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Your Wednesday Briefing: Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, Falluja

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Good morning.

Here's what you need to know:

• Front-runners' troubles.

Documents unsealed in a fraud lawsuit against Trump University show that it relied on high-pressure sales tactics and employed unqualified instructors. Donald J. Trump has called the judge in the case a “hater,” and on Tuesday the candidate directed his ire at the news media.

Hillary Clinton's chief of staff at the State Department said in sworn testimony that Mrs. Clinton's advisers gave little thought to the problems her private email server could create if they were forced to turn over her communications. Some ardent supporters of Bernie Sanders hope Mrs. Clinton will be indicted.

• Obama in the heartland.

President Obama speaks today in Elkhart, Ind., where he made his first domestic trip as president, in early 2009. He'll highlight the economic progress the city and the nation have made since then, and will use the speech to share his views on the presidential election.

A town-hall-style meeting will be broadcast live on PBS at 8 p.m. Eastern.

• The battle to retake an Iraqi city.

Our reporter visited a base near the Islamic State-controlled city of Falluja, and witnessed preparations for a fight that some officials have called a “catastrophe unfolding.” There are possibly 50,000 civilians stuck inside the city.

Iranian-supported militias, elite Iraqi counterterrorism forces and Sunni police officers are all taking part in the operation, raising concerns that it could feed sectarian tensions.

• Animal tragedies.

The Cincinnati police are investigating the family of a 4-year-old boy who entered a gorilla enclosure at the city's zoo over the weekend. Workers fatally shot the ape, Harambe, after he dragged the child around the pen.

Wildlife officials in Thailand are investigating whether the Tiger Temple, a tourist attraction, trafficks in tiger parts, after 40 dead cubs were found in a freezer.

• Contrasts in energy approaches.

Despite safety concerns, nuclear power is gaining support as a low-emissions source of electricity.

At the same time, a study shows that new solar, wind and hydropower sources were added in 2015 at the

fastest rate in history.

- **U.S. death rate rises.**

The increase — the first in a decade — was driven in part by more people dying from drug overdoses, suicide and Alzheimer’s disease, preliminary federal data show.

Business

- **The music industry** is targeting YouTube by asking for changes to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. The industry says the site makes removing unauthorized content too difficult.

- **Financial worries?** Private unemployment insurance is now available in the U.S. We also look at how a Trump White House would affect your 401(k).

- **Product recalls** are rising, driven by better detection and fewer suppliers. Here are 10 notable recalls from the last 40 years.

Noteworthy

- **African-American milestones.**

A DNA study reveals that the ancestors of blacks in the U.S. were 82.1 percent African, 16.7 percent European and 1.2 percent Native American.

And the true story of female mathematicians who were invaluable to NASA in the Jim Crow South of the early 1960s will be told in a film in January.

- **All the art we cannot see.**

Millions of works — including an estimated 1,000 pieces by Picasso — are stashed in tax-free storage by wealthy owners more interested in seeing them increase in value than hanging on walls.

It has renewed a debate over the definition of art: Is it created to be viewed, or as private property?

- **Dive into the archives.**

More than 200,000 obituaries have appeared in The Times since 1851. All summer, we’ll be traveling back in time to revisit a selection.

The first is Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing shortly after birth, and who died on this day in 1968. We called her “a symbol of the indomitable human spirit.”

- **Seventeen years to go 35 miles.**

The world’s longest and deepest train tunnel opens today, after 17 years of work under the Swiss Alps.

The engineering marvel connects northern and southern Europe.

- **Scoreboard.**

The French Open quarterfinals are underway, and Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final is at 8 p.m. Eastern on NBCSN (Pittsburgh leads the series).

- **Recipes of the day.**

Fireplace trout takes 10 minutes, and you don’t really need a fireplace. It could go well with a tomato and pomegranate salad.

Back Story

In 1945, a U.S. Army photographer took snapshots of some of the women working at a Radioplane factory in California that was making drones for the military.

One teenager turned a lot of heads after the photographs were published. Her name was Norma Jean Dougherty (some accounts spell it Norma Jeane), but we know her as Marilyn Monroe. Today would have been her 90th birthday.

The photographs led to a screen test, and later to Hollywood superstardom. When Playboy magazine debuted in 1953, she became its first cover model and nude centerfold.

Beneath the glamorous shell, however, was a life of turmoil.

Her father abandoned the family when she was a young child, and her mother was committed to a mental institution. Norma Jean bounced around foster homes before marrying a neighbor, James Dougherty, at age 16.

After she began her film career, they divorced. Later marriages to the baseball star Joe DiMaggio and the playwright Arthur Miller also ended in divorce. She had at least two miscarriages, and was never able to have a child.

The Times wrote in her obituary that even as she enjoyed her greatest success, she was spiraling into misery. “Her emotional insecurity deepened,” it said, “her many illnesses came upon her more frequently.”

In 1961, Marilyn Monroe was twice admitted to hospitals for psychiatric observation. She died of a drug overdose the next summer, at age 36.

It had been 17 years since her discovery in the factory.

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