An investigation linked top Penn State University officials for having failed to take steps to protect the children victimized by Jerry Sandusky, the former assistant coach, from molestation. The report focused on the actions of Graham Spanier, the university president; Tim Curley, the athletic director; and Fletcher McAlpin, the vice president for business operations.

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A Day Job Waiting for a Kill Shot a World Away

By ELISABETH BUMILLER

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — The silence here could well be described as eerie.

“After all, we’re only dealing with a single blast, happening the way your dog does it,” said Robert Hemaras, who used to be a sniper in the Israeli Air Force.

“Until we get a hit, it’s just a matter of time,” he said. “But we know it’s coming. We’re waiting for it.”

As the silence continues, the sound of the distant helicopter can be heard, and the知识 from a distant ground is heard as well.

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But for the rest of the world, the silence is deafening.

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Crime Wave Engulfs Syria
As Its Cities Reel From War

Theft and Kidnapping Become Rampant, Mimicking Chaos of Iraq Conflict

The city of Deir Ezzor is Syria's oil and gas capital. While its oil reserves were once seen as a potential source of wealth and stability, they have now become a target for armed groups seeking to fund their operations. The city has been hit hard by a wave of theft, kidnap for ransom, and other forms of criminal activity.

According to local officials, the situation in Deir Ezzor has worsened significantly in recent months. Armed groups have been targeting wealthy business people and government officials, demanding large sums of money in exchange for their release.

The 36-year-old businessman, Ahmed al-Asadi, was abducted by a group of armed men in the early hours of the morning. His family has been unable to negotiate his release and is now desperately seeking help from the international community.

The situation in Deir Ezzor is just one example of the broader trend of criminal activity that has been engulfing Syria in recent months. The conflict has led to a breakdown in law and order, allowing organized crime to flourish.

The government of Syria has vowed to crack down on these criminal networks, but so far its efforts have been largely unsuccessful. The international community is calling for increased pressure on the Syrian government to address the root causes of the situation, including the instability caused by the war.
23 Years After Soccer Tragedy, An Apology and a Shift in Blame

By JOHN F. BURNT

LONDON — Thirty years ago, a crowd of soccer fans packed into a stadium in Italy was crushed to death. It was a disaster of extraordinary proportions. But for decades, the Italian and European press barely noticed. The fact that 39 people lost their lives in the 1989 disaster at the Hillsborough stadium in Sheffield was shrouded from view by the media to depict the victims as “crusaders” who had “crashed” the game, who were “too rowdy for their own good.”

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President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in the courtyard of the State Department on Wednesday.

ATTACK ON U.S. SITE IN LIBYA KILLS Envoy; A FLASH POINT FOR OBAMA AND ROMNEY

By PETER BAKER AND ANGELA SKAGGS

Washington — The deadly attack on an American diplomatic post in Libya prompted a flurry of competing explanations about who had carried out the attack and how it happened.

The chaos of events overseas and appearing to seek political advantage from an attack that claimed American lives. A President who has so far resisted the temptation to attribute blame for an attack outside of his control instead rallied the nation.

A Challenger's Criticism Is Furiously Returned

By ANDREW NAGORNOK

LOS ANGELES — The film that sets off violence across America is the recent American Sniper, a movie about the deadliest sniper in the country’s modern military history. The film has been widely criticized and praised.

The killing spree in the film that was released in December has been blamed on the film’s director, Clint Eastwood, for promoting a violent message.

But Mr. Romney came under withering criticism for distancing himself from the massacre and for allowing the Islamic State to advance planning. But the officials have at least some level of advantage in the case that the attack was carried out by the Islamic State, which used a fake name for its, and wanted to make it clear that it was not connected to the Islamic State.

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Citigroup's Chief Resigns His Post In Surprise Step

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Disputant Said to Have Prepared for a Transition

By JENNYSEY ZIV◇GERSTENBERG AND DAVID KENNEDY

Weeks before Vikram S. O'Neill, chief executive of Citigroup, the banking group that Mrs. Obama and Mr. Romney are separately courting on stage, was publicly building with other board members in plans to replace him, according to several people familiar with the matter.

The frustrations of the board members had been building. This year the bank was publicly buffeted when the German bank

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POLITICAL LEADERS

Obama Campaign Endgame: Grunt Work and Cold Math

By JOE MUTO

WASHINGTON — With a key window of opportunity closing, some of President Obama's senior political aides have begun to fret that he lacks the kind of small, hard-fought victories that have driven his campaign this late.

They are talking about solutions.

Campaign aides have long been inured to Obama's lack of game-changing moments in the past. Now, they say, they are feeling the pressure in the days when visits to battleground states cannot be taken for granted.

"We are exactly where I was two years ago," said Jim Messina, Mr. Obama's campaign manager, in a conversation Thursday evening in two phones and two microphones.

"I can tell you, I feel just as real insurmountable as I did in 2008," he added.

As the campaign moves into its final weeks, those who worked for Mr. Obama in his first White House run are feeling like the latestiteration of a well-rehearsed, yet not fully realized, act. And they are wondering whether the president's political capital is running out.

A number of people have said they are already planning for the possibility that Mr. Obama may not win.

"I have a gut feeling that it's going to be another two weeks of a lot of fundraising and not much more," said Jim Messina, Mr. Obama's campaign manager.

Still, Mr. Obama has a degree of flexibility that neither John McCain nor George W. Bush did. And his aides say they will use it to the best of their ability.

But the bottom line is that Mr. Obama is not in a position to make a big play for the presidency.

I was told to think of the campaign as a series of political missteps.

The wave of passion and excitement that coursed through the Obama campaign began. Pointing to the president himself. He said we will be, in a very critical condition.

In the end, there is no question that Mr. Obama and Mitt Romney are each on a different trajectory in 10 to 12 competitive races, dates were within reach of victory.

"The probability that the Senate will be Democratic is a lot harder," he said.

But the data is clear enough.
STORM PICKS UP SPEED AND DISRUPTS MILLIONS OF LIVES

BARACK OBAMA PILLAR, THE AUTO BAILOUT

Seeking Votes in Ohio, Romney Plays Down Accomplishment

By REUTERSE SCHULTE AND JAMES PICARDO

WASHINGTON — The nation’s largest auto bailing-out program is in jeopardy of being another example of how Washington has failed to fix a financial mess.

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Ohio Working Class May Offer Key Second Term for Obama

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TOPS ROMNEY FOR 2ND TERM IN BRUISING RUN; DEMOCRATS TURN BACK G.O.P. BID FOR SENATE

Joining Indiana, Massachusetts Lifts Party

In Massachusetts, Elizabeth Warren defeated incumbent Republican Scott Brown in the race for the United States Senate seat, becoming the first openly gay candidate to secure a major party’s nomination and win an election. Warren, a law professor, won the Democratic nomination in a primary that featured 10 candidates and was considered one of the most competitive Senate races in the country.

President Obama, with his family, took the stage at McCormick Place in Chicago early Wednesday to speak at his victory party. He oversaw a bad economy, partisan resistance and a torrent of advertising to win re-election.

Obamas Face Struggle Over Party’s Direction

By CAROLYN LEHMAN

Mitt Romney’s loss to a Demo- cratic candidate revealed what was a weak economy is to pay for an anachronistic struggle over the future of the Republican Party, but also what hope there was for a more stable future.

With the Republican state of Massachusetts facing a fiscal crisis of its own, the Romney campaign’s defeat could mean limits on future spending.

Obama’s victory party was a sign of hope for the nation — a sign that the nation is capable of healing and moving forward.

OBAMA’S NIGHT

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A Bittersweet Ending

For Mitt Romney, it was a time to relish a transformative figure who would heal the country’s divisions.

ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS

The House

G.O.P. Holds Its Grip

The Republican-controlled Congress, in control of both chambers for only the third time in 122 years, is poised to pass major legislation, including a budget, tax and entitlement bill, without Democratic support. The Republicans’ majority is expected to grow in November, as voters punish the Democratic Party for its handling of the economy.

The Senate

Senate Democrats Win

Senate Democrats won two seats, including one in North Dakota, where they defeated incumbent Republican Larry Blessing. The party also won a seat in Massachusetts, where it was led by Elizabeth Warren.

The VP

POTUS, But on the Mark

Barack Obama told the nation on Wednesday that he was not as perfect as the press would have liked. He apologized for his remarks about Pakistan and Afghanistan and his handling of the economy, but he also said that he was not a perfect president. He vowed to work harder to improve the economy and to reduce the deficit.

The On-Line Election

Voting Online

Online voting is a growing trend in the United States. In the last election, 13.4 million people voted online, according to the National Election Pool. This year, the number of online voters is expected to increase to 15 million.

The Ballot

Victory for Gay Marriage

A federal judge in Utah struck down the state’s ban on same-sex marriage, allowing the LGBT community to celebrate.

The NAACP

Dissolved

The NAACP, one of the oldest and most respected civil rights organizations in the United States, is facing financial difficulties.

Online: Results and Reaction

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**Who Would Do This to Our Poor Little Babies**

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Good Friday, the grief-stricken parents shouted and were gently ushered to wait in a back room in the old brick high school around the corner from Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The sound of children playing for other people’s children came from another room, but this room was locked. A police officer removed and put the parents’ soon-to-be-fears into words, that their children could not be heard from outside.

The sound sealed the end of a frightening morning that took the lives of 20 children and adults in the school.

By JOE RYAN

SANDY HOOK, Conn. — The wails sounded the end of a lifetime.

It was about 9:30 a.m., when the noise in the hallway of the school became too much for the principal to bear.

"What we have not seen is leadership. Which says, 'We have to do something. We have to take action,'" said Mr. Bloomquist. "We are calling on the president to take action, to close loopholes."

Mr. Bloomquist, in his role as executive director of the National Rifle Association in Washington because of how Congress treats gun control.

The rampage, coming less than two weeks before Christmas, was the nation’s second-deadliest school shooting.

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CAIRO — Egyptians voted Sunday in a milestone presidential election that could set the course for a nation beset by economic turmoil, division and distrust between its urban centers and increasingly assertive countryside.

In the districts that voted Sunday, turnout has been estimated at about 70 percent, an unfamiliar sight for an election that has drawn interest from three continents. But it was not clear how many voters alive would speak later on Sunday. In strongholds of Cairo and Alexandria, about 57 percent approved the two-week-old Brotherhood's count, most of the new votes, and an estimated 60 percent approved the Brotherhood's count, most of the people, for stability.

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