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A river created from melting ice on the Greenland ice sheet, near where a team of scientists set up a research camp this summer.

Toppled Desk Points to Race And Discipline

This article is by Richard Fausset, Richard Pérez-Peña and Alan Blinder.

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Videos of a white sheriff's deputy throwing a black high school girl to the floor of a classroom thrust this community into an unsettling national discussion Tuesday about whether black students are disproportionately punished.

The incident, which the Justice Department said Tuesday that it would investigate, follows national studies showing that black students were far more likely than whites to be disciplined in public schools, even for comparable offenses.

That issue was receiving intense scrutiny here long before the videos of Monday's incident were released, prompting the district to form a task force last year to examine its practices.

Last year, the racial divide in the Richland School District Two, encompassing parts of this city and its suburbs, led to the formation of the Black Parents Association, and contributed to a bitter campaign for control of the district's board.

Yet this community fits no neat stereotype of racial tension. It has at times been seen as a model of amicable integration, where students of divergent backgrounds socialize together. And while some students have called the deputy overly rough or racist, others, of all races, defend his record in the school — if not his behavior on the videos.

The videos showed a sheriff's deputy assigned to Spring Valley High School struggling with a 16-year-old girl who had refused to stand and leave her math class, after the teacher reportedly caught her using her phone. The deputy, Ben Fields, tipped the girl's chair and desk backward.

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A Close-Up Look at Greenland, Melting Away

By CORAL DAVENPORT

ON THE GREENLAND ICE SHEET — The midnight sun still gleamed at 1 a.m. across the brilliant expanse of the Greenland ice sheet. Brandon Overstreet, a doctoral candidate in hydrology at the University of Wyoming, picked his way across the frozen landscape, clipped his climbing harness to an anchor in the ice and crept toward the edge of a river that rushed downstream toward an enormous sinkhole.

If he fell in, "the death rate is 100 percent," said Mr. Overstreet's friend and fellow researcher, Lincoln Pitcher.

But Mr. Overstreet's task, to

A Perilous Expedition Studies the Effects of Global Warming

collect critical data from the river, is essential to understanding one of the most consequential impacts of global warming. The scientific data he and a team of six other researchers collect here could yield groundbreaking information on the rate at which the melting of the Greenland ice sheet, one of the biggest and fastest-melting chunks of ice on Earth, will drive up sea levels in

the coming decades. The full melting of Greenland's ice sheet could increase sea levels by about 20 feet.

"We scientists love to sit at our computers and use climate models to make those predictions," said Laurence C. Smith, head of the geography department at the University of California, Los Angeles, and the leader of the team that worked in Greenland this summer. "But to really know what's happening, that kind of understanding can only come about through empirical measurements in the field."

For years, scientists have studied the impact of the planet's

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World Series Drama: A Four-Minute Blackout

By RICHARD SANDOMIR

For four minutes, Game 1 of the World Series disappeared from the air. When it returned, baseball's increasing dependence on technology was starkly visible.

Fox temporarily lost power on Tuesday night in Kansas City, Mo., a technical meltdown that might have felt familiar to anyone who has been flustered by a crashed computer. That it happened in an extraordinarily public way and affected the game on the field, however, gave it the urgency of a crisis.

The game concluded in extra innings, but only after Fox, which paid about \$500 million for the broadcast rights to the World Series, resolved a glitch that sent millions of television viewers scrambling for alternatives at both ends of the technological spectrum: the Internet or the radio.

It happened before the Royals came to bat in the bottom of the fourth inning, at 9:18 p.m. Eastern. Fox's Joe Buck was reading a promo for "The Grinder," a sitcom, when the picture disap-



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Joe Torre, center, of Major League Baseball, met with umpires to discuss technical difficulties for the World Series broadcast.

peared.

"We apologize for technical difficulties with our #WorldSeries broadcast. We are working on fixing the issue ASAP," Fox tweeted at 9:21 p.m.

The problem had affected the

most modern component of the game: replay.

Major League Baseball instituted the video-replay system last year, allowing teams to chal-

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Poll Indicates Deep Divide In the G.O.P.

Party Is Split on Issues From Taxes to Guns

By JONATHAN MARTIN and MEGAN THEE-BRENAN

The latest New York Times-CBS News poll makes Republican Party divisions clear, from the choice of a presidential nominee to whether party members are willing to see their leaders compromise on legislation.

For the first time since The Times and CBS News began testing candidate preferences in July, the retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson has displaced Donald J. Trump as the leader of the large Republican field, although the difference is well within the poll's margin of sampling error. The churn in the field suggests more volatility as the contest draws closer to the primaries early next year.

Mr. Carson and Mr. Trump draw support from different segments of the Republican electorate, with Mr. Carson winning the allegiance of evangelicals and self-described conservatives. Mr. Trump does better among Republican primary voters who do not have a college education and with those who are not evangelical.

The two wings of the party also differ on issues ranging from taxes and immigration to gun control and same-sex marriage. Republican voters appear remarkably aware of their own challenges: Three-quarters of those surveyed called their own party divided and seven in 10 acknowledged that Republicans were at least partly to blame for dysfunction and gridlock in Washington.

The intraparty differences could be difficult to bridge. A majority of Republican voters said their leaders should be willing to offer concessions to get things done in Washington, but about four in 10 said that Republican of-

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ISIS CAPTIVES SAY THEY FACED BLADE AS RESCUE CAME

ACCOUNTS OF TORTURE

Execution Threats and Beatings Over Ties to G.I.s or Kurds

By MICHAEL R. GORDON

SALAHADDIN, Iraq — Muhammad Hassan Abdullah al-Jibouri had little hope that he would ever make it out of the Islamic State's jail alive, and he had not even seen the sun in more than a month. Then, early last Thursday morning, he heard the helicopters overhead.

The 35-year-old police officer heard bursts of gunfire, and shouts in Kurdish and in English. Suddenly, the door to his cell was battered open.

"Who is there? Who is there?" a soldier yelled, first in Kurdish and then in Arabic.

"We are prisoners!" Mr. Jibouri's cellmates yelled back.

Mr. Jibouri was one of 69 Arab prisoners of the Islamic State freed in a military raid near the northern Iraqi town of Hawija last week, the first in which American Special Operations forces were confirmed to have accompanied their Kurdish counterparts onto the battlefield.

On Tuesday, in their first interviews since being brought to the Kurdish autonomous region by American Chinook helicopters, four of the former prisoners described life under the thumb of the Islamic State.

As members of the police, or suspected of ties to the Iraqi government or the United States, the men were beaten and tortured by militants during their captivity. It was all suddenly reversed by a military mission than happened upon them by mistake — the raid had originally been meant to free

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Second Chances Kept Coming For Suspect in Officer's Death

This article is by James C. McKinley Jr., Benjamin Mueller and Nate Schweber.

It was lunchtime on a June day in 2009, and Tyrone Howard, nicknamed Peanut for the shape of his head, shot a drug rival on a crowded outdoor basketball court in East Harlem, according to court documents. But after Mr. Howard was arrested, the case fell apart and he was not prosecuted.

The episode went unmentioned in court this spring when a judge sent Mr. Howard, who is 30, to treatment instead of prison after his fifth conviction on a drug charge.

It was the latest in a string of breaks for Mr. Howard in his two-decade odyssey through the criminal justice system, like the jobs program he was allowed into after being convicted of armed robbery as a youthful offender, or the prison sentence in 2011 that was curtailed, his lawyer says, when he offered prosecutors in-



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MOURNING Officer Randolph Holder's wake was held Tuesday in Queens. Page A20.

formation on a different case.

But if the legal system bent to help him, the drug trade did not, and his bad acts would stalk him through the open courtyards and darkened corners of the East River Houses in Upper Manhattan.

Even six years later, he was running from drug rivals who had nursed a grudge since he

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Iran may join negotiations in Vienna this week on ending the Syrian war. Russia had urged that Iran, which also supports Syria's president, be included, despite U.S. reluctance. PAGE A7

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