

Citing Scandal, Studio's Board Fires Weinstein

Move Follows a Report of New Misconduct

By MEGAN TWOHEY

The Weinstein Company fired its co-founder Harvey Weinstein on Sunday, after a New York Times investigation uncovered allegations that he had engaged in rampant sexual harassment, dealing a stunning blow to a producer known for shaping American film and championing liberal causes.

The statement announcing the firing said the decision had been made "in light of new information about misconduct by Harvey Weinstein that has emerged in the past few days." In an interview, Lance Maerov, one of the company's four board members, said it had been brought to their attention that Mr. Weinstein had violated the company's code of conduct at some point in the past week, but he would not specify what the violation was.

Mr. Maerov said Mr. Weinstein had been notified of his termination by email Sunday evening. The action was taken by Mr. Maerov, Bob Weinstein (Mr. Weinstein's brother), Richard Koenigsberg and Tarak Ben Ammar. A fifth board member, Paul Tudor Jones, resigned on Saturday.

The firing was an escalation from Friday, when one-third of the company's all-male board resigned and four members who remained announced that Mr. Weinstein would take a leave of absence while an outside lawyer investigated the allegations.

Harvey Weinstein could not be reached for comment, and Bob Weinstein declined to comment. Together, Harvey Weinstein and his brother own 42 percent of the company; Mr. Maerov said it was

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CAREFUL WHISPERS The accusations against Harvey Weinstein are all the talk of Hollywood's A-listers — except when they're speaking publicly. PAGE A13



Interlocking A, a tangled sorting mechanism that routes trains entering and exiting Pennsylvania Station in New York.

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Delaying Repairs on Decrepit Tracks

How Amtrak's Competing New York Projects Led to a Breakdown in Safety

By MICHAEL LaFORGIA

Amtrak officials knew for years that they would have to replace large sections of deteriorating track in Pennsylvania Station in New York City. As engineering crews applied short-term fixes to rows of rotted ties, crumbling concrete and eroded steel, some of their managers repeatedly warned of the growing need to address underlying problems.

While meeting with Amtrak executives in March, Andrew Keefe, the railroad's head of track maintenance, became alarmed, according to two people in the room. The railroad had finally begun ambitious replacement work on the most decrepit tracks, but the jobs would stretch out for a year or more to accommodate other demands.

Learning that officials were consider-



Track repairs have been delayed because of work at a new concourse.

ing delaying the effort to give work time to a nearby passenger hall renovation, a project backed by Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, Mr. Keefe lost his temper. Hitting his hand on a table, he said, "You're not going to be happy until you put a train on

the ground."

Weeks later, the derailments started.

Three accidents at Penn Station forced Amtrak to undertake an emergency repair program and cut back service through the summer for thousands of passengers daily.

An examination by The New York Times of what led up to the crisis — drawing on interviews with current and former Amtrak employees and state and federal officials, as well as a review of Amtrak records — found long-simmering tensions over how to keep up with maintenance at one of the world's busiest train stations. By putting off repairs that it mistakenly believed were not critical, Amtrak set the stage for two of the derailments, which were caused by broken tracks on the west side of the station.

Amtrak says it responds with urgency

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G.O.P. Senator Rebukes Trump Over 'Reality Show' Behavior

By JONATHAN MARTIN and MARK LANDLER

WASHINGTON — Senator Bob Corker, the Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, charged in an interview on Sunday that President Trump was treating his office like "a reality show," with reckless threats toward other countries that could set the nation "on the path to World War III."

In an extraordinary rebuke of a president of his own party, Mr. Corker said he was alarmed about a president who acts "like he's doing 'The Apprentice' or some-

thing."

"He concerns me," Mr. Corker added. "He would have to concern anyone who cares about our nation."

Mr. Corker's comments capped a remarkable day of sulfurous insults between the president and the Tennessee senator — a powerful, if lame-duck, lawmaker, whose support will be critical to the president on tax reform and the fate of the Iran nuclear deal.

It began on Sunday morning when Mr. Trump, posting on Twitter, accused Mr. Corker of deciding not to run for re-election because he "didn't have the guts." Mr. Corker shot back in his own

tweet: "It's a shame the White House has become an adult day care center. Someone obviously missed their shift this morning."

The senator, Mr. Trump said, had "begged" for his endorsement. "I said 'NO' and he dropped out (said he could not win without my endorsement)," the president wrote. He also said that Mr. Corker had asked to be secretary of state. "I said 'NO THANKS,'" he wrote.

Mr. Corker flatly disputed that account, saying Mr. Trump had urged him to run again, and promised to endorse him if he did. But the exchange laid bare a deeper rift: The senator views Mr. Trump

as given to irresponsible outbursts — a political novice who has failed to make the transition from show business.

Mr. Trump poses such an acute risk, the senator said, that a coterie of senior administration officials must protect him from his own instincts. "I know for a fact that every single day at the White House, it's a situation of trying to contain him," Mr. Corker said in a telephone interview.

The deeply personal back-and-forth will almost certainly rupture what had been a friendship with a fellow real estate developer turned elected official, one of the

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Pence Reignites Anthem Feud

Vice President Mike Pence walked out of Sunday's football game in Indianapolis after San Francisco players knelt. Page A15.



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Men suspected of being ISIS members waiting to be questioned in Kurdish-controlled Iraq.

Surrender Is New Martyrdom for ISIS Fighters

By ROD NORDLAND

DIBIS, Iraq — The prisoners were taken to a waiting room in groups of four, and were told to stand facing the concrete wall, their noses almost touching it, their hands bound behind their backs.

More than a thousand prisoners determined to be Islamic State fighters passed through that room last week after they fled their crumbling Iraqi stronghold of Hawija. Instead of the martyrdom they had boasted was their only acceptable fate, they had voluntarily ended up here in the interrogation center of the Kurdish authorities in northern Iraq.

For an extremist group that has made its reputation on its fero-

After Stronghold Falls, Large Numbers Are Giving Up

ciousness, with fighters who would always choose suicide over surrender, the fall of Hawija has been a notable turning point. The group has suffered a string of humiliating defeats in Iraq and Syria, but the number of its shock troops who turned themselves in at the center in Dibis was unusually large, more than 1,000 since last Sunday, according to Kurdish intelligence officials.

The fight for Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, took nine months,

and by comparison, relatively few Islamic State fighters surrendered. Tal Afar fell next, and more quickly, in only 11 days. Some 500 fighters surrendered there.

The Iraqi military ousted the Islamic State, also known as ISIS and ISIL, from Hawija in 15 days, saying it had taken its forces only three days of actual heavy fighting before most of the extremists grabbed their families and ran. According to Kurdish officials, they put up no fight at all, other than planting bombs and booby traps.

Seen up close, the fighters' pretense of bravado soon disappears.

Their shoes were taken from them, their pockets emptied and their belts discarded, and, as they stood facing the wall, the backs of

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The town where China's leader, Xi Jinping, spent the Cultural Revolution is now a place for adoration. PAGE A4

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Residents of a Bolivian hamlet remember the day the guerrilla leader was shot 50 years ago. PAGE A6



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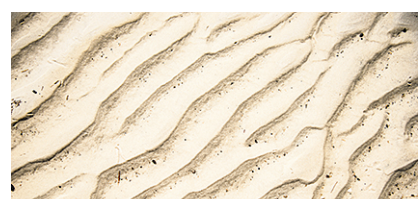
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Hurricane Nate, which made landfall as a Category 1 storm, did decidedly less damage than its predecessors. PAGE A12



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Star Hurt as Giants Fall to 0-5

Receiver Odell Beckham Jr. broke his left ankle during the Los Angeles Chargers' 27-22 comeback victory over the Giants, whose high hopes for the season have turned to despair. PAGE D1

Yankees Survive in a Squeaker

Masahiro Tanaka's pitching and Greg Bird's seventh-inning homer lifted the Yankees past Cleveland, 1-0, and helped cut the deficit to two games to one in the teams' best-of-five series. PAGE D1

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Robin Thede, set to air on BET, won't spend all her time criticizing the president because, she says, "black people didn't vote for him anyway." PAGE C1



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