension to the terrorist threat that our counterterrorism approach is not intended or designed to pick up on,” Cohen said.

So far, supporters have focused on distributed denial-of-service attacks, spear phishing campaigns, and hijacking legitimate websites to push malware, creating what are known as “watering holes.”

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HEADLINE	05/15 Bullying moves to social media
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/health/kids-health/girls-more-likely-be-bullied-even-rates-decline-n359526
GIST	<p>Fewer students say they are being bullied at school. But those who are bullied are more likely to be girls than boys, more likely to be white than minority students — and more likely to be harassed on social media than in the hallways.</p> <p>The Education Department announced survey results Friday that found 22 percent of students age 12 to 18 said they were bullied in 2013.</p>

	<p>The figure, down 6 percentage points from 2011, is the lowest level since the National Center for Education Statistics began surveying students on bullying in 2005.</p> <p>Bullying has spread from school hallways and bathrooms to social media, raising awareness in recent years of what was once largely an underground issue.</p> <p>Students bullied are more likely to struggle in school, skip class, face substance abuse and commit suicide, the department said research has found. Being made fun of, called names or being insulted was the most common way the surveyed students said were bullied. Being the subject of rumors or threatened with harm was also common.</p> <p>The survey is from the School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey. It is a nationally representative sample.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Facebook aids sex predators bust
SOURCE	http://fusion.net/story/135327/facebook-helps-police-bust-sex-predators-because-law-enforcement-needs-all-the-help-it-can-get/
GIST	<p>On one hand, the Internet makes it easier for predators to find their prey online, and even exploit victims virtually by instructing other adults to molest children on webcams while they watch from the safety of their homes, thousands of miles away. But at the same time, online mischief leaves a digital footprint, which makes it easier for authorities to track pedophiles and predators across cyberspace, sometimes nabbing them before they cross the Rubicon from virtual perverts to real life offenders.</p> <p>“Since communicating over the Internet means users leave a digital footprint, police can now better investigate potential crimes, including the sexual exploitation of minors — and indeed adults,” says Melina Lito, program officer for sex trafficking for Equality Now. “The Internet is hugely important in gathering evidence and building cases against traffickers and other exploiters.”</p> <p>But U.S. law enforcement needs Facebook’s help to keep an eye on the prurient prowlings of online dirtbags.</p> <p>“Law enforcement does not monitor general Internet activity, unless we are tipped off to it,” says FBI Public Affairs Officer Christopher Allen. That means the FBI’s ability to catch guys like Big Dave Thompson “logically requires someone to tip law enforcement,” Allen adds.</p> <p>In some cases, that someone is Facebook. The social media company has a security team of hundreds of people around the world monitoring the 1.4 billion Facebook users for offensive or harmful content. The</p>

company says it removes any exploitive content that threatens or promotes sexual violence and alerts law enforcement when it deems need for police intervention.

Exploitive content, according to Facebook, “includes the sexual exploitation of minors, and sexual assault. To protect victims and survivors, we also remove photographs or videos depicting incidents of sexual violence and images shared in revenge or without permissions from the people in the images.”

But no one seems to know — or wants to say— just how often Facebook gets involved in tipping off law enforcement about suspicious online behavior. Facebook won’t say, ICE claims it doesn’t know, and FBI just said “No” when asked if they had any data on the number of Facebook tips they investigate.

What is clear is that online child pornography and sexual exploitation of minors is an enormous and growing market. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reports that there are an average of 2,000 arrests made in the U.S. each year for the possession of or trade in child porn. And that’s just in the U.S.

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HEADLINE	05/16 Researcher tells FBI of airplane hack
SOURCE	http://www.businessinsider.com/hacker-chris-roberts-allegedly-said-he-hacked-airplanes-entertainment-system-2015-5
GIST	<p>A prominent hacker and security researcher allegedly told the FBI he accessed an airplane's in-flight entertainment system to make it fly sideways, according to a search warrant application filed by the FBI.</p> <p>One World Labs founder Chris Roberts was detained by the FBI in April after tweeting that he might hack into the domestic United Airlines flight he was flying on. According to the FBI affidavit — first put online by APTN News and highlighted in an article in WIRED — Roberts had spoken with the FBI earlier this year about repeatedly hacking into planes' in-flight entertainment systems, and in one instance, using his access to issue a climb command and make the plane turn sideways.</p> <p>After interrogating him, the FBI confiscated two of Roberts' laptop computers, as well as several hard drives and USB sticks, WIRED reports.</p> <p>The search warrant application also details how Roberts said he hacked into the plane's in-flight entertainment system — IFE — to change its flight.</p> <p>"He compromised the IFE systems approximately 15 to 20 times during the time period 2011 through 2014," according to the warrant application. "Each of the compromises occurred on airplanes equipped with IFE systems with video monitors installed in the passenger seats."</p>

	<p>Roberts said he was able to get physical access to the IFE systems by removing the cover of the Seat Electronic Box installed underneath passengers seats, according to the FBI filing. Then, the FBI said, he would use a modified Ethernet cable to connect his laptop to the IFE system, which allowed him to access other airplane systems.</p> <p>"He stated that he then overwrote code on the airplane's Thrust Management Computer while aboard a flight ... [and] successfully commanded the system he had access to the issue the 'CLB' or climb command," the warrant application states.</p> <p>With the command, according to the FBI document, Roberts "caused one of the airplane engines to climb resulting in a lateral or sideways movement of the plane."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Sony PlayStation Network hacked?
SOURCE	http://www.bidnesstc.com/42949-sony-playstation-network-down-lizard-squad-claims-credit/
GIST	<p>After Sony's PlayStation Network (PSN) intermittently went down yesterday, reports claim that the hacking group "Lizard Squad" might be behind the outage.</p> <p>Disgruntled online PSN gamers took to social media, complaining they were unable to go online with their PlayStation 4 or PlayStation 3 consoles, which prevented them from playing multiplayer games such as Destiny and Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare. Other issues also surfaced when trying to connect single-player games, including Bloodborne, to third-party servers.</p> <p>Sony confirmed that the PlayStation Store, PlayStation Video, PlayStation Vue, PlayStation Now, and all social features were inactive. "You may be experiencing issues related to signing in or creating an account on PlayStation Network," the company posted on its website, in response to a barrage of nervous questions from customers.</p> <p>The bad news is that Lizard Squad is back as it claimed it was responsible for the recent PSN outage at more or less the same time people started complaining about the network problems. The group also tweeted that it was launching an attack on PSN servers moments before DownDetector realized hundreds of gamers were complaining about it. The group even provoked the FBI by saying none of its members had been indicted, though another report indicated that a few were charged.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Cyber war escalates
SOURCE	http://www.bankingexchange.com/risk-management/cyberfraud-id-theft/item/5483-cyber-war-escalates
GIST	Phishing, malware, denial of service, bots, keyloggers, advanced persistent threats—banks have become all-too-aware of not only what these are, but why they need to be defended against.

From the earliest days of the internet—barely 20 years ago—despite all the undeniable benefits that digital technology represents, banks have suffered attacks from criminals able to exploit digital vulnerabilities.

For two decades, the industry has invested increasing amounts of time, talent, and, especially, money to battle an intractable cyber menace.

The war has only started, it seems.

Many bank execs and others are coming to the realization that that juggernaut of cyber criminality is accelerating.

All the defenses put into place so far likely won't stand a chance against the cybercriminal masterminds—and the lesser lights among them who can just buy new digital weapons on the dark net and elsewhere—who are coming up the ranks now. More resources, on top of what's already in place, are needed to push back against this insidious threat.

The situation is forcing fundamental changes in strategy as financial institutions seek to take advantage of the beneficial aspects of technology in the face of heavy regulation, customer preferences, and increasing competition.

It's not that the execs were naïve or uninformed about the dangers of phishing. There's a new development in the phishing arena, and even the follow-on phenomenon of spear phishing, in which criminals target specific companies.

The new thing is called “whaling,” in which the targets are specific, high-level individuals in a corporate network. Through social engineering and other means, the crooks are able to leverage personal information regarding an executive to gain access to confidential data that can be exploited for profit.

A Kaspersky Lab report finds that in 2014, cybercriminals used the names of well-known banks in 16% of attacks, compared with 22% in 2013. Meanwhile, attacks on well-known online shopping sites rose to 7% in 2014, from 6.5% the year before.

Surely cold comfort. The war never ends.

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HEADLINE	05/16 Hackers attack German parliament
SOURCE	http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/16/world/africa/germany-hackers-attack-computers-in-the-lower-house-of-parliament.html?_r=0

GIST	<p>Hackers have launched an attack on the computer system of the Bundestag, the lower house of the German Parliament, a parliamentary spokesman said Friday.</p> <p>The spokesman, Ernst Hebecker, said that the origin and dimensions of the attack were not yet known, and that administrators in the Bundestag had spotted the first indications of a cyberattack a few days earlier.</p> <p>Warnings of a disruption went out to at least some lawmakers on Friday morning, when many were absent because of the Ascension holiday weekend. The attack followed an assault in January on the websites of some government offices, including Chancellor Angela Merkel's office. Responsibility for those attacks was claimed by a Russian hacker group that said it opposed German support for the government of Ukraine.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/15 Cyberattack hits Penn State
SOURCE	http://www.cnet.com/news/penn-state-cyberattack-exposes-passwords-from-18k-people/
GIST	<p>Pennsylvania State University's College of Engineering revealed Friday that it has been the target of two "highly sophisticated" cyberattacks over the last two years.</p> <p>University President Eric Barron issued an apology Friday that said usernames and passwords from more than 18,000 people may have been accessed. However, investigators did not find evidence that credit card and social security numbers were stolen, Barron said. Another statement from the school said a security company hired by the university to investigate the attacks concluded that at least one of the assaults originated from China.</p> <p>These assaults are the latest in a long line of cyberattacks on US universities. Hacks into databases at the University of California, Los Angeles, the University of Southern California and the University of Maryland have exposed the personal information of hundreds of thousands of people. Barron said that on average Penn State "repels" more than 22 million cyberattacks from around the world every day.</p> <p>"In this particular case we are dealing with the highest level of sophistication," Barron said. "Unfortunately, we now live in an environment where no computer network can ever be completely, 100 percent secure."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/18 ISIS slaughtered hundreds in Ramadi
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/isis-slaughter-ramadi-terror/2015/05/18/id/645155/

GIST	<p>Islamic State militants likely killed up to 500 people — both Iraqi civilians and soldiers — and forced 8,000 to flee from their homes as they captured the city of Ramadi, a provincial official said Monday, while the government-backed Shiite militias vowed to mount a counter-offensive and reclaim the Anbar provincial capital.</p> <p>The statements followed Sunday's shocking defeat of Iraq's security and military forces as the militants swiftly took control of Ramadi, sending government forces there fleeing in a major loss despite the support of U.S.-led airstrikes targeting the extremists.</p> <p>Bodies, some burned, littered the city's streets as local officials reported the militants carried out mass killings of Iraqi security forces and civilians. Online video showed Humvees, trucks and other equipment speeding out of Ramadi, with soldiers desperate to reach safety gripping onto their sides.</p> <p>"We do not have an accurate count yet," said an Anbar spokesman, Muhannad Haimour. "We estimate that 500 people have been killed, both civilians and military, and approximately 8,000 have fled the city." The figures could not be independently confirmed, but Islamic State militants have in the past killed hundreds of civilians and soldiers in the aftermath of their major victories.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/18 Germany aided US bin Laden hunt
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/bin-laden-germany-find-pakistan/2015/05/17/id/645148/
GIST	<p>The German spy agency BND helped the United States locate Osama bin Laden's hideout in Pakistan, German newspaper Bild am Sonntag reported Sunday.</p> <p>The information on bin Laden's Abbottabad compound was provided by a BND informant inside Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency, according to Britain's Telegraph.</p> <p>The German newspaper said that the BND's Bad Aibling listening post in Bavaria was used to monitor telephone and email communications in northern Pakistan to make sure the planned raid by U.S. Navy SEALs remained secret.</p> <p>The report says the United States eventually found bin Laden by tracking one of his couriers, which backs up White House claims last week that Pakistan was not involved in the raid. Journalist Seymour Hersh had reported from an anonymous source that the Pakistani government was actually a part of the mission to kill bin Laden. Both Pakistan and the United States have long denied that.</p> <p>The report of BND involvement is positive public relations for the agency, which has been under fire in Germany for cooperating with the U.S. National Security Agency to spy on political and business groups, including the French government, the European Commission and Airbus Group.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/18 Shiite militia mass to retake Ramadi
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/isis-terror/isis-ramadi-shiite-militiamen-mass-help-retake-city-sunni-militants-n360486
GIST	<p>Thousands of Shiite militiamen were massing on Monday to help retake the city of Ramadi after ISIS captured the Anbar provincial capital in a stunning setback for Iraq's government.</p> <p>At least 500 people have been killed in Ramadi while around 8,000 have fled, a spokesman for the governor of Anbar told NBC News.</p> <p>"There have been executions in the streets of Ramadi," Muhanad Haimour said, describing how ISIS fighters used cars, bulldozers rigged with explosives and suicide bombers to overrun the city following a weeks-long fight for control.</p> <p>"The situation in the city is absolutely terrible," Haimour added. "The city is in very bad shape."</p> <p>The fall of Ramadi comes despite the support of U.S.-led airstrikes against ISIS and just weeks after Iraq's army and Shiite militias recaptured Tikrit from the Sunni militants. Haimour said he believed fighters retreating from Tikrit had "set their sights on Ramadi" — but expressed certainty the provincial capital wouldn't stay in ISIS' hands for long.</p> <p>When asked if the fall of Ramadi signaled a failure on the part of Iraq's central government, Haimour stressed that Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi had "been doing everything he can" and "dealing with a lot."</p> <p>"It is obviously a failure no matter how you look at it," Haimour conceded. "But we believe the security forces will be able to regroup."</p> <p>One senior Iraqi security official told NBC News that around 3,000 fighters — from armed Shiite groups including the Al-Khurasani Plattons, The Chosen Ones Movement and Badr Forces — were arriving in Ramadi on Monday with more due to deploy in the coming 48 hours.</p> <p>Haimour would not say how many of the militiamen — known as the Popular Mobilization Forces — were being called up, but said their arrival will change the game.</p> <p>While he acknowledged that "Ramadi is a very important city," Haimour said "no one" expects ISIS to survive in Iraq for long.</p> <p>"We believe we are seeing the final chapter," he said. "Not a new beginning or a victory."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Tsarnaev mom: US will burn in flames
SOURCE	http://www.vocativ.com/usa/nat-sec/boston-marathon-bomber-dzhokhar-tsnarnaev-mother/
GIST	<p>With her terrorist son sentenced to death, the mother of Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev sent raging messages to his supporters saying the United States will burn “in the flames of an eternal and terrifying fire,” her close friend told Vocativ.</p> <p>“They think that they are killing us and they celebrate this, but we are the ones who will rejoice when Allah grants us the chance to behold them in the flames of an eternal and terrifying fire, an otherworldly flame,” Zubeidat Tsarnaeva wrote Sunday in a WhatsApp message to Zarina Kasenova, a friend and supporter.</p> <p>Zubeidat Tsarnaeva sent several distraught messages this weekend to loved ones after her 21-year-old son received the death penalty for his role in the Boston Marathon bombings in 2013, her friend said.</p> <p>Vocativ discovered Zubeidat Tsarnaeva’s messages, written in Russian, via VKontakte, the Russian social media site, where she and other anti-American supporters of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev have raised money for his defense and rallied around each other. When Vocativ contacted the friend, Kasenova, she said she and other loved ones had doubts about the case. “You should understand that this group is not a shrine to Dzhokhar, it’s a group with doubts about the case,” she wrote via VKontakte messaging. “While there are still doubts, there will be support. I haven’t seen 100% proof of his guilt, so I’m here.”</p> <p>Boston jurors disagreed, rejecting Dzhokhar Tsarnaev’s defense team’s attempt to place the blame on his older brother, Tamerlan, who was killed during a shootout with police days after the bombing. A CBS News poll found that 60% of Americans wanted Dzhokhar Tsarnaev to get the death penalty.</p> <p>The VKontakte group, Support Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, is run by another family friend named Timur Raduyev. Raduyev, who says he is in close touch with the Tsarnaev family, wrote on the group Saturday that Zubeidat told him Dzhokhar’s lawyers wanted to appeal against the death penalty. “I’m broken – Zubeidat and Anzor, be strong, my family,” he posted to his group, to which hundreds of close supporters in Russia and Chechnya responded with crying emojis and profound sadness. Anzor is Dzhokhar’s father.</p> <p>Zubeidat Tsarnaeva declined to comment via WhatsApp when Vocativ reached out to her. Her current WhatsApp profile icon is a picture of an injured Winnie the Pooh bear with an overlaid quote from a 2012 tweet by Dzhokhar: “Sometimes you gotta fight for the things you love most.”</p>
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HEADLINE	05/18 Airstrikes resume in Yemen
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/17/middleeast/yemen-ceasefire-over-airstrikes-resume/index.html

GIST	<p>Smoke and the stench of bombs filled the skies over Yemen again Sunday as a five-day humanitarian cease fire ended. Saudi-led coalition airstrikes resumed in four Aden districts, according to Ali al-Halemi, a security official in Aden, and another official who did not want to be named.</p> <p>There was also confirmation from two activists, Basem Al-Sultan and Abdulaziz al-Shuaibi. All four of those who confirmed the airstrikes were in different districts of Aden.</p> <p>The airstrikes targeted Yemeni Houthis battling coalition forces on the ground. The cease fire ended at 11 pm local time Sunday (4 pm ET). There has been no word of death or injuries yet from the renewed airstrikes. No airstrikes have been witnessed in Sana'a, Yeman's capital.</p> <p>Yemeni President Abdu Rabbu Mansour Hadi -- speaking in Saudi Arabia at the Riyadh Conference for Saving Yemen -- promised his country would survive the unrest.</p> <p>"We promise you, despite all of this, that the breakthrough and victory will be soon," he said, according to the state-run Saudi Press Agency. "...it hurts us to see our country under siege of a coup by militias and their supporters."</p> <p>Brig. Gen. Ahmed Asiri, Saudi-led coalition spokesman, told CNN Saturday that no longer-term cease fire had been reached, and all options would still be on the table when the cease fire ended.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/18 ISIS seizes key Iraq city
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/18/asia/isis-ramadi/index.html
GIST	<p>The key Iraqi city of Ramadi fell to ISIS on Sunday after government security forces pulled out of a military base on the west side of the city, officials said.</p> <p>The ISIS advances came after militants detonated a series of morning car bomb blasts, Mayor Dalaf al-Kubaisy and a high-ranking Iraqi security official said. The explosions forced Iraqi security forces and tribal fighters to retreat to the city's east, they said.</p> <p>"This is a huge setback to Iraqi forces and to the U.S. strategy to degrade and ultimately defeat ISIS," said Peter Mansoor, a retired U.S. Army colonel.</p> <p>But Iraqi and U.S. officials, including Secretary of State John Kerry, said the fight for Ramadi is far from over.</p> <p>"It is possible to see the kind of attack we have in Ramadi, but I am absolutely confident in the days ahead that will be reversed," Kerry said during a visit to Seoul, South Korea, on Monday. "Large numbers of</p>

	Daesh were killed in the last few days, and will be in the next days because that seems to be the only thing they understand."
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HEADLINE	05/18 DOD: strategy to defeat ISIS is working
SOURCE	http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2015/05/strategy-to-defeat-islamic-state-is-working-us-department-of-defense-claims.php
GIST	<p>This Department of Defense news article ...on the status of the fight against the Islamic State couldn't have been more poorly timed.</p> <p>Published on May 15, the same day that the Islamic State overran the government center in Ramadi, the report provides a Pollyannaish view from Brigadier General Thomas D. Weidley of the US military's air campaign and the Iraqi military's fight against the Islamic State. Weidley is the chief of staff for Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve, the US-led coalition that was put together to "defeat and dismantle" the Islamic State.</p> <p>Weidley described Ramadi as "contested" and claimed that Iraqi forces repelled most attacks in the city when in reality the Islamic State took control of the government center and most neighborhoods in Ramadi by May 15. By May 17, the Islamic State was in full control of Ramadi and overran the Anbar Operations Command and 8th Brigade Headquarters at Camp Ar Ramadi. Iraqi forces are said to be in complete disarray in the Fallujah-Ramadi corridor.</p> <p>Weidley's description of the situation in Baiji was just as overly optimistic. He claimed that while the Islamic State breached the perimeter and has had "episodic control of some refinery facilities to continue attacking Iraqi security forces," Iraqi forces are regaining the initiative inside and outside of the refinery. In reality, the Islamic State controls upwards of 80 percent of the refinery and has besieged an Iraqi force holed up there. The Islamic State is in full control of the city of Baiji and the surrounding areas, the the Iraqi military is unable or unwilling to send reinforcements.</p> <p>Astonishingly, Weidley cites statistics of Coalition airstrikes in Ramadi and Baiji to bolster his case. "Since the beginning of [Operation Inherent Resolve], the coalition has provided precision air support for the [Iraqi forces] with approximately 420 airstrikes in the Fallujah-Ramadi area," Weidley noted.</p> <p>"Since the campaign began its mission to defeat ISIL [the outdated acronym for the Islamic State] eight months ago, coalition forces have carried out 330 airstrikes in the Baiji area," the report stated.</p> <p>Ironically, Weidley is detailing just how anemic and ineffective the US air campaign has been in both Anbar province and Baiji. Despite the estimated 420 strikes in the Ramadi-Fallujah area and 330 more in Baiji, the Islamic State was able to organize its assault forces, advance, and overrun Iraqi security forces in both areas.</p>

	<p>Full text of DoD article, titled Strategy to Defeat ISIL is Working, Military Official Says:</p> <p>WASHINGTON, May 15, 2015 – The coalition and Iraqi security forces strategy to defeat and dismantle the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant extremist group is clear and on track, the chief of staff of Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve said today.</p> <p>Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Thomas D. Weidley briefed reporters via teleconference from Southwest Asia on Iraq’s battle against ISIL forces.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/18 Minnesota experts seek new approach
SOURCE	http://www.startribune.com/minnesota-experts-working-to-counter-terrorism-see-help-from-abroad/304065331/
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON – The federal government has committed more than \$200,000 to Minnesota law enforcement and community groups in a counterterrorism effort officials hope halts young men and women in the United States from being recruited to fight with Islamic extremist groups.</p> <p>President Obama has asked Congress for an additional \$15 million to expand such efforts nationally in his budget this year.</p> <p>But the “countering violent extremism” program, which will likely pay for youth mentorships and cultural programs, already is coming under fire before it has doled out any cash in Minnesota.</p> <p>Civil liberties groups have argued from the start that the efforts targeted at the Somali community paint too broad a brush and stigmatize their community. They also say there should not be a forced federally funded relationship between law enforcement, religious leaders and schools.</p> <p>Nearly 50 Minnesota Muslim groups recently signed a petition expressing concerns over countering violent extremism, or CVE, efforts.</p> <p>“It is our recommendation that the government stop investing in programs that will only stigmatize, divide and marginalize our communities further,” the petition said.</p> <p>Instead, counterterrorism experts argue, the United States needs to look to Europe, which has a longer history of battling extremism.</p> <p>The arrests last month of six men for allegedly planning to go abroad to fight with the Islamic State in Syria have heightened conversations among experts that therapy should be given a higher focus and that more should be done to counter recruiting campaigns ahead of time.</p>

Germany, Sweden, Denmark and Saudi Arabia have programs that have counselors and community leaders working at the forefront to try and change behavior, before getting law enforcement involved.

British authorities have endorsed a program run by professional cage fighter Usman Raja, who seeks to counter Islamic extremism with abundant empathy.

Raja's approach is internationally recognized and backed by federal officials in the United Kingdom, as well as the world's foremost Islamic scholars.

Besides Raja's program in the U.K., the British government funds a program called "Channel" that allows people worried about friends or family to approach officials without the risk they will be part of a sting operation or they will get thrown in jail.

In Minnesota, a number of community leaders acknowledged they are learning as they go about how best to counter violent extremism, and many of the programs — including a controversial one in Minneapolis Public Schools — remain in formative stages.

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HEADLINE	05/18 Report: 'white widow' in 400 deaths
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2015/05/18/report-white-widow-samantha-lewthwaite-responsible-for-400-deaths/
GIST	<p>An anti-terror officer told The Daily Mirror that Samantha Lewthwaite, who has become known as the White Widow, is personally responsible for over 400 murders since she quickly rose up the ranks of Somalian radical Islam group al-Shabaab.</p> <p>"She is an evil person but a very clever operator," he claimed.</p> <p>Officials believe she orchestrated the massacre of 148 people at Garissa University College in Kenya. Witnesses said the gunmen specifically slaughtered the Christians. Al-Shabaab conducted that massacre only a few days after militants seized a hotel in Mogadishu, which left 17 people dead.</p> <p>However, she rose to international fame after al-Shabaab attacked innocents at the Westgate Mall in Kenya in September 2013. The murderous rampage killed 67 people and injured another 175. Interpol issued an arrest warrant for Lewthwaite in the wake of the attack. They sent the red alert to 190 countries, notifying officials it is a priority to pass along any information on her whereabouts.</p> <p>"The lady has moved up the ranks. She is one of the most important figures in the terror group," said a top officer at Somalia's National Intelligence and Security Agency. "We think this lady is sitting at the right hand of the leader directing attacks. She does not carry out attacks herself as she is too important but is</p>

responsible for many, many deaths – hundreds. She uses children to kill for her after giving money to their families.”

Lewthwaite’s parents raised her a Christian, but after they broke up in 1994, her life went downhill and she converted to Islam. She married Germaine Lindsay in 2002. Only three years later, Lindsay detonated a bomb on a train between King’s Cross and Russell Square, leaving 26 dead. Lewthwaite denied any knowledge of the attack and claimed extremists lured her husband into the plot. She vanished in 2009 with her two children.

Lewthwaite is now a mother of four. In 2013, confidential Scotland Yard file stated that she was married to Abdi Wahid, a former officer in the Kenyan Navy. She was found in Kenya in possession of a fake passport and became a terrorist suspect when Kenyan officials found her fingerprints during an investigation into an al Qaeda plot against Western tourists. This led officials to believe she was working with the Somalia group al-Shabaab, an offshoot of al Qaeda. The Mombasa police gave her the nickname “White Widow”; it would not be her last brush with the law.

Jermaine Grant, her accused accomplice in the planned 2011 attack, is currently on trial in Mombasa. Scotland Yard counter-terrorism detective Robert Garrick testified yesterday and said the police found sexy lingerie at her Kenyan safe house along with her birth certificate. He said there were plenty of pink and red lingerie in her room.

The Daily Mail also published pictures of her residence in South Africa. She received a South African passport under the name Naledi Pandor, but the neighbors knew her as Natalie Faye Webb and said she lived there for three months. Officials reported she accrued around \$8,800 in debt, including \$3,000 to two leading South African banks and \$1,000 to two clothing stores, and worked as an IT specialist at a halal meat pie factory.

Now authorities believe she underwent plastic surgery, changed her hair color, and lost weight.

The Mirror also claims she “escaped death in March when she had just left a terrorist camp” when bombed it.

In May 2014, The Daily Mirror reported she married a third time. This time she married Hassan Maalim Ibrahim, also known as Sheikh Hassan, who is a warlord. The marriage offers her more “protection by her new husband’s heavily-armed relatives.” At that time, witnesses spotted her Baidoa.

“Her in-laws will treat her very well as she is now one of them and part of one of the large clans,” claimed one security official. “Samantha is in a heavily guarded village in a no-go area for outsiders. But we’re sure she’ll move around which is why she needs to get in with the family. At the moment she hardly leaves her grass thatch house. She wears black socks and gloves and hijab to cover her white skin so spies won’t see her. Samantha has given herself great protection with this marriage.”

	The Somalian authorities believe she lives in Haaway in southern Somalia, which is controlled by al-Shabaab.
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HEADLINE	05/17 ISIS threatens Obama after raid
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/isis-obama-threat-kill/2015/05/17/id/645132/
GIST	<p>The Islamic State group (ISIS) has threatened to kill President Barack Obama after a weekend by the U.S. military left the ISIS second-in-command dead, Independent Journal Review reports.</p> <p>Following the killing of Abu Sayyaf in Syria, a tweet, posted in Arabic by an ISIS follower threatened death for Obama and "worshippers of the cross."</p> <p>Translated into the English, the tweet reads: "If your goal is killing Abu Sayyaf then our goal is killing Obama and the worshippers of the cross. We have attacks coming against you." The militant also posted a photoshopped picture of a beheaded Obama.</p> <p>IJReview noted that while the group is highly unlikely to succeed in killing the president, the threats should be taken seriously because ISIS has the ability to hit other high-level U.S. officials. The article cites the killing of Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans in Benghazi, Libya, on Sept. 11, 2012.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 ISIS smuggling fighters w/refugees
SOURCE	http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/isis-terror-group-smuggling-fighters-5714524
GIST	<p>Terror group Islamic State are using human trafficking gangs to smuggle militant extremist to the west. The jihadi organisation is utilising the Mediterranean refugee crisis to sneak their fighters into Europe, and investigation has revealed.</p> <p>Intelligence sources say ISIS are working with the cruel people-smuggling network to hide terrorists, bent on destruction, on boats among stricken refugees.</p> <p>Experts claim ISIS is also capitalising on the emergency in the region to fund its terrorist activities by taxing people smugglers.</p> <p>Abdul Basit Haroun, an adviser to the intelligence service of the Libyan government, said he had spoken to boat owners who operate in IS-controlled areas who told him the group takes a 50 per cent cut of their income.</p> <p>The proceeds can run to tens of thousands of pounds per vessel.</p>

	<p>He told BBC 5 live Investigates: "The IS, what they are doing they are not controlling the boat. They give permission for the boat owner to use the spot under their control and they charge them for that 50/50 of whatever they make. They use the boats for their people who they want to send to Europe as the European police don't know who is from IS and who is a normal refugee or not. The boat owners have a list of who to take but some people come suddenly out of the list and they're told take them with you. They sit down separately, they come alone and in the boat they are not scared at all. They are for IS - 100 per cent."</p> <p>Asked why ISIS would be doing this, he said: "I think they do something for planning in future, not for today or tomorrow."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Ramadi falls as Iraq troops flee
SOURCE	http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/isis-takes-control-of-ramadi-iraqi-troops-flee-1.3077576
GIST	<p>ISIS took control of the Iraqi city of Ramadi on Sunday after security forces fled following a series of suicide car bomb attacks.</p> <p>The group claimed victory online earlier in the day. A spokesman for the governor of Anbar province later confirmed "Ramadi has fallen" to ISIS.</p> <p>Muhannad Haimour also said the military's operational command in the city has been taken as well.</p> <p>Earlier Sunday, Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi ordered Shia militias to prepare to go into the Sunni-dominated Anbar province, ignoring worries their presence could spark sectarian bloodshed apparently over fears the extremists could seize the entire province.</p> <p>The retreat of some forces recalled the collapse of Iraqi police and military forces last summer, when the initial blitz by ISIS into Iraq saw it capture about a third of the country.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Iraq trained recruits go empty handed
SOURCE	http://www.stripes.com/news/awaiting-weapons-iraq-s-trained-recruits-go-home-empty-handed-1.346717
GIST	<p>IRBIL, Iraq — At a military base among the rolling hills of Kurdistan, thousands of volunteers have been trained to fight Islamic State militants just 10 miles from the group's stronghold of Mosul.</p> <p>As the base expands, it's preparing to train thousands more. Yet many of the recruits — mainly Sunni Muslims, Christians, Kurds and other minorities — are no closer to the battlefield than when they began drilling. Without enough weapons to fight, they are sent home after an average of three weeks of training.</p>

The fighters, whose role could prove crucial in the effort to rout the Islamic State group, are at the center of a debate over whether the United States and other Western countries should send weapons directly to Iraq's minority groups instead of channeling them through the Shiite-dominated central government.

The volunteers' leaders say that Baghdad, which has expressed fear that the Sunni volunteers might turn on the government after an Islamic State defeat, has been funneling most of the arms provided by international backers to its Shiite militia allies. Though some Republicans in Congress favor sending weapons straight to the Sunnis and Kurds so as to bypass Baghdad, the Obama administration firmly opposes such a move out of fear it could deepen the country's ethnic divide.

"We have about 10,000 fighters who are well-trained to fight, but so far we don't have enough weapons or equipment for them," said Atheel al-Nujaifi, a Sunni and the exiled governor of Nineveh province, which includes Mosul. "The central government hasn't given us weapons for the volunteers, and even for the police, they have only given 20 percent of what they need. It's a real problem for us."

The Iraqi Ministry of Defense declined to comment for this article.

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HEADLINE	05/17 Burundi warns of al-Shabab threat
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-32772108
GIST	<p>Burundi's President Pierre Nkurunziza has said his country faces a specific threat from the Somali Islamist movement al-Shabab.</p> <p>He was appearing in public in the capital Bujumbura for the first time since a failed coup bid against him was launched on Wednesday.</p> <p>Mr Nkurunziza made no mention of the coup attempt, which came after weeks of sometimes violent protests against him.</p> <p>The BBC's Karen Allen, who is in Bujumbura, says the president's claims have been met with skepticism from many, who fear they could provide a pretext for the security services to crack down hard on Monday's demonstrations.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 ISIS makes further advances in Ramadi
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-32773780
GIST	<p>Islamic State militants have made further gains in the Iraqi city of Ramadi, with reports of them taking a key military command centre.</p>

	<p>Local officials have said the city is on the verge of falling, with army reinforcements unable to hold ground.</p> <p>The prime minister called on troops not to abandon their posts, while telling Shia militias to prepare to deploy.</p> <p>Ramadi is the capital of Iraq's largest province, Anbar, and is just 70 miles (112km) west of Baghdad.</p> <p>Muhannad Haimour, a spokesman for the provincial governor, told AFP news agency that security forces had abandoned an operations command base on Saturday on the northern bank of the Euphrates.</p> <p>But he added: "Ramadi has not fallen - there are still people fighting in some neighbourhoods."</p> <p>A police commander said government forces had redeployed from the city to its outskirts.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 ISIS looting sites into 'oblivion'
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/isis-terror/isis-looting-destroying-ancient-syrian-sites-industrial-scale-n359461
GIST	<p>CAIRO — Precious Syrian historical sites in ISIS-controlled territory are being looted "into oblivion," experts told NBC News amid reports the Sunni militants were closing in on more ancient treasures.</p> <p>With fears mounting that Palmyra — home to monumental and significant ruins — would fall to ISIS, archaeologists and legal experts convened in Cairo for a conference on how to stem the destruction of the region's cultural heritage.</p> <p>Syria is experiencing looting "on an industrial scale" in ISIS-controlled territory, according to Michael Danti, Boston University archaeology professor.</p> <p>"They are really looting sites into oblivion," said Danti, who is co-director of the ASOR Syrian Heritage Initiative, a team of scholars documenting destruction of Syrian and Iraqi sites with the U.S. Department of State.</p> <p>Danti's findings are based on high-resolution satellite imagery and information from experts and residents on the ground.</p> <p>"The sites look like the surface of the moon... They're coming in with bulldozers and actually removing entire chunks of archaeological mounds," he said. "They take the antiquities out and use the soil as fertilizer or fill for new constructions."</p>

	He said the destruction benefits ISIS — which makes money from selling licenses, imposing taxes and taking a cut of looting profits. The tax — normally of around 20 percent — is based on Islamic jurisprudence, which deems treasures found in the ground and spoils of war to be taxable items, Danti explained.
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HEADLINE	05/17 Syria: ISIS pushed from Palmyra
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/syria-isis-ousted-palmyra-unesco-world-heritage/
GIST	<p>After several days of fierce clashes, Damascus declared on Sunday Islamic radical fighters have withdrawn from Palmyra, a town in central Syria home to famed 2,000-year-old ruins.</p> <p>"Syrian troops have advanced and recaptured control of the whole city. The air force has been mounting dozens of air strikes against ISIS militants who are running away in the desert," a military source told CBS News on condition of anonymity.</p> <p>He said dozens of jihadi fighters were killed in the fighting.</p> <p>The official Syrian news agency SANA quoted a military source as saying on Saturday that regime forces had prevented ISIS fighters from seizing a hilltop southwest of the Islamic citadel.</p> <p>Most of Palmyra's renowned ruins, including colonnaded streets and elaborately decorated tombs, lie to the southwest of the city.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Inside raid that killed ISIS leader
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/inside-the-us-raid-against-senior-isis-leader-abu-sayyaf/
GIST	<p>In an early morning mission conducted under the cover of darkness Saturday, a team of Delta Force commandos took out roughly a dozen Islamic State of Iraq and Syria fighters, including a key ISIS leader, Abu Sayyaf -- the man described as the head of the terror group's lucrative oil operations.</p> <p>The commandos went into eastern Syria aboard Black Hawk helicopters and Osprey tilt rotor aircraft. Their target was a building where Sayyaf lived with his wife and oversaw black market oil operations, a major source of ISIS income.</p> <p>One Pentagon official called Sayyaf the "Chief Financial Officer of ISIS."</p> <p>A firefight broke out, and according to Pentagon officials, some of the ISIS fighters attempted to use women and children as human shields. About a dozen enemy fighters were killed in fighting that sometimes involved hand-to-hand combat.</p>

	<p>Pentagon officials said there were no reports of civilian casualties and no Americans were killed or wounded, although there were bullet holes in some of the aircraft.</p> <p>The commandos found Sayyaf and his wife, Umm Sayyaf, on the top floor of the building. According to Pentagon officials, he attempted to resist and was killed. His wife was captured and taken back to Iraq, along with a young Iraqi woman who officials believe had been enslaved by Abu Sayyaf. The young woman will be returned to her family. The wife will be interrogated.</p> <p>Officials believe she knows about the abuse suffered by Kayla Mueller, the American aid worker who died earlier this year while being held hostage by ISIS.</p> <p>Defense Secretary Ash Carter called the killing of Abu Sayyaf a significant blow to ISIS, although no one expects it to cripple the organization.</p> <p>This was the first successful commando raid into Syria. The troops brought back captured cellphones and laptops, which will now used in an effort to track down other ISIS leaders.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Iraq's Anbar in 'total collapse'
SOURCE	https://ca.news.yahoo.com/islamic-state-overruns-more-ramadi-besieges-key-iraqi-140007702.html
GIST	<p>BAGHDAD (Reuters) - Islamic State militants overran one of the last remaining districts held by government forces in the Iraqi city of Ramadi on Sunday and besieged a key army base on the edge of the western provincial capital, security sources said.</p> <p>The militants seized most of Ramadi on Friday, planting their black flag on the local government headquarters in the centre of the city, but a contingent of Iraqi special forces was holding out in the Malaab neighbourhood.</p> <p>Those forces retreated on Sunday to an area east of the city after suffering heavy casualties, security sources said, bringing Ramadi to the brink of falling to Islamic State.</p> <p>It would be the first major urban centre to be seized by the insurgents in Iraq since security forces and paramilitary groups began pushing them back last year.</p> <p>Anbar provincial council member Athal Fahdawi described the situation in Ramadi as "total collapse" and said local officials had voted in favour of the deployment of Shi'ite paramilitaries to the Sunni heartland.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Taliban bomber attacks EU vehicle
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SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/17/asia/afghanistan-violence/index.html
GIST	<p>Four people, including a British citizen, were killed by a Taliban suicide bomber Sunday in the Afghan capital, authorities said.</p> <p>Kabul police spokesman Ebadullah Karimi said at least 18 people were wounded in the attack, which occurred just after 9:00 a.m. near Hamid Karzai International Airport.</p> <p>According to Karimi, the bomber targeted the European Union vehicle -- occupied by the Briton and three others -- with an explosive-laden car.</p> <p>"We can confirm that a British national was tragically killed in a terrorist attack in Kabul this morning," a spokesman for the United Kingdom's Foreign Commonwealth Office said. "We stand ready to provide consular assistance to the family."</p> <p>The three other EU Police Mission members in the car suffered injuries that were not thought to be life-threatening, EUPOL said in a statement.</p> <p>The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. "The target of the suicide car bomb attack was a convoy of foreign invaders," Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said in a statement.</p> <p>EUPOL is a civilian operation that's aimed at helping the development of Afghanistan's police service.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/15 Boston bomber sentenced to death
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/jury-reaches-verdict-boston-marathon-bombing-penalty-phase/story?id=31067121
GIST	<p>Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has been sentenced to death today by a jury in a Boston federal courthouse.</p> <p>Tsarnaev was convicted by the same jury of seven women and five men last month of all 30 counts related to the deadly April 15, 2013 bombing. Three people were killed, including an 8-year-old boy, and another 260 were injured when Tsarnaev and his older brother, Tamerlan, detonated twin explosive devices near the finish line of the marathon. Three days later, the brothers murdered MIT police officer Sean Collier.</p> <p>Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed in a shootout with police four days after the explosions. The jury today found death the penalty was "appropriate" for six of the 17 death penalty eligible counts against Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.</p> <p>"The jury has spoken. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev will pay with his life for his crimes," U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz said following the verdict.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Iraq: ISIS withdrawing from Ramadi
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/16/asia/isis-ramadi/index.html
GIST	<p>ISIS fighters pulled out of key parts of Ramadi on Saturday after fierce fighting with Iraqi government forces backed by coalition airstrikes, according to two Iraqi security sources in the city who did not want to be named because they're not authorized to speak to the media.</p> <p>ISIS withdrew from the provincial headquarters building, which they left booby-trapped, and the central police headquarters, which they burned, the sources said.</p> <p>The Iraqi Ministry of Defense said Iraqi security forces made significant gains in the city and now control the central part of the city, including 75% of al-Malaab neighborhood.</p> <p>Journalist Mitchell Prothero of McClatchy Newspapers told CNN the battle for Ramadi is far from over.</p> <p>He said ISIS forces didn't withdraw from the government compound buildings -- they abandoned them to move into residential neighborhoods where they'll be less likely to be hit by coalition airstrikes.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 ISIS seizes govt. compound in Ramadi
SOURCE	http://staugustine.com/news/2015-05-16/group-seizes-government-compound-iraqs-ramadi
GIST	<p>BAGHDAD — Islamic State militants seized the main government headquarters in Ramadi, raising their black flag over the compound and setting it ablaze hours after a series of suicide car bombings heralded the start of a major new offensive by the extremists on the strategic city.</p> <p>The advance marked a significant setback for the Iraqi government in its long fight to defend Ramadi, the capital of western Anbar province, where Iraqi forces have made little progress against the extremist group despite months of U.S.-led airstrikes.</p> <p>The capture of the compound — which houses a police headquarters as well as provincial and municipal offices — followed a coordinated attack in which three near-simultaneous suicide car bombs killed at least 10 police officers and wounded dozens more, Ramadi's Mayor Dalaf al-Kubaisi said. He said two Humvees previously seized from the Iraqi army were used in the attack.</p> <p>Islamic State fighters also seized other parts of the city and attacked the Anbar Operation Command, the military headquarters for the province, al-Kubaisi said.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Turkey shoots down Syria helicopter
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SOURCE	http://www.wsj.com/articles/turkish-forces-shoot-down-syrian-helicopter-1431800538
GIST	<p>ISTANBUL—Turkey’s armed forces shot down a Syrian helicopter Saturday, Turkish officials said, days after Ankara pressed its North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies to push for regime change in Damascus as part of a broader effort to fight terrorism in the Middle East.</p> <p>A Syrian helicopter breached a seven-mile stretch of the border in the Cilvegozu district of Turkey’s southeastern Hatay province for about five minutes just after 2 p.m. local time, Turkish Defense Minister Ismet Yilmaz said. After Turkey detected the border violation, two F-16 fighter jets on patrol headed to the region and attacked the chopper, which crashed inside Syria, Turkey’s military said.</p> <p>“I congratulate our armed forces for responding as necessary against Syrian forces,” Mr. Yildiz said in televised comments from the central Anatolian province of Sivas.</p> <p>While there was no confirmation of Ankara’s claim from Damascus, Syria’s pro-government Addounia TV channel, citing military sources, contradicted Mr. Yilmaz’s account, saying Turkish forces had downed a small, remotely controlled surveillance plane.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Boko Haram retakes strategic town
SOURCE	http://www.dw.de/boko-haram-retakes-strategic-northeastern-nigerian-town/a-18453614
GIST	<p>Extremist group Boko Haram has retaken a town in northeastern Nigeria, which had been liberated in February. It's a loss to government troops fighting to push the fighters out of the area.</p> <p>The state deputy governor of Borno confirmed the militant group had taken back the town of Marte.</p> <p>"It is sad as we have been made to understand that Marte is today completely fallen under the control of the insurgents, which to us is a very huge set back," Zannah Umar Mustapha said.</p> <p>The town sits on a strategic trading route between Nigeria, Cameroon and Chad, and has been in and out of jihadist control several times since 2013.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 US: key ISIS leader death major blow
SOURCE	http://www.politico.eu/article/white-house-us-special-forces-kill-key-islamic-state-leader/
GIST	The death of a senior leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, the capture of his wife and the seizure of a trove of intelligence about ISIL’s inner workings amount to a major blow against the extremist group, U.S. officials said Saturday.

Army Delta Force special operators killed the “chief financial officer” of ISIL, Abu Sayyaf, in a nighttime cross-border raid late Friday or early Saturday. The elite American troops took captive his wife, Umm Sayaaf, who is said to be highly knowledgeable about the terror group’s inner workings, and brought back a cache of documents, laptop computers and other materials said to include financial and communications information.

“This is very useful, very important intelligence that we were able to collect,” a defense official told POLITICO.

The raid also freed an Iraqi Yezidi woman whom the couple were believed to be holding as a slave.

It is a rare publicly known case of U.S. ground operations in Syria, where the militant group, also known as ISIS, has grabbed significant territory. Although a U.S.-led coalition has dealt the Islamic State significant setbacks, especially in Iraq, the group is far from defeated. Just this week, it captured the government headquarters in Ramadi, the capital of Iraq’s Anbar province.

Military planners have been working for more than a month on the raid to try to capture Abu Sayyaf, who helped oversee ISIL’s illicit sales of oil and gas, which represent a key source of its revenue.

The American special operators were surprised to discover relics at the site including an ancient Assyrian bible, coins and other artifacts, the defense official said — even though ISIL has been destroying what it calls ancient examples of “idolatry” in the territory it controls in Syria and Iraq.

National Security Council spokeswoman Bernadette Meehan said the operation “was conducted with the full consent of Iraqi authorities and, like our existing airstrikes against ISIL in Syria, consistent with domestic and international law.”

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter, in a separate statement, said “the operation represents another significant blow to ISIL, and it is a reminder that the United States will never waver in denying safe haven to terrorists who threaten our citizens, and those of our friends and allies.”

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HEADLINE	05/16 Top bin Laden aide gets life in prison
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/05/16/top-bin-laden-aide-sentenced-to-life-in-prison-in-embassy-bombing-plot/
GIST	NEW YORK – A former top aide to Osama bin Laden was given life in prison for the 1998 bombings of two embassies in Africa, a sentence handed down Friday in a U.S. courtroom where he was confronted by a woman who was blinded in one of the attacks and others who lost loved ones.

	<p>"I worship the same God as you," said Ellen Karas, directly addressing Khaled al-Fawwaz. "But he is not an angry God. He is not a vengeful God."</p> <p>Edith Bartley, whose father and brother were killed in the same attack in Kenya that scarred Karas, told the judge al-Fawwaz deserved a life term.</p> <p>Al-Fawwaz, 52, was arrested in London weeks after the August 1998 attacks but was not extradited from Great Britain until 2012. He was convicted in February of terror charges accusing him of supporting the attacks in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people, including a dozen Americans.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Belmokhtar rejects ISIS allegiance claim
SOURCE	http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/belmokhtar-rejects-allegiance-pledge-mauritania-agency-1715422476
GIST	<p>NOUAKCHOT, Mauritania - Algerian militant commander Mokhtar Belmokhtar distanced himself on Friday from a pledge of allegiance made by his armed group to the Islamic State organisation, Mauritanian media reported.</p> <p>Belmokhtar's north African al-Murabitoun group was linked to al-Qaeda but a recording broadcast by Mauritanian news agency al-Akhbar on Thursday said it was aligning itself with the IS organisation and its leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.</p> <p>But Belmokhtar said the declaration "does not comply with the conditions and covenants" of the movement's "shura" advisory council, according to the agency.</p> <p>"It clearly violates the foundational statement that determined the method and behaviour of the organisation," Belmokhtar was reported to have said.</p> <p>Al-Akhbar, which regularly publishes statements by armed militants, told AFP it had verified the communique, which was published on Twitter on Thursday, according to the US-based intelligence group SITE.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Lebanon arrests ISIS commander
SOURCE	http://www.ibtimes.com/lebanon-arrests-isis-commander-countrys-northeast-reports-1925561
GIST	<p>Lebanese troops arrested a commander from the Islamic State group in the country's northeastern region, according to media reports on Saturday. The suspect was captured in the village of Labweh, where he was arrested at an army checkpoint while heading north, according to the Daily Star, which cited the state-run National News Agency.</p>

	<p>The report did not specify when the arrest was made.</p> <p>The man was later identified as 21-year-old Abdel-Rahman al-Bezerbashi, an ISIS member known as "Baghdadi's grandson," the Daily Star reported, citing Lebanese media.</p> <p>A security source told the Daily Star that the man was "suspected of having links to Syrian rebel groups," but he could confirm his rank or affiliation. He added that the man was also not carrying any identification proof.</p> <p>ISIS has been a threat along Lebanon's border since last year, when the militant group briefly overran the town of Arsal, near Labweh, triggering a five-day clash with the Lebanese army that killed dozens.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 US kills ISIS militant commander
SOURCE	http://www.ctvnews.ca/world/u-s-forces-kill-isis-militant-in-rare-raid-into-syria-1.2377280
GIST	<p>BEIRUT -- In a rare ground attack deep into Syria, U.S. Army commandos killed a man described as the Islamic State's head of oil operations, captured his wife and rescued a woman whom American officials said was enslaved.</p> <p>A team of Delta Force commandos slipped across the border from Iraq under cover of darkness Saturday aboard Black Hawk helicopters and V-22 Osprey aircraft, according to a U.S. defence official knowledgeable about details of the raid. The official was not authorized to discuss the operation publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.</p> <p>The Americans intended to capture a militant identified by U.S. officials as Abu Sayyaf. When they arrived at his location, a multi-story building, they met stiff resistance, the U.S. official said, and a firefight ensued, resulting in bullet-hole damage to the U.S. aircraft.</p> <p>Abu Sayyaf was killed, along with an estimated dozen IS fighters, U.S. officials said. No American was killed or wounded.</p> <p>Before the sun had risen, the commandos flew back to Iraq where Abu Sayyaf's wife, Umm Sayyaf, was being questioned in U.S. custody, officials said. The goal was to gain intelligence about IS operations and any information about hostages, including American citizens, who were held by the group, according to Bernadette Meehan, spokeswoman for the U.S. National Security Council.</p> <p>Abu Sayyaf was described by one official as the IS "emir of oil and gas," although he also was targeted for his known association with the group's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 DHS blames tech glitch for violation
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/may/16/dhs-blames-tech-glitch-violating-judges-amnesty-in/
GIST	<p>The Obama administration blamed a technology glitch for why it continued to approve new amnesty applications in February, even after a federal judge issued an injunction, telling the court late Friday that they are now begging about 2,000 illegal immigrants to tear up their three-year work authorizations.</p> <p>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Homeland Security agency that approved the deportation amnesty applications for Dreamers despite the judge's order, insisted it's corrected the immigrants' records at headquarters, but said it's also asking the immigrants themselves to send back their three-year documents and accept two-year papers instead.</p> <p>The agency also told Judge Andrew S. Hanen that more botched cases could still be found as employees dig through tens of thousands of applications.</p> <p>President Obama's lawyers are desperately trying to head off punishment by Judge Hanen after several embarrassing missteps.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/18 FBI: hacker claims airplane control
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/17/us/fbi-hacker-flight-computer-systems/index.html
GIST	<p>A cybersecurity consultant told the FBI he hacked into computer systems aboard airliners up to 20 times and managed to control an aircraft engine during a flight, according to federal court documents.</p> <p>Chris Roberts was detained by the FBI in April following a United Airlines flight to Syracuse, New York, after officials saw Twitter posts he made discussing hacking into the plane he was traveling on.</p> <p>An FBI search warrant application filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York describes the investigation of Roberts for possible computer crimes.</p> <p>During FBI interviews in February and March, the document says, Roberts told investigators he hacked into in-flight entertainment systems aboard aircraft. He claimed to have done so 15 to 20 times from 2011 to 2014.</p> <p>He also said, according to the document, that once he had hacked into the systems and then overwrote code, enabling him to issue a "CLB," or climb, command.</p>

	<p>"He stated that he thereby caused one of the airplane engines to climb resulting in a lateral or sideways movement of the plane during one of these flights," the document says.</p> <p>Roberts said he knew of vulnerabilities aboard three types of Boeing aircraft and one Airbus model. He hacked into in-flight entertainment systems made by Thales and Panasonic, he told agents, according to the document.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Scotland Yard monitored sci-fi?
SOURCE	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3085856/How-police-kept-track-Trekkies-Met-drew-secret-dossier-Star-Trek-X-Files-fearing-sci-fi-shows-cause-riots-mass-suicides.html
GIST	<p>Star Trek and The X-Files were among science-fiction TV shows monitored by Scotland Yard over fears they posed a potential threat to national security, it was revealed yesterday.</p> <p>Nineties TV shows Dark Skies, Roswell, Millennium and the film Lawnmower Man were also watched by the Metropolitan Police Special Branch, according to newly-released files.</p> <p>Police were concerned British fans of the US shows would kill themselves or turn against society, while they also kept tabs on the shows to protect the country from rioting and cyber-attacks.</p> <p>The report compiled in 1997 said that viewers obsessed with the programmes could go into a frenzy triggered by the millennium, leading to anarchy and ‘an act of extreme violence’.</p> <p>It read: ‘Fuel is added to the fire by television dramas and feature films mostly produced in America. These draw together the various strands of religion, UFOs, conspiracies, and mystic events and put them in an entertaining story line. It is not being suggested that the production companies are intentionally attempting to ferment trouble. However, producers of programmes, including The X-Files, Millennium, Dark Skies and Star Trek, know what psychological buttons to press to excite interest in their products. Obviously, this is not sinister in itself. What is of concern is the devotion certain groups and individuals ascribe to the contents of these programmes.’</p> <p>The report maintained that as the nineties drew to a close, various groups were showing ‘an unhealthy interest’ in microchip technology and barcodes.</p> <p>Growing numbers of people imagined microchips could be surgically implanted in their brains to provide immediate screening information, or barcodes stamped on their foreheads ending in 666 - ‘the number of the beast,’ the report said.</p> <p>Scotland Yard was worried many shows were linked to Government conspiracy theories.</p>

	'The problem is that growing numbers are not treating this as entertainment and finding it impossible to divorce fantasy from reality,' the report warned.
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HEADLINE	05/17 Putin invasion this summer?
SOURCE	http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/05/17/new-putin-invasion-coming-this-summer.html#
GIST	<p>The war in Ukraine may have faded largely from international headlines, but Vladimir Putin's drip-drip invasion continues. In the last two weeks, forensic evidence, some of which has been reported by monitor organizations and senior Western diplomats, the rest corroborated by eyewitness photography and video, only confirms what the U.S. fears most: A summer offensive is inevitable.</p> <p>On May 5, the Ukrainian government released new data which says that they have lost 28 towns to Russian-backed separatists since February 18. That was the day the strategic town of Debaltsevo, which guarded a key highway to separatist-controlled regions, slipped from Ukraine's control. The map of separatist territory is as alarming as it is illustrative, especially when it is combined with the daily reports of ceasefire violations and fighting coming out of both the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and Kiev.</p> <p>On May 6, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko addressed the National Security and Defense Council and warned that Russia has 50,000 troops on the border and its proxies have more than 40,000 fighters inside the country. That's not only a combined 50% increase in possible invaders over July of last year, the month which preceded the "Russian invasion" on the Ukrainian mainland. It's more than enough soldiers to invade and gobble up a significant amount of Ukrainian territory.</p> <p>"There is a convincing evidence that Ukraine strictly complies with the Minsk [ceasefire] agreements and militants constantly violate them," Poroshenko noted. Separatists do not allow international observers to verify their withdrawal of heavy weaponry. "Militants regularly shoot Ukrainian positions, engage in reconnaissance and subversive activity and provoke armed confrontations in order to disrupt peaceful settlement of the conflict."</p> <p>One day later, May 7, the OSCE witnessed a significant amount of fighting both near Donetsk and around a town called Shirokino, 20 kilometers east of Mariupol—part of a trend of heavier fighting which started in late April.</p> <p>While the OSCE reports that it has seen an increase of heavy weaponry within the demarcation line for weeks, Ukraine maintains that it is only returning fire and it is the Russian-backed separatists who are on the offensive. On May 8, the day after the OSCE's unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) was jammed, the OSCE witnessed three Ukrainian tanks in government-controlled territory—an admitted violation of the negotiated ceasefire. That same day the OSCE witnessed 30 separatist tanks moving toward the front lines within the demarcation line—10 times more than the Ukrainian government was deploying. The OSCE</p>

	also observed a testing ground for advanced weaponry—proof, according to the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, Geoffrey Pyatt, of “Russia’s train and equip program in plain sight.”
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HEADLINE	05/16 Hidden volcano may pose a threat
SOURCE	http://www.krem.com/story/news/nation/2015/05/16/hidden-cascade-volcano-poses-threat/27459593/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE — Monday marks the 35th anniversary of the eruption of Mount St. Helens that killed 57 people. Mount Rainier is considered the world's most dangerous volcano because of its size and how close it is to the population centers of Tacoma and Seattle.</p> <p>But there's another mountain you've probably never seen that's getting attention for the risks it poses to the Seattle area.</p> <p>Unlike most of the volcanoes in the Cascade Mountains that are viewable from Interstate 5 or even Seattle, few people notice Glacier Peak. It lurks within in the northern Cascades in Snohomish County and has a record of violent, even extreme eruptions.</p> <p>Jim Vallance a geologist at the Cascades Volcano Observatory, was a young field assistant on Mount St. Helens in the wake of the 1980 eruption. He remembers doing field work on St. Helens in 1979.</p> <p>"It was quiet. You may remember if you were an old timer in the Northwest, that Spirit Lake was a blue body of water with cabins all around," said Vallance. "That all changed dramatically in 1980."</p> <p>"As impressive as it was, Mount St. Helens was actually hundreds of feet shorter than Glacier Peak," Vallance points out. "The summit is right here."</p> <p>Now his role at the observatory is dedicated to understanding Glacier Peak. Every year's brief field season is on foot or with the help of pack mules to bring out more samples that lead to more understanding.</p> <p>"I'm working on a giant four-dimensional puzzle. I'm trying to work out what happened in the past, when did it happen and how often," said Vallance.</p> <p>When a volcano's glaciers melt during an eruption, it picks up massive amounts of fine dirt and debris. It becomes what's called a lahar.</p> <p>In the case of Glacier Peak, the geological record shows lahars reaching as far away as Mount Vernon, Burlington, Stanwood and Puget Sound by following the Skagit and Stillaguamish rivers.</p> <p>When could an eruption on Glacier Peak occur? There's no telling, said Vance, remembering that summer of 1979, when Mount St. Helens seemed so quiet.</p>

	"It could be this year or a thousand years," he said.
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HEADLINE	05/17 Group seeks trial for invoking God
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/05/17/air-force-general-who-spoke-god-in-speech-should-be-court-martialed-group-says/
GIST	<p>An Air Force general who recently spoke about how God has guided his career should be court-martialed, a civil liberties group is saying.</p> <p>In a speech at a National Day of Prayer Task Force event on May 7, Maj. Gen. Craig Olson credits God for his accomplishments in the military, and refers to himself as a “redeemed believer in Christ.”</p> <p>The Air Force Times reports that the Military Religious Freedom Foundation has taken issue with Olson’s remarks, is calling for the two-star general to be court-martialed and "aggressively and very visibly brought to justice for his unforgivable crimes and transgressions."</p> <p>The group authored a letter to Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Walsh, arguing that Olson’s speech violates rules within the Air Force, which prohibits airmen from endorsing a particular faith or belief.</p> <p>The letter, posted on the group’s website, begins, “This demand letter is sent to you on behalf of countless members of the United States Air Force who are utterly disgusted and shocked by the brazenly illicit and wholly unconstitutional, fundamentalist Christian proselytizing recently perpetrated, on international television (“GOD TV”), and streaming all over the Internet and in full military uniform, by USAF Major General Craig S. Olson on Thursday, May 7, 2015 during a VERY public speech for a private Christian organization (The “National Day of Prayer Task Force”: NDPTF) headed up by Focus on the Family founder, Dr. James Dobson’s, wife Shirley Dobson. “</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Hawaii volcano set to erupt?
SOURCE	http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_VOLCANO_EARTHQUAKES?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2015-05-16-20-28-46
GIST	<p>HONOLULU (AP) -- A series of earthquakes and shifting ground on the slopes of Kilauea have scientists wondering what will happen next at one of the world's most active volcanos.</p> <p>A lake of lava near the summit of Kilauea on Hawaii's Big Island had risen to a record-high level after a recent explosion. But in the past few days, the pool of molten rock began sinking, and the surface of the lava lake fell nearly 500 feet.</p>

	<p>Meanwhile, a rash of earthquakes rattled the volcano with as many as 20 to 25 quakes per hour, and scientists' tilt meters detected that the ground was deforming.</p> <p>"Clearly the lava, by dropping out of sight, it has to be going somewhere," said Steven Brantley, deputy scientist in charge of Hawaiian Volcano Observatory of the U.S. Geological Survey.</p> <p>One possibility is that a new lava eruption could break through the surface of the mountain, Brantley said.</p> <p>Right now, there are two active eruptions on Kilauea. One is the eruption spewing into the lava lake in the Halemaumau Crater, which is visible in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The other is Puu Oo vent, in Kilauea's east rift zone, which sent fingers of lava toward the town of Pahoa before stopping outside a shopping center last year.</p> <p>The flurry of earthquakes that peaked in intensity Friday have been rattling Kilauea's southwest rift zone, so it's possible that a new eruption could occur southwest of the Halemaumau Crater, or even in the crater itself, Brentley said. Or, the tilting, shifting ground could lead to nothing.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Nigeria: restaurant served human flesh
SOURCE	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3084326/Nigerian-restaurant-shut-serving-HUMAN-flesh-bags-containing-human-heads-bleeding.html
GIST	<p>A Nigerian restaurant has reportedly been shut down for cooking human flesh and serving it to customers.</p> <p>The police were tipped off by locals who suspected something horrific was taking place inside the kitchen. They raided the hotel restaurant to discover human heads which were still dripping with blood in plastic bags.</p> <p>A local priest who ate at the restaurant - in the south-eastern province of Anambra - was alarmed at the price of meals there, let alone where the meat came from,BBC Swahili reported.</p> <p>He was presented with a bill of 700 Naira - around £2.20 - when the daily wage for tens of millions of Nigerians is approximately 60p.</p> <p>The priest said: 'The attendant noticed my reaction and told me it was the small piece of meat I had eaten that made the bill scale that high. I did not know I had been served with human meat, and that it was that expensive.'</p> <p>The police also found a terrifying arsenal of weapons which included grenades when they raided the restaurant. Ten people were arrested in connection to the crimes.</p>
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HEADLINE	5/17 Strange sound from the sky?
SOURCE	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/travel_news/article-3084260/What-strange-sound-sky-Noise-heard-globe-nearly-DECADE-explanation.html
GIST	<p>A mysterious noise from the sky is continuing to baffle people all over the world - as well as giving those who hear it sleepless nights.</p> <p>Sounding like a trumpet or a collective from a brass section of an orchestra, a selection of videos shot from the Canada to Ukraine, via the U.S., Germany and Belarus show strange goings on above us.</p> <p>And the eerie sounds have been continuously heard at all different times and locations for almost a decade.</p> <p>The first video posted on YouTube recording the unusual, unearthly sounds, was in 2008 when a user recorded the strange sounds in the sky from Homel, in Belarus.</p> <p>That same year another anonymous user shared the 'ear-deafening' sounds that they insisted 'were not a hoax,' from a quiet neighbourhood believed to be in the U.S.</p> <p>Kimberly Wookey from Terrace, British Columbia in Canada first captured the alien sound in June 2013, and since then she has managed to capture several recordings of the noise with her most recent being on May 7 this year.</p> <p>Another recording of the sound was captured in Kiev, Ukraine in August 2011. An eyewitness said: 'The sound was extremely loud, with some people 30-40km from the recording also hearing it in other cities.</p> <p>'It was in the news with the investigation with specialists and scientists, but there is still no exact explanation.'</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Train hit by object before crash?
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/16/us/philadelphia-amtrak-train-derailment/index.html
GIST	<p>One of three conductors aboard the Amtrak train that derailed in Philadelphia this week told investigators she heard the locomotive's engineer say the train had been struck by an object, National Transportation Safety Board member Robert Sumwalt said Friday.</p> <p>The assistant conductor said she overheard radio transmissions made Tuesday by Amtrak engineer Brandon Bostian and the engineer of a Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) train.</p> <p>"She recalled that the SEPTA engineer had reported to the train dispatcher that he had either been hit by a rock or shot at, and the SEPTA engineer said that he had a broken windshield, and he placed his train into</p>

emergency stop," Sumwalt said. "She also believed that she heard (the Amtrak) engineer say something about his train being struck by something."

Bostian was interviewed Friday afternoon for the first time since the derailment of Amtrak Northeast Regional Train 188. Eight people were killed and more than 200 were injured.

The locomotive's windshield was shattered in the derailment. But Sumwalt said there is "particular damage" to the lower portion of the windshield that the FBI will examine. He described it as a "circular pattern that emanates out just a bit."

"We're very interested in this report. We want to learn more about it so we will use all sources of information that we can to independently validate that," Sumwalt said.

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HEADLINE	05/17 Spokane nabs repeat violent offender
SOURCE	http://www.krem.com/story/news/crime/2015/05/17/spokane-police-department-arrests-repeat-violent-offender/27506023/
GIST	<p>SPOKANE, Wash. -- The Spokane Police Department said they tracked down and arrested a repeat violent offender on Tuesday.</p> <p>On April 17, police said 30-year-old Brandon Hutchinson was arrested after a vehicle pursuit that included collisions, leading to a foot pursuit and a fight with an SPD officer where he grabbed the officer's Taser. Police said Hutchinson believed it was the officer's gun.</p> <p>Officials said Hutchinson was booked into jail for several felonies including the 1st degree assault with a weapon on an officer and a felony warrant, but he was able to bond out a few days later.</p> <p>Then on May 12, authorities said warrants were issued for his crimes on April 17. The Spokane Police Department from the Patrol Anti-Crime Team learned that he was at a location in the Spokane Valley and possibly armed. Officers said they set up surveillance and attempted to arrest Hutchinson as he was getting in to the passenger side of a vehicle.</p> <p>As officers approached, police said Hutchinson reached the center console, pushed the driver out of the car and sped off. Authorities said he was pursued by officers at high speeds where he later crashed and tried to run. When he was caught officers said he fought violently with officers.</p> <p>Hutchinson has been booked into jail on his warrants and new felony charges.</p>

HEADLINE	05/17 Machete-wielding suspect arrested
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/local/komo/article/Machete-wielding-suspect-arrested-after-car-chase-6269663.php
GIST	<p>MILTON, Wash. - What started as a search for a machete-wielding suspect in Bellevue ended in a police chase through Milton on Sunday.</p> <p>The search started around 12:30 p.m. along 5901 152nd Avenue SE following a domestic violence incident. Police say a 24-year-old man threatened to kill family members, and fled into the woods with a machete.</p> <p>Aided by a helicopter, officers combed the area around Forest Glen Park with search dogs for hours.</p> <p>Several hours later, a report of multiple carjackings in Federal Way led Bellevue detectives to their suspect. The suspect stole a Mercedes, and dumped it at a convenience store before stealing a Dodge Charger with a 23-year-old passenger inside.</p> <p>The Dodge Charger was spotted near Sears and pursued through Federal Way, Kent, and Auburn. The chase ended in Milton when the suspect crashed at 23rd and Milton Way.</p> <p>Police say the kidnapped passenger was uninjured in the crash, and the uninjured suspect was taken into custody.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/18 Miss. police officer injured in shooting
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/05/18/miss-police-officer-injured-in-shooting/27517841/
GIST	<p>JACKSON, Miss. — After an emotional week in which two Hattiesburg, Miss., officers were killed in the line of duty, the news that a Jackson police officer was "down" Sunday night shook Jackson Police Department to the core.</p> <p>Police spokesperson Colendula Green confirmed that an officer was injured but no one was killed. Several shots were fired, one of which hit the officer in the leg.</p> <p>Officers were clearing the parking lot of the Express Fuel Food Mart at the corner of Bailey Avenue and Northside Drive between 9 and 9:30 p.m. when shots were fired, Green said. Store co-owner Desmond Brown said police shot back.</p> <p>"Gunshots started happening, bullets started flying. JPD started shooting back wildly," Brown said. "There are bullet holes in that canopy."</p>

He said police had been harassing customers for four hours, driving them out of the parking lot and out of the store, and that an officer had told him he had seen someone drinking and "smoking dope" on the premises. Brown, who has often claimed harassment by police but does not have a felony conviction on his record from the state of Mississippi, has been arrested at least twice since April 1. One of those arrests was for allegedly selling spice out of the gas station.

"They incited what happened here tonight," Brown said.

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HEADLINE	05/18 Rival biker gangs brawl; 9 dead
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/18/us/texas-biker-gang-brawl-shooting/index.html
GIST	<p>Even before the deadly melee started, police were already in place, anticipating a brawl. What they saw was far more brutal than what they had expected.</p> <p>Rival biker gangs unleashed a hailstorm of bullets outside a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, Texas, leaving nine people dead and at least 17 hospitalized.</p> <p>"In my nearly 35 years of law enforcement experience, this is the most violent and gruesome scene that I have dealt with," Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said.</p> <p>It happened in broad daylight -- around noon Sunday at the restaurant known for scantily clad servers and "Bike Nights."</p> <p>The fracas apparently started inside the restaurant's bathroom with something as simple as a shove or a disrespectful glance, authorities told CNN affiliate KTVT. That brawl quickly escalated into a fistfight, which led to a knife fight, KTVT said.</p> <p>The brouhaha spilled into the parking lot, where the gunfire erupted, Swanton said.</p> <p>Bullets flew toward police, who returned fire. No officers were wounded, and all of the dead and injured are believed to be bikers, Swanton said.</p> <p>He declined to identify the biker gangs involved. By the time the scene cleared, CNN affiliate KWTX said, authorities had recovered more than 100 weapons.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Waco: at least 5 biker gangs involved
SOURCE	http://heavy.com/news/2015/05/what-biker-gangs-were-involved-in-waco-texas-shootout-banditos-scimitars-cossacks-motorcycle-club-gang-shooting-victims-rivals-photos-video-gang-names/

GIST	<p>Police say at least 5 biker gangs were involved in a bloody shootout with each other and police in the parking lot of a Waco, Texas restaurant on Sunday that left at least 9 dead and 18 wounded.</p> <p>The biker gangs haven't been publicly identified, but photos and video from the scene show the bikers "flying their colors." Three gangs have been observed there, the Cossacks Motorcycle Club, the Scimitars Motorcycle Club and the Bandidos Motorcycle Club.</p> <p>Law enforcement sources told the Waco Tribune that the Cossacks and the Bandidos were at the center of the incident.</p> <p>Photos also show members of the Leathernecks, Veterans and Los Pirados, though it wasn't immediately clear which, if any, of the other clubs they are affiliated with. The website United Clubs of Waco shows those three clubs as being affiliated with the Bandidos.</p> <p>The Scimitars could be seen among the Cossacks during the aftermath of the shooting.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Scimitars MC involved in violent brawl
SOURCE	http://heavy.com/news/2015/05/scimitars-motorcycle-club-biker-gang-waco-texas-shooting-shootout-members-history-patch-facebook-photos-video-cossacks-bandidos-names-victims-crime-arrests/
GIST	<p>Members of the Scimitars Motorcycle Club were among five gangs involved in a violent brawl and shootout outside a Waco, Texas restaurant that left at least 9 dead and 18 wounded.</p> <p>Here's what you need to know about the Scimitars and the shootout:</p> <p>1. The Scimitars Are Aligned With the Cossacks The Scimitars are aligned with the Cossacks Motorcycle Club, which have been feuding with the the Bandidos Motorcycle Club. Photos on Facebook pages belonging to members of the Cossacks in west Texas show the two clubs together.</p> <p>2. The Club Is Based in Texas The Scimitars Motorcycle Club is based in Texas and appears to be a smaller club than the Bandidos and Cossacks. A May 2014 story in the Odessa American shows members of the Cossacks and Scimitars volunteering to build a playground.</p> <p>3. The Waco Shootout Was Called 'One of the Worst Gun Fights' in the City's History One officer called the shootout between the rival gangs "one of the worst gun fights that we've had in the city limits of Waco."</p>

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GIST	<p>Members of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club were among five gangs involved in a violent brawl and shootout outside a Waco, Texas restaurant that left at least 9 dead and 18 wounded.</p> <p>Another gang, the Bandidos Motorcycle Club, were at the center of the fight along with the Cossacks. Another gang that has been identified, the Scimitars, appeared to be aligned with the Cossacks.</p> <p>1. The Cossacks Were Founded in Texas in 1969 The Cossacks were founded in Texas in 1969, according to the book The One Percenter Encyclopedia: The World of Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs. The club’s colors are gold and black and its patch features a cossack, which is a nomadic horseman and warrior.</p> <p>Its motto is, “We take care of our own.”</p> <p>The Cossacks say they traded the horses rode by the warriors of 400 years ago for motorcycles, though they doubt any of their members descended from actual Russian cossacks.</p> <p>2. The Rivalry With the Bandidos Led to a Stabbing in 2013 The rivalry between the Cossacks and the Bandidos in Texas goes back to at least 2013. According to the BigCountryHomePage.com, the president of the Abilene, Texas chapter of the Bandidos, Curtis Jack Lewis, was arrested in November 2013 on charges that he stabbed two members of the Cossacks during a fight outside a restaurant.</p> <p>3. The Waco Shootout Was Called ‘One of the Worst Gun Fights’ in the City’s History One officer called the shootout between the rival gangs “one of the worst gun fights that we’ve had in the city limits of Waco.”</p> <p>Police told KXXV-TV that all of the victims were gang members who had gathered at the Twin Peaks restaurant. At least 18 others were, also all bikers, were injured. The extent of those injuries wasn’t immediately released.</p> <p>Sgt. Patrick Swanton said innocent bystanders and officers somehow managed to escape injury, including a restaurant full of families just feet away from the one where the shooting started.</p> <p>“Let’s just say it’s Sunday and someone was looking out for us,” Swanton said. “There were so many rounds fired from bad guy weapons here.”</p> <p>Police said there were at least 100 bikers at the scene and at least five gangs involved. Swanton said the argument started over a parking issue. More than 100 weapons were recovered at the scene.</p>

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HEADLINE	05/17 SPD: crime down 25% south Seattle
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2015/05/18/crime-down-south-seattle/27515509/
GIST	<p>The Seattle Police Department says crime is down 25% in the south precinct compared to this same time last year. Seattle PD is using a new program called SeaStat to gather and sort crime data and so far it has helped them identify problem areas and negative trends.</p> <p>"It helps us focus on the problem areas, the prolific offenders, the repeat victims, and we also feed through our micro community policing plan and take community input into the process," Seattle Police Chief Operating Officer Mike Wagers said. "We want to know if we're addressing the problems, where they're occurring, when they're occurring, we're going back to the right people to see if they are repeat offenders, and then we want to measure did work?"</p>

	<p>If you take a closer look at the numbers in the south precinct you'll see that YTD (year-to-date) property crimes have dropped by 26% and violent crimes have gone down by 24%. More specifically, robberies are down 36% and car prowls are down 37%. That means there have been 54 fewer robberies and 330 fewer car break-ins.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/18 Bandidos OMG in all-out war
SOURCE	http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2015/05/18/how-the-bandidos-became-americas-most-feared-biker-gang/
GIST	<p>The Bandidos motorcycle gang has a saying: “Cut one, we all bleed.”</p> <p>It’s not clear who started the cutting, but there was plenty of bloodshed on Sunday when the Bandidos brutally clashed with members of several other bike gangs at a restaurant in Waco, Texas. A wild shootout in broad daylight left nine bikers dead, 18 wounded and at least three under arrest.</p> <p>The confrontation began about noon at a Twin Peaks in a shopping center and quickly escalated from fisticuffs to all out war, said Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton, a police spokesman. At one point, as many as 30 gang members were shooting at one another in the restaurant’s parking lot. Police found more than 100 weapons and scores of shell casings.</p> <p>The shootout is the latest and perhaps goriest chapter in a long history of violence involving motorcycle gangs in America. The Bandidos, like its more popularly known arch-rival the Hells Angels, are frequent characters in that blood-soaked book. The group is generally considered the world’s second largest biker gang, behind the Angels, with as many as 2,500 members in 13 countries, according to the Department of Justice.</p> <p>The Bandidos’ story charts the rise of bike gangs from counterculture clubs to fearsome organized crime organizations, and helps to explain why tragedy struck on Sunday in a city already associated with spectacular violence.</p> <p>The Hell’s Angels might have been first, but they were far from the only ones. Scores more motorcycle gangs sprung up across America. Many if not all of them sought to tap into the American outlaw archetype, as reflected in their rebellious names: the Outlaws, the Pagans, the Warlocks, the Mongols and the Bandidos.</p> <p>The Bandidos began almost 20 years after the Hell’s Angels, but the two gangs soon became bitter rivals. According to the motorcycle club’s legend, founder Donald Chambers was bored with other bike clubs. “Chambers started the Bandidos in March 1966, when he was 36 years old and working on the ship docks in Houston,” Skip Hollandsworth wrote in a 2007 profile of the gang. “He told his friends that he was</p>

naming his club the Bandidos, in honor of the Mexican bandits who refused to live by anyone's rules but their own, and he began recruiting his first members not only out of Houston but also out of the biker bars in Corpus Christi, Galveston, and San Antonio.

"Don wasn't looking for people who fit into what he called 'polite society,'" one of the group's first members told Hollandsworth. "He wanted the badass bikers who cared about nothing except riding full time on their Harley-Davidsons. He wanted bikers who lived only for the open road. No rules, no bullshit, just the open road."

But as both the Hells Angels and the Bandidos expanded, they grew from free-wheeling counter-culture clubs into ruthless organized crime syndicates, according to academics who study the groups and prosecutors who pursue them in court. "The desire to dominate rivals temporarily decreased the power of the subculture's core values among many clubs while increasing their reliance on organized criminal activities," Quinn writes. "As the extremes of violence used in internecine warfare escalated, however, these activities could no longer be concealed by the milieu's code of silence. It was only at this point that law enforcement agencies finally began to take these clubs seriously."

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HEADLINE	05/17 Biker gang shootout in Waco, Texas
SOURCE	http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/Waco-Shooting-Near-Twin-Peaks-In-Waco-304043711.html
GIST	<p>Waco police Sunday afternoon, assisted by Hewitt officers and deputies from the McLennan County Sheriff's Office were surrounding the Twin Peaks Restaurant, in the Central Texas Market Place after several people were reported shot during a rival motorcycle gang fight.</p> <p>The fight broke out just after noon when two rival gangs got into a fight that erupted into gun fire.</p> <p>At about 2 p.m. a second crime scene was being investigated at the Waco Convention Center but only very few details were known about the situation there.</p> <p>One law enforcement spokesman said there were several armed officers and EMS units on the scene and Washington Avenue and University Parks Drive in that area had been closed.</p> <p>Officers also were en route to the Flying J Truck Stop, at New Road and Interstate 35 because a large number of bikers had been seen gathering there.</p> <p>Ambulances from West, Limestone and Coryell counties were at the scene to assist local EMS units.</p> <p>Trouble at Twin Peaks among rival bikers had been brewing for some time, District Attorney Abel Reyna told News 10 about two weeks ago.</p>

	<p>Reyna said local police were on heightened alert in anticipation of trouble on Thursday nights, when Twin Peaks hosts a Biker Night.</p> <p>Reyna said some weeks ago trouble erupted between two local motorcycle gangs and that spilled over into gangs from the Dallas-Fort Worth area showing up to support the local groups.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 Catch-22 of community policing
SOURCE	http://www.newsweek.com/community-policing-foot-patrol-question-332168
GIST	<p>“BALTIMORE: The Greatest City in America.” So reads the white lettering on a bench in the West Baltimore neighborhood of Sandtown-Winchester, where 34 percent of residential properties are reported to be vacant or abandoned. Booze and snack refuse dot gutters. In a garden enclosed by a chain-link fence, a tangle of weeds nearly conceals an unexpected, much-needed burst of beauty: three bunches of crimson flowers. The Western District police station, a boxy institutional structure, stands amid this landscape, surrounded by metal barricades on a recent April day.</p> <p>It was in the Western District area that Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old African-American man, suffered a spinal injury related to an arrest April 12, and then died on April 19. His death was part of a succession of police-involved fatalities of black men across the U.S. in recent months, sparking mass protests. On April 27, rioting and looting erupted in Baltimore.</p> <p>Against this backdrop, the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) and other U.S. law enforcement agencies have been attempting to bolster their community-policing efforts, to improve relations with area residents. Foot patrol is an essential component of the BPD’s initiative. While walking the beat has always been part of the BPD’s policing, the department recently mandated that officers spend at least 30 minutes of every 10-hour shift on foot, chatting with members of the community.</p> <p>“We’re pushing every police officer to get out of their cars for 30 minutes no matter if it’s in a residential area, commercial area, to engage in the community,” Police Commissioner Anthony W. Batts told Baltimore Sun reporter Justin George. (Following a BPD strategy released in 2013, Batts wanted to increase foot patrols, “training officers to feel comfortable interacting with individuals with a wide array of backgrounds,” George also reported.)</p> <p>Even the Baltimore police union president, Gene Ryan, got on board—despite high call volumes. “I really think it’s a good idea,” Ryan told George. “That’s one way to improve the relationship with us and the people of Baltimore.”</p> <p>Renewed interest in foot patrol isn’t unique to Baltimore, amid the nationwide push for community policing. In St. Petersburg, Florida, Police Chief Anthony Holloway launched a program called Park, Walk and Talk several months after starting his job in August. His program requires all officers in the St.</p>

Petersburg department to park their cars, walk a neighborhood and talk to people there for an hour a week. Officers must log their hours, so supervisors can confirm their participation.

In Cleveland, where the police department was criticized for “a pattern or practice of unreasonable and unnecessary use of force” by the U.S. Department of Justice in December, both clergy leaders and the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio called for foot patrols to improve police-community relations. ACLU Ohio said in a statement that the Cleveland Police Department should “require officers to patrol neighborhoods on foot as much as possible.”

The President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing, meanwhile, is charged with determining the best ways police can reduce crime and build trust with communities. In early March, the task force published an hundred-plus page interim report that emphasizes community policing as a way to achieve these goals—in fact, “Community Policing & Crime Reduction” is one of the six listed “pillars” in the report.

Some of the recommendations in this section seem almost tailor-made for foot patrol proponents. Police must communicate with people at times other than emergency calls or crime investigations, the report recommends. Law enforcement agencies must allow officers time “to participate in problem solving and community engagement activities” during patrols, the report says.

Foot patrol sounds like an even better idea when you look at the data. Research has indicated it both improves police-community relations and fights crime. Though these positive outcomes make foot patrol quite an appealing policing tactic today, they happened before a year that saw the police-involved deaths of Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Akai Gurley, Tamir Rice and Walter Scott—and, most recently, Freddie Gray.

While man-on-the-street interviews wouldn’t provide quantitative data, I had been looking into foot patrol for a while, including earlier reporting on St. Petersburg’s initiative, and I had traveled to Baltimore hours before the city burned to try to find out whether residents thought the requirement would work, both in general and in light of Gray’s death. In interviews, the general sentiment was that foot patrol, like other community-policing techniques, was either a pipe dream or a paradox: Foot patrol could build much-needed trust in communities of color, but not until trust had first been restored. Residents conceded, however, that restoring trust probably wouldn’t happen if successful community-police engagement programs, such as foot patrol, weren’t already in place.

Sure, this doesn’t mean that foot patrol wouldn’t work, but it suggests that officials’ enthusiasm for foot patrol might be too glib—and that a lot of people supposedly poised to benefit from this kind of community policing absolutely do not want more cops on the streets right now.

“Foot patrol was what the very first police officers did when they walked out of the doors on September 29, 1829,” explains Jerry Ratcliffe, a professor of criminal justice and director of the Center for Security

and Crime Science at Temple University, and a Metropolitan Police alum. “That was just a part of what policing was all about.”

By the mid-20th century, technological and philosophical changes in policing prompted the decline of foot patrol in the U.S. The radio car and the 911 system “essentially changed the nature of policing from preventative policing to one of reactive policing,” Ratcliffe says. As citizens started calling police to report crimes and emergencies, dispatchers responded by deploying cars via radio. In turn, the metrics by which law enforcement agencies and agents were assessed changed, he explains.

In 2009, Ratcliffe, along with other researchers at Temple University, partnered with the Philadelphia Police Department to determine whether foot patrols could deter crime. They identified 120 crime hot spots and deployed foot patrols to 60 that summer. After three months, the results were striking: In targeted foot patrol areas, violent crime dropped 23 percent, the study claims. Even taking into account displacement—in essence, when crime crackdowns in one area push criminal activity to another location—the study claims foot patrols prevented 53 violent crimes during the experiment.

The rub? The Philadelphia Foot Patrol Experiment concluded that while targeted foot patrol can deter crime, there’s a potential risk to police-community relations. That’s because “pedestrian field interviews”—when police stop someone on the street and often conduct a search (basically stop and frisk)—went up 64 percent in target areas, the study said.

In departments that are dedicating resources to foot patrol, as in St. Petersburg and Baltimore, the efficacy of small-scale initiatives is also unclear. Ratcliffe says it’s “probably a good idea” but adds that criminologists need to study “sufficient dosage”—that is, how much foot patrol is necessary to have a positive impact—before making any claims. He agrees that there might be qualitative benefits to these smaller programs.

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HEADLINE	05/16 Pot edibles new problem for police
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/pot-edibles-in-dry-states-are-a-new-problem-for-police/
GIST	<p>After nearly 20 years on the job, Jim Jeffries, the police chief in LaFollette, Tenn., has seen his share of marijuana seizures — dry green buds stashed in trunks or beneath seats, often double-bagged to smother the distinctive scent.</p> <p>But these days, Jeffries is on the lookout for something unexpected: lollipops and marshmallows.</p> <p>Recently his officers pulled over a Chevy Blazer driven by a couple with three children in tow. Inside, the officers discovered 24 pounds of marijuana-laced cookies and small hard candies shaped like gingerbread men, plus a tub of pungent marijuana butter perfect for making more.</p>

The bags of Kraft marshmallows looked innocent enough. But a meat injector was also found in the car. After searching the Internet, Jeffries realized that the marshmallows probably had been infused with the marijuana butter and heat-sealed into their bags.

“This is the first time that we have ever seen marijuana butter or any of this candy containing marijuana in the county,” Jeffries said. “We hope it’s the last time.”

That seems increasingly unlikely. Across the country, law enforcement long accustomed to seizures of bagged, smokable marijuana are now wrestling with a surge in marijuana-infused snacks and confections transported illegally across state lines for resale.

Pot edibles, as they are called, can be much easier to smuggle than marijuana buds: They may resemble candy or home-baked goodies, and often have no telltale smell. And few police officers are trained to think of gummy bears, mints or neon-colored drinks as potential dope.

Some experts worry that smuggled pot edibles will appeal to many consumers, particularly adolescents, who are ill prepared for the deceptively slow high. Impatient novices can easily eat too much too fast, suffering anxiety attacks and symptoms resembling psychosis. Already, young children have eaten laced sweets left within reach.

There are no hard numbers for the amount of pot edibles being trafficked interstate, but police departments in a variety of jurisdictions without legal sales report seizing increasing amounts in the past year. The quantities suggest the products are intended to supply a growing demand, law-enforcement officials say.

The popularity of confections laced with marijuana has caught many health officials by surprise. Pot edibles took off in 2014, the first year of recreational sales in Colorado, when nearly 5 million individual items were sold to patients and adult users.

Demand in Colorado and Washington state has spawned a stunning assortment of snacks and sweets, from Mondo’s sugar-free vegan bars to Dixie Edibles’ white chocolate peppermint squares.

Today consumers 21 and older can legally buy pot edibles in those two states; soon adults in Oregon and Alaska will join them. Pot edibles are available to medical users in at least half a dozen of the 23 states with medical marijuana programs.

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HEADLINE	05/15 Olympia: fewer homes more cars hit
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2015/05/15/home-burgaries-down-but-car-prowls-up-in-olympia/
GIST	OLYMPIA — Home burglaries are down in Olympia by almost 50% from the same time last year, but car prowls are up 13%, police crime statistics showed Friday.

	<p>If you are not a victim of a car prowl, you probably know someone in the state's capital who is.</p> <p>Police say thieves are breaking into fewer homes but breaking into more cars in Olympia.</p> <p>Thieves are hitting cars in the downtown area, especially those parked on or near 4th and 5th avenues and Franklin Street.</p> <p>Police say the latest string of car break-ins happened late at night with the victims inside nearby bars.</p> <p>Some believe the rash of car prowls could deter people from coming downtown.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Serial arsonist targeting Renton?
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2015/05/15/serial-arsonist-5-fires-set-at-downtown-renton-businesses-in-past-3-weeks-video/
GIST	<p>RENTON — Renton business owners are on alert after learning they were targeted by an arsonist. Fire officials say they have reason to believe the fire-starter isn't new to the area.</p> <p>Investigators say there's been a total of five fires set intentionally in the downtown area. The first fire was set three weeks ago in the 100 block of south Third Street, with the most recent fire just blocks away, near Renton High School.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/17 San Diego police officer shot in neck
SOURCE	http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Officer-Involved-Shooting-Kearny-Mesa-304040191.html
GIST	<p>A female San Diego police officer was shot in the neck near Highway 163 at Health Center Drive on Sunday morning and is expected to survive, according to the San Diego Police Department.</p> <p>The officer, a 5 year field training officer, is talking in the hospital, SDPD Chief Shelley Zimmerman said.</p> <p>"She is talking, smiling, and very in good spirits," Zimmerman said at a press conference. "She appreciates everybody's concern about her well being, very much appreciates that."</p> <p>The incident started as a pursuit, when a silver Jeep heading southbound on State Route 163 did not yield to lights and sirens when driving over 65 miles per hour, Lt. Mike Hastings said.</p> <p>The car was later abandoned and the incident turned into a foot pursuit, where the man being chased showed a gun and began firing, Hastings said.</p>

	<p>The female SDPD, who is not being identified by officials yet, was shot in her upper body. Two other SDPD officers shot the suspects, Hastings said, and he was pronounced dead at the scene. Police have not released his name but say he may be related to a series of shootings at buildings.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/15 Counterfeit prescription drugs in US
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Health/abc-news-investigation-counterfeit-prescription-drug-operations-us/story?id=31077758
GIST	<p>A year-long ABC News “20/20” investigation uncovered numerous operations involving the sale of dangerous counterfeit prescription drugs, many of which were sold under the guise of being authentic medication shipped in from Canada, or sold openly on the streets, Flea Markets, or retail stores in Los Angeles.</p> <p>For the past year, an ABC News’ “20/20” investigation team has been working behind the scenes with U.S. Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, FBI, Los Angeles Police Department, the L.A. Sheriff’s department, among other law enforcement agents to investigate the prevalence of counterfeit goods being sold across the United States. These items range from everyday home goods such as bicycle helmets and perfumes, to more dangerous fakes, such as airbags and prescription drugs.</p> <p>We rode along with authorities to multiple counterfeit prescriptions drug raids in Los Angeles. One apartment agents raided contained boxes of illegal and counterfeit medicine – Amoxicillin, vitamin shots for b12 deficiency; Terramycin, an antibiotic for eye infections, Ampicilin for ear infections. Investigations said these drugs can fetch thousands of dollars in sales on a good week.</p> <p>Other raids turned up counterfeit Viagra, heart medication, morphine and other injectable arthritis drugs.</p> <p>In another raid, investigator Brian Wong with the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department, who is also a trained pharmacist, helped uncover counterfeit prescription drugs being sold at a flea market. There, fake drugs that are meant to be kept refrigerated are being sold in the heat of the day. Wong uncovered a range of counterfeits at that location, ranging from unapproved prescription vitamins, to pain medication.</p> <p>Authorities say customers are drawn to these unlicensed sellers because much of the medicine is cheaper than if they had it filled at their local pharmacy. But counterfeit drugs can be dangerous because the pills aren’t using the correct chemical compounds, or substituting in unsafe substances.</p> <p>The operation that we were allowed to join in that week, according to pharmaceutical company Merck -- there as consultants to spot the fake and illicit drugs –netted an incredible 415,000 doses of illicit pharmaceutical products.</p>

	A popular way many customers get cheaper prescription drugs is to try to order them online from Canada. There are numerous small storefronts across the country with names like Canada Drugs or Canada Direct, advertising inexpensive drugs, but there are questions over whether the medicines being sold are pure, or even from Canada.
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HEADLINE	05/15 Border Patrol: human smuggling spike
SOURCE	http://www.khou.com/story/news/local/texas/2015/05/15/border-patrol-agents-seeing-spike-in-human-smuggling/27393929/
GIST	<p>Border Patrol agents are seeing a spike in the number of people hiding in vehicles trying to sneak through highway checkpoints.</p> <p>"It something that we see that's very dangerous," said Yesenia Lopez, a U.S. Border Patrol agent in the El Paso area.</p> <p>People are crammed into hidden compartments, stashed in trunks, or loaded like cargo into 18-wheelers by smugglers trying to get past highway checkpoints.</p> <p>There has been an uptick in these incidents in recent weeks at checkpoints in the Rio Grande Valley. In one 24-hour period in April, Border Patrol Agents rescued 49 people hidden in different compartments in vehicles.</p> <p>The recent uptick in smuggling attempts using vehicles has led to concerns that as temperatures rise, so will the danger.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/14 Another child death in hot car
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/14/us/florida-hot-car-toddler-death/index.html
GIST	<p>A 16-month-old girl died after her father forgot to take her to day care and left her in a vehicle in the northern Florida sun, according to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, citing what family members told authorities.</p> <p>Police are investigating the Tuesday death, casting the girl's parents into the spotlight: The girl's mother has been identified as Wendy Timonera Kwon, an assistant state attorney; her father is Young Kwon, a public defender.</p> <p>"This is still an active investigation, and we're still in the process of conducting interviews," said Gretl Plessinger, Florida Department of Law Enforcement.</p>

	<p>The Sheriff's Office asked the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to investigate the death because the girl's parents work for the 3rd Judicial Circuit.</p> <p>On Wednesday in Quincy, Massachusetts, another father frantically called 911 after realizing he had left his child inside his car at a train station.</p> <p>"I left my 1-year-old baby in my SUV by accident this morning at the North Quincy station," the man told 911. "I'm on my way back to the station now."</p> <p>The Fire Department responded, and the baby was rescued.</p> <p>Both cases highlight an alarming situation that becomes increasingly more dangerous in summer.</p> <p>"Sadly heat stroke claimed the lives of 30 children last year and 44 children the year before," said Kate Carr, president and CEO of Safe Kids Worldwide. "So far this year, there have been two reported deaths from heatstroke in cars."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Man jailed 5yrs for attacking police
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2015/05/16/bremerton-man-sentenced-to-5-years-for-attacking-police/
GIST	<p>PORT ORCHARD, Wash. (AP) — A judge has sentenced a Bremerton man to five years in prison for assaulting two police officers who were responding to a report of a burglary.</p> <p>The Kitsap Sun reports that Kelsey Thomas Sherfick pleaded guilty to two counts of third-degree assault for the Feb. 20 incident.</p> <p>Court records say when Sherfick was confronted, a sergeant ordered him to sit down. Instead, he attacked the sergeant, punching him in the head and attempting to grab his gun.</p> <p>Sherfick bit another officer on the leg.</p> <p>According to court records, Sherfick said he was a meth addict and had been struggling with a drug addiction since he was a child.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Buyer beware: success targeting 'johns'
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/buyer-beware-early-success-for-initiative-targeting-johns-instead-of-prostitutes/

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Police agencies across King County collectively arrested more men last year for patronizing a prostitute than they arrested women on prostitution charges, offering the first statistical indications of a countywide effort to shift responsibility for the sex trade onto the men who fund it.

“For the last five years, we’ve seen a pretty significant disproportionality,” with far more women involved in prostitution arrested than men who pay them for sex, said King County Senior Deputy Prosecutor Val Richey.

Countywide, “2014 was the first year patronizing charges outpaced prostitution charges — and they did it in a big way,” Richey said of local police agencies.

The dramatic shift is being attributed to the county’s “Buyer Beware” initiative, aimed at reducing the local demand for prostitution by targeting those who pay for sex.

In the seven months since the Buyer Beware launch, King County Prosecutor Dan Satterberg said he’s seen an important “course correction,” with police now arresting more men on patronizing charges while arresting fewer women on prostitution charges.

But the effort is not just about busting sex buyers. A new, 10-week intervention program is also seeing early success in helping men examine their attitudes about sexuality and their motivations for paying prostituted women and girls for sex, Satterberg and Richey said.

Historically, women involved in prostitution have been arrested at a rate 10 times higher than the men who paid them for sex, according to Richey. Police, city attorneys and judges across the county are all working to shift that dynamic to hold men accountable for the harms caused to the mostly girls and women caught up in the sex trade, Satterberg said.

Seattle police have been on the forefront of the trend since 2012, when three women were arrested for prostitution compared to 89 men for patronizing a prostitute.

Last year, police in Seattle, Kent, Renton, Des Moines, Federal Way and Auburn collectively arrested three men to every woman in prostitution cases.

“Other cities didn’t have quite the same ratio” but the evolution in police practices has still seen that “prostitution charges have gone down and patronizing charges have gone up — just not to the same degree,” said Richey, who handles most of his office’s felony prostitution cases.

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05/16 Teens arrested after shots fired

SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Police-arrest-2-teens-after-shots-fired-near-Beacon-Hill-park-304008161.html
GIST	<p>SEATTLE - Two teens were arrested Friday night after multiple gun shots were fired near a South Beacon Hill park, the Seattle Police Department said.</p> <p>Neighbors called 911 after hearing gun shots around 10:30 p.m Friday at Van Asselt Playfield. Police arrived quickly, and stopped multiple cars trying to leave the area.</p> <p>Police say they spotted a gun on the floor of a tan Chevy Impala, and took the 18-year-old driver and 16-year-old passenger into custody after multiple shell casings were found in the park.</p> <p>The driver was booked into King County Jail for a firearms charge, and the passenger was booked into King County Youth Services Center for an outstanding warrant.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/16 Hate crimes on rise in UK
SOURCE	http://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2015/05/16/411381/Hate-crimes-rise-UK-Wales-Muslims
GIST	<p>An Islamic center in UK has condemned a spike in hate crimes across England and Wales since 2012.</p> <p>The Muslim Council of Britain and the Church of England have says the targets of hate crimes are predominantly Muslims. According to the council, racially or religiously aggravated harassment crimes – such as verbal or written racist abuse – increased from a total of 15,249 to 17,605 between 2012 and 2014.</p> <p>The figures, obtained from 41 of 43 police forces approached through Freedom of Information (FoI) requests, show more than 47,000 hate crimes recorded over the past three years.</p> <p>“These figures showing the rise of Islamophobic attacks sadly are not that surprising. If you consider how over the last couple of years we have seen a concentrated effort by the Islamophobia industry in America and Europe and especially in the UK now as well to demonize Islam, it is understandable that obviously that anti-Muslim rhetoric will obviously going to spin out into physical violence,” a member of Muslim Public Affairs Committee in London, Raza Nadim told Press TV.</p> <p>He warned that the UK is lurching towards the right saying:”What you are seeing is that many of the politicians, many of the political elite and those in the media world are pushing and pumping up a very white supremacist bigoted narrative, Islamophobic and racist in its nature... that leads to more hate crimes and more violence.”</p>
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SOURCE	http://www.themilitant.com/2015/7919/index.shtml
GIST	<p>CHICAGO — In front of a packed chamber May 6, the City Council here unanimously approved a reparations ordinance allocating \$5.5 million for many of those tortured and framed up by police commander Jon Burge and his notorious “Midnight Crew” from 1972 to 1991.</p> <p>As the names of the torture victims and their families present in the City Hall chambers were read, the crowd of 100 jammed into a glass-walled balcony cheered. Leaving the balcony after the ordinance passed, they chanted, “Reparations won!”</p> <p>Burge and his “crew” extracted false confessions to win convictions of at least 120 people, mostly Black men, using electric shocks, mock executions, suffocation and beatings.</p> <p>The determined refusal over years of those tortured and framed up to remain silent, their protests and legal challenges, along with mounting outrage, especially in Chicago’s Black neighborhoods, led to the exposure of the cops’ practices and prevented the city government from sweeping the cases under the rug.</p> <p>Mayor Rahm Emanuel agreed April 14 to support the ordinance, saying his goal was to “close this book — the Burge book — on the city’s history, close it and bring closure for the victims.”</p> <p>According to the <i>Chicago Sun Times</i>, city officials say 55 torture victims are potential recipients of the reparations.</p> <p>In 1993 the Chicago police department finally fired Burge. In 2006 a special Cook County prosecutor’s investigation concluded Burge and his gang had carried out torture, but that the statute of limitations had run out for prosecution of their crimes.</p> <p>Burge was later convicted of perjury for lying about one case of torture and spent about four years in federal custody, partly under home confinement.</p> <p>The ordinance, originally introduced in 2013 at the urging of Chicago Torture Justice Memorials, apologizes to the torture victims and sets up the reparations fund, as well as free enrollment in city colleges, and priority access to job training, housing, counseling and other social services. It calls for Chicago public schools to teach a history lesson on the Burge torture cases. It also calls for “local law enforcement officials to provide evidentiary hearings to the torture survivors who remain behind bars,” to have a chance to show their confessions were coerced.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Police officer deaths rise; morale drops
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/may/11/police-officer-deaths-in-the-line-of-duty-double-a/
GIST	<p>Law enforcement morale is at an all-time low as uniformed officers endure increased pushback from the communities and politicians they're risking their lives to protect, and a new report released Monday shows on-duty law enforcement deaths in 2014 occurring at nearly twice the previous year's rate.</p> <p>“One of the things that we've seen just lately, that we've never seen before, is police officers are telling their own families, and their own children, ‘Don't go into this line of duty, this line of work, because it's not worth it any more,’” said Bill Johnson, executive director of the National Association of Police Organizations.</p> <p>The number of law enforcement officers who were feloniously killed in the line of duty in 2014 increased 89 percent as compared to the year prior — with most dying after being shot by gun-carrying criminals, according to a preliminary report issued by the FBI on Monday.</p> <p>In raw numbers, 51 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty in 2014, versus 27 such deaths in 2013.</p> <p>The FBI report Monday was preliminary; the complete annual report will be released in the fall.</p> <p>And the number killed in deliberate ambush attacks has tripled in a year, according to data collected by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. In 2014 there were 15 officers killed in fatal ambushes compared to five in 2013, the group said.</p> <p>Police unions are “very much concerned” over the increased number of attacks on officers, which seem to be planned ambushes and unprovoked attacks, Mr. Johnson said.</p> <p>Police work is dangerous, and “partisan, political sound bites” are piling additional danger on top of officers, Mr. Adler said.</p> <p>Mr. Johnson agrees.</p> <p>“Traditionally, I think politicians, whether they're Democrats or Republicans, have always taken great pains to publicly support the men and women out there that are trying to do this job,” Mr. Johnson said.</p> <p>“And I think, unfortunately, over say the last eight or nine months, there has been not just a lack of leadership supporting police at the political level, but it's almost like the coin has flipped.”</p> <p>Following the deaths of Ramos and Liu, growing fractures between lawmakers and law enforcement officers became evident. Police showed their displeasure with New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, who had</p>

said he warned his biracial son about racist cops, by turning their backs on him during a press conference to discuss the murder of the two officers and again during the funeral for [Ramos](#).

An effort to quell that tension came from federal government officials during National Police Week.

[FBI](#) Director James B. Comey said in an online video released Monday that one of the hardest things he has to do is call the heads of law enforcement departments who have lost an officer in the line of duty.

“I make far too many calls,” he said. “I make calls to small departments, to big departments, to urban departments, to rural departments. I make far too many calls.”

In the video, Mr. Comey noted the strained relationship between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve, and appealed to officers to try to clearly see the people that they serve.

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HEADLINE	05/11 Thurston Co. to focus on seatbelts
SOURCE	http://www.theolympian.com/2015/05/11/3721645/thurston-county-drivers-face-fines.html
GIST	<p>Extra seat belt patrols, with an emphasis on children who are not properly restrained, are planned for May 18-31.</p> <p>In Thurston County, the Lacey, Olympia, Tenino, Yelm and Chehalis Tribal police departments; the Thurston County Sheriff's Office and the Washington State Patrol will participate in the campaign, with the support of the Thurston County Target Zero Task Force, according to a news release.</p> <p>Violators could be fined \$124. While a seat belt offense may be reported on your driving record, it is not available to insurance companies.</p> <p>All extra patrols are part of Target Zero, which strives to end traffic deaths and serious injuries in Washington by 2030. For more information, visit targetzero.com. Additional information on the Washington Traffic Safety Commission can be found at wtsc.wa.gov.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Tacoma closes boat launch to public
SOURCE	http://www.komone.com/news/local/303351151.html
GIST	<p>TACOMA, Wash. -- A boat launch at the Tacoma Narrows Marina will no longer be available to the public following the recent drowning death of a an elderly Fircrest man.</p> <p>Pierce county authorities believe 88-year-old Richard Gustafson got lost last month and mistook the ramp for a road. It was the fifth such drowning at the boat launch in the past two decades.</p>

	<p>Four years ago, a 21-year-old named Michaela Baker lost her life driving down the ramp in the dark. Ten years ago Walter and Ethel Nash lost their lives on this ramp. Authorities said it was dark and the elderly couple must have taken a wrong turn and mistaken the ramp for the roadway.</p> <p>On Monday, officials from the marina said the boat launch will no longer be available to the public. In a written statement, Maria Estrada with Narrows Marina LLC said a temporary barrier and signs have been put up to keep people from using the launch. A permanent gate and signs will be installed sometime this week.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Diablo Lake drawdown hurts boaters
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Diablo-Lake-drawdown-is-bad-news-for-boaters-303370701.html
GIST	<p>DIABLO LAKE, Wash. -- A popular lake for boating and swimming will be off limits for a while, and that's not sitting well with many locals.</p> <p>Diablo Lake has long been a boaters paradise, but that will be put on hold for a while beginning Tuesday. That's when Seattle City Light will begin lowering the lake so maintenance crews can work on the Ross Dam barge and ferry facilities.</p> <p>The lake will be off limits for more than a month, and Seattle City Light may quickly lower the five-mile reservoir without notice, making it dangerous for public use.</p> <p>"In the morning it may appear to be higher, but once you come to launch you won't be able to retrieve. It's discouraged for all boating on the lake at this time," said park ranger Katy Hooper.</p> <p>The lake, which helps generate more than 20 percent of Seattle's electricity, will be 10 feet below normal operating conditions. Diablo is a small reservoir and is not affected by snow pack.</p> <p>The National Parks Service will also take advantage of the water level by cleaning layers of sediment off the public boat ramp at the Colonial Creek Campground.</p> <p>And more bad news for boaters: Seattle City Light says the lake will once again be off limits for maintenance from September 15 through Halloween.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Rental inspections start in Seattle
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2015/05/11/rental-inspections-start-in-seattle/27149121/

GIST	<p>SEATTLE – Inspections have started under Seattle's new Rental Registration & Inspection Ordinance, which aims to make sure rental properties are in line with minimum housing and safety standards. Under the rules, rental properties will undergo inspection at least once every ten years.</p> <p>"For the most part, all rental housing in Seattle, all the way down to single-family homes that are rented out should register with the program," explained Geoff Tallent, the RRIO Program Manager in the City of Seattle's Department of Planning and Development.</p> <p>The program has been under development for some time now after city council members pointed to a 2009 American Housing Survey that showed an estimated 10 percent of rental housing has "moderate to severe" physical problems in the Seattle area.</p> <p>"It's important for renters to know that this program is coming too and that their property or their unit may be selected for inspection," Tallent said. "They should have nothing to be concerned about if it is selected for inspection. It'll be an inspector looking at the maintenance items on the property itself. The inspector is not looking at how they live or what they're doing in their property."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Chambers Bay 300+ tents city
SOURCE	http://www.thenewtribune.com/2015/05/11/3786706_were-building-a-city-usga-says.html?rh=1
GIST	<p>There are tents, and then there are the tents that have blossomed on the grounds of the Chambers Bay golf course over the past two months.</p> <p>The crisp-white shelters erected at the behest of the United States Golf Association boast the kind of accoutrements a car camper could only dream of.</p> <p>"We're talking about flooring. We're talking about electrical. We're talking about heating and air-conditioning," said Danny Sink, USGA on-site championship director.</p> <p>It has taken an army of carpenters, electricians, engineers and others to erect the more than 100 tents already standing, including the huge merchandise pavilion near the Central Meadow that will hold more than 500,000 items for sale by the time the U.S. Open golf championship tees off next month.</p> <p>The work has been methodical, Sink said. That includes the use of global positioning satellites to make sure everything is placed correctly.</p> <p>"Every corner of every point of every tent is GPS'd," Sink said. "We know exactly what the elevations are. We know what's underneath the tents and so on and so forth."</p>

“What we’re really doing here is building a city, and we’re building a city for 235,000 people for the week,” he said. “It’s a process. It’s such a big event that we have a dedicated Home Depot rep that’s on site every day.”

The process began March 16 and will continue steadily until June 11, when USGA officials will open the merchandise pavilion to the masses ahead of the official start of championship week June 15.

Crews will build scores of additional smaller tents for admissions and concessions between now and then. They also will continue the task of finishing work inside, including adding moldings, carpets and other amenities, said Eric Reinhardt, who is overseeing the construction project for the USGA.

“The real time-consuming part of construction is what goes on inside those tents,” Sink said. “You’ll be in some of these tents during the championship, and they’ll look like a home.”

And will it all get done by mid-June?

“We’ve had great weather,” Reinhardt said, adding the work is on schedule. “We’ve had great cooperation from Pierce County and Kemper Sports. Everything is going great.”

By the time the world’s best golfers arrive for practice rounds, more than 300 tents will stand on the grounds. They range from the 1895 Club, a climate-controlled hospitality tent for premium ticket holders in the North Meadow, to corporate hospitality tents west of the eighth fairway, to the merchandise pavilion and other main attractions in Spectator Square in the Central Meadow.

The USGA contracts with the national firm Arena Americas to provide the shelters.

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HEADLINE	05/11 Shell: oil rig to arrive Seattle this week
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/business/energy/article/Company-Giant-oil-rig-to-be-towed-to-Seattle-6257000.php
GIST	<p>SEATTLE (AP) — A giant floating oil rig currently anchored off Port Angeles, Washington, will be towed to Seattle this week despite the Seattle mayor's assertion that the Port of Seattle can't host the rig until it gets a new land-use permit, a Royal Dutch Shell spokesman said Monday.</p> <p>In an email, Shell spokesman Curtis Smith said the 400-foot-long Polar Pioneer was scheduled to arrive at the Port of Seattle's Terminal 5 "later in the week" to prepare for planned exploration in the Arctic Ocean.</p> <p>Protesters in kayaks have promised to challenge the rig.</p> <p>Smith said his company believes its arrangements to use the terminal are valid and disagrees with Seattle's interpretation.</p>

	Seattle Mayor Ed Murray has urged the port to reconsider its two-year, \$13 million lease with Foss Maritime, a company whose client is Shell.
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HEADLINE	05/12 Report: Russia soldiers died in Ukraine
SOURCE	http://www.stripes.com/news/europe/nemtsov-report-220-russian-soldiers-died-in-ukraine-battles-1.345668
GIST	<p>MOSCOW — A report containing material compiled by slain Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov says at least 220 Russian soldiers died in two battles in eastern Ukraine within the past year.</p> <p>The Russian Defense Ministry denies that any of its soldiers are fighting in Ukraine, saying that Russians who have joined the separatists are volunteers.</p> <p>The report, published Tuesday, claims the soldiers were released from their duties and listed as volunteers. The 64-page report was compiled from witness reports in media accounts and information gathered by Nemtsov, including from relatives and other representatives of the dead soldiers.</p> <p>Nemtsov was shot dead on Feb. 27 in central Moscow. Five suspects, including a Chechen police officer, were arrested in the killing, but investigators have not named a suspected mastermind and the motive remains unclear.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/12 Judge reopens Clinton email lawsuit
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/05/12/federal-judge-agrees-to-reopen-hillary-clinton-email-lawsuit/
GIST	<p>A federal judge has agreed to reopen a lawsuit that seeks to gain access to emails from former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s private server.</p> <p>Judge Reggie B. Walton’s decision Friday came after the State Department and Judicial Watch, which brought the lawsuit, agreed that the documents that Clinton kept on her own email server separate from the government should be turned over.</p> <p>“This is the first case that’s been reopened,” Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch told The Washington Times. “It’s a significant development. It points to the fraud by this administration and Mrs. Clinton.”</p> <p>Previously, the court dismissed Judicial Watch’s request, on the grounds that the documents did not exist.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Gov. expands animal cruelty laws
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SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/pets-and-animals/2015/05/11/inslee-signs-measure-expanding-animal-cruelty-laws/27144365/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>OLYMPIA, Wash. - A new measure making it a civil offense to lock an animal in a car or enclosed space in dangerous conditions has been signed into law by Gov. Jay Inslee.</p> <p>Inslee signed Senate Bill 5501 Monday, joined by Waffles, a 1-year-old Schnauzer-Yorkshire Terrier mix who belongs to bill sponsor Sen. Joe Fain. The new law creates a \$125 fine for leaving an unattended animal confined where temperature, lack of water or dearth of fresh air could hurt or kill it.</p> <p>It also authorizes an animal control officer or law enforcement officer to enter a car or enclosed area to remove the animal, and protects them from any liability for any property damage that may occur.</p> <p>Criminal prosecution for animal cruelty could still be pursued separate from the civil fine.</p> <p>Inslee vetoed one section of the bill, which animal advocates said would have made it difficult or impossible to prosecute neglect and cruelty to farm animals in noncommercial settings, such as animals kept in backyards or by hobbyists.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 More bad news Washington's drought
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/tech/science/environment/2015/05/11/drought-news/27147919/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>Washington State's snow pack level is now averaging just 17 percent of normal, based on measurements made on May 1, 2015. That's down from a state wide average of 24 percent on April 1, which is the traditional benchmark for the peak of the state's snow pack.</p> <p>"Worst snow drought we've ever seen," said Scott Pattee, the water supply specialist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.</p> <p>The enemy is warmer temperatures, said Pattee.</p> <p>Overall, fall and winter precipitation was about normal, just most of it didn't hang around as snow that melts out over the warmer months of the year. It's Pattee who tracks the state's snow pack both in the field and through the use of technology, what are called snowtel sites, many in remote locations, around the state and feed in data daily.</p> <p>On Monday Pattee said several regions around the state report no detectable snow, such as the mountains in the Central Puget Sound basin below 5,000 feet, and the one station that saw snow over the Olympic Mountains on May 5 now detects nothing.</p>

	<p>In a place named Cox Valley, where there should be 80 inches of snow on the ground, there is nothing but a new crop of wildflowers coming up, said Pattee.</p> <p>For the west side of the state one critical worry point is river flows that are seeing record lows for this date. The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, which operates a number of hatcheries, says it's forming contingency plans for low water, says department spokesman Darren Friedel.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Bird flu found in Indiana
SOURCE	https://ca.news.yahoo.com/h5n8-bird-flu-strain-found-backyard-poultry-flock-165938903--sector.html
GIST	<p>(Reuters) - A strain of avian flu that until now had been found only in the Western United States has cropped up in Indiana, bringing the total number of states affected by the virulent outbreak to 15, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said on Monday.</p> <p>The eastward spread of any strain of the highly contagious H5 virus is worrying to farmers and investigators, who have hoped that warmer spring weather would help lower the number of infections in birds and curtail the virus' spread.</p> <p>The H5N8 strain found in a backyard poultry flock in Indiana is concerning to them also. It is different from the H5N2 strain that has been confirmed in scores of Midwestern farms and resulted in the death or culling of nearly 30 million birds so far.</p> <p>The highly pathogenic H5N8 strain had been seen only in the Pacific flyway during this outbreak. Federal and state officials have confirmed it in commercial chicken and turkey farms in California and a backyard poultry flock in Oregon. It was also found in captive falcons in Idaho and Washington, according to the USDA.</p> <p>How the H5N8 virus moved eastward is not yet known.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Severe storms tear across Midwest
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/11/us/severe-weather-damage-injuries/index.html
GIST	<p>The lawn of what used to be the Van, Texas, intermediate school is scattered with shards of glass and long, twisted strips of metal and plastic. The building's windows are blown out, and debris hangs choked on the windowsills.</p> <p>The roof has been severed from the walls, evidence of the tornado that tore through Van late Sunday. Two people -- an adult man and woman related to one another -- died as a result of the storm, Van Zandt County Fire Marshal Chuck Allen said Monday.</p>

	<p>It looks like seeing your entire childhood destroyed, residents told CNN.</p> <p>In all, at least five people are dead and dozens injured after severe storms tore across the middle of the United States over the weekend. More than 70 tornadoes were reported in the Midwest and Plains states.</p> <p>As day broke Monday in Van, the significant destruction from Sunday's storm became evident. Officials said search canines were helping comb through the town to search for the missing.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/12 Powerful quake hits Nepal again
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/12/asia/nepal-earthquake/index.html
GIST	<p>A new powerful earthquake convulsed the traumatized nation of Nepal on Tuesday, leveling buildings already damaged by the devastating quake that killed thousands of people less than three weeks ago.</p> <p>The magnitude 7.3 earthquake Tuesday was centered in a remote area of eastern Nepal, near the border with China. It struck at a depth of about 15 kilometers (9 miles), the U.S. Geological Survey said, slightly revising its earlier estimates.</p> <p>The earthquake shook a country still picking up the pieces from the magnitude 7.8 quake that hit central Nepal on April 25, killing more than 8,000 people.</p> <p>The epicenter of new earthquake was about 83 kilometers east of Kathmandu, the Nepali capital where many buildings were destroyed in the earlier quake.</p> <p>The bustling city was once again plunged into panic.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Arctic offshore drilling approved
SOURCE	http://www.komone.com/news/local/Shell-gets-preliminary-US-approval-for-Arctic-drilling-303308551.html
GIST	<p>ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Just days ahead of a planned protest of Royal Dutch Shell's Arctic drilling program in Seattle, the company on Monday cleared a major bureaucratic hurdle to drill off Alaska's northwestern coast.</p> <p>The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management approved the multi-year exploration plan in the Chukchi Sea for Shell after reviewing thousands of comments from the public, Alaska Native organizations and state and federal agencies.</p> <p>"We have taken a thoughtful approach to carefully considering potential exploration in the Chukchi Sea,</p>

recognizing the significant environmental, social and ecological resources in the region and establishing high standards for the protection of this critical ecosystem, our Arctic communities, and the subsistence needs and cultural traditions of Alaska Natives," the agency's director, Abigail Ross Hopper, said in a statement. "As we move forward, any offshore exploratory activities will continue to be subject to rigorous safety standards."

Before Shell can begin drilling this summer, the company must still obtain other permits from state and federal agencies, including one to drill from the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and government opinions that find Shell can comply with terms and conditions of the Endangered Species Act.

Shell spokesman Curtis Smith said the approval "is an important milestone and signals the confidence regulators have in our plan. However, before operations can begin this summer, it's imperative that the remainder of our permits be practical, and delivered in a timely manner.

"In the meantime, we will continue to test and prepare our contractors, assets and contingency plans against the high bar stakeholders and regulators expect of an Arctic operator," Smith said in an email to The Associated Press.

The Port of Seattle would need to get another permit to base the Arctic drilling fleet in Seattle for about six months of the year.

Meanwhile, activists plan to protest the movement of 400-foot drill ship Polar Pioneer from Port Angeles, Washington, to the Seattle port. A so-called "festival of resistance" starts Saturday and will include protesters on land and in kayaks, trying to block the ship's movements.

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HEADLINE	05/11 Tacoma police shoot, kill armed man
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Tacoma-police-shoot-armed-man-to-death-after-loud-music-complaint-303278761.html
GIST	<p>TACOMA, Wash. - Officers responding to a loud music complaint shot and killed an armed man on Sunday night in south Tacoma.</p> <p>The incident unfolded just after 10 p.m. when 911 dispatchers received a call from someone in the neighborhood complaining about loud music coming from a home in the 3400 block of South Proctor Street.</p> <p>Responding officers saw a man inside the home grab a gun and move toward the door to the residence. One of the officers shot the man just outside the home. The man was pronounced dead at the scene.</p> <p>Police say a SWAT team then surrounded the residence and cleared everyone else out of the home, which</p>

is a duplex. The man's parents live in the other unit.

The man's mother was there and said she didn't hear any loud music. She says, "I think this could have been handled differently."

Steve Gary, a neighbor who witnessed the incident, said he heard 14 gunshots.

"I just heard - it sounded like 14 gun shots, you know, seven in a row - and then another seven. That's all I heard," he said.

The man's father, Steven Cunningham, says his son was a gun collector.

"He's handled guns all his life," he said. "He has a gun collection, eight or 12 rifles."

The officer involved in the shooting has been placed on paid administrative leave, while the shooting is investigated. He is 34 years old and has been with the Tacoma police department for six years.

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HEADLINE	05/11 TSA ignorant of equipment status
SOURCE	http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/may/11/tsa-doesnt-know-which-screening-equipment-works/
GIST	<p>The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is compromising the safety of airline passengers and aircraft by improperly managing the maintenance of its airport screening equipment, according to a government watchdog.</p> <p>The administration has not issued adequate policies and procedures to airports for carrying out equipment maintenance-related responsibilities, shows a report released by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General.</p> <p>As a result, TSA cannot adequately oversee the maintenance of equipment routinely used to screen passengers and their baggage as they travel to and from various airports throughout the country, the report states.</p> <p>"Because TSA does not adequately oversee equipment maintenance, it cannot be assured that routine preventative maintenance is performed or that equipment is repaired and ready for operational use," the report said. "Without diligent oversight ... TSA risks shortening equipment life and incurring costs to replace equipment."</p> <p>Those equipment failures may lead to longer wait times and delays in passenger and baggage screening, and may be less effective in detecting dangerous items, the watchdog said.</p>

	“Consequently the safety of airline passengers and aircraft could be jeopardized,” the report said.
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HEADLINE	05/11 ‘Superbug’ typhoid spreading globally
SOURCE	http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/05/11/us-health-typhoid-idUSKBN0NW1E920150511
GIST	<p>An antibiotic-resistant "superbug" strain of typhoid fever has spread globally, driven by a single family of the bacteria, called H58, according to the findings of a large international study.</p> <p>The research, involving some 74 scientists in almost two dozen countries, is one of the most comprehensive sets of genetic data on a human infectious agent and paints a worrying scene of an "ever-increasing public health threat", they said.</p> <p>Typhoid is contracted by drinking or eating contaminated matter and symptoms include nausea, fever, abdominal pain and pink spots on the chest. Untreated, the disease can lead to complications in the gut and head, which may prove fatal in up to 20 percent of patients.</p> <p>Vaccines are available -- although, due to limited cost effectiveness, not widely used in poorer countries -- and regular strains of the infection can be treated with antibiotic drugs. However, this study found that the H58 "superbug" version, which is resistant to multiple types of antibiotics, is now becoming dominant.</p> <p>"H58 is displacing other typhoid strains, completely transforming the genetic architecture of the disease and creating a previously under appreciated and on-going epidemic," the researchers said in a statement about their findings.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Seattle city council stands up to Shell
SOURCE	http://q13fox.com/2015/05/11/city-council-takes-stand-against-oil-company/
GIST	<p>SEATTLE — Monday afternoon, the Seattle City Council voted unanimously in favor of a resolution urging the Port of Seattle to reconsider its agreement with Shell.</p> <p>Opposition in Seattle grows as Shell’s Exploration fleet creeps closer to the city with its’ massive 30 story arctic oil drilling rigs.</p> <p>Mark Hennon opposes Shell coming to the ports. Hennon said, “What that amounts to is a 300 foot finger flipped at Seattle, flipped at the state, flipped at every thinking environmental person in the world.”</p> <p>But man argue the agreement between the Port of Seattle, Foss Maritime and Shell keeps jobs afloat.</p>

	<p>Paul Queary is a spokesperson for Foss. Queary said, "If we don't do that here, those jobs are going to go somewhere else and the jobs and economic benefit will flow to some other port city other than Seattle."</p> <p>Opponents of the agreement say these jobs are not the kind of jobs Seattle wants.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Warrant required for 'Stingray' devices
SOURCE	http://www.kirotv.com/ap/ap/washington/inslee-signs-warrant-requirement-for-cell-simulato/nmDjq/
GIST	<p>OLYMPIA, Wash. — Police will be required to get a warrant before using a device that collects cellphone data by simulating a transmitter tower under a new law signed by Gov. Jay Inslee.</p> <p>Inslee signed House Bill 1440 Monday, and it takes effect immediately.</p> <p>The measure, which restricts how law enforcement can use a "Stingray," was introduced after the News Tribune of Tacoma reported last summer that Tacoma police had used a cell site simulator for six years without county judges knowing that the department had the device.</p> <p>The new law also requires law enforcement to limit or delete certain types of information on people who aren't targeted by a warrant but whose information is obtained from the device while gathering information on people who are targeted.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Concern over e-cigs use by teens
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/2015/05/11/e-cigarettes-teenagers-vaping-pierce-county/27115173/
GIST	<p>TACOMA, Wash. -- The growing popularity of e-cigarettes among teens has local health officials extremely concerned. A recent survey by the state found 1 in 5 high school sophomores in Pierce County are vaping. That's twice the number who smoke regular cigarettes.</p> <p>"Yeah, it's popular in high school. I probably see it in all grades," said Sophia Blakesoe, a Lincoln High School student.</p> <p>"There's always kids after school smoking. I guess it makes the school look kind of bad because it's right in front of school. I feel like maybe the police should do something about it," said Henry Douk, a Lincoln High School student.</p> <p>While e-cigarettes are promoted as a way to quit smoking or a healthier form of smoking, they do contain nicotine, which is very addictive. But local health officials are worried about more than nicotine. The "e-juice" that goes into these devices isn't regulated and a lot of it comes from China.</p>

	<p>More than 300 million e-cigarettes are expected to be shipped to the U.S. and Europe from China this year. A recent report by the American Heart Association found metals in the products, including copper, tin, silver, and nickel.</p> <p>"What our biggest concern is that it's a product that young people are feeling is safe and okay to use, not realizing that there is the nicotine, there are these chemicals or other things that we're not even sure what's in them," said Miae Aramori with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 SEA adds putting green for US Open
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/sports/golf/2015/05/11/sea-tac-airport-putting-green-us-open/27128237/
GIST	<p>SEATAC, Wash. – Air travelers to and from Seattle have a chance to recreate some of the great U.S. Open golf moments of the past. It's part of a celebration for the tournament which will be played at Chambers Bay near Tacoma next month.</p> <p>The USGA has installed what it calls the Epic Putt Challenge in Sea-Tac Airport's central terminal. The artificial putting green will give travelers a chance to challenge themselves to putts accomplished by greats such as Tiger Woods, Payne Stewart and Hale Irwin.</p> <p>Fans will also be able to try a replica of the 18th green at Chambers Bay. Guests will be entered for a chance to win two tickets to the U.S. Open.</p> <p>The green is located beyond the security checkpoints. Only passengers with tickets can play.</p> <p>The Epic Putt Challenge will move to South Lake Union Park in Seattle and will be featured as part of the Open For All Fan Experience June 17-21.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 GM defective switch death toll at 100
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/leisure/2015/05/11/death-toll-from-defective-gm-ignition-switches-rises-to-100/?intcmp=latestnews
GIST	<p>The death toll from faulty ignition switches in small cars made by General Motors has reached 100.</p> <p>The families of the victims are being offered compensation by Attorney Kenneth Feinberg, who was hired by GM last year. In addition, GM has agreed to make offers to 184 people who were injured in crashes caused by the switches in older-model cars such as the Chevrolet Cobalt.</p> <p>GM recalled 2.6 million of the cars last year, but acknowledged it knew about problems with the switches for more than a decade.</p>

Through much of last year, the company had blamed the switches for 13 deaths but conceded the toll would rise. During a Congressional hearing in June, Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., said the death toll could rise to 100 based on lawsuits and media reports.

The "grim milestone" revives concerns about automakers quickly sharing information with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and for the agency to analyze data and promptly take action, DeGette said in a statement. "As we have seen with the problems with GM's ignition switches, these failures can compound and bring tragic consequences for far too many innocent people," she said.

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HEADLINE	05/11 Police believed cellphone was a gun
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/2015/05/11/lakewood-police-shooting/27137737/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>LAKWOOD, Wash. - The interim police chief in Lakewood says officers shot and killed a 37-year-old man in a lumberyard last month because he pointed a cell phone at them as though it were a gun.</p> <p>Interim Lakewood Chief Mike Zaro said Monday he could not have asked the two officers involved in the shooting to have handled it differently because they had no time to identify the dark object the man was pointing.</p> <p>Daniel Covarrubias was atop a 25-foot-tall stack of lumber at Pinnacle Lumber on April 21 when he was shot. Witnesses called 911 because they heard police sirens and saw him running, and they assumed he was fleeing from police.</p> <p>Zaro said the two officers fired a total of nine shots, five of which hit Covarrubias. He said the prosecutor's office will determine whether the shooting was justified.</p> <p>Zaro said police were not looking for him. A lawyer for his family has said Covarrubias had gone to a hospital just hours before because he was having hallucinations.</p> <p>Covarrubias' family and supporters protested outside the police station during Monday's announcement. Covarrubias' mother said the officers should not have fired. The family says it is conducting its own investigation.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Feds warn health insurers
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/obamacare-deadline/yes-you-have-pay-birth-control-feds-tell-insurers-n357136

GIST	<p>Insurance companies have to pay for birth control, mammograms and well-woman visits without charging co-pays and without a fight, the federal government said in a stern reminder Monday.</p> <p>The 2010 Affordable Care Act sets out not only to get health insurance to all Americans, but to make sure that the policies people have cover basic care. It's also aimed at lowering costs. Providing women with birth control is cheaper than paying for unplanned pregnancies, and cancer screening can catch cancer while it's still easy and less expensive to treat - or can even prevent cancer altogether.</p> <p>That means covering some pricey genetic tests and it also means covering transgender people, the Health and Human Services, Treasury and Labor departments said in a joint statement.</p> <p>But some women's advocacy groups and a few members of Congress have complained that some insurance companies aren't doing what they are supposed to.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Global sea levels rising faster
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/global-sea-levels-rising-faster-than-previously-thought/
GIST	<p>The world's seas are rising faster than previously thought, offering stark evidence that global warming is posing dire challenges to coastal communities around the world.</p> <p>In an analysis published in Nature Climate Change on Monday, researchers used satellite data combined with tidal gauge information and GPS measurements to overturn previous suggestions that rates had slowed in the past decade.</p> <p>"This information is vital as communities around the world plan and respond to our changing climate," the University of Tasmania's Christopher Watson, the lead author on the study, said.</p> <p>"Previously, it was clear that the rate of rise over the past 20 years was roughly double the rate determined over the past century - what was curious was that the rate appeared slower in the last decade relative to the one before," he said. "That slowing has puzzled scientists because it coincides with an increase in water entering our oceans from Greenland and West Antarctica."</p> <p>The researchers found a small overestimation of the sea level rise from 1993 to 1999 that had distorted the trend. As a result, the researchers concluded that global mean seal level rise from 1993 until mid-2014 had risen 2.6 to 2.9 mm per year, slightly less than previous estimate of 3.2 mm.</p> <p>So by using the lower figure, it actually demonstrated that seas have risen faster since 1993 relative to the slower rate over the previous decades.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Ore. expands gun background checks
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/oregon-governor-signs-bill-expanding-gun-background-checks-30967845
GIST	<p>Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signed a bill Monday requiring background checks on firearm transfers between private parties, making Oregon the eighth state to require screening on nearly all gun sales.</p> <p>The law, which takes effect immediately, requires gun buyers and sellers who aren't related to visit a licensed gun dealer who can run a background check.</p> <p>"We have an obligation to protect Oregonians from gun violence," said Brown, a Democrat. "If we want to keep our kids, schools and communities safe we must make it harder for dangerous people to get guns."</p> <p>Republicans vehemently opposed the measure. They say it will only burden gun owners who are committed to following the law without changing the behavior of people willing to break it.</p> <p>Brown's signature caps a long campaign by Oregon Democrats seeking stronger gun laws, which intensified following a 2012 shooting at a suburban shopping mall packed with Christmas shoppers. The bill's critics point out that the rifle used in that shooting was stolen. A 22-year-old gunman killed three people and injured a third before turning the gun on himself.</p> <p>Backed by national gun-control groups, Democrats pushed for background check legislation in 2013 and 2014 but didn't have enough votes. The path to victory was paved when Democratic candidates picked up three legislative seats in the 2014 election, some of them with the help of gun-control groups such as former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Everytown for Gun Safety.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Drought: West turns ever more arid
SOURCE	http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2015-05-11/drought-transcends-state-lines-as-u-s-west-turns-ever-more-arid
GIST	<p>The record drought plaguing California isn't limited by lines on a map. Arid conditions caused by dwindling rainfall and snowpack are stretching across the West.</p> <p>In Washington's Yakima Valley, popular for growing wine grapes and beer hops, officials are cutting off water to about 1,700 farmers for three weeks starting today. At Lake Mead, east of Las Vegas, a 130-foot white band lines canyon walls as water sinks to the lowest since the reservoir was filled in 1937.</p> <p>"California has gotten the attention, and rightly so," said Roger Pulwarty, director of the National Integrated Drought Information System at the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration. "Across most of the West, dry conditions are expected to persist."</p>

While droughts are common in the western U.S., climate change has led to longer and more frequent water shortages in recent years. Nine of the 10 warmest years since 1880 have been since 2000, according to NASA, diminishing mountain snowpacks -- including in California and Nevada's Sierra Nevada range -- that supply most of the water in the western U.S.

The change suggests a permanent, drier future just as the center of the U.S. population moves steadily west to a region that's already home to 55 million people. That's prompting policy makers to consider extracting desalinated water from the Pacific Ocean, and forcing farmers in the nation's most productive agricultural region to leave land unused and to dig deeper wells to reach groundwater.

A severe drought grips almost 40 percent of the West, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, a federal website.

Outside California, conditions are at their worst in neighboring Nevada. That state is followed by Oregon and Washington, said Kelly Redmond, a regional climatologist at the Western Regional Climate Center in Reno, Nevada.

"In the California and Nevada region, this is among the worst we've seen it in the last 120 years or so," he said.

In Oregon, where 34 percent of the state is facing extreme drought, Governor Kate Brown declared emergencies in two counties last month, adding to five designated earlier this year.

Forty-seven percent of California, the most populous state, faces exceptional drought, the Drought Monitor's highest rating. Regulators have required water suppliers to cut use as much as 36 percent starting next month.

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HEADLINE	05/11 Google shuts down map editor
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Business_News/2015/05/11/Google-forced-to-shut-down-map-editor-after-urinating-Android-problem/1321431383223/?spt=hs&or=bn
GIST	<p>MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., May 11 (UPI) --Google is shutting down its map editor, Map Maker, until it solves the problem of people defacing its maps.</p> <p>The company had to apologize after someone used Map Maker to create an image of the Android logo urinating on the Apple logo. The company recently announced it will halt map editing until the problem is solved.</p>

	<p>The company tried to prevent people from misusing the tool by making it so each edit had to be approved before it would appear on the map, but this has made it so there are too many edits waiting for approval.</p> <p>"Every edit you make is essentially going to a backlog that is growing very fast," wrote team member Pavithra Kanakarajan. "We believe that it is morefair to only say that if we do not have the capacity to review edits at roughly the rate they come in, we have to take a pause."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/07 Healthcare data breaches climb 125%
SOURCE	http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/healthcare-data-breaches-from-cyberattacks-criminals-eclipse-employee-error-for-the-first-time/d/d-id/1320315? mc=RSS DR EDT
GIST	<p>Cybercriminals and nation-state actors are indeed targeting healthcare organizations for their valuable data: cyberattacks and physical criminal activity now have officially surpassed insider negligence as the main cause of a data breach in healthcare organizations.</p> <p>The Ponemon Institute's new Fifth Annual Benchmark Study on Privacy and Security of Healthcare Data, published today, found that close to 45% of all data breaches in healthcare are due to criminal activity such as cybercriminal and nation-state hacks, malicious insiders, and physical theft, a 125% increase in such activity over the past five years. That's a first, since employee or insider negligence -- user errors, lost laptops and thumb drives, etc. -- accounted for the majority of breaches last year and in years past, according to Ponemon.</p> <p>More than 90% of healthcare organizations surveyed by Ponemon in its report has suffered at least one data breach exposing patient data over the past two years, while 39% had been hit by two- to five breaches, and 40% had suffered more than five breaches during that timeframe. Security incidents (without an actual data breach) occurred at 78% of healthcare organizations.</p> <p>About 45% of those breaches came via criminal attacks; 43% by lost or stolen computing devices; 40% via employee mistakes; and 12% via a malicious insider.</p> <p>The cost of all of this healthcare breach-mania? Some \$6 billion per year, with an average cost of \$2.1 million per healthcare organization, according to the report, which was commissioned by ID Experts.</p> <p>"For the first time, criminal attacks constitute the number one root cause [of data breaches], versus user negligence/incompetence or system glitches," says Larry Ponemon, chairman and founder of Ponemon Institute. "Ninety-one percent had one or more breach in the last two years, and some of these are tiny, less than 100 records, but they are still not trivial."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/12 ISIS e-book for terrorist wannabes
SOURCE	http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/576642/ISIS-jihadi-manual-fighters-build-bomb-carry-condoms
GIST	<p>EUROPEANS and Americans allied with the brutal Islamic State terror regime have been instructed to always carry a condom, according to a newly-released guide on 'How to Survive in the West'.</p> <p>The e-book, distributed on Twitter, contains wide-ranging advice for wannabe jihadis on how to build bombs, evade spies and commit credit card fraud.</p> <p>"How to Survive in the West: A Mujahid Guide" is only the latest in a series of terror manuals published by ISIS.</p> <p>British police have targeted tens of thousands of websites purporting to offer jihadist material, including advice for sleeper cells on how to launch attacks.</p> <p>The 'Mujahid' - or jihadi fighter - e-book's chapter titles include 'Earning Money', 'Transporting Weapons' and 'Bomb Making'.</p> <p>According to Middle East Media Research Institute - an online terrorist monitoring service that obtained the journal - other chapters include 'Hiding the Extremist Identity', 'Internet Privacy', 'Training', and 'What Happens When You Are Spied On And Get Raided'.</p> <p>Among the items listed as essential to carry in an IS 'survival kit' are a flexible saw, matches, needles, small fish hooks, snare wire, medical kit, surgical blades, waterproof plasters, water purifying tablets - and condoms.</p> <p>The latex contraceptives can be used as a water-storing device in harsh climates, but it is unclear why the barbaric regime would recommend the contraceptives form part of a fighter's essential items.</p> <p>Militants are known to have raped girls as young as nine in Syria and Iraq, with many becoming pregnant.</p> <p>The guide also advises members of IS living in the West to avoid attracting unwanted attention from police by not growing a beard.</p> <p>"Don't make it too obvious you have become a practising Muslim. For example: If you haven't grown a beard, don't grow it now, because you will bring unwanted attention onto yourself."</p> <p>But the guide goes on to caution against shaving, saying to suddenly remove a beard would draw attention from friends and family.</p>

It also offers tips for female jihadis to avoid being searched at airports, advising them to wear light-coloured rather than black hijabs - a veil that covers the head and neck - to avoid tougher security measures.

The authors recommend committing credit card fraud or Ebay scams to finance the terror organisation, and for members to claim extra benefits and avoid paying tax wherever possible.

In preparing for urban warfare in the ravaged towns of the northern Iraq and Syria, the manual also urges trainee fighters to run up and down stairs to simulate climbing over rubble.

Among the more sinister chapters is one which describes in detail the process for making six different types of explosive device: Molotov cocktails, nail bombs, microwave airbag bombs, gas canister bombs, remote controlled bombs, and car bombs.

The group claims the brothers responsible for the Boston marathon bombing used the same technique to build a microwave bomb which exploded killing three people and injuring 264.

The book also details how to avoid being spied on, how to conceal bombs and weapons in a car, and how to reach IS-held territory in Syria without a passport.

The Twitter account that initially shared the link to the manual has now been suspended.

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HEADLINE	05/11 Cyberattacks target mobile banking
SOURCE	http://www.cutimes.com/2015/05/11/cyberattacks-target-mobile-banking
GIST	<p>Reports of 2.2 billion malicious attacks on computers and mobile devices in 2015's first quarter and an evolving Dyre Wolf malware threat are reminders of the continuing need for financial institutions to remain vigilant.</p> <p>In an epic quarter, Moscow-based security firm Kaspersky Lab released the "IT Threat Evolution Report for Q1 of 2015." It discovered 2.2 billion malicious attacks blocked during the quarter on computers and mobile devices. That doubles the amount detected in Q1 of 2014.</p> <p>In a "good news, bad news scenario," Kaspersky Lab experts detected that mobile threats are declining but are still dangerous. During the quarter, 103,072 new malicious mobile device programs were discovered, which represents a 6.6% decline from Q1 of 2014. However, mobile malware seems to be evolving toward monetization as malware writers design SMS Trojans, banker Trojans and ransomware Trojans capable of stealing or extorting money and users' financial data. This category of malware accounted for 23.2% of new mobile threats in Q1 of 2015. Kaspersky also detected 1,527 new mobile banking Trojans, 29% more than in Q1 of 2014.</p>

	<p>During the same time period, Kaspersky Lab also published a report on Carbanak, opening up a new era of advanced, persistent threat (APT) attacks in the cybercriminal world – a set of stealthy and continuous computer hacking processes. Carbanak, which is considered one of the most successful criminal cyber criminal campaigns ever, is responsible for an estimated 100 financial organization hits and a total of close to \$1 billion stolen directly from banks.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 New malware targets Wordpress
SOURCE	http://www.csoonline.com/article/2921138/malware-cybercrime/unusual-wordpress-attack-steals-login-credentials.html
GIST	<p>Wordpress, the Internet's favorite content management system, is a common target for criminals who redirect innocent users to malware download sites.</p> <p>But a new type of malware steals user login credentials instead, while leaving the rest of the user experience unchanged.</p> <p>"It's an interesting attack -- we haven't seen this before," said Michael Sutton, VP of Security Research at San Jose-based cloud security vendor Zscaler, Inc., which recently issued a report about the malware.</p> <p>"Wordpress tends to be a very common target for attacks," he said. "It's broadly used, but tends to be pretty insecure and not well maintained. Typically, they inject some code to redirect the browser to download malware on the machine to participate in some botnet."</p> <p>The open source Wordpress software currently accounts for two-thirds of the content management system marketplace, according to W3Techs, and powers a quarter of all websites.</p> <p>In this new attack, Wordpress pages are still serving up unwanted Javascript, but instead of redirecting users to a different site, it steals their credentials as they try to log in.</p> <p>"That's a harder thing to detect," he said. Sites that attempt to download malware are trying to install something on a user's machine. "But if my credentials are compromised, I would have no knowledge of that," Sutton said.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Billions lost by healthcare industry
SOURCE	http://www.benzinga.com/news/15/05/5498677/cyber-attacks-cost-the-health-care-industry-billions-a-year
GIST	The rise of cyber-attacks has led to virtually every company beefing up its internal security measures to limit, not eliminate, the fallout from future attacks.

The list of sectors most prone to attacks include the obvious choices: financial institutions, governmental organizations and retailers that track tens of millions of customers. However, one sector whose threats may be misunderstood by the public is healthcare.

According to Bloomberg, cyber-attacks against health-care providers have more than doubled over the past five years. The average data breach costs a hospital \$2.1 million, a figure that is alarming considering nearly 90 percent of all health-care providers faced a cyber-attack in the past two years.

Bloomberg estimated that the rise in attacks against doctors, hospitals, insurance providers and other members of the health care community is costing the entire industry \$6 billion annually.

"The health-care industry is being hunted and hacked by the elite financial criminal syndicates that had been targeting large financial institutions until they realized health-care databases are more valuable," Tom Kellermann, chief cybersecurity officer at Trend Micro Inc. told Bloomberg.

What makes health care providers an attractive victim is the fact that they likely store Social Security numbers, insurance IDs, addresses and medical details. Bloomberg noted this kind of sensitive data sells for as much as 20 times the price of a stolen credit-card number in the dark web where buyers and sellers remain anonymous and virtually untraceable.

2015 is proving to be a very difficult year as hackers have thus far accessed nearly 80 million records from Anthem Inc and 11 million records from Premera Blue Cross.

As such, the total number of records stolen in the first half of 2015 are already in excess of last year's total.

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HEADLINE	05/11 ISIS threatens cyberattack against US
SOURCE	https://www.the-newshub.com/general/isis-threatens-cyber-attack-on-us-targets-at-2pm-today
GIST	<p>ISIS social media accounts are claiming they will perform a large cyber-attack on the United States at 2pm Eastern today. While specific targets have not been identified, it is possible that the group has identified vulnerable systems since they have named a precise time for the attack.</p> <p>The threat, named "Message to America" was released on a Twitter account early this morning and was posted in Arabic....</p> <p>The threat translated states," "Soon: Hacker of the supporters association will present: A Message to America, from Planet earth to the digital world." The account has now been suspended.</p> <p>In April, J.M. Berger co-author of ISIS: The State of Terror, stated in an interview with The Guardian:</p>

	<p>“Isis has been recruiting hackers for some time now. Some are virtual collaborators from a distance, but others have been recruited to immigrate to Syria. Activity targeting the west is just part of their portfolio. They’re also responsible for maintaining internet access in Isis territories, for instance, and for instructing members on security.”</p> <p>The group took over the US Central Command Twitter account earlier this year in January and targets of the threat could be more social media accounts linked to government agencies. On the other hand, they could target infrastructure systems and more important targets.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Hackers targeting Starbucks cards
SOURCE	http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/report-hackers-targeting-starbucks-cards/nmDjk/
GIST	<p>By KIRO 7 STAFF The 16 million Starbucks customers who use the company’s mobile payment service may want to strengthen their log-in credentials and reconsider using the auto-load feature, GeekWire reported Monday afternoon.</p> <p>“Credit card hackers are targeting Starbucks gift card and mobile payment users around the country – and stealing from consumers’ credit cards — with a new scam so ingenious they don’t even need to know the account number of the card they are hacking,” author and consumer reporter Bob Sullivan wrote on his site.</p> <p>Sullivan explained the story of a 48-year-old Orlando woman, Maria Nistri, who was allegedly victimized in Orlando this month, having her card value drained, reloaded, then drained again – all in seven minutes.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 ISIS threatens #Londonattack
SOURCE	http://www.infowars.com/isis-terrorists-threaten-londonattack/
GIST	<p>Jihadists identifying themselves with the terror group ISIS are brazenly tweeting about plans to attack yet another major western city under the Twitter hashtag #LondonAttack.</p> <p>Images and threats posted to the social network include photographs of guns and suicide belts, with one user named ‘Abu Aiman Al kinyi’ warning, “Bismillah we are coming #londonattack.”</p> <p>“Just learnt how to make suicide belt by my brother @time4dugma_ Will be using in #LondonAttack,” states another shocking tweet.</p> <p>The tweets are extremely concerning given that last week’s attack on a Muhammad art exhibition in Garland, Texas was preceded by series of tweets sent out under the hashtag #TexasAttack.</p>

A retweet of a chilling message sent out by a user called ‘@71LastTweep’ also warns Muslims to stay away from the Covent Garden area, a location in the West End of London popular with shoppers and tourists. Another tweet directly names Floral St, Covent Garden as the target.

Another tweet shows Paddington Underground Station on a map alongside a suicide belt and the words, “Let the reality hit home, the taste of chaos, carnage & bloodshed. #foreignpolicy #QaribanQariba.”

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Terror Conditions

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HEADLINE	05/12 Experts: no specific terrorist profile
SOURCE	http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20150512-terrorists-personality-traits-indistinguishable-from-traits-of-the-general-population-experts
GIST	<p>Social scientists and psychologists have not found a personality trait that visibly marks a potential for violent extremism, making it difficult to identify members of a group who may take up arms in support of a common cause.</p> <p>“As of now, there is no specific terrorist profile,” said Jocelyn Bélanger, an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Quebec at Montreal who studies violent radicalization. “They come in all shapes and sizes.” Research on violent extremism, including interviews with current and former radicals, provide broad lessons on why and how some individuals might become violent radicals.</p> <p>The <i>Dallas Morning News</i> points out that violent extremism occurs throughout an different communities, and is not limited to religious or political movements. For many individuals who feel humiliated or oppressed, or who seek rewards through heroism or martyrdom, radical movements offer “the highway to significance,” Bélanger said. Mental illness plays almost no part in political or religious terrorism, and while extremists might convince themselves that their actions are justified, research shows that they are not psychotic.</p> <p>“There is little evidence of major psychoses being implicated, except in a minority of instances,” said Dr. Kamaldeep Bhui, a psychiatrist at Queen Mary University of London who studies violent extremism and is also editor of the British Journal of Psychiatry. In a recent research paper, Bhui and two colleagues wrote that “terrorists are generally well-integrated, ‘normal’ individuals,” not angry, social outcasts like many school shooters.</p> <p>Psychiatrist Jerrold M. Post, who founded and directed the CIA’s Center for the Analysis of Personality and Political Behavior during twenty-one years with the agency, and now a professor at George</p>

	<p>Washington University, echoed that view in a report published last month. “There are no psychological characteristics or psychopathology that separate terrorists from the general population,” wrote Post. “Rather, it is group dynamics, with a particular emphasis on collective identity that helps explain terrorist psychology.” Post added that the Internet can let isolated individuals feel like an important member of “the virtual community of hatred.”</p>
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HEADLINE	05/12 Yemen AQ leaders killed in strike
SOURCE	http://www.stripes.com/news/middle-east/4-yemen-al-qaida-leaders-killed-in-suspected-us-drone-strike-1.345664
GIST	<p>SANAA, Yemen — Islamic militant websites say four leading members of Yemen's al-Qaida branch have been killed in a suspected U.S. drone strike the previous day in an eastern Yemen province.</p> <p>The four died in Yemen's southern port of Mukalla on the Arabian Sea, where rockets believed to have been fired by U.S. drones hit al-Qaida militants based in the city's presidential residence on Monday, according to security officials.</p> <p>The militant Amaq outlet, affiliated with the Islamic State group — an al-Qaida rival — says the four include Maamoun Hatem, reportedly an Islamic State sympathizer. The three other militants were identified as Abu Anwar al-Kutheiri, Mohammed Saleh al-Gharabi and Mabkhout Waqash al-Sayeri.</p> <p>The compound in Mukalla was recently captured by al-Qaida's branch in Yemen, viewed by Washington as the terror group's most dangerous affiliate.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 White House rejects raid claim
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/11/politics/seymour-hersh-obama-bin-laden-raid-lied/index.html
GIST	<p>The White House is dismissing as "baseless" a controversial report alleging President Barack Obama's administration lied about the circumstances surrounding the 2011 killing of Osama bin Laden.</p> <p>"There are too many inaccuracies and baseless assertions in this piece to fact check each one," White House National Security spokesman Ned Price said in a statement to reporters.</p> <p>He took aim specifically at journalist Seymour Hersh's assertion that the administration collaborated with Pakistani officials to kill the al Qaeda leader, saying that "the notion that the operation that killed Usama Bin Ladin was anything but a unilateral U.S. mission is patently false."</p>

	<p>"As we said at the time, knowledge of this operation was confined to a very small circle of senior U.S. officials. The President decided early on not to inform any other government, including the Pakistani Government, which was not notified until after the raid had occurred," Price said.</p> <p>"We had been and continue to be partners with Pakistan in our joint effort to destroy al-Qa'ida, but this was a U.S. operation through and through."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Experts: US lags ISIS social media
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2015/05/11/us-still-lags-behind-isis-in-social-media-fight-experts-warn/?intcmp=latestnews
GIST	<p>New warnings from U.S. officials and lawmakers over tactics used by Islamic State online are putting renewed focus on the terror network's activities.</p> <p>FBI Director James Comey warned Thursday that ISIS is increasing their reliance on social media to spread their "poison" message.</p> <p>This shows ISIS still remains unchallenged online, cybersecurity experts tell FoxNews.com.</p> <p>"ISIS is just leveraging what is available today...what they have found is a virtual safe haven in the Internet ... they use Twitter, Facebook, YouTube to get their message out," said Jeff Bardin, chief intelligence officer at the cyber intelligence firm Treadstone 71.</p> <p>He suggests a renewed effort to get terrorists off these mainstream online sites and "drive them to less well-known sites, maybe back into different forums or different chatrooms and try to monitor their activity there – it's a balance we need to keep there."</p> <p>An estimated 46,000 Twitter accounts were used by ISIS supporters, although not all of them were active at the same time from September to December 2014, according to a recent report from the Brookings Institution.</p> <p>The report also finds a minimum of 1,000 ISIS-supporting accounts were suspended by Twitter within the same timeframe.</p> <p>This is leading to a growing debate over the ability of U.S. intelligence officials and their private sector counterparts to get ahead of terror groups online.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Va. woman sentenced to 4.5yrs
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/virginia-woman-sentenced-years-terror-support-case-30956552

GIST	<p>A Virginia woman who tried to help a teenager join the Islamic State militant group and carry out a suicide bombing was sentenced Monday to 4½ years in federal prison for lying to the FBI about the plot.</p> <p>Heather Elizabeth Coffman of Glen Allen said in a written statement read aloud by U.S. District Judge John A. Gibney that she now believes the terrorists she befriended on social media "are not what I thought them to be" and that she regrets actions that have separated her from her 7-year-old son.</p> <p>Gibney said that while Americans are free to believe as they choose, Coffman crossed the line by recruiting for the Islamic State and lying to federal agents facing the daunting task of preventing terrorism.</p> <p>"It's not like lying to your parents about who broke the lamp," Gibney said. "Her lies were blatant and just as two-faced as you can imagine."</p> <p>Coffman, 30, pleaded guilty in February to making a materially false statement about an offense involving terrorism.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/12 Spain arrests 2 for ISIS propaganda
SOURCE	http://www.seattlepi.com/news/crime/article/Spanish-police-arrest-2-for-Islamic-State-6257327.php
GIST	<p>MADRID (AP) — Spanish police have arrested two people in the northeastern city of Barcelona for allegedly posting pro-Islamic State group videos and propaganda on the Internet.</p> <p>An Interior Ministry statement on Tuesday said the two used several Internet identities to promote the armed Islamic group's jihad. They also uploaded material of their own making.</p> <p>There were no immediate details on the identities of the suspects.</p> <p>The Ministry said the operation was being conducted by the National Court in Madrid. Spain has arrested dozens of suspected jihadi militants and recruiters in recent years.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Claim: ISIS bomber mastermind killed
SOURCE	http://rudaw.net/english/middleeast/iraq/110520151
GIST	<p>Erbil, Kurdistan Region – An ISIS leader described as the extremist group's "mastermind of car bombs" was killed along with several militants in Fallujah in Anbar province, a well-placed source in the provincial police told Rudaw on Monday.</p> <p>“After the bombardment of several ISIS arsenals and weaponry bases in the south of Fallujah by the coalition airstrikes, Abu Jaber, the ISIS mastermind of making car bombs was killed along with several</p>

	<p>other militants,” the source said on condition of anonymity.</p> <p>The source added: “The airstrikes are still underway and we are monitoring ISIS maneuvers in nearby areas in order to bomb them and their positions, especially areas around Fallujah.”</p> <p>Fallujah has been firmly under control of the militants since it was overrun by ISIS in January 2014. According to reports from the front, there has been little progress in efforts to retake it.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/10 Children in Yemen become fighters
SOURCE	http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/why-so-many-children-are-fighting-in-yemens-civil-war/2015/05/10/7602d9be-e7a8-11e4-8581-633c536add4b_story.html
GIST	<p>SANAA, Yemen — Abdullah Ali’s 15-year-old son disappeared from home one morning three months ago. A week later, the boy called his horrified family to say he had joined the Shiite insurgents known as Houthis — becoming one of a growing number of underage soldiers fighting in Yemen’s civil war.</p> <p>“He’s just a child. He’s only in the ninth grade,” Ali, 49, a civil servant who lives in the city of Taiz, said recently. “He should be at school learning, not fighting.”</p> <p>Hundreds and possibly thousands of boys are fighting in Yemen’s conflict, according to rights groups and aid workers. Many are between the ages of 13 and 16, the groups say. Experts cite worsening poverty in the Arabian Peninsula country as a major reason children are joining armed groups.</p> <p>The child soldiers are found in nearly every faction battling in Yemen. According to some estimates, boys younger than 18 form nearly a third of the Houthi rebel force’s approximately 25,000 fighters.</p> <p>Over the past year, the Houthis have swept southward from their northern strongholds, taking control of the capital, Sanaa, and besieging the southern port city of Aden. Since March, a coalition of mainly Arab states led by Saudi Arabia has been launching airstrikes to push back the rebels and restore President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi to power. As the war has intensified, dozens of child fighters are thought to have been killed.</p> <p>Julien Harneis, the Yemen representative for UNICEF, said that warring factions, including the country’s al-Qaeda affiliate and southern separatists, appear to be increasing recruitment of minors, partly by offering money, regular meals and other benefits.</p> <p>“Becoming a fighter is seen as a way to make money to survive for those children who come from vulnerable backgrounds,” Harneis said. “And this is happening in all groups, from the north to south, in every corner of the country.”</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Assad losses to become ISIS gains?
SOURCE	http://edition.cnn.com/2015/05/11/politics/syria-bashar-assad-isis-nusra-moderates/index.html
GIST	<p><i>Washington (CNN)</i> Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's momentum in fighting off rebel groups has decreased, but should his regime crumble, Syria could face greater instability and control by extremist groups, U.S. security officials are warning.</p> <p>They attribute the gains of rebel fighters in part to their acquiring more battleground experience as well as the ability to use advanced tactics. There are also signs that moderate forces have become more coherent in their organization, making Assad more vulnerable.</p> <p>But the officials pointed out that the U.S. will still have trouble identifying moderate partners while extremist groups such as al Qaeda affiliate al Nusra and ISIS, also known as ISIL, try to take advantage of any cracks in the government's control.</p> <p>The Syrian regime's "momentum has been slowed," according to Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey. "I do believe the situation is trending less favorably for the regime."</p> <p>The shift has occurred in the last several weeks, Dempsey recently told reporters. Rebels have scored gains in both the north and south of Syria.</p> <p>"What it might mean for the nation of Syria is further instability," he said, "for power to suddenly transfer precipitously. And it could mean an even increased humanitarian crisis."</p> <p>Additionally, if Assad's power fades, both ISIS and al Nusra are poised to step into the breach even more assertively, potentially controlling parts of Damascus and other Assad strongholds.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Pentagon reviews threats beyond ISIL
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/nation/2015/05/11/noetic-looking-beyond-isil/27121623/
GIST	<p>After missing the early stages of the Islamic State's rise into one of the world's most threatening militant groups, the Pentagon has begun a review to help anticipate possible threats beyond the Islamic State, military records show.</p> <p>Called "Looking Beyond ISIL," the review was commissioned by Defense Secretary Ashton Carter's office to back the work of the Special Operations Command Central, which coordinates special operations in the Middle East, according to Air Force Maj. Eric Badger, a Pentagon spokesman.</p> <p>The Islamic State is also known as ISIL or ISIS.</p>

The study is being led by the Noetic Group, a Washington-based consulting firm that has taken on some of the most pressing challenges for the Pentagon in the last four years, records show. It has helped develop policy for law enforcement in troubled areas of the world, to counter the Islamist Boko Haram terrorist movement in Nigeria, to cope with the convergence of future conflicts in Asia and to plan for shifts in the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and Gaza.

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HEADLINE	05/11 Twitter link ties w/Texas gunman, ISIS
SOURCE	http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/12/us/twitter-clues-show-ties-between-isis-and-garland-texas-gunman.html? r=0
GIST	<p>Hours before he drove into a Texas parking lot last week and opened fire with an assault rifle outside a Prophet Muhammad cartoon contest, Elton Simpson, 30, logged onto Twitter.</p> <p>“Follow @_AbuHu55ain,” Mr. Simpson posted, promoting a Twitter account believed to belong to Junaid Hussain, a young computer expert from Birmingham, England, who moved to Syria two years ago to join the Islamic State and has become one of the extremist group’s celebrity hackers.</p> <p>This seemingly routine shout-out is an intriguing clue to the question of whether the gunmen, Mr. Simpson and Nadir Soofi, 34, both of Phoenix, were acting in concert with the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL, in carrying out an attack outside a community center in Garland, Tex. The Islamic State said two days later that the two men, who were killed by officers after opening fire, were “soldiers of the Caliphate.” It was the first time that the terror group had tried to claim credit for an operation carried out in its name on American soil.</p> <p>As the gunmen were driving toward the Curtis Culwell Center, Mr. Hussain logged onto Twitter himself from half a world away, firing off a series of posts in the hour before the attack began at 7 p.m. on May 3. One message posted to his account about 5:45 p.m. seemed to predict imminent violence: “The knives have been sharpened, soon we will come to your streets with death and slaughter!”</p> <p>After the attack, Mr. Hussain was in the first wave of people who praised the gunmen, before his account was suspended.</p> <p>Law enforcement officials have not presented any conclusive evidence that the Islamic State planned or directed the attack. Yet Mr. Simpson appears to have been part of a network of Islamic State adherents in several countries, including the group’s hub in Syria, who have encouraged attacks and highlighted the Texas event as a worthy target.</p> <p>Counterterrorism officials say the case shows how the Islamic State and its supporters use social media to cheerlead for attacks without engaging in the secret training, plotting and control that has long characterized Al Qaeda. But a close look at Mr. Simpson’s Twitter connections shows that he had</p>

	developed a notable online relationship with some of the Islamic State’s best-known promoters on the Internet, and that they actively encouraged such acts of terror.
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HEADLINE	05/11 Saudi-led coalition pounds Yemen
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2015/05/11/saudi-airstrikes-yemen/27142965/
GIST	<p>SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Warplanes from a Saudi-led coalition pounded weapons depots on the edge of Yemen's capital Monday, one day before a humanitarian cease-fire is due to start and a U.N. envoy arrives on his first visit to try to end the war.</p> <p>The latest airstrikes followed the release by the Shiite rebels of video and photos of the purported wreck of a Moroccan F-16 that they claim to have shot down over the northern province of Saada near the Saudi border.</p> <p>Yemeni security officials said Monday's coalition airstrikes targeted arms and ammunition depots on Noqom mountain, on Sanaa's northeastern edge. The bombardment shook the entire city, collapsing some homes and shattering windows. They also caused shells to explode from the arms depots, and the munitions hit residential areas and started fires. There was no immediate word on civilian casualties.</p> <p>The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media, said the explosions were the strongest in Sanaa since the air campaign began March 26 against the rebels, known as the Houthis, and their allies in the army and security forces loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Pakistan knew bin Laden location?
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/pakistanis-knew-where-bin-laden-was-say-us-sources-n357306
GIST	<p>Two intelligence sources tell NBC News that the year before the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden, a "walk in" asset from Pakistani intelligence told the CIA where the most wanted man in the world was hiding - and these two sources plus a third say that the Pakistani government knew where bin Laden was hiding all along.</p> <p>The U.S. government has always characterized the heroic raid by Seal Team Six that killed bin Laden as a unilateral U.S. operation, and has maintained that the CIA found him by tracking couriers to his walled complex in Abbottabad, Pakistan.</p> <p>The new revelations do not necessarily cast doubt on the overall narrative that the White House began circulating within hours of the May 2011 operation. The official story about how bin Laden was found was constructed in a way that protected the identity and existence of the asset, who also knew who inside the</p>

	<p>Pakistani government was aware of the Pakistani intelligence agency's operation to hide bin Laden, according to a special operations officer with prior knowledge of the bin Laden mission. The official story focused on a long hunt for bin Laden's presumed courier, Ahmed al-Kuwaiti.</p> <p>While NBC News has long been pursuing leads about a "walk in" and about what Pakistani intelligence knew, both assertions were made public in a London Review of Books article by investigative reporter Seymour Hersh. Hersh's story, published over the weekend, raises numerous questions about the White House account of the SEAL operation. It has been strongly disputed both on and off the record by the Obama administration and current and former national security officials.</p> <p>The Hersh story says that the "walk in," a Pakistani intelligence official, contacted U.S. authorities in 2010, that elements of ISI, the Pakistani intelligence agency, knew of bin Laden's whereabouts, and that the U.S. told the Pakistanis about the bin Laden raid before it launched. The U.S. has maintained that it did not tell the Pakistani government about the raid before it launched.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 NSA director: ISIS 'resonating'
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/11/politics/nsa-cyber-terror-isis-recruitment/index.html
GIST	<p>The head of U.S. Cyber Command said Monday that the ability of ISIS to recruit adherents online is "a trend that is clearly increasing, not decreasing" and that the terror group's ideology is "increasingly resonating" with Americans.</p> <p>Adm. Mike Rogers, director of the National Security Agency, also said that the terror group's recent efforts to use cyber capabilities as a weapons system rather than only for recruiting and spreading ideology is a "great concern" to the NSA.</p> <p>When it comes to responding to cyber breaches by terror groups as opposed to countries, such as North Korea and China, Rogers said that "every scenario is different."</p> <p>"I don't have an easy answer," he said. "The mechanisms of what you use to apply that pressure, I think, varies by the entity you're trying to shape and let them know, 'hey, you don't want to go down this road, and when you do, you need to know there is a price you're going to pay.'"</p> <p>The challenge for the NSA, Rogers told a cyber security forum, is the balance between privacy and security. It's a compromise Congress and the intelligence community must agree on by the end of the month, when the legislation that provides authority to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court expires.</p>
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Suspicious, Unusual

HEADLINE	05/11 Short-sightedness on rise in Europe
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2015/05/11/Short-sightedness-on-the-rise-in-Europe/2581431357652/?spt=rln&or=1
GIST	<p>LONDON, May 11 (UPI) -- Roughly a quarter of the general population in Europe is short-sighted. But nearly half of all young adults (between the ages of 25 and 29) are diagnosed with nearsightedness. Those are the findings of a new study by researchers at King's College London.</p> <p>The results -- a meta-analysis of 15 studies by researchers at the European Eye Epidemiology Consortium -- suggest myopia is becoming more common.</p> <p>The review pinpointed education as one of the causes. In analyzing data on the seeing abilities of more than 60,000 Europeans, researchers found those who had completed higher education were twice as likely to be nearsighted as those whose studies ended after primary school.</p> <p>More time spent studying and staring at computer screens is at least partially to blame in the rise of myopia among young people. But schooling doesn't entirely explain the new findings, researchers say. Shortsightedness is influenced by family history and other environmental factors.</p> <p>"We knew myopia was becoming more common in certain parts of the world -- almost 8 in 10 young people are affected in urban East Asia -- but it is very interesting to find that the same pattern is being seen here in Europe," lead study author Katie Williams, an ophthalmology researcher at King's College London, said in a press release. "This has major implications for the future burden from this eye disease which can threaten sight in older age, particularly in very short-sighted people."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/12 NATO expels Russia spies?
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/05/12/nato-reportedly-expels-dozens-alleged-russian-spies-from-brussels-headquarters/
GIST	<p>NATO reportedly has moved to expel dozens of suspected Russian spies from its headquarters in Brussels in the latest sign of a renewal of tensions between the western military alliance and Moscow.</p> <p>The Guardian reported that NATO decided last month to mandate that all non-member state delegations reduce their staff to no more than 30 people. The new rule only affected Russia, though estimates of the exact number of Russian delegates vary. The Kremlin says it has only 37 people accredited to work in Brussels. However, a diplomat from a NATO member state told The Guardian that in fact 61 people were part of the delegation. Other NATO sources told the paper the number was as high as 90.</p>

	<p>Regardless of the number, the paper reported that NATO diplomats estimate that approximately half of the Russian contingent was working on behalf of Moscow's intelligence service. In practice, the paper reported, only Russia's ambassador to NATO, his deputy, his secretary, and his driver, were allowed to traverse the alliance's offices without being escorted.</p> <p>NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg denied in an interview that the new rule specifically targeted Russia, saying, "With the Russians we have decided to suspend all practical co-operation but to maintain the channels of political and military dialogue and contact. A delegation of 30 is more than enough to do that."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/12 OECD warns on youth binge drinking
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/oecd-warns-harmful-binge-drinking-youth-30975617
GIST	<p>Alcohol consumption in wealthy, developed countries has declined over the past two decades, but dangerous binge drinking increased among the young, according to a new study by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.</p> <p>The 34-nation OECD, which advises governments on policies for economic growth, says that average annual alcohol consumption in its member countries fell 2.5 percent over the past 20 years, to 9.1 liters of pure alcohol per capita.</p> <p>That overall trend hides a dangerous increase in hazardous drinking by young people, the OECD says, as measured by both the amount and the rate that alcohol is consumed.</p> <p>Harmful consumption of alcohol now accounts for a higher proportion of deaths worldwide than HIV/AIDS, violence and tuberculosis combined, according to the report, "Tackling Harmful Alcohol Use."</p>
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HEADLINE	05/10 Asylum 'secret password' for illegals
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/05/10/asylum-is-secret-password-for-immigrants-looking-to-enter-us-say-critics/
GIST	<p>Critics say there's a secret password that allows immigrants access into the U.S., and one that can be uttered in a short phone interview in a process they say exposes border security to widespread fraud.</p> <p>The word: Asylum.</p> <p>"Almost anyone at all can call themselves an asylum seeker and get in. It's a global joke," said Kenneth Palinkas, president of the National Citizenship and Immigration Services Council. "It's not border security if anyone can recite the magic words and get waved right on in."</p>

Under current policy, aliens caught crossing the border illegally can claim asylum, and with it receive authorization to work in the United States. Once a work permit is conferred, then comes a social security card and a variety of taxpayer funded benefits such as Supplemental Security Income, SNAP/Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Medicaid. Some of which even legal, permanent residents do not receive.

It's a tactic most often used by 19 to 21 year-olds, according to a recent Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) report to Congress. Examples of terrorists who applied for asylum include Sheik Omar Abdul Rahman, the blind sheik behind the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, and Ramzi Yousef, another of the '93 plotters and the nephew of Khalid Sheik Mohammed.

The House Judiciary Committee last year uncovered an internal Department of Homeland Security report demonstrating at least 70 percent of asylum cases contained proven or possible fraud. Despite this, more than 90 percent of cases in which applicants claimed a "credible fear" in their nation of origin were approved. And yet, even when the asylum officer denies the case, the alien may still be awarded benefits by appealing to a judge using a "credible fear" defense and in the meantime roam freely across the country.

"Unfortunately our generous asylum policies have become subject to ever increasing levels of abuse largely due to the Obama Administration's pattern of rubber stamping "credible fear" claims and asylum cases," said Bob Goodlatte, R.-Va., chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary.

"Instead of detaining asylum seekers while the government determines whether their cases are legitimate, the Obama administration simply releases them into the United States."

According to the Committee, credible fear claims have increased 586 percent -- an unprecedented surge.

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HEADLINE	05/11 Nasty germs in your coffee maker
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/nasty-germs-may-be-lurking-in-your-coffee-maker/
GIST	<p>CHICAGO --So what's really brewing in that cup of coffee you make every day? It turns out germs love to lurk.</p> <p>Ten Chicago area families let CBS 2 swab their one-cup coffee makers. Then CBS 2 reporter Mary Kay Kleist took the samples to Loyola University, where experts tested them for germs.</p> <p>Microbiologist Roman Golash tested the cup containing coffee grounds, underneath where the coffee comes out and the water reservoir. He found bacteria including gram-positive strains like staphylococcus,</p>

streptococcus and bacillus cereus. He also discovered enteric bacteria, or [bacteria of the intestines, like e-coli](#).

"I think the high amounts of fecal material or the enteric organisms I would probably be concerned about," Golash said.

Five of the machines sampled had bacteria either on the machine, in the water or in both places. Test results found bacteria in just the water samples of three other machines and no bacteria at all in the samples taken from two of the machines.

Stephanie Mathews' machine had 100,000 colony-forming units of bacteria in the water reservoir -- the highest number of bacteria in all the samples. "That's gross," Mathews said.

Another resident, Tess Kearns, had bacteria in the water reservoir and in the coffee outlet area. "I definitely need to clean that more often," Kearns said. "I'm very skeeved out right now."

These germs could cause gastrointestinal issues and stomach upset in people, especially if they have compromised immune systems.

"Any organism, given the right situation to the right person, can cause a problem," Golash said.

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HEADLINE	05/11 How many pages to print the Internet?
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/pages-takes-print-entire-internet/story?id=30956365
GIST	<p>It's the ultimate estimation game: How many pieces of paper would it take to print the entire Internet?</p> <p>Two British scientists have arrived at the approximate number of pages they say it would take to create a hard copy of everything on the Internet.</p> <p>The answer: 136 billion standard 8 1/2 by 11-inch pieces of printer paper.</p> <p>Using Wikipedia as a baseline, the scientists at the University of Leicester in the United Kingdom estimated 4,723,991 English pages exist on the site. From there they determined the average number of pages each would require to print is 15, putting a hard copy of the English version of the encyclopedic website at 70,859,865 paper pages.</p> <p>With approximately 4.54 billion pages on the Internet, the team doubled their Wikipedia rule to approximate that it would take approximately 30 pieces of paper per Web page to be printed.</p> <p>The result is 136.2 billion pieces of paper. Want some more math?</p>

	<p>At 500 sheets of paper per ream and each tree yielding 17 reams, it would take 16 million trees to print a hard copy of the Internet.</p> <p>The results were published in the Journal of Interdisciplinary Science Topics.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Most Gulf rulers to skip US summit
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/saudi-bahrain-kings-miss-gulf-nation-summit-us-30949614
GIST	<p>It is not just the Saudi king who will be skipping the Camp David summit of U.S. and allied Arab leaders. Most Gulf heads of state won't be there.</p> <p>The absences will put a damper on talks that are designed to reassure key Arab allies, and almost certainly reflect dissatisfaction among leaders of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council with Washington's handling of Iran and what they expect to get out of the meeting.</p> <p>Rulers of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman never publicly announced they would attend the summit — so officially at least, there was no reversal of plans.</p> <p>At the summit, leaders of Gulf nations will be looking for assurances that they have Obama's support at a time when the region feels under siege from Islamic extremists and by Iran's rising influence. The Gulf states worry the nuclear pact taking shape with the U.S., Iran and other nations may embolden Tehran to act more aggressively in the region.</p> <p>Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has expressed similar concerns, saying the emerging deal will leave too much of Iran's nuclear infrastructure intact while giving it quick relief from economic sanctions.</p> <p>Netanyahu has been an outspoken critic of the deal, raising tensions with the White House. U.S. attempts to reassure Israel that the deal will have strong safeguards have done little to ease its concerns. Netanyahu has claimed that moderate Sunni Arab countries see "eye to eye" with Israel on the matter, though he has not elaborated.</p> <p>Abdulkhaleq Abdullah, a professor of political science at Emirates University, said Gulf leaders were staying away from the Camp David gathering to signal their displeasure over the nuclear talks.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Seattle man finds unexploded 'blast ball'
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Capitol-Hill-Man-find-Seattle-Police-Detonation-Device---303359201.html

GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- A Capitol Hill resident says he found an unexploded "Blast Ball" outside his apartment after this month's May Day riot, and he and others are now questioning the department's use of the crowd control tactic.</p> <p>Hugh Ramsey said the sound from a Blast Ball made him run from his apartment on May Day to see what happened. He saw a scene of protesters marching, police following them and lots of smoke and flashes of light along Denny Way.</p> <p>And then he noticed what he called a "small sphere" sitting on the side of the road near Summit and Denny.</p> <p>"I saw what appeared to be a hand grenade in the gutter of the street," said Ramsey.</p> <p>Ramsey said the pin was still in it and he initially worried it might explode. When he thought it was safe, he scooped it up and tucked it into his camera bag.</p> <p>He noticed some officers had them dangling from their waistband and realized it belonged to Seattle Police.</p> <p>"An officer lost track of his personal explosive device," said Ramsey.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Is ISIS hiding in Mexico?
SOURCE	http://www.adn.com/article/20150511/islamic-state-hiding-mexico
GIST	<p>ANAPRA, Mexico -- Pedro Luis Hidalgo, who runs an animal-feed store about a mile south of the border, scoffs at warnings from U.S. right-wingers that Islamic terrorists are near his home.</p> <p>Washington's conservative Judicial Watch for months has charged that the areas around Ciudad Juarez have become hotbeds of Middle Eastern militants bent on invading America. Last month, the group said it had proof that there was a training camp in Anapra, a community on the western end of Juarez.</p> <p>"Here we have drug traffickers and delinquents. Thank God, we don't have terrorists," said Hidalgo, 39, to nods of approval of two neighbors visiting his feed store.</p> <p>FBI and Homeland Security officials said they found no evidence that the Judicial Watch report was accurate.</p> <p>Of course, it's difficult to prove that no one is hiding in an unknown cave in the barren landscape around Anapra, which three decades ago was little more than a sprawling squatters' camp, but has grown to an impoverished, crime-ridden community of about 40,000 people.</p>

Sandwiched between the U.S. border fence and the Chihuahua Desert, Anapra is easily viewed from the U.S. side. Border Patrol agents watch from peaks and plateaus above Anapra.

Despite the denials by U.S. officials and residents of Anapra, several vocal congressional Republicans have insisted that Middle Eastern terrorists are on the Mexican border and intent on attacking America.

And that type of allegation increasingly has become a part of the immigration debate in Congress, talk radio, and the huge world of bloggers.

"We know that ISIS is present in Ciudad Juarez, or they were within the last few weeks," Rep. Trent Franks, R., Ariz., said in September on a rightist radio show, using another common name for the Islamic State. "And so there's no question that they have designs on trying to come into Arizona."

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., went further on another radio show: "Name your terrorist organization, they're coming in through the southern border."

Pennsylvania Republican Rep. Louis J. Barletta made a similar allegation in a September congressional hearing.

"Terrorist networks have been using our porous southern border and a broken immigration system to enter the United States," he said.

Some Anapra residents said that they heard about the congressmen's statements, covered by Mexican media outlets, but that the information didn't square with their knowledge of geography.

"Yes, ISIS exists, but not here. They are in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Govelin Arreola, 37, an Anapra construction worker.

Arreola, who worked in Texas for several years before he was deported in 2008, said drug violence was out of control in his town, though the killings had lessened recently. He pointed to the corner of his outside wall, where he said a man was murdered during a period of intense gang warfare.

Arreola's mother, Rosa Isela Valles, 57, who was selling used clothing at a weekly street market outside the house, had a more down-to-earth view of the threats on the border.

"Here there is the terrorism of hunger," Valles said, referring to the poverty in Anapra. "The people are in need of basic necessities."

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HEADLINE | **05/11 Garland police: FBI didn't warn us**

SOURCE	http://www.dallasnews.com/news/crime/headlines/20150511-garland-police-say-they-had-no-tip-about-attack-at-culwell-center.ece
GIST	<p>GARLAND — Garland’s police chief made clear Monday that his department had no advance warning that two gunmen from Phoenix would target a controversial art exhibit.</p> <p>Two men armed with assault rifles and wearing body armor pulled up to the Curtis Culwell Center and opened fire May 3, wounding a Garland ISD security guard.</p> <p>Five Garland police officers, who were providing security at the Muhammad art exhibit, returned fire, killing Elton Simpson and Nadir Soofi.</p> <p>“We had no information from the FBI or anyone else that Elton Simpson posed a threat to our event,” Police Chief Mitch Bates said at a news conference, the department’s first in a week.</p> <p>FBI Director James Comey said Thursday that federal investigators knew a few hours beforehand that Simpson might be interested in the event. It featured provocative cartoons depicting the Muslim prophet Muhammad.</p> <p>“We didn’t have reason to believe that he was going to attack the event or, in fact, we didn’t have reason to believe he had left Phoenix,” Comey said. “But because we developed reason to believe that he might be interested in the event, we sent it to them as part of what we’ve been doing in connection with the event generally.”</p> <p>A picture, license plate and other information about Simpson was distributed. Garland police confirmed Monday that the assistant chief in charge of securing the event was on that distribution list, but had not seen the information.</p> <p>The FBI called it a bulletin. Bates referred to it as an email, one of many the department receives regularly.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/12 DEA: money is presumed to be guilty
SOURCE	http://freebeacon.com/issues/dea-seizes-amtrak-passengers-life-savings-without-charging-him-with-crime/
GIST	<p>Joseph Rivers, a 22-year-old Michigan resident, was on his way to Los Angeles in April to fulfill his dream of becoming a music video producer, according to Rivers and his lawyer, when federal agents from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) boarded his Amtrak train during a stop in Albuquerque.</p> <p>DEA agents approached Rivers, the only black passenger in the train car, and asked to search his bag. Inside the bag, agents found \$16,000 in cash—money Rivers said he had saved up and received from family members to pursue his music video aspirations.</p>

The agents detained Rivers and asked him about the cash. According to Rivers and his lawyer, Michael Pancer, a San Diego-based attorney, Rivers had the agents call his mother to confirm his story, but the DEA nevertheless seized his money, believing it was somehow connected with drugs.

The DEA agents then released Rivers, leaving him penniless in Albuquerque. He was never charged with a crime. The incident, first reported by the *Albuquerque Journal*, is the latest case to highlight the practice of civil asset forfeiture.

Under civil asset forfeiture laws, police and federal agents can seize property on the mere suspicion that it is connected to criminal activity. The property owner does not even have to be charged with a crime, since asset forfeiture is technically an action against the property itself.

“We don’t have to prove that the person is guilty,” Sean Waite, the head of the DEA’s Albuquerque office, told the *Albuquerque Journal*. “It’s that the money is presumed to be guilty.”

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HEADLINE	05/11 Ex-Soviet spy worked in NY power grid
SOURCE	http://www.rtoinsider.com/soviet-spy-jack-barsky-nyiso-15052/
GIST	<p>A former Soviet spy who lived in the United States for more than 35 years under an assumed identity has been working since 2011 as director of software development for NYISO but never had access to any sensitive data or operations, officials said.</p> <p>The power grid operator responded to a CBS “60 Minutes” report that aired Sunday, in which “Jack Barsky” revealed his Cold War past, when he posed as an American in the 1970s and 80s in the hopes of gaining access to high ranking government officials.</p> <p>Born Albrecht Dieterich in East Germany, he was recruited by the KGB as a student. He assumed the identity of Jack Barsky after Soviet agents provided him the birth certificate of an American boy who died at age 10.</p> <p>Barsky told CBS he was directed to infiltrate the office of Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Jimmy Carter’s national security adviser from 1977-1981 but never got close to the official. He said his biggest coup was providing Soviets enterprise software designed by an insurance company for which he worked.</p> <p>Barsky, who lives northeast of NYISO headquarters in Rensselaer, was placed on administrative leave recently when he told the ISO he was going to be the subject of a “60 Minutes” report.</p> <p>According to his LinkedIn profile, Barsky came to NYISO after serving as chief information officer for NRG Energy from 2006 to 2010 and ConEdison Solutions from 2002 to 2006. The companies confirmed his employment to Capital New York.</p>

“According to the story on ‘60 Minutes,’ Mr. Barsky appears to have had regular contact with the FBI over a period of many years that was not publicly disclosed. The FBI generally informs a company such as the NYISO of any potential cyber security threat of which it is aware. We have a long standing and productive relationship with the FBI and at no time did the FBI indicate that this employee posed a threat,” NYISO spokesman David C. Flanagan said.

“Out of an abundance of caution, we have conducted internal forensic reviews of physical and computer records and have not discovered any security threats or any indication that the employee engaged in improper behavior. The employee did not have direct access to grid operations or energy market systems that would enable manipulation of software. Further, the individual did not have physical access to our control rooms.”

Flanagan said NYISO has hired an outside firm to “to conduct a separate analysis to confirm our findings.”

According to the “60 Minutes” report, Barsky was discovered in 1997 by the FBI, when he was working as a computer programmer in New Jersey. His last name had appeared in materials provided to the government by a KGB defector in 1992.

Barsky was never arrested or charged, as the FBI determined he would be of no value in jail; he was more useful living freely as he was debriefed about KGB operations.

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HEADLINE	05/11 Police: brutal attack in park
SOURCE	http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/police-brutal-attack-park-leaves-man-without-sight/nmDrM/
GIST	<p>BALLARD, Wash. — A man was reportedly blinded after an attacked in Golden Gardens Park.</p> <p>He and his girlfriend were reportedly at the park, at 8498 Seaview Pl. N.W., with other classmates on May 2 when another group of "rowdy" classmates arrived.</p> <p>"Out of nowhere" a classmate of the victim tackled him from behind and proceeded to choke him, the Ballard News Tribune reported.</p> <p>A friend of the victim separated him from the suspect. When the victim was leaving and asked the suspect why he had tackled him, the suspect reportedly responded by slapping and then punching the victim.</p>

	<p>Then the two groups started fighting. Another suspect held the victim down, and the suspect gouged the victim's eyes with his thumbs. The suspect also pushed sand in the victim's eyes during the attack, which was described as excruciating pain. The victim's girlfriend rushed him to Swedish Hospital.</p> <p>He was sent to Harborview Medical Center for his optical nerve damage.</p> <p>Police said the suspect is an ex-Army soldier who owns weapons and has anger issues. A report said there were alleged two separate accounts of "choking people out" during their time as classmates.</p> <p>It's unclear whether the victim's injuries are permanent or temporary.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Tacoma deadly drive-by shooting
SOURCE	http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/police-man-fatally-shot-tacoma/nmDwk/
GIST	<p>A 17-year-old boy was killed in a drive-by shooting Monday night, Tacoma police said.</p> <p>Four shots were fired from the parking lot of the Springhaven Village Apartments at 9210 S. Hosmer Street, witnesses said.</p> <p>Resident heard the shots at about 8:34 p.m. and called police, Tacoma police told KIRO 7.</p> <p>The victim lived in the apartment complex with his mother, residents told KIRO 7.</p> <p>Detectives are still seeking a description of the suspects and a motive for the shooting.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Gig Harbor police eye \$1M in thefts
SOURCE	http://www.thenewstribune.com/2015/05/11/3786863/police-more-that-1-million-in.html
GIST	<p>Gig Harbor police said Monday that more than \$1 million worth of goods may have been stolen from commercial or rental trucks in the area.</p> <p>Officers found some of the stolen property in three Key Peninsula storage units, after employees of a local lumberyard reported a break-in April 24.</p> <p>GPS tracking of the vehicle showed someone took it to Fox Island, dropped off the wood, then dumped the truck back near the business, police said.</p> <p>Investigators identified some suspects, and found stolen property amounting to \$200,000 in several storage units in unincorporated Pierce County, involving at least eight stolen trucks and nine victims, police said.</p>

	<p>Among the goods taken were personal family items, military equipment, commercial goods and tools. The stolen goods could amount to a value of more than \$1 million, because investigators think it's possible some of the items were sold, police said.</p> <p>One person was arrested, and investigators are working to determine if there are other suspects responsible for the thefts.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/12 Organized crime grows w/migrants
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/World/GlobalTalk/Immigration-mafia-crime-migrants/2015/05/12/id/643983/
GIST	<p>The profits are huge, the risks limited and the demand virtually inexhaustible: trafficking illegal migrants to Europe is increasingly becoming the domain of organized crime groups attracted by the multibillion-dollar pay-off, experts say.</p> <p>Transporting desperate migrants from conflict zones in Africa or the Middle East is a lucrative business that generates an estimated \$7 billion, about six billion euros, a year, and mafia groups want a slice of the pie.</p> <p>"Cross-border trafficking flows ... are more often connected to organized crime. Complex trafficking flows can be more easily sustained by large and well-organized criminal groups," said the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in a recent report.</p> <p>With better connected and broader "big fish" networks taking over, even the journey itself has changed, said Arezo Malakooti, who works for Paris-based Altai, a group that advises the International Organization for Migration (IOM).</p> <p>"In 2013, the immigrants told us that they took a journey in stages, and at each stage they would change smugglers and pay a new price. Sometimes they would stop at locations to work and make money to be able to afford the next step," said Malakooti.</p> <p>"In 2014 we increasingly saw migrants paying for a journey from home to destination. It's happening more and more now."</p> <p>There is also an interconnection between different networks, suggested by the fact that some migrants passing through Libya end up working as prostitutes in Europe, said Joel Milman, IOM spokesman.</p> <p>One of the things attracting the big fish mafia bosses is a richer clientele of middle-class Syrians escaping their war-torn country — a more prosperous group than their African counterparts.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Mexico town: vigilantes disarm police
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2015/05/11/Group-of-vigilantes-seize-disarm-local-police-in-Mexican-town/1691431363764/?spt=hs&or=tn_int
GIST	<p>CHILAPA, Mexico, May 11 (UPI) -- The Mexican army was sent to the town of Chilapa after nearly 300 people armed with rifles and other weapons disarmed local police and looted several businesses.</p> <p>The army was sent in to retake control on Saturday night, the government announced Sunday.</p> <p>About 30 men with rifles "disarmed and locked in the policemen who were on duty, and took all the weapons, armor and equipment," according to a statement by the Government Secretariat of the Mexican state of Guerrero.</p> <p>The streets were empty as people sought refuge in their homes, which some looters took as the opportunity to ransack businesses.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/12 Indonesia arrests 7 in seafood slavery
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/indonesian-police-arrest-seafood-slavery-case-30972425
GIST	<p>Two Indonesians and five Thais were arrested on charges of human trafficking connected with slavery in the seafood industry, Indonesian police said Tuesday. They were the first suspects taken into custody since the case was revealed by The Associated Press in a report two months ago.</p> <p>The arrests were made Monday and late Friday in the remote island village of Benjina, said Lt. Col. Arie Dharmanto, National Police anti-trafficking unit chief.</p> <p>Five Thai boat captains and two Indonesian employees at Pusaka Benjina Resources, one of the largest fishing firms in eastern Indonesia, were taken into custody. The arrests come after the AP reported on slave-caught seafood shipped from Benjina to Thailand, where it can be exported and enter the supply chains of some of America's biggest food retailers.</p> <p>"They have committed an extraordinary crime, and we will not let it happen again in Indonesia," Dharmanto said. "We will not stop here. We will pursue those who are involved in this case, whoever they are."</p> <p>Police will recommend they be charged by prosecutors. If the men go to trial, they could face jail sentences of up to 15 years and fines as high as \$46,000, he said.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/12 Assange arrest warrant appeal denied
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/12/europe/sweden-julian-assange-appeal-fail/index.html
GIST	<p>The Swedish Supreme Court has denied WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's latest appeal to dismiss an arrest warrant for allegations of sexual assault.</p> <p>Assange has been holed up in London's Ecuadorian Embassy for more than two years to avoid extradition to Sweden, where prosecutors want to question him about 2010 allegations that he raped one woman and sexually molested another.</p> <p>Although prosecutors have agreed to look into conducting interviews in London to move the investigation forward, the court sees "no reason" to lift the arrest warrant, Sweden's Supreme Court said in a statement released on Monday.</p> <p>In a previous appeal, Assange argued that the preliminary investigation has been open for an unacceptably long time, and that the arrest warrant improperly keeps him from going to Ecuador, which offered him asylum, or even from going outdoors.</p> <p>The prosecutors previously balked at coming to Britain to question Assange, however, some of the alleged crimes will be subject to a statute of limitations in August this year, which has spurred Swedish authorities to change their approach.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/12 Another blogger hacked to death
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/12/asia/bangladesh-blogger-killed/index.html
GIST	<p>The attack on bloggers critical of Islam has taken on a disturbing regularity in Bangladesh with yet another writer hacked to death Tuesday.</p> <p>Ananta Bijoy Das, 32, was killed Tuesday morning as he left his home on his way to work at a bank, police in the northeastern Bangladeshi city of Sylhet said.</p> <p>Four masked men attacked him, hacking him to death with cleavers and machetes, said Sylhet Metropolitan Police Commissioner Kamrul Ahsan.</p> <p>The men then ran away. Because of the time of the morning when the attack happened, there were few witnesses. But police said they are following up on interviewing the few people who saw the incident.</p> <p>"It's one after another after another," said Imran Sarker, who heads the Blogger and Online Activists Network in Bangladesh. "It's the same scenario again and again. It's very troubling."</p>

	<p>Das' death was at least the third this year of someone who was killed for online posts critical of Islam. In each case, the attacks were carried out publicly on city streets.</p> <p>The three victims are hardly the only ones who have paid a steep price for their views. In the last two years, several bloggers have died, either murdered or under mysterious circumstances.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Deadly Penn. shopping plaza shooting
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/05/11/police-report-active-shooter-situation-in-pennsylvania-town/?intcmp=latestnews
GIST	<p>One person is dead after a shooting at a shopping plaza in Pennsylvania Monday.</p> <p>The shooting occurred at Minniti Motorsports in Rostraver around 9 a.m., officials told KDKA.</p> <p>A man wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt shot at least one person behind the counter of an auto body shop, WPXI reports.</p> <p>Chuck Stephenson told The Associated Press in a Facebook message that his older brother, 34-year-old Drew Molinari of Belle Vernon, died in the shooting. Stephenson says the family is grieving and not willing to comment beyond confirming Molinari's death.</p> <p>Pennsylvania State Police told Fox News that a manhunt is now under way for the shooter.</p> <p>Police have responded to at least one report of gunfire a couple of miles from the shooting scene. They did not find the suspect or confirm a link to the killing.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 FBI: killing of police officers on rise
SOURCE	http://thehill.com/policy/national-security/241594-fbi-officer-killings-on-the-rise
GIST	<p>The number of law enforcement officers killed through acts of violence has been on a precipitous upswing, according to preliminary data from the FBI.</p> <p>Statistics released by the bureau on Monday show that 51 officers were killed by a felony crime in 2014, up from the just 27 killed in 2013 — which represented a 35-year low.</p> <p>From 1980-2014, an average of 64 officers were killed each year across the country, the FBI said.</p> <p>The new data come amid growing tensions between police and communities across the country, in the wake of multiple deaths of unarmed black men and boys at the hands of police.</p>

	<p>As instances of unrest have spread from Ferguson, Mo., to Staten Island, N.Y., to Baltimore, scrutiny of law enforcement and of the perils that come with the job have also been on the rise.</p> <p>According to the FBI's new data, officers were shot at in 46 of the 51 deaths. Four officers were run over by vehicles and one was killed by someone's bare hands.</p> <p>Those deaths happened in a mix of situations: 11 officers were killed after answering disturbance calls, 10 were attempting to make traffic stops and eight were killed in an ambush. In other instances, officers were killed while investigating cases, dealing with people with mental illnesses or making other arrests.</p> <p>All of the cases from the slayings have been closed, the FBI said.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Shooting near UC Santa Barbara
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/3-shot-near-uc-santa-barbara-campus/
GIST	<p>SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Two people were shot and a third was assaulted Monday night in an attack near the University of California, Santa Barbara in the same neighborhood where a man staged a killing rampage last year.</p> <p>Three men in their early 20s were taken to a hospital with moderate injuries after county sheriff's deputies and campus police answered a domestic disturbance call outside a home in Isla Vista, according to fire and sheriff's officials.</p> <p>"One of the injured is believed to be a suspect," a Sheriff's Office statement said.</p> <p>A university statement circulated among students said it was not clear whether the men were students.</p> <p>Another man fled in a white sedan, prompting a lockdown and search of the campus that ended after about two hours.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Most arrested in crackdown not LEAD
SOURCE	http://mynorthwest.com/11/2759800/Many-arrested-in-Aprils-Seattle-crime-crackdown-not-eligible-for-diversion-program
GIST	<p>Rather than sending suspected drug dealers that were arrested during Seattle's April crime crackdown to prison, the plan was to enroll "some" in a diversion program.</p> <p>That "some" was 11 out of at least 95 people arrested, so far.</p>

Return to Top	<p>Many of the people arrested in the 9.5 blocks of downtown, between First and Fourth avenues and Union and Stewart streets, were not eligible for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program.</p> <p>"Almost all the people arrested in the nine-and-a-half blocks are being dealt with in the old way," Lisa Daugaard, deputy director of Public Defender Association, said on Mike McGinn's "You. Me. Us. Now." podcast.</p> <p>The "old way" she refers to is the process of arresting, booking, prosecuting, and convicting.</p> <p>The arrests were made by Seattle police in an effort to crack down on drug dealing and associated crime.</p> <p>The LEAD pre-booking diversion pilot program would have redirected those low-level offenders to community-based services, instead of jail and prosecution.</p> <p>The intention was to divert as many as possible to LEAD, Daugaard said. It turns out eligibility kept "a lot" of people out.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Sexually motivated burglar arrested
SOURCE	http://blog.seattlepi.com/seattle911/2015/05/11/police-man-arrested-tied-to-12-sexually-motivated-burglaries-in-u-district/
GIST	<p>Seattle police believe a man they arrested Friday is tied to 12 sexually motivated burglaries near the University of Washington campus since December.</p> <p>Upon receiving a positive DNA match for the man from a rape kit administered on the first known victim, police arrested the 35-year-old at his Northgate-area home.</p> <p>Police booked him into King County Jail for investigation of one count of rape, one count of indecent liberties and four counts of burglary.</p> <p>The intruder typically hit residences housing several women north of the UW campus. He struck between 2 and 6 a.m. while the alleged victims slept in homes between the 1500 block of Northeast 45th Street and the 1900 block of Northeast 52nd Street, according to police reports.</p> <p>The arrested man has not yet been charged. He is scheduled to face a bail hearing Monday afternoon.</p> <p>The man appears to have no criminal history in Washington, according to court records. He reportedly has a wife and four kids and has been employed by the same person in Seattle for 14 years.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Growing list refugees run into trouble
SOURCE	http://www.wnd.com/2015/05/in-u-s-just-9-days-refugee-tries-to-rape-woman/
GIST	<p>The U.S. screening process for foreign refugees has once again failed to stop a criminal from entering the country, as indicated by the case of Tchalim Koboya Lidawo of Togo.</p> <p>Lidawo was in the U.S. only nine days when he was arrested in Virginia and charged with two counts of attempted rape and one count of abduction with force related to an incident on Dec. 4, 2014.</p> <p>Lidawo pleaded no contest to the charges May 8 and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.</p> <p>Lidawo is the latest in a long line of refugees the government has brought in from overseas who have run afoul of the law.</p> <p>Hundreds of former refugees have come to the U.S. and ended up being charged with providing material support to foreign terrorist organizations or other criminal acts.</p> <p>The country with the worst record is Somalia. So many Somalis have have been arrested or sought by authorities that U.S. attorney for Minnesota, Andrew Luger, concluded last month that the state “has a terror recruitment problem” among its growing Somali-American community. The community is about 50,000 strong in the greater Minneapolis-St. Paul area, made up of Somali refugees and their sons and daughters.</p> <p>The U.S. State Department has resettled 3 million foreign refugees into communities across the U.S. since 1975. It insists the refugees are the “most rigorously scrutinized” of all immigrants. But the program has changed from its early days. While the first refugees in the 1970s and early 1980s tended to come from Southeast Asia and other peaceful nations, more in recent years, since the early 1990s, have come from countries in the Middle East and Africa where Islamic-inspired civil war rages.</p> <p>The list of those refugees running into trouble once they get to the U.S. keeps growing.</p> <p>The next big wave of high-risk refugees is coming from Syria, which is bogged down in a five-year civil war among warring Islamic factions. So far, only about 800 have entered the U.S., and 92 percent of them have been Muslim.</p> <p>Michael Steinbach, the deputy assistant director of the FBI’s counter-terrorism unit, admitted in a February hearing before the House Homeland Security Committee that the FBI is incapable of vetting refugees from Syria. He said there are no reliable records available to the U.S. in a “failed state” like Syria.</p>

	Yet the U.S. State Department, under the authority of the Refugee Act of 1980, continues to admit 70,000 refugees per year into the U.S., roughly half of them from terror-supporting countries like Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen and Syria.
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HEADLINE	05/11 Canada busts major heroin trafficking
SOURCE	http://globalnews.ca/news/1992026/28-people-arrested-in-major-heroin-trafficking-operation/
GIST	<p>VANCOUVER – Twenty eight people have been arrested in a major heroin trafficking and importation operation.</p> <p>The investigation began in June, 2013, when members of the RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime (FSOC) identified a group of people in the Vancouver area involved in importing heroin. Shipments started in Afghanistan and would travel by air via Africa and then to Canada and Europe.</p> <p>Once shipments reached Canada, the heroin would then be distributed in various cities.</p> <p>Investigators reached out to agencies, including the South African Police Service and the Belgium Federal Police to identify people involved and dismantle the operation.</p> <p>Police say the operation was complex and that transnational organized crime, including heroin trafficking, is a global problem in which geographical boundaries do not exist.</p> <p>Along with the 28 arrests, 37 kilograms of heroin were also seized.</p> <p>The FSOC, the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) were involved in this multi-agency, multi-national investigation.</p>
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SOURCE	http://enformable.com/2015/05/former-nrc-employee-indicted-after-attempting-to-sell-nuclear-secrets-and-launch-cyber-attack/
GIST	<p>Charles Harvey Eccleston, a 62-year-old former employee of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Department of Energy (DOE) currently living in the Philippines, was the subject of an undercover investigation by agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) after a cyber attack was used to attempt to steal files from the Department of Energy.</p> <p>Eccleston worked at the Department of Energy between 1988 and 2001, had been terminated from his position as a Facilities Security Specialist at the NRC in October 2010 due to performance and conduct</p>

issues, and moved to the Philippines in May 2011. After moving to Davao City in the Philippines, Eccleston married a local woman, and needed money to stay in his new country of residence.

According to a press release from the FBI, it was the desire to collect funds to stay in the Philippines that led Eccleston to walk into a foreign embassy, report that he was a government employee with top-secret security clearance and offer "to provide classified information, which he claimed had been taken from the U.S. government."

Eccleston first offered a list of over 5,000 email accounts of all officials, engineers, and employees of the NRC in exchange for \$18,800, which he claimed was about the cost of a new Honda Civic. He also said that he could obtain accurate engineering blueprints of U.S. nuclear reactors, but didn't relay an asking price for that information.

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HEADLINE	05/11 Ex-CIA officer jailed 3.5yrs for leak
SOURCE	http://www.bbc.com/news/32456102
GIST	<p>Former CIA officer Jeffrey Sterling spoke to a journalist in Washington about the CIA. Now a judge has sentenced him to prison for three and a half years for revealing classified information.</p> <p>Mr Sterling, 47, stood in front of a judge in Alexandria Federal Court in the US state of Virginia.</p> <p>"You have a lot of talent - and an ability to live a law-abiding life," Judge Leonie Brinkem told him. But, she said, the offences he had committed were severe.</p> <p>"There has to be a clear message sent to other people at the agency," she said, explaining that intelligence officers should understand that they, too, will be punished if they disclose classified information. "There's going to be a price that will be paid."</p> <p>After the court adjourned, Mr Sterling turned around. His wife, Holly, sobbed against his shoulder. He reached out his arm stiffly to comfort her, and they walked out of the courtroom together.</p> <p>It's the end of a legal battle for him. It also concludes a trial that's been watched closely by journalists, intelligence officers and others in the US and abroad.</p> <p>In January Mr Sterling was convicted of espionage on charges that he revealed classified information - he spoke to a journalist, James Risen, who writes for the New York Times, about the efforts of US officials to disrupt Iran's nuclear programme.</p>

	<p>Mr Risen wrote about the American plot in a book called State of War, which was published in 2006. He said Americans tried to create misleading guidelines for Iranian scientists that would trip them up as they worked on their nuclear programme.</p> <p>The then-attorney general, Eric Holder, said Mr Sterling's decision to reveal details about the CIA programme to a journalist put people's lives at risk and endangered national security.</p> <p>For these reasons Gabriel Schoenfeld, a senior fellow at Hudson Institute and the author of a book called Necessary Secrets, believes that his sentence is light.</p>
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SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/kent/2015/05/11/kent-police-impound-suspected-cars-in-fatal-drive-by/27143583/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>KENT, Wash. -- Kent police say they impounded two vehicles suspected in a deadly drive-by shooting that killed an infant on April 16.</p> <p>The 1-year-old, Malijha Grant, died after being shot in the head as she rode in a car with her parents.</p> <p>Police released a description of two vehicles seen fleeing the crime scene - the suspect's vehicle described as a black four-door sedan, and a second car described as a silver 2007 Pontiac Grand Am, license plate 678-ZRL, stolen from the Kent area.</p> <p>Police received numerous tips from the public. Based on that information, investigators identified several leads in the case and impounded two vehicles suspected in the shooting.</p> <p>Police said both vehicles were taken to an undisclosed location for investigation. After inspection, investigators determined that one of the recovered vehicles, a Pontiac Grand Am, was not the second vehicle that was involved.</p> <p>No information was released about the other vehicle impounded.</p> <p>Investigators say they still believe a Pontiac Grand Am with a burned out passenger side brake is still outstanding. Police are still asking for the public's help for assistance in locating the vehicle.</p> <p>Investigators say the killing was related to a series of gang-related shootings between Seattle and Tacoma.</p>
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SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/remains-of-4-more-people-found-in-connecticut-serial-killings-probe/
GIST	<p>Authorities in Connecticut investigating a suspected serial killer said Monday that the remains of at least four more people have been found behind a strip mall where the partial skeletons of three women were discovered in 2007.</p> <p>Police in New Britain also said they believe one person killed all seven victims. They did not release the suspect's name but said without elaborating that the person is not a danger to the public.</p> <p>If that theory proves true, the case would rival that of Connecticut's most notorious serial killer, Michael Ross, who admitted slaying eight women and girls in Connecticut and New York in the 1980s and was put to death in 2005 in New England's first execution in 45 years.</p>
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HEADLINE	05/11 Cop killer suspect w/mental problems
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/mississippi-man-accused-in-officer-killings-was-drug-addict-his-mother-says/
GIST	<p>HATTIESBURG, Miss. -- A Mississippi man accused of fatally shooting two police officers has mental problems and is addicted to drugs, appearing high in photos after he was arrested, his mother said Monday.</p> <p>Mary Smith told The Associated Press that her son smoked synthetic marijuana known as "spice" daily and had been hearing voices ever since he was attacked and hit in the head with a pipe several years ago.</p> <p>Smith's son, 29-year-old Marvin Banks, was charged with two counts of murder in the deaths of officers Benjamin Deen and Liquori Tate. The officers were slain Saturday night in what authorities have so far only described as a traffic stop gone awry.</p> <p>A preliminary investigation indicated Deen had pulled over a vehicle for speeding and then called for backup, which is when Tate arrived. Gunshots erupted in the road near the Hattiesburg Housing Authority office. Banks' girlfriend, Joanie Calloway, was also charged with two counts of murder.</p> <p>His younger brother, 26-year-old Curtis Banks, is charged as an accessory to murder and Marvin's friend Cornelius Clark is charged with obstruction. It's not clear what warranted those charges.</p> <p>Warren Strain, a spokesman for the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, said it was too early to say who shot the officers or how many shots were fired, and it wasn't clear what prompted the gunfire.</p>
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SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/boston-marathon-bomber-dzhokhar-tsarnaev-genuinely-anti-death/story?id=30955484

GIST	<p>Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was “genuinely sorry for what he did,” famed anti-death penalty advocate and nun Sister Helen Prejean told a Boston court today.</p> <p>Prejean said she spoke to Tsarnaev in recent days and, after the two had “established trust,” Tsarnaev told her that “no one deserves to suffer like they [the bombing victims] did.”</p> <p>“His face registered it. He kind of lowered his eyes,” Prejean said. “[His voice] had pain in it. I had every reason to think that he was taking it in and he was genuinely sorry for what he did.”</p> <p>Prejean’s description of a remorseful Tsarnaev is at odds with the cold-blooded killer as prosecutors have painted him in court. Tsarnaev has not appeared to show any emotion during either phase of his trial, except when he appeared to tear up at his relatives’ testimony last week, and has never publicly apologized for his role in the attack.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Nursing home bills average \$91K/year
SOURCE	http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/latestnational/3070585-8/nursing-home-bills-in-us-now-average-91k
GIST	<p>The steep cost of caring for the elderly continues to climb. The median bill for a private room in a nursing home is now \$91,250 a year, according to an industry survey out Thursday.</p> <p>The annual “Cost of Care” report from Genworth Financial tracks the staggering rise in expenses for long-term care, a growing financial burden for families, governments and insurers like Genworth. The cost of staying in a nursing home has increased 4 percent every year over the last five years, the report says. Last year, the median bill was \$87,600.</p> <p>“Most people don’t realize how expensive this care can be until a parent or family member needs it,” said Joe Caldwell, director of long-term services at the National Council on Aging. “And then it’s a real shock.”</p> <p>The annual report from Genworth, which sells policies to cover long-term care, looks at costs for a variety of services, including adult daycare, and home health aides. And nursing home bills are rising at the fastest pace, twice the rate of U.S. inflation over the last five years. One year in a nursing home now costs nearly as much as three years of tuition at a private college.</p> <p>For its report, Genworth surveyed 15,000 nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other providers across the country in January and February. It found wide differences from state to state. In Oklahoma, for instance, the median cost for a year in a nursing home came out to \$60,225. In Connecticut, it was \$158,775. Alaska had the highest costs by far, with one year at \$281,415.</p> <p>Washington’s median cost for care last year was \$96,933 for a semi-private room and \$105,631 for a private room. In Yakima, the median costs were \$76,285 and \$83,585, respectively.</p> <p>So, who pays the nursing-home bill? “A lot of people believe Medicare will step in and cover them, but that’s just not true,” said Bruce Chernoff, president and CEO of The Scan Foundation, a charitable organization. Medicare will cover some short visits for recovery after a surgery, for instance, but not long-term stays.</p>

	Often enough, experts say senior citizens wind up spending their savings until they hit their last \$2,000, and at that point they can turn to Medicaid, the government's health insurance for the poor, to help cover the bill. As a result, Medicaid pays for more than half of the country's long-term care bill. That cost accounts for more than a quarter of Medicaid spending, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.
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HEADLINE	04/09 Spokane program cleans up graffiti
SOURCE	http://www.krem.com/story/news/local/spokane-county/2015/04/09/spokane-graffiti-website/25512031/
GIST	<p>SPOKANE, Wash. – The beginning of warmer weather poses a new challenge for anyone who is fed up with graffiti.</p> <p>This is normally the time of year in Spokane when tagging cases skyrocket. The City of Spokane has introduced a new website aimed at cleaning it all up.</p> <p>Faced with a staggering increase in tagging cases, 2 On Your Side checked up on a website that allowed people to easily report graffiti.</p> <p>Since July 2014, that website has allowed people to report the exact address of a tagging incident, including sending pictures.</p> <p>Heading into the warm weather season, new numbers suggest the website could finally be making a dent in tagger's plans. Nearly 200 tips have come into the website since July 2014, according to the city.</p> <p>City officials also said nearly 90 percent of overall graffiti cases are uncovered through tips provided to the website. Because those tips are instantaneous, the graffiti is covered up faster. City officials hope that will discourage taggers from breaking the law again.</p> <p>Overall graffiti cases have dropped by 40 percent since 2014, city officials said.</p> <p>The website was set up when graffiti enforcement was transferred from the police department to code enforcement. As a result, Spokane Police are no longer bogged-down with graffiti complaints, giving them more time to investigate more serious issues.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Oil spill fouls Vancouver B.C. beaches
SOURCE	http://blog.seattlepi.com/seattlepolitics/2015/04/09/vancouver-b-c-oil-spill-city-not-informed-for-13-hours/#32040101=0
GIST	Residents of Vancouver, B.C., were told on a warm spring Thursday to stay away from popular beaches after a spill of toxic bunker oil or raw crude oil left a kilometer-long slick in the city's scenic English Bay.

The city's government was not notified of the spill for more than 13 hours after it was spotted from a sailboat, reported to a marine spill hot line and then to Canada's Coast Guard.

Port Metro Vancouver was informed, but the autonomous port apparently did not inform the city.

"The lack of notice is profoundly disturbing for many of my constituents: They use the beaches at Kitsilano every morning to run, to go kayaking, to run with dogs and let them in the water," said David Eby, who represents the Vancouver-Point Grey riding (district) in the British Columbia Legislature.

A bulk carrier hauling grain is the suspected cause of the spill. The suspect ship has been boomed off, and the spill is being cleaned up.

The spill, and the 13-hour delay, have come at a highly sensitive time for the oil industry and its great and good friend, the government of Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

The Canadian government appears inclined to approve a pipeline project, with capacity greater than Keystone XL, that would create an oil export terminal at Burnaby, just east of Vancouver.

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HEADLINE	04/10 Video record gap in S.C. shooting
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/US/police-shooting-south-carolina/2015/04/10/id/637657/
GIST	<p>Questions persist about the shooting death of a black South Carolina motorist after the release of dashboard video of a traffic stop that led to a white officer being charged with murder.</p> <p>The dash cam footage released by state police on Thursday showed North Charleston Officer Michael Thomas Slager pulling over motorist Walter Scott for a broken brake light last weekend.</p> <p>Saturday's traffic stop opens routinely as Scott is stopped in a used Mercedes-Benz he had bought days earlier, footage from the patrol car showed. The white officer is seen walking toward the driver's window, requesting Scott's license and registration. Slager then returns to his cruiser.</p> <p>The video also shows Scott beginning to get out of the car, his right hand raised above his head. He then quickly gets back into the car and closes the door. After Slager goes back to his patrol car, minutes later, Scott jumps from his car and runs. Slager chases him.</p> <p>What's missing is what happens from the time the two men run out of the frame of dashboard video to the time picked up in a bystander's cellphone video a few hundred yards away. The cellphone footage starts with Scott getting to his feet and running away, then Slager firing eight shots at the man's back.</p>

	<p>The dashboard camera is in stark contrast to the cellphone footage of the later moments of the encounter. On the dash cam video, Slager never touches his gun during the stop. He also makes no unreasonable demands or threats.</p> <p>"It is possible for something to happen in that gap to significantly raise the officer's perception of risk," Seth Stoughton, a former police officer and criminal law professor at the University of South Carolina.</p> <p>Both Slager, 33, and Scott, 55, were U.S. Coast Guard veterans. Slager had one complaint in his personnel file of excessive force that was ultimately dismissed. Scott had been jailed repeatedly for failing to pay child support. But neither man had a record of violence. Slager consistently earned positive reviews in his five years with the North Charleston Police.</p> <p>Slager's attorney, Andy Savage, said Thursday that he's conducting his own investigation, and that it's "far too early for us to be saying what we think."</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Short people risk higher heart disease
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2015/04/09/short-tall-heart-disease/25510553/
GIST	<p>(NEWSER) – It's tough enough being on the shorter side, and a new study in the New England Journal of Medicine doesn't make things any easier. Researchers in the UK find that being small of stature increases the risk of coronary heart disease, the Telegraph reports.</p> <p>More specifically, for every 2.5 inches shorter we are, our risk increases by 13.5%. In other words, a five-foot tall person has a 32% higher risk of heart disease than a five-foot-six person does. The findings, which involved data on 200,000 people, are tied to genetics; it seems the genes involved in height could also be involved in heart disease. "The more height-increasing genetic variants that you carry, the lower your risk of coronary heart disease—and conversely, if you were genetically shorter, the higher your risk," a researcher notes.</p> <p>That is, at least if you're a man, NPR reports: Researchers didn't discover a clear relationship between height and heart disease risk in women, though that might just be because the study involved more male than female subjects. Experts have been aware of an apparent relationship between height and heart disease since the 1950s without being able to explain it, NPR notes.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Calif. gov. sounds alarm on drought
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2015/04/09/drought-california-brown/25544867/
GIST	California Gov. Jerry Brown warned Thursday that the drought parching his state will lead to a summer of forest fires and potential water shortages.

In an interview with USA TODAY, Brown called the drought "unprecedented in recorded history" and is evidence of a changing climate.

His comments came a week after Brown called for the state's first mandatory water restrictions. He ordered the cutbacks because of a paltry snowpack in the Sierra, which is one of the state's primary sources of water.

"We're in for tough times," Brown said.

He admitted it might take a while for the enormity of the drought to sink in for many of his state's 38 million residents. "There's been fairly inadequate conservation so far," he said.

He expects Californians to do what's required to deal with the drought. He hopes the drought will bring Californians together, enabling them to understand how to use less water.

"We're trying to use the water in the wisest way possible," Brown said.

More than 44% of California is in "exceptional" drought — the worst level of drought. That's the highest percentage of exceptional drought the state has seen this year. It is the highest percentage of any U.S. state. All of California, except a tiny corner of San Bernardino County, suffers some degree of drought, according to the drought report.

After some rain and snow in Northern California this week, the state is likely to remain warmer and drier than average the next two weeks, according to the Climate Prediction Center.

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HEADLINE	04/09 Expert: untreatable tick-borne virus
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/health/2015/04/09/untreatable-tick-borne-virus-found-in-conn/?intcmp=latestnews
GIST	<p>An untreatable, and sometimes fatal tick-borne disease is turning up in parts of southern Connecticut, according to one expert.</p> <p>Dr. Theodore Andreadis, head of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, told WCBS 880 that the Powassan virus has symptoms similar to those of Lyme disease, including headache, nausea and fever.</p> <p>Once contracted, there is no treatment for the virus, and the disease can often be fatal, Andreadis said. While there have been no reported human cases in the areas, Andreadis said that people who venture into wooded areas may encounter deer carrying ticks.</p>

	“These ticks will transmit this virus when they feed within a matter of hours, whereas with Lyme disease, for example, ticks generally have to feed up to two days before they’re capable of transmitting it,” Andreadis told WCBS 880.
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HEADLINE	04/10 Largest aircraft on Earth
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2015/04/10/meet-largest-aircraft-on-earth/?intcmp=latestnews
GIST	<p>A U.S. Army mega aircraft – a hybrid of plane, helicopter, hovercraft and airship- is going civilian.</p> <p>Designed by British design company Hybrid Air Vehicles for the U.S. military, this massive piece of next-gen tech can travel through the air at nearly 100 miles per hour.</p> <p>At 302 feet, the Airlander 10 is bigger than a Boeing 747 and its new big brother in development will be bigger than a football field. Airlander 10 can carry 10 tons of equipment and the company says these uber-blimbs will be able to circumnavigate the globe twice in one trip without landing.</p> <p>Designed to meet military standards, Airlander works in extreme weather conditions and doesn’t need a prepared landing zone. In fact, it can land on challenging surfaces like water, sand, snow and ice – making it an excellent option for delivering cargo to remote locations in tough conditions.</p> <p>With humans on board, it can stay aloft for about five days, but when it is unmanned it can stay aloft for weeks on end.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Panama Hotel is National Treasure
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2015/04/09/seattles-panama-hotel-named-a-national-treasure/25559285/?csp=nbcnews
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- The country's newest national treasure is right here in Seattle. The National Trust for Historic Preservation on Thursday named the Panama Hotel in Seattle a national treasure.</p> <p>The hotel is described as an amazing cultural resource, and a time capsule from World War II.</p> <p>Japanese Americans, summoned for internment 73 years ago, could only take two suitcases with them. Many left their belongings in the basement of the Panama Hotel, which was built in 1909 or 1910.</p> <p>"It takes your breath away to reflect on what it must've been like at that time for Japanese Americans to leave behind everything they had," said Stephanie Meeks, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.</p>

	<p>"It's incredible, I mean I don't think history can get any better than this," said Jan Johnson, who has owned the Panama Hotel for the last 30 years.</p> <p>The Panama Hotel is now the 60th national treasure in the U.S.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Robot enters Fukushima nuke reactor
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/japans-fukushima-nuclear-plant-reactor-examined-snake-shaped-robot-n339091
GIST	<p>TOKYO — A snake-shaped robot equipped with a camera gave officials the first look inside one of the reactors at Japan's crippled Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant on Friday.</p> <p>The plant suffered meltdowns in three of its reactors in March 2011 after a massive earthquake and tsunami hit Japan, killing more than 15,000 people.</p> <p>The crippled reactors are inaccessible to humans because of deadly levels of radiation, so using the two-foot-long robot was the first chance officials were able to examine the damage caused by highly radioactive nuclear-fuel debris.</p> <p>"We believe this will lead us to figuring out how to decommission the reactor," Ryo Shimizu, spokesman for plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO), told NBC News.</p> <p>The robot, developed by Hitachi and GE Nuclear Energy, was inserted into a maze of pipes leading to Reactor Unit No.1. at 9:25 a.m. (4:25 p.m. ET Thursday), Shimizu said. He later confirmed to NBC News the robot reached its destination around two hours later — though stopped its work 2/3 of the way through. It was not immediately clear what disrupted the robot's efforts.</p> <p>Friday's probe was the first of several planned by officials until the robot's investigation of the reactor finishes next spring. TEPCO is designing a separate robot to examine reactor units 2 and 3.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 US in high-level talks with Cuba
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/john-kerry-meets-cuban-foreign-minister-bruno-rodriguez-panama-city-n339041
GIST	<p>PANAMA CITY — The U.S. and Cuban foreign ministers sat down for talks Thursday night in the highest-level meeting between the two sides since the early days of the Cuban revolution more than half a century ago.</p>

	<p>Secretary of State John Kerry met Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez in a Panama City hotel, the latest step toward better ties since President Barack Obama announced a historic shift in Cuba policy on Dec. 17.</p> <p>The two men talked for at least two hours, sitting across from each other in a restaurant-bar in the hotel fronted by large glass windows. The U.S. government said the meeting went well.</p> <p>The encounter took place on the eve of the Summit of the Americas in Panama, where Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro are expected to cross paths along with other leaders in the region. Obama appears to be close to removing Cuba from the list of countries that the U.S. government says sponsor terrorism.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Pakistan votes to stay out of Yemen action
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/pakistani-lawmakers-vote-stay-yemen-conflict-30217417
GIST	<p>Pakistan's parliament on Friday decided not to join the Saudi-led coalition targeting Shiite rebels in Yemen, with lawmakers adopting a resolution that calls on the warring parties in the impoverished Arabian Peninsula country to resolve the conflict through peaceful dialogue.</p> <p>After days of debating, Pakistani lawmakers unanimously voted in favor of a resolution, which states that "the parliament desires that Pakistan should maintain neutrality in the Yemen conflict so as to be able to play a proactive diplomatic role to end the crisis."</p> <p>The predominantly Sunni Pakistan, which has a Shiite minority of its own and shares a long border with Shiite powerhouse Iran, has been concerned about getting involved in Yemen's increasingly sectarian conflict and a Saudi-Iran proxy war in the region.</p> <p>The conflict in Yemen pits the Saudi-led Sunni Gulf Arab coalition against Shiite rival Iran, which supports the rebels known as the Houthis and has provided humanitarian aid, though both Iran and the rebels deny it has armed them.</p> <p>Since the Saudi-led coalition launched the aerial campaign more than two weeks ago, pro-Saudi groups have rallied across Pakistan, urging Islamabad to join the coalition. The rallies, organized by a militant-linked Sunni group and Hafiz Saeed, who heads the Jamaat-ud-Dawa religious group, have condemned the Shiite rebels' advance in Yemen.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 PLO says 'no' to military action
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/plo-military-action-syrias-embattled-yarmouk-30218324

GIST	<p>The Palestine Liberation Organization says it won't be drawn into military action in an embattled Palestinian refugee camp in Syria that has been overrun by Islamic State extremists.</p> <p>The statement late Thursday contradicted assertions made earlier in the day by a PLO emissary to Damascus, Ahmad Majdalani. He said that Palestinian groups are ready to join forces with the Syrian government to expel IS fighters from the camp.</p> <p>The PLO called for non-military means to "spare the blood of our people" and said that "we refuse to be drawn into any armed campaign."</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 S.C. policing tactics under scrutiny
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/black-motorists-fatal-shooting-outcry-police-tactics-30217966
GIST	<p>As North Charleston surged in population last decade, South Carolina's third-largest city fought rising crime through a simple policing solution: be aggressive. But the city's police department lost the respect of many black residents in neighborhoods they blitzed, and now many are upset after the fatal shooting of an unarmed black motorist by a white officer.</p> <p>Police in North Charleston used computers to track the neighborhoods where crime was on the rise, then sent waves of officers to patrol and conduct traffic stops, looking for offenders and letting drivers know they were present and cracking down. By the numbers, the tactics worked: every major category of crime, from murder to burglary to robbery to rape all fell significantly from 2007 to 2012, the last year for which statistics are available for the State Law Enforcement Division.</p> <p>But anger is surfacing as civil rights leaders are demanding a full U.S. Justice Department investigation of the North Charleston force and its crime-fighting approach. The fatal shooting of Walter Scott as he fled after a traffic stop Saturday stirred outrage around the nation, but people in North Charleston familiar with the police department's focus said they weren't surprised.</p> <p>"If the image of the city is more important than the lives of their citizens, there is going to be a problem," said Dot Scott, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Charleston branch. She's unrelated to the slain motorist.</p> <p>The U.S. Justice Department is conducting a parallel investigation with a local prosecutor into whether there were civil rights violations in the killing of Walter Scott. The NAACP would like that expanded to a full probe of whether racism and lack of respect for civil rights is pervasive through the entire department — like the federal agency's probe after of another black death at the hands of a law enforcement officer in Ferguson, Missouri.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Investigation in deputies beating man
SOURCE	http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Man-on-Stolen-Horse-Stunned-by-Sheriffs-Deputies-in-IE-299250951.html
GIST	<p>San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon ordered an immediate internal investigation Thursday into an arrest by deputies after a horse pursuit caught on camera by NewsChopper4.</p> <p>Deputies appeared to use Tasers to stun a man and then beat him after the pursuit in San Bernardino County Thursday afternoon.</p> <p>Aerial footage showed the man falling off the horse, and then being stunned with a Taser by a sheriff's deputy. The man appeared to fall to the ground with his arms outstretched. Two deputies immediately descended on him and began punching him in the head and kneeling him in the groin.</p> <p>The group surrounding the man grew to 11 sheriff's deputies.</p> <p>In the two minutes after the man was stunned with a Taser, it appeared deputies kicked him 17 times, punched him 37 times and struck him with batons four times. Thirteen blows appeared to be to the head. The allegedly stolen horse stood idly nearby.</p> <p>The man did not appear to move from his position lying on the ground for more than 45 minutes. He did not appear to receive medical attention while deputies stood around him during that time.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Ayatollah: White House 'lying'
SOURCE	http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/ayatollah-khamenei-accuses-wh-lying-being-deceptive-and-having-devilish-intentions_914336.html
GIST	<p>President Obama has long known that the real decision maker in Iran is Ayatollah Khamenei, the so-called supreme leader. While other Iranian officials have negotiated with Western powers over the mullahs' nuclear program, Khamenei's opinion is the only one that really counts. It is for this reason that Obama began writing directly to Khamenei early in his presidency.</p> <p>Earlier today, Khamenei broke his silence on the supposed "framework" the Obama administration has been trumpeting as the basis for a nuclear accord. Khamenei's speech pulled the rug out from underneath the administration.</p> <p>Khamenei accused the Obama administration of "lying" about the proposed terms, being "deceptive," and having "devilish" intentions, according to multiple published accounts of his speech, as well as posts on his official Twitter feed.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Tornadoes cut through Midwest
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/10/us/severe-weather/index.html
GIST	<p>Multiple tornadoes ripped through the rural Midwest on Thursday. A large and dangerous twister tore across fields in Iowa. And a twister touched down 70 miles outside of St. Louis.</p> <p>Eight tornadoes were reported Wednesday in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri, the Storm Prediction Center said.</p> <p>But it appears residents have been fortunate enough to come away from the terrifying weather spectacle alive. Hail stones the size of tennis balls plummeted down on Ashton, Illinois.</p> <p>It could have been worse as severe tornado damage dotted a path not far from the dense populations of Chicago and Rockford -- the state's third largest city. The tornado cut a 22-mile path through Ogle County, according to disaster management coordinator Tom Richter.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Excessive force? 3 cases in spotlight
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/09/us/police-use-of-force-cases/index.html
GIST	<p>A man dies in police custody after a dog allegedly mauls him. A mentally ill man is shot dead after his family calls police asking for help. An officer shoots into a vehicle after a car chase, killing a man originally suspected of drunk driving.</p> <p>As debate once again surges about whether police are using excessive force -- and whether race plays a role in how much force they use -- three recent cases from around the country are in the spotlight.</p> <p>Details are still emerging about the incidents. In all three cases, which resulted in the deaths of African-American men, representatives of the officers involved have said they were physically threatened and acted appropriately.</p> <p>Here's a look at what we know:</p> <p>Mauled by police dog? Prosecutors in Cumberland County, New Jersey, said they're investigating the death of a 32-year-old man who was in police custody.</p> <p>Police said officers unleashed a K9 on 32-year-old Phillip White when a violent struggle ensued after they were dispatched March 31 to a report of a "disorderly person." It wasn't long before officers called for medical assistance, according to prosecutors, reporting that White was in respiratory distress. He was pronounced dead at the hospital soon afterward.</p>

"It's a tragedy that's blatantly preventable," said Conrad Benedetto, an attorney representing White's family.

[A Facebook page](#) demanding justice in the case points to cell phone videos of the incident and accuses police of deliberately allowing the dog to maul White to death.

Mom in dash cam video: 'Please don't hurt my child'

Lavall Hall, a 25-year-old who family members say was a paranoid schizophrenic, died after police shot him in February. Family members had called police for help tracking down Hall after he left his mother's house. Now they've filed a civil rights lawsuit against the city of Miami Gardens, its former police chief and the two officers involved in the shooting.

The family's lawyer said video of the shooting makes it clear police went too far.

Shooting into vehicle after police chase

On the same day authorities said [a police officer was being charged with murder after a shooting in North Charleston, South Carolina](#), another officer was arrested 150 miles away in the town of North Augusta. Public Safety Officer Justin Gregory Craven is charged with discharging a firearm into a vehicle while occupied.

The case stems from the February 2014 shooting death of 68-year-old Ernest Satterwhite, who was shot dead while sitting in a car in his driveway after a police chase. Police had tried to pull Satterwhite over on suspicion of driving under the influence, [the Edgefield Daily reported at the time](#), citing police incident reports. Craven shot into the vehicle after reporting that Satterwhite had grabbed his gun during a confrontation. Satterwhite was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital.

In a lawsuit, Satterwhite's family "vehemently denies" that he ever tried to grab the officer's weapon, [according to The Washington Post](#). A grand jury indicted Craven on a misdemeanor charge of "misconduct in office" earlier this year -- a lesser charge than the manslaughter charge prosecutors had been seeking, the Post reported.

On Monday, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division announced Craven will now face the felony firearm charge, which carries a maximum penalty of up to 10 years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

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HEADLINE	04/09 Female unemployment worsens
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2015/04/09/female-unemployment-worse-under-president-obama/

GIST	<p>The official female unemployment rate is 4.9 percent, according to data released earlier this month by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. At a similar point in his presidency, the rate under President George W. Bush was 4.5 percent.</p> <p>Breitbart News earlier reported that the number of women leaving the workforce is at an all time high. And according to CNS News, the labor force participation for the past month was 56.6 percent, a 27-year low.</p> <p>However, the female unemployment rate is slightly better than the male unemployment rate, which sits around 5.1 percent.</p> <p>James Sherk, an expert in labor economics at the Heritage Foundation, said the difference between the male and female unemployment rate is the type of occupation.</p> <p>“Men are much more likely to work in construction and manufacturing jobs than women,” said Sherk. He said during the economic downturn, about half the job losses came from the construction and manufacturing sectors.</p> <p>He added that usually government employment is not affected by an economic recession as much as other sectors, which gives females a slight advantage since usually more females work as teachers and government employees.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Road rage incident leaves 1 dead
SOURCE	http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/transportation/1-dead-4-injured-in-multi-car-accident-on-i-5/
GIST	<p>One person died and three others were injured after a three-vehicle crash that began as a road-rage incident on southbound Interstate 5 in Seattle Wednesday night.</p> <p>A 23-year-old female passenger was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash on I-5 north of South Michigan Street, according to the State Patrol.</p> <p>Drivers of a black Chevrolet SUV and a blue Dodge Neon became involved in a conflict on southbound I-5 around 10:15 p.m., according to Trooper Chris Webb, spokesman for the State Patrol.</p> <p>The SUV was behind the blue Neon, which was going extremely slow, and the SUV passed the Neon and pulled back in front of the car, Webb said.</p> <p>“The SUV brake checked a few times and then eventually must have checked hard and the blue car struck the back of the SUV,” Webb said.</p>

	<p>The third car, a silver Infiniti, was unable to avoid the incident and hit the blue car, he said.</p> <p>The 21-year-old male driver of the Neon and the 30-year-old male driver of the SUV were both arrested for vehicular homicide and warrants obtained for blood alcohol, Webb said.</p> <p>The fatally injured female was a passenger in the Neon, Webb said.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Pot farming worsening Calif. drought
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/US/California-drought-marijuana-cultivation/2015/04/09/id/637459/
GIST	<p>Opposition to the legalization of marijuana has focused on the potentially detrimental impact the drug may have on adolescent development, as well as its contribution to rising crime rates, but a new study examines how pot cultivation has worsened California's current drought.</p> <p>The study authored by scientists from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife concludes that the demand for water to cultivate cannabis in northern California has worsened the local effects of the state's historic drought.</p> <p>"The environmental impacts associated with marijuana cultivation appear substantial, yet have been difficult to quantify, in part because cultivation is clandestine and often occurs on private property," says the study, which was published in the scientific journal PLOS One.</p> <p>The scientists further concluded that "water demands for the existing level of marijuana cultivation in many northern California watersheds are unsustainable and are likely contributing to the decline of sensitive aquatic species in the region" and that "marijuana cultivation may be completely de-watering streams, and for the larger fish-bearing streams downslope, the flow diversions are substantial."</p> <p>The authors acknowledge their analysis is limited in part because marijuana remains illegal for recreational use and is therefore unregulated and growers often cultivate pot under the radar.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/08 Report: 39K illegal minors to US
SOURCE	http://www.newsday.com/news/nation/report-more-unaccompanied-minors-on-the-way-into-u-s-1.10218313
GIST	<p>About 39,000 immigrant children are expected to enter the country illegally as unaccompanied minors this federal fiscal year, reaching the second-highest level of that migration since 2008, says an analysis issued Wednesday by a research group in Washington, D.C.</p>

	<p>The estimate by the Migration Policy Institute, a nonprofit that studies the movement of people across international borders, is based on apprehension figures issued by U.S. Customs and Border Protection for the first five months of the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, 2014, and ends Sept. 30.</p> <p>Many of the children coming from El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala likely will be resettled where there are established Central American communities, such as Long Island's Nassau and Suffolk counties, said Marc Rosenblum, the report's author.</p> <p>"They are coming from similar communities and are headed to similar communities," said Rosenblum, deputy director of the institute's U.S. Immigration Policy Program. "The local impact is that whatever challenges school districts and local health care systems are under already are likely to increase."</p> <p>The second wave of immigrants, as some are calling it, is expected even as localities and school systems struggle to absorb about 53,500 children who arrived in the last fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, 2014.</p> <p>Those minors continue to move through a multistep immigration court process to decide whether they can stay or are to be deported.</p> <p>More than 3,000 of those minors moved in with relatives or sponsors on Long Island, making the region one of the top places in the nation to receive the children.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Iran: new nuke deal 'not acceptable'
SOURCE	http://freebeacon.com/national-security/iran-new-nuke-deal-is-not-acceptable/
GIST	<p>Iran has described an agreement to curb its nuclear program as “not acceptable” days after the United States hailed the new framework deal.</p> <p>Following the announcement of a framework accord that the United States described as a major step in rolling back Iran’s nuclear work, leaders in Tehran began to accuse the Obama administration of lying about the deal’s parameters.</p> <p>The disagreement revolves around a White House fact sheet that outlined concessions Tehran agreed to after negotiations in Lausanne, Switzerland, last week.</p> <p>On Wednesday, Iran rejected most of the concessions it reportedly agreed to undertake.</p> <p>Top Iranian leaders are describing the framework as a “lie” and announced that international nuclear inspectors will not be permitted to enter any of its contested military sites.</p>

	<p>Iran also maintains that all of the Islamic Republic's controversial nuclear work will continue under any deal—a claim that runs counter to White House claims.</p> <p>“The U.S. fact sheet is a U.S. version and not acceptable to Iran,” Iranian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Marziyeh Afkham said in a Persian-language interview with the country's state-controlled media, translated by the CIA's Open Source Center.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 White House takes swipe at Netanyahu
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/04/09/white-house-takes-shot-at-netanyahu-on-twitter/
GIST	<p>The White House took an apparent swipe at Benjamin Netanyahu on Twitter Wednesday, posting a diagram similar to one used by the Israeli prime minister -- only this time, using it to defend the Iran nuclear deal.</p> <p>The White House tweet included a cartoonish sketch of a bomb. On the left side were the supposed consequences of not striking a deal, including resumed production of highly enriched uranium and no limits on that stockpile. On the right side were the supposed benefits of a deal, including "no production or stockpile of highly enriched uranium."</p> <p>The sketch appeared to be almost identical to the one held up by Netanyahu during a 2012 United Nations speech. In that address, he warned of the consequences of a nuclear-armed Iran and urged the world to prevent that outcome -- holding up the bomb diagram and, dramatically, drawing a red line near the top.</p> <p>The White House diagram includes the same red line and reads, “Under the framework for an Iran nuclear deal, Iran's uranium enrichment pathway to a weapon will be shut down.”</p> <p>In the tweet, the fuse of the bomb is being cut with scissors.</p> <p>Though the message makes no mention of Israel, it's an unmistakable reference to the prime minister's address and just the latest episode in rising tensions between the Obama and Netanyahu administrations over the nuclear talks.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Lawsuit: 911 calls went unanswered
SOURCE	http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Paralyzed-Woman-Claims-Dallas-911-Failure-Left-Her-That-Way-299126791.html
GIST	<p>A woman who was paralyzed in a shooting allegedly committed by her ex-boyfriend claims in a new lawsuit that Dallas police failed to respond to repeated calls for help and kicked her as she lay wounded because they did not believe she was unable to move.</p>

Roxanna Mayo is seeking more than \$1 million in damages following the Jan. 19 shooting, which has left her paralyzed from the neck down, except for one arm. She said her then-boyfriend of about six months, Quadriq Anthony Sharper, was drunk and threatening her and her children on the day of the attack. So she, her mother and her daughter called 911 for help repeatedly at about 4:30 p.m. The lawsuit claims that police didn't respond until more than an hour later, after a neighbor reported the shooting.

"If they'd have come out the first five times we called I wouldn't be paralyzed," Mayo said in an interview. "And my whole family wouldn't be destroyed and none of this would have happened."

Once they did respond, Mayo's lawsuit says, Dallas officers kicked her as she lay wounded because they did not believe she was paralyzed.

"They said, 'If you're paralyzed, do you feel this?' And they were kicking me in the front and the back," Mayo said.

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HEADLINE	04/09 NHTSA: wash underside of car
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/business/autos/uncle-sam-wants-you-wash-your-car-n338406
GIST	<p>If you live where salt is used to clear the roads of snow and ice, U.S. safety regulators have a message for you: Wash the underside of your car.</p> <p>The message came Wednesday from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which closed a five-year investigation into rusting pipes that carry brake fluid in about 5 million older Chevrolet, Cadillac and GMC pickups and SUVs, without seeking a recall.</p> <p>Instead, the agency blamed the problem on rust caused by road salt and a lack of washing. It determined that it was not the result of a manufacturing or design defect.</p> <p>The agency urged people in 20 cold-weather states and Washington, D.C., to get their car and truck undercarriages washed several times during and after the winter, and to get their brake lines inspected for rust and replace them if necessary. The warning underscores the importance of washing highly corrosive salt from beneath a car because over time, it can cause suspension parts, the frame, or other components to corrode and fail.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 US warns Iran on Yemen rebels
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/us-not-stand-iran-backs-yemen-rebels-kerry-074532494.html

GIST	<p>Aden (AFP) - Washington warned Thursday it would not "stand by" while Iran supports rebels in Yemen, where a Saudi-led coalition pounded anti-government forces at the start of a third week of bombings.</p> <p>In the most direct US criticism yet of Tehran's backing of the Shiite Huthi rebels, Secretary of State John Kerry said Washington would not accept foreign interference in Yemen.</p> <p>"There have been -- there are, obviously -- flights coming from Iran. Every single week there are flights from Iran and we've traced it and know this," Kerry told PBS television in an interview.</p> <p>"Iran needs to recognise that the United States is not going to stand by while the region is destabilised or while people engage in overt warfare across lines, international boundaries in other countries."</p> <p>The United States has backed the Saudi-led campaign, which launched air strikes last month as the rebels advanced on Yemen's main southern city of Aden after seizing the capital Sanaa.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 China defends land reclamation
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/china-defends-land-reclamation-disputed-islands-143446330.html
GIST	<p>Beijing reaffirmed its right to build on disputed islands in the South China Sea on Thursday after satellite imagery emerged of construction operations turning tropical reefs into concrete artificial islands.</p> <p>The Philippines -- one of the most vocal of China's neighbours in defending its competing territorial claim -- reacted strongly, calling for the Asian giant to "dismantle" the reclaimed land.</p> <p>"They have to dismantle it," said Peter Paul Galvez, spokesman for Manila's defence department. "It is a concern not only of our country and region but of the whole international community."</p> <p>A series of satellite images posted on the website of the Center for Strategic and International Studies show a flotilla of Chinese vessels dredging sand onto Mischief Reef and the resulting land spreading in size.</p> <p>Before-and-after images of other outcrops in the Spratly Islands record runways appearing from jungle, smooth-sided solid masses where coral once lay, and man-made harbours replacing natural reefs.</p> <p>Analysts say the pictures show how China is attempting to create facts in the water to bolster its sovereignty claims.</p> <p>The Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan all have overlapping claims.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 US, Russia rekindle Cold War tension
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/us-russian-war-games-rekindle-cold-war-tensions-130126127.html
GIST	<p>AMARI AIR BASE, Estonia (AP) — Russia is so close that the F-16 fighter pilots can see it on the horizon as they swoop down over a training range in Estonia in the biggest ever show of U.S. air power in the Baltic countries.</p> <p>The four-week drill is part of a string of non-stop exercises by U.S. land, sea and air forces in Europe — from Estonia in the north to Bulgaria in the south — scaled up since last year to reassure nervous NATO allies after Russia's military intervention in Ukraine. U.S. and Russian forces are now essentially back in a Cold War-style standoff, flexing their muscles along NATO's eastern flank.</p> <p>The saber-rattling raises the specter that either side could misinterpret a move by the other, triggering a conflict between two powers with major nuclear arsenals despite a sharp reduction from the Cold War era.</p> <p>"A dangerous game of military brinkmanship is now being played in Europe," said Ian Kearns, director of the European Leadership Network, a London-based think-tank. "If one commander or one pilot makes a mistake or a bad decision in this situation, we may have casualties and a high-stakes cycle of escalation that is difficult to stop."</p> <p>With memories of five decades of Soviet occupation still fresh, many in the Baltic countries find the presence of U.S. forces a comfort rather than a risk.</p> <p>In recent months, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have seen hundreds of U.S. armored vehicles, tanks and helicopters arrive on their soil. With a combined population of just over 6 million, tiny armies and no combat aircraft or vehicles, the last time tanks rumbled through their streets was just over 20 years ago, when remnants of the Soviet army pulled out of the region.</p> <p>The commander of Estonia's tiny air force, Col. Jaak Tarien, described the roar of American F-16s taking off from Amari — a former Soviet air base — as "the sound of freedom."</p> <p>In Moscow the U.S. Air Force drills just 60 miles (100 kilometers) from the Russian border are seen in a different light.</p> <p>"It takes F-16 fighters just a few minutes to reach St. Petersburg," Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said, referring to the major Russian port city on the Baltic Sea. He expressed concern that the ongoing exercise could herald plans to "permanently deploy strike aircraft capable of carrying nuclear weapons at the Russian border."</p> <p>Moscow also says the U.S. decision to deploy armored vehicles in Eastern Europe violates an earlier agreement between Russia and NATO.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/08 No limit to CAM refugee/parole program
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2015/04/08/403-have-applied-to-have-central-american-relatives-brought-to-u-s-through-obama-admin-program-no-limit-on-approvals/
GIST	<p>More than 400 people have applied to have their children living in Central America be brought to the United States as refugees or parolees through the Obama administration’s recent Central American Minors (CAM) Refugee/Parole Program and there is no limit on the number of immigrants who could be approved, Breitbart News has learned.</p> <p>The State Department and Department of Homeland Security announced the — until recently — relatively obscure program in November following an unprecedented surge in unaccompanied minors illegally coming to the U.S. from Central America last year.</p> <p>The program began taking applications from parents seeking to bring their children living in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to the U.S. in December.</p> <p>Through the program, the Central American children of parents who are seen as lawfully present in the U.S. — including illegal immigrants who have been granted deferred status — can come to the U.S. as either refugees or parolees.</p> <p>The government has not set a limit on how many children can to come to the U.S. through the program.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Police cameras bring own set problems
SOURCE	http://www.wsj.com/articles/police-cameras-bring-problems-of-their-own-1428612804
GIST	<p>As more police agencies equip officers with body cameras in response to public pressure, authorities are discovering they create problems of their own: how to analyze, process and store the mountains of video each camera generates.</p> <p>Prosecutors in northern Colorado recently spent hours poring over a dozen videos captured by police wearing cameras. The case? An arrest for drunk and disorderly conduct.</p> <p>Clifford Riedel, Larimer County’s district attorney, said his office has been overwhelmed with footage from the 60 body cameras the Fort Collins Police Department uses, and will need to hire an additional technician to sort through it all. “There are just huge amounts of data being generated from cameras,” said Mr. Riedel. “It used to be that video on a case was the exception. Now it’s the rule.”</p> <p>The movement gained new intensity after the police shooting last week of a fleeing man in South Carolina. While many experts inside and outside of law enforcement agree that body cameras—clipped to officers’ uniforms or glasses—help increase police transparency and may even improve police behavior, police</p>

departments and prosecutors are struggling with how to sift through, preserve and share the visual evidence.

On top of that, agencies need policies and personnel to respond to requests from journalists and the public to release video under freedom-of-information requests.

“The vast majority of places are still trying to figure this out,” said Michael White, a professor of criminology at Arizona State University who wrote a Justice Department report on body cameras.

Dr. White estimates that between 4,000 and 6,000 U.S. police departments, out of about 18,000 nationally, use body cameras. Officers generally turn them on when stopping a driver or responding to an incident.

Some departments use body cameras in addition to dashboard ones that have become common at many agencies, but result in less-useful footage because much police action takes place away from their vehicles. Body cameras—which cost hundreds of dollars each—typically result in much more video for departments to handle.

The push to require body cameras intensified nationally after last August’s shooting of Michael Brown, a black 18-year-old, by a white police officer in Ferguson, Mo. This week, after a bystander’s cellphone video surfaced showing a white South Carolina policeman fatally shooting an unarmed black man in his back, several prominent state lawmakers voice support for a bill to require all officers to wear cameras.

But the cost has given some officials pause, said Lindsay Miller, senior research associate at the Police Executive Research Forum and co-author of a Justice Department report on the topic. “The cameras themselves aren’t overly expensive, but the years and years of data storage you’re going to deal with—that can definitely be cost-prohibitive,” said Ms. Miller.

Many departments keep inconsequential video for 30 to 60 days. But if the footage is evidence in a criminal case, it must be kept longer; most states require that video in a homicide case be kept indefinitely, she said. Ms. Miller said an emerging consensus is that the benefits outweigh the costs. In limited studies, the cameras have shown promise in reducing use of force by police and citizen complaints—and that can save money spent investigating complaints and settling lawsuits, she said.

In Oakland, Calif., the police department deploys 560 body cameras, enough for nearly every officer on duty, said Sean Whent, the chief of police. Their use results in about five to six terabytes of data every month—equivalent to about 1,250 to 1,500 high-definition movie downloads—said Mr. Whent. That data is stored on a department server for two years at a minimum—or longer if it is needed in a criminal or disciplinary case, he said.

In the future, Mr. Whent said he anticipates either using a cloud-storage service or reducing the retention period because of the sheer size of the data.

In Berkeley, Calif., officials are weighing whether to outfit officers with cameras. Police estimate it could cost up to \$135,000 to buy 150 cameras at \$900 a pop. But it could cost an additional \$45,000 a year for a limited data-storage plan priced at \$25 a month per camera—and officials have raised the possibility of also hiring new employees to sift through all the video.

The cameras “will create an enormous amount of data. Who gets access to it? How does it get stored?” said Laurie Capitelli, a Berkeley City Council member. “What appeared to be a no-brainer in terms of bringing accountability to the force has raised a lot ancillary questions.”

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HEADLINE	04/09 States of emergency just formalities
SOURCE	http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2015/04/09/pro-forma-states-of-national-emergency/25479553/
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON — President Obama has declared or renewed 32 different states of national emergency during his presidency, allowing him to use extraordinary power to impose sanctions, freeze assets or blockade other nations.</p> <p>Those emergency declarations come with ominous-sounding warnings that foreign governments, terrorist groups or criminal organizations pose an "unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security" of the United States.</p> <p>But there's no need to be alarmed, White House officials said this week. Those dire warnings are really just formalities.</p> <p>The wording of presidential emergency declarations has become an international issue as President Obama visits Jamaica and Panama this week to meet with Caribbean and South American leaders. The "extraordinary threat" language has become so routine that it usually goes unnoticed — until it backfired on the Obama administration with Venezuelan sanctions.</p> <p>Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro denounced the state of emergency Obama declared against his country last month, saying it was an imperialist attempt to interfere in Venezuelan affairs. Maduro seized emergency powers of his own, clamped down on opposition parties and won a resolution from the Union of South American Nations condemning Obama's order as an "interventionist threat to the sovereignty" of Venezuela.</p> <p>But that wasn't the intent, Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes said this week.</p> <p>"This is a language that we use in executive orders around the world," Rhodes said. "So the United States does not believe that Venezuela poses some threat to our national security. We, frankly, just have a framework for how we formalize these executive orders."</p>

The language is necessary because a president needs to declare a state of emergency in order to impose sanctions or block the assets of foreign governments or officials under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act. And to declare an emergency, the president must find that there's an "extraordinary threat" to national security.

"This is how we describe the process of naming sanctions, and there are 20 to 30 other sanctions programs we have," Jen Psaki, then the State Department spokeswoman, explained to reporters last month. "I understand people look at the context of what's happening on the ground, but it's consistent with how we announce and how we describe putting sanctions and putting these executive orders in place."

Presidential scholars say the use of one-size-fits-all emergency declarations is an abuse of the emergency powers Congress gives the president.

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HEADLINE	04/09 ACLU: FBI hiding surveillance
SOURCE	http://www.thenewstribune.com/2015/04/09/3732704_fbi-agreement-requires-police.html?rh=1
GIST	<p>Police agreements with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ask officers to hide the capabilities of high-tech surveillance equipment from the courts and the public, according to records obtained by the ACLU.</p> <p>Unknown is whether the Tacoma Police Department's agreement with the feds to operate its cellphone-tracking device has such a provision. But even if it does, police officials say their officers now tell judges when using their device, called a cell site simulator or Stingray.</p> <p>This week's release of an unredacted copy of the nondisclosure agreement the FBI makes police agencies sign before acquiring such technology came after a court ordered the Erie County Sheriff's Office to turn over documents to the New York Civil Liberties Union.</p> <p>One section of the agreement requires police to keep the use of the device secret, even if judges or defense attorneys ask for more information.</p> <p>Police in Tacoma and elsewhere have used the device for years. It tricks cellphones into connecting with what appears to be a cell tower. Using the device, police can more accurately pinpoint the location of a suspect by the cellphone he or she carries. The device can also draw in data from all cellphones in an area, though Tacoma Police have said they don't use it that way.</p> <p>The Tacoma Police Department's nondisclosure agreement with the FBI was provided to The News Tribune last year, but it was heavily redacted. In a response to an identical records request to the FBI, the agency would not confirm nor deny the existence of a nondisclosure agreement with Tacoma.</p>

	<p>After The News Tribune reported last year that Tacoma police possessed a Stingray, Pierce County Superior Court judges demanded police to specific in court orders when they intended to use the technology. They also made police promise to not keep data collected on non-suspects.</p> <p>Tacoma Assistant Police Chief Kathy McAlpine said via email Thursday that the judges' wishes are being honored: "Cell site simulator is in all of our requests for court orders."</p> <p>The department has asked for eight court orders since the beginning of the year, all for TPD suspects, she wrote.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Gov. denies Pasco special prosecutor
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Gov-denies-2nd-request-for-special-prosecutor-in-Pasco-cop-shooting-299242291.html
GIST	<p>SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - Gov. Jay Inslee has denied a second request to appoint a special prosecutor in the case of a Mexican man shot and killed by three Pasco police officers. This request came from the attorney for the victim's estranged wife and daughters.</p> <p>Nicholas Brown, an attorney for the governor, this week sent a letter to Yakima attorney George P. Trejo Jr. denying the request.</p> <p>The letter said nothing had changed since the governor told the Hispanic advocacy group Consejo Latino last month that he wouldn't appoint a prosecutor in the Feb. 10 shooting of Antonio Zambrano-Montes, 35.</p> <p>The shooting of the unarmed Mexican national sparked a series of protests in Pasco, an agricultural city of 68,000 that is majority Hispanic. More demonstrations are planned this weekend.</p> <p>"We look forward to reviewing all the facts of the incident before any further decisions are made," Brown wrote.</p> <p>Trejo was highly critical of the decision, which he contrasted to Saturday's shooting of Walter Scott in South Carolina, where the officer accused of killing Scott was immediately fired and charged with murder.</p> <p>"It is even more disgusting when one compares the cold blooded killing of Mr. Zambrano with that of the defenseless man in South Carolina," Trejo wrote in an email. "There, prosecutors did not hesitate to charge the officer. Here in the State of Washington everyone wants to look the other way."</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 UW: 'warm blob' over Pacific Ocean
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SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/weather/blogs/scott/UW-Warm-blob-in-Pacific-Ocean-linked-to-weird-weather-across-the-US-299240311.html
GIST	<p>As Seattle sits on a streak of four of the past six month setting records for warmest on record, a new University of Washington study pins the "blame" (or "credit" depending on your opinion of endless 50+ degree days in winter) on a large and persistent pool of warm water that has been entrenched in the Pacific Ocean off our coast.</p> <p>The waters have been averaging about 3-7 degrees above normal and researchers at the UW say it's been a major factor in the West Coast's recent warm stretches, and in turn, the winter to remember (or forget) across the East Coast.</p> <p>"In the fall of 2013 and early 2014 we started to notice a big, almost circular mass of water that just didn't cool off as much as it usually did, so by spring of 2014 it was warmer than we had ever seen it for that time of year," said Nick Bond, a climate scientist at the UW-based Joint Institute for the Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean, a joint research center of the UW and NOAA.</p> <p>Bond, who coined the term "the blob" for the warm patch, says the warm water "blob" began at about 1,000 miles in diameter and 300 feet deep and was a major cause for our mild winter in 2013-14. And now the "blob" has squished up against the West coast and is still about 3-4 degrees above normal. Forecast models suggest the blob will last through the year, according to the research papers.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Storm to hit passes with late snow
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Winter-lm-baaaack-Storm-to-smack-passes-with-late-season-snow-299218081.html
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- Just when we thought it was safe to think spring had a solid foothold on the weather, considering it feels like it's been in charge since, oh, December, along comes a storm that's reminiscent of winters past.</p> <p>A potent storm is set to bring heavy snow to the mountains and some drenching rains and hail to the lowlands. But while the mountains could desperately use the late-season snow, those of you with mountain pass travel plans who have long figured the days of worrying about snowy roads were over need to get your winter driving plans in order.</p> <p>Rain will begin to arrive on the coast around early afternoon Friday, spreading inland to the Puget Sound area by Friday evening and into the mountains shortly thereafter. Snow levels will only be around 2,000-2,500 feet, meaning a lot of snow is coming to the mountains.</p> <p>Forecasts call for about 6-11 inches in the mountains and around Stevens Pass, with about 3-5 inches in Snoqualmie Pass Friday night into Saturday morning. However, a Convergence Zone may enhance</p>

snowfall around either or both passes if one sets up and parks overhead. Some locations could get a foot of snow if the zone sets up and stalls.

In the lowlands, it'll be a very rainy Friday evening and early night, with rain tapering to showers in the hours after midnight but lingering through Saturday. As cold, unstable air streams after the storm, some of those showers will be heavy and could contain lightning and hail. A few of those showers, especially in the Convergence Zone, could see accumulating small hail much like we saw on March 31 in the North Seattle area.

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HEADLINE	04/09 FBI to remedy police shooting data
SOURCE	http://www.newsmax.com/US/FBI-James-Comey-police-shootings-data/2015/04/09/id/637559/
GIST	<p>The police shooting that took place in North Charleston, South Carolina has highlighted once again the issue of police use-of-force policies as well as the limited amount of data available on such situations.</p> <p>However, The Los Angeles Times is reporting that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has a plan to correct that problem.</p> <p>FBI Director James Comey recently lamented this fact in a speech at Georgetown University in February following the deaths of black teenager Michael Brown and Staten Island man Eric Garner, when he asked for such information.</p> <p>"I wanted to see trends. I wanted to see information," Comey said. "They couldn't give it to me, and it wasn't their fault. Demographic data regarding officer-involved shootings is not consistently reported to us ... because reporting is voluntary, our data is incomplete and therefore, in the aggregate, unreliable."</p> <p>Comey said that he wants to see this change.</p> <p>"I intend for the FBI to be a leader in urging departments around this country to give us the facts we need for an informed discussion, the facts all of us need to help us make sound policy and sound decisions," he said.</p> <p>To accomplish that goal, the FBI is going to expand the National Incident Based Reporting System, which includes more detailed information and is already in use at about one-third of local law enforcement departments across the country.</p> <p>Steven Fischer, spokesman for the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services, told the Times that "it's much richer data."</p> <p>He explained that the FBI is getting police departments on board by telling them that "it helps them with</p>

	transparency and accountability."
	Fischer also said that there will be a vote by the FBI board sometime this year to decide if the agency will collect data on all shootings involving a police officer, even if they aren't fatal.
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HEADLINE	04/09 Police gun-grabbing sweeping nation
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/04/09/right-to-bear-arms-gun-grabbing-sweeping-nation/
GIST	<p>Cherished family heirlooms were among the 21 firearms Michael Roberts surrendered to the Torrance Police Department in 2010, after his doctor filed a restraining order against him.</p> <p>The court order was the result of a dispute Roberts had with a member of the doctor's staff and, after Roberts pleaded no contest, the matter was resolved. Yet, even though he filed the proper Law Enforcement Gun Release paperwork on four separate occasions, obtained clearance from the California Department of Justice and had two court orders commanding the return of his guns, police refused to hand them over.</p> <p>With the backing of the National Rifle Association and California Rifle and Pistol Association, Roberts filed a federal lawsuit in May 2014, over the \$15,500 worth of firearms. In the end he got the money, but not the guns. The police had had them destroyed.</p> <p>Second Amendment lawyers say his case is not rare.</p> <p>"NRA and CRPA constantly get calls from law abiding people having problems getting their guns back," said Chuck Michel of Long Beach based Michel & Associates, who represented Roberts in the case. "The state Department of Justice wrongly tells police not to give guns back unless the person can document ownership of the gun and it is registered in the state DOJ's database. But the law doesn't require this."</p> <p>Gun owners can't comply anyway, Michel said, because police themselves routinely fail to enter the firearms into the DOJ's database, and most people don't have receipts for the guns they own.</p> <p>"This kind of below-the-radar bureaucratic gun confiscation is a growing Second Amendment and property rights violation problem, particularly in strict gun control states like California, New Jersey and Massachusetts," said Alan Gottlieb, founder of the Second Amendment Foundation. "People can't afford to spend tens of thousands of dollars on legal fees to get back a \$500 firearm."</p> <p>These tactics are a way for police departments or the government to make it more costly to own guns, said John Lott, an economist, leading expert on guns, and author at the Crime Prevention Research Center. Lott believes the illegal policies most hurt poor gun owners, who not only are less likely to afford to get their property back, but also typically live in neighborhoods where they are more vulnerable to crime.</p>

	Seizing legally owned guns can also be a way for law enforcement agencies to boost their revenue if, as in some cases, they sell the firearms rather than destroying them, Lott said.
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HEADLINE	04/09 Pain of \$12.25hr minimum wage
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/feeling-the-pain-of-a-12-25-minimum-wage/
GIST	<p>With cities such as Seattle phasing in higher minimum wages, one city has already had a taste of a \$12.25 hour baseline rate, and the experience hasn't been all that painless.</p> <p>After voter approval, Oakland, California, a neighbor to San Francisco, boosted its minimum wage by more than one-third to \$12.25 an hour on March 1.</p> <p>The experiences haven't been entirely positive as more than one-quarter of respondents said they're somewhat or very likely to shut down as a response to the new wage law. Almost half of businesses have increased prices to cope, while another one-third said they've reduced employee hours or their hours of operation to meet the higher costs.</p> <p>The study could serve as a barometer for other cities that are considering boosting the minimum wage, the EPI said.</p> <p>To be sure, 70 percent of businesses that responded were small employers with fewer than 15 employees, and those smaller businesses may be less capable of absorbing higher labor costs than larger corporations.</p> <p>Some Oakland restaurants have boosted prices by as much as 20 percent as a result, The San Francisco Chronicle reported last month. Others have added a mandatory service charge to help cover the higher costs. That's causing some restaurant owners to worry that they'll lose customers to competing restaurants in other towns.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Contagious cancer killing clams
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/contagious-cancer-killing-east-coast-clams/
GIST	<p>A lethal marine cancer killing clams along North America's East Coast is contagious, new research indicates.</p> <p>Scientists say they've traced leukemia outbreaks among soft-shell clams from New York to Canada back to one case of cancer, which was transmitted to other clams.</p>

"The evidence indicates that the tumor cells themselves are contagious -- that the cells can spread from one animal to another in the ocean," said researcher Stephen Goff of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Columbia University in New York City.

"We know this must be true because the genotypes of the tumor cells do not match those of the host animals that acquire the disease, but instead all derive from a single lineage of tumor cells," Goff explained.

The findings, published April 9 in *Cell*, suggest that cells can survive in seawater long enough to reach and infect a new host. The researchers said it remains unclear if this soft-shell cancer can affect other mollusks, such as snails and mussels.

The leukemia outbreaks have devastated some populations of soft-shell clams for decades, according to background notes with the study.

Just two other contagious cancers are known to exist in the wild: the canine-transmissible venereal tumor, which is spread by sexual contact; and the Tasmanian devil facial tumor disease, which is spread through biting, the study authors pointed out.

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HEADLINE	04/09 S.C. shooting witness speaks out
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/09/us/south-carolina-witness-video/index.html
GIST	<p>Feidin Santana, the man who recorded a South Carolina police officer fatally shooting a fleeing unarmed man, says fear for his own life almost kept him from revealing the tape.</p> <p>In interviews with MSNBC and NBC, Santana recalled the moments when he recorded video of North Charleston police Officer Michael Slager shooting Walter Scott as Scott was running away Saturday -- evidence that led to the officer's firing and arrest.</p> <p>The video, Santana said, almost never came to light.</p> <p>"I ... thought about erasing the video," Santana told MSNBC's "All in With Chris Hayes" in an interview that aired Wednesday evening. "I felt that my life, with this information, might be in danger."</p> <p>"I know the cop didn't do ... the right thing. And like I say, I feel kind of scared about that," he added.</p> <p>The cell phone video, which Santana revealed this week, reignited national outcries surrounding police treatment of African-Americans and led to a murder charge against Slager, who is white. Scott was black.</p>

Santana, 23, also told NBC on Thursday that he didn't see Scott grab the officer's Taser -- an account that doesn't match what the officer told dispatchers about what led to the shooting following a traffic stop.

He said he ultimately revealed the video because what he saw -- a police officer shooting a man who was running away -- didn't match initial reports of the incident.

"As you can see in the video, the police officer just shot him in the back. ... And I knew right away that I had something in my hands," Santana told NBC's Lester Holt on Wednesday.

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Cyber Awareness

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HEADLINE	04/10 Revealed: China's cyberwar 'cannon'
SOURCE	http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/04/10/revealed-china-s-cyberwar-cannon.html
GIST	<p>Computer security researchers have discovered a new "offensive device" being used by China's powerful Internet censors that gives them the power to launch attacks on websites and inject malicious viruses on computers around the world.</p> <p>The device is associated with China's so-called Great Firewall, which blocks Internet searches in China for information the government deems controversial, such as from Chinese dissidents and government critics. But this new tool, which researchers dubbed the Great Cannon, actually can commandeer an unwitting person's computer and marshal it into a network of machines used to flood websites with traffic and force them to shut down.</p> <p>The cannon was used in such a denial-of-service attack on GreatFire.org, which helps Internet users circumvent Chinese censors, researchers at Citizen Lab, with the Munk School of Global Affairs at University of Toronto, said in a report released Friday. The Daily Beast obtained an advance copy of the document.</p> <p>The Citizen Lab team concluded that it would be "trivial" to convert the Great Cannon from its censorship mission into a powerful system for injecting viruses, spyware, and other malicious code onto any foreign computer that communicates with a website in China, and that's not protected with encryption.</p> <p>The researchers say the Great Cannon is analogous to the so-called Quantum system, developed by the National Security Agency, which can implant malware on machines around the world for espionage and attacks. Quantum was revealed in documents leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden and helped to show that the NSA runs an extensive, sophisticated, and aggressive operation designed to commandeer or spy on foreign computers. The NSA's British counterpart reportedly used Quantum to spy on the largest telecommunications provider in Belgium, which is a member of NATO.</p>

	<p>“This precedent will make it difficult for Western governments to credibly complain about others utilizing similar techniques,” the researchers said of China’s Great Cannon.</p> <p>So far, however, the Cannon’s operators—the report doesn’t identify them, but says there is “compelling and reproducible evidence” that they are in the Chinese government—have only used it against sites that help to evade state censorship. The attack on GreatFire.org, which began in March, was widely reported.</p> <p>Researchers speculate that the cannon’s builders may have wanted to advertise their new weapon to the world.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Amazon sues fake review websites
SOURCE	http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Amazon-sues-three-websites-that-sell-product-reviews-299290501.html
GIST	<p>SEATTLE -- Amazon is suing to block what they claim are fake reviews on their website.</p> <p>The lawsuit, filed Wednesday in King County court, claims three websites are illegally selling reviews on Amazon.</p> <p>The companies offer to post positive reviews on items sold on Amazon. One company sells three reviews for \$74, while another offers 200 positive reviews for \$3,400.</p> <p>Amazon says that's a violation of federal and state Consumer Protections acts. The suit also argues that the websites are violating Amazon's trademark and are providing false advertising.</p> <p>The owner of one of the websites listed in the lawsuit says his reviews are legit and his company is doing nothing wrong. Mark Collins, who owns buyamazonreviews.com, said the people who provide reviews "only post honest reviews."</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Pedophiles safe haven on 'dark net'
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/pedophiles-finding-a-safe-haven-on-the-dark-net/
GIST	<p>Sweetie looks and sounds like a young girl from the Philippines. "My name is Sweetie," she says. "I'm 10 years old."</p> <p>There are thought to be hundreds of children like her in Southeast Asia, working in front of live Internet webcams, paid to perform sex acts for pedophiles.</p>

But Sweetie isn't real. She's a digital puppet, designed by Hans Guijt and his colleagues at Terre des Hommes Netherlands, a child protection organization, to catch pedophiles.

"In the 10 weeks time that we were active on the Internet we were hit by more than 20,000 people, 20,000 men mainly, who were trying to get in contact with us to engage us in sexual activities," Guijt told CBS News.

But Guijt added that many hardcore pedophiles can't be so easily caught, because they're using a separate, hidden Internet known as the dark net.

Originally developed by the U.S. military, the dark net is only accessible via a browser that masks users' identities by encryption.

The dark net's millions of users -- and thousands of websites -- operate on a network of more than 6,000 computer servers spread around the world that reroute signals to hide users' locations. It's still partly funded by the U.S. government, in order to help dissidents in China, Russia and Iran evade censorship.

But the layers of security protecting users' anonymity have also made the dark net a haven for pedophiles. While most users employ the dark net browser to hide their IP address while accessing sites on the regular Internet, a recent British study found that 80 percent of traffic to sites located only on the dark net were related to child pornography.

"It was just an awful realization, discovering there were tens of thousands of people who are not only trading child pornography, but planning to exploit children," said Greg Virgin, a former NSA employee turned cyber security consultant, who's now helping U.S. child protection groups.

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HEADLINE	04/09 P2P file sharing software court ruling
SOURCE	http://www.courts.wa.gov/opinions/pdf/320588.pub.pdf
GIST	Peer to Peer (P2P) File Sharing Software. An individual does not have a constitutionally protected privacy right in image files he shares with the public. Law enforcement's warrantless use of enhanced peer to peer file sharing software to remotely access shared files on an individual's computer does not violate either the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution or article I, sec. 7 of the Washington Constitution. State v. Peppin , COA No. 32058-8-III (Apr. 9, 2015).
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HEADLINE	04/09 ISIS aligned group claims TV hack
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/04/09/french-tv-network-hacked-by-group-claiming-ties-to-isis/
GIST	<p>PARIS – Hackers claiming allegiance to the Islamic State group seized control of a global French television network, simultaneously blacking out 11 channels and taking over the network's website and social media accounts. The attack appeared to be an unprecedented step in the extremist group's information warfare tactics.</p> <p>The hackers briefly cut transmission of 11 channels belonging to TV5 Monde and took over its websites and social media accounts starting Wednesday night. The channel's director, Yves Bigot, said the attack was continuing Thursday. He told RTL radio that the network has restored its signal but can only broadcast recorded programs.</p> <p>The Islamic extremist group has claimed complex hackings before, but experts and a French official said the ability to black out a global television network represented a new level of sophistication for the group. The Paris prosecutor's office said Thursday it has opened a terrorism investigation into the attack.</p> <p>Bigot said he was shaken when he saw the black screen across the network's broadcasts "and when we discovered the sense of the message appearing on our social media and our websites, it both allowed us to understand what was happening and obviously worried us."</p> <p>The message on the TV5 Monde website read in part "I am IS" with a banner by a group that called itself Cybercaliphate. It was replaced later Thursday by a simple message saying that it was undergoing maintenance.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Pew: Facebook top social media teens
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/tech/internet/some-teens-instagram-some-kik-they-all-go-online-pew-n338136
GIST	<p>A Pew Research study of teenagers' online habits shows that while just about all teens go online daily, what they do and what apps they use vary widely.</p> <p>The survey, conducted online (rather than by phone, which Pew admits has greatly affected the results) shows that teens' habits and haunts depend on a number of factors, from family income to race and gender. Facebook was by far the most popular single platform, with 71 percent of all teens reporting using it. But interestingly, as household income increases, Facebook use drops off sharply, while use of Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter jump.</p> <p>Girls were much more likely than boys to use visual social media sites frequently. Half of girls are on Snapchat versus a third of boys, one in three uses Pinterest compared with one in 10 boys, and almost a</p>

	<p>quarter are on Tumblr while just 5 percent of boys are. Boys, on the other hand, are far more likely to have access to a gaming console (91 percent versus 70 percent) and play games online.</p> <p>Teens of black or Hispanic backgrounds more often had mobile phones from which to access such services (though fewer had desktops or laptops), and were twice as likely to use messaging apps like WhatsApp and Kik.</p>
Return to Top	<i>The report goes into much greater detail on the differences between various demographics. You can download and read the research at Pew's website.</i>

HEADLINE	04/10 Twitter suspends 10K ISIS accounts
SOURCE	http://www.todayonline.com/world/americas/twitter-says-it-suspended-10000-islamic-state-linked-accounts-1-day
GIST	<p>NEW YORK — Activists and experts who monitor the Twitter traffic of the Islamic State and its supporters noticed something odd last week when many accounts suddenly disappeared.</p> <p>The activists exchanged messages about the missing accounts, suspecting they had been suspended.</p> <p>Yesterday (April 9), a Twitter representative confirmed what some were saying and put a number on it. The social media network's violations department suspended approximately 10,000 accounts April 2 "for tweeting violent threats", the representative said.</p> <p>It was impossible to independently verify the assertion because Twitter's data is not public. But it would be the biggest single mass purge by Twitter of accounts linked to the Islamic State, also known as ISIS, which some experts believe has as many as 90,000 affiliated accounts.</p> <p>The suspensions came against a backdrop of rising criticism that Twitter has allowed the Islamic State to exploit the social network to spread propaganda, glorify violence and seek recruits.</p> <p>Twitter previously acknowledged suspending as many as 2,000 Islamic State-linked accounts per week in recent months.</p> <p>The Twitter representative, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for security reasons, attributed the surge of suspensions in part to a widely publicised effort by Islamic State opponents, including some hacking groups and online vigilantes, to expose suspect accounts and report them as violators.</p> <p>"We received a large amount of reports," the representative said.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 FBI finds a clue
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SOURCE	http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htiw/articles/20150409.aspx
GIST	<p>April 9, 2015: At the end of March the U.S. FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) released a report on FBI use of Internet and computer based operations. While acknowledging progress in developing Internet based intelligence and analysis capabilities within the FBI it was pointed out these capabilities are not yet fully appreciated by senior leadership. This leads to less use of FBI Internet and software experts than possible.</p> <p>Computer savvy field agents have a hard time getting all the attention they could use when it comes to FBI Cyber War and analysis resources. FBI Internet experts also have a hard time getting all the tools they need because their work is not seen as important as it actually is. As bad as this sounds it is actually good news because the FBI has made a lot of progress in this area in the last decade.</p> <p>Since 2000 the FBI has been striving to catch up with the demand for special agents and support staff possessing the computer skills needed to deal with computer based crime and espionage. A 2011 survey found that about a third of the agents assigned to computer crime teams felt they lacked the skills to handle all the demands of the job.</p> <p>In response the FBI has made increasingly vigorous and public efforts to increase the number of special agents (the FBI operatives who do most of the investigating) and support personnel with Cyber skills. Progress has been slow and the latest effort involves aggressive advertising seeking applicants to be special agents with substantial Internet security and hacker skills. As with other special agents the applicants must have a college degree and be able to pass an intense background investigation. The FBI ads list numerous technical skills applicants should have (to a significant degree, the more the better). Those skills include programming, network security, hacking (nothing illegal, of course, much less getting arrested for it), malware analysis, digital forensics and so on. Many college level software engineering programs now cover all this but the FBI is looking for applicants with practical experience as well. Those accepted, and who pass the regular special agent training and the new "Special Agent (Cyber)" course would become a special agent who can be used on computer crime (fraud, theft, espionage) cases.</p> <p>All this is part of a recruiting effort that began in 2009 as the FBI sought to recruit 850 special agents and 2,100 other specialists with Cyber skills. With 30,200 employees (40 percent of them "special agents") the FBI had finally admitted that it needed a lot more people with Cyber skills and it needed them fast. In 2009, with a recession going on it seemed a good time to be recruiting computer specialists. But this effort did not increase, much, the number of special agents with high grade computer chops. However, the addition of more computer savvy special agents did make it easier for senior FBI officials to get more timely updates from the young agents who could be trusted to accurately describe what the FBI was facing. What the FBI leadership heard, and now understood better, was not good news. The FBI had long played down the Cyber War threats and resisted the introduction of PCs in FBI operations. Now came the realization that the threat was much larger than leadership had ever appreciated and that the FBI was poorly equipped to deal with the threat.</p>

The FBI is responsible for going after criminals (including terrorists and spies) that operate via the Internet. The problem is that, for decades, the FBI had been way behind when it came to computer technology. Since the late 1990s the FBI has tried to catch up. A major problem has been hiring technically competent people. There were several reasons for this difficulty First, the FBI is a pretty straight-laced organization, not the sort of environment that appeals to cutting edge computer techies. This puts off a lot of good people the FBI would like to have. Another problem is money. The FBI employees are paid according to civil service pay scales. This system makes it difficult to hire hot-shot computer experts at market wages. The FBI solution initially was to hire whoever they could get, and then train them. This included a lot of on-the-job training. The problem with this approach was that when these FBI employees got really expert, they noted that they could make a lot more money using their new skills in a non-government job and left.

The FBI responded to this by creating working relationships with companies that had the highly paid Internet experts. Not quite the same as hiring expensive consultants, but it gave the FBI access to top notch computer skills when they needed it most. Internet security companies, in particular, liked the working relationship with the FBI, because these outfits tracked a lot of computer crime. In turn, the FBI had access to a lot more detail on computer crime, and people who had better skills and tools for hunting down the cybercrooks.

This is not the way the FBI normally likes to operate. At first, the FBI tried to create and maintain a database of online crime. But they didn't have the people, or other resources, to handle it. However, they discovered that commercial Internet security firms were already doing this, and found that these commercial databases were good enough. Working this much with commercial firms is new for the FBI. However, with all the rapidly changing computer technology, and Internet crime techniques, this is the only way the feds could cope. The cooperation with commercial firms also makes it easier to get other government agencies to work together. To take on Internet crime, the FBI had to include the Postal Service, the Federal Trade Commission, as well as a number of other federal, state, local and foreign law enforcement organizations in partnerships. It's a whole new way of operating for the FBI.

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HEADLINE	04/09 Global tensions increase cyber threat
SOURCE	http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/2e81dede-c0d7-11e4-876d-00144feab7de.html#axzz3Wtn0VwJl
GIST	<p>Geopolitical risks used to be something that only companies with a global presence had to worry about. But in cyberspace, any connected modern business is vulnerable.</p> <p>It is no longer enough for companies to sever ties with unsettled regions, cut loose risky subsidiaries or hedge their global exposures to manage their way through shifting international tensions.</p> <p>The past two years — marked by the escalation of state-on-state disputes and conflicts — have shown that the effects of cyber warfare or aggression can be experienced by almost any business.</p>

Companies can be victims of state-sponsored attacks for strategic reasons unconnected with their immediate business, from filmmakers such as Sony Pictures — allegedly hit by North Korean hackers last year — to Spanish renewable energy companies, targeted by Russia-linked hackers.

The nature and motivation for attacks is varied: from classic state surveillance to economic espionage, criminal gain, embarrassment or destruction.

“Whenever we have discovered a new domain in the history of mankind, we have had conflict over it,” says Dave DeWalt, chief executive of FireEye, one of the world’s biggest cyber security companies.

He believes such conflict in cyber space is already upon us: “We are seeing more and more complex attacks — highly sophisticated operations. On average, we are seeing attackers inside their target’s networks for about 200 days before they are discovered.”

Many western security officials fear that, as conflicts heat up around the world, cyber will become the front line for more overt, aggressive attacks.

With many of the world’s disputes deadlocked — the stand-offs between Iran and Saudi Arabia, North Korea and South Korea, Japan and China, or Russia and Europe — cyber is likely to supplant the physical world as the main theatre of conflict.

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HEADLINE	04/09 Report: cybercrime is getting easier
SOURCE	http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/04/09/websense_threat_report/
GIST	<p>The volume of malware threats is actually on the decline despite the increase in breaches, according to a study from Websense Security Labs.</p> <p>Websense Security Labs logged 3.96 billion security threats in 2014, which was 5.1 per cent less than 2013. Despite this, the number of high-profile breaches increased.</p> <p>Hackers have switched from spray and pray tactics to more "quiet, targeted and unique attacks" that Websense reckons are far more effective.</p> <p>Websense's 2015 Threat Report – published on Wednesday April 8 – also reports that malware authors are consistently reusing the same delivery techniques and infrastructure. An overwhelming 99.3 per cent of malware uses a command and control infrastructure used by at least one other malware author. An only marginally smaller 98.2 per cent of malware authors used command and control hubs found in five other types of malware.</p>

Around one in three (30 per cent) of end-users click through a malicious URL in an email even though they have been warned of the danger. "End users are increasingly desensitised from the warnings, don't feel responsible and still lack enterprise-driven education," according to Websense.

Hackers are gaining capabilities through the adoption of cutting-edge tools instead of technical expertise. Hackers are blending old tactics, such as macros, in unwanted emails with new evasion techniques. Old threats are being "recycled" into new threats launched through email and web channels, creating a noxious attack landscape in the process.

Redirect chains, code recycling and a host of other techniques are allowing these actors to remain anonymous, making attribution time consuming, difficult and ultimately unreliable.

Even entry-level threat actors (AKA script kiddies) can successfully create and launch attacks due to greater access to exploit kits for rent, Malware-as-a-Service and other opportunities to buy or subcontract portions of a complex multi-stage attack, Websense concludes.

In 2014, 81 percent of all email scanned by Websense was identified as malicious. Websense Security Labs identified more than 3 million macro-embedded email attachments in the last 30 days of 2014 alone.

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HEADLINE	04/09 Cybercrime task force beat botnet
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/fbi-international-cybercrime-task-force-beebone-botnet/
GIST	<p>A new group of international cybercrime fighters claimed one of its first kills Thursday, pulling the plug on malicious servers that hijacked at least 12,000 machines, most of them in the United States.</p> <p>The elimination of the Beebone botnet is an early success chalked up by the Joint Cybercrime Action Taskforce, a coordination body created last year by the FBI, Britain's National Crime Agency, Europol and host of other international law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>FBI Assistant Director for Cyber Joseph Demarest, Jr. said, "Botnets like Beebone have victimized users worldwide, which is why a global law enforcement team approach working with the private sector is so important. The FBI is proud to join with our partners at Europol's European Cybercrime Centre, the Joint Cybercrime Action Taskforce (J-CAT), and the Dutch National High Tech Crime Unite to defeat malicious botnets that have the potential to impact thousands."</p> <p>Beebone acted as a "downloader," which installed other forms of malicious software on victims' computers without their consent or knowledge. An FBI cyber agent told CBS News this type of cybercrime opens the door to malware that can steal your information and your credentials to log into your bank account. It can also cause your computer to participate in other crimes.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Advisors working w/terror group PKK?
SOURCE	http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/04/10/u-s-advisors-may-be-working-with-terrorist-labeled-pkk-to-fight-isis.html
GIST	<p>MATARA, Iraq — On the volatile front lines facing the so-called Islamic State outside the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, American military personnel have been coordinating with the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), according to a local commander from the left-wing guerrilla group that is still on the U.S. State Department list of foreign terrorist organizations.</p> <p>Ageed Kalary commands a unit of about 30 PKK fighters positioned some 500 meters from the front. He claims that he has met with U.S. military personnel accompanying commanders from Iraq's Kurdish Regional Government's, whose soldiers are known as the Peshmerga, and which has strong, open American support. The last direct encounter, he said, was in December. But the coordination does not have to be face to face.</p> <p>"The Americans tell us what they need and share information but there is no formal agreement," he says about the U.S. military's interaction with a group that earned its "terrorist" label for the tactics it employed in its 29-year armed struggle against Turkish rule.</p> <p>The PKK's dug-out fortifications on the flats of the Little Zab River are shared with a Kurdish unit of the Iraqi army and all are in the line of fire for snipers of the self-proclaimed Islamic State, also known as ISIS. The winding front is reinforced by a mix of Kurdish Peshmerga units, PKK, Kurds equipped by the Iraqi army and Shia militias, while the U.S. provides logistical support and air strikes to keep most of Northern Iraq's richest oil region from the clutches of the jihadists.</p> <p>While the U.S. military affirms it shares information and provides advisory support for various Kurdish security forces through a Joint Operations Center in Erbil, the Iraqi Kurdish capital, the U.S. maintains that the foreign terrorist organization designation of the PKK remains unchanged—which on paper ought to mean no contact.</p> <p>However, U.S. Central Command spokesperson Mark Blackington doesn't outright deny that there has been coordination with PKK fighters in Iraq. Instead he calls Kalary's description of "cooperation" as a "mischaracterization." He then declines to characterize it further.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Pakistan gives bail to terror suspect
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SOURCE	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/pakistan/Zakiur-Rehman-Lakhvi-released-from-Adiala-jail/articleshow/46876130.cms
GIST	<p>LAHORE/NEW DELHI: Mumbai attacks mastermind Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi has been released from Paksitan's Adiala jail.</p> <p>Lakhvi was released from Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi, a day after Lahore high court (LHC) suspended his detention and ordered his immediate release.</p> <p>India had strongly reacted to the court's decision, saying it "eroded" the value of assurances repeatedly conveyed to it by Pakistan on cross-border terrorism.</p> <p>Jamaat-ud-Dawa supporters were present outside the prison to receive 55-year-old Lakhvi.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Al-Shabaab's 'plan as we go' strategy
SOURCE	http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20150410-alshabaab-is-implementing-a-plan-as-we-go-strategy
GIST	<p>In the past two years, al-Qaeda-linked al-Shabaab has lost territory, ports, checkpoints, and key leaders to the African Union force in Somalia, which is supported by the United States. They have no armored personnel carriers like Nigerian-based Boko Haram, poppy fields like the Taliban, or oil fields like the Islamic State, still the Somali-based group has been able to launch deadly attacks in and out of Somalia.</p> <p>Counterterrorism experts say that al-Shabaab is implementing a "plan as we go" strategy, which relies on decentralized teams of gunmen who, on their own, determine who and where to attack.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Pakistan fights terrorism w/therapy
SOURCE	http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2015/04/09/Pakistan-fights-terrorism-with-therapy-for-violent-prisoners/71423538815150/?spt=hs&or=tn_int
GIST	<p>Pakistan's most populous province, Punjab, has decided to train prison staff in criminal psychology in a bid to curb terrorism.</p> <p>Farooq Nazir, inspector general of Punjab prisons, told News Lens Pakistan in a recent interview that the provincial government decided to treat criminals with therapy after militants massacred 134 schoolchildren as they sat in class at the Army Public School in Peshawar in December.</p> <p>"About 300 to 350 hardened criminals are currently detained in 36 jails of the province for terrorist activities, sectarian killings and other crimes of a heinous nature who will be given specialized psychological therapy," Nazir said.</p>

	<p>In addition, jail staff are being trained to assess inmates' anger and stress levels, background history, criminal tendencies and jail environment.</p> <p>"The training of jail staff in the first phase covers different topics and is meant to enhance their skills for judging psychology of criminals. The trained staff could then make assessments of the prisoners, citing certain symptoms in the prisoners' behavior, which they have been trained to identify," Nazir said.</p> <p>In the second phase, the jail officers are to prepare a list of inmates they recommend for therapy and submit the list to psychologists.</p> <p>"This training aims to reduce crime rate in the society and terrorism from the country," Nazir said.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Houthis overrun Yemen oil-rich capital
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/shiite-houthi-rebels-overrun-yemeni-provincial-capital/
GIST	<p>SANAA, Yemen -- Shiite rebels and allied troops overran the capital of an oil-rich Yemeni province in a heavily Sunni area on Thursday, making significant territorial gains despite Saudi-led airstrikes, now entering their third week.</p> <p>Iran, which is trying to garner international support to stop the bombing, stepped up its condemnation, with the supreme leader calling the air campaign "genocide."</p> <p>The rebel fighters, known as Houthis, along with military units loyal to former autocrat Ali Abdullah Saleh, overran Ataq, the capital of oil-rich Shabwa province, after days of airstrikes and clashes with local Sunni tribes.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Americans stuck in Yemen sue US
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/04/10/state-dept-sued-for-failing-to-evacuate-us-citizens-stranded-in-yemen/?intcmp=latestnews
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON – Claiming the Obama administration turned its back on them, 41 Americans stranded in war-torn Yemen filed a federal lawsuit Thursday against the State Department and Defense Department for not evacuating them -- as fighting intensifies and U.S. allies launch airstrikes.</p> <p>The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., seeks to compel the government to use “all resources” possible to rescue the stranded Americans. The plaintiffs range in age from just a few weeks old to senior citizens.</p>

	<p>“Despite the clear danger to Americans in Yemen – and the death of at least one American – the Obama administration has not yet taken any substantive steps to help citizens or permanent residents reach safety,” the lawsuit claims.</p> <p>The suit was filed on the plaintiffs' behalf by The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and the Council on American-Islamic Relations.</p> <p>Though the exact number of Americans stuck in Yemen is unknown, hundreds of people have expressed concern about loved ones in Yemen through a website set up to track and help them, Jenifer Wicks, a lawyer for CAIR, told reporters Thursday.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Bombings kill 13 in Afghanistan
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/suicide-car-bomber-targets-us-troops-kills-afghans-30216317
GIST	<p>A suicide car bomber targeting a convoy of U.S. troops in eastern Afghanistan killed three Afghan civilians and wounded four on Friday, while in another eastern province, 10 people died when their minivan hit a roadside bomb, officials said.</p> <p>The Taliban claimed responsibility for the convoy attack, which took place near the U.S. military base not far from the airport in Jalalabad, the capital of Nangarhar province.</p> <p>None of the American soldiers were hurt in the bombing, said Hazrat Hussain Mashraqiwal, the spokesman for the provincial police chief.</p> <p>The attack happened outside the gates of the base, as a convoy was returning from an early patrol, according to an official at the base who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to media.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Saudis struggle w/airstrikes in Yemen
SOURCE	http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/saudi-air-war-struggles-to-make-gains-as-yemen-fragments/2015/04/09/1a045766-ddf6-11e4-b6d7-b9bc8acf16f7_story.html
GIST	<p>BEIRUT — Two weeks into a Saudi-led military campaign in Yemen, airstrikes appear to have accelerated the country’s fragmentation into warring tribes and militias while doing little to accomplish the goal of returning the ousted Yemeni president to power, analysts and residents say.</p> <p>The Yemeni insurgents, known as Houthis, have pushed ahead with their offensive and seem to have protected many of their weapons stockpiles from the coalition’s bombardments, analysts say. The fighting</p>

	<p>has killed hundreds of people, forced more than 100,000 people to flee their homes and laid waste to the strategic southern city of Aden.</p> <p>The battles are increasingly creating problems that go beyond the rebels opposing President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi and the forces supporting him. The conflict has reduced available water and food supplies in a country already suffering from dangerous levels of malnutrition and created a security vacuum that has permitted territorial advances by al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP).</p> <p>For the Saudi government and its allies, the military operation in Yemen may be turning into a quagmire, analysts say.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Feds: Wisc. man tried to join ISIS
SOURCE	http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/wisconsin-man-accused-join-islamic-state-group-30175295
GIST	<p>A Wisconsin man traveled to the Middle East in a failed attempt to join the Islamic State group, federal authorities said Thursday.</p> <p>Joshua Van Haften, 34, of Madison, was arrested Wednesday night at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago after returning on a flight from Turkey. He is charged in a criminal complaint with attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization.</p> <p>Van Haften was scheduled to appear Thursday morning in federal court in Madison.</p> <p>The criminal complaint, which had been under seal since Oct. 28, alleges that Van Haften talked to people about his plan before leaving the United States in August for Istanbul.</p> <p>The complaint cites Facebook posts from Van Haften that said he was unable to cross the border from Turkey into Syria. In one post, Van Haften complained that the people who were supposed to help him just wanted his money, that he had almost no cash left and that he was dropped off on a road in the country and never picked up.</p> <p>Wisconsin court records showed several previous convictions for Van Haften, including felony battery in 1998, second degree felony sexual assault in 1999 and disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor, in 2007, online court records show. All of the offenses occurred in Rock County.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/08 Tsarnaev mom: Americans terrorists
SOURCE	http://www.vocativ.com/world/russia/tsarnaevs-mother-speaks-out-my-son-is-the-best-of-the-best/

GIST	<p>Following the guilty verdicts in the Boston bombing trial on Wednesday, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev’s mother, Zubeidat, sent a note to a family friend declaring Americans are “the terrorists,” and saying her son is “the best of the best,” the friend told Vocativ.</p> <p>Vocativ discovered the post, written in Russian, in a support group on VKontakte, the Russian social media site. The sister of the family friend, Timur Raduyev, also sent the message to Vocativ. Raduyev said in VK messages to Vocativ that he posted the mom’s words to the support group.</p> <p>In part, the message reads: “I will never forget it. May god bless those who helped my son. The terrorists are the Americans and everyone knows it. My son is the best of the best.”</p> <p>In 2013, Rudayev started a group on VKontakte to support Tsarnaev and his family. Rudayev said he raised at least \$5,000. He shared photos of Tsarnaev’s mom and other family members. He also consistently posted to the group screengrabs of conversations he had with the mom through Whatsapp and other conversation apps. The group, called “Support for Dzhokhar,” has 1,882 followers on VK.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 UN: alarming rise ISIS foreign fighters
SOURCE	http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/daily-news-analysis/single-article/un-alarming-rise-in-foreign-fighters-joining-islamic-militants-in-iraq-syria/47859d41f8e75583a2f8cf1d7c91fa87.html
GIST	<p>The number of foreign fighters leaving their home nations to join extremist groups in Iraq, Syria and other nations has hit record levels, with estimates of over 25,000 foreign fighters coming from nearly 100 countries, according to a recent United Nations (UN) report.</p> <p>The Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee prepared the report for the UN Security Council.</p> <p>The latest UN figures reveal a 71 percent increase in foreign recruits since the middle of last year—an increase that the UN panel of experts referred to as “higher than it has ever been historically.” In fact, the number of foreign fighters has “risen sharply from a few thousand a decade ago to more than 25,000 today.”</p> <p>US intelligence officials estimate more than 150 US citizens have traveled or attempted to travel to Syria to join the Islamic State. These alarming new estimates are raising concerns that the likelihood of terrorist attacks occurring around the globe is increasing. The report states that due to ease of travel the possibility of being affected by a terrorist attack “is growing, particularly with attacks targeting hotels, public spaces and venues.”</p>

	<p>Most foreign fighters are flocking to Syria and Iraq, which have become a hotbed for terrorist training activities. The UN estimates that 20,000 foreign fighters have traveled to these two countries to join the Islamic State, Al Nusra Front, and other splinter groups affiliated with Al Qaeda.</p> <p>The UN experts referred to Iraq and Syria as an “international finishing school for extremists” where “those who eat together and bond together can bomb together.” However, the rise of foreign fighters is not limited to Iraq and Syria. The UN estimates that 6,500 foreign fighters are in Afghanistan. Yemen, Libya, Pakistan, Somalia, northern Africa and the Philippines have also seen increases in their presence.</p> <p>The report also cited a "high number" of foreign fighters from Tunisia, Morocco, France and Russia, as well as an increase in fighters from the Maldives, Finland and Trinidad and Tobago.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 VP: ISIS progress halted in Iraq
SOURCE	http://www.wsj.com/articles/joe-biden-says-islamic-state-has-been-checked-in-iraq-1428613407
GIST	<p>WASHINGTON—Vice President Joe Biden said Thursday the Islamic State extremist group’s progress in Iraq has been halted and that the fight against the armed movement has managed to unify the country.</p> <p>In a speech at the National Defense University in advance of Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi’s visit to Washington next week, Mr. Biden said that the country’s feuding sectarian blocs had managed to put aside their differences and work together against a common threat.</p> <p>Islamic State, also called ISIS or ISIL, has been forced on the run and Iraqi forces, with American help, have made major strides against the extremist group, he said.</p> <p>“ISIL’s aura of invincibility has been pierced,” Mr. Biden said, pushing back against critics of the administration’s Iraq policy.</p> <p>“ISIL’s momentum in Iraq has halted and in many places has been flat out reversed. Thousands of ISIL fighters have been removed from the battlefield. Their ability to mass and maneuver has been greatly degraded. Leaders have been eliminated. Supply lines have been severed, weapons, checkpoints, fighting positions, IED factories, safe houses have been destroyed,” Mr. Biden said.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Penn. terror suspect held after threats
SOURCE	http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/10/us/pennsylvania-terror-suspect-held-after-threats-cited.html? r=0
GIST	<p>An associate of a Philadelphia woman charged in a plot to join the Islamic State militant group in Syria pledged to avenge her arrest with attacks on the United States and violence at the jail where she is held, a federal prosecutor said.</p>

The associate posted a message on Twitter calling for suicide attacks after federal agents searched the home of the woman, Keonna Thomas, on March 27. The associate also posted an image of an exploding truck with the message, "No prison door would be able to stand against the force."

Jennifer Williams, an assistant United States attorney, cited the threats at a detention hearing in Philadelphia on Thursday, arguing that Ms. Thomas, a 30-year-old mother of two, should remain jailed pending trial. Ms. Williams told a federal judge that the messages underscored Ms. Thomas's "strong and robust" ties to the jihadist community and the danger she posed if released.

The judge, Marilyn Heffley, agreed and ordered Ms. Thomas, an unemployed former home health aide, to remain in federal custody. An F.B.I. spokesman said after the hearing that the agency could not discuss specific cases but that it takes every threat seriously.

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HEADLINE	04/10 Bounties for top Al Shabab leaders
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/somalia-issues-bounties-top-shebab-leaders-072952223.html
GIST	<p>Mogadishu (AFP) - Somalia's government has issued bounties for 11 top leaders of the Al-Qaeda-linked Shebab militants, with \$250,000 offered for the extremist's chief, Ahmad Umar.</p> <p>Other rewards include \$150,000 for the capture of Mahad Karate who runs the Amniyat, a special internal security wing that deals in intelligence and assassinations.</p> <p>The Shebab are fighting to overthrow Somalia's internationally-backed government, but have also carried out a string of revenge attacks in neighbouring nations, including Kenya, where the extremists massacred 148 people last week in Garissa university.</p> <p>Umar, also known as Abu Ubaidah, has led the movement since Ahmed Abdi Godane was killed by a US air strike in September.</p> <p>The militant group has suffered a string of setbacks, losing territory in battles with regional forces and top leaders to drone missile strikes.</p> <p>Rewards of \$100,000 are offered for the capture of nine others, including Shebab spokesman Sheikh Ali Mohamud Rage.</p> <p>Other nations have also issued rewards for information on Shebab commanders, with Washington offering cash rewards of up to \$5 million including for three Shebab commanders.</p>

	Kenya has offered \$215,000 for alleged Shebab commander Mohamed Mohamud, a former Kenyan teacher believed to now be in Somalia and said to be the mastermind behind the Garissa attack.
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HEADLINE	04/09 Kenya: victims should have fought back
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/04/09/kenya-rejects-claims-that-students-missing-after-attack-while-official-says/?intcmp=latestnews
GIST	<p>Kenya's government Thursday angrily denounced claims from lecturers at Garissa University that 166 students are still missing after an Al-Shabaab attack on the school last week, while a police official said the victims should have fought back against the militants.</p> <p>The university faculty and Universities Academic Staff Union officials said Tuesday that they feared the missing students were kidnapped by the militants, Kenyan media reported, according to the BBC.</p> <p>"We know 152 students to be dead and 166 are unaccounted for," said Secretary General Muga K'Olale, according to Kenya's Standard newspaper. "We fear that they might have been kidnapped by Al-Shabaab, and the government should come clean about their whereabouts."</p> <p>But Kenya's ministry of education rejected the claims, calling them "unfounded rumors."</p> <p>Education Minister Joseph Kaimenyi said the claims would only "exacerbate pain and suffering of parents and relatives in mourning."</p> <p>Meanwhile, a senior police official said Thursday at a Nairobi morgue holding the bodies of some of the people who died in the attack that they should have fought back and avoided being killed "like cockroaches," The Associated Press reports.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Spain: ISIS recruiters arrested
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/09/europe/spain-terror-arrests/index.html
GIST	<p>Eleven people arrested in Spain's Catalonia province were suspected members of a jihadist cell linked to ISIS, officials said.</p> <p>The group recruited youths to fight in Iraq and Syria and also planned attacks in Catalonia, Ramon Espadaler, the province's home affairs minister, told reporters.</p> <p>Police arrested the suspects, who were from Spain, Paraguay and Morocco, on Wednesday. They are "suspected of crimes linked to jihadist terrorism," Catalonia's regional government said.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Tip leads deputies to stolen cabin
SOURCE	http://www.krem.com/story/news/local/stevens-county/2015/04/09/loon-lake-stolen-cabin-found/25523067/
GIST	<p>LOON LAKE, Wash. – Leaders with the Stevens County Sheriff's Office said Thursday they have located the cabin that was stolen from its foundation near Loon Lake. Deputies credited a tip with helping them find the cabin on a private lot.</p> <p>"I was sitting here at my desk and saw the shed go by thinking that somebody got their shed repossessed and found out later that it was stolen," Linda Ritts who saw the cabin on the back of a trailer.</p> <p>The owner of the cabin received the shock of his life in April when a thief took off with more than his camping gear. Someone stole his entire cabin off of its foundation near Loon Lake.</p> <p>"They even took the steps and the paving blocks," said owner Moose Hemple.</p> <p>Neighbors said they saw a trailer go by carrying the stolen cabin through the town, during broad daylight.</p> <p>"I didn't think anything of it and neither did the neighbors across the street," said Ritts.</p> <p>That was until they saw a KREM 2 News' story about the theft.</p> <p>A day after the missing cabin story ran on KREM 2 News, the deputies with the Sheriff's Office said they received a tip that the cabin was on private property on the other side of Springdale, Wash.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Firefighters rescue 11 ducklings
SOURCE	http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/firefighters-residents-rescue-11-ducklings-storm-d/nkq2C/
GIST	<p>MARTHA LAKE, Wash. — Firefighters and Martha Lake residents helped rescue 11 ducklings trapped in a storm drain Thursday morning.</p> <p>Crews from Snohomish County Fire District 1's Martha Lake Fire Station 21 went to 170th Place Southeast after resident Amy Shieff called for help in rescuing ducklings in a drain.</p> <p>When firefighters arrived, the ducklings had moved away from the drain where Shieff first heard them and were out of reach in the drainage pipe between two storm drains.</p>

	<p>Crews put a fire hose in one of the drains and used a gentle stream of water to float the ducklings down to the next drain, where neighbors helped retrieve them.</p> <p>"Firefighters described it as a water slide for ducks," said Leslie Hynes, Fire District 1 public information officer.</p> <p>Eleven ducklings were rescued.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Longest town names in the world
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/travel/2015/04/10/longest-town-names-in-world/?intcmp=HPBucket
GIST	<p>Good luck trying to pronounce or remember some of these lengthy town names, which rank as some of the longest around the globe. Some you may have heard of and some you haven't, but either way they are certainly a mouthful.</p> <p>1. Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, Wales We bet you can't pronounce this one! Llanfairpwllgwyngyll on the island of Anglesey in Wales is purported to be the longest name in Great Britain. The name of the train station is even longer -- Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch.</p> <p>2. Los Angeles, California According to Michelle D. Garcia-Ortiz at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, L.A. is named after a river, which was its primary water source when settlers discovered it in 1781. Spanish settlers, who were devout Catholics, named the river El Rio de Nuestra Senora Reina de Los Angeles de La Poricuncula (River of Our Lady Queen of the Angels of Poricuncula) after a religious holiday that they had celebrated the day before. The governor then decided to name the area El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles (sobre el Rio de la Porciuncula) or Town of the Queen of the Angels (on the River Porciuncula)</p> <p>3. Truth or Consequences, New Mexico In addition to being long, the town name of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, is plenty quirky, too. Formerly called Hot Springs, New Mexico, the town was re-named in 1950 as part of a publicity stunt for the 10th anniversary of Ralph Edwards' successful radio game show on NBC.</p> <p>4. Fuerstenfeldbruck, Germany Fuerstenfeldbruck is a charming German town of about 35,000 residents in southern Bavaria near the Five Lakes Region. It houses many historic buildings, including a former Baroque monastery built in 1263 by Ludwig II in atonement for executing his wife. The city itself dates to the 12th century and is named for the monastery, "Furstenfeld," and the bridge over the river in town or "brucke".</p> <p>5. Freixo de Espada à Cinta, Portugal</p>

Located in the Duoro Wine Region of Portugal, Freixo de Espada à Cinta is known for its beautiful blooming almond trees in spring. Meaning “Ash-tree girded with sword,” there are a variety of theories as to how it ended up with this name.

6. Bangkok, Thailand

This one wins for longest name ever. Similar to Los Angeles, the full Thai name for Bangkok, which is Thailand’s capital city, is actually quite a bit longer, as in more than a hundred letters longer. Next time you visit the area, be sure to call it correctly: Krungthepmahanakhon Amonrattanakosin Mahinthagayutthaya Mahadilokphop Noppharatchathanaburirom Udomratchaniwetmahasathan Amonphimanawatansathit Sakkathattiyawitsanukamprasit.

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HEADLINE	04/09 Report: co-pilot spiked pilot’s drink?
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/04/09/germanwings-co-pilot-may-have-spiked-pilot-drink-with-diuretic-report-says/?intcmp=latestnews
GIST	<p>Germanwings co-pilot Andreas Lubitz, who crashed Flight 9525 into the Alps, may have spiked the pilot’s drink with a diuretic in order to get him out of the cockpit, a new report claimed Thursday.</p> <p>The UK Daily Telegraph, citing German newspaper Express.de, reports that 27-year-old Lubitz may have mixed a drug into Captain Patrick Sondheimer’s drink, causing him to need to use the restroom and consequently leaving Lubitz alone in the cockpit.</p> <p>Other reports suggest that Lubitz searched online for information about diuretics in the days leading up to the crash. However, the Telegraph notes that the reports appear to be based on speculation, with no evidence that Lubitz bought the drugs in question or took them onboard the doomed flight.</p> <p>Investigators believe that Sondheimer was locked out of the cockpit by Lubitz after the captain left to go to the bathroom. Sondheimer is heard on the cockpit voice recorder banging on the door and demanding to be let in moments before the plane crashed into a mountainside, killing all 150 on board the March 24 flight from Barcelona to Dusseldorf.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 FBI reward for 1995 train derailment
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/20-years-later-fbi-offer-new-reward-sunset-limited-train-n338996
GIST	The FBI on Friday will offer a new reward for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for a train derailment caused by an act sabotage in Arizona — nearly 20 years after it occurred.

The FBI did not say why the new reward is being offered now to find whoever sabotaged rail tracks in a remote area 70 miles southwest of Phoenix and caused the Amtrak passenger train the Sunset Limited to derail and fall off a bridge at around 1:35 a.m. on Oct. 9, 1995.

The FBI will offer a reward of \$310,000, [the Arizona Republic reported](#).

An Amtrak employee was killed and more than 100 of the train's 258 passengers were hurt. The FBI has classified the derailment as an act of domestic terrorism.

Investigators found four typed letters at the scene of the derailment that referred to the deadly federal government actions at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, and Waco, Texas. The letters were signed by the "Sons of the Gestapo" — a group the FBI and observers of extremist movements had never heard of before.

Whoever sabotaged the tracks near Hyder and caused the derailment pulled out 29 railroad spikes and removed a 19-foot section of the track, The Associated Press reported at the time. A wire was used to disable a warning system designed to alert a train operator of a track break.

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HEADLINE	04/09 Did ISIS hack the BBC?
SOURCE	http://www.mirror.co.uk/tv/tv-news/bbc-hacked-isis-operational-error-5489298
GIST	<p>The BBC was feared to have fallen victim to an ISIS cyber-attack this evening as 'hackers' appeared to post Islamic State propaganda during a live broadcast.</p> <p>Viewers were left stunned as the words 'Je suIS IS' appeared on TV screens following a feature on the BBC News Channel. Above the red and white writing was the word 'CYBERCALIPHATE'.</p> <p>Newsreader Clive Myrie was clearly flustered as he addressed the loss of content during the programme.</p> <p>He said: "I do apologise, we seem to have lost our report from James Robbins, erm... stay with us."</p> <p>The incident happened just after 8.07pm leaving producers scrambling to the next feature. The incident follows today's hacking of the television network TV5Monde.</p> <p>Unlike the French attack, the BBC have stated that it was an 'operational error' that lead to the loss of sound and confusion.</p> <p>A BBC spokesperson told Mirror Online: "This was an operational error in which a graphic being used in BBC reports about the French cyber-attack was broadcast briefly by mistake during another item."</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Immigration activists to illegals: vote
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2015/04/09/immigration-activists-to-train-community-navigators-in-exec-amnesty-path-to-power/
GIST	<p>A series of powerpoint presentations from the Committee for Immigration Reform Implementation sheds some light on how groups supportive of President Obama’s executive amnesty are strategizing to get people to sign up and defend the president’s actions.</p> <p>“Once the applications are out, the best defense of the programs will be huge number of applications for [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals] and [Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents],” reads one of the powerpoint slide.</p> <p>The powerpoints are part of a curriculum for what the coalition of immigration activists calls community navigators to help prepare people up for executive amnesty.</p> <p>“Community navigators (or promotores) are volunteers who receive specialized training to provide quality immigration services for their communities in an empowering and effective way. The Committee for Immigration Reform Implementation (CIRI) has developed a curriculum for organizations to use to train navigators who will be engaged in outreach, organizing, screening, document preparation, and/or application assistance related to administrative relief implementation,” reads the program’s description.</p> <p>It’s slated for April 13.</p> <p>“The training has been fully vetted by the CIRI subcommittee on regional coordination, as well as the CIRI steering committee. We will introduce the model and discuss how it can be adapted for various contexts and demographics,” it adds.</p> <p>The powerpoints offer basic information about immigration law, President Obama’s executive actions on immigration, scams, and best practices about offering guidance on executive amnesty, as well as slides aimed at defending those actions.</p> <p>“Components Of Defense,” reads the headline of one slide that goes on to list “Hosting house meetings; Hosting/attending large info sessions; Participating in our org! Signing people up!; VOTING.”</p> <p>Another slide focuses on solidifying power. “VOTE!!” reads the headline, with its first bullet point reading “Path to Power” followed by another bullet point that reads “If you can’t vote: Register others; Canvas; Participate in campaigns.”</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 New Tokyo tourism ambassador
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/godzilla-appointed-tokyo-resident-and-tourism-ambassador/

GIST	<p>TOKYO -- Fire-breathing, building-stomping Godzilla was welcomed in part of Tokyo on Thursday as a sign of prosperity, not destruction.</p> <p>The irradiated monster was appointed special resident and tourism ambassador for Shinjuku ward, known for its down-home bars and noodle restaurants.</p> <p>A Godzilla-size head towering 171 feet above ground level was unveiled at an office of Toho, the Japanese studio behind the 1954 original. Toho is shooting a comeback film this year after a decade-long hiatus.</p> <p>Godzilla's standing as an icon has had its ups and downs, but its stature has been reinstated after the Hollywood "Godzilla," directed by Gareth Edwards, became a global hit last year.</p> <p>Japan is hoping the biggest star in this nation's movie history will help lure tourists during a market-opening strategy launched by the prime minister.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Mystery methane mass over Southwest
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/scientists-searching-for-methane-source-in-southwest/
GIST	<p>Scientists are working to pinpoint the source of a giant mass of methane hanging over the southwestern U.S., which a study found to be the country's largest concentration of the greenhouse gas.</p> <p>The report that revealed the methane hot spot over the Four Corners region - where Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona meet - was released last year.</p> <p>Now, scientists from the University of Colorado, the University of Michigan, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and NASA are conducting a monthlong study to figure out exactly where it came from.</p> <p>The answer could help reduce methane emissions that contribute to global warming.</p> <p>Methane occurs naturally and also is emitted by landfills and the agricultural and oil and natural gas industries.</p> <p>One possible source of the hot spot is methane released from the region's coal deposits.</p> <p>The releases can happen naturally, especially where coal seams reach the earth's surface. They also occur deliberately when energy companies extract methane - the primary component of natural gas - from coal beds.</p>

	The region is home to the San Juan Basin, North America's most productive area coal bed methane extraction area.
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HEADLINE	04/09 Claim: SEA breached 5 times in 10yrs
SOURCE	http://www.kirotv.com/ap/ap/washington/ap-investigation-details-5-perimeter-breaches-at-s/nkqmX/
GIST	<p>SPOKANE, Wash. — Perimeter security was breached five times in the past decade at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, including twice last year, according to an Associated Press investigation.</p> <p>Nationally, AP found there have been at least 268 perimeter security breaches at 31 major U.S. airports between January 2004 and January 2015. Incidents ranged from fence jumpers taking shortcuts and intoxicated drivers crashing through barriers to mentally ill intruders looking to hop flights. None was terrorism-related.</p> <p>Airports say breaches are relatively rare. Security measures typically include fences, cameras and patrols, but there are gaps. Not all of the miles of fences are routinely patrolled or covered by video surveillance.</p> <p>The incidents at Seattle-Tacoma, according to incident reports obtained under records act requests, were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — On Oct. 25, a 22-year-old woman drove a car through a guarded gate, striking an exiting airport vehicle. She then drove to a terminal. Arresting authorities said she and her passenger were visibly intoxicated. "I am so dumb," the driver told officers. "My mom is going to kill me." — On Sept. 8, an airport worker found a 26-year-old man walking on a taxiway. He had jumped a security fence about 300 feet away from a terminal gate. He told officers he wanted to catch a flight to the Philippines. — On June 22, 2009, a mother threw a pack of cigarettes to her son, who was working inside the secure area. — On Dec. 3, 2006, a man told authorities he was "having a bad night" and "just felt like crashing through some gates." He did so in a 2003 BMW. — On Oct. 20, 2005, a person was found walking inside a secure area.
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HEADLINE	04/09 ISIS demands \$30M to free Christians
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/04/09/isis-demanding-30-million-to-free-christian-hostages/

GIST	<p>Islamic State militants are demanding up to \$30 million in ransom to release the hundreds of Christian hostages in Syria, according to an officer within the Assyrian leadership.</p> <p>In ongoing negotiations between ISIS terrorists and the Assyrian leadership to free the 250-300 Christians abducted by the militant group in February, ISIS is demanding \$100,000 per individual, according to the source.</p> <p>Third-party Syrian Sunni Muslims from the local area are reported to be brokering the talks between the two groups.</p> <p>“They know we cannot come up with this kind of money, so they are hoping other groups and countries will come up with the money,” the official said.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Which airport with most breaches?
SOURCE	http://www.cbsnews.com/news/san-francisco-international-airport-us-perimeter-breaches-ap-investigation/
GIST	<p>While security problems at Mineta San Jose International Airport made worldwide headlines, an investigation by The Associated Press set to be released Sunday discovered San Francisco has had the most breaches in the past decade, CBS station KPIX-TV reports.</p> <p>The AP crunched the numbers from the last decade and found perimeter breaches at the nation's airports are hardly uncommon. San Francisco International Airport has the most breaches at 37.</p> <p>The story was scheduled to be released Sunday night by the AP and its partners, including KPIX-TV and CBSSF.com, but the airport's communications office issued a press release and scheduled a Thursday news conference about improvements in perimeter security.</p> <p>Breaches at San Francisco ranged from the mundane -- one case was "driver inadvertently took a rental car through a gate to secure area" -- to the vague "unspecified perimeter security breach," which appeared eight times in the airport's data.</p> <p>KPIX-TV tried to get airport spokesman Doug Yakel to do an interview about the findings, but he declined to do an interview.</p> <p>At Mineta airport, there were 18 breaches in the past decade, the most famous being 15-year-old Yahye Abdi surviving a flight to Maui stowed away in a plane's wheel well last year.</p> <p>While Yahye made headlines, the bigger problem is cars crashing through fences. Nine crashes occurred in the past decade, all at the same intersection.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Calif. utility to pay \$1.6B penalty
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/09/us/california-pge-penalty/index.html
GIST	<p>The California Public Utilities Commission on Thursday said it is ordering Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to pay a record \$1.6 billion penalty for unsafe operation of its gas transmission system, including the pipeline rupture that killed eight people in San Bruno in September 2010.</p> <p>Most of the penalty amounts to forced spending on improving pipeline safety. Of the \$1.6 billion, \$850 million will go to "gas transmission pipeline safety infrastructure improvements," the commission said.</p> <p>Another \$50 million will go toward "other remedies to enhance pipeline safety," according to the commission.</p> <p>"PG&E failed to uphold the public's trust," commission President Michael Picker said. "The CPUC failed to keep vigilant. Lives were lost. Numerous people were injured. Homes were destroyed. We must do everything we can to ensure that nothing like this happens again."</p> <p>The company's chief executive officer said in a written statement that PG&E is working to become the safest energy company in the United States.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Florida prison system under scrutiny
SOURCE	http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/04/09/florida-prison-system-under-scrutiny-as-lawmakers-fight-to-keep-feds-out-and/?intcmp=latestnews
GIST	<p>Florida's state-run prison system is being hammered with allegations that guards abused and even killed inmates -- including one incident where, according to a witness, the skin was scalded off a prisoner's body in a shower -- leaving officials scrambling for answers and human rights groups urging the feds to intervene.</p> <p>In a stinging rebuke of Florida's prison system, several current and former inspectors recently went on record claiming workers were routinely ordered to ignore evidence of brutal beatings and other alleged crimes taking place behind bars.</p> <p>State lawmakers like Republican Sen. Bob Bradley are now backing a bill that would restructure the state's problem-plagued system by creating an independent oversight board to watch over the Department of Corrections and strip its power to self-police.</p>

	<p>“Ultimately, the leadership of our state is responsible for doing what is right and for restoring public faith in our corrections system,” Bradley told FoxNews.com.</p> <p>The DOC is Florida’s largest agency with 22,000 employees and more than 100,000 inmates, and can preside over its own internal investigations. The oversight panel, if approved, would have the authority to probe allegations of fraud, inmate abuse and corruption. It would also have subpoena powers.</p> <p>Bradley said that if the plan is adopted, it would demonstrate the state taking a "hard stand against abuses within our correctional system" and an environment he said has "allowed or disregarded" those abuses.</p> <p>The problems have been piling on for the FDOC for some time now.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Suspect shot dead in stabbing spree
SOURCE	http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/suspect-killed-after-canadian-stabbing-attack-wounds-three-cops-n339076
GIST	<p>Police shot and killed a man who stabbed three people in a rampage outside of a church in downtown Vancouver, Canada, officials said Thursday.</p> <p>Vancouver Police said officers responded to reports of a man stabbing people at around 5 p.m. local time and found an assailant wielding a knife outside of the First United Church.</p> <p>Officers used a bean-bag shotgun in an attempt to subdue the suspect but were unsuccessful, police said in a statement. When the suspect began stabbing a woman nearby police opened fire with live rounds, the force added.</p> <p>Authorities have not named the suspect, who was pronounced dead at the scene.</p> <p>Police said the female stabbing victim was in critical condition after suffering serious injuries, while two men were treated for non life-threatening injuries. The victims' names have not been released and police said the investigation was ongoing.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/07 Arrested man deported 20 times
SOURCE	http://ktar.com/22/1823390/Man-arrested-in-Pinal-County-has-been-deported-20-times
GIST	<p>FLORENCE, Ariz. (AP) — Authorities say a man arrested after a high-speed chase in Pinal County is a native of Mexico who has been deported 20 times.</p>

	<p>County Sheriff's officials say 26-year-old Genaro Cisneros-Delgado is being held on a \$50,000 bond on suspicion of felony flight and endangerment.</p> <p>They say Cisneros-Delgado took a sheriff's deputy on a 30-mile chase on Interstate 10 last Friday night and speeds reached more than 100 mph.</p> <p>Authorities say Cisneros-Delgado crashed through a locked gate outside a Sun Lakes retirement community before stopping the vehicle and fleeing with three passengers.</p> <p>Sheriff's officials say Cisneros-Delgado and the other three are in the country illegally and he was smuggling them into the U.S.</p> <p>Cisneros-Delgado was jailed and the other three have been turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol for processing.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/10 Cop arrested for beating prisoner
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/10/us/massachusetts-officer-arrested/index.html
GIST	<p>A Massachusetts police officer allegedly said something about a prisoner's "black" skin, shoved him against the wall of his cell, punched him, threw him down and kicked him.</p> <p>Michael Motyka of Worcester was arrested on Thursday and will be arraigned Friday on a civil rights violation, assault and battery, and assault and battery with a deadly weapon -- his shoed foot, police said in a statement.</p> <p>"The majority of the incident was caught on security cameras that are in a fixed position down in the holding cell room," Worcester police Sgt. Kerry Hazelhurst told CNN affiliate WCVB.</p> <p>The beaten prisoner was awaiting transfer from the Worcester Police Department to a court for arraignment in mid-March and was cuffed and shackled. He filed a complaint, and a witness corroborated his account.</p> <p>Motyka, a 17-year veteran, is on paid administrative leave and also faces a termination hearing, Worcester police said.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Wash. D.C. rocked by shootings
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/09/us/washington-shootings/index.html

GIST	<p>Washington was rocked late Thursday by shootings -- one at the gates of the U.S. Census Bureau's headquarters and another in a popular area packed with restaurant patrons. The shootings were connected, authorities said.</p> <p>They began with what authorities believe was a domestic kidnapping incident, according to D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier. The suspect's vehicle was spotted outside the Census Bureau, which is in Suitland, Maryland.</p> <p>A guard apparently approached the vehicle and saw two people arguing. That guard was then shot at least once in the upper body, said Prince George's County Fire Department spokesman Mark Brady. The guard was in extremely critical condition, according to Brady.</p> <p>The police chief said the suspect then fled the scene. Officers picked up the chase, and the suspect fired gunshots at multiple locations, Lanier said. The chase ended in a crash on Washington's busy H Street. A shootout ensues, Lanier said.</p> <p>An officer and the suspect were wounded, according to the police chief. Both were conscious and talking when they left the scene.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Priest murder capital of the world
SOURCE	http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2015/04/09/catholic-priest-slain-in-mexico-priest-murder-capital-of-the-world/
GIST	<p>The lifeless body of 60-year-old Father Francisco Javier Gutiérrez Díaz was found Tuesday night with a gunshot wound to the head, dumped by the side of a road in a rural district of the central Mexican state of Guanajuato.</p> <p>Despite its high percentage of Catholics, Mexico holds the dubious distinction of being the country with the highest number of murders of Catholic priests in the world. This latest killing brings the number of murdered priests to ten during the administration of current Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto, who took office in 2012.</p> <p>The priest was traveling alone from the village of Salvatierra to Acambaro when he was accosted by his assailants, apparently to rob him. The priest reportedly was carrying money to purchase a plot of land for his religious community near the village of Acambaro.</p> <p>On Wednesday the slaying was confirmed by the archbishop of Morelia, Cardinal Alberto Suárez Inda, who had ordained Father Gutierrez a priest on January 8, 1986.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 El Salvador homicides hit record
SOURCE	http://news.yahoo.com/homicides-el-salvador-reach-record-gang-violence-grows-040224134.html
GIST	<p>SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — El Salvador had more homicides in March than any other single month in a decade, a dark milestone that some attribute to the collapse of a gang truce and one that could mark a trend of greater violence to come.</p> <p>Data from the National Civil Police show 481 homicides recorded last month, or more than 15 a day. April's start is no better, with 73 killings reported in the first five days. At this rate, El Salvador is on pace to surpass Honduras as the deadliest peace-time country in the world.</p> <p>Gang-on-gang violence, as well as attacks on police and Salvadorans in general is spiking in what authorities say is an attempt by gangs to pressure the government to negotiate issues raised as part of a 2-year truce that fell apart in 2014. Others see it as a reaction to the new government's iron-fist approach to the country's two major gangs, Mara Salvatrucha and 18th Street.</p> <p>Since taking office in June, President Salvador Sanchez Ceren has openly opposed any negotiations with gangs, which according to various estimates have as many as 70,000 members in a country of 6 million inhabitants. Some 10,000 of them are in prison.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Teen arrested in drive-by shootings
SOURCE	http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/police-teenager-arrested-after-shootings-west-seat/nkqn4/
GIST	<p>WEST SEATTLE, Wash. — A 16-year-old boy was arrested in West Seattle -- after four late-night drive-by shootings in West Seattle, and pulling a gun on his family.</p> <p>Boy is under investigation for series of drive-by shootings. Police say no one was injured. Teen booked into King Co. Youth Services Center</p> <p>Police say the boy pulled the gun on his family late Wednesday evening. The boy is under investigation for the series of drive-by shootings.</p> <p>Detectives are still investigating the four shootings. No injuries have been reported related to the shootings.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Edmonds standoff suspect captured
SOURCE	http://www.king5.com/story/news/crime/2015/04/09/edmonds-police-chase-standoff/25522043/

GIST	<p>SEATTLE – The standoff with a stolen car suspect holed up in an Edmonds home ended Thursday after the house caught on fire and the suspect jumped through a window and was captured by SWAT team members.</p> <p>All of this happened after an off-and-on police chase that went through several neighbors' backyards.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Sex offenders predisposed?
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/09/europe/sex-offenders-genetic-predisposition/index.html
GIST	<p>A new study has concluded that genetics as well as environment can influence the likelihood that a person will become a sexual offender.</p> <p>Titled "Sexual offending runs in families: A 37-year nationwide study," the paper was published Thursday in the International Journal of Epidemiology. It was written by five experts from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, the University of Ottawa in Canada, and Oxford University in the UK. It was based on nationwide Swedish data about 21,566 men convicted of sexual crimes between 1973 and 2009.</p> <p>One of the authors, Seena Fazel of the Oxford University Department of Psychiatry, said realizing that genetics can increase the risk that someone will commit a sex crime could help governments target those most in need of help.</p> <p>In an interview with CNN.com, Fazel acknowledged that isolating genetic factors can be difficult. But he said comparisons -- including of half-brothers who grew up in the same environment but had different mothers -- showed that the biological sons of offenders had a higher risk of becoming offenders themselves.</p> <p>The biological sons of a sex offender were five times more likely than the norm to commit sex offenses, the study found. But their maternal half-brothers were only twice as likely to do so, the paper said.</p> <p>"There is a genetic component," Fazel said. "It's not insignificant. It hasn't really be shown before in this field."</p> <p>The study concludes that genetics accounts for 40% of the risk. But Fazel said that was perhaps too precise a figure, and it would be better to think of it as anywhere between 20% and 50%.</p>
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HEADLINE	04/09 Hijacker, cop-killer hiding out in Cuba
SOURCE	http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/09/americas/us-cuba-fugitive-charlie-hill/index.html
GIST	Charlie Hill sits in a dark bar on a blindingly sunny Havana day.

"Hey man," he says with a smoker's rasp and a nod that indicates he knows you have been looking for him. But then a lot of people have been looking for Charlie Hill for a long time.

For 43 years Cuba has provided refuge for Hill from facing charges that he killed a New Mexico police officer and hijacked an airliner to Havana.

Hill, now 65, decided to give CNN an interview after we'd spent two years trying to reach him. He wants to discuss how for the first time he is considering leaving his safe haven and returning to the United States.

"I miss my country," he said, his voice cracking. "I miss my family. I would like to go back and see where my grandparents were born, where I was born, where I went to junior high. Eat some blackberry pie. Even go to McDonald's. That's only natural."

Hill was a black power militant and said he is still a revolutionary. But he craves the kind of French fries that only capitalism can make.

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From: Jordan, Amy
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2015 10:33 AM
To: 'jsowell@idahostatesman.com'
Cc: Jordan, Amy
Subject: FW: Records request
Attachments: sowell prr_20150402102920.pdf

Please see attached.

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From: Baker, Teresa
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 3:56 PM
To: Jordan, Amy
Subject: FW: Records request

Here is his email info.

Thanks

Teresa



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From: Sowell, John [<mailto:jsowell@idahostatesman.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:13 PM
To: Baker, Teresa
Subject: Records request

Hi Teresa,

I'm trying to find out if any local law enforcement agencies have Stingray equipment or are using them or similar devices from other agencies that allow police to intercept cell phone data that is normally sent to cell phone towers.

Pursuant to the Idaho Public Records Law, I hereby request the following records:

Background

Cell site simulators, also known as IMSI catchers, IMEI catchers, GSM interceptors, covert cellular tracking equipment, and digital analyzers, impersonate a wireless service provider's (i.e., mobile phone company's or cellular phone company's) cell tower, prompting mobile phones and other wireless devices to communicate with the simulators instead of with the real cell towers. These devices are

often called "Stingrays," the name of one such device produced by Harris Corporation, along with their AmberJack, BlackFin, KingFish, Gossamer, LoggerHead, and TriggerFish devices.

Cell site simulators are commonly used in several ways: to collect unique numeric identifiers associated with each mobile phone in a given geographic area, to determine the precise location of a mobile phone when numbers associated with it are known but only a rough idea of its location is known, or to intercept phone calls and SMS messages.

Each of these uses raises privacy concerns, the most obvious of which is presented by the interception of voice and SMS messages. Collecting unique identifiers of all phones in a particular area inevitably collects location data on many innocent people who are suspected of no crime. Determination of the precise location of a specific phone can reveal that the phone, and thus the person who operates it, is in a constitutionally-protected place, such as a home, that has traditionally been immune from search without judicial approval via search warrant. The locations of people's mobile phones reveal a variety of personal information, such as: with whom they associate, where they assemble, where they spend their days, where they spend their nights, when they are home alone, where they protest, where they worship, and health care providers they visit.

It has been widely reported in recent months that law enforcement agencies use these devices while hiding their use from the public and from the courts.

Despite widespread public interest in the use and misuse of cell site simulators, the public lack information about your agency's use of these devices or about your agency's policy for such use. Information is needed so the public can determine whether use of cell site simulators by your agency complies with the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and with Idaho law.

Request

Pursuant to the Idaho Public Records Law, I request:

1. Records regarding your agency's acquisition of cell site simulators, including but not limited to invoices, purchase orders, contracts, loan agreements, evaluation agreements, solicitation letters, correspondence with companies and public agencies that provide the devices, and similar documents.

2. Records regarding any offer, proposal, arrangement, agreement, or memorandum of understanding with the Idaho State Police (ISP), the Ada County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), Naval Criminal Investigative Service ("NCICS"), Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), U.S. Marshals Service, FBI's Data Intercept Technology Unit ("DITU"), or any corporation, to borrow, permanently acquire from, or use any cell site simulator owned or possessed by the ISP, ACSO, NCICS, FBI, U.S. Marshals, DITU, or corporation.
3. All nondisclosure agreements with Harris Corporation, Digital Receiver Technology (DRT, formerly Utica Systems, now a subsidiary of Boeing Corporation), Septier Communication Limited, Proximus LLC, any other corporation, and any state or federal agencies, regarding your agency's actual or potential possession or use of cell site simulators
4. Records regarding policies and guidelines governing use of cell site simulators, including but not limited to 1) when, where, how, and against whom they devices may be used, 2) logging, retention, purging, use, and auditing data stored in or communicated from the devices, 3) under what circumstances administrative warrant, judicial warrant, or other legal process must, should, or should not be obtained prior to, during, or following direct or indirect use of the devices, 4) under what circumstances the existence or use of the devices must, should, or should not be revealed to judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, criminal defendants, or the general public., and 5) parallel construction techniques for use in avoidance of disclosure of the initial method of discovery of information gained initially by use of cell site simulators
5. Training materials for use of cell site simulators
6. Records regarding any communications or agreements with wireless service providers (i.e., mobile phone carriers such as AT&T, CenturyLink, CREDO Mobile, MetroPCS, Sprint, Ting, T-Mobile, Verizon, Virgin Mobile, etc.) concerning use of cell site simulators
7. Records regarding any communications, licenses, waivers, or agreements, with federal or state communications regulatory agencies (e.g., Federal Communications Commission, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Oregon Public Utility Commission, etc.) concerning use of cell site simulators.
8. Records reflecting the number of investigations in which cell site simulators were used, the number of those investigations that resulted in prosecutions, and the number of those investigations that resulted in convictions.

9. Records reflecting a list of all criminal cases, with docket numbers if available, in which law enforcement officers or other staff used or arranged for the use of one or more cell site simulators as part of the underlying investigations.
10. All applications submitted to state or federal courts for warrants, orders, or other other authorization for use of cell site simulators in criminal investigations, as well as any warrants, orders, authorizations, denials of warrants, denials of orders, denials of authorization, and returns of warrants associated with those applications.
11. Records regarding the use of cell site simulators in closed investigations.
12. Date and docket number of any responsive records that are sealed.
13. All associated metadata.

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you.

John

From: FusionCenterTraining <FusionCenterTraining@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 2:31 PM
To: FusionCenterTraining
Cc: Riley, Lorinda
Subject: Privacy, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties In the News (Technical Assistance from DHS)

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From: Darci Bolen <Darci@racespringmountain.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 11:56 AM
To: Dye, Gordon
Subject: Ron Fellows Performance Driving School
Attachments: 2015 School Schedule 1 16 15.pdf; 2014 Ron Fellows Corvette Stingray Level 1 Curriculum.pdf

Hi Gordon,

It was nice talking with you this morning. Our 2-day program is \$2500, and the 3-day is \$3895.00 I can offer a 10% discount either way you guys decide to go. I have attached the course curriculum as well as the course schedule, our classes are booking up incredibly fast. We have an executive chef here onsite, we do provide our students with breakfast and lunch and offer dinner as well. We also have accommodations right here on property with rates that start out at \$110/night and that is based on availability at the time of booking.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Darci Bolen

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From: Jim Willoughby <jim.willoughby@odomcorp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 10:50 AM
To: Snell, Timothy
Subject: FW: Historical Posting
Attachments: 2013 03 Mar ORID Price Book.xlsx; 2014 09 Sept ID Price Book.xlsx

Hello Tim;

Here is the posting calendars that Southern used to post for Idaho. I have filtered these to show just Bogle. Does this work?

Let me know if this would work or if you need something else. Thanks.

From: Ostergaard, Bennett [mailto:Bennettostergaard@southernwine.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 9:25 AM
To: Jim Willoughby
Subject: RE: Historical Posting

Jim,

Take a look at the two attached and let me know if these will work for you. One is from 9/14, the other from 3/13. I have more available to send you but only want to flood your inbox with needed stuff.

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From: Jim Willoughby [mailto:jim.willoughby@odomcorp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 8:47 AM
To: Ostergaard, Bennett
Subject: RE: Historical Posting

Hi Bennett;

Any luck on finding this for Idaho?

From: Jim Willoughby
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 9:59 AM
To: Ostergaard, Bennett (Bennettostergaard@southernwine.com)
Subject: Historical Posting

Bennett;

Would you have the ability to show "Historical Posting" on the brand Bogle for the Lewiston Market here in North Idaho? Looking for September 2014 back as far as you can go. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Thank you,

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Thank you.*

From: Tremblay, Tami <ttremblay@ktvb.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2014 2:31 PM
To: Colonel Powell
Subject: Question for KTVB story

Hi, Colonel Powell! I hope you're doing well. I'm hoping you can tell me if ISP uses any kind of cell phone surveillance technology like the Stingray. Does ISP use anything like that to help track down criminals?

Thank you, and I hope you're having a great weekend.

Tami Tremblay

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From: Pond, Meredith
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 11:12 AM
To: Brotzman, Julia
Subject: FW: Hello from AK!

Hi Julie,
This is really long but pretty entertaining. Just an FYI – she starts the email the way she does because we have a friend who said “I swear, every story about you guys’ ranch starts, No Sh!t, there I was when.... And he said then he went up to the ranch and discovered that it was all true!!!”

Meredith Pond
Idaho State Police
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From: "Katie Pond" <katie.pond@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2014 3:09:09 PM
Subject: Hello from AK!

No shit, this just happened in Alaska: I was sitting on the roots of this cool cedar beside the Klawoc River. Three bald eagles were fishing across the water. I was transfixed by watching one of them eat a fish it lifted onto the shore. Suddenly, a massive flapping noise just above my head dragged me back to consciousness. Undetected, a bald eagle had been chilling less than 6 feet above me. I called Montana. Ten minutes in, I glanced up and to my horror discovered I was perched directly under a deadly widow maker. It was spear shaped and hanging vertically by thin fibers. On closer inspection, it appeared to be suspended by rope; I could see twine but couldn't understand how it was strung and wasn't about to get impaled by some kind of primitive hunger games trap. I darted away anxiously chattering about my find when the forest froze me directly in the path of a massive bald eagle screaming through the trees in hot pursuit of another bald eagle. The pair careened through the low hanging obstacle course like kamakazee fighter pilots, nearly t-boning me again. I felt the need to hit the deck. I've never seen birds fly so fast, so close to the ground. I actually felt pretty threatened. Are they mating? Is this sacred bald eagle burial ground? Am I prey? Is the forest punking me? I decided the universe was being very clear that I was not supposed to be wandering through that forest just then, so I high tailed it out of there, stopping only once, and very briefly, at a particularly laden blueberry bush.

This is what I do when I'm not out in the field. Yesterday I went on a long, slow, misty walk with my roommates dopey boxer. We wandered through the community I'm crashing in. Lots of weathered blue and red and yellow homes on stilts, broken down cars, homes that have grown dilapidated ad hoc wings...like the jungle trees that fall down here but refuse to die and so sprout nursery trees in their rubble. It's a poor

community. Elvis (the boxer) and I walked the line of the bay and stopped at the bridge to watch 13 bald eagles play like kites at the mouth of the Klawoc.

I'm renting a room in an old cannery owned by the tribe along with all the other instructors and therapists. Our living space sits on top of the tribe's smoke shop and bingo hall. We've been given very stern directive (more than once) to keep quiet on bingo nights. Which is difficult to do with 12 rowdy humans, a kitten, a malamute puppy, an energetic adult brittany spaniel and a dim-witted, over-sized boxer. The smell of smoke wafts up into my room on the regular, as do the sounds of Hida women slowly calling out numbers and letters.

The cannery is growing on me (I don't think in a mold way). I can't help but love it's quirks. My roommates are an eclectic bunch, and for the most part, I love their quirks too. 7 of the 12 of us have SUWS roots. 5 of the 7 had their picture on the wall of the office. The twelve of us share one shower and for the first month of our time together we didn't have a working kitchen facility. Luckily several people had backpacking stoves, which is what we cooked on, all twelve of us, until the repair man finally fixed the kitchen stove. (Alaska time is very different than time "down south"). It's very difficult to fit food for that many people in one fridge, especially when a large percentage of those people tend to live on produce. Luckily, Angie and Kelly (possibly the most tenured wilderness instructors in the industry and also a delightful couple) have gutted and reclaimed a mini rv from the 70's. We've run an electrical cord from one of the rooms, across the pier into there place so that their fridge can be utilized in the effort to feed all the portland hipsters. Real Safe. I'm sure it will be fine. Don't worry, we're professionals.

There was a lot of build-up to finally heading out on the ocean with my group of boys. I spent my time anxiously awaiting the start of my trip while living in this odd bubble in Klawoc. I went through a month of sporadic clinical training on lots of depressing topics. Most I'm all too familiar with, but I did learn some new and useful stuff about trauma informed care and FASD. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is a real problem in Alaska. I was also able to rack up some warehouse hours working on packing trips and sealing canoes. I was happy to secure this grunt work for two reasons: 1) Alaska is very expensive and after buying a 7 dollar loaf of non artisan bread, I was motivated to earn every penny possible in this season of work. 2) Our trip is very unlike SUWS. We are not near help and the environment is serious. Should we need help, there are places and conditions that would prohibit even the coast guard from responding. It's a full-on expedition and I didn't trust the warehouse kids to remember every detail in packing my trip. I'm a control freak but with good reason.

Three weeks ago, the start finally came. I loaded up canoes with four boys and two men and shoved off the rocky beach serenaded by the low, deep melody of the clinical director--an old salt and pepper sea dog--singing a song of beginnings borrowed from the Hida. Since then my life has consisted of paddling, humpback whales, black bears, rice and lentils, paddling, jungle, rain, rain, paddling, rain, tarp tents strung with p-cord in a rain forest sanctuary, diligent moss collecting, enchanted old growth forests, struggling to spark primitive fire on said wet moss, rafts of seals and otters threatening to turn over my kayak, barnacles, salt, cliff portages, attempting to strike camp in impenetrable second growth, stingray, elder circles, jellyfish, banana slugs on my face, rain, more paddling and navigating a tessellation of misty islands with four young men in the making.

We travel by canoe, but there are four boys and three instructors and so we also have a sea kayak to account for the odd number. In the beginning, the kayak was the speedier boat. It allowed me to zip between canoes and coach boys on paddling technique and help them move through angry shutdown moments. But after two weeks, paddling skills improved, canoes go mostly in a straight line now and it has become

difficult to keep up with the crafts powered by two in the kayak powered by one. One day I was paddling hard to catch up after pulling over for a pee break, and a whale breached thirty yards from my tiny boat, hung out for a couple breathless moments and then dove, flashing me its tail before it disappeared.

I see bears daily on our paddles but haven't had problems with them in camp. We're traveling through pretty wild places. In two weeks out, I only saw two other fishing boats way off on the horizon. For the most part, bears only have contact with humans wielding guns, so they're sufficiently afraid of us. I came to peace with them after waking several times to fresh bear poop within ten feet of my tarp shelter. I'm still obsessively diligent about the way we handle food, but figure if they haven't harmed me in my sleep yet, they're probably not going to.

The forest here is a strange jungle. In the old growth, there is space enough to carve out an existence around the weird mounds formed by decaying life under the moss strata, in between incredible red and yellow cedars ten feet around. In areas that the tribes have logged, striking camp becomes impossible. The second growth in these areas is absolutely impenetrable. I had a scary day that ended in ship-wrecking on a cliffed-out island because of this second growth.

The GPS said we were in the right spot. The topo maps said there were places to camp. But after circumnavigating the entirety of the large bay--paddling under sixty foot cliffs pounded by surf and hacking into the shoreline everywhere that wasn't cliff in search of places to put seven bodies--the endless devil's club brier suggested we might have to endure a cold, sleepless night on the canoes and resume paddling again when we had light. This wasn't attractive for several reasons. Not the least of which was the grueling paddle we needed to complete the next day to get to a place the skiff could reach us for resupply. It was getting late and becoming more urgent by the minute to find a place for the group to get out of the weather. There were two small islands in the distance and one of my co-instructors vaguely remembered a group using them before.

I filled our jugs from a creek and the weary boys got back into boats and resumed paddling. The island was protected by a moat of steep, sharp, barnacle covered rock. We paddled around it looking for a way to access the top. Our only bet was a crack in the cliffs that created a boulder field up to a pile of suspended drift wood. Unloading was dramatic, and had to happen one boat at a time. The entry was one boat wide and the swells quickly informed us that the waiting boats needed to paddle at least sixty feet away from the spot until it was open. The fire-line of gear became more efficient as canoes were extracted and hands became available. The boys started off that day acting like children but in that crucial moment acted like men. Somehow we got all the canoes up the boulder field and hoisted them on top of the suspended driftwood without anyone getting hurt. Tarps were strung, dryish wood scrounged and dinner put on the fire 6 hours later than normal that day. The boys collapsed in center and happily stared at the fire while my co-instructor read from a book they love and I and stirred pasta. (We eat rice and lentils everyday but have a ration of pasta and tomato sauce for days we get into camp late). We lifted stick spoons to our mouths with exhausted arms and ate hot food feeling like triumphant pirate kings.

The rain here is incredible. For the first week it rained steady. Keeping dry is an art and science and a religion. We didn't have to endure epic water runs in search of fresh water during this time. We just put pots and tin cups and a scavenged bucket at the low point of our tarps. They filled in in minutes. We did an extra careful job of emptying the sea water from our canoes and then used canoes to collect rain water. Gale winds kept us at one camp for an extra day. In that two day span, our canoes filled a third of the way full with rain. I have grown gills. I have exhausted myself

keeping track of the boys dry layers in that first week of teaching them to build reliable shelters and live outside while learning this new place myself. A couple of them suffer light effects of fetal alcohol syndrome and memory is difficult. Keeping track of clothes and remembering knots is not something I can expect them to do. With repetition and memory strategies we've found a way to make it work. As with all severely emotionally disturbed kids (SED is a classification within the "at-risk" population), it's mandatory to inform patience with realistic expectations. I was worried that my instructor brain would be rusty having had almost ten months away from working with hard kids in a therapeutic way. But stepping back into this role was like getting back on a bike.

My entry into the field *was* rough, but not for the reason I anticipated. On the night before my trip began an old mentor of mine (and my co-instructor tomorrow morning) arrived at the cannery. He had in tow an old man and fellow biker he'd met on the ferry. The man was very sick and apparently had nowhere to go. Had it been any other roommate, bringing typhoid mary into our commune would have been an intolerable act. But it was Cliff, so we begrudgingly made space. 24 hours after I came into contact with the old man, and 6 hours after I pushed off the mainland with my new tribe, I began vomiting uncontrollably. I didn't sleep at all the first night, just rocked back and forth, regularly vaulting away from my shelter, sometimes crawling on hand and knee, to be sick. I couldn't keep food down for the first three days which made paddling and hauling gear and staying warm difficult, but the sickness passed. Nothing coaches humility like squatting half-naked in the cold, dark rain heaving into moss, worrying about bears. It proved to be a useful refresher course in vulnerability before setting to the task of building rapport with kids who have walls up for good reason.

The boys have moved through the first phase of the program and have earned the right to fish. So far, our paddles have been too long to consider fishing enroute, but I have been able to add fish to my rice and lentils twice. Halibut one night (a gift from the clinical director), and rock fish the other (compliments of my partner). Inevitably boats end up waiting for each other (disparity in paddle fitness, behavioral problems, etc.) and my partner uses this time to fish. On one such wait, he snagged something big...he worried that it might be a halibut, a difficult thing to land in a canoe. But then, surfacing from the salty murk, came an alien looking creature. He'd snagged a sting ray about 3.5 feet across! So cool.

The kids in my care are similar to SUWS kids in some ways. They are defiant and oppositional. They have poor social skills. They are self-defeating and insecure and blow up when stressed. They're funny and brave and resilient. They've been kicked out of a lot of places, endured a lifetime of unspeakable trauma, learned survival behaviors that got them through hard times that are now making it difficult to navigate life..but there are some marked differences. One small but telling difference is the way they reacted to the diet. SUWS kids hated rice and lentils. They scorned it and refused to eat it. Best case scenario, they conceded that it wasn't terrible and that it had to be done. These kids loved it from night one. I cooked for them the first week so that one thing could be easy in those initial long, hard days. Each one of them thanked me profusely. They savored eating something warm. They were excited about the few spices available to them in the first phase. Unlike SUWS kids, these boys are not used to eating food regularly. They are certainly not used to a safe adult preparing it for them consistently everyday no matter what they do or say. SUWS kids came from privilege. These kids come from poverty.

There is an incredible amount of money available in Alaska for cool programs like this one. The education system is very well funded. Social services are well funded. The people are poor but the state is rich which is a weird dynamic. I do believe this experience can be life changing. Not for every kid. For some it will change their lives right now, but then they'll return to messed up family situations that will drain them of their new

found confidence and strip away the coping skills that are empowering a new identity. I've come to peace with that. I cannot help everyone. Some people are trapped in a matrix of cycles beyond the scope of help. But even for them, I don't feel like this is pointless, because at least once in their hard lives, regardless of whether anything is "fixed", they did something grand and they felt safe. And who knows, having a great story and a positive reference point might generate momentum in a stagnant life. And in the others, I can see a growing internal fire, a building sense of worth, a thirst for life, the confidence to take accountability for today and tomorrow and the will to let go of everything awful that happened yesterday.

I did two weeks with the my crew of boys and I am just at the end of a week of rest. "The Can" is a different place now that instructors are staggered across groups out on the ocean. Tomorrow I'll load up on the sciff and motor back out to my group.

Sorry that this message is long and rambling and follows a family circus-esque timeline. I don't normally like to send emails to many at once, it feels impersonal. But I have had reason to think of each one of you in this time away and wanted to say hello and send a story while reception allows. Hope all is well in Boise, Hilo, Twin Falls, Modesto, Utah, the ACT, ICR and Yellow Pine Bar.

Until next time,
Katie

P.S. Unfortunately, I don't have a camera on me when all the adventure is happening, but I've attached a couple phone camera pictures that capture life around The Can.







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Anonymous tip of shooter gives reasonable suspicion to detain

A 911 caller reported that a "young black male" at a particular intersection was shooting at passing cars, including the caller's car. The anonymous caller described the shooter as between 5'7" and 5'9" tall and "maybe 19, 20" years old. The caller initially said that the shooter was wearing "all black" but later clarified that he was wearing a black shirt and gray khaki pants. The caller also stated that the shooter had a black handgun and, after shooting, entered the "Penny Pincher's Liquor" store.

Responding officers saw Edwards, a 26 year-old black male, 5' 11" and wearing a black, long-sleeve shirt and gray pants. There was only one other person in the area, a male Hispanic, wearing a black and green jacket and blue jeans. Four officers pointed guns at Edwards and an officer ordered Edwards to kneel. Another officer frisked Edwards and felt a gun. Edwards was arrested and charged with being a felon in possession of a gun.

Edwards claimed that he was arrested before the gun was found, alleging that the forcefulness of the encounter transformed the investigatory detention into a de facto arrest. He asserted that there was no probable cause to arrest him. He asked the court to suppress the evidence of the gun.

In *Florida v. J.L.*, 529 U.S. 266 (2000), the United States Supreme Court held that an anonymous tip that a juvenile fitting a particular description at a bus stop had a concealed gun was insufficient, without further detail, to support the reasonable suspicion to stop and frisk the juvenile. Though the recent Supreme Court decision in *Prado Navarette v. California*, 134 S.Ct. 1683 (2014), did not explicitly overturn *Florida v. J.L.*, it significantly modified the legal analysis of reasonable suspicion based on an anonymous tip. The *Prado Navarette* opinion cited four factors that make an anonymous tip sufficiently reliable to support an investigatory detention:

- The anonymous caller personally saw the incident
- The call immediately followed the incident
- The call came through 911 system, which presumably has the technology to track back called identification, thereby deterring false reports
- The information described an ongoing and dangerous crime

Considering those factors, the court of appeals easily found that the detention was proper. The court rejected Edwards' argument that the officers' tactics changed the detention into an arrest. "The officers' aggressive conduct was reasonable and did not convert Edwards' detention into an arrest.... The officers had sufficiently detailed information from the 911 call to reasonably believe that Edwards could be the shooter and therefore could be armed and dangerous, possibly having just committed a violent crime. The officers' legitimate safety concerns justified their on-the-spot decision to use intrusive measures to stabilize the situation before investigating further." *United States v. Edwards*, 2014 WL 3747130 (9th Cir. 2014).

Court weighs in on cell site location data debate

Subdiaz-Osorio fatally stabbed his brother and headed for the Mexican border. Officers contacted his cell phone service provider and used cell site location information to stop him on an Arkansas highway. Subdiaz-Osorio asked the court to invalidate his arrest because he was located through information obtained without a search warrant.

A sharply-divided Wisconsin Supreme Court held that the cell site location information was properly obtained under the exigent circumstances doctrine. The nation's courts are split on whether requesting cell site location constitutes a Fourth Amendment search, thus triggering the warrant requirement or an applicable exception. See Wallentine, *Cell-Site Location Evidence: A New Frontier in Cyber-Investigation*, 2 AELE MO. L. J. 401 (2011). In the *Subdiaz-Osorio* case, four justices illustrated the split by issuing three separate opinions.

In *City of Ontario v. Quon*, 560 U.S. 746 (2010), the Supreme Court cautioned courts to take deliberate care in crafting rules for new technology and the Fourth Amendment. The Court observed: "The judiciary risks error by elaborating too fully on the Fourth Amendment implications of emerging technology before its role in society has become clear." That caution was evident in the majority opinion in *Subdiaz-Osorio*.

The Wisconsin high court rejected the “trespass theory” of search applied in a recent Supreme Court GPS tracking case. *United States v. Jones*, 132 S.Ct. 945 (2012). Foreclosing this argument fit common sense. The officers did not physically intrude on either the car or the phone to obtain location information.

In a case decided by the same court on the same day, officers investigating a fatal shooting obtained a court order for a trap-and-trace, pen register and cell site location information for Tate’s cell phone. The court upheld admission of cell site location evidence used to find Tate. Though the court stated that the officers had not perfectly complied with statutes (which had been amended near the time of the investigation) they had complied with the “spirit of the statute.”

The Wisconsin Supreme Court raised an issue certain to be repeatedly litigated in the near future. The United States Supreme Court recently held that searches of arrestees’ cell phones ordinarily require a warrant. *Riley v. California*, 134 S.Ct. 2473 (2014). Lawyers are debating whether *Riley* impacts privacy claims for cell site location (and other geolocation) information. Watch for this claim in future cases.

The *Tate* case also involved use of a Stingray device to navigate to the phone signal source. A Stingray mimics cell tower signals, allowing officers to locate a phone based on signal strength (these devices are also known as StingRay, StingRay II, AmberJack, KingFish, TriggerFish or LoggerHead). Tate claimed that use of a Stingray trespassed on his phone signal and therefore officers should have obtained a warrant to use the device. The court “assumed, without deciding, that tracking a cell phone using cell site information and a Stingray constitutes a search.”

The officers’ compliance with the “spirit of the law” rendered the information admissible. The dissent opined that use of the Stingray constituted a Fourth Amendment trespass, that should have lead to suppression under the *Jones* GPS tracking decision. Notwithstanding the outcome in Tate’s case, officers using similar devices should discuss the search implications with their local legal counsel. *State v. Subdiaz-Osorio*, 849 N.W.2d 748 (Wis. 2014); *State v. Tate*, 849 N.W.2d 798 (Wis. 2014).

It may well be that the next clash of technology and the Fourth Amendment will involve cell site location information. The Eleventh Circuit just issued a decision disagreeing with the Fifth and Third Circuits. This circuit split makes the issue ripe for review by the Supreme Court. Recent decisions include: *United States v. Davis*, 754 F.3d 1205 (11th Cir. 2014) (warrant required for CSLI, but information properly admitted under good faith exception); *In re Application of United States for Historical Cell Site Data*, 724 F.3d 600 (5th Cir. 2013) (no warrant required, order under Stored Communications Act is sufficient); *In re Application of United States of America for Order Directing Provider of Electronic Communication Service to Disclose Records to Government*, 620 F.3d 304 (3rd Cir. 2010) (same); *Commonwealth v. Augustine*, 4 N.E.3d 846 (Mass. 2014) (warrant required for CSLI); *State v. Earls*, 70 A.3d 630 (N.J. 2013) (warrant required for CSLI).

Consent did not cover passengers who could not hear request to search car

A deputy stopped Iraheta for lane travel and expired registration. When the deputy discovered that Iraheta also had a suspended driver license, he asked Iraheta to step behind the car to answer questions. Iraheta said that they were traveling from California to Florida for a birthday party, and identified his passengers as his cousins. Questioned separately, a passenger disclaimed any familial relation. The deputy requested, and Iraheta gave, consent to search the car. The passengers could not hear this conversation.

The deputy discovered shrink wrapped packages of cocaine and methamphetamine in a large black duffel bag. Iraheta said that he did not know who put the duffel bag in the car. All three were arrested. The two passengers claimed that consent given by Iraheta could not apply to them because they did not hear the request and did not have an opportunity to object.

A prior ruling by the same court extended a driver's consent to search to include all luggage where the passengers did not object to the search. Here, the court noted that the stopped car had California plates, was stopped in Louisiana and was occupied by three people claiming to be en route to Florida. "Taken together these circumstances would put reasonable officers on notice that Iraheta could not give consent to a search of all of the bags in the trunk."

The court held that Iraheta did not have the authority to consent to a search of any bags not belonging to him. Because he claimed not to know who put the duffel bag in the car, the deputies should have been on notice that his consent did not include the bag containing the drugs. Reading the prior rulings and this decision, the lesson is that the deputy should have either asked each occupant for consent to search bags under their control or at least asked the driver for consent to search within the passengers' presence. *United States v. Iraheta*, 2014 WL 4086372 (5th Cir. 2014).

Warrantless retrieval of drugs from suspect's rectum leads to suppression

In the most recent issue of Xiphos, we heard about the Court of Appeals denying qualified immunity in the tale of cocaine plucked from a suspect's tail. *George v. Edholm*, 2014 WL 2198581 (9th Cir. 2014). In another case of copious cocaine storage in the rear, the same court has now held that warrantless removal requires suppression.

Fowlkes was arrested for distributing cocaine. During a jail strip search conducted by five officers, an officer saw a plastic baggie protruding from Fowlke's rectum. Fowlkes moved his hand to his anus, seeming to attempt to drive the baggie deeper into his anal canal. An officer delivered a single TASER device touch stun to thwart the effort. The officer then tugged on the bag and saw that it went from "dime size, then nickel size" and finally, "golf ball size" as it emerged.

The court termed this effort as a "brutal search," conducted without "anesthesia, lubricant, or medical dilation" and "no effort to minimize the potential for internal physical trauma or emotional humiliation." Searches of body cavities require a search warrant and should be conducted by medical personnel unless there are exigent circumstances. (See the Lexipol Custodial Searches Policy). There was no evidence of a medical emergency or potential destruction of the hidden cocaine that excused the warrant requirement.

The court also rejected an argument that the special needs doctrine supported the search. In *Florence v. Board of Chosen Freeholders*, 132 S.Ct. 1510 (2012), the Supreme Court upheld a blanket strip search and *visual body cavity* search requirement for persons booked into custody facilities. In this case, suppression was a result of the removal process, not the initial strip search or from the application of the TASER on Fowlkes, who had been aggressive toward officers during his arrest.

Securing Fowlkes and using a catch toilet would have removed the taint from the evidence. The officers could also have obtained a warrant and enlisted medical personnel to pull out the baggie. The officers certainly had probable cause to search—they could see the baggie of white powdery substance. The dissent would

have upheld the warrantless removal of the cocaine, noting that it was found in “plain view” during a lawful strip search. Fowlkes’ several other convictions were upheld. *United States v. Fowlkes*, 2014 WL 4178298 (9th Cir. 2014).

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Garcetti: LA City Agencies Must Get on Board with Open Data Initiative<<http://www.digitalcommunities.com/articles/Garcetti-LA-City-Agencies-Must-Get-on-Board-with-Open-Data-Initiative.html?elq=14312f489d474684bae56d2925debc00&elqCampaignId=6138>>

LA Mayor directs city agencies to publish all data publicly via the city's open data portal.

Pinellas County to Offer Free Wi-Fi on all Buses<<http://www.digitalcommunities.com/articles/Pinellas-County-to-Offer-Free-Wi-Fi-on-all-Buses.html?elq=14312f489d474684bae56d2925debc00&elqCampaignId=6138>>

Following a successful pilot on 10 buses, the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority in St. Petersburg, Fla., plans to add wireless networks to the rest of its fleet.

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New portal provides citizens and civic app developers with municipal data in a user-friendly format.

Improved Fiber Network Could Boost Jobs in Springfield, Ohio<<http://www.digitalcommunities.com/articles/Improved-Fiber-Network-Could-Boost-Jobs-in-Springfield-Ohio.html?elq=14312f489d474684bae56d2925debc00&elqCampaignId=6138>>

The city is applying for a grant to look at how to connect existing dark fiber to government buildings, schools and businesses.

NYC's Chief Digital Officer Hired by State<<http://www.digitalcommunities.com/news/NYCs-Chief-Digital-Officer-Hired-by-State.html?elq=14312f489d474684bae56d2925debc00&elqCampaignId=6138>>
Rachel Haot has been named as the state's new deputy secretary for technology.

FirstNet Board Approves Two Spectrum Lease Agreements<<http://www.digitalcommunities.com/news/FirstNet-Board-Approves-Two-Spectrum-Lease-Agreements.html?elq=14312f489d474684bae56d2925debc00&elqCampaignId=6138>>
Adams County, Colo., and New Jersey ink lease agreements with FirstNet, bringing the number of agreements up to four.

Cook County CIO Lydia Murray Resigns<<http://www.digitalcommunities.com/news/Cook-County-CIO-Lydia-Murray-Resigns.html?elq=14312f489d474684bae56d2925debc00&elqCampaignId=6138>>
Murray's abrupt resignation is perplexing because she was recently referenced as someone who would help to reform the county.

Colorado Fights Obamacare -- Again<<http://www.digitalcommunities.com/news/Colorado-Fights-Obamacare-Again.html?elq=14312f489d474684bae56d2925debc00&elqCampaignId=6138>>
The state's Healthcare Liberty Act would provide a tax break equal to any federal penalties for those failing to sign up for Obamacare.

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This paper discusses and provides examples of the various ways local government can use technology to ultimately make a community more attractive to businesses, visitors and residents.

Editor's Choice

Rethinking Your IT Workforce<<http://www.digitalcommunities.com/articles/Rethinking-Your-IT-WorkForce.html?elq=14312f489d474684bae56d2925debc00&elqCampaignId=6138>>
Government employment's main appeal in the past — stability and good benefits -- are gone. So how do jurisdictions plan to replace retiring Baby Boomers?

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Industry Papers

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Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 3:41 PM
To: Abrahamson, Sam; Adam, William; Alleman, Jana; Peck, Dawn; Altig, Stephanie; Anderson, Ric; Anderson, Scott; Atkinson, David; Auer, Sandra; Ausmus, Brenda; Austin, Steve; Baird, Kathy; Bannon, Matthew; Barnett, Mark; Bartlett, Steve; Beaty, W.E.S.; Bechtold, Kevin; Beck, Dave; Becker, Shawn; Behrens, Renee; Benally, Oleta; Bennett, Melanie; Bess, Michael; Bild, Bobbi; Bingham, Arron; Birch, Scott H.; Blackburn, Shannon; Bolen, Tiffany; Bones, Bill; Bourne, Roger; Bower, Greg; Bowler, Bruce; Boyd, Daren; Brady, Tim; Brewer, Joyce; Brisbin, Val; Brood, Stephan A.; Brown, Sid; Brumbaugh, John; Burcham, Amie; Burnham, John; Burns, Quincy; Butera, Jackie; Bywater, Steve; Cameron, Darwin; Cantu, Leslee; Carper, Curtis; Cash, Jarod; Cedillo, Ricardo; Chaidez, Pete; Chase, Dena; Churba, Kurt; Clark, Daniel R.; Clark, Ron; Claunts, Alex (USMS); Colson, Chris; Colunga, Veronica; Connolly, Kathleen; Cordor, Norman; Cornell, Julie; Cotton, Katherine (USAID); Cox, Camille; Cox, Joyce; Crowell, Cameron; Crowley, Jim; Csajko, Kandy; Cummings, Cliff; Cumpton, Joyce; Curtis, Angie; Daesler, Matt; Danielson, TSgt Eric L.; DeLaBretonne, Oneida; Denning, Kristina; DeRosier, Joe; Diaz, Christine L.; Donovan, Denise; Douglass, Penny; Douglass, Scott; Ducharme, Dristen; Duncan, Ryan; Durbin, Rick; Durrell, Craig; Emery, Douglas D.; Evans, Marshall; Ferguson, Brent; Field, Jodie; Fisher, Jean; Flowers, Leona; Ford, Bradley; Ford, Vanessa; Forsman, LeRoy; Foust, Rhonda; Frasure, Marty; Friend, Kristin; Frost, Jayne; Fuentes, Humberto; Gabbert, Myron; Garay, Paula; Gebhart, Wendy J.; Gentry, Jimmie; Gleason, Scot; Glenn, Shawn; Gonzalez, Rafael (USAID); Goodwin, Mark; Grandinetti, John; Gregory, Steven R.; Grove, Doug; Groves, Pamela (USAID); Guyer, Lynn; Guzman, Cathy; Hale, Troy; Hall, Les; Hamilton, Alex; Hanson, Craig; Hanson, Debra; Hanson, Mary Ann; Hardwicke, Paul; Hardy, Kristy; Hargraves, David; Harris, Helen; Harris, Shelly; Harris, Terry; Hatch, Jim; Havelange, Darin; Hawkins, Tim (USAID); Hearn, Tom; Heindel, Christopher; Hemmer, Casey; Henry, Daniel; Henry, Daniel; Hernandez, Irene; Hiedeman, Mark; Higgins, Jean; Hillman, Kurt; Hobbs, Brandon; Hobson, Stu; Holloway, Roy; Howard, Heidi; Howard, Krista L.; Howard, Marla; Howe, Jeanne; Howell, Dawn; Hoyland, Ian; Hurd, Linda; Iverson, Christina; Jackson, Todd; Jacobson, Robin; Jay, Phyllis; Jennings, Terry (TJ); Jensen, Chris; Jim, Lisa; Johnson, Dave; Johnson, Gayle; Johnson, Tania; Johnston, Michael; Jones, Dallas; Jordan, Cherre; Kalar, Monica; Kallin, Erica; Karin Magnelli; Kase, Lynette; Kaufman, Ryan; Kelso, Anne-Marie; Kempf, Kevin; Kessinger, Bret; Ketlinski, Ty; Kiehl, Zach; King, Brice; Kirkhart, Larry; Klawitter, Paul; Knittel, Mike; Kosir, Vance (USMS); Kouril, Jim; Kroupa, Tim; Laggis, Paul; Lallatin, Ken; Lambert, Darrin (USMS); Langton, Stacy Lee; Lanier, Tom (USMS); Lanphier, Warren; Larsen, Ty; Larson, Michael; LaSarte, Bernie; Laugheed, Sam; Laurino, Naomi L.; Lechner, James K. (FBI); Lee Richardson; Lee, Mike; Lehmbecker, Margaret; Leonard, Jackye Squire; Lewis, Spencer; Lindsley, Steve; Lord, Stephenie; Lorello, Jessica M.; Lovell, Bryan; Lovell, Bryan; Lucoff, Aaron (USAID); Lukasik, Donald; Lutz, Brad; Manning, Shane; Marlow, Taylor; Marshall, Cori; Marshall, Louis; Martin, Mary B. (FBI); Martinez, Joe; Martinez, Randy (USMS); Maskell, Brad; McAvoy, Timothy; McCants, Dianne; McCarroll, Pamela; McClelland, David; McDannel, Miranda; McDougall, Chris; McGlynn, Angela; McHugh, Barry; McKinney, Whitney; McLean, Greg; McRae, Debbie; Miller, Crystal; Mills, Beth; Monroe, Tana; Montes, Conchita; Montoya, Vincent; Moody, Melissa; Munson, Angie; Myler, Todd; Nancy Bishop; Naugle, Brian; Nelson, Ian; Niccolls, Stan; Noonan, Marian; Olson, Wendy (USAID); Oman, Curtis; Oster, Jennifer; Osterman, Matt; Ostler, Kevin; Oxendine, Keisha L.; Oyler, Darrell; Pattee, Rick; Patterson, Tom; Pearson, Vic; Perkins, Tina; Peters, Jim (USAID); Phillips, Terry; Pietrzak, Jason; Platts, Kevin (USMS); Poe, Blake; Poole, Benny; Potts, Melissa; Prow, Monty; Pulkownik, Angella; Rapp, Marty; Reading, Samuel; Reinke, Brent; Reisenauer, Julie; Richart, Barbara; Riffel, Tony; Robertson, Andrew; Robinson, Joe; Robinson, Melissa; Rodriguez, Victor; Roedel, Brad; Rudner, Todd; Rugg-Heilig, Tracy; Russell, Sgt. Steve; Ryan, Eric; Sara Thomas (sthomas@sapd.state.id.us);

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Subject: FW: [CCIPS electronic evidence tips] Cell-site simulators

Attachments: Cell-site simulator canvassing warrant go-by.docx; Cell-site simulator locating warrant go-by.docx; Triggerfish cell phone PRTT go-by - canvassing identifiers June 2012.docx; Triggerfish cell phone PRTT go-by - locating phone June 2012.docx

PSC Colleagues – Good afternoon. Attached is the October 2012 newsletter from the DOJ Computer Crimes Section with important information and a new “go-by” search warrant to locate a cell phone whose identifiers are already known to law enforcement, or to determine the identifiers of an unknown phone by collecting (“canvassing”) identifying signals from cell phones in the cell-phone user’s vicinity.

CCIPS Electronic Evidence Newsletter

Cell-site simulators (October 2012)

Go-by of the Month

A cell-site simulator is a mobile device that law-enforcement agents can use to locate a cell phone whose identifiers are already known to law enforcement, or to determine the identifiers of an unknown phone by collecting (“canvassing”) identifying signals from cell phones in the cell-phone user’s vicinity. Cell-site simulators are sometimes also referred to as “triggerfish,” as “stingray,” or by other brand names. The four attached go-bys authorize investigators to use a cell-site simulator. The go-bys are for both pen-trap orders and search warrant affidavits. No statute clearly prohibits the warrantless use of cell-site simulators in either capacity. Nevertheless, some courts have required probable cause to authorize a cell-site simulator, and the government may reduce litigation risks by obtaining a search warrant (or, in some circumstances, an arrest warrant) before using cell-site simulators.

Practice Tip

The litigation risk of using a cell-site simulator without a warrant is at its highest when the simulator will locate a phone in an area where the suspect has a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as his home, when officers lack the authority to enter that home. In contrast, when a cell-site simulator is used in conjunction with visual surveillance of the subject in public—such as when agents are attempting to determine the instrument number of a suspect’s phone—litigation risk is reduced (but a pen/trap order is still required).

Prosecutors should recognize that, as a result of efforts made to protect this sensitive technique, it is possible that only limited details about how the cell-site simulator works will be available for use in opposing a motion to suppress, or in trial. The functional operation of a cell-site simulator is typically described in the application for pen register authority; however, presenting assertions about technology in an *ex parte* filing is not the same thing as proving them during a hearing on a motion to suppress. Consequently, it may be difficult to rebut incorrect technological assertions raised by opposing counsel, and therefore difficult to rest any opposition to a motion to suppress on the technological aspects of how the cell-site simulator worked. Indeed, many law-enforcement agencies have explained that they would face serious operational problems if the public became aware of the operational details involved in the deployment of cell-site simulators, or even of their specifications, limitations, and capabilities. As a practical matter, this also increases the litigation risk from the warrantless use of a cell-site simulator.

If you are uncertain whether to seek a pen/trap or search warrant to authorize the use of a cell-site simulator, feel free to contact the CCIPS duty attorney at (202) 514-1026.

Key cases from the last 6 months

- *Court rejects defendant's request for additional discovery concerning the technical details of a cell-site simulator based on government's claim of law enforcement privilege.* After investigators located a defendant using a cell-site simulator, defendant filed a motion to suppress, and sought additional discovery concerning the technical workings of the cell-site simulator as necessary for him to assert his Fourth Amendment argument. Because the defendant had been located pursuant to a valid search warrant, the court concluded that no Fourth Amendment interest was at issue, and rejected the defendant's motion for additional discovery. The court noted, as part of its ruling, that the "for purposes of Defendant's motion to suppress, the government agrees that the Court may assume that the aircard tracking operation was a Fourth Amendment search and seizure." *United States v. Rigmaiden*, 844 F.Supp.2d 982, 995 (D. Ariz. 2012).
- *Magistrate judge refuses to sign a pen-trap order authorizing the use of a cell-site simulator device.* In a S.D. Texas case, a magistrate judge, relying in large part on *Rigmaiden*, rejected a government application for a pen-trap to authorize a cell-site simulator, concluding that "[b]ased on the statutory language and the limited case law analyzing this issue, a pen register does not apply to this type of electronic surveillance." *In re the Application of the U.S. for an Order Authorizing the Installation and Use of a Pen Register and Trap and Trace Device*, No. C-12-534M, 2012 WL 2120492, *5 (S.D.Texas).

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- *Consult the go-bys and guidance available on CCIPS Online at <http://dojnet.doj.gov/criminal/ccips/online/evidence.htm> (this link will work only if you can connect to the DOJ intranet);*
- *Consult the the CCIPS manual on Searching and Seizing Computers and Obtaining Electronic Evidence, which is publicly available at <http://www.justice.gov/criminal/cybercrime/docs/ssmanual2009.pdf>.*
- *Call the CCIPS duty attorney at (202) 514-1026.*

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From: Stemm, Gerald
Sent: Saturday, March 24, 2018 2:02 PM
To: Staley, Shawn
Cc: Hanson, Scott; Horn, Tim
Subject: CMV Crash
Attachments: ID1400011034.pdf

Sgt. Staley,

I was working an overtime shift today at the Huetter Port of Entry wasn I was callat 0822 and told of a 2 vehicle injury crash involving a CMV and a loss of 100 gallons of fuel.

A passenger vehicle was was traveling southbound and lthe car spun out in the slush/snow. The car went left of center and struck a northbounb CMV side-swiping it. Damage to the CMV was to the left front wheel hub fill cap, left door step, exhaust, left fuel tank (ruptured) and left fender on axle 2 that was pushed into the wheel. The rupture to the fuel tank caused a spill of an estimated 100 gallons of diesel. When I was traveling north to the crash, I was told that the fire department had alread made a bridge call through Bonner County and they had clean up crews coming.

The driver of the passenger car was transported to the hospital in Sandpoint where the female driver was examinted and released before we (ISP) cleared the crash scene. The passenger car driver will be cited for the crash by the investigating officer.

Inspection #ID1400011034
3/24/18 @ 0822 (notified)
NB US 95 mp 461 in Bonner County, Idaho
Snowing/slushy roads.

Stingray Express, Inc.
USDOT 814091
Indus, AB
403-936-2005

Driver: William R. Reed
12/27/1975
AB Class A CDL #137863908

Tractor: Black 2013 Peterbuilt truck/tractor
AB E25771
1NPXDP9X3DD195420

Trailer: 2006 curtain side flatbed trailer
AB 4BY533
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From: iacis-listserv@simplelists.com on behalf of Thompson, Michael L <MThompson@ocsd.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 8:07 PM
To: iacis-listserv@simplelists.com
Subject: Re: Stingray Reference Materials Request

Within the last 3-4 years, I think USA Today had a rather in depth article about it, as far as technical specifics, I think you'll be hard pressed to find any

Mike Thompson

> On Feb 8, 2018, at 4:50 PM, Jim Vaughn <laforensicguy@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hello All,

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> I understand the basics of the stingray, how it operates, etc, but trying to do a much deeper dive on it. Any suggested respectable reference materials would be greatly appreciated.

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> Jim Vaughn, OCSD Cali (retired)

From: Dewey3 <d> Wednesday, November 29,
Sent: 2017 8:40 AM listserv@iacis.com
To: Re: FYI: News Article
Subject:

"Swampboxes" and "Triggerfishes" have been around for many, many years, but this article is another example in showing how the slower written laws of the land eventually catch up to rapidly evolving technology. I think the old saying "Better Late than Never" would apply to your bringing this article up a couple days after you've read it... thanks Yehuda.

Dewey R. Watkins III
Lifetime IACIS Member
Detective Retired
Metropolitan DC Police Department
Computer Crime and Forensic Unit

On Wed, Nov 29, 2017 at 10:29 AM, Scheff, Yehuda (NYC) <Yehuda.Scheff@ag.ny.gov> wrote:
Sorry for the cross post. I saw this article over the weekend. (Yes I know it is already Wednesday.)

Does cellphone-sweeping 'StingRay' technology go too far?
By COLLEEN LONG, ASSOCIATED PRESS

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/cellphone-sweeping-stingray-technology-51377790>

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and attachments from your system.

From: Cutler, Rachel
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2017 8:51 PM
To: david Cutler
Subject: Re: Dear God: It's me, the Dog

Not to mention they're so much better than cats!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 27, 2017, at 7:07 PM, david Cutler <> wrote:

----- Forwarded message -----
From: "Al Edwards" <> Date: Oct 27,
2017 4:36 PM
Subject: Fwd: Dear God: It's me, the Dog
To:
Cc:

Begin forwarded message:

Subject: Fw: Dear God: It's me, the Dog

[Dear God: It's me, the Dog](#)



Dear God: Is it on purpose that Our
Names are spelled the same, only in reverse?



Dear God: Why do humans smell the flowers,
But seldom, if ever, smell one another?



Dear God: When we get to Heaven, can we sit
On your couch? Or will it be the same old story?



Dear God: Why are there cars named after
The jaguar, the cougar, the mustang,
The colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not ONE
Named for a Dog? How often do you
See a cougar riding around? We love a nice car
Ride! Would it be so hard to rename
The 'Chrysler Eagle' the 'Chrysler Beagle'?



Dear God: If a Dog barks his head off
In the forest and no human hears him,
Is he still a bad Dog?



Dear God: We Dogs can understand human Verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, Horns, clickers, beepers, scent IDs, Electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee Flight paths. What do humans understand?



Dear God: More meatballs,
Less spaghetti, please.



Dear God: Are there mailmen in Heaven?
If there are, will I have to apologize?



Dear God: Here is a list of
Just some of the things I must remember
To be a good Dog:

1. I will not eat the cat's food before he eats
It or after he throws it up.
2. I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish,
Crabs, etc., just because I like the way they smell.

4. The sofa is not a 'face towel'.
5. The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff.
6. I will not play tug-of-war with Dad's Underwear when he's on the toilet.
7. Sticking my nose into someone's Crotch is an unacceptable way of saying 'hello'.
8. I don't need to suddenly stand Straight up when I'm under the coffee table.
9. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before Entering the house - not after.
10. I will not come in from outside,
And immediately drag my butt across the carpet.
11. I will not sit in the middle of the living Room, and lick my crotch.
12. The cat is not a 'squeaky toy',
So when I play with him and he makes that noise,
it's usually not a good thing.



P.S. Dear God:
When I get to Heaven,
May I have my testicles back?

From: Gene Shantz <> Sunday, March 26,
Sent: 2017 2:09 PM Khris Kerr
To: listserv@iacis.com
Cc: Re: Illegal Hacking
Subject:

Khris, while I sympathize with your situation, respectfully, you need to contact and your local police department and file a police report. The IACIS listserv is used for technical discussion for forensic practitioners from all over the world and is not the place to solicited members to investigating your issue.

Thank you.

On Sat, Mar 25, 2017 at 11:41 AM, Khris Kerr <> wrote:

Hi everyone,

I need help. My phones, computers and emails have been hacked by someone. I hired a private investigator to aid in gathering evidence to be turned over to the FBI and I need to help him in the area of computer forensics, but I don't know enough to do so by myself. I have a box of computers and cell phones that have been hacked and have malware on most of them. The person who is cyberstalking me continues to engage in this illegal activity and I would like to gather more evidence to prosecute him. Can someone tell me if there is software that enables me to track the person(s) that is getting into my phones, computers and gmail accounts. Gmail has no IT department or security department. With a gmail account you have to post your hacking issues on a public forum. I believe that the hacker has viewed my posts regarding my gmail accounts and even responded to them. My phone carrier (T-Mobile) and my Internet service provider (Optimum online) both tell me that they can not track my account activity. This is very worrisome for me since I can not go anywhere without this person "following" me. I believe he may be using a stingray or similar device to carry out these crimes.

Please let me know if you can help. I greatly appreciate any assistance that anyone may provide me. Thank you in advance for your help!!!

Sincerely,

Khris Kerr
Yonkers, NY
USA

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Gene Shantz CFCE, GCFA
SecureWorks
Senior Incident Response Consultant
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Director of Communications
communications@iacis.com

From: Tom Thomas <>
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 9:44 AM
To: Listserv
Subject: Long-Secret Stingray Manuals Detail How Police Can Spy on Phones

List,

Found this information on a newsfeed, which I thought might be interesting to those of you who don't know.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all,

Tom

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Subject: Fwd: WIDT Paperwork
Attachments: Cell-site simulator locating warrant go-by 2015 09 10.pdf; Prosecutorial Certification.pdf; Requesting Agent Request.pdf

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Cc: "Kohn, Michael P. (SU) (FBI)" <Michael.Kohn@ic.fbi.gov>
Subject: WIDT Paperwork

Scott,
Mike Kohn told me you are working on getting the approval to use WIDT (Cell phone tracking) on a case and you need ponies for the paperwork. If there is an FBI case, you have to use a Federal Court order unless the subject is a fugitive (i.e. an indicted person evading arrest or prosecution) or in cases where there is an "immediate danger of death or serious bodily injury" such as a kidnapping case. If either of the exceptions exist, state court orders are allowed. If state court orders are used, or if there is no FBI case, we have to have written certification from the head prosecutor of the jurisdiction and a written request from the local agency we are working with. Both of those forms are attached. The SAC then has to approve the use of WIDT using state paperwork. To obtain the SAC authority, just forward the prosecutor certification and requesting agency request forms to Doug Davis and I along with the court order and Doug will review those and make a recommendation to the SAC who will then approve it. Doug will have to review to court order if it is a state order to ensure the right verbiage is there. The order has to specifically grant the FBI authority to use a Pen Register/Trap and Trace device and to conduct a search of the subject's cell phone location. Doug can provide more guidance on the verbiage. I am also attaching the DOJ pony for use of WIDT. I will send you on the red side a copy of the federal court orders obtained recently in Boise for the use of WIDT on some DT subjects.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Steve

From: Glenn.Bard <> Thursday, July 9, 2015
Sent: 4:01 PM Olson, Jared
To: Re: Idaho Cell phone question
Subject:

From looking at the attached presentation they are confusing "pinging" which is historical with E911 real time GPS. There is a big difference. Pinging is always available and simply a court order. E911 GPS is exigent circumstances.

And the device that "simulates" a cell tower is actually called a Triggerfish, Stingray or Hail Storm, depending on which model and type of technology. And many more agencies other than just the Feds have them. I'd bet ISP has one or two. And maybe even Boise PD.

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On Jul 9, 2015, at 4:43 PM, Olson, Jared <jared.olson@post.idaho.gov> wrote:

Hi Glenn,

Marti Monk gave me your email address and suggested I contact you regarding an inquiry I received regarding the legality of pinging cell phones. Evidently, a training was recently held just over the Northern Idaho border in Washington. The presentation and notes are attached. The inquiry I received was asking for similar legal guidance on Idaho law regarding "pinging." I was wondering if you had either done research or maybe addressed this issue in one of the trainings you provided in Idaho?

I would be interested in any advice you may have, but obviously I am not asking you to do any additional research on the topic. I am just hoping to steer the Idaho prosecutor who sent the inquiry in the right direction.

Best regards,

Jared D. Olson

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From: Ellen Erskine [mailto:] **Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2014 11:22 AM **Subject:** FW: A Dog's Prayer

A Dog's Prayer

Dear God, It's me, the Dog.



Dear God: Is it on purpose that Our
Names are spelled the same, only in reverse?



Dear God: Why do humans smell the flowers,
but seldom, if ever, smell one another?



Dear God: When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or will it be the same old story?



Dear God: Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a Dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We love a nice car ride! Would it be so hard to rename the 'Chrysler Eagle' the 'Chrysler Beagle'?



Dear God: If a Dog barks his head off
in the forest and no human hears him,
is he still a bad Dog?



Dear God: We Dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent IDs, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?



Dear God: More meatballs,
less spaghetti, please.



Dear God: Are there mailmen in Heaven?
If there are, will I have to apologize?



Dear God: Here is a list of
just some of the things I must remember
to be a good Dog:

1. I will not eat the cat's food before he eats it or after he throws it up.

2. I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc., just because I like the way they smell.

3. The Litter Box is not a cookie jar.

4. The sofa is not a 'face towel'.

5. The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff.

6. I will not play tug-of-war with Dad's underwear when he's on the toilet.

7. Sticking my nose into someone's crotch is an unacceptable way of saying 'hello'.

8. I don't need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm under the coffee table.

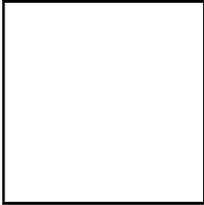
9. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before entering the house - not after.
10. I will not come in from outside, and immediately drag my butt across the carpet.
11. I will not sit in the middle of the living room, and lick my crotch.
12. The cat is not a 'squeaky toy', so when I play with him and he makes that noise, it's usually not a good thing.



p.s.; Dear God,
When I get to Heaven,
May I have my testicles back?

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These are go-bys from Clemenson

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I am working on getting a Word doc copy of the affidavit and warrant I used for the iPhone on the FORD case for possession of sexually exploitative material.

However I have attached several warrant go-by's and instructions for review when requesting cell phone tracking information including real-time tracking (pretty much the same threshold as requesting a T3. This material may be a little complex if the officer is not familiar with the technology.

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Dear Members

Please see the attached document that Richard Wintory mentioned during his Supreme Court Update presentation, last week. Thanks!

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Darhansoff & Verrill Literary	Darhansoff and Verrill	http://www.dvagency.com/	Ms.
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Root Literary	Literary agent Holly	https://www.rootliterary.com/	Ms.
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Root Literary	Literary agent Holly	https://www.rootliterary.com/	Ms.
Rubin Pfeffer Content, LLC	Rubin Pfeffer Content,	http://www.rpcontent.com/	Mr.
Rubin Pfeffer Content, LLC	Rubin Pfeffer Content,	http://www.rpcontent.com/	Ms.
Sadler-Caravette Children's	At Sadler-Caravette	http://www.sadler-caravetteliterary.com/	Ms.
Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency	The Dijkstra Literary	http://www.dijkstraagency.com	Ms.
Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency	The Dijkstra Literary	http://www.dijkstraagency.com	Ms.
Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency	The Dijkstra Literary	http://www.dijkstraagency.com	Ms.
Sanford J. Greenburger	Founded in 1932 by	http://www.greenburger.com/	Ms.
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Sanford J. Greenburger	Founded in 1932 by	http://www.greenburger.com/	Mr.
Sanford J. Greenburger	Founded in 1932 by	http://www.greenburger.com/	Mr.
Sarah Jane Freymann Literary	Sarah Jane Freymann	http://www.sarahjanefreymann.com	Ms.
Sarah Jane Freymann Literary	Sarah Jane Freymann	http://www.sarahjanefreymann.com	Ms.
Scott Treimel New York Agency	S©ott Treimel NY is a	http://www.scotttreimelny.com/	Mr.
Scovil Galen Ghosh Literary	Founded (under the	http://www.sgglit.com/	Mr.
Scovil Galen Ghosh Literary	Founded (under the	http://www.sgglit.com/	Ms.
Sean McCarthy Literary Agency	Sean McCarthy	http://www.mccarthyilit.com/	Mr.
Serendipity Literary Agency	Located in Brooklyn,	http://www.serendipitylit.com	Ms.
Serendipity Literary Agency	Located in Brooklyn,	http://www.serendipitylit.com	Ms.
Sheldon Fogelman Agency	Sheldon Fogelman	http://www.sheldonfogelmanagency.com	Ms.
Sheldon Fogelman Agency	Sheldon Fogelman	http://www.sheldonfogelmanagency.com	Ms.
Sheldon Fogelman Agency	Sheldon Fogelman	http://www.sheldonfogelmanagency.com	Mr.
Sheree Bykofsky Associates	Sheree Bykofsky	http://www.shereebee.com	Ms.
Signature Literary Agency	Signature Literary	http://www.signaturelit.com/	Mr.
Signature Literary Agency	Signature Literary	http://www.signaturelit.com/	Ms.
Spectrum Literary Agency	Spectrum Literary	http://www.spectrumliteraryagency.com/	Ms.
Spencerhill Associates	Spencerhill was	http://www.spencerhillassociates.com/	Ms.
Spencerhill Associates	Spencerhill was	http://www.spencerhillassociates.com/	Ms.
Starlight Literary Agency	Starlight Literary	http://starlightliterary.com/	Ms.
Sterling Lord Literistic	Sterling Lord Literistic,	http://www.sll.com/	Ms.
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Stimola Literary Studio	The Stimola Literary	http://www.stimolaliterarystudio.com/	Ms.
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Stimola Literary Studio	The Stimola Literary	http://www.stimolaliterarystudio.com/	Ms.
Stonesong Literary Agency	Stonesong operates a	http://www.stonesong.com/literary-	Ms.
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Stonesong Literary Agency	Stonesong operates a	http://www.stonesong.com/literary-	Ms.
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Storm Literary Agency	First, there was a	http://www.stormliteraryagency.com/	Ms.
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Storm Literary Agency	First, there was a	http://www.stormliteraryagency.com/	Ms.
Strachan Literary Agency	Strachan Literary	http://www.strachanlit.com/	Ms.
Stuart Krichevsky Literary Agency	The Stuart Krichevsky	http://skagency.com/home/	Mr.
Susan Schulman Literary Agency	Susan Schulman	http://www.publishersmarketplace.com/	Ms.
Talcott Notch Literary Services	Founded in 2003,	http://www.talcottnotch.net	Mr.
Talcott Notch Literary Services	Founded in 2003,	http://www.talcottnotch.net	Ms.
Talcott Notch Literary Services	Founded in 2003,	http://www.talcottnotch.net	Ms.
Talcott Notch Literary Services	Founded in 2003,	http://www.talcottnotch.net	Ms.
The Aaron M. Priest Literary	Founded in 1974, The	http://www.aaronpriest.com/	Ms.
The Aaron M. Priest Literary	Founded in 1974, The	http://www.aaronpriest.com/	Mr.
The Amy Rennert Agency	The Amy Rennert	http://www.publishersmarketplace.com/	Ms.
The Bent Agency	At The Bent Agency,	http://www.thebentagency.com/	Ms.
The Bent Agency	At The Bent Agency,	http://www.thebentagency.com/	Ms.
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The Bent Agency	At The Bent Agency,	http://www.thebentagency.com/	Ms.
The Bent Agency	At The Bent Agency,	http://www.thebentagency.com/	Ms.
The Book Group	Welcome to The Book	http://www.thebookgroup.com/	Ms.
The Book Group	Welcome to The Book	http://www.thebookgroup.com/	Ms.
The Book Group	Welcome to The Book	http://www.thebookgroup.com/	Ms.
The Booker Albert Literary	Welcome to The	http://www.thebookeralbertagency.com/	Ms.
The Charlotte Gusay Literary	Founded on the basis	http://www.gusay.com	Ms.
The Chudney Agency	The Chudney Agency	http://www.thechudneyagency.com	Mr.
The Elizabeth Kaplan Literary	Launched in 2002, the	http://elizabethkaplanlit.com/	Ms.
The Epstein Literary Agency	The Epstein Literary	https://www.publishersmarketplace.com/	Ms.
The Fielding Agency	The Fielding Agency is	http://www.publishersmarketplace.com/	Ms.
The Fleck Agency	The Fleck Agency is a	http://thefleckagency.com/	Mr.
The Friedrich Agency	The Friedrich Agency	http://www.friedrichagency.com/	Mr.
The Friedrich Agency	The Friedrich Agency	http://www.friedrichagency.com/	Ms.
The Friedrich Agency	The Friedrich Agency	http://www.friedrichagency.com/	Ms.
The Gernert Company	The Gernert Company	http://www.thegernertco.com/	Mr.
The Gernert Company	The Gernert Company	http://www.thegernertco.com/	Ms.
The Gernert Company	The Gernert Company	http://www.thegernertco.com/	Ms.
The Herman Agency	The Herman Agency	http://www.hermanagencyinc.com/	Ms.

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The Knight Agency	Since 1996 The Knight	http://www.knightagency.net/	Ms.
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The Leshne Agency	The Leshne Agency is	http://www.leshneagency.com/	Ms.
The Loewenthal Company	The Loewenthal	http://www.loewenthal.co/	Ms.
The Martell Agency	The Martell Agency, in	http://www.themartellagency.com/	Ms.
The McCarthy Agency	The McCarthy Agency	http://www.publishersmarketplace.com/d	Ms.
The McVeigh Agency	The McVeigh Agency	http://www.publishersmarketplace.com/d	Mr.
The Park Literary Group	The Park Literary	http://www.parkliterary.com/	Mr.
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The Plains Agency	The Plains Agency is	http://theplainsagency.com/	Ms.
The Purcell Agency	The Purcell Agency	http://www.thepurcellagency.com/	Ms.
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The Roger Williams Agency	The Roger Williams	http://rogerwilliamsagency.com/	Mr.
The Seymour Agency	The Seymour Agency	http://www.theseymouragency.com	Ms.
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The Spieler Agency	The Spieler Agency	http://thespieleragency.com/	Mr.
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The Strothman Agency	The Strothman Agency	http://www.strothmanagency.com	Ms.
The Strothman Agency	The Strothman Agency	http://www.strothmanagency.com	Ms.
The Unter Agency	The Unter Agency, LLC	http://www.theunteragency.com	Ms.
The Wylie Agency	The Wylie Agency is	http://www.wylieagency.com/	Mr.
Thompson Literary Agency	Thompson Literary	http://thompsonliterary.com/	Ms.
Transatlantic Agency	Transatlantic Agency	http://transatlanticagency.com/	Ms.
Transatlantic Agency	Transatlantic Agency	http://transatlanticagency.com/	Ms.
Triada U.S. Literary Agency	TriadaUS is a full	http://www.triadaus.com	Dr.
Triada U.S. Literary Agency	TriadaUS is a full	http://www.triadaus.com	Mr.
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Trident Media Group	In September 2000,	http://www.tridentmediagroup.com	Mr.
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Union Literary	Union Literary is a full-	http://www.unionliterary.com	Ms.
Union Literary	Union Literary is a full-	http://www.unionliterary.com	Ms.
United Talent Agency (UTA)	From its dual	https://music.utatouring.com/department	Mr.
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Upstart Crow Literary	Upstart Crow Literary	http://www.upstartcrowliterary.com/	Ms.
Upstart Crow Literary	Upstart Crow Literary	http://www.upstartcrowliterary.com/	Ms.
Upstart Crow Literary	Upstart Crow Literary	http://www.upstartcrowliterary.com/	Mr.

Writers House	Writers House was	http://www.writershouse.com	Ms.
Abrams Artists Agency	The Book Division at	http://www.abramsartists.com/books/	Mr.
Aevitas Creative Management	Aevitas Creative	http://aevitascreative.com/	Ms.
Alive Literary Agency	Alive Literary Agency	http://aliveliterary.com/	Ms.
Alive Literary Agency	Alive Literary Agency	http://aliveliterary.com/	Mr.
Alive Literary Agency	Alive Literary Agency	http://aliveliterary.com/	Ms.
Ambassador Agency	Ambassador Speakers	http://ambassadorspeakers.com	Mr.
Aragi Agency	Aragi, Inc. is a New	http://www.aragi.net/	Ms.
Barone Literary Agency	In this new decade,	http://www.baroneliteraryagency.com	Ms.
Baror International	Founded more than	http://www.barorint.com	Mr.
BookEnds Literary Agency	Since opening its	http://www.bookends-inc.com	Ms.
Books & Such Literary Agency	Our slogan,	http://www.booksandsuch.biz	Ms.
Books & Such Literary Agency	Our slogan,	http://www.booksandsuch.biz	Ms.
Books & Such Literary Agency	Our slogan,	http://www.booksandsuch.biz	Ms.
Brower Literary & Management	Brower Literary &	http://browerliterary.com/	Ms.
Browne & Miller Literary	Browne & Miller	http://www.browneandmiller.com	Ms.
Christopher Ferebee Literary	The Christopher	http://christopherferebee.com	Ms.
Christopher Ferebee Literary	The Christopher	http://christopherferebee.com	Mr.
Connor Literary Agency	The Connor Literary	http://connorliteraryagency.webs.com/	Ms.
Corvisiero Literary Agency	Welcome to Corvisiero	http://www.corvisieroagency.com/	Ms.
Creative Media Agency, Inc.	Creative Media	http://www.cmalit.com/	Ms.
Creative Trust, Inc.	Creative Trust's	http://creativetrust.com	Ms.
Creative Trust, Inc.	Creative Trust's	http://creativetrust.com	Mr.
Credo Communications, Inc.	At Credo	http://www.credocommunications.net	Ms.
Credo Communications, Inc.	At Credo	http://www.credocommunications.net	Mr.
Credo Communications, Inc.	At Credo	http://www.credocommunications.net	Ms.
D4EO Literary Agency	Bob Diforio launched	http://www.d4eoliteraryagency.com/	Ms.
D4EO Literary Agency	Bob Diforio launched	http://www.d4eoliteraryagency.com/	Mr.
Darhansoff & Verrill Literary	Darhansoff and Verrill	http://www.dvagency.com/	Ms.
Davey Literary & Media	Our goal is to build	http://www.daveyliteraryandmedia.com/	Ms.
Diana Finch Literary Agency	Diana Finch Literary	http://dianafinchliteraryagency.blogspot.c	Ms.
Dunow, Carlson & Lerner Literary	Henry Dunow,	http://www.dclagency.com/	Mr.
Dupree Miller & Associates	Dupree/Miller &	http://www.dupreemiller.com	Ms.
Dupree Miller & Associates	Dupree/Miller &	http://www.dupreemiller.com	Ms.
Empire Literary	Empire Literary is a	http://www.empireliterary.com/	Ms.
Evan Marshall Agency	Founded in 1987, the	http://www.evanmarshallagency.com/	Mr.
Farris Literary Agency	We represent authors	https://farrisliteraryagency.wordpress.co	Ms.
Farris Literary Agency	We represent authors	https://farrisliteraryagency.wordpress.co	Mr.
Folio Literary Management	Folio Literary	http://www.foliolit.com	Ms.
Foundry Literary + Media	Foundry is a full-	http://www.foundrymedia.com	Ms.
Gary D Foster Consulting	Gary Foster is one of	http://www.garydfoster.com	Mr.
Handspun Literary	Handspun Literary	http://handspunlit.com/	Ms.
Hartline Literary Agency	Hartline is one of the	http://www.hartlineliterary.com	Mr.
Hartline Literary Agency	Hartline is one of the	http://www.hartlineliterary.com	Ms.
Hartline Literary Agency	Hartline is one of the	http://www.hartlineliterary.com	Ms.
Hidden Value Group	Everyone is unique in	http://www.hiddenvaluegroup.com	Mr.
Hidden Value Group	Everyone is unique in	http://www.hiddenvaluegroup.com	Ms.
Hill Nadell Literary Agency	The Hill Nadell Literary	http://www.hillnadell.com/	Ms.
Indent Literary Agency	Founded in 2007,	http://www.indentagency.com/	Ms.

InkWell Management	InkWell is one of the	http://www.inkwellmanagement.com	Mr.
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International Creative	ICM Partners is one of	http://www.icmtalent.com/	Ms.
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International Creative	ICM Partners is one of	http://www.icmtalent.com/	Ms.
Jennifer Lyons Literary Agency	The Jennifer Lyons	http://www.jenniferlyonsliteraryagency.c	Ms.
John Hawkins & Associates	Four active agents	http://www.jhalit.com/mobile.aspx?mode	Mr.
Jud Laghi Agency	The Jud Laghi Agency	http://www.laghiagency.com/	Mr.
Kathi Paton Literary Agency	Our agency specializes	http://www.PatonLiterary.com	Ms.
Kirkland Media Management	Kirkland Media	http://kirklandmediamanagement.com/	Ms.
Lee Sobel Literary Agency	In 2016 Lee Sobel	http://www.leesobel.com/about.php	Mr.
Leslie H. Stobbe Literary Agency	The Leslie H. Stobbe	http://stobbeliterary.com	Mr.
Levine Greenberg Rostan Literary	Levine Greenberg	http://lgrliterary.com/	Ms.
Liza Dawson Associates	Liza Dawson	http://www.lizadawsonassociates.com	Ms.
MacGregor Literary	MacGregor Literary	http://www.macgregorliterary.com	Mr.
Mark Sweeney & Associates	Mark Sweeney &	http://www.publishersmarketplace.com/d	Mr.
Metamorphosis Literary Agency	Metamorphosis	https://www.metamorphosisliteraryagenc	Ms.
Natasha Kern Literary Agency	We are a full-service	http://natashakernliterary.com/	Ms.
Natasha Kern Literary Agency	We are a full-service	http://natashakernliterary.com/	Ms.
Painted Words	Painted Words is an	http://painted-words.com/	Ms.
Philip Spitzer Literary Agency	Our agency represents	http://www.spitzeragency.com	Mr.
Queen Literary Agency	Queen Literary	http://www.queenliterary.com/	Ms.
Rebecca Friedman Literary	Rebecca Friedman	http://rfliterary.com/	Ms.
Rebecca Friedman Literary	Rebecca Friedman	http://rfliterary.com/	Ms.
Roslyn Targ Literary Agency	The Roslyn Targ	http://www.publishersmarketplace.com/d	Ms.
Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency	The Dijkstra Literary	http://www.dijkstraagency.com	Ms.
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Starlight Literary Agency	Starlight Literary	http://starlightliterary.com/	Ms.
Starlight Literary Agency	Starlight Literary	http://starlightliterary.com/	Ms.
Steele-Perkins Literary Agency	The Steele-Perkins	http://www.publishersmarketplace.com/d	Ms.
Stonesong Literary Agency	Stonesong operates a	http://www.stonesong.com/literary-	Ms.
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Stringer Literary Agency	The Stringer Literary	http://www.stringerlit.com/	Ms.
Susanna Lea Associates	Created in 2000,	http://www.susannalea.com/	Ms.
The Ashley Chase Literary Agency	The Ashley Chase	http://ashleychaseliterary.com/	Ms.
The Blythe Daniel Agency, Inc.	The Blythe Daniel	http://www.theblythedanielagency.com	Ms.
The Booker Albert Literary	Welcome to The	http://www.thebookeralbertagency.com/	Ms.
The Dunham Group	The Dunham Group	http://dunhamgroupinc.com	Mr.
The Fedd Agency	The Fedd Agency was	http://thefeddagency.com	Ms.
The Fischer-Harbage Agency	The Fischer-Harbage	http://www.fischerharbage.com	Mr.
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The Kepner Agency	The Kepner Agency is	https://www.kepneragency.com/	Mr.
The Park Literary Group	The Park Literary	http://www.parkliterary.com/	Ms.
The Seymour Agency	The Seymour Agency	http://www.theseymouragency.com	Ms.
The Steve Laube Agency	The Steve Laube	http://www.stevelaube.com/	Mr.
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The Wylie Agency	The Wylie Agency is	http://www.wylieagency.com/	Ms.

Trident Media Group	In September 2000,	http://www.tridentmediagroup.com	Ms.
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Valerie Smith Literary Agency	The Valerie Smith	No Website	Ms.
Van Diest Literary Agency	With the exception of	http://christianliteraryagency.com/	Ms.
Wheelhouse Literary Group	Jonathan founded	http://wheelouseliterarygroup.com/	Mr.
Whimsy Literary Agency	Whimsy Literary	http://www.publishersmarketplace.com/	Ms.
Whimsy Literary Agency	Whimsy Literary	http://www.publishersmarketplace.com/	Ms.
William K Jensen Literary Agency	Mission Statement: To	http://www.wkjagency.com/	Ms.
William K Jensen Literary Agency	Mission Statement: To	http://www.wkjagency.com/	Ms.
Winters & King, Inc.	Winters & King, Inc. is	http://www.wintersking.com	Mr.
Wolgemuth & Associates	Wolgemuth &	http://www.wolgemuthandassociates.co	Mr.
Wolgemuth & Associates	Wolgemuth &	http://www.wolgemuthandassociates.co	Mr.
Wolgemuth & Associates	Wolgemuth &	http://www.wolgemuthandassociates.co	Mr.
Wolgemuth & Associates	Wolgemuth &	http://www.wolgemuthandassociates.co	Mr.
WordServe Literary Agency	WordServe Literary	http://www.wordserveliterary.com	Ms.
WordServe Literary Agency	WordServe Literary	http://www.wordserveliterary.com	Mr.
WordServe Literary Agency	WordServe Literary	http://www.wordserveliterary.com	Ms.
WordWise Media Services	Here at WordWise	http://www.wordwisemedias.com/	Ms.
WordWise Media Services	Here at WordWise	http://www.wordwisemedias.com/	Mr.
Working Title Agency	The WTA Group	http://www.workingtitleagency.com	Mr.
Writers House	Writers House was	http://www.writershouse.com	Ms.
Yates & Yates	We serve as creative	http://www.yates2.com/	Mr.
Yates & Yates	We serve as creative	http://www.yates2.com/	Mr.
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Richard		Abate	Richard Abate is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Michelle		Grajkowski	Michelle Grajkowski is a literary	1. AAR Member
Cori		Deyoe	Cori Deyoe is a literary agent with 3	2. AAR Agency
Amy		Jameson	Amy Jameson is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Tracey		Adams	Tracey Adams is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Josh		Adams	Josh Adams is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Lorin		Oberweger	Lorin Oberweger is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
David		Kuhn	David Kuhn is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Laura		Nolan	Laura Nolan is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Rick		Richter	Rick Richter is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Esmond		Harmsworth	Esmond Harmsworth is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Michelle		Brower	Michelle Brower is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Erica		Bauman	Erica Bauman is a graduate of Johns	2. AAR Agency
Lauren		Sharp	Lauren Sharp represents award-	2. AAR Agency
Terrie		Wolf	Terrie Wolf is a literary agent at	1. AAR Member
Alison		Picard	Alison Picard is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Rick		Christian	Rick Christian is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Kathleen		Anderson	Kathleen Anderson is a literary	1. AAR Member
Andrea		Brown	Andrea Brown is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Caryn		Wiseman	Caryn Wiseman is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Kelly		Sonnack	Kelly Sonnack is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Kathleen		Rushall	Kathleen Rushall is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Jamie	Weiss	Chilton	Jamie Weiss Chilton is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Jennifer		Rofe	Jennifer Rofe is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Lara		Perkins	Lara Perkins is an Associate Agent	2. AAR Agency
Laura		Rennert	Laura Rennert is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Jennifer	March	Soloway	Jennifer March Soloway is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Jennifer		Mattson	Jennifer Mattson is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Jennifer		Laughran	Jennifer Laughran is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Andy		Ross	Andy Ross is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Ann		Tobias	Ann Tobias is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Nicole		Aragi	Nicole Aragi is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Carolyn		Grayson	Carolyn Grayson has been an active	3. Top Agency
Barbara		Casey	Barbara Casey is president of the	4. Lower Level
Barbara		Kouts	Barbara Kouts has formerly been an	2. Top Agent
Barry		Goldblatt	Barry Goldblatt is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Mary		Cummings	Mary Cummings is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Merry	Gregory	Pantano	Merry Gregory Pantano is a literary	2. Top Agent
Bob		Mecoy	Bob Mecoy is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Sandra		Bond	Sandra Bond is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Becky		LeJeune	Becky LeJeune is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Tracy		Marchini	Tracy Marchini is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Natascha		Morris	Natascha Morris is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Moe		Ferrara	Moe Ferrara is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Teresa		Kietlinski	Teresa Kietlinski is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Rachel		Kent	Rachel Kent is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Rachelle		Gardner	Rachelle Gardner is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Kendra		Marcus	Kendra Marcus is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Minju		Chang	Minju Chang is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency

Sarah		LaPolla	Sarah LaPolla joined Bradford	1. AAR Member
Laura		Bradford	Laura Bradford is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Natalie	Fischer	Lakosil	Natalie Fischer Lakosil is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Monica		Odom	Monica Odom is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Kari		Sutherland	Kari Sutherland joined the Bradford	2. AAR Agency
Jennifer	Chen	Tran	Jennifer Chen Tran is an agent at	2. AAR Agency
Bill		Contardi	Bill Contardi is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Marianne		Merola	Marianne Merola is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Gail		Hochman	Gail Hochman is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Chamein		Canton	Chamein Canton, Head Agent :	4. Lower Level
Cynthia		Kane	Cynthia Kane is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Kirsten		Hall	Kirsten Hall, who is the author of	4. Lower Level
Cathy		Hemming	Cathy Hemming is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Lana		Popovic	Lana Popovic is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Nicole		James	Nicole James is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Charlotte		Sheedy	Charlotte Sheedy is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Farley		Chase	Farley Chase is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
		Fingerhut	Heather Schroder is the founder of	1. AAR Member
Helen		Breitwieser	Helen Breitwieser is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Jacquelyn		Ross	Jacquelyn Ross is an assistant agent	2. AAR Agency
Marisa		Corvisiero	Marisa Corvisiero is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Cate		Hart	Cate Hart is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Justin		Wells	Justin Wells is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Kaitlyn		Johnson	Kaitlyn Johnson is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Veronica		Park	Veronica Park is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Kelly		Peterson	Kelly Peterson is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Kortney		Price	Kortney Price is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Rob		Weisbach	Rob Weisbach is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Stephanie		Koven	Stephanie Koven started her career	4. Lower Level
Ginger		Knowlton	Ginger Knowlton is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Laura	Blake	Peterson	Laura Blake Peterson is a literary	1. AAR Member
Elizabeth		Harding	Elizabeth Harding is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Maureen		Walters	Maureen Walters is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Jonathan		Lyons	Jonathan Lyons is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Noah		Ballard	Noah Ballard is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Ginger		Clark	Ginger Clark is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Don		Jacobson	Don Jacobson is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Jenni		Burke	Jenni Burke is a literary agent with	2. Top Agent
Blair		Jacobson	Blair Jacobson is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Heidi		Mitchell	Heidi Mitchell is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Tawny		Johnson	Tawny Johnson is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Pam		Victorio	Pam Victorio is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Kelly	Van	Sant	Kelly Van Sant is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Jessie		Devine	Jessie Devine is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Michele		Mortimer	Michele Mortimer is a literary	3. Top Agency
Tricia		Davey	Tricia Davey is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Joy		Tutela	Joy Tutela is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Jennifer		Herrera	Jennifer Herrera is literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Dee		Mura	Dee Mura is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Kaylee		Davis	Kaylee Davis is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level

Meredith	Kaffel	Simonoff	Meredith Kaffel Simonoff is a	1. AAR Member
Laurie		Abkemeier	Laurie Abkemeier is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Miriam		Altshuler	Miriam Altshuler is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Brian		DeFiore	Brian DeFiore is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Gabrielle		Piraino	Gabrielle Piraino is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Matthew		Elblonk	Matthew Elblonk is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Reiko		Davis	Reiko Davis is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Ashley		Collom	Ashley Collom is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Colleen		Mohyde	Colleen Mohyde is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Maura		Kye-Casella	Maura Kye-Casella is a literary	1. AAR Member
Katie		Grimm	Katie Grimm is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Susan		Ramer	Susan Ramer is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Donald		Maass	Donald Maass is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Caitlin		McDonald	Caitlin McDonald is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Jennie		Dunham	Jennie Dunham is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Bridget		Smith	Bridget Smith is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Edward		Necarsulmer	Edward Necarsulmer IV began his	1. AAR Member
Jennifer		Carlson	Jennifer Carlson is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Julia		Kenny	Julia Kenny began her career in	1. AAR Member
Arielle		Datz	Arielle Datz is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Lacy		Lynch	Lacy Lynch is a senior agent with	3. Top Agency
Michael		Bourret	Michael Bourret is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Jim		McCarthy	Jim McCarthy is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Jane		Dystel	Jane Dystel is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
John		Rudolph	John Rudolph is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Michael		Hoogland	Michael Hoogland is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Lauren		Abramo	Lauren Abramo is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Erin		Young	Erin Young is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Stacey	Kendall	Glick	Stacey Kendall Glick is a literary	2. Top Agent
Deborah		Warren	Deborah Warren is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Liza		Pulitzer-Voges	Liza Pulitzer-Voges is a literary	1. AAR Member
Edite		Kroll	Edite Kroll is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Edythea	Ginis	Selman	Edythea Ginis Selman is the	2. Top Agent
Susanna		Einstein	Susanna Einstein is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Susan		Graham	Susan Graham is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Elaine		Markson	Elaine Markson is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Gary		Johnson	Gary Johnson is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Adam		Eaglin	Adam Eaglin is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Linda		Epstein	Linda Epstein is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Mandy		Hubbard	Mandy Hubbard is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Kira		Watson	Kira Watson is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Carrie		Howland	Carrie Howland is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Penny		Moore	Penny Moore is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Erin		Murphy	Erin Murphy is a literary agent with	2. Top Agent
Ammi-Joan		Paquette	Ammi-Joan Paquette is a literary	3. Top Agency
Tricia		Lawrence	Tricia Lawrence is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Tara		Gonzalez	Tara Gonzalez is an Associate Agent	3. Top Agency
Evan		Gregory	Evan Gregory is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Ethan		Ellenberg	Ethan Ellenberg is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Jane		Putch	Jane Putch is the founder of Eyebait	4. Lower Level

Sorche	Fairbank	Sorche Fairbank is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Peter	Rubie	Peter Rubie is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Cristi	Marchetti	Cristi Machetti is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Nadia	Cornier	Nadia Cornier is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Jennifer	Flannery	Jennifer Flannery is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Steve	Troha	Steve Troha is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Emily	van Beek	Emily van Beek is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Melissa	Sarver White	Melissa White is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
John	Cusick	John Cusick is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Marcy	Posner	Marcy Posner is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Katherine	Latshaw	Katherine Latshaw is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Adriann	Ranta Zurhellen	Adriann Ranta Zurhellen is a literary	1. AAR Member
Peter	McGuigan	Peter McGuigan is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Tanusri	Prasanna	Tanusri Prasanna is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Jessica	Regel	Jessica Regel is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Diana	Fox	Diana Fox is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Ellen	Geiger	Ellen Geiger is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Adriana	Dominguez	Adriana Dominguez is a literary	3. Top Agency
Stefanie	Von Borstel	Stefanie von Borstel is a literary	3. Top Agency
Taylor	Martindal Kean	Taylor Martindale Kean is a literary	3. Top Agency
Lilly	Ghahremani	Lilly Ghahremani is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Laurie	McLean	Laurie McLean is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Carlie	Webber	Carlie Webber is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Emily	Keyes	Emily S. Keyes is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Tricia	Skinner	Tricia Skinner is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Linda	Camacho	Linda Camacho is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Beth	Phelan	Erin Casey is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Marietta	Zacker	Marietta Zacker is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Nancy	Gallt	Nancy Gallt is a literary agent with	2. Top Agent
Penelope	Burns	Penelope Burns is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Gillian	MacKenzie	Gillian MacKenzie is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Gina	Maccoby	Gina Maccoby is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Alex	Glass	Alex Glass is the founder and	2. Top Agent
Peter	Miller	Peter Miller has been a literary and	2. Top Agent
Rebecca	Agnus	Rebecca Agnus is a literary agent of	4. Lower Level
Nicole	Payne	Nicole Payne is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Jesscia	Schmeidler	Jessica Schmeidler is the founding	4. Lower Level
Sarah	Davies	Sarah Davies is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Joshua	Getzler	Josh Getzler is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Carrie	Hannigan	Carrie Hannigan is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Soumeya	Roberts	Soumeya Roberts is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Judith	Hansen	Judith Hansen, the founder of the	4. Lower Level
Phyllis	Westberg	Phyllis Westberg is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Craig	Tenney	Craig Tenney is a literaty agent with	1. AAR Member
Harold	Schmidt	Harold Schmidt is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Cyle	Young	Cyle Young is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Diana	Flegal	Diana Flegal is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Rachel	Ridout	Rachel Ridout is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
David	Dunton	David Dunton is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Andrea	Somberg	Andrea Somberg is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency

Catt	LeBague	Catt LeBague is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Helen	Pratt	Helen Pratt is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Claire	Cartey	Clarie Cartey is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Kate	McKean	Kate McKean is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Howard	Morhaim	Howard Morhaim is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
DongWon	Song	DongWon Song is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Andrea	Montejo	Andrea Montejo is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Michelle	L. Johnson	Michelle L. Johnson is a literary	2. Top Agent
Whitley	Abell	Whitley Abell is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Jamie	Bodnar	Dr. Jamie Bodnar Drowley is a	3. Top Agency
Alex	Barba	Alex Barba is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Amanda	Jain	Amanda Jain is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Catherine	Drayton	Catherine Drayton is a literary	3. Top Agency
Charlie	Olsen	Charlie Olsen is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Stephen	Barbara	Stephen Barbara is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Tina	Dubois	Tina Dubois Wexler is a literary	3. Top Agency
Zoe	Sandler	Zoe Sandler is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Alexandra	Machinist	Alexandra Machinist is a literary	3. Top Agency
Amanda	Urban	Amanda Urban is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Esther	Newberg	Esther Newberg is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Jennifer	Joel	Jennifer Joel is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Peter	Riva	Peter Riva is the president of	4. Lower Level
Irene	Goodman	Irene Goodman is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Victoria	Marini	Victoria Marini is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Barbara	Poelle	Barbara Poelle is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Irene	Skolnick	Irene Skolnick is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Eddie	Schneider	Eddie Schneider is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Brooks	Sherman	Brooks Sherman is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Wendi	Gu	Wendi Gu is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Kirby	Kim	Kirby Kim is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Jason	Yarn	Jason Yarn is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Jennifer	Weltz	Jennifer Weltz is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Alice	Tasman	Alice Tasman is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Jennifer	Azantian	Jennifer Azantian founded the	4. Lower Level
Jennifer	DeChiara	Jennifer DeChiara is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Marie	Lamba	Marie Lamba is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Roseanne	Wells	Roseanne Wells is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Vicki	Selvaggio	Vicki Selvaggio is an associate agent	3. Top Agency
Alexandra	Weiss	Alexandra Weiss is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Stephen	Fraser	Stephen Fraser is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Cari	Lamba	Cari Lamba is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Jeff	Ourvan	Jeff Ourvan is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Jennifer	Lyons	Jennifer Lyons is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Jill	Corcoran	Jill Corcoran is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Timothy	Travaglini	Timothy Travaglini is a literary	3. Top Agency
Jill	Grinberg	Jill Grinberg is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Cheryl	Pientka	Cheryl Pientka is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Katelyn	Detweiler	Katelyn Detweiler is an associate	1. AAR Member
Joelle	Delbourgo	Joelle Delbourgo is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Jacqueline	Flynn	Jacqueline Flynn is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency

William		Reiss	William Reiss is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Anne		Hawkins	Anne Hawkins is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Judith		Ehrlich	Judith Ehrlich is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Kate		Garrick	Kate Garrick is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Kathryn		Green	Kathryn Green is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Lisa		Abellera	Lisa Abellera is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Ike		Williams	Ike Williams is a literary agent with	2. Top Agent
Kate	Schafer	Testerman	Kate Schafer Testerman is a literary	1. AAR Member
Sara		Megibow	Sara Megibow is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Hannah		Fergesen	Hannah Fergesen is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Renee		Nyen	Renee Nyen is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Hilary		Harwell	Hilary Harwell is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Leon		Husock	Leon Husock is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Ben		Grange	Ben Grange is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Carrie		Pestritto	Laura Dail is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Tamar		Rydzinski	Tamar Rydzinski is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Elana	Roth	Parker	Elana Roth Parker is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Laura		Langlie	Laura Langlie is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Leigh		Feldman	Leigh Feldman is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Sally		Apokedak	Sally Apokedak is an associate	3. Top Agency
Monika		Verma	Monika Verma is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Daniel		Greenberg	Daniel Greenberg is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Kerry		Sparks	Kerry Sparks is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
James		Levine	James Levine is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Lindsay		Edgecombe	Lindsay Edgecombe is a literary	1. AAR Member
Stephanie	Kip	Rostan	Stephanie Kip Rostan is a literary	1. AAR Member
Arielle		Eckstut	Arielle Eckstut is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Jen		Linnan	Jen Linnan is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Muriel		Nellis	Muriel Nellis is a literary agent with	2. Top Agent
Jacqueline		Hackett	Jacqueline Hackett is a literary	2. Top Agent
Liza		Dawson	Liza Dawson is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Caitie		Flum	Caitie Flum is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Caitlin		Blasdell	Caitlin Blasdell is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Liza		Fleissig	Liza Fleissig is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Caitlen	Rubino	Bradway	Caitlen Rubino Bradway is a literary	3. Top Agency
Lauren	Keller	Galit	Lauren Galit is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Mary		South	Barbara Lowenstein is a literary	1. AAR Member
Loretta		Caravette	Loretta Caravette is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Connor		Eck	Connor Eck is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Jennie		Kendrick	Danielle Smith is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Amanda		Luedeke	Amanda Luedeke is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Michelle		Witte	Michelle Witte is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Maria		Carvanis	Maria Carvanis is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Elizabeth		Copps	Elizabeth Copps is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Marianne		Strong	Marianne Strong is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Janell		Agyeman	Janell Walden Agyeman is a literary	4. Lower Level
Marie		Brown	Marie Brown is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Patricia		Nelson	Patricia Nelson is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Shannon		Hassan	Shannon Hassan is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Jill		Marsal	Jill Marsal is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency

Michelle		Humphrey	Michelle Humphrey is a literary	4. Lower Level
Adria		Goetz	Adria Goetz is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Clelia		Gore	Clelia Gore is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Mary		Evans	Mary Evans is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Julie		Stevenson	Julie Stevenson is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Jason		Anthony	Jason Anthony is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Stephanie		Abou	Stephanie Abou is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Rob		McQuilken	Rob McQuilken is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
James		McGinniss	James McGinniss is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Christa		Heschke	Christa Heschke is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Tanya		McKinnon	Tanya McKinnon is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Scott		Mendel	Scott Mendel is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Angela		Miller	Angela Miller is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Mary		Kole	Mary Kole is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Eric		Myers	Eric Myers is literary agent with and	1. AAR Member
Natanya		Wheeler	Natanya Wheeler is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Amy		Rosenbaum	Amy Rosenbaum is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Joanna	Topor	MacKenzie	Joanna Topor MacKenzie is a	1. AAR Member
Kristin		Nelson	Kristin Nelson is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Danielle		Burby	Danielle Burby is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Suzie		Townsend	Suzie Townsend is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Kathleen		Ortiz	Kathleen Ortiz is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Joanna		Volpe	Joanna Volpe is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Janet		Reid	Janet Reid is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Jaida		Temperly	Jaida Temperly is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Anna		Olswanger	Anna Olswanger is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Lori		Nowicki	Lori Nowicki is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Claire		Easton	Claire Easton is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Alyssa		Reuben	Alyssa Reuben is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Patricia		Moosbrugger	Patricia Moosbrugger is a literary	2. Top Agent
Paul		Levine	Paul Levine is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Lukas		Ortiz	Lukas Ortiz is a Literary Agent and	1. AAR Member
Sara		Crowe	Sara Crowe is a literary agent with	2. Top Agent
Holly		McGhee	Holly M. McGhee is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Larissa		Helena	Larissa Helena is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Ashley		Valentine	Ashley Valentine is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Elena	Mechlin	Giovinazzo	Elena Mechlin Giovinazzo is a	3. Top Agency
Trodayne		Northern	Trodayne Northern is a literary	4. Lower Level
Leslie		Varney	Leslie Varney is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Emily	Sylvan	Kim	Emily Sylvan Kim is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Rachel		Orr	Rachel Orr is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Becca		Stumpf	Becca Stumpf is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Ayanna		Coleman	Ayanna Coleman is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Joan		Raines	Joan Raines is a partner in the New	1. AAR Member
Susan		Finesman	Susan Finesman is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Jenna		Pocius	Jenna Pocius is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Abigail		Samoun	Abigail Samoun is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Karen		Grencik	Karen Grenick is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Stephanie		Fretwell-Hill	Stephanie Fretwell-Hill is a literary	3. Top Agency
Bree		Ogden	Bree Ogden is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency

Dawn	Frederick	Dawn Frederick is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Laura	Zats	Laura Zats is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Amanda	Rutter	Amanda Rutter is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Stacey	Graham	Stacey Graham is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Rebecca	Podos	Rebecca Podos is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Claire	Anderson-	Claire Anderson-Wheeler is a	1. AAR Member
Markus	Hoffmann	Markus Hoffmann is a literary	1. AAR Member
Regina	Ryan	Regina Ryan is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Richard	Curtis	Richard Curtis is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Ricia	Mainhardt	Ricia Mainhardt is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Rick	Margolis	Rick Margolis is the founder and	4. Lower Level
Scott	Gould	Scott Gould is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Lori	Kilkelly	Lori Kilkelly is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Paul	Rodeen	Paul Rodeen is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Molly	O'Neill	Molly O'Neill is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Holly	Root	Holly Root is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Taylor	Haggerty	Taylor Haggerty is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Rubin	Pfeffer	Rubin Pfeffer is a literary Agent	4. Lower Level
Melissa	Nasson	Melissa Nasson is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Jodell	Sadler	Jodell Sadler earned her MFA in	4. Lower Level
Suzy	Evans	Suzy Evans is an attorney, author,	3. Top Agency
Thao	Le	Thao Le is a literary agent at the	3. Top Agency
Jennifer	Kim	Jennifer Kim is a junior agent at the	3. Top Agency
Faith	Hamlin	Faith Hamlin is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Brenda	Bowen	Brenda Bowen is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Ed	Maxwell	Ed Maxwell is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Daniel	Mandel	Dan Mandel is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Jessica	Sinsheimer	Jessica Sinsheimer is a literary	1. AAR Member
Sarah	Jane Freymann	Sarah Jane Freymann has been a	2. Top Agent
Scott	Treimel	Scott Treimel is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Russell	Galen	Russell Galen is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Ann	Behar	Ann Behar is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Sean	McCarthy	Sean McCarthy is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Regina	Brooks	Regina Brooks is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Rebecca	Bugger	Rebecca Bugger is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Janine	Le	Janine Le is a literary agent with the	3. Top Agency
Amy	Stern	Amy Stern is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Sheldon	Fogelman	Sheldon Fogelman is a literary	3. Top Agency
Sheree	Bykofsky	Sheree Bykofsky is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Gary	Heidt	Gary Heidt is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Amy	Tipton	Amy Tipton is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Eleanor	Wood	Eleanor Wood is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Karen	Solem	Karen Solem is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Ali	Herring	Ali Herring is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Mel	Stinnett	Mel Stinnett is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Laurie	Liss	Laurie Liss is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Celeste	Fine	Celeste Fine is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Martha	Millard	Martha Millard is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Douglas	Stewart	Douglas Stewart is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Robert	Guinsler	Robert Guinsler is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency

Sterling		Lord	Sterling Lord is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Nell		Pierce	Nell Pierce is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Neeti		Madan	Neeti Madan is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Sarah		Passick	Sarah Passick is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Elizabeth		Bewley	Elizabeth Bewley is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Sarah		Landis	Sarah Landis is a literary agent with	2. Top Agent
Rosemary		Stimola	Rosemary Stimola is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Erica	Rand	Silverman	Erica Rand Silverman is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Allison		Remcheck	Allison Remcheck is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Melissa		Edwards	Melissa Edwards is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Alyssa		Jennette	Alyssa Jennette is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Emmanuelle		Morgen	Emmanuelle Morgen is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Alison		Fargis	Alison Fargis is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Lauren	Lindsey	White	Lauren Lindsey White is a literary	4. Lower Level
Essie		White	Essie White is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Stacy		Little	Stacy Little is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Laura		Strachan	Laura Strachan is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
David	R.	Patterson	David R. Patterson is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Susan		Schulman	Susan Schulman is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Mohamed		Shalabi	Mohamed Shalabi is a literary	3. Top Agency
Gina		Panettieri	Gina Panettieri is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Saba		Sulaiman	Saba Sulaiman is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Paula		Munier	Paula Munier is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Lisa	Erbach	Vance	Lisa Erbach Vance is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Aaron		Priest	Aaron Priest is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Amy		Rennert	Amy Rennert is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Molly		Ker Hawn	Molly Ker Hawn is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Beth		Phelan	Beth Phelan is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Jenny		Bent	Jenny Bent is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Gemma		Cooper	Gemma Cooper is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Louise		Fury	Louise Fury is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Heather		Flaherty	Heather Flaherty is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Rachel		Horowitz	Rachel Horowitz is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Faye		Bender	Faye Bender is a literary agent and	2. AAR Agency
Elisabeth		Weed	Elisabeth Weed is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Rebecca		Stead	Rebecca Stead is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Jordy		Albert	Jordy Albert is a Literary Agent and	3. Top Agency
Charlotte		Gusay	Charlotte Gusay is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Steven		Chudney	Steven Chudney is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Elizabeth		Kaplan	Elizabeth Kaplan is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Kate		Epstein	Kate Epstein is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Whitney		Lee	Whitney Lee is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Robert		Fleck	Robert Fleck (Bob Fleck) is a literary	4. Lower Level
Kent		Wolf	Kent Wolf is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Molly		Friedrich	Molly Friedrich is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Lucy		Carson	Lucy Carson is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Seth		Fishman	Seth Fishman is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Logan	Garrison	Savits	Logan Garrison Savits is a literary	3. Top Agency
Sarah		Burnes	Sarah Burnes is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Ronnie	Ann	Herman	Ronnie Ann Herman is a literary	2. Top Agent

Katia		Herman	Katia Herman is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Elaine		Spencer	Elaine Spencer is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Nephele		Tempest	Nephele Tempest is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Pamela		Harty	Pamela Harty is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Deidre		Knight	Deidre Knight is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Janna		Bonikowski	Janna Bonikowski is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Travis		Pennington	Travis Pennington is an associate	2. AAR Agency
Kristy		Hunter	Kristy Hunter is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Melissa		Jeglinski	Melissa Jeglinski is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Heather		Tebbs	Heather Tebbs is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Lisa		Leshne	Lisa Leshne is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Linda		Loewenthal	Linda Loewenthal is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Alice		Martell	Alice Martell is a literary agent with	2. Top Agent
Shawna		McCarthy	Shawna McCarthy is a literary	4. Lower Level
Mark		McVeigh	The McVeigh Agency is a new	4. Lower Level
Peter		Knapp	Peter Knapp is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Blair		Wilson	Blair Wilson is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Christi		Cardenas	Christi Cardenas is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Tina	P.	Schwartz	Tina P. Schwartz is the founder and	4. Lower Level
Kim	Blair	McCollum	Kim Blair McCollum is a literary	4. Lower Level
Roger		Williams	Roger Williams is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Nicole		Resciniti	Nicole Resciniti is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Jennifer		Wills	Jennifer Wills is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Joe		Spieler	Joe Spieler is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Helen		Sweetland	Helen Sweetland is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Wendy		Strothman	Wendy Strothman is a literary	1. AAR Member
Lauren		MacLeod	Lauren MacLeod is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Jennifer		Unter	Jennifer Unter is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Andrew		Wylie	Andrew Wylie is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Cindy		Uh	Cindy Uh is an affiliate agent with	2. AAR Agency
Fiona		Kenshole	Fiona Kenshole is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Andrea		Cascardi	Andrea Cascardi is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Uwe		Stender	Dr. Uwe Stender is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Brent		Taylor	Brent Taylor is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Lauren		Spieller	Lauren Spieller is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Mark		Gottlieb	Mark Gottlieb is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Ellen		Levine	Ellen Levine is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Alyssa	Eisner	Henkin	Alyssa Eisner Henkin is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Alexander		Slater	Alexander Slater is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Don		Fehr	Don Fehr is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
John		Silbersack	John Silbersack is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Scott		Miller	Scott Miller is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Alexa		Stark	Alexa Stark is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Sally		Wofford-	Sally Wofford-Girand is a literary	1. AAR Member
Jenni		Ferrari-Adler	Jenni Ferrari-Adler is a literary	1. AAR Member
Marc		Gerald	Marc Gerald is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Byrd		Leavell	Byrd Leavell is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Susan		Hawk	Susan Hawk is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Alexandra		Penfold	Alexandra Penfold is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Michael		Stearns	Michael Stearns is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency

Danielle	Chiotti	Danielle Chiotti is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency	
Ted	Malawer	Ted Malawer is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency	
Paul	Fedorko	Paul Fedorko is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level	
David	Van Diest	David Van Diest is a literary agent	4. Lower Level	
Katherine	Boyle	Katherine Boyle is a literary agent	1. AAR Member	
Chiara	Rosati	Chiara Rosati is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member	
Victoria	Sanders	Victoria Sanders is a literary agent	2. Top Agent	
Bernadette	Baker-	Bernadette Baker-Baughman is a	3. Top Agency	
Deborah	Carter	Deborah Carter is a literary agent	4. Lower Level	
Victoria	Wells Arms	Victoria Wells Arms is a literary	1. AAR Member	
Wendy	Schmalz	Wendy Schmalz is a literary agent	1. AAR Member	
Linda	Pratt	Linda Pratt is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member	
Marcia	Wernick	Marcia Wernick is a literary agent	1. AAR Member	
Emily	Mitchell	Emily Mitchell is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency	
William	Jensen	William Jensen is a literary agent	3. Top Agency	
Jay	Mandel	Jay Mandel is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member	
Dorian	Karchmar	Dorian Karchmar is a literary agent	1. AAR Member	
Erin	Malone	Erin Malone is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency	
Mel	Berger	Mel Berger is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency	
Andy	McNicol	Andy McNicol is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency	
Eric	Simonoff	Eric Simonoff is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency	
Margaret	Riley	King	Margaret King is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Jennifer	Rudolph	Walsh	Jennifer Rudolph Walsh is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Sheri	Mabry	Bestor	Sheri Bestor is an agent with and	4. Lower Level
Robert	Wilson	Robert Wilson is a literary agent	3. Top Agency	
William	Clark	William Clark is a literary agent	1. AAR Member	
Kirsten	Wolf	Kirsten Wolf is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency	
Michelle	Wolfson	Michelle Wolfson is a literary agent	4. Lower Level	
Greg	Johnson	Greg Johnson is a literary agent	3. Top Agency	
Steven	Hutson	Steven Hutson is a literary agent	1. AAR Member	
Susan	Ginsburg	Susan Ginsburg is a literary agent	1. AAR Member	
Merrilee	Heifetz	Merrilee Heifetz is a literary agent	1. AAR Member	
Susan	Cohen	Susan Cohen is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member	
Daniel	Lazar	Daniel Lazar is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member	
Jodi	Reamer	Jodi Reamer is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member	
Andrea	Morrison	Andrea Morrison is a literary agent	1. AAR Member	
Amy	Berkower	Amy Berkower is a literary agent	1. AAR Member	
Simon	Lipskar	Simon Lipskar is a literary agent	1. AAR Member	
Robin	Rue	Robin Rue is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member	
Dan	Conaway	Dan Conaway is a literary agent	1. AAR Member	
Susan	Golomb	Susan Golomb is a literary agent	1. AAR Member	
Taylor	Templeton	Taylor Templeton is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency	
Rebecca	Sherman	Rebecca Sherman is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency	
Stephen	Barr	Stephen Barr is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency	
Steven	Malk	Steven Malk is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency	
Albert	Zuckerman	Albert Zuckerman is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency	
Brianne	Johnson	Brianne Johnson is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency	
Samantha	Wekstein	Samantha Wekstein is a literary	2. AAR Agency	
Alec	Shane	Alec Shane is a literary agent at	2. AAR Agency	
Victoria	Doherty-	Victoria Doherty-Munro is a literary	2. AAR Agency	

Beth		Miller	Beth Miller is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Steve		Ross	Steve Ross has been the Director of	2. Top Agent
Jennifer		Gates	Jennifer Gates has represented	2. AAR Agency
Andrea		Heinecke	Andrea Heinecke is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Bryan		Norman	Bryan Norman is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Lisa		Jackson	Lisa Jackson is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Wes		Yoder	Wes Yoder is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Duvall		Osteen	Duvall Osteen is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Denise		Barone	Denise Barone is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Danny		Baror	Danny Baror is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Jessica		Alvarez	Jessica Alvarez is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Janet	Kobobel	Grant	Janet Kobobel Grant is a literary	2. Top Agent
Wendy		Lawton	Wendy Lawton is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Mary		Keeley	Mary Keeley is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Kimberly		Brower	Kimberly Brower a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Danielle		Egan-Miller	Danielle Egan-Miller is a literary	1. AAR Member
Angela		Scheff	Angela Scheff is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Christopher		Ferebee	Christopher Ferebee is a literary	4. Lower Level
Marlene	Connor	Lynch	Marlene Connor Lynch is a literary	4. Lower Level
Meg		LaTorre-	Meg LaTorre-Snyder likes to think	3. Top Agency
Paige		Wheeler	Paige Wheeler is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Kathryn		Helmerts	Kathy Helmerts, leads CT's Literary	3. Top Agency
Dan		Raines	Dan Raines is a senior partner and	3. Top Agency
Ann		Byle	Ann Byle is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Andrew		Chamberlin	Andrew Chamberlin, JD, is a literary	3. Top Agency
Karen		Neumair	Karen Neumair is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Joyce		Holland	Joyce Holland is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Robert		Diforio	Bob Diforio is a literary agent with	2. Top Agent
Liz		Darhansoff	Liz Darhansoff is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Beth		Davey	Beth Davey is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Diana		Finch	Diana Finch is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Henry		Dunow	Henry Dunow is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Jan		Miller	Jan Miller is a literary agent with	2. Top Agent
Shannon		Marven	Shannon Marven is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Andrea		Barzvi	Andrea Barzvi is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Evan		Marshall	Evan Marshall is president of The	1. AAR Member
Susan	Morgan	Farris	Susan Morgan Farris is a liteary	4. Lower Level
Mike		Farris	Mike Farris is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Claudia		Cross	Claudia Cross is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Chris		Park	Chris Park is a literary agent with	2. AAR Agency
Gary	D.	Foster	Founder and President of Gary D.	4. Lower Level
Courtney		Miller-Callihan	Courtney Miller-Callihan founded	4. Lower Level
Jim		Hart	Jim Hart is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Linda		Glaz	Linda S. Glaz is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Joyce		Hart	Joyce Hart is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Jeff		Jernigan	Jeff Jernigan is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Nancy		Jernigan	Nancy Jernigan is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Bonnie		Nadell	Bonnie Nadell is the president of	3. Top Agency
Paula		Canal	Paula Canal is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level

Nathaniel	Jacks	Nathaniel Jacks is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Richard	Pine	Richard Pine is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Kristyn	Keene	Kristyn Keene is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Liz	Farrell	Liz Farrell is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Hillary	Jacobson	Hillary Jacobson is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Lucinda	Karter	Lucinda Karter is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Warren	Frazier	Warren Frazier is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Jud	Laghi	Jud Laghi is a literary agent with the	2. Top Agent
Kathi	Paton	Kathi Paton is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Jessica	Kirkland	Jessica Kirkland, a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Lee	Sobel	Lee Sobel is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Les	Stobbe	Les Stobbe is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Danielle	Svetcov	Danielle Svetcov is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Hannah	Bowman	Hannah Bowman is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Chip	MacGregor	Chip MacGregor is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Mark	Sweeney	Mark Sweeney is the owner of	4. Lower Level
Stephanie	Hansen	Stephanie Hansen is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Natasha	Kern	Natasha Kern is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Athena	Kern	Athena Kern is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Shadra	Strickland	Shadra Strickland is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Philip	Spitzer	Philip Spitzer is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Lisa	Queen	Lisa Queen is the founder of Queen	2. Top Agent
Rebecca	Friedman	Rebecca Friedman is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Brandie	Coonis	Brandie Coonis is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Roslyn	Targ	Roslyn Targ is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Jessica	Watterson	Jessica Watterson has been an	3. Top Agency
Matthew	Bialer	Matthew Bialer is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Ellen	Pepus	Ellen Pepus is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Lynn	Haynes	Lynn Haynes is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Molly	Moore	Molly Moore is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Pattie	Steele-Perkins	Pattie Steele-Perkins is a literary	1. AAR Member
Adrienne	Rosado	Adrienne Rosado is a literary agent	2. Top Agent
Madelyn	Burt	Madelyn Burt is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Marlene	Stringer	Marlene Stringer is a literary agent	1. AAR Member
Laura	Mamelok	Laura Mamelok is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Ashley	Chase	Ashley Chase is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Blythe	Daniel	Blythe Daniel is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Jen	Hunt	Jen Hunt is a literary agent with The	3. Top Agency
David	Dunham	David Dunham is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Esther	Fedorkevich	Esther Fedorkevich is the founder	3. Top Agency
Ryan	Fischer-	Ryan Fischer-Harbage is a literary	3. Top Agency
Christopher	Hermelin	Christopher Hermelin is a literary	3. Top Agency
Chris	Kepner	Chris Kepner is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Theresa	Park	Theresa Park is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Julie	Gwinn	Julie Gwinn is a literary agent with	1. AAR Member
Bob	Hostetler	Bob Hostetler is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Steve	Laube	Steve Laube is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Dan	Balow	Dan Balow is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Tamela	Hancock	Tamela Hancock Murray is a literary	3. Top Agency
Jin	Auh	Jin Auh is a literary agent at the	3. Top Agency

Erica		Spellman-	Erica Spellman-Silverman is a	2. AAR Agency
Daniel		Strone	Daniel Strone is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Robert		Gottlieb	Robert Gottlieb is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Valerie		Smith	Valerie Smith is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Sarah		Van Diest	Sarah Van Diest is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Jonathan		Clements	Jonathan Clements is a literary	4. Lower Level
Lenore		Skomal	Lenore Skomal is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Jackie		Meyer	Jackie Meyer is a literary agent with	4. Lower Level
Ruth		Samsel	Ruth Samsel is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Teresa		Evenson	Teresa Evenson is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Thomas		Winters	Thomas Winters is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Austin		Wilson	Austin Wilson is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Robert		Wolgemuth	Robert Wolgemuth is a literary	4. Lower Level
Andrew		Wolgemuth	Andrew Wolgemuth is a literary	4. Lower Level
Erik		Wolgemuth	Erik Wolgemuth is a literary agent	4. Lower Level
Keely		Boeving	Keely Boeving is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Nick		Harrison	Nick Harrison is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Sarah	Joy	Freese	Sarah Joy Freese is an associate	3. Top Agency
Michelle	S.	Lazurek	Michelle S. Lazurek is a literary	2. AAR Agency
Dave		Fessenden	Dave Fessenden is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Bill		Reeves	Bill Reeves is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Hannah		Mann	Hannah Mann is a literary agent	2. AAR Agency
Matt		Yates	Matt Yates is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Curtis		Yates	Curtis Yates is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency
Mike		Salisbury	Mike Salisbury is a literary agent	3. Top Agency
Sealy		Yates	Sealy Yates is a literary agent with	3. Top Agency



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Fiction: Query and First Five Pages.	Yes		Email *
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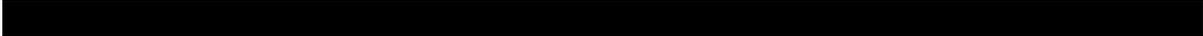
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https://www.li	245 East	Suite 7E	New	NY	1007	(646) 827-	+	Middle	Juvenile
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			Los	CA				Middle	Juvenile

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https://www.li	207 W.	Suite 1D	New	NY	1002	(212) 279-			Middle		
https://www.li	285 West	Suite 520	New	NY	1001	(212) 334-		+	Middle	Juvenile	
https://www.li	285 West	Suite 520	New	NY	1001	(212) 334-		+	Middle	Juvenile	
https://www.li	1140		Naper	IL	6056	(630) 235-			Middle	Juvenile	
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https://www.li	110 West	Suite	New	NY	1001	(212)710-			Middle		
https://www.li	214 W.	Suite 410	New	NY	1000	(212) 777-			Middle		
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https://www.li	PO Box		La	CA	9402	(650) 922-			Middle		
https://www.li	PO Box		La	CA	9402				Middle		
https://www.li	PO Box		La	CA	9402	(718) 715-			Middle		
https://www.li			Dallas	TX				+	+	Middle	
https://www.li	273		South	NJ	0707	(973) 761-		+	Middle		
https://www.li	273		South	NJ	0707			+	Middle	Juvenile	
https://www.li	273		South	NJ	0707				Middle	Juvenile	
https://www.li	273		South	NJ	0707				Middle	Juvenile	
https://www.li	850	Suite 903	New	NY	1001	(212) 245-		+	Middle		
https://www.li	115	Suite	New	NY	1000	(917) 860-			Middle	Juvenile	
https://www.li	P.O. Box		Chap	NY	#####	(914) 238-			Middle	Juvenile	
https://www.li	138 West	10th Floor	New	NY	1000	(646) 237-			Middle	Juvenile	
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https://www.li	P.O. Box		Hays	KS	6760			+	Middle	Juvenile	
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https://www.li	4035	Suite 550	Fairfa	VA	2203	(571) 758-			Middle		
https://www.li	37 West	8th floor	New	NY	1000	(646) 442-			Middle	Juvenile	
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https://www.li	415 West	#6F	New	NY	1001				Middle	Juvenile	
https://www.li	48	Apt B 306	Ashev	NC	2880	(412) 915-			Middle	Juvenile	
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https://www.li	1123	Suite 716	New	NY	1001	(917) 675-	+	Middle	Juvenile
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	27 W.	Suite	New	NY	#####	(212) 604-		Middle	
https://www.li	27 West	Suite 305	New	NY	1001	(212) 727-		Middle	
https://www.li	49 W.	#12N	New	NY	1003	(917) 388-		Middle	
https://www.li	285		New	NY	1001	(212) 421-		Middle	Juvenile
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https://www.li	285		New	NY	1001	(212) 421-		Middle	
https://www.li	3544	#68	New	NY	1003	(978) 590-		Middle	
	216 E.	Suite 1E	New	NY	#####	(212) 794-		Middle	Juvenile
	216 E.	Suite 1E	New	NY	#####	(212) 794-		Middle	Juvenile
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https://www.li	299 Park	6th Floor	New	NY	1017	(212) 739-		Middle	Juvenile
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	151 West	3rd Floor	New	NY	1001	(212) 675-		Middle	Juvenile
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	357 West		New	NY	1001	(212) 691-		Middle	
https://www.li	157	Suite 510	New	NY	1002	(212) 245-		Middle	Juvenile
https://www.li	1550	#704	Tibur	CA	9492	(415) 789-	+	Middle	
	90 Canal		Bosto	MA	0211	(617) 303-		Middle	
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https://www.li	5800		River	NY	1047	(718) 543-		Middle	
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	121 West	Suite	New	NY	1000	(212) 239-		Middle	Juvenile
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https://www.li	121 West	Suite	New	NY	1000	(212) 239-	+	Middle	Juvenile
https://www.li	147-149		Huds	NY	1253	(518) 828-		Middle	
			New	NY				Middle	
https://www.li	300		Tryon	NC	2878	(404) 695-		Middle	Juvenile
https://www.li	307	Suite	New	NY	#####	(212) 337-		Middle	Juvenile
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https://www.li	469 4th	#1L	Brook	NY	1121	(347) 633-		Middle	Juvenile
https://www.li	3543		Washi	DC	2000	(202) 362-		Middle	Juvenile
	639	Suite 102	Lithia	GA	3012	(678) 398-		Middle	
https://www.li	121 W.	Suite	New	NY	#####	(212) 465-		Middle	Juvenile
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https://www.li	121 W.	Suite	New	NY	#####	(212) 465-		Middle	
https://www.li	1049 Park		New	NY	1002		+	Middle	Juvenile
	465 West	2A	New	NY	1002	(917) 595-		Middle	
https://www.li	465 West	2A	New	NY	1002	(917) 595-		Middle	
https://www.li	115 East	4th Floor	New	NY	1001	(212) 206-		Middle	Juvenile
https://www.li						(224) 848-		Middle	Juvenile
https://www.li	135 East	6th Floor	New	NY	1002		+	Middle	Juvenile
https://www.li	3940-		San	CA	9340	(805) 459-		Middle	Juvenile
https://www.li	PO Box		Manz	OR	9713	(503) 389-		Middle	
https://www.li	304 Park	11th Floor	New	NY	1001			Middle	Juvenile
	Maria	Suite	New	NY	1002	(212) 245-		Middle	Juvenile
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https://www.li	65 East		New	NY	1012	(212) 249-		Middle	Juvenile
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	242 East	New	NY	1000	(212) 979-		Middle	
https://www.li	27 West Suite 305	New	NY	1001	(212) 352-	+	Middle	Juvenile
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	244 5th Suite J270	New	NY	1000	(646) 755-		Middle	
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https://www.li	2720 NW	Albuq	NM	8710	(505) 345-		Middle	
	1054	Venic	CA	9029	(310) 450-		Middle	Juvenile
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https://www.li	14 Beacon	Suite 710	Bosto	MA	0210	(617) 227-		Middle	
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	276 Fifth	Suite 708	New	NY	1000	(212) 679-		Middle	Juvenile
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https://www.li	101 W.	Suite 346	New	NY	1001	(201) 435-		Middle	
https://www.li	4200	NW #106-	Washi	DC	2001	(240) 654-		Middle	
	320	Suite 1-D	New	NY	1002	(212) 362-		Middle	
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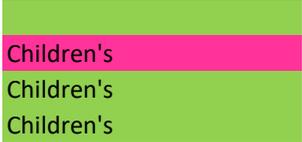


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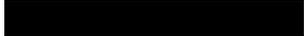
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Combined 3123/2703 Order

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE [XXXX] DISTRICT OF [STATE]

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
APPLICATION OF THE UNITED)
STATES OF AMERICA FOR AN)
ORDER:(1) AUTHORIZING THE)
INSTALLATION AND USE OF A)
PEN REGISTER AND A TRAP AND)
TRACE DEVICE; AND (2))
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF)
SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION, AND)
) CELL SITE INFORMATION)
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No. _____

[NOTE: INSERT SAME AS APPLIC]

[PROPOSED] ORDER

(UNDER SEAL)

This matter having come before the Court pursuant to an Application under Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2703(a) and (d), 3122, and 3123, by Assistant United States Attorney **[YOUR NAME]**, an attorney for the Government as defined by Fed. R. Crim. P. 1(b)(1), requesting an Order authorizing the **[installation and use] [continued use]** of a pen register and

trap and trace device, on the following telephone number[s]:

- (a) **[REPEAT EXACT SAME INFORMATION FROM APPLICATION REGARDING SUBJECT TELEPHONE NUMBER[S], BUT WITHOUT FOOTNOTES]** and

UPON REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION, THE COURT HEREBY FINDS THAT:

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ' 3123, Applicant has certified that the information likely to be obtained by such use is relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation being conducted by the **[AGENCY/IES]** in connection with possible violations of **[DESCRIBE EXACTLY AS IN APPLICATION]**.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3123, that Special Agents of the **[AGENCY/IES]** may **[install, or cause to be installed, and use] [continue to use]** a pen register anywhere in the United States to record or decode dialing, routing, addressing , or signaling information (including "post-cut-through dialed digits"¹) **[² [NOTE: INCLUDE FOOTNOTE 2 ONLY IF REQUESTED IN APPLICATION]** transmitted from the **Subject Telephone Number**, to record the date and time of such dialings or transmissions, and to record the length of time the telephone

¹ "Post-cut-through dialed digits", also called "dialed digit extraction features" are any digits that are dialed from the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** after the initial call set-up is completed, subject to the limitations of 18 U.S.C. §3121(c). To the extent additional digits that are received are content, the government shall not use such information for any investigative purposes or attempt to decode such information.

² Including dialing, routing, addressing, or signaling information transmitted over the communication service provider's network by a two-way radio feature (including, but not limited to, Nextel's "Direct Connect/Direct Dispatch", Verizon Wireless' "Push to Talk", or Sprint's "ReadyLink").

receiver in question is "off the hook" for incoming or outgoing calls, for a period of sixty days from the date this order is filed by the Court;³

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3123, that Special Agents of the [AGENCY/IES] may install, or cause to be installed, and use a trap and trace device on the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** anywhere in the United States to capture and record the incoming electronic or other impulses which identify the originating numbers or other dialing, routing, addressing, or signaling information reasonably likely to identify the source of a wire or electronic communication, and to record the date, time, and duration of calls created by such incoming impulses, for a period of sixty days from the date this order is filed by the court;

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 2703(c)(1)(B) and 2703(d), Applicant has set forth specific and articulable facts showing that there are reasonable grounds to believe that records or other information identifying subscribers or customers (not including the contents of communications) for telephone numbers identified through the pen register and trap and trace devices on the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, changes in service regarding the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, cell site information regarding the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, and records or other information

³ As used herein, the date this order is filed by the Court is the date indicated by the clerk's file stamp on the first page of this Order.

pertaining to subscribers or customers (but not including the contents of communications) for the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** will be relevant and material to an ongoing criminal investigation.

THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 2703(c)(1)(B), 2703(c)(2) and 2703(d), that SBC Communications, Inc. or any subsidiary thereof, Ameritech, Southern New England Telephone Company, Verizon California, Inc., XO Communications, Comcast Cable Communications Inc./AT&T Corporation, Verizon New York, Inc., MPower Communications, Verizon New Jersey Inc., Bell South Telephone Company, Allegiance Telecom, Cox Communications and Qwest Communications (hereinafter the "local carriers"); AT&T, U.S. Sprint, and MCI (hereinafter the "long distance carriers"); Cellco Partnership, dba Verizon Wireless, AT&T Wireless Services, U.S. Cellular, MetroPCS, Cingular Wireless, Nextel Partners, Cricket Communications, Sprint Spectrum L.P., T-Mobile USA, Inc., Virgin Mobile USA, Nextel Communications and Western Wireless Corp. (hereinafter "the wireless carriers"); any internet service provider or other electronic communications provider providing voice-over IP telephony, and any other local, long distance, or wireless carrier servicing the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, and any other person or entity providing wire communication service in the United States whose assistance may facilitate execution of the Order, shall disclose or provide the following upon oral or written request by Special Agents of

the [**AGENCY/IES**]:

1. Records or other information identifying subscribers or customers (but not including the contents of communications or toll records), namely, subscriber name, address, date of birth, social security number, driver=s license (state and number), contact names and numbers, employment information, method of payment, length of service, and type of service utilized, for all published, non-published, listed, or unlisted numbers, dialed or otherwise transmitted to and from the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**;

2. All changes (including additions, deletions, and transfers) in service regarding the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** to include telephone numbers and subscriber information (published, non-published, listed, or unlisted) associated with these service changes; [and]

3. For the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, records or other information pertaining to subscriber(s) or customer(s), including historical cellsite information and call detail records [including direct connect records⁴] for the following dates:
_____ to the present [**THE LAST TEN DAYS IS RECOMMENDED**]
(but not including the contents of communications).

⁴ ASK TECH AGENT: DEFINE DIRECT CONNECT. OR BETTER YET, IS THERE A GENERIC TERM, SUCH AS WALKIE TALKIE FEATURE OR TWO WAY RADIO FEATURE??

d. For the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, all cell site information⁵ provided to the government on a continuous basis contemporaneous with call origination (for outbound calling) and call termination (for incoming calls), or at such other time upon the oral or written request of the Government, including if reasonably available, during the progress of a call.

⁵"Cell site information" refers categorically to any and all data associated with registration of the Subject Telephone with cell sites/network, as well as other data used by the network to establish a connection with the telephone handset and to maintain connectivity to the network. This includes the physical location and/or address of the cellular tower, cell site sector, control channel number, neighbor cell lists, and any identification numbers, processing data, and parameters not pertaining to the contents of a call.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this authorization for the **[installation and use] [continued use]** of a pen register and trap and trace device applies not only to the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** listed above, but also to any changed telephone number(s) subsequently assigned to an instrument bearing the same **[insert as appropriate ESN/IMSI/SIM]** as the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** or any changed **[insert as appropriate ESN/IMSI/SIM]** subsequently assigned to the same telephone number as the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, or any additional changed telephone number(s) and/or **[insert as appropriate ESN/IMSI/SIM]**, whether the changes occur simultaneously or consecutively, listed to the same subscriber and wireless telephone account as the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, **[insert only if requested in application - Confirm with Tech Agent]** and on any cellular phone that is within close proximity to the government device that may autonomously register with the device,⁶ within the 60-day period authorized by this Order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3123(a)(1) and ' 3123 (b)(2), that upon service of this order upon it, the local, long distance, and wireless carriers listed herein, any other communications service provider providing service to the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, and any other person or entity

⁶Once the **Subject Telephone** is identified and located any data incidentally collected from non-target telephones shall not be recorded or retained.

providing wire communication service in the United States whose assistance may facilitate execution of this order, shall furnish Special Agents of the [**AGENCY/IES**] forthwith all information, facilities, and technical assistance necessary to accomplish unobtrusively the installation and use of the pen register and trap and trace devices and with minimum interference with the services that are accorded the persons with respect to whom the installation and use is to take place;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the local, long distance, and wireless carriers, and any other person or entity providing wire or electronic communication service in the United States whose assistance is used to facilitate execution of the Order, furnish the results of the pen register and trap and trace devices to Special Agents of the [**AGENCY/IES**] as soon as practicable, on a continuing basis, twenty four (24) hours a day for the duration of the Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the local, long distance, and wireless carriers be compensated by the investigative agency for reasonable expenses directly incurred in providing technical assistance; and,

Good cause having been shown, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ' ' 2705(b) and 3123(d), that this Order and the Application be sealed until otherwise ordered by the Court, and that the local, long distance, and wireless carriers listed herein, any internet service provider or other electronic

communications provider providing voice-over IP telephony, and
any other local, long distance, or wireless carrier servicing the
Subject Telephone Number[s] who is obligated by the order to
provide assistance to the Applicant, shall not disclose in any
manner, directly or indirectly, by any action or inaction, to the
listed subscriber(s) for the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, the
occupant of said premises, the subscribers of the incoming calls
to or outgoing calls from the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, or to
any other person, the existence of this Order, in full or
redacted form, of the pen register or trap and trace devices, or
of this investigation, unless otherwise ordered by this court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the identity of any targets of
the investigation may be redacted from any copy of the Order
served on any service provider or other person, and that this
order and application be SEALED until otherwise ordered by the
court.

*****WARNING!! ONE LAST THING: BEFORE FILING, SEARCH FOR ALL BRACKETS (A)@ IN APPLICATION AND ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL BRACKETS HAVE BEEN DELETED, ALL BRACKETED PHRASES HAVE BEEN FILLED IN OR DELETED AND THAT YOU HAVE REMOVED ALL BOLD EXCEPT FOR ASUBJECT TELEPHONE NUMBER[S]@*****

DATED: _____

[INSERT DUTY MAG JUDGE'S NAME]
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Presented by:

[YOUR NAME]
Assistant United States Attorney
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Keeping up with the *Jones's*

**Some Thoughts About Writing an
Affidavit and Order for a Ping or
Stingray that Complies with Various
Opinions in *Jones v United States***

By: Richard M. Wintory

Office of the Arizona Attorney General

Introduction

So, this case catches us up a bit short, despite the outcome not being a surprise. The reasoning, however, certainly surprised me! The majority redefines a search:

We hold that the Government's installation of a GPS device on a target's vehicle, and its use of that device to monitor the vehicle's movements, constitutes a "search."

This holding alone isn't a problem. The Court was unanimous that had the warrant issued in the case been executed legally (i.e. within the 10 days it was valid and in the jurisdiction of the issuing magistrate) the "search" would have been "reasonable" and hence legal. For our cases, getting a warrant prior to installation of trackers on vehicles isn't unusual; however, the thing that we've been doing, is replacing trackers with GPS orders pinging our target's phones to monitor their location over extended periods of time. We've also been using stingrays (typically as part of a wiretap investigation) to gather information telling us the phone number being used by our targets; occasionally while they are in public places but other times in protected places such as a home, office or their vehicle. Our approach in getting authorization for these techniques has ranged from adaptations of "go bys" written for pen registers to search warrants to wiretaps. In some cases the approach followed is inspired by Nike (we just do it).

These two techniques, pings and stingrays, while not specifically addressed in the *Jones* holding, must be reviewed in light of the majority and concurring opinions. ***I believe both are likely going to be viewed as "searches" whether used against target in public places or in homes and will require an authorization that is the equivalent of a search warrant, (i.e. based on an affidavit stating probable cause the location or identification of particularly described items or persons are evidence that will tend to establish the commission of a crime or tend to connect a person(s) to its commission.) Further I believe the Court's order will need to make appropriate findings and define the manner and time of the execution.***

A search occurs with any trespass on or in personal property to gather information.

The *Jones* majority holds even a technical physical intrusion, or "trespass" into or even on a protected place for the purpose of gathering information, constitutes a search. Thus, even though the tracker was only stuck on the outside of the undercarriage of a car, this was a "trespass" and when done to gather information, the majority holds, a search. But, we exclaim, our pings do no such thing! In fact, like the beepers placed in barrels of chemicals later bought by the bad guys in *Knott and Karo*, the technology that

lets us ping was in the device when our target purchased it so, *caveat emptor*, baby! Similarly, stingrays read signals floating through the air requiring no “trespass”. Unfortunately, the **Jones** majority and concurring opinions didn’t stop there.

The majority double taps us by holding that even if we avoid a physical intrusion, the information we gather may still be a “search” if it violates **Katz’s** “reasonable expectation of privacy” so, to not “search” we not only have to avoid physical trespasses to obtain information but survive a newly minted “**Katz** invasion of privacy analysis. This means even without a “trespass”, if we intrude on a reasonable expectation of privacy to obtain information, we still have conducted a “search”:

We do not make trespass the exclusive test. Situations involving merely the transmission of electronic signals without trespass would remain subject to Katz analysis. (at pg 11)

The Court continues by addressing Justice Alito’s concurrence which agrees we lose but for a different reason. Justice Alito and his 3 concurrers believed the “trespass” isn’t a big deal but that it’s a “search” based on **monitoring** the beeper for 30 days:

“Thus, even assuming that the concurrence is correct to say that “[t]raditional surveillance” of Jones for a 4-week period “would have required a large team of agents, multiple vehicles, and perhaps aerial assistance,” our cases suggest that such visual observation is constitutionally permissible. ***It may be that achieving the same result through electronic means, without an accompanying trespass, is an unconstitutional invasion of privacy,*** but the present case does not require us to answer that question. We may have to grapple with these “vexing problems” in some future case where a classic trespassory search is not involved and resort must be had to **Katz** analysis; but there is no reason for rushing forward to resolve them here.”

While a unanimous Court believes we may be “searching” with pings and stingrays; a majority of the Court believes gathering electronic information even without a trespass is still a “search”

So, here’s where we stand. A majority of the Court (the 4 justices joining in the majority opinion plus Sotomayor concurring) say we “search” with any “trespassory” placement of a device to gain information and every member of the Court agreed that at least we “may” commit an “unconstitutional invasion of privacy” by achieving the same result as extensive traditional surveillance through electronic means (such as a ping or stingray).

Whether it's a "may" or "is" will wait for a future case. But reading the opinions more carefully strongly suggests the answer and the path we should take immediately.

The Alito led concurrence got 4 votes arguing that a **Katz** "invasion of privacy" analysis (which every member of the Court agreed is the correct standard) would lead to a conclusion of an unconstitutional invasion of privacy for use of techniques like pings and stingrays. Again, the majority said Justice Alito "may" be correct, but is there a 5th vote already giving the Alito view the majority?

Sadly, yes. Justice Sotomayor ends any hope of treating pings (or stingrays) the same as a pen register. In her concurrence she fully embraces Justice Alito's view that 30 day pings are "searches":

"In cases of electronic or other novel modes of surveillance that do not depend upon a physical invasion on property, [read pings and stingray] the majority opinion's trespassory test may provide little guidance. But situations involving merely the transmission of electronic signals without trespass would remain subject to Katz analysis."

As Justice Alito incisively observes:

"...the same technological advances that have made possible non trespassory surveillance techniques will also affect the Katz test by shaping the evolution of societal privacy expectations. Post, at 10–11."
Under that rubric, I agree with JUSTICE ALITO that, at the very least, "longer term GPS monitoring in investigations of most offenses impinges on expectations of privacy." Post, at 13.

In fact, the only reason Justice Sotomayor doesn't join the Alito concurrence (which would have made it the majority opinion rather Justice Scalia's) is because *it didn't go far enough* in doing us dirty. First, she likes the majority's automatic loss for us with an investigatory trespass:

By contrast, the trespassory test applied in the majority's opinion reflects an irreducible constitutional minimum: When the Government physically invades personal property to gather information, a search occurs.

Next, Justice Sotomayor (alone, thank goodness) makes the case the Court should reverse the unprotected status of the data we collect with pen registers and subpoenas that require (by statute) nothing other than a certification of relevance:

More fundamentally, it may be necessary to reconsider the premise that an individual has no reasonable expectation of privacy in information voluntarily disclosed to third parties. E.g., Smith, 442 U. S., at 742; United States v. Miller, 425 U. S. 435, 443 (1976) (holding the Fourth Amendment doesn't protect against use of pen registers or subpoena's for records, respectively).

Simply put, while every member of the Court may agree, it is inconceivable that there aren't at least 5 votes putting pings and stingrays as "searches" presumptively requiring a warrant.

Does the automobile exception allow placement and monitoring of trackers?

The Government, by failing to argue from the get go the automobile exception permitted the use of the tracker on Jones's vehicle even without a warrant, forfeited the opportunity for the Supreme Court to address it (majority opinion at 12). Thus, I certainly feel that for cases where our pc is strong and time is short making a warrant not feasible, relying on the automobile exception **to place** a tracker isn't foreclosed by **Jones**. This allows time to then obtain an order to monitor the tracker for an extended period of time.

Information gathering using Stingrays is a "search"

These devices read cell phone signals in an area (the size of which can vary). When combined with visual surveillance we can deduce what cell number a target is using after taking readings from several locations the target is observed. Typically, the readings are taken while the target is in both public and private places. Until **Jones**, I had advised agents that readings taken while the target is in public places were safer "legally" as opposed to the target's home. I thought (and still think) we're when stingraying or pinging targets who are using their phone while in a home based on **KYLLO V. UNITED STATES** 533 U.S. 27 (2001). Agents used a thermal imager to build p.c. for a warrant to seize a grow operation. The Court (again with Justice Scalia doing us in) held:

"Where, as here, the Government uses a device that is not in general public use, to explore details of the home that would previously have been unknowable without physical intrusion, the surveillance is a "search" and is presumptively unreasonable without a warrant."

Kyllo's holding, seems to control when we ping and learn our target phone is in (or *not* in) a home. Or use a stingray and gather data from which we deduce the cell number being used from inside a home. It is true these devices often tell us nothing about

what's going on in a home as when they put our phone down in a public place, such as a road or restaurant.

However, as discussed above, *Jones* reinvigorates the "Katz invasion of privacy" analysis and there appear to be at least 5 votes that "Owners of GPS-equipped cars and smartphones do not contemplate that these devices will be used to enable covert surveillance of their movements." (Sotomayor concurring at 5), much less the number of the cell phone in their hand.

Can we use existing provisions of state law to obtain constitutionally sound ping and stingray orders?

Justice Alito's concurrence also invited Congress to address these issues with legislation as they did with the wiretap and pen register statutes.

In the meantime, we can ping and stingray using our state wiretap, pen register and search warrant statutes as the authority for orders. To protect our cases, our affidavits and the court's orders have to be focused on the legal issues relevant to pings and stingrays.

This means we need to add information to our ping affidavits beyond the minimal showing sufficient for a pen register application. Ironically, the showing needs to be different than even a wiretap affidavit and focused not on the use of the phone to facilitate criminality but how *locating* the device or *identifying* its assigned number are "evidence" and thus subject to seizure. Below are suggestions for the different situations we're seeking pens and stingrays:

Our authority (and the requirements) for a search warrant are in our statutes:

13-3911. Definition

A search warrant is an order in writing issued in the name of the state of Arizona, signed by a magistrate, directed to a peace officer, commanding him to search for personal property, persons or items described in section 13-3912.

ARS13- 3913 incorporates the Fourth Amendment by requiring:

- a. 13-3913. Conditions precedent to issuance
- b. No search warrant shall be issued except on probable cause, supported by affidavit, naming or describing the person and particularly describing the property to be seized and the place to be searched.

The stuff we can seize is listed in ARS 13-3912:

13-3912. Grounds for issuance

A search warrant may be issued upon any of the following grounds:

1. When the property to be seized was stolen or embezzled.

2. When the property or things to be seized were used as a means of committing a public offense.

3. When the property or things to be seized are in the possession of a person having the intent to use them as a means of committing a public offense or in possession of another to whom he may have delivered it for the purpose of concealing it or preventing it being discovered.

4. When property or things to be seized consist of any item or constitute any evidence which tends to show that a particular public offense has been committed, or tends to show that a particular person has committed the public offense.

5. When the property is to be searched and inspected by an appropriate official in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare as part of an inspection program authorized by law.

6. When the person sought is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant

I've highlighted the two provisions that may apply to us pinging or stingraying to learn the location (or number) of a device.

The bottom line is we must establish pc that a given phone is being used:

1. to commit our offenses **and**
2. that locating that instrument (for a ping) **or**

Learning the number (for a stingray) will:

1. Tend to show an offense is being committed, or
2. Tend to show a particular person is committing the offense.

In our cases, typically, we're intercepting calls indicating a partially identified bad guy is doing bad things and planning to do more, often with other bad guys we've not identified at all. In these cases we easily show the necessary stuff by describing the calls and stating that:

1. Bad guy Inu is a using this phone to commit offenses.
2. We don't have bad guy Inu fully identified.

3. Locating bad guy Inu will enable us to identify him fully, thus tending to connect him to the offenses described in (1)

In other cases we're hearing the bad things may be occurring at locations that our guy may be traveling to. In these cases:

1. Listed offenses are occurring at static locations such as stash houses for drugs or money.
2. Our bad guy is visiting them while carrying our target phone
3. Tracking our bad guy's location will lead us to the places these offenses are being committed thus tending to establish the listed offenses are occurring
4. Finding these locations will also identify co-conspirators and tend to connect them to the commission of the listed offenses.

Additionally, when seeking ping or stingray orders during an investigation with an ongoing wire intercept authorization:

- We should incorporate the previously filed affidavits and 10 day reports when going back to our judge. If we're forced to go to another judge (due to availability issues) we should cut and paste your qualifications and experience from those affidavits.
- We've got to add the language from the search warrant statutes that make the **location** of the target phone subject to seizure in both the affidavit and the order as described above.

How long can the order authorize pinging or stingraying?

Our affidavits and the judge's order must also address the time frame in order to avoid the "general warrant" label that would be fatal. Our affidavits should describe the offenses are ongoing (or incorporate relevant portions of other submitted affidavits) and provide a basis to believe the "evidence" we've described will be available to be seized for the period of time we request.

Combined 3123/2703 Application

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No. _____)
[NOTE: IF CONTINUATION OF)
EXISTING PEN REGISTER ORDER,)
INSERT THE ORIGINAL MISC. NO.)
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ETC. FOR EACH SUCCESSIVE)
CONTINUATION; ALSO INDICATE)
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SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION,)
STATE SAME

A P P L I C A T I O N

(UNDER SEAL)

A. INTRODUCTION

[YOUR NAME], an Assistant United States Attorney for the _____ District of _____, hereby applies to the Court for an order pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3122 and 3123, authorizing the installation and use of a pen register and trap and trace device on **[Subject Telephone Number[s]**, which is a cellular (mobile) device issued by **[Name of carrier]**. The identifying numbers for this particular mobile telephone are listed below. Definitions for each number are provided in Attachment A which is incorporated herein by reference:

Electronic Serial Number (ESN):

International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI):

International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI):

Mobile Equipment Identifier (MEID)

2. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 2703(c) and 2703(d), directing the electronic service providers to disclose or provide upon oral or written request by Special Agents of the **[AGENCY]**:

a. Records or other information identifying subscribers or customers (but not including the contents of communications or toll records), namely, subscriber name, address, date of birth, social security number, driver's license (state and number), contact names and numbers, employment information, method of payment, length of service, and type of service utilized, for all published, non-published, listed, or

unlisted numbers, dialed or otherwise transmitted to and from the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**;

b. All changes (including additions, deletions, and transfers) in service regarding the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** to include telephone numbers and subscriber information (published, non-published, listed, or unlisted) associated with these service changes; [and]

c. For the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, records or other information pertaining to subscriber(s) or customer(s), including historical cell site information and call detail records, including records for any two way radio communications features as may be incorporated into the telephone handset, for the following dates: _____ to the present (but not including the contents of communications).

d. For the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, all cell site information provided to the government on a continuous basis contemporaneous with call origination (for outbound calling) and call termination (for incoming calls), and at such other time upon the oral or written request of the government, including if reasonably available, during the progress of a call. Specific disclosure of cell site information will assist law enforcement in identifying the approximate physical location of the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** and will not disclose content of the calls.

II. CERTIFICATION FOR A PEN REGISTER AND A TRAP AND TRACE DEVICE PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. §§ 3122 AND 3123

In support of this application, I state the following:

1. I am an "attorney for the Government" as defined in Rule 1(b)(1) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and therefore, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3122, may apply for an order authorizing the installation and use of pen registers and trap and trace devices.

2. I certify that the information likely to be obtained from the pen register and trap and trace devices on the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** is relevant to an ongoing criminal **[fugitive]** investigation being conducted by the **[AGENCY]** in connection with possible violations of federal criminal statutes, including **[CITE VIOLATION(S) AND STATUTE(S), I.E. NARCOTICS DISTRIBUTION IN VIOLATION OF 21 U.S.C. § 841(A)(1)]** by **[LIST MAIN TARGET(S) OR STATE "UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS"]**.

3. Therefore, based upon the above Certification, and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3122 and 3123, I request that the Court issue an Order authorizing:

a. The **[AGENCY]** to install, or cause the provider to install, and use **[continued use]** a pen register device(s) anywhere in the United States to record or decode dialing, routing, addressing, or signaling information (including "post-cut-through dialed digits") transmitted from the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, to record the date and time of such dialings or transmissions, and to record the length of time the telephone receiver in question is "off the hook" for incoming or outgoing calls, for a period of sixty days from the date the order is filed by the court¹.

¹For the purpose of this application and subsequent Order, "transmitted" shall include dialing, routing, addressing, or signaling information transmitted over the communication service provider's network by a two-way radio feature (including, but

b. The **[AGENCY]** to install, or cause the provider to install, and use **[continued use]** trap and trace device[s] on the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** anywhere in the United States to capture and record the incoming electronic or other impulses which identify the originating numbers or other dialing, routing, addressing, or signaling information reasonably likely to identify the source of a wire or electronic communication and to record the date, time, and duration of calls created by such incoming impulses, for a period of sixty days from the date the order is filed by the court.

c. That, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3123(b)(1)(c), the requested **[installation and use] [continued use]** of a pen register and trap and trace device permit the use of such a pen register and trap and trace device not only on the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, but also on any changed telephone number(s) subsequently assigned to an instrument bearing the same **[insert as appropriate ESN/IMSI/SIM]** as the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, or any changed **[insert as appropriate ESN/IMSI/SIM]** subsequently assigned to the same telephone number as the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, or any additional changed telephone number(s) and/or **[insert as appropriate ESN/IMSI/SIM]**, whether the changes occur consecutively or simultaneously, listed to the same subscriber and wireless telephone account number as the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**; **[insert as appropriate—Confirm with Tech Agent**

not limited to, Nextel's "Direct Connect/Direct Dispatch," Verizon Wireless' "Push to Talk," or Sprint's "ReadyLink"). The two-way radio feature, like a walkie-talkie, provides communication between similarly equipped cellular phones by pressing a button on the telephone. Like a pen register or trap and trace on a telephone, a pen register or trap and trace for information transmitted by the two-way radio feature will not disclose content of the call.

whether "target filtering" is possible] and on any cellular telephone that is within close proximity to the government device that may autonomously register with the device,² within the 60-day period

d. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3123(a)(1) and § 3123(b)(2), I further request that the Court direct that upon service of the Order upon it, the local, long distance, and wireless carriers listed in the proposed Order, any other communications service provider providing service to the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, and any other person or entity providing wire communication service in the United States whose assistance may facilitate execution of the order, furnish forthwith all information, facilities, and technical assistance necessary to

² This is necessary in order to identify the Subject Telephone to the exclusion of others also operating within a particular cell site. We respectfully do not concede that a device used to receive radio signals, emitted from a wireless cellular telephone, that merely identify that telephone to the network (i.e., registration data) constitutes a "pen register" or "trap and trace" device. Cf. In the Matter of the Application of the U.S. for an Order Authorizing the Use of a Cellular Telephone Digital Analyzer, 885 F. Supp. 197, 201 (C.D. Cal. 1995) (interpreting prior definition of pen register device and holding that no court order is required to use a digital analyzer to capture cellular telephone ESN, telephone numbers, and dialed numbers, because the device does not "attach" to a telephone line). We nonetheless submit this request for authorization out of an abundance of caution, on the chance that the device may collect dialed numbers generated by a phone initiating an outgoing call attempt while it is temporarily registered with the device. To the extent such information is incidentally acquired, it is agency policy not to record or retain it or any data associated with non-target telephones. Moreover, the government uses a number of criteria to limit both the collection of data and to minimize any potential temporary disruption of service, most notably by operating the device for limited duration and only when the cell site information acquired from the provider indicates that the Subject Telephone is operating nearby.

accomplish unobtrusively the installation and use of the pen register and trap and trace devices and with minimum interference with the services that are accorded the persons with respect to whom the installation and use is to take place, with compensation to be paid by the investigative agency for reasonable expenses directly incurred in providing such facilities and assistance.²

e. I further request that the Order direct the local, long distance, and wireless carriers, and any other person or entity providing wire or electronic communication service in the United States whose assistance is used to facilitate execution of the order, to furnish the results of the pen register and trap and trace devices to Special Agents of the [AGENCY] as soon as practicable, on a continuing basis, twenty-four (24) hours a day for the duration of the Order.

Jurisdiction and Statutory Considerations: Section 3123, as amended (P.L. 107-56 (2001)), empowers courts to authorize

²The reference to "another communication service provider" is necessary so that the Court Order is still effective in the event that the **Subject Telephone Number[s] [is] [are]** transferred to another carrier pursuant to "Local Number Portability" ("LNP"). LNP allows a telephone user to change his/her telephone company but still keep the same telephone number. However, to transfer (i.e. "port") a telephone number pursuant to LNP, the subscriber information must remain the same. Thus, this reference applies if the **Subject Telephone Number[s] [is] [are]** transferred (i.e. "ported") to another telephone carrier, but the telephone number and subscriber information remain the same.

the installation and use of pen registers and trap and trace devices in other districts. Section 3123(a)(1) provides that the Court may enter an Order authorizing a pen register or trap and trace device "anywhere within the United States. . . ." Moreover, Section 3127(2)(A) now defines a "court of competent jurisdiction" as "any District Court of the United States (including a Magistrate Judge of such a Court) . . . having jurisdiction over the offense being investigated." 18 U.S.C. § 3127(2)(A)

Section 3122 "was not intended to require independent judicial review of relevance; rather, the reviewing Court need only verify the completeness of the certification." In re United States, 10 F.3d 931, 935 (2d Cir. 1993) (citing S. Rep. No. 541, 99th Cong., 2d Sess. 47 (1986), reprinted in 1986 U.S.C.C.A.N. 3555, 3601); see also United States v. Fregoso, 60 F.3d 1314, 1320 (8th Cir. 1995) (holding that the judicial role under Section 3123(a) is ministerial in nature because a proper application under Section 3122 mandates entry of the Order);

Brown v. Waddell, 50 F.3d 285, 290 (4th Cir. 1995) (Section 3122 does not require the government to establish probable cause to obtain a pen register or trap and trace device); United States v. Newman, 733 F.2d 1395, 1398 (10th Cir. 1984) ("[N]o showing of probable cause -- or even 'sufficient cause,' as defendant suggests -- is necessary to justify authorization of a pen register.")

Section 3123(b)(1)(C) has been amended to require the Court to specify in the Order "the attributes of the communications to which the Order applies, including the number or other identifier" 18 U.S.C. § 3123(b)(1)(C). The account

number, when combined with the same subscriber name for the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** sufficiently specifies "the attributes of the communications to which the order applies, including the number or other identifier . . ." as required by § 3123(b)(1)(C). Cf. United States v. Duran, 189 F.3d 1071, 1083-1086 (9th Cir. 1999) (holding interception of wire communications on a cellular telephone with a changed telephone number followed by a changed ESN was covered by the order authorizing the interception of wire communications even though the court order authorizing the wiretap only anticipated a changed telephone number but did not anticipate a changed ESN).

III. SPECIFIC AND ARTICULABLE FACTS ESTABLISHING REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT SUBSCRIBER RECORDS AND CELL SITE INFORMATION ARE RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO AN ONGOING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. § 2703

1. Title 18, United States Code, Section 2703(d) provides that a court may issue an order authorizing disclosure of a record or other information pertaining to a telephone subscriber or customer (not including the contents of communications) when a government agency provides the court with:

[S]pecific and articulable facts showing that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the contents of a wire or electronic communication, or the records or other information sought, are relevant and material to an ongoing criminal investigation.

The statute, by its own language, precludes holding the Government to a higher standard of proof, such as probable cause. See Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, Pub. L. No. 103-414 § 207(2), reprinted in 1992 U.S. Code Cong. & Admin. News 4292. The House Report reflected that "[t]his section imposes an intermediate standard to protect on-line

transactional records. It is a standard higher than a subpoena, but not a probable cause warrant." See H.R. Rep. No. 103-827, at 31-32 (1994), reprinted in 1994 U.S.C.A.A.N. 3489, 3511-12.¹

2. For the purposes of obtaining a Court Order for disclosure as described in 18 U.S.C. § 2703(c)(1), and in order to satisfy the requirements of 18 U.S.C. § 2703(d), government counsel, based on discussions with Special Agent **[AGENT'S NAME]**, hereby sets forth the following specific and articulable facts showing that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the records or other information identifying subscribers (but not including the contents of communications) for telephone numbers identified through the pen register and trap and trace device on **the Subject Telephone Number[s]**, cell site information regarding the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, subscriber information associated with any service changes regarding the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, [and the records or other information pertaining to subscribers (but not including the contents of communications) for the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**] will be relevant and material to an ongoing criminal **[fugitive]** investigation:

¹ Persons calling to and from the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** do not have a Fourth Amendment privacy interest regarding their subscriber information. United States v. Fregoso, 60 F.3d 1314, 1321 (8th Cir. 1995) (rejecting defendant's challenge to court order permitting phone company to supply subscriber information "for the telephone numbers obtained from the pen register and the caller identification service," holding, "We agree with the magistrate judge's assessment that because this information is listed in phone books and city directories, and at a bare minimum revealed to the phone company to obtain telephone service, there can be no expectation that this information will remain private."). See Smith v. Maryland, 442 U.S. 735, 742-44 (1979) ("a person has no legitimate expectation of privacy in information he voluntarily turns over to third parties.")

a. [INSERT SUMMARY OF FACTS RELATING TO INVESTIGATION AND RELEVANCE OF SUBJECT TELEPHONE NUMBER[S] TO INVESTIGATION. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS SECTION IS SEPARATE FROM THE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 3122 BECAUSE IT IS MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2703(d), WHICH REQUIRES A PRESENTATION OF PROOF, NOT MERELY A CERTIFICATION. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A SECTION 2703 ORDER, WE MUST PRESENT "SPECIFIC AND ARTICULABLE FACTS ESTABLISHING REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION AND CELL SITE INFORMATION ARE RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO AN ONGOING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION." (THIS IS A LOWER STANDARD THAN PROBABLE CAUSE.) AS A RESULT, YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU SET FORTH SPECIFIC FACTS RE: YOUR INVESTIGATION, WHY AGENT THINKS TARGET(S) IS/ARE USING THE SUBJECT TELEPHONE(S), AND WHY GETTING SUBSCRIBER AND CELL SITE INFORMATION IS RELEVANT TO YOUR INVESTIGATION. YOU CAN ALSO INCLUDE ANY RELEVANT EXPERT OPINIONS OF YOUR AGENTS. TRY TO LIMIT THIS SECTION TO 4-5 PARAGRAPHS, ALTHOUGH MORE MAY BE NECESSARY DEPENDING ON THE CASE. IF QUOTING WIRETAPPED CALLS OVER THE SUBJECT TELEPHONE, USE NO MORE THAN TWO CALLS PER TELEPHONE AND INCLUDE AGENT'S INTERPRETATION OF ANY CODED LANGUAGE. IF WIRETAPPED CALL IS LENGTHY, SUMMARIZE.]

IMPORTANT: THE MAGISTRATE JUDGES NOW REQUIRE THAT IF THIS IS AN EXTENSION OF A PEN/TRAP ON SUBJECT TELEPHONE[S], YOU MUST INCLUDE A PARAGRAPH CONTAINING THE DATE, MISC. NO. AND SIGNING JUDGE OF ANY PRIOR PEN REGISTER ORDERS ON EACH SUBJECT TELEPHONE[S] IN YOUR CASE AND A SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS OF THE PRIOR PENS DURING THE MOST RECENT 60-DAY PERIOD. IF SUMMARY OF PAST PEN[S] DOES NOT INDICATE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, JUDGE MAY NOT GRANT REQUESTED EXTENSION.

b. [INSERT EXPLANATION AS TO WHY RECORDS OR OTHER INFORMATION IDENTIFYING SUBSCRIBERS FOR TELEPHONE NUMBERS OBTAINED THROUGH THE PEN REGISTER AND TRAP AND TRACE DEVICES ON THE SUBJECT TELEPHONE NUMBER[S] ARE RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO YOUR INVESTIGATION.

[IF FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION, INSERT THE FOLLOWING: In [AGENT'S] experience, information identifying subscribers for numbers obtained from numbers captured by the pen register and the trap and trace devices, and subscriber information associated with any service changes, has yielded information that is relevant and material to a fugitive investigation. Such information includes leads relating to the names of family members, associates, friends and other individuals who may assist in the

apprehension of the fugitive or may aid in the harboring of the fugitive. [AGENT] has advised me that one way to identify associates may be to obtain information identifying subscribers for calls made to and from the Subject Telephone Number and then conduct an investigation concerning those individuals. Based upon the identifying information, [AGENT] would then direct other investigators to monitor those addresses and determine if the fugitive is present or if the associates or family members may lead investigators to him.]

c. [INSERT FOLLOWING EXPLANATION AS TO WHY CELL SITE INFORMATION IS NEEDED FOR THE SUBJECT TELEPHONE NUMBER[S]: The investigating agents have further advised me that the general geographic location of the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** derived from cell site information used by the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** can be used to corroborate the observations of surveillance agents. More specifically, surveillance agents can compare observations of the user of the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** with cell site information in order to verify the identification and proximate location of the user of the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**.

[INSERT IF REQUESTING TOLL/CALL DETAIL RECORDS: d. INSERT EXPLANATION AS TO WHY YOU NEED RECORDS OR OTHER INFORMATION PERTAINING TO SUBSCRIBERS OF THE SUBJECT TELEPHONE NUMBER[S]. FOR FUGITIVE CASES: Historical records (i.e. toll information and/or call detail records) for the Subject Telephone Number[s] are important in fugitive investigations to establish a past pattern of activity for the fugitive (i.e. where he/she has been, who he/she has been calling) because it helps to determine where the fugitive is at now. The government is requesting historical records for a [NUMBER OF DAYS, I.E. 30 OR 60]-day period because [EXPLAIN NEED FOR PARTICULAR PERIOD OF TIME].

3. Accordingly, based upon the above proffer, and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 2703(c) (1) (B) and 2703(d), because there are reasonable grounds to believe that such information is relevant and material to the ongoing investigation, I further request that the Court issue an Order requiring the providers listed in the proposed Order, lodged concurrently herewith, and any other person or entity providing wire or electronic communications service in the United States whose assistance may facilitate execution of the Order, to disclose, or provide upon oral or written request by Special Agents of the [AGENCY] the information set forth above in paragraph A2.

D. REQUEST THAT ORDER PRECLUDE NOTICE AND THAT APPLICATION AND ORDER BE FILED UNDER SEAL

1. Based upon the information provided in this application, I believe disclosure of the requested Court Order may result in flight from potential prosecution or the destruction of or tampering with evidence, or may otherwise seriously jeopardize the investigation. Moreover, the exact nature of the Government "pen register" device and its configuration is classified as a law enforcement sensitive investigative technique, the disclosure of which would likely jeopardize other on-going investigations, and/or future use of the technique. Therefore, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 2705(b) and 3123(d), I request that this Application and Order be sealed and that the Court direct the local, long distance, and wireless carriers listed in the proposed Order, any internet service provider or other electronic communications provider providing voice-over IP telephony, and any other local, long distance, or wireless carrier servicing the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** who is obligated by the order to provide assistance to the

Applicant, not to disclose in any manner, directly or indirectly, by any action or inaction, to the listed subscriber(s) for the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, the occupant of said premises, the subscribers of the incoming calls to or outgoing calls from the **Subject Telephone Number[s]**, or to any other person, the existence of this order, in full or redacted form, of the pen register or trap and trace devices, or of this investigation, unless otherwise ordered by this court.

2. I further request that the identity of any targets of the investigation may be redacted from any copy of the Order served on any service provider or other person, and that this order and application be SEALED until otherwise ordered by the court.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this declaration was executed on [DATE] at [CITY], [STATE].

[YOUR NAME]
Assistant United States Attorney

ATTACHMENT A
Pertinent Definitions

Pen register: A "device or process which records or decodes dialing, routing, addressing, or signaling information transmitted by an instrument or facility from which a wire or electronic communication is transmitted, provided, however, that such information shall not include the contents of any communication . . ." 18 U.S.C. § 3127(3).

Trap and trace device: "a device or process which captures the incoming electronic or other impulses which identify the originating number" or other identifiers "reasonably likely to identify the source of a wire or electronic communication, provided, however, that such information not include the contents of any communication. 18 U.S.C. § 3127(4)

Post-cut-through dialed digits: Also called "dialed digit extraction features," are any digits that are dialed from the **Subject Telephone Number[s]** after the initial call setup is completed. For example, some post-cut-through dialed digits are telephone numbers, such as when a person places a calling card, credit card or collect call by first dialing a long-distance carrier access number and then, after the initial call is "cut through," dialing the telephone number of the destination party. That final number sequence is necessary to route the call to the intended party and, therefore, identifies the place or party to which the call is being made. Under these circumstances, the "post-cut-through" digits are the type of information (i.e., "dialing, routing, addressing, or signaling" information)

specifically authorized by the statute for capture. Post-cut-through dialed digits also can represent call content, such as when a person calls automated banking services and enters account numbers, or call voicemail systems and enters passwords, or calls pagers and dials call-back telephone numbers (which are considered numeric messages.) To the extent that additional digits that are content are received, the government will not use such information for any investigative purposes.

Electronic Serial Number (ESN): An eight (8) digit hexadecimal number which uniquely identifies a particular cellular telephone handset.

Mobile Equipment Identifier (MEID): A newer version of an ESN; used to uniquely identify a particular cellular telephone handset.

Subscriber Identity Module (SIM): The SIM is a card, sometimes called a "smart" card, which can be installed or inserted into certain cellular telephone handsets which contain subscriber-related data. This facilitates a telephone call from any valid cellular telephone since the subscriber data is used to complete the call rather than the telephone's internal serial number.

International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI): A non-dialable 15 digit number stored on a SIM card which uniquely identifies a subscriber to the mobile telephone network. The IMSI number is unique to that SIM card and is never re-assigned. Thus, if the target exchanges his cellular telephone phone for

an updated model and/or changes his cellular telephone number, but retains his SIM card, the IMSI will remain the same.

International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI): A number which uniquely identifies the cellular telephone handset itself.

Cell Site: A cell site is located in a geographic area within which wireless service is supported through radio signaling to and from antenna tower(s) operated by a service provider. Cell sites are located throughout the United States. Cellular telephones that are powered on will automatically and periodically register or re-register with a cellular tower as the phone travels within the provider's service area. The registration process is the technical means by which the network identifies the subscriber, validates the account and determines where to route call traffic. This exchange occurs on a dedicated control channel that is clearly separate from that used for call content (i.e. audio)--which occurs on a separate dedicated channel. As used herein, "Cell site information" refers categorically to any and all data associated with registration of the Subject Telephone with cell sites/network, as well as other data used by the network to establish a connection with the telephone handset and to maintain connectivity to the network. This includes the physical location and/or address of the cellular tower, cell site sector, control channel number, neighbor cell lists, and any identification numbers, processing data, and parameters not pertaining to the contents of a call.

Call detail records: are similar to toll records (i.e. historical telephone records of telephone activity, usually listing outgoing calls and date, time, and duration of each

call), which are made and retained in the ordinary course of business. However, "call detail records" is the term used when referring to toll records of cellular telephones rather than hard line telephones. Unlike toll records, however, call detail records also include a record of incoming calls and the cell site/sector(s) used by the cellular telephone to obtain service for a call or when in an idle state.

Voice-over Internet Protocol telephony: Also called Voice-over IP or VoIP, is essentially a type of hardware and software that allows people to use the internet as a transmission medium for telephone calls. In general, this means sending voice information in the form of digital packets of information rather than sending it through the traditional public switch telephone network. Like a pen register or trap and trace on traditional telephone service, a pen register or trap and trace for VoIP service will not disclose the contents of the call.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) MS _____
FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A)
PEN REGISTER AND TRAP AND TRACE DEVICE)

**APPLICATION FOR PEN REGISTER/TRAP AND TRACE DEVICE AND
DISCLOSURE OF SUBSCRIBER AND OTHER INFORMATION**

The United States of America, by and through Wendy J. Olson, United States Attorney for the District of Idaho, and [AUSA], Assistant United States Attorney for said District, applies to the Court for an Order authorizing (1) the installation and use of a pen register and a trap and trace device (“Pen/Trap”) on cellular telephone number [Phone Number] (“Target Telephone”) pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3122 and § 3123; and (2) the disclosure of subscriber and other information for the numbers captured by the Pen/Trap pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2703(c) and (d). In support of this application, Applicant states the following:

1. Applicant is an “attorney for the Government,” as defined in Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 1(b)(1), and is employed by a “governmental entity”, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2711. Therefore, under 18 U.S.C. § 2703(c) and (d), and § 3122, Applicant may apply for an order authorizing the installation and use of a Pen/Trap and disclosure of subscriber and other information for numbers captured by the Pen/Trap.

PEN/TRAP

2. “Upon an application made under 18 U.S.C. § 3122(a)(1), the Court shall enter an ex parte Order authorizing the installation and use of a pen register or trap and trace device anywhere within the United States, if the Court finds that the attorney for the Government has

certified to the Court that the information likely to be obtained by such installation and use is relevant to an ongoing investigation.” 18 U.S.C. ' 3123(a)(1).

3. A “pen register” is a device or process that records or decodes dialing, routing, addressing, or signaling information transmitted by a telephone that transmits a wire or electronic communication. 18 U.S.C. § 3127(3).

4. A “trap and trace device” is a device or process that captures the incoming electronic or other impulses which identify the originating number or other dialing, routing, addressing, and signaling information reasonably likely to identify the sources of a wire or electronic communication. 18 U.S.C. § 3127(4).

5. Applicant requests authorization to install and use a Pen/Trap on Target Telephone for a period of 60 days. Applicant certifies the **[Agency]** is conducting a criminal investigation of **[Target(s)' Name]** and others as yet unknown, in connection with possible violations of **[Crime Violation (ie, drug trafficking)]**. It is believed one or more of the subjects of the investigation are using the Target Telephone, a **[Type of Phone]** issued by **[Service Provider]**, subscribed to by **[Subscriber Name & Address]**, and used by **[User]** in furtherance of the subject offenses. The factual statement set forth later in this application supports this certification.

6. The **[AGENCY]** does not seek to intercept the contents of any wire or electronic communications. Neither will the **[AGENCY]** make use of “post-cut-through-digits”; digits dialed from Target Telephone after the initial call setup is completed. The **[AGENCY]** is required to “use technology reasonably available to it that restricts the recording or decoding of electronic or other impulses to the dialing, routing, addressing, and signaling information utilized in the processing and transmitting of wire or electronic communications so as not to include the contents of any wire or electronic communication.” 18 U.S.C. § 3121(c). The **[AGENCY]** is

unaware of any technology that restricts the recording or decoding of “post-cut-through-digits.” To the extent the Pen/Trap records or decodes information considered “content,” the [AGENCY] will make no investigative use of that information.

SUBSCRIBER AND OTHER INFORMATION

7. A Court may order “a provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service to disclose a record or other information pertaining to a subscriber to or customer of such service” if a governmental entity requesting such records or information “offers specific and articulable facts showing that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the . . . records or other information sought are . . . relevant and material to an ongoing criminal investigation.” 18 U.S.C. § 2703(c) and (d).

8. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2703(c) and (d), Applicant requests that the Court’s Order apply to the following entities/companies: [**Service Provider**], and any other provider of electronic communications service or remote computing service whose assistance may facilitate the execution of the Order (hereinafter “the entities/companies”). The Court should order the entities/companies to disclose to the [AGENCY], during the period of the Order, the

- (A) name;
- (B) address;
- (C) length of service (including start date) and types of service utilized; and
- (D) telephone or instrument number or other subscriber number or identity, including any temporarily assigned network address;

of a subscriber to or customer of Target Telephone, as well as for published, non-published, or unlisted dialing, routing, addressing, or signaling information captured by the Pen/Trap on Target Telephone. The Government does not seek the content of any communications.

9. In support of its request for a Pen/Trap and subscriber and other information, and based on discussions with **[Agent's Title and Name]**, Applicant sets forth the following specific and articulable facts. These facts establish that the information likely to be obtained is relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation being conducted by the **[Agency]**. They also establish reasonable grounds to believe the records and other information sought are relevant and material to an ongoing criminal investigation.

10. **[FACTUAL STATEMENT]**

11. “A governmental entity receiving records or information under [18 U.S.C. § 2703(c)] is not required to provide notice to a subscriber or customer.” 18 U.S.C. § 2703(c)(3). Therefore, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2705(b), Applicant requests the Court order the entities/companies not notify any other person of the existence of the Court’s Order unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Notification of the existence of the Court’s Order may result in **[LIST ALL THAT APPLY AND STATE BRIEF REASON WHY THEY APPLY: (1) endangering the life or physical safety of an individual; (2) flight from prosecution; (3) destruction or tampering with evidence; (4) intimidation of potential witnesses; or (5) otherwise seriously jeopardizing an investigation or unduly delaying a trial.]**

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

12. Because the assistance of the entities/companies will be necessary to accomplish the objectives of the requested Order, Applicant further requests that the Order direct the entities/companies furnish information, facilities, and technical assistance necessary to accomplish the installation of the Pen/Trap, including installation and operation of the devices unobtrusively and with a minimum of disruption of normal service. The entities/companies shall be compensated by **[Agency]** for reasonable expenses incurred in providing such facilities and

assistance in furtherance of the Order. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3124.

13. It is further requested that the Court's Order apply to any changed telephone number(s) subsequently assigned to an instrument bearing the same cellular device as Target Telephone, or to any changed cellular device assigned to the same telephone number as Target Telephone, or to any additional changed telephone number(s) and cellular device(s), whether the changes occur consecutively or simultaneously, listed to the same subscriber and telephone account number as Target Telephone within the 60-day period authorized by the Order.

14. Applicant further requests the Court direct the entities/companies to notify agents of the [AGENCY] of any and all changes (including additions, deletions, and transfers) in service regarding Target Telephone if the [Agency] requests this information. This includes telephone numbers and subscriber information (published and non-published) associated with these service changes.

15. Applicant further requests Target Telephone remain active and in service, and if Target Telephone is targeted for deactivation due to non-payment or breach of contract, the [Agency] will incur the future billing costs at the point of deactivation and compensate the service provider for such additional billing costs beginning from the deactivation date and continuing through the time authorized by the Court's Order.

16. Applicant further requests, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3123(d)(1), that this application and the Court's Order be sealed until otherwise ordered by the Court. Applicant also requests, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3123(d)(2), that the Court direct the entities/companies not disclose the existence of the Pen/Trap or the existence of the investigation to the listed subscriber, or to any other person, unless or until otherwise ordered by the Court.

I declare the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my belief and knowledge.
Dated [**Month, Date, Year**].

Respectfully submitted,

WENDY J. OLSON
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

[AUSA]
Assistant United States Attorney

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) MS _____
FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE USE OF)
A PEN REGISTER AND TRAP AND TRACE)
DEVICE FOR TELEPHONE NUMBER [Phone)
Number] AND DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS) FILED UNDER SEAL
AND OTHER INFORMATION.)

**ORDER FOR PEN REGISTER/TRAP AND TRACE DEVICE AND DISCLOSURE
OF RECORDS AND OTHER INFORMATION**

This matter is before the Court by application under 18 U.S.C. §§ 3122, 3123, and 2703(c) and (d), from Assistant United States Attorney [AUSA], an “attorney for the Government” as defined by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 1(b)(1), and a person employed by a “governmental entity,” as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2711(4). The Applicant requests an Order authorizing the installation and use of a pen register and trap and trace device (“Pen/Trap”) on telephone number [Phone Number] (“Target Telephone”), a [Type of Phone] issued by [Service Provider]. The Applicant has also requested the disclosure of records and other information for the numbers captured by the Pen/Trap.

The Applicant has certified, and the Court finds, that the information likely to be obtained by such use is relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation being conducted by the [Agency] into possible violations of [Crime Violation (ie, drug trafficking)] by [Target's Name], and others as yet unknown. The Court also finds that the Applicant has set forth specific and articulable facts showing there are reasonable grounds to believe the records or other information sought are relevant and material to an ongoing criminal investigation.

THE COURT THEREFORE ORDERS:

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3123, that agents of the [**Agency**] may install, or cause to be installed, and use a pen register to record or decode dialing, routing, addressing, or signaling information transmitted from Target Telephone for a period of 60 days;

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3123, that agents of the [**Agency**] may install, or cause to be installed, and use a trap and trace device to capture the incoming electronic or other impulses which identify the originating number or other dialing, routing, addressing, and signaling information reasonably likely to identify the sources of a wire or electronic communication to Target Telephone for a period of 60 days;

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3124, upon service of this Order, [**Service Provider**] shall furnish agents of the [**Agency**] with all information, facilities, and technical assistance necessary to accomplish the installation and use of the Pen/Trap and such installation and use shall occur unobtrusively and with minimum interference with the services accorded the persons with respect to whom the installation and use is to take place;

This authorization for the installation and use of a Pen/Trap applies not only to the telephone number listed above for the Target Telephone, but also to any changed telephone number(s) subsequently assigned to an instrument bearing the same cellular device as the Target Telephone, or any changed cellular device subsequently assigned to the same telephone number as the Target Telephone, or any additional changed telephone number(s) and/or cellular device(s), whether the changes occur simultaneously or consecutively, listed to the same subscriber and wireless telephone account as the Target Telephone within the 60-day period authorized by this Order;

That **[Service Provider]** and any other person or entity providing wire or electronic communication service in the United States whose assistance is used to facilitate the execution of this Order (hereinafter “the entities/companies”), notify agents of the **[Agency]** of any and all changes (including additions, deletions, and transfers) in service regarding Target Telephone to include telephone numbers and subscriber information (published and non-published) associated with these service changes as requested by the **[Agency]**;

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2703(c) and (d), the entities/companies shall disclose upon the request of the **[Agency]**, during the period of this Order, the

- (A) name;
- (B) address;
- (C) length of service (including start date) and types of service utilized;
- and
- (D) telephone or instrument number or other subscriber number or identity including any temporarily assigned network address;

of a subscriber to or customer of Target Telephone, as well as for published, non-published, or unlisted dialing, routing, addressing, or signaling information captured by the Pen/Trap on Target Telephone;

That Target Telephone is to remain active and in service, and if Target Telephone is targeted for deactivation due to non-payment or breach of contract, the **[Agency]** will incur the future billing costs at the point of deactivation and compensate the service provider for such additional billing costs beginning from the deactivation date and continuing through the time authorized by this Order;

That the entities/companies shall be compensated by the **[Agency]** for reasonable

expenses incurred in providing such facilities and assistance in furtherance of this Order;

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3123(d)(1), that this Order and the Application be sealed until otherwise ordered by the Court, except that a copy of this Order may be served upon the entities/companies; and

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3123(d)(2), that the entities/companies not disclose the existence of the Pen/Trap or the existence of the investigation to the listed subscriber, or to any other person, unless or until otherwise ordered by the Court.

DATED [Month, Date, Year].

[Magistrate Judge Name]
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Presented by:

[AUSA]
Assistant United States Attorney

**[SEARCH WARRANT AFFIDAVIT FOR WIRELESS PHONE
HISTORICAL AND/OR REAL TIME CELL SITE DATA]**

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

I, **[AGENT NAME]**, hereinafter referred to as Your Affiant, hereby swear or affirm the following information is true to the best of my knowledge:

AFFIANT'S QUALIFICATIONS

Your Affiant has been employed as a **[JOB TITLE]** with the **[AGENCY]** since **[DATE]**. **[DESCRIBE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE TO THE EXTENT IT SHOWS QUALIFICATION TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS INVESTIGATION, CELLULAR TELEPHONES, AND OTHER TECHNICAL MATTERS]**.

Purpose of Affidavit: This affidavit will establish probable cause that **[SUBJECT(S)' NAME(S)]** uses a cellular telephone, particularly described below and in Attachment A (hereinafter referred to a "Target Telephone"), during the time when alleged violations of **[statutes]** have been committed, are allegedly currently being committed, and/or may allegedly continue being committed by **[SUBJECT(S)' NAME(S)]**. This Affidavit will also establish probable cause to believe that information derived from the Target Telephone will constitute evidence of these alleged criminal violations[**[, and will lead to the identification of as yet unknown individuals who are also engaged in committing of these alleged criminal violations]]**].

Your Affiant submits this Affidavit in support of an application for a search warrant under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure Rule 41 and 18 U.S.C. § 3103A. The search warrant seeks authorization to obtain **[historical and]** prospective location information, particularly described below and in Attachment B, about the Target Telephone. **[WIRELESS PROVIDER]**, headquartered at **[PROVIDER ADDRESS]**, provides telephone service to the Target Telephone.

The information contained herein derives from Your Affiant's personal involvement with this matter and/or information obtained from other law enforcement personnel and/or witnesses who Your Affiant know to be credible. This affidavit is intended to establish sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not set forth Your Affiant's entire knowledge of this matter.

[USE THIS PARAGRAPH IF THE LOCATION INFORMATION WILL HELP TO EFFECTUATE AN ARREST AND/OR LOCATE A FUGITIVE.] Based on the facts set forth in this affidavit, there is probable cause to believe that **[Fugitive]** has violated **[statutes]**. **[Fugitive]** was charged with these crimes on **[date]** and is the subject of an arrest warrant issued on **[date]**. **[[If appropriate: There is also probable cause to believe that [Fugitive] is aware of these charges and has fled.]]** There is also probable cause to believe that the location information described in Attachment B will assist law enforcement in arresting **[Fugitive]**, who is a "person to be arrested" within the meaning of Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41(c)(4).

CELLULAR TELEPHONE TERMINOLOGY

Established standards within the mobile telecommunications industry provide several means to identify telephone subscribers and/or the mobile equipment used by those subscribers. Used in conjunction with one another, these standard identifiers provide highly accurate means of uniquely identifying a particular telephone handset that is used by a particular subscriber. Telecommunications industry standards also establish various method/means for processing mobile telephone traffic. Telecommunications terms pertinent to this Affidavit are defined below. Definitions are primarily from Phone Scoop LLC), an independent online resource. (<http://www.phonescoop.com/glossary>)

Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM): The dominant international digital mobile phone protocol which determines the way in which mobile phones communicate with the land-based network of towers. GSM is one of two major mobile phone technologies in the United States. Service providers AT&T and T-Mobile use GSM. The other primary protocol is CDMA which is used by Sprint and Verizon Wireless. GSM is more prevalent than CDMA in

most other parts of the world, and especially in Europe. Although GSM and CDMA provide similar basic features and services to end-users, (such as voice calling, text messaging, and data services,) they operate very differently at many technical levels. This makes GSM phones completely incompatible with CDMA networks, and vice-versa. SIM cards are the most visible differentiating feature, from a user's perspective, of GSM.

Code-Division Multiple Access (CDMA): A general type of digital wireless technology implemented in many proprietary mobile telephone technologies. CDMA is commonly used to refer to one specific family of proprietary technologies used in the United States by service providers Sprint and Verizon Wireless. This technology competes with GSM, used by AT&T and T-Mobile. CDMA is a "spread spectrum" technology, in that it spreads the information contained in a particular signal of interest over a much greater bandwidth than the original signal.

Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card: A small, stamp-size "smart card" used in a GSM telephone. The SIM card contains a microchip which stores data identifying the subscriber to the service provider's network. The SIM can also store phone numbers and associated names. The SIM can easily be removed and placed into another telephone handset, thereby causing the new telephone to operate using the subscriber's existing phone number and account. All GSM telephones use SIM cards. CDMA telephones generally do not use SIM cards. The information is instead programmed directly into the CDMA telephone.

Electronic Serial Number (ESN): A permanent 32-bit number embedded by the manufacturer that uniquely identifies a wireless communications device. ESNs are most commonly used in phones and devices using CDMA technology. GSM phones use a similar type of code called an IMEI instead.

International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI): A 15-digit number that uniquely identifies an individual cellular telephone handset. The IMEI is automatically transmitted by the telephone when the network asks for it during the "registration" process (defined below). IMEI is most commonly used in GSM phones. It is embedded in the phone, not the SIM card. CDMA phones use a similar type of number called an ESN.

Mobile Equipment Identifier (MEID): A number that is globally unique for each new CDMA mobile phone in the world. It identifies that phone to the network, and can be used to flag stolen or lost phones. MEID is a replacement for ESN (electronic serial number). MEID began replacing ESN in 2005. ESN numbers are 32-bit, while MEID numbers are 56-bit. The MEID can be expressed as a 14-digit hexadecimal value. A 32-bit ESN means there are only 4 billion unique ESN numbers. Combined with other constraints, enough CDMA phones were produced by the end of 2005 that the industry started to run out of unique ESNs. With 56 bits, MEID provides for over 16 million times as many unique numbers as with the ESN system, ensuring the world will not run out of numbers again. MEID is equivalent to IMEI for GSM telephones phones. MEID is also designed to be compatible with IMEI for phones that include both CDMA and GSM technology.

International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI): A globally-unique code number, usually 15 digits long, which identifies a GSM subscriber to the network. The IMSI resides in a removable SIM card.

Cell Site A cell site (also commonly known as a cell tower) is a geographically specific area, defined by the service provider, wherein wireless telephone service is supported through radio signaling between a cellular telephone handset and the provider's antenna tower located at the center of the cell site. An elevated structure (tower, tall building, church steeple, water tower) and nearby support facilities typically support antennas, several transmitters and receivers, digital signal processors, system controlling devices, backup electrical power sources, and sheltering. Each major service provider has cell sites/towers located throughout the United States. Increasingly, multiple service providers co-locate their equipment at the same site. Smaller service providers lease cell site/tower space and/or call traffic processing services from major providers.

Typically cell sites are often a half mile or more apart, even in urban areas, and can be several miles apart in rural areas. Service providers design overlapping coverage among neighboring cell sites to the greatest extent possible.

Cell sites usually provide 360° coverage and are typically sub-divided into three (3) sectors of approximately 120° each. Each sector operates separately but cooperatively with other sectors within its own cell site as well as with other neighboring cell sites. Each sector within a cell site is assigned its own channel. Cell sites and their respective sectors are each uniquely identified within the service provider's network.

The cell site physically closest to a cellular handset does not necessarily process every call made to or from that device. The service provider's network control systems automatically considers several parameters, such as overall current call traffic volume, relative signal strength between the cell site and the handset, and the handset's direction of movement when processing and routing call traffic.

Registration: Cellular telephone handsets, that are powered on, without any inputs from the user, automatically and periodically register with a cell site/sector as the handset operates and/or travels within the provider's service area. The registration process enables the service provider's network to identify the subscriber, validate the subscriber's account, and determine where to route call traffic to and from a particular cellular handset/subscriber. This automatic data exchange, primarily consisting of the identifying numbers defined above (ESN, MEID, IMSI, IMEI), occurs on a dedicated control channel between the handset and nearby cell site sectors. Another separate channel operating in conjunction with that control channel is solely dedicated to processing/transmitting telephone call content. A handset typically simultaneously registers with multiple cell sites/sectors within reception range.

Cell Site Information: Also known as "tower/face information" or "cell tower/sector" records. Any and all data associated with call processing between a subscriber's cellular telephone and the service provider's network. Additionally, cell site information encompasses other network data used to establish and maintain a connection with the cellular handset. This includes which cell site/sector processed a telephone call, the cell site's physical location, (usually defined by either the latitude/longitude and/or street address of the cell tower's location, cell site/sector designator, control channel number, neighboring cell site identifiers, subscriber/equipment identification numbers (ESN, MEID, IMSI, IMEI), processing data, and parameters not pertaining to the contents of a call.

E-911 Phase II data: Also known as Global Positioning System (GPS) data or latitude/longitude data. E-911 Phase II data provides relatively precise location information about the cellular telephone handset itself, either via GPS tracking technology built into the telephone handset or by triangulating on the device's signal using data from several of the provider's cell sites obtained through the "registration" process. Accordingly, E-911 Phase II data is a more precise than basic cell site information.

Call detail records: Cellular telephone-specific version of toll records (i.e. historical telephone records of telephone activity, usually listing outgoing calls and date, time, and duration of each call) which pertain to hard line telephone and are made and retained in the ordinary course of business. Call detail records also include a record of incoming calls and the cell site/sector(s) used by the cellular telephone to send/receive call traffic.

Based on my training and experience, I know that **[WIRELESS PROVIDER]** that provides cellular telephone access to the general public and can collect cell-site data about the Target Cell Phone.

CASE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Give facts establishing the probable cause described above. Among other things, this section should:

-Establish a connection between the Target Telephone and the Subject(s) and the alleged criminal violations.

-Identify the Target Telephone's subscriber name and address [typically via previously issued subpoena(s)].

-Particularly describe the Target Telephone. Identify as many of the following as possible via subpoena.

Electronic Serial Number (ESN):

Mobile Equipment Identifier (MEID):

International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI):

International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI):

-Identify the primary user(s) of the Target Telephone, if known, and

-Explain why there is probable cause to collect Cell Site Information for the next 30 days

(or for some shorter period of time, if you amend Attachment B to cover a period less than 30 days).

-Determine if the service provider can collect E-911 Phase II data. If so include this statement: Based on my training and experience, I know that [WIRELESS PROVIDER] can collect E-911 Phase II data about the location of the Target Cell Phone, including by initiating a signal to determine the location of the Target Cell Phone on [[WIRELESS PROVIDER]]'s network or with such other reference points as may be reasonably available.]]

-Explanation of why on-going disclosure of prospective (current/future) cell site information is necessary.

-If historical cell site information is to be sought, include a statement regarding why it is pertinent.

AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Based on the foregoing, I request that the Court issue the proposed search warrant, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41 and 18 U.S.C. § 2703(c).

I further request, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3103a(b) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41(f)(3), that the Court authorize the officer executing the warrant to delay notice until 45 days after the collection authorized by the warrant has been completed. This delay is justified because there is reasonable cause to believe that providing immediate notification of the warrant may have an adverse result, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2705. Providing immediate notice to the subscriber or user of the Target Telephone would seriously jeopardize the ongoing investigation, as such a disclosure would give that person an opportunity to destroy evidence, change patterns of behavior, notify confederates, and/or flee from prosecution. Moreover, to the extent that the warrant authorizes the seizure of any tangible property, any wire or electronic communication (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2510), or any stored wire or electronic information, there is reasonable necessity for the seizure for the reasons set forth above.

I further request that the Court direct [WIRELESS PROVIDER] to disclose to the Government any information described in Attachment B that is within the possession, custody, or control of [WIRELESS PROVIDER]. I also request that the Court direct [WIRELESS PROVIDER] to furnish the Government all information, facilities, and technical assistance

necessary to accomplish the collection of the information described in Attachment B unobtrusively and with a minimum of interference with **[WIRELESS PROVIDER 's]** services, including by initiating a signal to determine the location of the Target Telephone on **[WIRELESS PROVIDER's]** network or with such other reference points as may be reasonably available, and at such intervals and times requested by the Government. The Government shall reasonably compensate **[WIRELESS PROVIDER]** for reasonable expenses incurred in furnishing such facilities or assistance.

I further request that the Court authorize execution of the warrant at any time of day or night, owing to the potential need to locate the Target Telephone outside of daytime hours.

[If your district does not have standard forms/procedures for filing under seal, you can insert this language in the affidavit:] I further request that the Court order that all papers in support of this application, including the affidavit and search warrant, be sealed until further order of the Court. These documents discuss an ongoing criminal investigation that is neither public nor known to all the investigative targets. Accordingly, good cause exists to seal these documents because their premature disclosure may seriously jeopardize that investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

[AGENT NAME]
Special Agent
[AGENCY]

Subscribed and sworn to before me on **[DATE]:**

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

ATTACHMENT A

PLACE TO BE SEARCHED

The cellular telephone assigned call number (xxx) xxx-xxxx, (the "Target Telephone"), whose wireless service provider is [WIRELESS PROVIDER] a company headquartered at [WIRELESS PROVIDER'S ADDRESS].

The Target Telephone is specifically identified as follows: [Chose all that apply]

Electronic Serial Number (ESN):

Mobile Equipment Identifier (MEID):

International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI):

International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI):

Information about the location of the Target Telephone that is within the possession, custody, or control of [WIRELESS PROVIDER] [if needed: including information about the location of the cellular telephone if it is subsequently assigned a different call number].

ATTACHMENT B

ITEMS TO SEARCH FOR

[INCLUDE IF HISTORICAL CELL SITE INFORMATION IS REQUESTED]

Records or other information pertaining to subscriber(s), described in Attachment A, including historical cell site information and call detail records, including records for any two way radio communications features as may be incorporated into the telephone handset, for the following dates: [BEGINNING DATE] to the present. These records should not include any information pertaining to contents of the identified subscriber's communications.

All information, provided on an on-going basis, about the location of the Target Telephone described in Attachment A for a period of thirty (30) days, during all times of day and night.

Information about the location of the Target Telephone includes the following:

-All available E-911 Phase II data, GPS data, latitude/longitude data, and other precise location information, as well as all data about which "cell sites/towers" (i.e., antenna towers covering specific geographic areas) and "sectors" (sub-divisions of cell sites) received/sent a radio signal from/to the Target Telephone described in Attachment A.

-To the extent that the information described in the previous paragraph (hereinafter, "Location Information") is within the possession, custody, or control of **[WIRELESS PROVIDER, [WIRELESS PROVIDER]** is required to disclose the Location Information to the Government. In addition, **[WIRELESS PROVIDER]** must furnish the Government all information, facilities, and technical assistance necessary to accomplish the collection of the Location Information unobtrusively and with a minimum of interference with **[WIRELESS PROVIDER]** 's services, including by initiating a signal to determine the location of the Target

Telephone on **[WIRELESS PROVIDER]** 's network or with such other reference points as may be reasonably available, and at such intervals and times directed by the Government. The Government shall compensate **[WIRELESS PROVIDER]** for reasonable expenses incurred in furnishing such facilities or assistance.

To the extent that the Location Information includes tangible property, wire or electronic communications (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2510), or stored wire or electronic information, there is reasonable necessity for the seizure. See 18 U.S.C. § 3103a(b)(2).

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) No. _____
FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE)
INSTALLATION AND USE OF A PEN REGISTER) APPLICATION
TO OBTAIN CERTAIN IDENTIFYING)
INFORMATION FOR CELLULAR TELEPHONES.) FILED UNDER SEAL
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A. MOTION FOR PEN REGISTER

The United States of America, by and through Wendy J. Olson, United States Attorney for the District of Idaho, and Aaron N. Lucoff, Assistant United States Attorney for said District, makes application to the Court, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ~~§§ 11~~ 3122 and 3123, and 18 U.S.C. ~~1~~ §3127(3), for an ex parte Order authorizing [**agency**] investigators and other law enforcement officers to use a pen register to obtain identifying information including but not limited to the Electronic Serial Number (ESN), International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI), International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI), or Mobile Equipment Identifier (MEI) of cellular telephones being used in the vicinity of **[name(s) of target(s)]** for a time period not to exceed sixty days following the effective date of this Court's Order.

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The term “pen register” means “a device or process which records or decodes dialing, routing, addressing, or signaling information transmitted by an instrument or facility from which a wire or electronic communication is transmitted.” 18 U.S.C. ' 3127(3). Here, the government seeks to record or decode “signaling information” transmitted by **[name(s) of target(s)]** cellular telephones.

~~The type of pen register applied for here is commonly called a “stingray.” A stingray@~~

~~intercepts signals from a cellular telephone.~~ All cellular telephones are required by telecommunications industry standards to contain certain identifying information, such as an ESN, IMEI, IMSI, or MEI. This information is electronically programmed in every cellular telephone by chips and/or software. When a user turns on (powers up) a cellular telephone, ~~said telephone automatically and periodically transmits~~ its identity to the nearest cell site. ~~These periodic transmissions do not require any actions by the user in order to occur and are essentially transparent to said user~~ This transmitted information uniquely identifies a specific mobile phone handset and/or subscriber using the ESN or other number. This identifying information allows the cellular system to identify the particular telephone- ~~and route telephone traffic to/from it~~ and allows the cellular company to bill that particular telephone for the air-time charges. ~~If it is within reception range, a~~ cellular telephone that is powered up is exchanging this information with cell sites even though no call is in progress.

~~The Government's pen register equipment is mobile.~~ In order to use it to intercept cellular telephone identifying information, [agency] investigators and other law enforcement ~~personnel/officers~~ must physically be in the vicinity of the targets using the phone. ~~Once in said vicinity, the pen register equipment will, based upon unique identifying numbers, distinguish all area cellular telephone from one another.~~ Hence, it is possible that investigators and officers may intercept identifying information from telephones other than those used by the targets. This means that investigators and officers will try to intercept the identifying information when the targets are in a location away from other people or phones. ~~Once the identifying information is intercepted, investigators and officers can use that information to obtain subscriber information~~

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¹Older Stingray models were known as Triggerfish, digital analyzers, or Swamp boxes.

and toll records for the target telephones. This information will assist the ongoing investigation described below.

The Government's pen register equipment cannot electronically collect content of cellular telephone traffic. This application specifically seeks authorization only to intercept and read the identifying information for the target cellular telephones. The government does not seek authorization to record numbers dialed from the target cellular telephones or intercept conversation occurring over those phones. Once the government learns the identifying information for the target cellular telephones, it can obtain subscriber information and telephone toll records from the phones= service providers. If the government seeks to record the numbers dialed from the phones, then it will seek such authorization from the court in a separate application.

Commented [e3]: Note for your understanding...not to be included in court papers. No dialed digits are collected by the Stingray equipment. The PR/TT equipment used by the telephone company collects all DRAS data which is subsequently transmitted to the Bureau. This data is accessible in the Stingray vehicle via a wireless Virtual Private Network connection to Bureau PR/TT data computer servers at Quantico. This VPN connection is made by another laptop in the vehicle...not the one controlling the Stingray.

B. MOTION TO SEAL APPLICATION AND ORDER

The United States further moves this Court for an Order, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3123(d), directing that this Application and the Court's Order be sealed until otherwise ordered by the Court.

C. INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

In support of this Application, the United States sets forth the following specific and articulable facts which show that the information sought in this order is relevant and material to an ongoing criminal investigation:

1. The primary investigating agency is the **[agency]**.
2. Applicant, Aaron N. Lucoff, is an Assistant United States Attorney.
3. The applicant hereby certifies that the information likely to be obtained is relevant and material to an ongoing criminal investigation of [name(s) of target(s)], and others, in

connection with possible violations of [federal statute(s)]. More specifically, applicant states as follows:

a. **[factual basis]**

b.

c. Using ~~a Astingray@mobile pen register equipment~~ would allow investigators to identify other cellular telephones used by **[name(s) of target(s)]** in furtherance of their criminal activities.

WHEREFORE, it is requested that the Court enter an order authorizing **[agency]** investigators and other law enforcement officers to use a pen register to obtain identifying information including but not limited to the Electronic Serial Number (~~ESN~~), International Mobile Equipment Identity (~~IMEI~~), International Mobile Subscriber Identity (~~IMSI~~), or Mobile Equipment Identifier (~~MEI~~) of cellular telephones being used in the vicinity of **[name(s) of target(s)]** for a time period not to exceed sixty days following the effective date of this Court's Order. The government also requests that this Application and Order be sealed until otherwise ordered by the Court.

DATED this ____ day of .

Respectfully submitted,

WENDY J. OLSON
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Aaron N. Luoff
Assistant United States Attorney

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) No. _____
FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE)
INSTALLATION AND USE OF A PEN) ORDER
REGISTER TO OBTAIN CERTAIN)
IDENTIFYING INFORMATION FOR) FILED UNDER SEAL
CELLULAR TELEPHONES.)

Field Code Changed

A. INTRODUCTION

The United States of America has applied for an Order authorizing **[agency]** investigators and other law enforcement officer to use a pen register, ~~commonly known as a Stingray,~~ to record or decode signaling information transmitted by unknown cellular telephones. The purpose of recording or decoding this signaling information is to obtain certain identifying information, including but not limited to the Electronic Serial Number (~~AESN~~), International Mobile Equipment Identity (~~AIMEI~~), International Mobile Subscriber Identity (~~AIMSI~~), or Mobile Equipment Identifier (~~AMEI~~), of these unknown cellular telephones.

B. FINDINGS

THE COURT FINDS that there is an ongoing criminal investigation into acts which would constitute violations of **[federal statute(s)]**, and that the subjects of the investigation are **[name(s) of target(s)]** and others.

THE COURT FINDS that there is reason to believe **[name(s) of target(s)]** are using cellular telephones to facilitate the above-described offenses.

THE COURT FINDS that the Application has been made in good faith in the furtherance of a pending criminal investigation, and the ~~a~~ttorney for the United States has certified to the

Court that the information likely to be obtained from the installation and use of the requested pen register is relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation. Nothing in this order shall be construed as requiring the disclosure of the ~~“A”~~ real time ~~“A”~~ location of the cellular telephones while in use in order to facilitate the ~~“A”~~ tracking ~~“A”~~ of the cellular telephone caller or user. Nor does this order authorize the government to record numbers dialed from the target cellular telephones or intercept conversations occurring over those phones.

C. ORDER DIRECTING USE

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ~~“A”~~ §3123, that ~~“A”~~ **[agency investigator]**, any other ~~“A”~~ **[agency]** investigators, and other law enforcement officers may use a pen register ~~“A”~~ ~~commonly known as a ~~“A”~~ stingray,~~ to obtain identifying information including but not limited to the ESN, IMEI, IMSI, or MEI of cellular telephones being used in the vicinity of ~~“A”~~ **[name(s) of target(s)]** for a time period not to exceed sixty days following the effective date of this Order.

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D. ORDER RESTRICTING TRACING OR PROVIDING THE LOCATION OF THE TELEPHONE WHILE IT IS IN USE

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall be restricted to recording and decoding identifying information including but not limited to the ESN, IMEI, IMSI, or MEI of cellular telephones being used within the vicinity of ~~“A”~~ ~~Juan Salto Vivanco~~ **[Subject(s)]** and ~~“A”~~ ~~Juan Ramirez Bolanos~~ with no ~~“A”~~ geographic limitations. ~~“A”~~ ~~Nothing in this order shall be construed as requiring the disclosure of the “A”~~ real time ~~“A”~~ location of the cellular telephones while in use in order to facilitate ~~“A”~~ tracking ~~“A”~~ the whereabouts of the cellular callers. Nor does this order authorize the government to record numbers dialed from the target cellular telephones or intercept

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conversations occurring over those phones.

E. ORDER SEALING RECORDS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ~~+~~§3123(d), that this Order and Application be sealed until otherwise ordered by the Court.

DATED this ____ day of .

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Presented by:

Aaron N. Luoff
Assistant United States Attorney

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Combined 3123 2703 Application.docx

This document is direct from the US DOJ library of go-by's. This is for a cell phone Pen Register/Trap Trace (PR/TT) with 2703 amendment which seeks authorization for Cell Site Location Information (CSLI). This is written without specific intended use of the WIDT technique in mind.

Combined 3123 2703 Order.docx

This is a companion document for Combined 3123_2703 Application.docx above.

Mobile PR motion and order swamping.docx

This was written in conjunction with AUSA Aaron Lucoff, Criminal Chief, US Attorney's Office, District of Idaho. This seeks authorization for the Government to use a PR (no trap/trace component) for cell phones being used "in the vicinity of" the Subject. Use this when you have a Subject identified by don't know or are not sure of the cell phone the Subject uses. "Swamping" is a technique where WIDT is used to register telephones near locations where the Subject is known to frequent. A comparative post mission analysis of the data is conducted to determine which numbers were common to those different collections sites/times/dates, etc.

PRTT hybrid app & order.docx

This was written in conjunction with AUSA Aaron Lucoff, Criminal Chief, US Attorney's Office, District of Idaho. This would be used when a cell phone PR/TT is envisioned without an included request for CSLI pursuant to Section 2703. Circumstances for its use would be when the WITT technique is not envisioned beforehand or the Magistrate is uncomfortable with the WIDT related language.

stingray motion and order.docx

This was written in conjunction with AUSA Aaron Lucoff, Criminal Chief, US Attorney's Office, District of Idaho. This is intended for circumstances with the WIDT technique's employment is anticipated beforehand. The 2703 amendment is not included.

Rule 41 SW affidavit for historical or real time cell site information.docx

This was written in conjunction with AUSA Aaron Lucoff, Criminal Chief, US Attorney's Office, District of Idaho. This is intended for use when a Magistrate requests/requires a Search Warrant be sought instead of a 2703 Order. This is a growing trend nationwide. This can be used either historically as a "stand-alone" precursor step to WIDT employment or proactively and simultaneously to a PR/TT order.