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Philippine President Benigno Aquino III (left) and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry (right) shake hands after the signing of the U.S.-Philippines Security Agreement in Manila on Sept. 23.

Pope Departs, After Showing a Deft Touch

By MICHAEL CHAMBERLAIN
and LAURENCE SCHEINBERG

PHILADELPHIA — His days here, Pope Francis spent in Washington for his last visit to the United States — a memory likely not to fade and that he will share with his family, friends, and the people of the United States. The pope's visit to Philadelphia was a triumph, a sign of his deep connection to the United States and his role as a global leader. He showed a deft touch in his interactions with the American people, and his message of peace and hope resonated deeply.

Boehner's Move Deepens a Republican Chasm

By DAVID M. GARDNER
and JAMES HANCOCK

WASHINGTON — The move by House Speaker John Boehner to resign as speaker and run for governor in Ohio has deepened a chasm within the Republican Party. The move is seen as a sign of the party's internal divisions and the struggle for leadership. Boehner's decision has left many members of the party questioning his leadership and the future of the party.



Firefighters battle a blaze in California. A wildfire in California has spread and is burning out of control, firefighters are working to contain it.

Progress Seen On Warming, With a Caveat

Nations' Goals Self-Fulfill Short, Scientists Say

By JEFFREY M. PERMAN
and JAMES HANCOCK

The progress that countries are making to reduce climate change would not allow the world to keep its promise to limit global warming to 2 degrees Celsius, a new analysis shows. A new study indicates that the world is not on track to meet its climate goals, and that more action is needed to prevent catastrophic warming. Scientists warn that the current pace of emissions reductions is insufficient to meet the goals set by the Paris Agreement.

RUSSIA SURPRISES U.S. WITH ACCORD ON BAPTILING ISIS

WIDENING ITS INFLUENCE

A Deal With Iraq, Iran and Syria Adds to Don't-Dramatic Deal

By MICHAEL S. GOODMAN

RUSSIA SURPRISED the United States and other Western powers by agreeing to a deal with Iraq, Iran, and Syria to fight ISIS. The deal is seen as a sign of Russia's growing influence in the Middle East and its willingness to work with its adversaries. The agreement is a significant development in the fight against the militant group, and it shows a shift in the regional power balance.

Abused Inmates, Strong Unions and Hard-to-Fire Prison Guards

By TOM GIBSON

A few days after James Thin arrived at the Texas Central Jail in Dallas, he was told that he had to work. He was an inmate, and he was being forced to work. The conditions were harsh, and the guards were brutal. Thin's story is just one of many that show the plight of inmates in the United States. The prison system is a complex one, with strong unions and hard-to-fire guards. The system is often criticized for being inhumane and for wasting taxpayer money.

For Giants of Silicon Valley, India Is the Next Big Frontier

By YOUNGJAE LEE

SAN FRANCISCO, India — As the world's largest economy grows, the attention of Silicon Valley has turned to India. The country is seen as a major market for technology companies, and many are looking to expand their operations there. India's growing economy and large population make it an attractive market for tech companies. The country's infrastructure and government policies are also improving, making it a more favorable environment for business.



President Obama speaking at a podium during a press conference.

Canada Seeks to Repeal

Canada's anti-terrorism laws, a move that would allow the government to prosecute terrorism suspects more easily.

Investigation's Changing Face

The Justice Department's investigation into the 2012 Benghazi attacks is shifting focus, with more attention on the role of the CIA.

Spring Awakening? Aims

The Obama administration is looking to ease tensions with China and improve relations with other major powers.

Iran Full-Scale Against English

The Islamic Republic of Iran is launching a full-scale campaign against the English language, viewing it as a threat to its culture.

EDITORIAL OF SEP 24

Headlines and commentary on the day's events, including the Pope's departure and the Russian deal.

