

Sexual Misconduct Claims Trail a Hollywood Mogul

Oscar-Winning Producer Has Quietly Settled at Least 8 Complaints in 3 Decades

By JODI KANTOR and MEGAN TWOHEY

Two decades ago, the Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein invited Ashley Judd to the Peninsula Beverly Hills hotel for what the young actress expected to be a business breakfast meeting. Instead, he had her sent up to his room, where he appeared in a bathrobe and asked if he could give her a massage or she could watch him shower, she recalled in an interview.

"How do I get out of the room as fast as possible without alienating Harvey Weinstein?" Ms. Judd said she remembers thinking.

In 2014, Mr. Weinstein invited Emily Nestor, who had worked just one day as a temporary employee, to the same hotel and



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Harvey Weinstein

made another offer: If she accepted his sexual advances, he would boost her career, according to accounts she provided to colleagues who sent them to Weinstein Company executives. The following year, once again at the Peninsula, a female assistant said Mr. Weinstein badgered her into giving him a massage while he was naked, leaving her "crying and very distraught," wrote a colleague, Lauren O'Connor, in a searing memo asserting sexual harassment and other misconduct by their boss.

"There is a toxic environment

for women at this company," Ms. O'Connor said in the letter, addressed to several executives at the company run by Mr. Weinstein.

An investigation by The New York Times found previously undisclosed allegations against Mr. Weinstein stretching over nearly three decades, documented through interviews with current and former employees and film industry workers, as well as legal records, emails and internal documents from the businesses he has run, Miramax and the Weinstein Company.

During that time, after being confronted with allegations including sexual harassment and unwanted physical contact, Mr. Weinstein has reached at least eight settlements with women, according to two company officials speaking on the condition of anonymity. Among the recipients, The Times found, were a young assistant in New York in 1990, an actress in 1997, an assistant in London in 1998, an Italian model in 2015 and Ms. O'Connor shortly after, according to records and those familiar with the agreements.

In a statement to The Times on Thursday afternoon, Mr. Weinstein said: "I appreciate the way I've behaved with colleagues in the past has caused a lot of pain, and I sincerely apologize for it. Though I'm trying to do better, I know I have a long way to go."

He added that he was working with therapists and planning to take a leave of absence to "deal with this issue head on."

Lisa Bloom, a lawyer advising Mr. Weinstein, said in a statement that "he denies many of the accusations as patently false." In comments to The Times earlier this week, Mr. Weinstein said that many claims in Ms. O'Connor's memo were "off base" and that they had parted on good terms.

He and his representatives de-

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Clues Still Scant On What Drove Las Vegas Killer

This article is by Jennifer Medina, Alexander Burns and Adam Goldman.

LAS VEGAS — The man who killed 49 people at an Orlando nightclub last year pledged allegiance to the Islamic State, in a 911 call, as the massacre unfolded. The sniper who shot to death five police officers in Dallas told the police that his goal was to attack white people. The man who attacked a black church in Charleston posted a racist manifesto online.

In one mass shooting after another, gunmen have offered telling evidence of their motives: complaining of "baby parts" after a shooting at Planned Parenthood, sympathizing with the Islamic State with a Facebook post on the day of the San Bernardino shooting, asking members of Congress if they were Republicans before pulling the trigger at a congressional baseball practice.

But in the four days since Stephen Paddock's attack in Las Vegas — a shooting rampage that left 58 dead and hundreds seriously wounded — what drove him has remained a mystery, vexing the public and putting enormous pressure on federal and local investigators to find answers.

"In the spirit of the safety of this community or anywhere else in the United States I think it's important to provide that information."

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Pentagon Asks Why a Mission Turned Deadly

By ERIC SCHMITT and THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF

WASHINGTON — The reconnaissance patrol was supposed to be a routine training mission along the border between Niger and Mali for the nearly dozen United States Army Special Forces trainers and the Nigerian soldiers with them.

The American team leaders told their superiors in seeking approval for the mission that there was a "low risk" of hostile activity in the region 120 miles north of Niamey, Niger's capital, according to a senior United States military official briefed on the mission planning.

Late Wednesday afternoon, that mission proved anything but low risk. The patrol was ambushed by what commanders believe was a heavily armed Qaeda force from Mali, leaving three Americans dead and two others wounded. The combat casualties were the first that the United States has suffered in a widening counterterrorism mission in Niger, in northwest Africa.

Pentagon officials expressed shock on Thursday at the deaths during such a routine mission. The brazen daytime attack raised serious questions about how the Special Forces — elite Green Berets who have spent years operating in shadowy combat zones — conduct threat assessments in the

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A New Spanish Patriotism

Demonstrators waved the Spanish flag last week in Madrid before Catalonia's independence vote. That referendum has deepened nationalist pride elsewhere in a unified Spanish identity. Page A11.

Leaders Losing Their Hold on Republican Party

By JONATHAN MARTIN and ALEXANDER BURNS

WASHINGTON — Republican leaders in Congress are under attack from all sides of their own party, battered by voters from the right and left, spurned by frustrated donors and even threatened by the Trump White House for ineffective leadership and insufficient loyalty.

Since last week, Senate Republicans lost one of their own when Roy S. Moore, the firebrand former state judge, trounced Senator Luther Strange in a Senate runoff in Alabama. The retirement of Senator Bob Corker of Tennessee

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kicked off a potentially fratricidal fight for his seat, with the establishment's preferred successor, Gov. Bill Haslam, declining to run on Thursday.

An audiotape surfaced of Vice President Mike Pence's chief of staff, Nick Ayers, lambasting Republican leaders and urging conservative donors to close their

wallets to lawmakers who are disloyal to President Trump. And a House Republican, Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania, was forced to resign this week after a text from his mistress became public in which she mocked him for trumpeting his staunch opposition to abortion as he pressured her to terminate a pregnancy.

Former Representative Michael Grimm of New York has also resurfaced after serving time for felony tax fraud to challenge his Republican successor on Staten Island — with the backing of Mr. Trump's former strategist, Stephen K. Bannon.

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TRUMP TO FORCE CONGRESS TO ACT ON IRAN ACCORD

REFUSING TO RECERTIFY

A Broader Strategy to Pressure Tehran Is Taking Shape

By MARK LANDLER and DAVID E. SANGER

WASHINGTON — President Trump is expected to overrule his top national security advisers and decline to certify the Iran nuclear agreement, according to people who have been briefed on the matter, a decision that would reopen a volatile political debate on Iran but is likely to leave in place the landmark deal negotiated by the Obama administration.

By declining to certify Iran's compliance, Mr. Trump would essentially kick it to Congress to decide whether to reimpose punitive economic sanctions. Even among Republicans, there appears to be little appetite to do that, at least for now.

Still, Mr. Trump's expected move would allow him to tell supporters that he had disavowed the accord, while bowing to the reality that the United States would isolate itself from its allies if it sabotaged a deal with which Iran is viewed as complying. Mr. Trump repeatedly ridiculed the accord during the 2016 presidential campaign, vowing to rip it up.

White House officials cautioned that the president had not yet formally decided to "decertify" the agreement. But he faces an Oct. 15 deadline, and he has made little secret of his intentions, most recently when he declared at the United Nations two weeks ago that the agreement was "embarrassing to the United States."

Mr. Trump will present his decision on the deal as part of a broader American strategy to crack down on Iran for its ballistic missile program and destabilizing actions throughout the Middle East. Administration officials said he had signed off on the overall approach and hoped he would present it before the deadline.

The strategy is an effort by the Trump administration to make the nuclear agreement only part of a multidimensional approach to pressure Iran on many fronts, including its missile program, its support for militant groups like Hezbollah and its intervention in

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Genre-Spanning Author of 'The Remains of the Day' Wins Nobel



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Kazuo Ishiguro in 2015. He is beloved by scholars and is commercially successful, and his work has been adapted into movies.

By ALEXANDRA ALTER and DAN BILEFSKY

As a young man, Kazuo Ishiguro wanted to be a singer and songwriter. He played at folk clubs and went through several stylistic evolutions — including a purple, poetic phase — before settling into spare, confessional lyrics.

He never succeeded in the music business, but writing songs helped shape the idiosyncratic, elliptical prose style that made him one of the most acclaimed and influential British writers of his generation. "That was all very good preparation for the kind of fiction I went on to write," Mr. Ishiguro said in a 2015 interview with The New York Times. "You have to leave a lot of meaning underneath the surface."

Mr. Ishiguro went on to publish seven acclaimed novels, and on Thursday, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, the literary world's highest honor.

Mr. Ishiguro, 62, is best known for his novels "The Remains of the Day," about a butler serving an English lord in the years leading up to World War II, and "Never Let Me Go," a melancholy dystopian

love story set in a British boarding school. He has obsessively returned to the same themes in his work, including the fallibility of memory, mortality and the porous nature of time. His body of work stands out for his inventive subversion of literary genres, his acute sense of place and his masterly parsing of the British class system.

"If you mix Jane Austen and Franz Kafka, then you have Kazuo Ishiguro in a nutshell, but you have to add a little bit of Marcel Proust into the mix," said Sara Danius, the permanent secretary of the Swedish Academy.

Ms. Danius described Mr. Ishiguro as "a writer of great integrity."

"He doesn't look to the side," she said. "He has developed an aesthetic universe all his own."

At a news conference at his

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A Master of Restraint

Ishiguro novels revel in discovery, and how slowly it arrives, writes Dwight Garner. Page A12.



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