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PSYCH OBSERVATION LOG

NAME: Epstein

REGISTRATION#: 76318-054

OBSERVATION STARTED: 7/8/19 @ 6 PM

OBSERVATION ENDED: 7/10/19 9 AM

PLEASE RETURN LOG TO PSYCHOLOGY AFTER THE OBSERVATION HAS ENDED.
THANK YOU.

ITEMS ALLOWED:

_____Regular Clothes
_____Safety Toothbrush
_____Newspaper/Magazine
_____Books (softcover only)
_____Safety Pen and Paper
_____Toilet Paper
_____Legal Mail
_____Other

SW Blanket & SW Mattress must be used even on Psych Observations.
If nothing is checked with a silver marker, only a Suicide Smock and Suicide Blanket are allowed.

Name of Inmate On Suicide Watch or Psych Observation: [redacted] Epstein

Registration #: 76318-054

EATING/SHOWER CHART

DATE	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER	LIQUIDS	OFFERED SHOWER	RECEIVED SHOWER
7-9-19	✓	✓	[redacted]	✓✓		
7/10/19						

Please check the appropriate box if the person on Suicide Watch/Psych Observation actually eats his meal. Do not check the box if he just received it, but did not eat it.

Place a check in the "Liquids" box each time the person drinks.

Thank you.

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6:00 PM Inmate Companion Jeffrey Weber 85377-054 assumes the responsibility for the Psych Watch shift for Inmate Epstein #76318-054 in cell #4 on 7/8/19 at 6 PM Jeffrey Weber ——— JW

6:15 PM Inmate Epstein is ~~asking~~ I/C Weber about the kinds of crazy things he has seen as an I/C ——— JW

6:30 PM Inmate Epstein is asking I/C Weber about how life is upstairs in a General Population Unit (as ~~compared to the SHU~~) JW

6:45 PM Inmate Epstein is sitting quietly on his bed.

7:00 PM Inmate Epstein is lying quietly in bed ——— JW

7:15 PM Inmate Epstein is sleeping ——— JW

7:30 PM Inmate Epstein is sleeping ——— JW

7:45 PM Inmate Epstein is sleeping ——— JW

8:00 PM Inmate Epstein is sleeping ——— JW

8:15 PM Inmate Epstein is sleeping ——— JW

8:30 PM Inmate Epstein is sleeping ——— JW

8:45 PM Inmate Epstein is sleeping ——— JW

9:00 PM Inmate Epstein is lying quietly in bed ——— JW

9:15 PM Inmate Epstein is pacing around in his cell. ——— JW

9:30 PM Inmate Epstein is pacing around in his cell. ——— JW

9:45 PM Inmate Epstein is lying quietly in bed ——— JW

10:00 PM Inmate Epstein appears to be sleeping ——— JW

10:15 PM Inmate Epstein appears to be sleeping ——— JW

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10:30PM Inmate Epstein is sleeping — JW
10:45PM Inmate Epstein is sleeping — JW
11:00PM End of shift for Inmate Companion Ueber 85377-054 Jeffrey Weber — JW
Lt POS

11PM Inmate BRANDON DeCAPUA #16520-055 assumes responsibility for the psych observation of Inmate EPSTEIN #76318-054 in cell #4 on 7/8/19 at 11:00 pm — BD
11:15 PM Inmate EPSTEIN IS SLEEPING — BD
11:23 PM Inmate EPSTEIN is up using bathroom — BD
11:25 PM Inmate Epstein is laying down, I asked if he ate dinner because cart's not logged. He said he was offered dinner but refused because it was nasty (He is right) — BD
11:30 PM Inmate EPSTEIN is laying down — BD
11:45 PM Inmate EPSTEIN is laying down — BD
12:00 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is sleeping — BD
12:05 AM Staff rounds — BD
12:15 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is awake pacing cell — BD
12:30 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is pacing, used bathroom, then lays down — BD
12:45 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is pacing his cell — BD

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100 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is laying down — BD

105 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is pacing his cell — BD

115 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is pacing his cell — BD

125 AM Staff rounds — BD

130 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is pacing cell — BD

145 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is talking to me and I'm explaining prison life and etiquette to him — BD

200 AM Still explaining — BD

215 AM Still explaining — BD

230 AM Still explaining about prisons, the basics of what's what, who's who, and how's how. — BD

235 AM Class is over. Inmate EPSTEIN is laying down — BD

245 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is sleeping — BD

247 AM End of Shift — BD

300 AM I/C Allen WALKER started shift — AW

315 AM I/M Epstein APPEARS to be sleep — AW

330 AM I/M Epstein APPEARS to be sleep — AW

345 AM I/M Epstein is using the bathroom — AW

400 AM I/M Epstein is laying DOWN — AW

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Epstein 76318-054

4:15 AM I/M Epstein is pacing his cell — AW
4:30 AM I/M Epstein is pacing his cell — AW
4:45 AM I/M Epstein is sitting up — AW
5:00 AM I/M Epstein is ready for breakfast — AW
5:15 AM I/M Epstein is laying down — AW
5:30 AM I/M Epstein is laying down — AW
5:45 AM I/M Epstein is laying down — AW
6:00 AM I/M Epstein is laying down — AW
6:15 AM I/M Epstein is laying down — AW
6:30 AM I/M Epstein is laying down — AW
6:45 AM I/M Epstein is ready for breakfast — AW
7:00 AM I/C Allen Walker 86900-054 shift ends — AW

D/h Lt Burt 7-9-19

7:00 AM Start New Shift Richard Martinez 2775805
7:09 A Dr E Miller Psych visit + review of lg book EM
7:15 A Dr E Miller interview. EM
7:30 A Dr E Miller Interview EM
7:45 A Dr E Miller Interview EM
8:00 AM I/M Epstein is setting down on the bed — RM
8:15 AM I/M Epstein is pacing his cell — Ray
8:20 AM I/M Epstein is going for Visit — Ray
8:30 A I/M EPSTEIN is on Visit — Ray

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EPSTEIN # 76318-054

8:45 AM I/M EPSTEIN Still out ——— RM
7:00 AM I/M Epstein Still out ——— RM
7:15 I/M Still out ——— RM
9:30 AM I/M Epstein still out ——— RM
6:45 AM I/M Epstein still out ——— RM
10:00 AM I/M Epstein Still out ——— RM
10:15 AM I/M EPStein Still out ——— RM
10:30 AM I/M Epstein still out ——— RM
10:45 AM I/M Epstein still out ——— RM
11:00 AM I/M Epstein Still out ——— RM
11:15 AM I/M Epstein Still out ——— RM
11:25 AM Inmate Companion Dwayne Conley 86700054 Assures responsibility for inmate Epstein 76318-054 whom which DC
11:30 AM is still out. ——— DC
11:45 AM Inmate Epstein is still out ——— DC
12:00 PM Inmate Epstein just came back ——— DC
12:15 PM Inmate Epstein is eating lunch ——— DC
12:30 PM Inmate Epstein was just taken to see Doctor ——— DC
12:45 PM Inmate Epstein is still out ——— DC
1:00 PM Inmate Epstein is still out of cell to Doctor ——— DC
1:15 PM Inmate Epstein is still out to doctor ——— DC
1:19 PM Inmate Epstein has returned ——— DC
1:30 PM Inmate Epstein talking to me ——— DC

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Cont. EPSTEIN 76318-054

1:45PM Inmate Epstein is sitting up talking to me — DC
2:00PM Inmate Epstein was taken out by officer — DC
2:15PM Inmate Epstein is still out — DC
2:30PM Inmate Epstein is still out — DC
2:45PM Inmate Epstein is still out — DC
3:00PM Inmate Epstein is still out — DC

End of shift 867000571

13:00PM I/C MILLER 85771-054 ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR INMATE ~~ESP~~ EPSTEIN #76318-054 cell 4 ~~B4~~
PSYCH/OBS WATCH

3:00PM INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT — DM
3:15PM INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT — DM
3:30PM INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT — DM
3:45PM INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT — DM
4:00PM INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT — DM
4:15PM INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT — DM
4:30PM INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT — DM
4:45PM INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT — DM
5:00PM INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT — DM
5:15PM INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT — DM
5:30PM Lt Rounds C. Perez — CP
5:30PM INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT — DM
5:45PM INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT — DM

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7/9/19 EPSTEIN 76318-054

6:00 PM	INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT	DM
6:15 PM	INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT	DM
6:30 PM	INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT	DM
6:45 PM	INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT	DM
7:00 PM	INMATE EPSTEIN IS OUT	DM

END OF SHIFT

7:00	I/c @ Mersey #89673-053 assuming responsibility for I/m Epstein #76318-054	WDA
7:19	I/m Epstein is out	WDA
7:30	I/m Epstein is out	WDA
7:40	I/m Epstein is out	WDA
7:55	I/m Epstein has returned from his legal visit	WDA
8:00	I/m Epstein and I are talking about the escort reserves	WDA
8:19	I/m Epstein and I are continuing the discussion	WDA
8:30	I/m Epstein has paused to brush his teeth	WDA
8:45	I/m Epstein and I are talking about how to handle prisons	WDA
9:00	I/m Epstein and I are talking about arbitrary	WDA
9:15	I/m Epstein is asking questions about CO's	WDA

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9:30 I/m Epstein is talking about celebs he knows — [illegible]

9:45 Lt RDS ——————

9:49 I/m Epstein is asking for his meds — [illegible]

10:00 I/m Epstein just received his meds — [illegible]

10:15 I/m Epstein is asking about kitchen food — [illegible]

10:30 I/m Epstein is going to sleep — [illegible]

10:45 I/m Epstein sleeping soundly — [illegible]

11:00 I/m Epstein out for the night (he said good night) — [illegible]

11:07 I/c Mersey END SHIFT —— [illegible]

11:12 PM Inmate BRANDON DeCAPUA #16520-055 — assumes responsibility for the psych — observation of Inmate EPSTEIN — #76318-054 in cell #4 on 7/9/19 at 11:12 PM — BD

11:15 PM Inmate EPSTEIN is sleeping —— BD

11:30 PM Inmate EPSTEIN is awake ERROR pacing — BD

11:45 PM Inmate EPSTEIN is using bathroom — BD

12:00 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is pacing —— BD

12:08 AM Staff rounds —— BD

12:15 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is pacing —— BD

12:30 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is pacing —— BD

12:45 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is pacing —— BD

100 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is pacing — BD
104 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is laying down quiet — BD
112 AM Lt ROUNDS — BD
~~making BOP~~
115 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is laying down — BD
130 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is sleeping — BD
145 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is sleeping — BD
200 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is sleeping — BD
215 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is using bathroom, then laying down — BD
230 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is pacing — BD
245 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is pacing — BD
300 AM Inmate EPSTEIN is pacing — BD
301 AM End of shift — BD
302 AM I/C BASSETT (76269-054) ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PSYCH OBSERVATION OF INMATE EPSTEIN (76318-054) CELL #4 ON 7/10/19 — J
304 INMATE EPSTEIN IS LAYING DOWN RIGHT NOW — J
315 INMATE EPSTEIN IS LAYING DOWN — J
330 INMATE EPSTEIN IS LAYING DOWN — J
335 INMATE EPSTEIN IS WALKING AROUND — J
336 ASKS IF ITS OKAY FOR HIM TO WALK AROUND HE'S ALSO STATING HE A PEE ~~[illegible]~~ — J

EPSTEIN 76318-054

345 INMATE EPSTEIN IS PACING BACK AND FORTH
INMATE EPSTEIN IS SLEEPING PACING BACK AND FORTH
500 INMATE EPSTEIN IS PACING BACK AND FORTH
415 INMATE EPSTEIN IS WALKING AROUND CELL
430 INMATE EPSTEIN IS WALKING AROUND CELL
445 INMATE EPSTEIN IS SLEEPING
500 INMATE EPSTEIN APPEARS TO BE SLEEP
545 INMATE EPSTEIN APPEARS TO BE SLEEP
600 INMATE EPSTEIN IS SLEEP
645 INMATE EPSTEIN IS SLEEP
600 INMATE EPSTEIN IS SLEEPING
615 INMATE EPSTEIN IS SLEEPING
624 INMATE EPSTEIN IS USING BATHROOM
630 INMATE EPSTEIN IS PACING THE CELL
645 INMATE EPSTEIN IS UP PACING
700 INMATE EPSTEIN ASKED ME ABOUT HIS BREAKFAST
INMATE EPSTEIN 76269-054 SIGNING OUT
7:15 AM I/C Albert MCDUFFie #86768054 assumes responsibility for inmate Epstein #76318-054 in cell #4
Inmate Epstein is pacing around the room-
7:30 AM Inmate Epstein is sitting on the bed
7:45 AM Inmate Epstein is talking to the psych
745 Dr E Miller Psych visit & turned off by

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8:00 AM Inmate Epstein is sitting on the bed ——— am

8:15 AM Inmate Epstein is pacing the room ——— am

8:30 AM Inmate Epstein is taking a shower and (JE)
He will be receiving a new set of clothes ——— (JE)

8:45 AM Inmate is getting dressed for lawyer visit ——— am

9:00 Inmate Epstein has entered a regular housing unit- am

End of shift Albert McDuffie #86768054 am

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I will be out of the office on August 20, 2019. Please leave a detailed email message, and I will contact you upon my return. If you require immediate assistance, please contact the institution directly at
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THE DAILY NEWS FLASH

1

Two jail guards surfed the internet, napped instead of watching Jeffrey Epstein: indictment

TUESDAY, NOV 19

Two correctional officers ignored their duties and instead snoozed and surfed the internet, allowing Jeffrey Epstein to commit suicide in his cell only 15 feet away, prosecutors charged in the indictment.

2

Key witnesses Vindman, Volker, Morrison testify in Trump impeachment hearings

TUESDAY, NOV 19

Trump declared Republicans were “killing it” on the third day of his public impeachment hearings. See the updates and full recap.

3

College grad shot dead on Brooklyn street, stray bullets hit two buses nearby

TUESDAY, NOV 19

A 32-year-old man was shot to death on a Brooklyn street corner — and stray bullets pierced the side of a school bus and a city bus with more than 30 people on board.

4

Narcs nab speed-demon drug dealer as he leaves Bronx nightclub

TUESDAY, NOV 19

A speed-demon drug dealer with a reputation for high-speed getaways ran out of road when cops and federal agents tracked him to a Bronx nightclub.

5

Free six-bedroom house available in N.J. — as long as you can move it

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Bureau of Prisons
Health Services
Clinical Encounter

Inmate Name: EPSTEIN, JEFFREY EDWARD			Reg #: 76318-054
Date of Birth: 01/20/1953	Sex: M	Race: WHITE	Facility: NYM
Encounter Date: 07/23/2019 06:20	Provider: Joaquin, Y. MLP		Unit: H01

Injury Assessment - Non-work related encounter performed at Health Services.

SUBJECTIVE:

INJURY 1 **Provider:** Joaquin, Y. MLP

Date of Injury: 07/23/2019 01:27 **Date Reported for Treatment:** 07/23/2019 08:25

Work Related: No **Work Assignment:** UNASSG

Pain Location:

Pain Scale: 0

Pain Qualities:

Where Did Injury Happen (Be specific as to location):

Special Housing Unit Z05-Cell 124 L

Cause of Injury (Inmate's Statement of how injury occurred):

"I do not know. Just went to drink a little water and wake up snorting".

Symptoms (as reported by inmate):

None

OBJECTIVE:

Temperature:

Date	Time	Fahrenheit	Celsius	Location	Provider
07/23/2019	06:30 NYM	97.5	36.4	Oral	Joaquin, Y. MLP

Pulse:

Date	Time	Rate Per Minute	Location	Rhythm	Provider
07/23/2019	06:30	92	Via Machine	Regular	Joaquin, Y. MLP

Respirations:

Date	Time	Rate Per Minute	Provider
07/23/2019	06:30 NYM	16	Joaquin, Y. MLP

Blood Pressure:

Date	Time	Value	Location	Position	Cuff Size	Provider
07/23/2019	06:30 NYM	140/85	Right Arm	Sitting	Adult-regular	Joaquin, Y. MLP

SaO2:

Date	Time	Value(%)	Air	Provider
07/23/2019	06:30 NYM	96	Room Air	Joaquin, Y. MLP

Exam:

General

Affect

Yes: Cooperative

Appearance

Yes: Appears Well, Alert and Oriented x 3

No: Appears Distressed, Lethargic, Dyspneic, Appears in Pain, Pallor, Cyanotic, Diaphoretic, Disheveled,

EFTA00045996

Exam:

Acutely Ill

Pulmonary

Auscultation

Yes: Clear to Auscultation, Vesicular Breath Sounds Bilaterally

No: Crackles, Rhonchi, Wheezing

Exam Comments

Inmate for injury report as requested by Operational Lt.
He is ambulatory, oriented x 3. In not apparent distress, smiling during this clinical encounter. Alleges, that he does not know what happened. Can not explain the marks on his neck. Responded: "I don't know".
He does not want to talk of the events leading to the marks on his neck.
He does not look in any distress or pain.
Has an circular line of erythema at the base of the neck. Reaching 2/3 of the neck circumference, 2 inches wide, sparing the back of the neck. Has one section of this erythema in the front with marks of friction.
No inflammation, no deformities, no hematomas, no lacerations, no tenderness. Patient moving his neck without any restriction. Denies having any pain or discomfort. Denies any respiratory problem.
Has another small erythema on left knee about 2cm in diameter(mild).
As per information from custody staff inmate Epstein was found in his cell with a rope around his neck and sitting on the floor.
Inmate is currently placed on suicide watch.

ASSESSMENT:

Injury, unspecified, T1490 - Current - *R/O self inflicted injuries.*

PLAN:

Disposition:

Follow-up at Sick Call as Needed
Placed on Suicide Watch
Follow-up in 2-4 Hours

Other:

For follow up with psychology service.

Patient Education Topics:

Date Initiated	Format	Handout/Topic	Provider	Outcome
07/23/2019	Counseling	Access to Care	Joaquin, Y.	Verbalizes Understanding
07/23/2019	Counseling	Plan of Care	Joaquin, Y.	Verbalizes Understanding

Copay Required: No **Cosign Required:** Yes
Telephone/Verbal Order: No

Completed by Joaquin, Y. MLP on 07/23/2019 09:05
Requested to be cosigned by Beaudouin, Robert MD.
Cosign documentation will be displayed on the following page.

EFTA00045997

Epstein, Jeffrey Edward, Reg. No. 76318-054X

From	Lee Plourde
To	Adam Johnson, Charisma Edge, Elissa Miller, Jermaine Darden, Lamine N'Diaye, Lee Plourde, NYM/Executive Staff, Shirley V. Skipper-Scott
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Suicide Timeline:

RE: Epstein, Jeffrey Edward, Reg. No. 76318-054

Friday, August 9, 2019

8:00 am: inmate Reyes Efrain, Reg. No. 85993-054 departs for court (WAB-USMS-SDNY). Reyes is Epstein's cellmate.

8:30 am: inmate Epstein arrives in Attorney Conference. He is visited by several attorneys throughout the day.

6:45 pm: inmate Epstein departs attorney conference and returns to SHU.

7:00 pm: inmate Epstein provided a social call by IDO. IDO reports inmate Epstein was in good spirits, nothing unusual.

Saturday, August 10, 2019

6:33 am: Body alarm activated in SHU. Staff found inmate Epstein unresponsive in cell. Staff reported to bedside of inmate and attempted to wake him. Control announced medical emergency. CPR initiated

6:35 am: Medical staff (on duty PA) on site, CPR already in progress medical staff continues CPR and AED applied on inmate. Control called for ambulance

6:40 am: S. Skipper-Scott, AW notified

6:45 am: EMS arrives, paramedics continue CPR. Inmate Epstein remains unresponsive. Inmate Epstein is intubated, given three rounds of Epinephrine, IV access started, IO initiated. No pulse found, no shock advised, inmate prepared for transport to local hospital.

7:00 am: Institution placed on modified operations

7:10 am: EMS departs institution enroute to Beekman Hospital.

7:19 am: USMS notified of incident.

7:20 am: SIS Lt notified.

7:30 am: L. N'Diaye, Warden arrives at institution. C.Edge, AW notified.

7:32 am: PIO notified of incident by the Warden.

7:36 am: Official time of death reported by ER physician.

7:40 am: Acting Chief Psychologist notified.

8:00 am: S.Skipper-Scott, AW and J. Darden, Captain arrives at institution.

8:10 am: SIS Lt arrives at institution.

8:10 am: CMC and SCSS notified.

8:34 am: FBI notified.

9:00 am: AUSA notified.

9:00 am: C. Edge arrives at institution.

Cont. Saturday, August 10, 2019

9:00 am: SIS Lt. Reports to SHU. Interviews will be conducted with inmates assigned to tier.

9:15 am: CMC arrives at institution.

9:30 am: Acting Chief Psychologist arrived to the institution.

9:50 am: SCSS arrives at institution.

9:55 am: CMC and IDO depart institution En route to Beekman Hospital.

10:00 am: CMC and IDO arrive at Beekman Hospital, fingerprints and photographs taken of inmate Epstein. Inmate clothing secured and brought back to institution.

10:00 am: Judge Berman notified.

10:15 am: CMC returns to institution.

Cont. Saturday, August 10, 2019

10:45 am: PIO arrived to the institution.

11:00 am: Next of kin (brother) notified by Case Management Coordinator.

11:12 am: Press Release released to media.

11:15 am: Press Release provided to Judge Berman.

11:15 am: Crisis Support Team activated.

12:15 pm: Body released to Medical Examiner (ME) for autopsy

12:19 pm: FBI arrives.

1:35 pm: FBI arrives in Special Housing Unit.

1:40 pm: OIG notified by the Warden and they will be sending an Agent to NYM.

2:15 pm: Crisis Support Team debrief conducted.

2:45 pm: OIG arrived in Special Housing Unit (SHU)
.
3:45 pm: OIG and FBI departed from SHU.

5:05 pm: OIG/FBI departed MCC New York.

5:30 pm: CST departed MCC New York.

10:15 pm: Computer Services Manager arrives at institution to remove hard drives (Computers) from SHU. And replaced with new ones.

Sunday, August 11, 2019

8:00 am: Resumed normal operations. Attorney conference visits and social visits (Unit 3) resume.

12:15 am: Computer Services Manager departs the institution.

Cont. Sunday, August 11, 2019

10:40 am: OIG Agent Kerwin, John and Agent Guido Modano arrives at institution.

11:15 am: OIG Agent Kerwin John, departs institution with two computers FPS 021407270 and FPS 0214207268.

2:00 pm: OIG Agent Guido Modano departs the institution.

Monday, August 12, 2019

1:00 pm: Staff recall conducted

3:14 pm: FBI arrives

7:56 pm: FBI departs

9:45 pm: FBI returns

10:30 pm: FBI departs

Tuesday August 13, 2019

7:15 am: Mr. Hollingsworth, NER Correctional Services Administrator arrives to the institution

7:25 am: Dr. Robert Negle National suicide prevention coordinator, and Dr. Kristin Willert, National Sex offender program coordinator arrives to the institution.

8:40 am: Northeast Regional Director R. Ormond arrives to the institution.

Re: Media inquiry - WNYC/Gothamist - re: flooding at MCC

From	Michael Carroll
To	Lee Plourde
Date	2019/08/26 15:12
Subject:	Re: Media inquiry - WNYC/Gothamist - re: flooding at MCC
Attachments:	TEXT.htm

Can you call me

>>> Lee Plourde <lplourde@bop.gov> 8/26/2019 3:10 PM >>>
Today at approximately 7:45 am there was a flood on 2nd floor (Unit 2, medical sally port) and 2 pieces of clothing found in the drain pipe that was retrieved while snaking the drain from a toilet in the cell. To prevent water damage to our elevators we had to temporarily suspend all visits in the institution.

The appropriate PPE was on site to expedite the cleaning of this incident. As of now the institution has resumed normal operations and sanitation is completed. If you should have any further questions and or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: Michael Carroll <mwcarroll@bop.gov>
Date: 8/26/19 2:32 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Lee Plourde <lplourde@bop.gov>
Subject: Re: Media inquiry - WNYC/Gothamist - re: flooding at MCC

>>> "Michael Carroll" 08/26/2019 14:32 >>>
Thanks

>>> Lee Plourde <lplourde@bop.gov> 8/26/2019 2:06 PM >>>
Working on it now.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: Michael Carroll <mwcarroll@bop.gov>
Date: 8/26/19 2:00 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Lee Plourde <lplourde@bop.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Media inquiry - WNYC/Gothamist - re: flooding at MCC

>>> "Michael Carroll" 08/26/2019 14:00 >>>
Lee, can you please draft up a response for the below inquiry. They want to get back to the reporter by the

Lee, can you please draft up a response for the below inquiry. They want to get back to the reporter by the end of the day.

Mike

>>> Justin B. Long 8/26/2019 1:58 PM >>>
Mike,

This just came in below with a deadline of 3 pm.

Perhaps Lee could draft something as best he can on short notice for our review (in case I'm advised to answer this reporter at 3)?
Thanks,
Justin

Justin Long
Public Information Office
Federal Bureau of Prisons
(202) 353-4464

>>> Jake Offenhartz 8/26/2019 1:45 PM >>>
Hello,

My name is Jake Offenhartz and I'm a reporter with Gothamist and WNYC, working on a story about reports we've received of raw sewage flooding jail cells and common areas at the Metropolitan Correctional Center. We're also told that female detainees are being asked to clean up the mess — wondering if BOP can confirm, and would like to respond?

Additionally, attorneys say their clients were denied visitation rights this weekend because of staffing shortages. In the wake of Epstein's suicide, what steps has the BOP taken to address staffing issues at the facility?

We'll have a story up around 3 p.m. I can be reached here or by phone at 914 500 3940

Jake

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BusinessWorld Online

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Viken said he would recommend the **Bureau of Prisons** first send Arapahoe to a mental health treatment facility. As part of a plea deal, charges of ...

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Gerald Bantag, a long-time prison official facing multiple homicide charges, has been named President Rodrigo Duterte's new chief at the **Bureau of** ...

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Asheville Citizen-Times

Greene and other defendants sentenced on corruption charges have yet to report for their prison sentences, according to a Sept. 18 **Bureau of Prisons** ...

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Viken said he would recommend the **Bureau of Prisons** first send Arapahoe to a mental health treatment facility. As part of a plea deal, charges of ...

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Gerald Bantag, a long-time prison official facing multiple homicide charges, has been named President Rodrigo Duterte's new chief at the **Bureau of** ...

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U.S. District Judge Sean Cox revoked Staton's bond and ordered him transferred to **Bureau of Prisons** custody, court records show. Sentencing is ...

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Subject:	RE: Staffing in media
Attachments:	TEXT.htm

Excuse the crude headline...not mine!

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/zmjvb4/jeffrey-epsteins-death-is-exposing-the-clusterfuck-inside-trumps-prisons

>>> "Kupec, Kerri (OPA)" <Kerri.Kupec@usdoj.gov> 8/14/2019 4:52 PM >>>
Thanks - Hugh, can you send me the story?

-----Original Message-----
From: Hovakimian, Patrick (ODAG) <phovakimian4@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:51 PM
To: Hugh Hurwitz <HHurwitz@bop.gov>
Cc: Lofthus, Lee J (JMD) <llofthus@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Shea, Timothy (OAG) <tshea@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Kupec, Kerri (OPA) <kkupec@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: Re: Staffing in media

Copying Kerri.

Patrick Hovakimian
202-532-3295

> On Aug 14, 2019, at 4:34 PM, Hugh Hurwitz <HHurwitz@bop.gov> wrote:
>
> Lee, I saw a story today claiming that BOP lost 12% of our workforce since Trump Administration started which is double the drop in the prison pop. This is highly misleading. As you know (and AG Sessions and DAG Rosenstein were also acutely aware of), over the 5 years leading into this administration our prison population had dropped 40,000 inmates, but our staffing had gone up (and pop has continued to drop another almost 9,000 since the start of the Administration)! The drop in staffing that they are referring to also likely includes the 5156 unfunded vacant positions that were eliminated...positions we never could fill in the first place.
>
> We do not need more staff, we just need to fill the vacancies we have. I continue to point out to anyone that will listen (and have reiterated this in several Hill briefings), the problem is not our authorized staffing levels or funding, rather it is finding good candidates to come work for us in hard to fill areas. I have dozens of examples where we post jobs, get 30 applicants and only 10 end up actually coming on board. At that rate it will take a long time just to fill the vacancies we have. We are working on several new initiatives to try and make BOP more attractive to applicants (unfortunately news like this does not help).
>
> Anyway, I know you know this, but also want you to know that we are working to change this narrative, but right now we are getting drowned out by the media hysteria. Thanks.
>
> Hugh

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From Alison Leukefeld

To Hugh Hurwitz, Heidi Kugler

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Yes. Hopefully we can discuss this and a few other brewing issues. Thanks!

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Subject: Re: Inmate Suicide Prevention Memo

>>> "Hugh Hurwitz" 10/17/2019 13:46 >>>
Ok, this is going to be sensitive. Cant say I'm surprised people want to be cautious. I will want to hear about specific examples of significant problems. Why sending to RDs and not to all CEOs? All CEO memo will need Exec staff and union clearance first, but it will ensure the message gets out. We can discuss tomorrow.

Hugh
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Subject: Inmate Suicide Prevention Memo

>>> "Heidi Kugler" 10/17/2019 13:40 >>>
Hugh,
Wanted to give you the heads up, there is an Inmate Suicide Prevention Program Memo in your mailbox that you will probably want to review tomorrow. I discussed it with Rob and Alison today.

Basically following inmate Epstein's suicide, Wardens are defaulting to leaving inmates on suicide watch longer than the institutional Psychologists would advise. So the memo to the RDs seeks to remind Wardens to utilize the professional psychological expertise of the institutional psychologists in managing inmate suicide through the variety of healing strategies. Alison is in the office tomorrow, 10/18, if you want to discuss with her the best way to communicate this to the RD and Wardens and if you have any questions. Have a great day. Peace- Heidi

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'Send her back!': Crowd at Trump rally chants about Rep. Omar

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THE BIG IDEA: Three new polls help explain why the crowd at President Trump's rally in North Carolina last night chanted "Send her back!" when he attacked Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.), a Somali-born Muslim, as well as the reluctance of most congressional Republicans to challenge his racist tweets.

1) A Pew Research Center poll finds that 62 percent of

Americans say the country's openness to people from around the world is "essential to who we are as a nation." That's down six points from September, driven entirely by Republicans changing their views. Since last fall, the share of Republicans who say America risks losing its identity if it is too open has increased 13 percentage points to 57 percent, while the share who view the nation's openness to others as essential has declined 10 points to 37 percent, according to the Pew survey, which was conducted Wednesday through Monday.

For better or worse, presidential leadership can shape public opinion. Trump's full-throated embrace of identity politics is changing his adopted party. Pew's poll, in the field mostly before the latest donnybrook, shows that Democratic attitudes are unchanged compared with last fall: 86 percent say America's openness is essential.

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2) A USA Today-Ipsos poll finds that 68 percent of Americans who were aware of Trump's tweets about the four liberal minority lawmakers said they are offensive. But 57 percent of Republicans polled said they agreed with the president, and a third said they strongly agreed. Overall, 59 percent called the president's tweets "un-American," including independents by a 2-to-1 margin, and 65 percent of those surveyed said telling minority Americans to "go back where they came from" is a racist statement. Among Republicans, however, 45 percent agreed and 34 percent disagreed. Seven in 10 Republicans say that "people who call others 'racist' usually do so in bad

say that "people who call others 'racist' usually do so in bad faith," compared with 17 percent of Democrats.

3) An Economist-YouGov poll shows that members of "the Squad" are more strongly disliked by Republicans than all the Democratic presidential candidates and party leaders. The survey tested the images of 26 Democrats. Omar, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (N.Y.) and Rashida Tlaib (Mich.) are already hugely unpopular among Trump voters. For example, AOC is viewed "very unfavorably" by 74 percent of voters who supported Trump in 2016, while Omar is at 65 percent and Tlaib is at 58 percent.

"**All of them are better known among Republicans than Democrats, which suggests that a steady stream of coverage in conservative media has elevated them as potential Democratic bogeywomen**," Aaron Blake observes. "Trump is tilling fertile soil. … If you adjust their 'very unfavorable' ratings for the percentage who have actually heard enough to rate them, the picture becomes clearer. By this measure, Trump voters already rate them as three of the four Democrats they dislike the most. … Only House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (Calif.), who is tied with Tlaib for third-most-disliked, prevents them from monopolizing the top four spots. (Rep. Ayanna Pressley (Mass.) was the fourth congresswoman Trump targeted. She remains less well known and less despised than the other three members.)"

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People cheer President Trump as he speaks last night at Williams Arena in Greenville, N.C. (Carolyn Kaster/AP)

-- Trump attacked all four members of the self-professed Squad during a 90-mintue speech. A vote for Democrats, Trump told the crowd, is a vote for "frankly, the destruction of our country." But he saved his wrath for Omar, the only one of the four who was not born in the United States.

-- Contrast Trump's rhetoric this week to the moment that the late John McCain challenged a woman who falsely called Barack Obama a Muslim during the 2008 campaign. That rally took place in a Minnesota congressional district that neighbors the one represented by Omar. But, as Trump never tires of pointing out, McCain lost.

-- Last night's rally underscored that the "Send her back!" sentiment is a feature, not a bug, of Trumpism. Trump's poll numbers went up after he called for a total and complete ban on Muslims entering the United States in December 2015. His Republican primary opponents chastised him, but his crowds loved it. And Trump has said he sees crowds at his rallies as his focus groups. On "Fox & Friends," Eric Trump said "95 percent" of Americans agree with his father's message.

-- As thousands chanted "Send her back" last night, the president paused to let it amplify: "He listened for 13

seconds, as the stray shouts stretched into a uniform roar," Meagan Flynn reports. "Some raised campaign signs or fists to the rhythm of the crowd as they yelled. Some only murmured along. A few were children, following the lead of the adults sitting in front-row seats."

-- Omar responded by quoting a Maya Angelou poem:

-- As Trump refashions the GOP into more of a European-style nationalist party, he's accelerating a once-in-a-generation political realignment that is re-sorting the two major parties. There was a stark racial divide in Pew's poll, but there's also a breakdown by class: Seven in 10 whites with at least a four-year college degree say America's openness is essential, compared with half of those who do not have a degree. In other words, blue-collar, less-educated whites in the industrial Midwest gravitate toward the messaging while college-educated suburban women and the rising American electorate are turned off by it. This could speed up the underlying tectonic shifts that are making places like Ohio redder and places like Arizona bluer.

"Trump's reelection campaign has boasted about efforts to expand the 2020 electoral map and compete in far-flung Democratic territory from Oregon to New Mexico while along the way winning over some of the voters who have been turned off by aspects of his presidency. But the president has held all his

campaign rallies this year in states he won in 2016 — including Florida, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. And he has shown no interest in toning down the incendiary rhetoric that has made him unpopular among black, Hispanic and female voters," Toluse Olorunnipa and Ashley Parker reported. "The plan includes solidifying and maximizing the support of Trump's base in a handful of key states while making marginal inroads with some of the constituencies wary of the president."

Trump may win a second term in 2020 by going after the Squad – just as embracing Proposition 187 allowed Pete Wilson to get reelected in California in 1994 – but doing so could inflict immense long-term damage on the Republican brand.

-- Trump is forcing everyone in the party he didn't join until 2009 to pick a side. Most who hold elected office fear his wrath – and possible primary challenges – so they have picked his side. History almost certainly will not judge them kindly for it. But politicians, by necessity, think more about the next election than the next generation.

Trump says he is winning the fight against 'the Squad'

-- Trump acknowledged yesterday that he's been emboldened by the fact that only four House Republicans voted for the resolution to condemn his racist remarks. "I do think I'm winning the political fight, I think I'm winning it by a lot," he told reporters. "I think the story is that 187 Republicans voted in favor of Trump and

four voted against. There is great unity in the Republican Party."

-- But it is significant that one of the four Republicans who broke ranks, Will Hurd from Texas, is the House GOP's lone African American. "There is no room in America for racism, sexism, antisemitism, xenophobia and hate," Hurd tweeted after the vote, adding that he hopes Pelosi "also considers holding members of her own party accountable to the same degree to which she holds the President."

After the 2018 elections, Hurd is one of three House Republicans left who hold a seat in a district Trump lost in 2016. Hurd won reelection last November by just 1,150 votes. The same Democratic challenger, Gina Ortiz Jones, is running again. She out-fundraised the incumbent in the second quarter. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee said Hurd's vote for the resolution won't save him. The DCCC has been running Spanish-language ads on Facebook and Instagram to accuse Hurd of falsely labeling himself a centrist. "Congressman Hurd kicked off this Congress by pledging his 2020 vote to President Trump," said DCCC spokesman Cole Leiter. The *National Republican Congressional Committee did not respond to a request for comment.

-- Also in Texas: A retired judge who is Hispanic announced that she's leaving the Republican Party because of Trump's racist tweets. "Even accepting that

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Trump has had some successes (and I believe these are few), at his core, his ideology is racism," Elsa Alcala, 55, wrote on Facebook. "To me, nothing positive about him could absolve him of his rotten core." Alcala, who spent 20 years on the bench and was appointed by then-Gov. Rick Perry to the criminal appeals court, told the Austin American-Statesman: "Every day with the Republican Party seemed worse than the day before. Trump speaks about brown people like me as lesser beings. It's cliche to say, but the Republican Party left me."

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How Republicans defended Trump's racist tweets

-- Trump is certainly making many Republicans uncomfortable, even if they voted against the resolution. Rep. Mark Walker, a Republican from North Carolina who was in the crowd at last night's rally, expressed discomfort with the chanting:

-- But several movement conservatives who do not hold elected office went much further. The communications director on Jeb Bush's 2016 presidential campaign, who has been critical of Trump throughout his presidency, lamented "the hatred":

A former Illinois GOP congressman:

The political editor at the conservative website Townhall.com:

-- Other Republicans have rationalized Trump's comments. Sen. Lindsey Graham (S.C.) argued that Trump's sentiment is not racist. "It's more narcissism than anything else," he told reporters at the Capitol, per Fox News. "I really do believe that if you're a Somali refugee who likes Trump, he's not going to say go back to Somalia. A racist says go back to Somalia because you're Somali or Muslim or whatever. That's just the way he is."

Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.) said it's Democrats who are being divisive, not Trump. "I think we're going way beyond the pale right now. They talk about people of color. I'm a person of color. I'm white. I'm an Anglo-Saxon," Kelly told Vice News at the Capitol. "Has anybody ever told you to

go back to your country?" the reporter asked. "Yeah, they have actually: With a name like Mike Kelly, you can't be from any place else but Ireland," Kelly replied, adding that it does not offend him. Kelly said in a statement to our Colby Itkowitz that his broader point was lost. (Vice posted the audio of the five-minute interview, so you can judge for yourself.)

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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo shakes hands and exchanges goodbye kisses with Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir at the airport in Jeddah on June 24. (Jacquelyn Martin/AFP/Getty Images)

GET SMART FAST:

1. **Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps seized a foreign tanker and 12 crew members that it accused of smuggling Iranian fuel**. The seizure is the latest in a series of attacks involving ships and tankers, mostly in the vicinity of the Persian Gulf, that have sent

tensions soaring between the United States and Iran. (Liz Sly)

2. **The United States is sending about 500 troops to Saudi Arabia as a show of force toward Iran.** (New York Times)
3. **The Pentagon authorized the additional deployment of 1,100 active-duty troops and 1,000 Texas National Guard soldiers to the U.S.-Mexico border.** They will join some 2,500 active-duty and 2,000 National Guard troops already there, for a total force of 6,600 on the border mission. (Politico)
4. **Opioid death rates soared in areas where pain pills flowed.** An analysis of previously undisclosed DEA data reveals corresponding spikes in deaths and pill shipments at the height of the epidemic. (Sari Horwitz, Steven Rich and Scott Higham)
5. **As lawyers zero in on drug firms, a reckoning may be coming.** Nearly 2,000 communities hurt by the opioid crisis are suing drug companies for staggering sums to cover the costs of treatment, education and law enforcement. (Lenny Bernstein and Christopher Rowland)
6. **A man shouted "Die!" as he sprayed a flammable liquid throughout an animation studio in Japan and set the building alight, killing more than two dozen people.** (Akiko Kashiwagi and David Crawshaw)
7. **The World Health Organization took the rare step of classifying an ongoing Ebola outbreak in eastern Congo as a "public health emergency of international concern,"** just days after a first case of

international concern," just days after a first case of the virus was confirmed in the major city of Goma on the border with Rwanda. (Max Bearak)

8. **Some of Puerto Rico's biggest stars rallied a crowd of many thousands in San Juan to call on the island's governor, Ricardo Rosselló, to resign.** It was the fifth day in a row of protests following a leak of hundreds of pages of misogynistic and homophobic texts between the governor and his main advisers. Ricky Martin was among the protesters that marched to the governor's mansion. The civil unrest has forced multiple cruise ships to alter their itineraries, per Fox. (NPR)
9. **The Ohio House and Senate voted to move the state's 2020 primary elections to St. Patrick's Day**, to allow the Republican Party to award its delegates on a winner-takes-all basis. Democrats, particularly in Cleveland, worry that celebrations could dampen voter turnout. Republicans say the state can handle it. (Dayton Daily News)
10. **South Korea's central bank unexpectedly cut interest rates for the first time in three years.** The economy is faltering and faces risks from a trade dispute with Japan. (MarketWatch)

Steve Bullock, campaigning in Iowa, has made the cut for the next debate. (Joshua Lott for The Washington Post)

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

1. **The Democratic National Committee announced**

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1. **The Democratic National Committee announced who made the cut for the next debates.** The only change to the lineup is that Rep. Eric Swalwell (Calif.) will be replaced by Montana Gov. Steve Bullock. The lineups for the July 30 and 31 matchups in Detroit will be decided by a random draw tonight that will air on Anderson Cooper's show on CNN at 8 p.m. Eastern. The candidates will be split into three tiers, based on public polling, before being randomly split across the two nights. (John Wagner and Colby Itkowitz)
2. **Omar and Tlaib are planning a visit to Israel and the West Bank in the coming weeks, but Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will have to decide whether they are allowed in the country.** "Israel's Foreign Ministry can recommend diplomatic exceptions for law denying entry to [divestment] supporters, but due to visit's sensitivity, the premier would have to make the call," according to Haaretz.
3. **Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) for the moment stalled legislation providing compensation to 9/11 workers.** Although lawmakers for several weeks generally declared broad support for the measure to extend a victims compensation fund, Paul objected when Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) tried to approve the bill by unanimous consent. (Devlin Barrett)
4. **Mitch McConnell and Republican senators are pushing Trump to accept an agreement with Democrats that would avoid stiff budget cuts and steer clear of a potential default.** Trump has been warm to the proposal as it's taken shape, but GOP

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backers fear he will change his mind and reject a deal under pressure from hard-liners in the White House. (Politico)

5. **JT Lewis lost his brother in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting seven years ago. Now, he's running for state Senate as a pro-Trump, pro-gun-rights Republican.** He would be one of a growing number of teens joining their state legislatures. (Isaac Stanley-Becker)
6. **Prosecutors dropped an indecent assault and battery case against Kevin Spacey.** The actor was accused last year of groping a young man at a Massachusetts restaurant in 2016. The district attorney cited the "unavailability of the complaining witness" as the reason for abandoning the case. The news comes two weeks after the accuser dropped a lawsuit against Spacey that he had filed in late June, seeking damages for "mental distress and emotional injuries." (Sonia Rao)
7. **Paul McCartney is adapting "It's a Wonderful Life" into a stage musical.** It will debut in late 2020. (BBC)

Pelosi points to committee investigations before impeachment vote

IMPEACHMENT SUMMER THIS IS NOT:

-- House Democrats joined with Republicans to kill an impeachment resolution against Trump. "The vote was 332 to 95, with 95 Democrats voting to keep the resolution alive and 137 of their colleagues siding with Republicans," Rachael Bade and Mike DeBonis report. "Rep. Al Green (D-Tex.) put Democratic leaders in a bind Tuesday night by

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Tex.) put Democratic leaders in a bind Tuesday night by filing articles of impeachment accusing Trump of committing high crimes and misdemeanors. So far, 86 House Democrats favor opening an impeachment inquiry, although several were reluctant to endorse his effort. Senior Democratic leaders favored a procedural vote to table, or effectively kill, the resolution, avoiding a direct vote on the impeachment articles. Republicans supported that step, receiving the sign-off from the White House. Shortly after the vote, Trump claimed victory, casting the move as a straightforward decision on impeachment when it was a vote to put off any action — at least for now. …

"**Rather than tabling the resolution, several Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee tried to persuade [Nancy] Pelosi and other leaders to refer the articles of impeachment to their panel.** Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), a private supporter of impeachment, said that is how such matters are historically handled, but was rebuffed. Nadler and several of his committee members who are in Pelosi's leadership circle voted against the motion to table." (Here's a list of the 95 Democrats who broke with Pelosi on the floor.)

-- But the House did vote on party lines, 230 to 198, to hold Attorney General Bill Barr and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross in criminal contempt for failing to provide documents related to the Trump administration's efforts to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census. "The impact of the contempt vote is largely symbolic. Those found in criminal contempt are

largely symbolic. Those found in criminal contempt are normally referred to the Justice Department for prosecution; in this instance, the Justice Department would not prosecute itself," Felicia Sonmez notes.

Donald Trump and Jeffrey Epstein speak at a party at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Fla., in November 1992. (NBC)

TRUMP'S BEHAVIOR TOWARD WOMEN:

-- "Behind the scenes the night Trump partied at Mar-a-Lago with Jeffrey Epstein and NFL cheerleaders," by Rosalind S. Helderman and Beth Reinhard: "In November 1992, eager for a comeback, Trump threw a raucous party with NFL cheerleaders at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida and invited NBC to tape the event. Footage of that party, unearthed and aired by NBC News on Wednesday, shows Trump grabbing dancing cheerleaders and socializing with financier Jeffrey Epstein, who was arrested last week and charged with sex trafficking. … The two men appear chummy, chuckling as Trump appears to point out women on the dance floor. **At one point, Trump can be seen whispering in Epstein's ear, causing the financier to double over in laughter.** … Trump can be seen putting his arm around the waist of one of the women, yanking her toward him and patting her on the backside as she laughs.

"The footage was taken for a feature on Trump that aired on

"The footage was taken for a feature on Trump that aired on the NBC talk show 'A Closer Look' that month. On the segment, host Faith Daniels described Trump's agreeing to come on the show after **he kissed the news anchor on the lips in front of photographers at a charity dinner in New York while her husband's back was turned.** … During the wide-ranging interview, Trump told Daniels that he didn't think he would ever run for president, saying his relationship with women was a likely obstacle. 'I mean, I'm so controversial, I love beautiful women, I love going out with beautiful women, and I love women in general, and people would say, "Oh, that's a horrible thing,"' Trump told Daniels, according to a transcript of the show that Daniels provided to The Washington Post."

-- Federal prosecutors in New York ended their investigation into the Trump Organization's role in hush-money payments made to women who said they had affairs with Trump. The prosecutors have been ordered by a judge to release additional information connected to their related probe of former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen. (CNN)

Five things to know before you FaceApp your face

THE BRAVE NEW WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY:

-- The DNC warned presidential campaigns against using the viral face-transforming FaceApp, citing the software's Russian developers. It urged campaign staff to "delete the app immediately." Hannah Denham and Drew Harwell report: "The app allows users to upload photos

Drew Harwell report: "The app allows users to upload photos of their faces and have them automatically edited to look like their future selves, replete with wrinkles and graying hair — a popular trick that filled the social media feeds of millions of users, including celebrities such as Drake, LeBron James and the Jonas Brothers. But concerns over how the photos could be misused by the company, whose developers are headquartered in St. Petersburg, raised alarms among many users as well as DNC officials, who urged 2020 campaign staff and 'people in the Democratic ecosystem' not to use the app.

"The app's terms of service say users grant the company a 'perpetual, irrevocable (and) worldwide' license to use a user's photos, name or likeness in practically any way they see fit. If a user deletes content from the app, FaceApp can still store and use it, the terms say. FaceApp also says it can't guarantee your data or information is secure and that the company can share user information with other companies and third-party advertisers, which aren't disclosed in the privacy terms. FaceApp's terms of service say it can share information with a government agency if a subpoena, court order or search warrant is issued and that the company has 'a good faith belief that the law requires' it to do so. This information can also be shared with any country that FaceApp maintains facilities in, including Russia."

-- Billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk has unveiled another high-concept project, one that he says puts humans on a path to "symbiosis with artificial

humans on a path to "symbiosis with artificial intelligence." In other words, allow them to control computers with their minds. Taylor Telford reports: "His start-up Neuralink said it has tested its elaborate interface of ultra-thin 'threads' — which connects with a chip embedded in the skull — on rats and wants to begin human trials as soon as next year. The company said the device could eventually be used to treat such neurological disorders as paralysis and blindness. Musk and the company outlined their plans, which require Food and Drug Administration approval, during a presentation Tuesday at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. He said the trials would be done in partnership with neurosurgeons at Stanford University and other academic institutions. The procedure involves drilling four tiny holes in the skull to insert the threads. Eventually, Musk said, the goal is to implant the device with less-invasive laser surgery."

-- Uber passengers in multiple cities were startled last night when they were charged 100 times the advertised fare for short trips, a glitch that sparked jokes about surge pricing gone wild. Faiz Siddiqui reports: "Riders in cities including Washington and San Diego took to social media to post about the sky-high rates, a problem that Uber confirmed, although it declined to say how widespread the issue was. Some who ordered food for quick delivery said they were also overcharged. One social media user reported that Uber maxed out her husband's card with a charge of $1,905, when it was supposed to be $19.05. … The charge was so high it triggered a fraud alert. Uber said the glitch

has been fixed. The company said the fare would be corrected so riders are charged only the amount for their actual trip, though they may temporarily see an inaccurate trip fare on their credit or debit cards."

-- Progress toward a trade deal with China has stalled while the Trump administration determines how to address Beijing's demands that the United States ease restrictions on Huawei Technologies, which many view as a national security threat. No face-to-face meetings have taken place and none have been scheduled since Trump and Xi Jinping met last month in Japan and agreed to resume talks, the Wall Street Journal notes.

-- Another norm threatened: Trump is signaling that he may seek to meddle in the awarding of a defense contract, possibly to punish someone he views as a critic. Bloomberg News reports: "Trump recently demanded more information about how the Pentagon crafted a massive cloud-computing contract it's poised to award to Amazon.com Inc. or Microsoft Corp., in order to decide whether he should intervene. The Defense Department is set to give the contract, worth as much as $10 billion over ten years, to one of the two companies next month. Amazon, whose cloud-computing technology leads the market, is seen as the favorite. …

"Ron Johnson, a Wisconsin Republican who recently wrote to the Pentagon to express concerns about the contract, said in an interview that he discussed it with the president

aboard Air Force One last week. Senator Marco Rubio, a Florida Republican, sent a letter to National Security Adviser John Bolton on Thursday asking him to delay the contract award. … Trump and Rubio spoke about the contract by phone the next day. A person familiar with the call said that it sounded as if Trump was thinking about canceling the contract. … Oracle lost a legal challenge last week contesting the terms of the bid and alleging the Pentagon had crafted unfair requirements … Republican lawmakers have taken up Oracle's cause. Oracle at one point coordinated with at least seven other companies including Microsoft and SAP America to try to block Amazon from winning the entire contract." (Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

Trump pouring kerosene on the fire of racial resentment he's already done so much to stoke has caused alarm that he's endangering the safety of the four congresswomen he's attacking. From the CEO of the Anti-Defamation League:

A Democratic senator from Hawaii:

The president continues to dominate the conversation, sucking up all the oxygen:

The Democratic presidential candidates condemned Trump's comments at his rally last night:

Joe Biden clowned around in Iowa. From an aide:

A CNN journalist experienced this in a cab last night:

A BBC reporter said the 1992 footage of Trump should be getting more attention:

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo reopened the door to running for Senate:

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), elected in 1974, cast his 16,000th vote:

Leahy reminisced with reporters:

Congressional Republicans expressed support for Trump's move against the Turks:

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QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“I’ve discovered that a show like 'Veep' is more realistic than most Americans would care to imagine.” — Pete Buttigieg talks to Mark Leibovich for a New York Times Sunday magazine profile.

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Late-night hosts had a lot to say about the House vote condemning Trump's tweets:

Late-night hosts tackle House vote condemning Trump's racist tweets

For the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, images of the Saturn V rocket that carried astronauts to the moon were projected on the Washington Monument:

Apollo 11 rocket projected onto Washington Monument

The temperature in the Phoenix area hit 115 degrees, making it the hottest day of the year so far. Phoenix Zoo workers explain how their animals beat the heat:

Here's how the Phoenix Zoo keeps animals cool during a sweltering heat wave

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'Send her back!': Crowd at Trump rally chants about Rep. Omar

BY JAMES HOHMANN

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THE BIG IDEA: Three new polls help explain why the crowd at President Trump's rally in North Carolina last night chanted "Send her back!" when he attacked Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.), a Somali-born Muslim, as well as the reluctance of most congressional Republicans to challenge his racist tweets.

1) A Pew Research Center poll finds that 62 percent of Americans say the country's openness to people from around the world is "essential to who we are as a nation." That's down six points from September, driven entirely by Republicans changing their views. Since last fall, the share of Republicans who say America risks losing its identity if it is too open has increased 13 percentage points to 57

percent, while the share who view the nation's openness to others as essential has declined 10 points to 37 percent, according to the Pew survey, which was conducted Wednesday through Monday.

For better or worse, presidential leadership can shape public opinion. Trump's full-throated embrace of identity politics is changing his adopted party. Pew's poll, in the field mostly before the latest donnybrook, shows that Democratic attitudes are unchanged compared with last fall: 86 percent say America's openness is essential.

2) A USA Today-Ipsos poll finds that 68 percent of Americans who were aware of Trump's tweets about the four liberal minority lawmakers said they are offensive. But 57 percent of Republicans polled said they agreed with the president, and a third said they strongly agreed. Overall, 59 percent called the president's tweets "un-American," including independents by a 2-to-1 margin, and 65 percent of those surveyed said telling minority Americans to "go back where they came from" is a racist statement. Among Republicans, however, 45 percent agreed and 34 percent disagreed. Seven in 10 Republicans say that "people who call others 'racist' usually do so in bad faith," compared with 17 percent of Democrats.

3) An Economist-YouGov poll shows that members of "the Squad" are more strongly disliked by Republicans than all the Democratic presidential candidates and party leaders. The survey tested the images of 26 Democrats. Omar, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (N.Y.) and Rashida Tlaib (Mich.) are already hugely unpopular among Trump voters. For example, AOC is viewed "very unfavorably" by 74 percent of voters who supported Trump in 2016, while Omar is at 65 percent and Tlaib is at 58 percent.

"**All of them are better known among Republicans than Democrats,**

which suggests that a steady stream of coverage in conservative media has elevated them as potential Democratic bogeywomen," Aaron Blake observes. "Trump is tilling fertile soil. … If you adjust their 'very unfavorable' ratings for the percentage who have actually heard enough to rate them, the picture becomes clearer. By this measure, Trump voters already rate them as three of the four Democrats they dislike the most. … Only House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (Calif.), who is tied with Tlaib for third-most-disliked, prevents them from monopolizing the top four spots. (Rep. Ayanna Pressley (Mass.) was the fourth congresswoman Trump targeted. She remains less well known and less despised than the other three members.)"

People cheer President Trump as he speaks last night at Williams Arena in Greenville, N.C. (Carolyn Kaster/AP)

-- Trump attacked all four members of the self-professed Squad during a 90-mintue speech. A vote for Democrats, Trump told the crowd, is a vote for "frankly, the destruction of our country." But he saved his wrath for Omar, the only one of the four who was not born in the United States.

-- Contrast Trump's rhetoric this week to the moment that the late John McCain challenged a woman who falsely called Barack Obama a Muslim during the 2008 campaign. That rally took place in a Minnesota congressional district that neighbors the one represented by Omar. But, as Trump never tires of pointing out, McCain lost.

-- Last night's rally underscored that the "Send her back!" sentiment is a feature, not a bug, of Trumpism. Trump's poll numbers went up after he called for a total and complete ban on Muslims entering the United States in December 2015. His Republican primary opponents chastised him, but his crowds loved it. And Trump has said he sees crowds at his rallies as his focus groups. On "Fox &

Friends," Eric Trump said "95 percent" of Americans agree with his father's message.

-- As thousands chanted "Send her back" last night, the president paused to let it amplify: "He listened for 13 seconds, as the stray shouts stretched into a uniform roar," Meagan Flynn reports. "Some raised campaign signs or fists to the rhythm of the crowd as they yelled. Some only murmured along. A few were children, following the lead of the adults sitting in front-row seats."

-- Omar responded by quoting a Maya Angelou poem:

-- As Trump refashions the GOP into more of a European-style nationalist party, he's accelerating a once-in-a-generation political realignment that is re-sorting the two major parties. There was a stark racial divide in Pew's poll, but there's also a breakdown by class: Seven in 10 whites with at least a four-year college degree say America's openness is essential, compared with half of those who do not have a degree. In other words, blue-collar, less-educated whites in the industrial Midwest gravitate toward the messaging while college-educated suburban women and the rising American electorate are turned off by it. This could speed up the underlying tectonic shifts that are making places like Ohio redder and places like Arizona bluer.

"**Trump's reelection campaign has boasted about efforts to expand the 2020 electoral map and compete in far-flung Democratic territory from Oregon to New Mexico while along the way winning over some of the voters who have been turned off by aspects of his presidency. But the president has held all his campaign rallies this year in states he won in 2016** — including Florida, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. And he has shown no interest in toning down the incendiary rhetoric that has made him unpopular among black, Hispanic

and female voters," Toluse Olorunnipa and Ashley Parker reported. "The plan includes solidifying and maximizing the support of Trump's base in a handful of key states while making marginal inroads with some of the constituencies wary of the president."

Trump may win a second term in 2020 by going after the Squad – just as embracing Proposition 187 allowed Pete Wilson to get reelected in California in 1994 – but doing so could inflict immense long-term damage on the Republican brand.

-- Trump is forcing everyone in the party he didn't join until 2009 to pick a side. Most who hold elected office fear his wrath – and possible primary challenges – so they have picked his side. History almost certainly will not judge them kindly for it. But politicians, by necessity, think more about the next election than the next generation.

Trump says he is winning the fight against 'the Squad'

-- Trump acknowledged yesterday that he's been emboldened by the fact that only four House Republicans voted for the resolution to condemn his racist remarks. "I do think I'm winning the political fight, I think I'm winning it by a lot," he told reporters. "I think the story is that 187 Republicans voted in favor of Trump and four voted against. There is great unity in the Republican Party."

-- But it is significant that one of the four Republicans who broke ranks, Will Hurd from Texas, is the House GOP's lone African American. "There is no room in America for racism, sexism, antisemitism, xenophobia and hate," Hurd tweeted after the vote, adding that he hopes Pelosi "also considers holding members of her own party accountable to the same degree to which she holds the President."

After the 2018 elections, Hurd is one of three House Republicans

left who hold a seat in a district Trump lost in 2016. Hurd won reelection last November by just 1,150 votes. The same Democratic challenger, Gina Ortiz Jones, is running again. She out-fundraised the incumbent in the second quarter. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee said Hurd's vote for the resolution won't save him. The DCCC has been running Spanish-language ads on Facebook and Instagram to accuse Hurd of falsely labeling himself a centrist. "Congressman Hurd kicked off this Congress by pledging his 2020 vote to President Trump," said DCCC spokesman Cole Leiter. The *National Republican Congressional Committee did not respond to a request for comment.

-- Also in Texas: A retired judge who is Hispanic announced that she's leaving the Republican Party because of Trump's racist tweets. "Even accepting that Trump has had some successes (and I believe these are few), at his core, his ideology is racism," Elsa Alcala, 55, wrote on Facebook. "To me, nothing positive about him could absolve him of his rotten core." Alcala, who spent 20 years on the bench and was appointed by then-Gov. Rick Perry to the criminal appeals court, told the Austin American-Statesman: "Every day with the Republican Party seemed worse than the day before. Trump speaks about brown people like me as lesser beings. It's cliche to say, but the Republican Party left me."

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How Republicans defended Trump's racist tweets

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-- Trump is certainly making many Republicans uncomfortable, even if they voted against the resolution. Rep. Mark Walker, a Republican from North Carolina who was in the crowd at last night's rally, expressed discomfort with the chanting:

-- But several movement conservatives who do not hold elected office went much further. The communications director on Jeb Bush's 2016 presidential campaign, who has been critical of Trump throughout his presidency, lamented "the hatred":

A former Illinois GOP congressman:

The political editor at the conservative website Townhall.com:

-- Other Republicans have rationalized Trump's comments. Sen. Lindsey Graham (S.C.) argued that Trump's sentiment is not racist. "It's more narcissism than anything else," he told reporters at the

Capitol, per Fox News. "I really do believe that if you're a Somali refugee who likes Trump, he's not going to say go back to Somalia. A racist says go back to Somalia because you're Somali or Muslim or whatever. That's just the way he is."

Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.) said it's Democrats who are being divisive, not Trump. "I think we're going way beyond the pale right now. They talk about people of color. I'm a person of color. I'm white. I'm an Anglo-Saxon," Kelly told Vice News at the Capitol. "Has anybody ever told you to go back to your country?" the reporter asked. "Yeah, they have actually: With a name like Mike Kelly, you can't be from any place else but Ireland," Kelly replied, adding that it does not offend him. Kelly said in a statement to our Colby Itkowitz that his broader point was lost. (Vice posted the audio of the five-minute interview, so you can judge for yourself.)

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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo shakes hands and exchanges goodbye kisses with Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir at the airport in Jeddah on June 24. (Jacquelyn Martin/AFP/Getty Images)

GET SMART FAST:

1. **Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps seized a foreign tanker and 12 crew members that it accused of smuggling**

Iranian fuel. The seizure is the latest in a series of attacks involving ships and tankers, mostly in the vicinity of the Persian Gulf, that have sent tensions soaring between the United States and Iran. (Liz Sly)

2. **The United States is sending about 500 troops to Saudi Arabia as a show of force toward Iran.** (New York Times)

3. **The Pentagon authorized the additional deployment of 1,100 active-duty troops and 1,000 Texas National Guard soldiers to the U.S.-Mexico border.** They will join some 2,500 active-duty and 2,000 National Guard troops already there, for a total force of 6,600 on the border mission. (Politico)

4. **Opioid death rates soared in areas where pain pills flowed.** An analysis of previously undisclosed DEA data reveals corresponding spikes in deaths and pill shipments at the height of the epidemic. (Sari Horwitz, Steven Rich and Scott Higham)

5. **As lawyers zero in on drug firms, a reckoning may be coming.** Nearly 2,000 communities hurt by the opioid crisis are suing drug companies for staggering sums to cover the costs of treatment, education and law enforcement. (Lenny Bernstein and Christopher Rowland)

6. **A man shouted "Die!" as he sprayed a flammable liquid throughout an animation studio in Japan and set the building alight, killing more than two dozen people.** (Akiko Kashiwagi and David Crawshaw)

7. **The World Health Organization took the rare step of classifying an ongoing Ebola outbreak in eastern Congo as a "public health emergency of international concern,"** just days after a first case of the virus was confirmed in the major city of Goma on the border with Rwanda. (Max Bearak)

8. **Some of Puerto Rico's biggest stars rallied a crowd of many thousands in San Juan to call on the island's governor, Ricardo Rosselló, to resign.** It was the fifth day in a row of protests

following a leak of hundreds of pages of misogynistic and homophobic texts between the governor and his main advisers. Ricky Martin was among the protesters that marched to the governor's mansion. The civil unrest has forced multiple cruise ships to alter their itineraries, per Fox. (NPR)

9. **The Ohio House and Senate voted to move the state's 2020 primary elections to St. Patrick's Day**, to allow the Republican Party to award its delegates on a winner-takes-all basis. Democrats, particularly in Cleveland, worry that celebrations could dampen voter turnout. Republicans say the state can handle it. (Dayton Daily News)

10. **South Korea's central bank unexpectedly cut interest rates for the first time in three years.** The economy is faltering and faces risks from a trade dispute with Japan. (MarketWatch)

Steve Bullock, campaigning in Iowa, has made the cut for the next debate. (Joshua Lott for The Washington Post)

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

1. **The Democratic National Committee announced who made the cut for the next debates.** The only change to the lineup is that Rep. Eric Swalwell (Calif.) will be replaced by Montana Gov. Steve Bullock. The lineups for the July 30 and 31 matchups in Detroit will be decided by a random draw tonight that will air on Anderson Cooper's show on CNN at 8 p.m. Eastern. The candidates will be split into three tiers, based on public polling, before being randomly split across the two nights. (John Wagner and Colby Itkowitz)

2. **Omar and Tlaib are planning a visit to Israel and the West Bank in the coming weeks, but Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will have to decide whether they are allowed in the country.** "Israel's Foreign Ministry can recommend diplomatic

exceptions for law denying entry to [divestment] supporters, but due to visit's sensitivity, the premier would have to make the call," according to Haaretz.

3. **Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) for the moment stalled legislation providing compensation to 9/11 workers.** Although lawmakers for several weeks generally declared broad support for the measure to extend a victims compensation fund, Paul objected when Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) tried to approve the bill by unanimous consent. (Devlin Barrett)

4. **Mitch McConnell and Republican senators are pushing Trump to accept an agreement with Democrats that would avoid stiff budget cuts and steer clear of a potential default.** Trump has been warm to the proposal as it's taken shape, but GOP backers fear he will change his mind and reject a deal under pressure from hard-liners in the White House. (Politico)

5. **JT Lewis lost his brother in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting seven years ago. Now, he's running for state Senate as a pro-Trump, pro-gun-rights Republican.** He would be one of a growing number of teens joining their state legislatures. (Isaac Stanley-Becker)

6. **Prosecutors dropped an indecent assault and battery case against Kevin Spacey.** The actor was accused last year of groping a young man at a Massachusetts restaurant in 2016. The district attorney cited the "unavailability of the complaining witness" as the reason for abandoning the case. The news comes two weeks after the accuser dropped a lawsuit against Spacey that he had filed in late June, seeking damages for "mental distress and emotional injuries." (Sonia Rao)

7. **Paul McCartney is adapting "It's a Wonderful Life" into a stage musical.** It will debut in late 2020. (BBC)

IMPEACHMENT SUMMER THIS IS NOT:

-- House Democrats joined with Republicans to kill an impeachment resolution against Trump. "The vote was 332 to 95, with 95 Democrats voting to keep the resolution alive and 137 of their colleagues siding with Republicans," Rachael Bade and Mike DeBonis report. "Rep. Al Green (D-Tex.) put Democratic leaders in a bind Tuesday night by filing articles of impeachment accusing Trump of committing high crimes and misdemeanors. So far, 86 House Democrats favor opening an impeachment inquiry, although several were reluctant to endorse his effort. Senior Democratic leaders favored a procedural vote to table, or effectively kill, the resolution, avoiding a direct vote on the impeachment articles. Republicans supported that step, receiving the sign-off from the White House. Shortly after the vote, Trump claimed victory, casting the move as a straightforward decision on impeachment when it was a vote to put off any action — at least for now. …

"**Rather than tabling the resolution, several Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee tried to persuade [Nancy] Pelosi and other leaders to refer the articles of impeachment to their panel.** Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), a private supporter of impeachment, said that is how such matters are historically handled, but was rebuffed. Nadler and several of his committee members who are in Pelosi's leadership circle voted against the motion to table." (Here's a list of the 95 Democrats who broke with Pelosi on the floor.)

-- But the House did vote on party lines, 230 to 198, to hold Attorney General Bill Barr and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross in criminal contempt for failing to provide documents related to the Trump administration's efforts to add a citizenship question to the

2020 Census. “The impact of the contempt vote is largely symbolic. Those found in criminal contempt are normally referred to the Justice Department for prosecution; in this instance, the Justice Department would not prosecute itself,” Felicia Sonmez notes.

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Donald Trump and Jeffrey Epstein speak at a party at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Fla., in November 1992. (NBC)

TRUMP’S BEHAVIOR TOWARD WOMEN:

-- “Behind the scenes the night Trump partied at Mar-a-Lago with Jeffrey Epstein and NFL cheerleaders,” by Rosalind S. Helderman and Beth Reinhard: “In November 1992, eager for a comeback, Trump threw a raucous party with NFL cheerleaders at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida and invited NBC to tape the event. Footage of that party, unearthed and aired by NBC News on Wednesday, shows Trump grabbing dancing cheerleaders and socializing with financier Jeffrey Epstein, who was arrested last week and charged with sex trafficking. … The two men appear chummy, chuckling as Trump appears to point out women on the dance floor. **At one point, Trump can be seen whispering in Epstein’s ear, causing the financier to double over in laughter.** … Trump can be seen putting his arm around the waist of one of the women, yanking her toward him and patting her on the backside as she laughs.

“The footage was taken for a feature on Trump that aired on the NBC talk show ‘A Closer Look’ that month. On the segment, host Faith Daniels described Trump’s agreeing to come on the show after **he kissed the news anchor on the lips in front of photographers at a charity dinner in New York while her husband’s back was turned.**

… During the wide-ranging interview, Trump told Daniels that he didn't think he would ever run for president, saying his relationship with women was a likely obstacle. 'I mean, I'm so controversial, I love beautiful women, I love going out with beautiful women, and I love women in general, and people would say, "Oh, that's a horrible thing,"' Trump told Daniels, according to a transcript of the show that Daniels provided to The Washington Post."

-- Federal prosecutors in New York ended their investigation into the Trump Organization's role in hush-money payments made to women who said they had affairs with Trump. The prosecutors have been ordered by a judge to release additional information connected to their related probe of former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen. (CNN)

Five things to know before you FaceApp your face

THE BRAVE NEW WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY:

-- The DNC warned presidential campaigns against using the viral face-transforming FaceApp, citing the software's Russian developers. It urged campaign staff to "delete the app immediately." Hannah Denham and Drew Harwell report: "The app allows users to upload photos of their faces and have them automatically edited to look like their future selves, replete with wrinkles and graying hair — a popular trick that filled the social media feeds of millions of users, including celebrities such as Drake, LeBron James and the Jonas Brothers. But concerns over how the photos could be misused by the company, whose developers are headquartered in St. Petersburg, raised alarms among many users as well as DNC officials, who urged 2020 campaign staff and 'people in the Democratic ecosystem' not to use the app.

“The app’s terms of service say users grant the company a ‘perpetual, irrevocable (and) worldwide’ license to use a user’s photos, name or likeness in practically any way they see fit. If a user deletes content from the app, FaceApp can still store and use it, the terms say. FaceApp also says it can’t guarantee your data or information is secure and that the company can share user information with other companies and third-party advertisers, which aren’t disclosed in the privacy terms. FaceApp’s terms of service say it can share information with a government agency if a subpoena, court order or search warrant is issued and that the company has 'a good faith belief that the law requires' it to do so. This information can also be shared with any country that FaceApp maintains facilities in, including Russia.”

-- Billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk has unveiled another high-concept project, one that he says puts humans on a path to “symbiosis with artificial intelligence.” In other words, allow them to control computers with their minds. Taylor Telford reports: “His start-up Neuralink said it has tested its elaborate interface of ultra-thin ‘threads’ — which connects with a chip embedded in the skull — on rats and wants to begin human trials as soon as next year. The company said the device could eventually be used to treat such neurological disorders as paralysis and blindness. Musk and the company outlined their plans, which require Food and Drug Administration approval, during a presentation Tuesday at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. He said the trials would be done in partnership with neurosurgeons at Stanford University and other academic institutions. The procedure involves drilling four tiny holes in the skull to insert the threads. Eventually, Musk said, the goal is to implant the device with less-invasive laser surgery.”

-- Uber passengers in multiple cities were startled last night when they were charged 100 times the advertised fare for short trips, a glitch that sparked jokes about surge pricing gone wild. Faiz

Siddiqui reports: “Riders in cities including Washington and San Diego took to social media to post about the sky-high rates, a problem that Uber confirmed, although it declined to say how widespread the issue was. Some who ordered food for quick delivery said they were also overcharged. One social media user reported that Uber maxed out her husband’s card with a charge of $1,905, when it was supposed to be $19.05. … The charge was so high it triggered a fraud alert. Uber said the glitch has been fixed. The company said the fare would be corrected so riders are charged only the amount for their actual trip, though they may temporarily see an inaccurate trip fare on their credit or debit cards.”

-- Progress toward a trade deal with China has stalled while the Trump administration determines how to address Beijing’s demands that the United States ease restrictions on Huawei Technologies, which many view as a national security threat. No face-to-face meetings have taken place and none have been scheduled since Trump and Xi Jinping met last month in Japan and agreed to resume talks, the Wall Street Journal notes.

-- Another norm threatened: Trump is signaling that he may seek to meddle in the awarding of a defense contract, possibly to punish someone he views as a critic. Bloomberg News reports: “Trump recently demanded more information about how the Pentagon crafted a massive cloud-computing contract it’s poised to award to Amazon.com Inc. or Microsoft Corp., in order to decide whether he should intervene. The Defense Department is set to give the contract, worth as much as $10 billion over ten years, to one of the two companies next month. Amazon, whose cloud-computing technology leads the market, is seen as the favorite. …

“Ron Johnson, a Wisconsin Republican who recently wrote to the Pentagon to express concerns about the contract, said in an interview that he discussed it with the president aboard Air Force One last week. Senator Marco Rubio, a Florida Republican, sent a letter to National Security Adviser John Bolton on Thursday asking him to delay the contract award. … Trump and Rubio spoke about the contract by phone the next day. A person familiar with the call said that it sounded as if Trump was thinking about canceling the contract. … Oracle lost a legal challenge last week contesting the terms of the bid and alleging the Pentagon had crafted unfair requirements … Republican lawmakers have taken up Oracle’s cause. Oracle at one point coordinated with at least seven other companies including Microsoft and SAP America to try to block Amazon from winning the entire contract.” (Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.)

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

Trump pouring kerosene on the fire of racial resentment he’s already done so much to stoke has caused alarm that he’s endangering the safety of the four congresswomen he’s attacking. From the CEO of the Anti-Defamation League:

A Democratic senator from Hawaii:

The president continues to dominate the conversation, sucking up all the oxygen:

The Democratic presidential candidates condemned Trump’s comments at his rally last night:

Joe Biden clowned around in Iowa. From an aide:

A CNN journalist experienced this in a cab last night:

A BBC reporter said the 1992 footage of Trump should be getting more attention:

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo reopened the door to running for Senate:

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), elected in 1974, cast his 16,000th vote:

Leahy reminisced with reporters:

Congressional Republicans expressed support for Trump's move against the Turks:

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“I’ve discovered that a show like 'Veep' is more realistic than most Americans would care to imagine.” — Pete Buttigieg talks to Mark Leibovich for a New York Times Sunday magazine profile.

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Late-night hosts had a lot to say about the House vote condemning Trump's tweets:

Late-night hosts tackle House vote condemning Trump's racist tweets

For the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, images of the Saturn V rocket that carried astronauts to the moon were projected on the Washington Monument:

Apollo 11 rocket projected onto Washington Monument

The temperature in the Phoenix area hit 115 degrees, making it the hottest day of the year so far. Phoenix Zoo workers explain how their animals beat the heat:

Here's how the Phoenix Zoo keeps animals cool during a sweltering heat wave

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Loneryl

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Thanks Ken!

>>> Kenneth Hyle 12/6/2019 10:54 AM >>>
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The Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) takes allegations of staff misconduct seriously and, consistent with national policy, refers all allegations for investigation. The Bureau learned of allegations of sexual abuse through initial inmate complaints, and subsequently through administrative claims filed under the Federal Torts Claim Act. All allegations brought to the Bureau's attention were investigated by the Office of Internal Affairs.

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 10:13 AM >>>
Good Morning All,

Please see the below questions from CJS. Can you please advise on the response?

Thanks,
Loneryl

>>> "Lucas, Daniel (JMD)" <Daniel.Lucas2@usdoj.gov> 12/6/2019 8:21 AM >>>
Good morning all-

Please see incoming below from CJS this morning. Is BOP able to assist with response?

Thanks,
Dan

CJS:

> This is an incredibly troubling story and it's now a lawsuit. Was BOP aware of these reports in the past? It sounds like there were multiple reports. Please keep us updated.
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We can provide some of the requested info, will start pulling.

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>>> "Loneryl Burns" 12/06/2019 11:34 >>>
Adding Hugh and Jill.

Are we able to provide the stats they are requesting?

Thanks,
Loneryl

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 10:57 AM >>>
Thanks Ken!

>>> Kenneth Hyle 12/6/2019 10:54 AM >>>
Hello Loneryl -
From our end:

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) takes allegations of staff misconduct seriously and, consistent with national policy, refers all allegations for investigation. The Bureau learned of allegations of sexual abuse through initial inmate complaints, and subsequently through administrative claims filed under the Federal Torts Claim Act. All allegations brought to the Bureau's attention were investigated by the Office of Internal Affairs.

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 10:13 AM >>>
Good Morning All,

Please see the below questions from CJS. Can you please advise on the response?

Thanks,
Loneryl

>>> "Lucas, Daniel (JMD)" <Daniel.Lucas2@usdoj.gov> 12/6/2019 8:21 AM >>>
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Thanks,
Dan

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Suicide Timeline:

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Friday, August 9, 2019

8:00 am: inmate Reyes Efrain, Reg. No. 85993-054 departs for court (WAB-USMS-SDNY). Reyes is Epstein's cellmate.

8:30 am: inmate Epstein arrives in Attorney Conference. He is visited by several attorneys throughout the day.

6:45 pm: inmate Epstein departs attorney conference and returns to SHU.

7:00 pm: inmate Epstein provided a social call by IDO. IDO reports inmate Epstein was in good spirits, nothing unusual.

Saturday, August 10, 2019

6:33 am: Body alarm activated in SHU. Staff found inmate Epstein unresponsive in cell. Staff reported to bedside of inmate and attempted to wake him. Control announced medical emergency. CPR initiated

6:35 am: Medical staff (on duty PA) on site, CPR already in progress medical staff continues CPR and AED applied on inmate. Control called for ambulance

6:40 am: S. Skipper-Scott, AW notified

6:45 am: EMS arrives, paramedics continue CPR. Inmate Epstein remains unresponsive. Inmate Epstein is intubated, given three rounds of Epinephrine, IV access started, IO initiated. No pulse found, no shock advised, inmate prepared for transport to local hospital.

7:00 am: Institution placed on modified operations

7:10 am: EMS departs institution enroute to Beekman Hospital.

7:19 am: USMS notified of incident.

7:20 am: SIS Lt notified.

7:30 am: L. N'Diaye, Warden arrives at institution. C.Edge, AW notified.

7:32 am: PIO notified of incident by the Warden.

7:36 am: Official time of death reported by ER physician.

7:40 am: Acting Chief Psychologist notified.

8:00 am: S.Skipper-Scott, AW and J. Darden, Captain arrives at institution.

8:10 am: SIS Lt arrives at institution.

8:10 am: CMC and SCSS notified.

8:34 am: FBI notified.

9:00 am: AUSA notified.

9:00 am: C. Edge arrives at institution.

Cont. Saturday, August 10, 2019

9:00 am: SIS Lt. Reports to SHU. Interviews will be conducted with inmates assigned to tier.

9:15 am: CMC arrives at institution.

9:30 am: Acting Chief Psychologist arrived to the institution.

9:50 am: SCSS arrives at institution.

9:55 am: CMC and IDO depart institution En route to Beekman Hospital.

10:00 am: CMC and IDO arrive at Beekman Hospital, fingerprints and photographs taken of inmate Epstein. Inmate clothing secured and brought back to institution.

10:00 am: Judge Berman notified.

10:15 am: CMC returns to institution.

Cont. Saturday, August 10, 2019

10:45 am: PIO arrived to the institution.

11:00 am: Next of kin (brother) notified by Case Management Coordinator.

11:12 am: Press Release released to media.

11:15 am: Press Release provided to Judge Berman.

11:15 am: Crisis Support Team activated.

12:15 pm: Body released to Medical Examiner (ME) for autopsy

12:19 pm: FBI arrives.

1:35 pm: FBI arrives in Special Housing Unit.

1:40 pm: OIG notified by the Warden and they will be sending an Agent to NYM.

2:15 pm: Crisis Support Team debrief conducted.

2:45 pm: OIG arrived in Special Housing Unit (SHU)
.
3:45 pm: OIG and FBI departed from SHU.

5:05 pm: OIG/FBI departed MCC New York.

5:30 pm: CST departed MCC New York.

10:15 pm: Computer Services Manager arrives at institution to remove hard drives (Computers) from SHU. And replaced with new ones.

Sunday, August 11, 2019

8:00 am: Resumed normal operations. Attorney conference visits and social visits (Unit 3) resume.

12:15 am: Computer Services Manager departs the institution.

Cont. Sunday, August 11, 2019

10:40 am: OIG Agent Kerwin, John and Agent Guido Modano arrives at institution.

11:15 am: OIG Agent Kerwin John, departs institution with two computers FPS 021407270 and FPS 0214207268.

2:00 pm: OIG Agent Guido Modano departs the institution.

Monday, August 12, 2019

1:00 pm: Staff recall conducted

3:14 pm: FBI arrives

7:56 pm: FBI departs

9:45 pm: FBI returns

10:30 pm: FBI departs

Tuesday August 13, 2019

7:15 am: Mr. Hollingsworth, NER Correctional Services Administrator arrives to the institution

7:25 am: Dr. Robert Negle National suicide prevention coordinator, and Dr. Kristin Willert, National Sex offender program coordinator arrives to the institution.

8:40 am: Northeast Regional Director R. Ormond arrives to the institution.

Fwd: Jeffrey Epstein 19 cr 490

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To Adam Johnson
Date 2019/08/12 13:16
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CHAMBERS OF
RICHARD M. BERMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

August 12, 2019

Lamine N'Diaye, Warden
Metropolitan Correctional Center
150 Park Row
New York, New York 10007

Dear Warden N'Diaye,

Thank you for your letter of August 10, 2019 regarding the death of Jeffrey Epstein. Mr. Epstein's death is a tragedy to everyone involved in his case.

One open question, among others, is whether the investigations referenced in your letter will include the incident at MCC involving Mr. Epstein on or about July 23, 2019. To my knowledge, it has never been definitively explained what the BOP concluded about that incident.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Berman

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cc: Chief Judge Colleen McMahon
Edward Friedland, District Executive
Adam Johnson, Supervisory Staff Attorney MCC
Michael Greco, U.S. Marshal
[redacted], Assistant United States Attorney
Martin Weinberg, Counsel for Mr. Epstein

RE: MCC Visit Thursday

From	"Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)"
To	Adam JohnsonNicolas Roos, Stephanie Scannell
Date	2019/08/13 15:58
Subject:	RE: MCC Visit Thursday
Attachments:	TEXT.htm, Mime.822

Yes, thank you. Where should we go?

From: Adam Johnson <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 3:38 PM
To: Stephanie Scannell <sscannell@bop.gov>; Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS) <[redacted]>
Cc: Roos, Nicolas (USANYS) <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: MCC Visit Thursday

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Thank you,
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Date	2019/08/13 15:28
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Warden,

Per our discussion, please see the below request for a tour of the SHU and suicide watch areas by the US Attorney and his staff Thursday, August 15. I will try to arrange it for 10 am, but we may be subject to the US Attorney's schedule. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
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RE: MCC Visit Thursday

From	Adam Johnson
To	Nicolas Roos, Rebekah Donaleski, Stephanie Scannell
Date	2019/08/13 16:02
Subject:	RE: MCC Visit Thursday
Attachments:	TEXT.htm

If it is not too much of an imposition, we ask that all visitors come to our front lobby for screening before admission. Thanks!

>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <[redacted]> 8/13/2019 3:58 PM >>>
Yes, thank you. Where should we go?

From: Adam Johnson <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 3:38 PM
To: Stephanie Scannell <sscannell@bop.gov>; Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS) <[redacted]>
Cc: Roos, Nicolas (USANYS) <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: MCC Visit Thursday

Hi Rebekah,

It should not be a problem. Does 10 am work for Mr. Berman and the rest of his staff?

Thank you,
Adam

Adam M. Johnson
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>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <[redacted]> 8/13/2019 2:05 PM >>>
Adam,

The list of visitors from our office is below:

Geoffrey Berman
Audrey Strauss
Laura Birger
Craig Stewart
Russell Capone
[redacted]
Rebekah Donaleski
Nicholas Roos

As discussed, we would like to see the 2nd floor pscyh observation and suicide watch area; the 9th floor SHU, and Epstein's cell, which we understand to still be cordoned off. As discussed, we would appreciate if only MCC legal would escort us, and we will not speak to any of the guards present given the ongoing investigations. Please give me a call with any questions, and let us know what time and where we should go, and if it would be easier for us to enter via the 3rd floor bridge.

Thanks,

Rebekah Donaleski
Assistant United States Attorney
Southern District of New York
Tel: (212) 637-2423

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The Daily 202: Trump caves again to corporate lobbying pressure as he flip-flops on flavored e-cigarettes

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Trump caves again to corporate lobbying pressure as he flip-flops on flavored e-cigarettes

Demonstrators hold signs that read “We Vape! We Vote!” outside President Trump’s rally in Dallas on Oct. 17. (Dylan Hollingsworth/Bloomberg)

BY JAMES HOHMANN

with Mariana Alfaro

THE BIG IDEA: President Trump is spurning the women who have his ear to side with male advisers as he kowtows to a pressure campaign orchestrated by corporate interests.

Perhaps the most effective path to persuade Trump to change his mind on public policy is to convince him that he would lose support from his

base, whether it's true or not. This is how the National Rifle Association, which should be viewed first and foremost as a trade association for the gun industry, got him to break his promise to impose "very meaningful background checks" for gun purchases after the massacres in El Paso and Dayton, Ohio.

This same dynamic helps explain why **the president has backed away from the crackdown he announced two months ago on most flavored e-cigarettes.** Trump told reporters in the Oval Office on Sept. 11 that first lady Melania Trump feels "very, very strongly" that government must quell the youth vaping epidemic that has ensnared 5 million teenagers. "She's got a son," Trump said, referring to his wife. (Barron, 13, is his son, too.) "We can't allow people to get sick, and we can't have our youth be so affected," the president added.

Trump was also pressed to act by his daughter Ivanka Trump, a senior adviser in the White House, and encouraged by Kellyanne Conway, the most powerful woman in the administration who is not a member of the president's family. Conway, who managed Trump's 2016 campaign in the home stretch after Paul Manafort was pushed out over his sketchy financial dealings in Ukraine, argued that doing something about flavored e-cigs could enable the president to regain ground he's lost among suburban moms who have traditionally voted Republican.

But on Nov. 4, the night before details of the ban were all set to be formally unveiled during a news conference, the president balked. My colleagues Josh Dawsey and Laurie McGinley scoop that Trump refused to sign a one-page decision memo during a flight to a campaign rally in Kentucky that would have taken candy, fruit and mint flavors off the market within 30 days. Three officials familiar with the

discussions said that Trump has grown upset with Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, who took the lead in rolling out a plan to address the vaping crisis. “He didn’t know much about the issue and was just doing it for Melania and Ivanka,” a senior administration official explained.

A doctor's dire warning, as vaping illnesses rise

“Late last week, more than a dozen White House officials met to try to find a way forward,” Josh and Laurie report. “**Given Trump’s record of zigzags, some officials cautioned the president could reverse course again.** Or he might back some ban on flavored e-cigarettes that exempts vape shops. Others said the White House might pursue a different tack altogether by endorsing legislation that would raise the minimum federal age for buying tobacco products to 21 from 18 … Some bet the anti-vaping effort is dead, though, especially because the administration could argue the youth vaping problem has been greatly eased by Juul Labs’ recent decision to stop selling its popular mint-flavored nicotine pods. **‘It’s going to go the way of guns,’ predicted one adviser**…”

The president changed his mind after he was warned repeatedly that banning flavored e-cigarettes would anger vaping enthusiasts and could depress turnout for him in the 2020 election. Trump’s reelection campaign manager Brad Parscale told the president that moving against flavored e-cigarettes could backfire with his base. “A Washington Examiner op-ed written by a pro-vaping conservative activist, Paul Blair, with the headline ‘Banning flavored e-cigarettes might cost Trump reelection,’ was circulated at the White

House and considered the 'opinion of the campaign,' according to a White House official involved in the process," Michael Scherer, Josh, Laurie and Neena Satija reported last month. "Trump advisers [in the White House] compiled a binder of evidence supporting the idea of strong new measures to combat youth vaping, according to a person familiar with the effort. The documents included public polling, supportive editorials, statements from the scientific and medical community, and statements from elected leaders."

It's unclear if Trump read that binder. But Trump's helicopter flew over hundreds of people who gathered on the Ellipse to protest his flavor ban when he departed the White House on Nov. 9 to watch the Alabama-LSU football game. He also saw a pro-vaping protest outside his rally in Dallas last month. And there was a social media campaign that used the hashtag #IVapeIVote. This effort has included many hallmarks of what's known as an "Astroturf" campaign.

'It spreads like wildfire': Parents speak out about the risks of vaping

-- Many former Trump aides have been cashing in on the industry's panic. Juul has been paying Trump world insiders like Josh Raffel, a former spokesman for Jared Kushner; Johnny DeStefano, a former counselor to the president; and Rebeccah Propp, former director of media affairs for Vice President Pence. Brian Ballard, the Florida lobbyist who represented Trump's businesses there and worked on the president's 2016 campaign, has been paid seven figures by Reynolds American, which owns an e-cigarette company. Jeff Miller, a lobbyist with close ties to Pence, reported that his firm was paid $60,000 by Altria from July through September 2019 to lobby on the executive branch on issues related to the regulation of tobacco

products, including “WH Administration Initiative to ban flavored vaping products.”

Conservative activist Grover Norquist, the president of Americans for Tax Reform, has played a starring role in ginning up opposition to the implementation of what Trump announced, but he’s declined to say whether he or his group have received money from the e-cigarette industry.

-- The bigger picture: Trump continues to campaign like a populist even as he governs like a plutocrat, and the republic continues its descent toward corporatocracy. In 2016, he promised to be a different kind of Republican and said he’d check corporate power. He said he was incorruptible because he was so rich that he didn’t need to take campaign contributions. Among other things, Trump said he would end the carried interest loophole and go after hedge funds. In practice, he’s done the opposite.

The president’s signature legislative achievement was the tax cut bill in 2017, which has proven to be even more of a giveaway for the rich than analysts feared while exploding the national debt. A damning story on the front of Sunday’s New York Times highlighted how FedEx – which spent $10 million on lobbying that year, mostly on tax policy – went from owing $1.5 billion in taxes to nothing the following year. But the shipping company did not increase total investment in new equipment and other assets in the fiscal year that followed, as its chief executive Fred Smith said companies would do if they got the lower corporate rate. Instead, the story explained, FedEx used its windfall to reward shareholders with more than $2 billion in stock buybacks and divided increases. Smith called the story an “outrageous distortion of the truth” and challenged the publisher of the

outrageous distortion of the truth" and challenged the publisher of the Times to a debate on federal tax policy, but he did not specify any errors.

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WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:

Police cars surround the crime scene after a shooting in Fresno, Calif. (Tomas Ovalle/EPA-EFE)

-- Four were killed and six were injured during a shooting at a backyard football-viewing party in Fresno, Calif. Katie Shepherd reports: "Fresno Police Lt. Bill Dooley told reporters near the scene that officers arrived to find 'several individuals' dead on the back lawn. Unknown suspects fled before police arrived at the home, shortly after 8 p.m. Sunday evening ... All the victims were 'Asian males' between 25 and 35 years old, Fresno Police Deputy Chief Michael Reid told the Bee. 'Thank God that no kids were hurt,' Reid said, the Associated Press reported. Police declined to discuss what kind of weapon was used or any potential motive."

Lawmakers argue over Trump's intentions ahead of Sondland testimony

IMPEACHMENT LATEST:

-- Trump tweeted this morning that he will "strongly consider" testifying in writing as part of the impeachment inquiry. The president said he might take up House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) on a suggestion she made over the weekend on CBS. Trump also claimed the rules of the inquiry had been "rigged" against him by Pelosi and House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), who has summoned four witnesses to appear before his panel on Tuesday. "Even though I did nothing wrong, and don't like giving credibility to this No Due Process Hoax, I like the idea & will, in order to get Congress focused again, strongly consider it!" Trump said in tweets that described Pelosi as "Nervous Nancy" and "crazy." (Follow our liveblog for more updates throughout the day.)

-- Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) said Trump administration officials who provided information to the anonymous whistleblower about the president's efforts to pressure Ukraine "exposed things that didn't need to be exposed." Felicia Sonmez, Karoun Demirjian and Douglas MacMillan report: "'This would have been far better off if we would've just taken care of this behind the scenes,' Johnson said in an interview on NBC News's 'Meet the Press.' ... 'We were trying to convince President Trump.' … **Trump on Sunday continued to take aim at his own administration officials, accusing Jennifer Williams, Vice President Pence's special adviser on Europe and Russia, of being a 'Never Trumper.'** … Williams is expected to testify publicly on Tuesday. Her closed-door

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testimony, which was released Saturday, suggests that the Office of Management and Budget had clamped down on Ukraine aid more than two weeks earlier than has been previously reported. …

"The comments by Trump and Johnson also come amid intensifying scrutiny of the actions of U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland, [who is expected to testify on Wednesday and one of eight people scheduled to appear in public hearings this week]. According to testimony released Saturday, a former White House national security official told House investigators that Sondland was acting at Trump's behest and spoke to a top Ukrainian official about exchanging military aid for political investigations — two elements at the heart of the impeachment inquiry. Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) said he believes Sondland will face pressure this week when he's asked about inconsistencies between his testimony and that of other recent witnesses in the impeachment inquiry. …

"On 'Fox News Sunday,' House Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) dismissed the witnesses who have testified, ... arguing that 'they were not all Trump administration folks.' 'They're Schiff's witnesses,' Scalise said. … When pressed by host Chris Wallace on the fact that most of the witnesses are part of the Trump administration, Scalise responded that 'there are a lot of people who worked in the Trump administration who have very countering views to that and they've not been allowed to come forward.' ... In an interview with CBS News's 'Face the Nation' ... **Pelosi declined to weigh in on the timeline** for a potential impeachment vote, saying only that there may be further depositions over the Thanksgiving holiday and that there may be 'a decision or maybe they have more hearings' once Congress returns."

Congress returns.

-- Tim Morrison, the former top Russia and Europe adviser on the National Security Council, testified that it was his understanding Sondland spoke to Trump directly about half a dozen times between July 16 and Sept. 11. Trump has increasingly tried to distance himself from Sondland. During an interview with CNN on Sunday, Rep. Mike Turner (R-Ohio) said Morrison's testimony is "alarming." From CNN: "'Well, of course, all of that is alarming. As I've said from the beginning, I think this is not OK. The President of the United States shouldn't even in the original phone call be on the phone with the president of another country and raise his political opponent,' [Turner said]. … Turner also addressed tweets Trump posted last week during former Ukrainian Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch's public testimony before the panel. … 'It's certainly not impeachable, and it's certainly not criminal and it's certainly not witness intimidation. It certainly wasn't trying to prevent her or wouldn't have prevented her from testifying, she was actually in the process of testifying. But nonetheless, I find the President's tweets unfortunate,' the congressman said."

-- Sondland kept several Trump administration officials apprised of his effort to get Ukraine to launch investigations into the Bidens, including Mick Mulvaney and Rick Perry, according to emails obtained by the Wall Street Journal: "The emails reviewed by the Journal show that three days [after the July 10 meeting], Mr. Sondland urged Mr. Morrison to schedule the call between Mr. Trump and Mr. Zelensky before Ukrainian parliamentary elections on July 21. 'Sole purpose is for Zelensky to give Potus assurances of "new sheriff" in town. Corruption ending, unbundling moving forward and any hampered investigations will be allowed to move forward transparently,'

Mr. Sondland wrote. Mr. Morrison replied that he was 'tracking.' On July 19, a day before the president was initially scheduled to speak to Mr. Zelensky, **Mr. Sondland emailed a group of administration officials including Mr. Mulvaney and Mr. Perry to say that Mr. Zelensky was prepared to assure the president that he would open investigations.** 'I talked to Zelensky just now. He is prepared to receive Potus' call,' Mr. Sondland wrote. 'Will assure him that he intends to run a fully transparent investigation and will "turn over every stone."' He added that Mr. Zelensky was eager for the call to take place before the parliamentary elections. Mr. Mulvaney responded: 'I asked NSC to set it up for tomorrow.'"

-- When Sondland stepped in to mediate, things really went off the rails. From the Daily Beast: "Ukrainian officials arrived at the White House on July 10 expecting something approaching normal. They were in Washington for a scheduled meeting with then-National Security Adviser John Bolton with a plan to propose a new path for U.S.-Ukrainian relations under the umbrella of energy and security cooperation. **All seemed to go well—until [Sondland] stepped in. 'That's when things really went off the rails,' one person in the room said.** … Sondland raised his voice several times in his attempt to persuade the Ukrainian officials sitting across from him, including Andriy Yermak, a close aide to Zelensky, and Zelensky's then-national security adviser Oleksandr Danylyuk. **One individual told The Daily Beast that Sondland 'got very emotional,' adding that 'there was lots of yelling.' Another individual called the meeting 'erratic' and said the Ukrainians began to ignore Sondland and instead turned to Fiona Hill, who ran the National Security Council's Russia desk at the time, for clarification on Washington's messaging.** Sondland has previously tried to claim he didn't know

messaging. Sondland has previously tried to claim he didn't know much about a quid pro quo with Ukraine—until he suddenly told Congress he now recalls the deal. But the details of Sondland's behavior in the Ward Room underscore the intensity in which the EU Ambassador advocated for the investigations into [Joe] Biden and Burisma."

-- An overwhelming 70 percent of Americans think Trump's request to a foreign leader to investigate Biden was wrong, an ABC News/Ipsos poll found

-- Trump's public schedule for this week seems designed to keep him distracted from the televised hearings as much as possible. From Axios: "Trump's schedule for the coming week shows him governing, promoting U.S. jobs and highlighting the arts and pop culture. On Tuesday, as Democrats question Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, Trump will be meeting with his Cabinet. On Wednesday, as Democrats grill [Sondland], Trump will he visiting Apple's manufacturing plant in Texas. And on Thursday, after Democrats question [Hill], Trump will be presenting the national medals of arts and humanities."

Iranian protesters block a highway in Isfahan over the weekend following an increase in fuel prices. (EPA-EFE)

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- Hundreds of leaked Iranian intelligence reports offer a detailed portrait of how aggressively Tehran has worked to embed itself into Iraqi affairs and the unique role of Maj. Gen. Qasem Soleimani, the head of Iran's Quds Force. From the Times and the

Intercept: "The unprecedented leak exposes Tehran's vast influence in Iraq, detailing years of painstaking work by Iranian spies to co-opt the country's leaders, pay Iraqi agents working for the Americans to switch sides and infiltrate every aspect of Iraq's political, economic and religious life. Many of the cables describe real-life espionage capers that feel torn from the pages of a spy thriller. Meetings are arranged in dark alleyways and shopping malls or under the cover of a hunting excursion or a birthday party. Informants lurk at the Baghdad airport, snapping pictures of American soldiers and keeping tabs on coalition military flights. Agents drive meandering routes to meetings to evade surveillance. Sources are plied with gifts of pistachios, cologne and saffron. Iraqi officials, if necessary, are offered bribes. …

"**The leaked cables ... detail the extent to which Iraq has fallen under Iranian influence since the American invasion in 2003, which transformed Iraq into a gateway for Iranian power**, connecting the Islamic Republic's geography of dominance from the shores of the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea. … **Many of Iraq's foremost political, military, and security officials have had secret relationships with Tehran**, according to the documents. … According to the reports, after the American troop withdrawal in 2011, Iran moved quickly to add former C.I.A. informants to its payroll. … In interviews, Iranian officials acknowledged that Iran viewed surveillance of American activity in Iraq after the United States invasion as critical to its survival and national security. … The roughly 700 pages of leaked reports were sent anonymously to The Intercept, which translated them from Persian to English and shared them with The Times. … The Intercept communicated over encrypted channels with the source, who declined to meet with a reporter. In these anonymous messages, the source said that they wanted to 'let the

anonymous messages, the source said that they wanted to "let the world know what Iran is doing in my country Iraq.'"

-- Protests in Iran continued after the country's supreme leader endorsed a government decision to cut fuel subsidies and warned demonstrators against clashing with security forces. Erin Cunningham reports: "In a televised address, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said he supports the measure to push up gasoline prices and ration supplies, a move designed to raise funds for cash handouts to the poor. The abrupt decision, announced Friday, sparked demonstrations in about two dozen locations across the country as residents already grappling with soaring inflation called on the government to reverse the hike. In towns and cities across Iran, drivers abandoned vehicles on highways and protesters blocked roads and set tires and buildings alight. Some demonstrators clashed with baton-wielding security forces, officials said, and at least one protester and a police officer were killed."

-- Hundreds of pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong were surrounded by riot police this morning inside a university campus, setting the stage for a bloody fight. Casey Quackenbush, Anna Kam, Gerry Shih and Tiffany Liang report: "Police blocked exits to try to coax exhausted protesters out of the Polytechnic University on Monday after a night of clashes with students. When some attempted to leave, officers forced them back with tear gas and rubber bullets and made dozens of arrests. As night fell, and with explosions and black smoke emanating from the grounds, police repeated demands for the demonstrators — some of whom have been there for days — to surrender. At rallies across the city, people expressed support for the trapped students. … Some 500 to 600 students remain trapped, said Derek Liu, head of the university's student union. PolyU's president,

Jin-Guang Teng, in a video statement urged students to hand themselves in. …

"In a new setback for [Hong Kong leader Carrie] Lam, Hong Kong's highest court ruled Monday that the government's use of a British colonial-era emergency ordinance to ban face coverings at public gatherings was unconstitutional. Lam had introduced the measure to aid police in identifying protesters and effectively expand powers of arrest. Lam visited an injured police officer in the hospital on Monday, but she did not make public remarks, and her office did not respond to a request for comment. In a message on Facebook later, she condemned protesters and urged them to obey police."

-- Uighur activists called the leaked Chinese documents revealing the government's plan to systematically detain millions of ethnic minorities in the Xinjiang region another form of genocide. Lateshia Beachum reports: "The more than 400 pages of documents, leaked, according to the Times, by a member of the Chinese political establishment, included internal speeches by President Xi Jinping and other officials, information about the surveillance and control of the Uighur population and internal investigations on local officials. … **The papers confirm reports that more than 1 million people have been detained in internment camps as the Chinese government seeks to strip Uighurs of their identity and indoctrinate them into being secular and loyal party supporters. Xi still told party members in secret speeches that religious extremists should be treated with 'absolutely no mercy,'** the Times reported. The documents included a script for officials to follow when explaining to students returning to the region why their parents had disappeared, the Times reported. The World

Uyghur Congress called China a 'country with concentration camps' in a retweet."

-- Few Uighurs have been able to escape the widespread surveillance, and even fewer are able to make it to the U.S. in search of asylum. Now, an Uighur family living in Northern Virginia has caught the attention of Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Emily Rauhala and Anna Fifield report: "Zumrat Dawut, her husband, Imran Muhammad, and their three children got out. Dawut, who survived internment and an unwanted sterilization, fled first with her family to her husband's native Pakistan. The next leg of their journey took them to a basement apartment in Virginia outside Washington. They spent their first American summer strolling through shopping malls and savoring Popeyes' halal fried chicken. 'Here in U.S., people have human rights. People live like real human beings,' Dawut said. They have applied for asylum in the United States. They want, desperately, to stay. But their case — which recently caught [Pompeo's] attention — raises tough questions for the Trump administration as it vows to take a harder line on China while simultaneously seeking a trade deal with Beijing. The United States has roundly condemned the internment camps in Xinjiang. But will it take in those who endured Beijing's chokehold on the region and somehow reached the United States?"

-- Russian troops took command of a U.S. air base in northern Syria. From CBS News: "The Russians are playing up the takeover of the Kobani airfield as a victory. The former U.S. airbase that served as the main logistical hub for America's fight against ISIS, now with the Russian flag flying above it. The Russians moved in just a day after U.S. forces moved out, leaving behind barracks, beds, abandoned medical supplies and the skeleton of a gym with weights removed to

medical supplies and the skeleton of a gym with weights removed, to render it useless. The same can't be said of the runway, however. An American-made landing strip now under Russian management. It's the second major military expansion in this region in as many days, after Russia announced it had opened up a new helicopter base in Qamishli, which, like Kobani, is also on the Turkish border."

-- A planned prisoner swap between the Afghan government and the Taliban meant to restart peace talks between the insurgent group and the U.S. has been delayed. Susannah George reports: "The emergence of significant snags early on highlights the difficulty of getting the two sides back to the negotiating table. The Taliban has long refused to negotiate directly with the Afghan government. The swap would have freed two university professors in exchange for three high-profile militants linked to the Taliban. President Ashraf Ghani announced the deal on live television last week, saying it would help bring 'peace and stability' to Afghanistan ... But days after Ghani's announcement, none of the prisoners have been released and the government and Taliban officials are trading blame. Sediq Seddiqi, a spokesman for Ghani, blamed the Taliban for the delay, tweeting Saturday that the insurgents 'failed to observe the conditions' of the swap and caused 'the disruption of the exchange process.' He did not elaborate."

-- Defense Secretary Mark Esper announced the U.S. and South Korea postponed a joint military exercise, bowing to saber-rattling by North Korea. From the AP: "The move comes even as Japan's defense minister, whose country feels threatened by repeated North Korean missile launches, told Esper 'no one could be optimistic about' changing the North's behavior. … Esper insisted the postponement was not a concession to North Korea but rather an

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attempt to 'keep the door open' to diplomacy to eliminate North Korea's nuclear weapons."

-- North Korea responded to a tweet by Trump that hinted at another summit with Kim Jong Un by saying it has no interest in giving Trump further meetings unless it gets something in return. North Korea's Foreign Ministry adviser Kim Kye Gwan said Washington must discard what his government sees as "hostile" policies in order to keep negotiations alive. (AP)

-- While Trump stands by, the world's tyrants are trying to make the world safe for dictatorship, warns The Post's editorial page editor Fred Hiatt: "The United States is retreating, almost apologizing for ever having thought about promoting democracy. Everyone from Rand Paul to Bernie Sanders and many in between agrees we should stay home and mind our business. But the result is not a world in which every country is free to go its own way. Instead, the world's tyrants — while still complaining about color revolutions and U.S. interference — roam far and wide, promoting their ideologies and their corporations, bullying and buying and burrowing and shooting their way to influence. Russia and China, the loudest conjurers of imaginary CIA pro-democracy plots, have become the world's most active underminers of democracy beyond their borders."

-- Last year, after CIA Director Gina Haspel was nominated for her position, White House counsel Don McGahn suggested she withdraw due to her role in the "enhanced interrogation" program, which he argued could kill her confirmation chances. Trump disagreed, telling advisers that he supports "torture." From Axios: "Trump actually liked this aspect of Haspel's resume, according to three sources who spoke to the president at the

resume, according to three sources who spoke to the president at the time. In fact, Trump told aides that Haspel's support for 'torture' or 'waterboarding' (Trump uses these words interchangeably in his private conversations) was an asset, not a liability. Trump told advisers that he asked Haspel her opinion on whether waterboarding works. In Trump's telling, Haspel replied to him that she was '100%' sure it works, a source who spoke to Trump about it told me. 'He seemed impressed with how sure she was about something so controversial,' the source said. 'That she did not bat an eye, did not sugarcoat it, that it works.'"

-- Friday news dump follow-up: "Trump sides with war criminals," Kori Schake, a veteran of George W. Bush's national security team, writes in the Atlantic: "Trump has exercised his authority to intervene in three cases involving war crimes, on the side of the alleged war criminals. He pardoned one serviceman who was convicted of heinous crimes, and another awaiting trial for heinous crimes. He also reversed the demotion of a Navy SEAL convicted of taking trophy pictures with an enemy corpse. All were brought to justice by their fellow servicemen and women; each prosecution relied on testimony from servicemen in the same units who witnessed the war crimes and reported them to military superiors. This makes Trump the first commander in chief in memory to pardon American servicemen for violent crimes committed in uniform. The justification can be found in a statement Trump made in 2016: 'You have to play the game the way they are playing the game.' That is, the U.S. should operate the way terrorists operate."

-- The Trump administration's immigration jails are packed, but deportation numbers are lower than in Barack Obama's presidency. Abigail Hauslohner reports: "According to the latest snapshot of ICE's prisoner population, from early November, nearly 70

percent of the inmates had no prior criminal conviction. More than 14,000 are people the U.S. government has determined have a reasonable fear of persecution or torture if deported. Though [Trump] has made cracking down on immigration a centerpiece of his first term, his administration lags far behind President Barack Obama's pace of deportations. Obama — who immigrant advocates at one point called the 'deporter in chief' — removed 409,849 people in 2012 alone. Trump, who has vowed to deport 'millions' of immigrants, has yet to surpass 260,000 deportations in a single year. And while Obama deported 1.18 million people during his first three years in office, Trump has deported fewer than 800,000. It is unclear why deportations have been happening relatively slowly."

-- England's Prince Andrew hoped that an interview with the BBC about his relationship with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein would put an end to a scandal that has dogged him for years. It didn't go quite as planned. Karla Adam reports: "An example of some of the exchanges: Andrew: 'Do I regret the fact that he [Epstein] has quite obviously conducted himself in a manner unbecoming? Yes.' Emily Maitlis: 'Unbecoming? He was a sex offender.' Andrew: 'Yeah, I'm sorry, I'm being polite.' The interview was undoubtedly a coup for the BBC, which was in talks with the palace for nearly a year to secure it, and for Maitlis, the journalist whose interrogation has won widespread acclaim. But royal watchers described the interview as ill-judged and excruciating. **'I expected a train wreck,' tweeted Charlie Proctor, editor of the Royal Central website. 'That was a plane crashing into an oil tanker, causing a tsunami, triggering a nuclear explosion level bad.'** …

"Andrew told Maitlis that he flew to New York in December 2010

to end his friendship with Epstein, because breaking it off over the phone would have been a 'chicken's way of doing it.' At the time, Epstein had served time in prison for child sex offenses. Andrew said he stayed at Epstein's home for four days because it was 'convenient.' Andrew was also criticized for what he didn't say. He expressed no concern for Epstein's victims. 'Not One Single Word of Remorse,' read a front-page headline on the Mail on Sunday. … Andrew was repeatedly grilled about [redacted], now [redacted], who has said that Epstein groomed her to have sex with the prince on three occasions. He said he had 'no recollection' of meeting her and 'categorically' denied having sex with her."

Gov. John Bel Edwards celebrates his reelection victory on Saturday night in Baton Rouge, La. (Matthew Hinton/AP)

2020 WATCH:

-- Back-to-back losses in key governors' races send additional warning to Trump ahead of 2020. David Nakamura reports: "When Kentucky's Republican governor lost his bid for reelection two weeks ago … the president and his allies brushed it off by declaring that Trump had nearly dragged an unpopular incumbent across the finish line. On Sunday, a day after another Trump-backed GOP gubernatorial candidate fell in Louisiana, the president and his surrogates barely mounted a defense. In a barrage of 40 tweets and retweets by Sunday evening, Trump didn't mention Eddie Rispone's loss to incumbent Gov. John Bel Edwards (D), even though the president had held two campaign rallies in the state in the 10 days before the election aimed at boosting his chances. Republican National Committee Chairwoman

Ronna McDaniel — who had publicly praised Trump after the Kentucky elections in which the GOP won five other statewide races — also was mum on Louisiana....

"**Trump campaigned hard for Rispone and Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin (R) … turning their races into something of a referendum on his own standing …** 'What Trump did in Louisiana was increase voter participation. While he increased the pro-Trump turnout, he also increased the anti-Trump turnout. That's kind of the lesson here,' said Ron Faucheux, a nonpartisan political polling analyst based in New Orleans. … In Louisiana, state GOP leaders had pleaded with the president to personally get involved in the race, and Trump held a rally with Rispone in Bossier City on Thursday during which the president cast the contest in personal terms. Referring to Bevin's loss in Kentucky, Trump complained that the media pinned the defeat on him. 'So you've got to give me a big win, please,' he told the crowd."

-- Top Republicans are second guessing Trump's decision to waste so much time in Louisiana. From the Times: "Mr. Trump carried Louisiana by 20 points in 2016, so the outcome of the governor's race carries no implications for his own re-election, the balance of power in Congress or the president's policy agenda. And the moderate Mr. Edwards has relentlessly cultivated Mr. Trump, showing up at the White House every chance he gets — so it was not even an opportunity to defeat a critic. Some of the president's advisers were mystified, therefore, that the White House would repeatedly send him to a state irrelevant to his re-election for a candidate he scarcely knows … after they had just been scalded in their attempt to rescue Mr. Bevin in another safely red state. … Still, **the main instigator for the president's involvement in the races, many Republicans said, was Mr. Trump himself, who simply craves the adulation of his**

was Mr. Trump himself, who simply craves the adulation of his supporters and is singularly focused on notching victories, no matter the details. He is even more eager to flex his political muscle in the face of impeachment, and has surrounded himself with several aides who either defer to his whims regardless of the neon-flashing signs of risk before them, or know little about politics. … People close to Mr. Trump … said he viewed the campaigns he had weighed in on mostly as opportunities for gratification."

-- Louisiana's outcome was only possible because of a spike in black turnout. From CNN: "In heavily African American, Caddo, East Baton Rouge and Orleans parishes, turnout was up about 15% to 30% compared to last month's Louisiana 'jungle primary.' … Parishes in the rest of the state saw a lower increase in turnout. This trend in the early vote data suggested that African Americans were going to make up a larger share of voters in the runoff than they did in October's jungle primary … One key to turning out black voters is to not merely rely on Trump as a foil. The fact is that Edwards won in Louisiana not because of Trump but because Edwards has been a popular governor with an approval rating north of 50%. He had a strong appeal to the black community in particular. What Edwards demonstrated on Saturday is that Trump is not everything when it comes to elections."

-- National Democrats are increasingly worried that their presidential nominating contest will drag deep into next summer. Michael Scherer reports: "That scenario is prompting the campaigns, several of which have signed up veteran delegate counters, to begin strategizing for a protracted nomination slog, with some even playing out scenarios for dealmaking in the weeks leading up to the Democratic convention in July. … Broadly, the Democrats' fear is that the surging energy and turmoil in their party, and its

passion to defeat Trump, may be leading to fracturing rather than unity. Some in the party worry that could hamper its ability to defeat Trump, although others argue that a tough primary will strengthen the eventual nominee. Three party veterans, who have each worked on delegate strategies in past presidential contests … described the landscape as unprecedented. … The operatives point to other factors, including the increasing role of small-dollar fundraising, which allows candidates to stay in longer, and the diminished role of superdelegates, whose function was to rally the party around a nominee if needed. They also point to Sen. Bernie Sanders's medical and political rebound from a heart attack, which suggests he could battle Sen. Elizabeth Warren for liberal voters for months. **One delegate counter admitted to concluding it is now 'more likely than not' that no one gets a majority of pledged delegates**, largely because of Sanders's continued strength and the likelihood that he will continue to campaign even if he is trailing late in the primary contest."

-- Former New York City mayor Mike Bloomberg apologized for his stop-and-frisk policy ahead of his likely presidential run. Sean Sullivan and Michael Scherer report: "Bloomberg expressed regrets at a predominantly black megachurch he has visited many times, telling congregants he didn't understand the full effects on African American and Latino communities quickly enough and should have curtailed the program sooner. **'I'm sorry that we didn't,' Bloomberg said. 'But I can't change history. However, today, I want you to know that I realize back then, I was wrong.'** The speech served as one of the clearest indicators yet that the billionaire businessman might soon join the crowded Democratic primary. Bloomberg has filed paperwork to run in Alabama and Arkansas and has mapped out a strategy that would largely bypass the four earliest

nominating states. Instead, he would focus on later contests of note, including those in Southern states with large black populations. Bloomberg's attempt to confront one of his biggest potential liabilities reflects the ongoing shift in the Democratic Party on issues of race, criminal justice and police violence. Voters and activists are increasingly demanding their leaders take firmer stances against discrimination by law enforcement and reject tough-on-crime policies that were more widely accepted decades ago."

-- In Las Vegas on Sunday, Biden drew some groans from a crowd of Democrats when he said he wants more research done on marijuana and suggested that it may be a "gateway drug." Teo Armus reports: "But the 76-year-old Democrat is in tune with at least one demographic: his peers in the silent generation, who, at 35 percent, have what may be one of the lowest percentages of support for marijuana legalization, according to the Pew data released on Nov. 14. … 'The truth of the matter is, there's not nearly been enough evidence that has been acquired as to whether or not it is a gateway drug,' Biden said. 'It's a debate, and I want a lot more before I legalize it nationally. I want to make sure we know a lot more about the science behind it.' Answering an audience question, Biden indicated that he is not opposed to the drug entirely. He supports the use of medical marijuana and would decriminalize possession of the drug, he said, adding that he wants individual states to make decisions on recreational use."

-- A new CBS poll found support for Pete Buttigieg in Iowa has tripled since September and risen seven points since last month. "In addition to his gains in Iowa and New Hampshire, Buttigieg has picked up support in the aggregate 18-state poll. CBS News

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recontacts voters for this study, and most of Buttigieg's current supporters reported a different first-choice candidate last month, primarily Warren. … The poll asked voters what Biden, Warren, Sanders and Buttigieg could do to become a first choice among voters who are considering them. The top answer was convincing voters they could defeat Mr. Trump, which outpaced all other reasons tested, such as convincing voters that their policies would work or that they could handle the job of president."

-- In case you missed it: Buttigieg rocketed to the top of the Des Moines Register's Iowa poll that came out on Saturday night. "Since September, Buttigieg has risen 16 percentage points among Iowa's likely Democratic caucusgoers, with 25% now saying he is their first choice for president. For the first time in the Register's Iowa Poll, he bests rivals [Biden, Sanders and Warren], who are now clustered in competition for second place and about 10 percentage points behind ... [Warren] led the September Iowa Poll, when 22% said she was their first choice. In this poll, her support slips to 16%. [Biden], who led the Register's first three Iowa Polls of the 2020 caucus cycle, has continued to slide, falling 5 percentage points to 15%. [Sanders] also garners 15% — a 4 percentage point rise."

-- Warren pitched her new, more flexible approach to government-run health care during a swing through Iowa this weekend as her campaign struggles to move beyond a problematic issue for her. Annie Linskey reports: "On Friday, she announced she will push Congress to pass legislation that allows all Americans to opt into the existing Medicare program in her first 100 days in office and take executive actions even sooner to lower the price of prescription drugs. She wouldn't push for full-blown Medicare-

for-all until the third year of her term. … Her new pitch also seems designed to assuage voters worried that her earlier approach would force 150 million people off their private insurance. … That has prompted Sanders to adjust, adding a line to his stump speech that contrasts Warren's approach to his. 'Today I tell you that on our first week in office, we are going to introduce Medicare-for-all single-payer legislation,' he said Saturday in East Los Angeles. ...

"**Several who attended Warren's town hall ... were relieved by her new approach.** 'I like the shift,' said Elizabeth Texley, 43, of Cedar Rapids. Texley works with seniors and hasn't yet decided who she will support in the upcoming caucuses. 'The goal of Medicare-for-all is great,' she said. 'But I don't think you're going to be able to get everybody on board right now.' Warren's new proposal, Texley added, 'does make it easier to support her.'"

-- Former Senate majority leader Harry Reid, promoting the Nevada caucuses, said Iowa and New Hampshire are not diverse enough states to provide Democrats with insight into how a candidate will fare across the country. From the AP: "'I don't think it matters what happens in Iowa or New Hampshire because those states are not representative of the country anymore,' the longtime Nevada senator said. Nevada is the third state to weigh in but the first that looks like the rest of the country, with a sizeable Latino population and significant groups of Asian American and black voters … Reid, who says he won't endorse until after Nevada's Feb. 22 caucuses, said it's too early to start counting candidates out of the race and he's impressed with the packed field. Reid said he thinks that Biden has appeared strong in Nevada because he 'is one that appeals to diversity,' but he added that most of the other Democrats running can also appeal to diverse groups."

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-- Democrats in California are wondering if it's time for Kamala Harris to finally drop out of the race. From Politico: "In the halls and meeting rooms of the Long Beach Convention Center, many of the battle-scarred Democratic insiders — strategists, elected officials, campaign operatives — had a far more caustic view of her chances, suggesting that Harris' team has already let slip away her shot at the White House. **With California polls strongly suggesting she might not win, place — or even show — in her home state, many privately expressed the view that Harris should begin seriously considering leaving the race to avoid total embarrassment** in the state's early March primary. Her continued weakness in the presidential contest could even have a more damaging effect, several said — encouraging a primary challenger in 2022, when Harris is up for reelection."

-- An Obama-era Pentagon official who attacked Trump over his affinity for Russia is entering the crowded New York Democratic primary field to succeed retiring Rep. Nita Lowey (D). Anne Gearan reports: "Evelyn Farkas, a national security analyst and author, will announce her campaign Monday and attend a candidate forum not far from Chappaqua, the New York town where she grew up. She is the fifth Democrat to launch a bid to represent the safely Democratic 17th District, located in the affluent northern suburbs of New York City. But Farkas said her experience helps her stand out. 'There isn't another candidate who has my experience and qualifications,' she said in an exclusive interview Sunday. Farkas served as a deputy assistant secretary of defense in charge of policy toward Russia, Ukraine and neighboring countries under [Obama]. She was an early critic of Trump's relationship with [Putin]."

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

Trump responded to North Korea's attacks on Biden, while managing to insult the former vice president as well:

Trump criticized some of the witnesses in the impeachment probe, and a Democratic congressman reminded him that several got their jobs from him:

From Ronald Reagan's daughter:

Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) criticized Pete Buttigieg for using a stock photo of a woman from Kenya in his plan for African Americans:

After Bloomberg apologized for his "stop and frisk" policies, a public defender from the Big Apple said it's not enough:

The president got booed at a stadium again, and this time he wasn't even there:

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "He is healthy as can be," White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said after the president made an unscheduled trip to Walter Reed. "That man works from 6 a.m. until, you know, very, very late at night. He's doing just fine."

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

John Oliver looked at the census for the season finale of his HBO show:

"Saturday Night Live" added some "pizzazz" to the first impeachment hearings:

Trevor Noah would like to remind Democrats that they don't have to keep replenishing the stock whenever a 2020 candidate drops out:

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Trump caves again to corporate lobbying pressure as he flip-flops on flavored e-cigarettes

Demonstrators hold signs that read “We Vape! We Vote!” outside President Trump’s rally in Dallas on Oct. 17. (Dylan Hollingsworth/Bloomberg)

BY JAMES HOHMANN

with Mariana Alfaro

THE BIG IDEA: President Trump is spurning the women who have his ear to side with male advisers as he kowtows to a pressure campaign orchestrated by corporate interests.

Perhaps the most effective path to persuade Trump to change his mind on public policy is to convince him that he would lose support from his base, whether it’s true or not. This is how the National Rifle Association, which should be viewed first and foremost as a trade association for the gun industry, got him to break his promise to impose “very meaningful background checks” for gun purchases after the massacres in El Paso and Dayton, Ohio.

This same dynamic helps explain why **the president has backed away from the**

crackdown he announced two months ago on most flavored e-cigarettes. Trump told reporters in the Oval Office on Sept. 11 that first lady Melania Trump feels "very, very strongly" that government must quell the youth vaping epidemic that has ensnared 5 million teenagers. "She's got a son," Trump said, referring to his wife. (Barron, 13, is his son, too.) "We can't allow people to get sick, and we can't have our youth be so affected," the president added.

Trump was also pressed to act by his daughter Ivanka Trump, a senior adviser in the White House, and encouraged by Kellyanne Conway, the most powerful woman in the administration who is not a member of the president's family. Conway, who managed Trump's 2016 campaign in the home stretch after Paul Manafort was pushed out over his sketchy financial dealings in Ukraine, argued that doing something about flavored e-cigs could enable the president to regain ground he's lost among suburban moms who have traditionally voted Republican.

But on Nov. 4, the night before details of the ban were all set to be formally unveiled during a news conference, the president balked. My colleagues Josh Dawsey and Laurie McGinley scoop that Trump refused to sign a one-page decision memo during a flight to a campaign rally in Kentucky that would have taken candy, fruit and mint flavors off the market within 30 days. Three officials familiar with the discussions said that Trump has grown upset with Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, who took the lead in rolling out a plan to address the vaping crisis. "He didn't know much about the issue and was just doing it for Melania and Ivanka," a senior administration official explained.

A doctor's dire warning, as vaping illnesses rise

"Late last week, more than a dozen White House officials met to try to find a way forward," Josh and Laurie report. "**Given Trump's record of zigzags, some officials cautioned the president could reverse course again.** Or he might back some ban on flavored e-cigarettes that exempts vape shops. Others said the White House might

pursue a different tack altogether by endorsing legislation that would raise the minimum federal age for buying tobacco products to 21 from 18 … Some bet the anti-vaping effort is dead, though, especially because the administration could argue the youth vaping problem has been greatly eased by Juul Labs' recent decision to stop selling its popular mint-flavored nicotine pods. **'It's going to go the way of guns,' predicted one adviser**…"

The president changed his mind after he was warned repeatedly that banning flavored e-cigarettes would anger vaping enthusiasts and could depress turnout for him in the 2020 election. Trump's reelection campaign manager Brad Parscale told the president that moving against flavored e-cigarettes could backfire with his base. "A Washington Examiner op-ed written by a pro-vaping conservative activist, Paul Blair, with the headline 'Banning flavored e-cigarettes might cost Trump reelection,' was circulated at the White House and considered the 'opinion of the campaign,' according to a White House official involved in the process," Michael Scherer, Josh, Laurie and Neena Satija reported last month. "Trump advisers [in the White House] compiled a binder of evidence supporting the idea of strong new measures to combat youth vaping, according to a person familiar with the effort. The documents included public polling, supportive editorials, statements from the scientific and medical community, and statements from elected leaders."

It's unclear if Trump read that binder. But Trump's helicopter flew over hundreds of people who gathered on the Ellipse to protest his flavor ban when he departed the White House on Nov. 9 to watch the Alabama-LSU football game. He also saw a pro-vaping protest outside his rally in Dallas last month. And there was a social media campaign that used the hashtag #IVapeIVote. This effort has included many hallmarks of what's known as an "Astroturf" campaign.

'It spreads like wildfire': Parents speak out about the risks of vaping

-- Many former Trump aides have been cashing in on the industry's panic. Juul has been paying Trump world insiders like Josh Raffel, a former spokesman for Jared Kushner; Johnny DeStefano, a former counselor to the president; and Rebeccah Propp, former director of media affairs for Vice President Pence. Brian Ballard, the Florida lobbyist who represented Trump's businesses there and worked on the president's 2016 campaign, has been paid seven figures by Reynolds American, which owns an e-cigarette company. Jeff Miller, a lobbyist with close ties to Pence, reported that his firm was paid $60,000 by Altria from July through September 2019 to lobby on the executive branch on issues related to the regulation of tobacco products, including "WH Administration Initiative to ban flavored vaping products."

Conservative activist Grover Norquist, the president of Americans for Tax Reform, has played a starring role in ginning up opposition to the implementation of what Trump announced, but he's declined to say whether he or his group have received money from the e-cigarette industry.

-- The bigger picture: Trump continues to campaign like a populist even as he governs like a plutocrat, and the republic continues its descent toward corporatocracy. In 2016, he promised to be a different kind of Republican and said he'd check corporate power. He said he was incorruptible because he was so rich that he didn't need to take campaign contributions. Among other things, Trump said he would end the carried interest loophole and go after hedge funds. In practice, he's done the opposite.

The president's signature legislative achievement was the tax cut bill in 2017, which has proven to be even more of a giveaway for the rich than analysts feared while exploding the national debt. A damning story on the front of Sunday's New York Times highlighted how FedEx – which spent $10 million on lobbying that year, mostly on tax policy – went from owing $1.5 billion in taxes to nothing the following year. But the shipping company did not increase total investment in new equipment and other assets in the fiscal year that followed, as its chief executive Fred Smith said companies would

do if they got the lower corporate rate. Instead, the story explained, FedEx used its windfall to reward shareholders with more than $2 billion in stock buybacks and divided increases. Smith called the story an "outrageous distortion of the truth" and challenged the publisher of the Times to a debate on federal tax policy, but he did not specify any errors.

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WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:

Police cars surround the crime scene after a shooting in Fresno, Calif. (Tomas Ovalle/EPA-EFE)

-- Four were killed and six were injured during a shooting at a backyard football-viewing party in Fresno, Calif. Katie Shepherd reports: "Fresno Police Lt. Bill Dooley told reporters near the scene that officers arrived to find 'several individuals' dead on the back lawn. Unknown suspects fled before police arrived at the home, shortly after 8 p.m. Sunday evening ... All the victims were 'Asian males' between 25 and 35 years old, Fresno Police Deputy Chief Michael Reid told the Bee. 'Thank God that no kids were hurt,' Reid said, the Associated Press reported. Police declined to discuss what kind of weapon was used or any potential motive."

IMPEACHMENT LATEST:

-- Trump tweeted this morning that he will "strongly consider" testifying in writing as part of the impeachment inquiry. The president said he might take up House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) on a suggestion she made over the weekend on CBS. Trump also claimed the rules of the inquiry had been "rigged" against him by Pelosi and House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), who has summoned four witnesses to appear before his panel on Tuesday. "Even though I did nothing wrong, and don't like giving credibility to this No Due Process Hoax, I like the idea & will, in order to get Congress focused again, strongly consider it!" Trump said in tweets that described Pelosi as "Nervous Nancy" and "crazy." (Follow our liveblog for more updates throughout the day.)

-- Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) said Trump administration officials who provided information to the anonymous whistleblower about the president's efforts to pressure Ukraine "exposed things that didn't need to be exposed." Felicia Sonmez, Karoun Demirjian and Douglas MacMillan report: "'This would have been far better off if we would've just taken care of this behind the scenes,' Johnson said in an interview on NBC News's 'Meet the Press.' ... 'We were trying to convince President Trump.' … **Trump on Sunday continued to take aim at his own administration officials, accusing Jennifer Williams, Vice President Pence's special adviser on Europe and Russia, of being a 'Never Trumper.'** … Williams is expected to testify publicly on Tuesday. Her closed-door testimony, which was released Saturday, suggests that the Office of Management and Budget had clamped down on Ukraine aid more than two weeks earlier than has been previously reported. …

"The comments by Trump and Johnson also come amid intensifying scrutiny of the actions of U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland, [who is expected to testify on Wednesday and one of eight people scheduled to appear in public hearings this week]. According to testimony released Saturday, a former White

House national security official told House investigators that Sondland was acting at Trump's behest and spoke to a top Ukrainian official about exchanging military aid for political investigations — two elements at the heart of the impeachment inquiry. Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) said he believes Sondland will face pressure this week when he's asked about inconsistencies between his testimony and that of other recent witnesses in the impeachment inquiry. …

"On 'Fox News Sunday,' House Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) dismissed the witnesses who have testified, ... arguing that 'they were not all Trump administration folks.' 'They're Schiff's witnesses,' Scalise said. … When pressed by host Chris Wallace on the fact that most of the witnesses are part of the Trump administration, Scalise responded that 'there are a lot of people who worked in the Trump administration who have very countering views to that and they've not been allowed to come forward.' ... In an interview with CBS News's 'Face the Nation' ... **Pelosi declined to weigh in on the timeline** for a potential impeachment vote, saying only that there may be further depositions over the Thanksgiving holiday and that there may be 'a decision or maybe they have more hearings' once Congress returns."

-- Tim Morrison, the former top Russia and Europe adviser on the National Security Council, testified that it was his understanding Sondland spoke to Trump directly about half a dozen times between July 16 and Sept. 11. Trump has increasingly tried to distance himself from Sondland. During an interview with CNN on Sunday, Rep. Mike Turner (R-Ohio) said Morrison's testimony is "alarming." From CNN: "'Well, of course, all of that is alarming. As I've said from the beginning, I think this is not OK. The President of the United States shouldn't even in the original phone call be on the phone with the president of another country and raise his political opponent,' [Turner said]. … Turner also addressed tweets Trump posted last week during former Ukrainian Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch's public testimony before the panel. … 'It's certainly not impeachable, and it's certainly not criminal and it's certainly not witness intimidation. It certainly wasn't trying to prevent her or wouldn't have prevented her from testifying, she was actually in the process of testifying. But nonetheless, I find the President's tweets unfortunate,' the congressman said."

-- Sondland kept several Trump administration officials apprised of his effort to get Ukraine to launch investigations into the Bidens, including Mick Mulvaney and Rick Perry, according to emails obtained by the Wall Street Journal: "The emails reviewed by the Journal show that three days [after the July 10 meeting], Mr. Sondland urged Mr. Morrison to schedule the call between Mr. Trump and Mr. Zelensky before Ukrainian parliamentary elections on July 21. 'Sole purpose is for Zelensky to give Potus assurances of "new sheriff" in town. Corruption ending, unbundling moving forward and any hampered investigations will be allowed to move forward transparently,' Mr. Sondland wrote. Mr. Morrison replied that he was 'tracking.' On July 19, a day before the president was initially scheduled to speak to Mr. Zelensky, **Mr. Sondland emailed a group of administration officials including Mr. Mulvaney and Mr. Perry to say that Mr. Zelensky was prepared to assure the president that he would open investigations.** 'I talked to Zelensky just now. He is prepared to receive Potus' call,' Mr. Sondland wrote. 'Will assure him that he intends to run a fully transparent investigation and will "turn over every stone."' He added that Mr. Zelensky was eager for the call to take place before the parliamentary elections. Mr. Mulvaney responded: 'I asked NSC to set it up for tomorrow.'"

-- When Sondland stepped in to mediate, things really went off the rails. From the Daily Beast: "Ukrainian officials arrived at the White House on July 10 expecting something approaching normal. They were in Washington for a scheduled meeting with then-National Security Adviser John Bolton with a plan to propose a new path for U.S.-Ukrainian relations under the umbrella of energy and security cooperation. **All seemed to go well—until [Sondland] stepped in. 'That's when things really went off the rails,' one person in the room said.** … Sondland raised his voice several times in his attempt to persuade the Ukrainian officials sitting across from him, including Andriy Yermak, a close aide to Zelensky, and Zelensky's then-national security adviser Oleksandr Danylyuk. **One individual told The Daily Beast that Sondland 'got very emotional,' adding that 'there was lots of yelling.' Another individual called the meeting 'erratic' and said the Ukrainians began to ignore Sondland and instead turned to Fiona Hill, who ran the National Security Council's Russia desk at the time, for clarification on Washington's messaging**. Sondland has previously tried to

claim he didn't know much about a quid pro quo with Ukraine—until he suddenly told Congress he now recalls the deal. But the details of Sondland's behavior in the Ward Room underscore the intensity in which the EU Ambassador advocated for the investigations into [Joe] Biden and Burisma."

-- An overwhelming 70 percent of Americans think Trump's request to a foreign leader to investigate Biden was wrong, an ABC News/Ipsos poll found

-- Trump's public schedule for this week seems designed to keep him distracted from the televised hearings as much as possible. From Axios: "Trump's schedule for the coming week shows him governing, promoting U.S. jobs and highlighting the arts and pop culture. On Tuesday, as Democrats question Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, Trump will be meeting with his Cabinet. On Wednesday, as Democrats grill [Sondland], Trump will he visiting Apple's manufacturing plant in Texas. And on Thursday, after Democrats question [Hill], Trump will be presenting the national medals of arts and humanities."

Iranian protesters block a highway in Isfahan over the weekend following an increase in fuel prices. (EPA-EFE)

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- Hundreds of leaked Iranian intelligence reports offer a detailed portrait of how aggressively Tehran has worked to embed itself into Iraqi affairs and the unique role of Maj. Gen. Qasem Soleimani, the head of Iran's Quds Force. From the Times and the Intercept: "The unprecedented leak exposes Tehran's vast influence in Iraq, detailing years of painstaking work by Iranian spies to co-opt the country's leaders, pay Iraqi agents working for the Americans to switch sides and infiltrate every aspect of Iraq's political, economic and religious life. Many of the cables describe real-life espionage capers that feel torn from the pages of a spy thriller. Meetings are arranged in dark alleyways and shopping malls or under the cover of a hunting excursion or a birthday party. Informants lurk at the Baghdad airport, snapping pictures of American soldiers and keeping tabs on coalition military flights. Agents drive meandering routes to

meetings to evade surveillance. Sources are plied with gifts of pistachios, cologne and saffron. Iraqi officials, if necessary, are offered bribes. …

"**The leaked cables ... detail the extent to which Iraq has fallen under Iranian influence since the American invasion in 2003, which transformed Iraq into a gateway for Iranian power**, connecting the Islamic Republic's geography of dominance from the shores of the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea. … **Many of Iraq's foremost political, military, and security officials have had secret relationships with Tehran**, according to the documents. … According to the reports, after the American troop withdrawal in 2011, Iran moved quickly to add former C.I.A. informants to its payroll. … In interviews, Iranian officials acknowledged that Iran viewed surveillance of American activity in Iraq after the United States invasion as critical to its survival and national security. … The roughly 700 pages of leaked reports were sent anonymously to The Intercept, which translated them from Persian to English and shared them with The Times. … The Intercept communicated over encrypted channels with the source, who declined to meet with a reporter. In these anonymous messages, the source said that they wanted to 'let the world know what Iran is doing in my country Iraq.'"

-- Protests in Iran continued after the country's supreme leader endorsed a government decision to cut fuel subsidies and warned demonstrators against clashing with security forces. Erin Cunningham reports: "In a televised address, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said he supports the measure to push up gasoline prices and ration supplies, a move designed to raise funds for cash handouts to the poor. The abrupt decision, announced Friday, sparked demonstrations in about two dozen locations across the country as residents already grappling with soaring inflation called on the government to reverse the hike. In towns and cities across Iran, drivers abandoned vehicles on highways and protesters blocked roads and set tires and buildings alight. Some demonstrators clashed with baton-wielding security forces, officials said, and at least one protester and a police officer were killed."

-- Hundreds of pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong were surrounded by riot police this morning inside a university campus, setting the stage for a bloody

fight. Casey Quackenbush, Anna Kam, Gerry Shih and Tiffany Liang report: “Police blocked exits to try to coax exhausted protesters out of the Polytechnic University on Monday after a night of clashes with students. When some attempted to leave, officers forced them back with tear gas and rubber bullets and made dozens of arrests. As night fell, and with explosions and black smoke emanating from the grounds, police repeated demands for the demonstrators — some of whom have been there for days — to surrender. At rallies across the city, people expressed support for the trapped students. … Some 500 to 600 students remain trapped, said Derek Liu, head of the university’s student union. PolyU’s president, Jin-Guang Teng, in a video statement urged students to hand themselves in. …

"In a new setback for [Hong Kong leader Carrie] Lam, Hong Kong’s highest court ruled Monday that the government’s use of a British colonial-era emergency ordinance to ban face coverings at public gatherings was unconstitutional. Lam had introduced the measure to aid police in identifying protesters and effectively expand powers of arrest. Lam visited an injured police officer in the hospital on Monday, but she did not make public remarks, and her office did not respond to a request for comment. In a message on Facebook later, she condemned protesters and urged them to obey police.”

-- Uighur activists called the leaked Chinese documents revealing the government’s plan to systematically detain millions of ethnic minorities in the Xinjiang region another form of genocide. Lateshia Beachum reports: “The more than 400 pages of documents, leaked, according to the Times, by a member of the Chinese political establishment, included internal speeches by President Xi Jinping and other officials, information about the surveillance and control of the Uighur population and internal investigations on local officials. … **The papers confirm reports that more than 1 million people have been detained in internment camps as the Chinese government seeks to strip Uighurs of their identity and indoctrinate them into being secular and loyal party supporters. Xi still told party members in secret speeches that religious extremists should be treated with ‘absolutely no mercy,’** the Times reported. The documents included a script for officials to follow when explaining to students returning to the region why their parents had disappeared, the

Times reported. The World Uyghur Congress called China a 'country with concentration camps' in a retweet."

-- Few Uighurs have been able to escape the widespread surveillance, and even fewer are able to make it to the U.S. in search of asylum. Now, an Uighur family living in Northern Virginia has caught the attention of Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Emily Rauhala and Anna Fifield report: "Zumrat Dawut, her husband, Imran Muhammad, and their three children got out. Dawut, who survived internment and an unwanted sterilization, fled first with her family to her husband's native Pakistan. The next leg of their journey took them to a basement apartment in Virginia outside Washington. They spent their first American summer strolling through shopping malls and savoring Popeyes' halal fried chicken. 'Here in U.S., people have human rights. People live like real human beings,' Dawut said. They have applied for asylum in the United States. They want, desperately, to stay. But their case — which recently caught [Pompeo's] attention — raises tough questions for the Trump administration as it vows to take a harder line on China while simultaneously seeking a trade deal with Beijing. The United States has roundly condemned the internment camps in Xinjiang. But will it take in those who endured Beijing's chokehold on the region and somehow reached the United States?"

-- Russian troops took command of a U.S. air base in northern Syria. From CBS News: "The Russians are playing up the takeover of the Kobani airfield as a victory. The former U.S. airbase that served as the main logistical hub for America's fight against ISIS, now with the Russian flag flying above it. The Russians moved in just a day after U.S. forces moved out, leaving behind barracks, beds, abandoned medical supplies and the skeleton of a gym with weights removed, to render it useless. The same can't be said of the runway, however. An American-made landing strip now under Russian management. It's the second major military expansion in this region in as many days, after Russia announced it had opened up a new helicopter base in Qamishli, which, like Kobani, is also on the Turkish border."

-- A planned prisoner swap between the Afghan government and the Taliban meant to restart peace talks between the insurgent group and the U.S. has been

delayed. Susannah George reports: "The emergence of significant snags early on highlights the difficulty of getting the two sides back to the negotiating table. The Taliban has long refused to negotiate directly with the Afghan government. The swap would have freed two university professors in exchange for three high-profile militants linked to the Taliban. President Ashraf Ghani announced the deal on live television last week, saying it would help bring 'peace and stability' to Afghanistan ... But days after Ghani's announcement, none of the prisoners have been released and the government and Taliban officials are trading blame. Sediq Seddiqi, a spokesman for Ghani, blamed the Taliban for the delay, tweeting Saturday that the insurgents 'failed to observe the conditions' of the swap and caused 'the disruption of the exchange process.' He did not elaborate."

-- Defense Secretary Mark Esper announced the U.S. and South Korea postponed a joint military exercise, bowing to saber-rattling by North Korea. From the AP: "The move comes even as Japan's defense minister, whose country feels threatened by repeated North Korean missile launches, told Esper 'no one could be optimistic about' changing the North's behavior. … Esper insisted the postponement was not a concession to North Korea but rather an attempt to 'keep the door open' to diplomacy to eliminate North Korea's nuclear weapons."

-- North Korea responded to a tweet by Trump that hinted at another summit with Kim Jong Un by saying it has no interest in giving Trump further meetings unless it gets something in return. North Korea's Foreign Ministry adviser Kim Kye Gwan said Washington must discard what his government sees as "hostile" policies in order to keep negotiations alive. (AP)

-- While Trump stands by, the world's tyrants are trying to make the world safe for dictatorship, warns The Post's editorial page editor Fred Hiatt: "The United States is retreating, almost apologizing for ever having thought about promoting democracy. Everyone from Rand Paul to Bernie Sanders and many in between agrees we should stay home and mind our business. But the result is not a world in which every country is free to go its own way. Instead, the world's tyrants — while still complaining about color revolutions and U.S. interference — roam far and wide, promoting their ideologies and

their corporations, bullying and buying and burrowing and shooting their way to influence. Russia and China, the loudest conjurers of imaginary CIA pro-democracy plots, have become the world's most active underminers of democracy beyond their borders."

-- Last year, after CIA Director Gina Haspel was nominated for her position, White House counsel Don McGahn suggested she withdraw due to her role in the "enhanced interrogation" program, which he argued could kill her confirmation chances. Trump disagreed, telling advisers that he supports "torture." From Axios: "Trump actually liked this aspect of Haspel's resume, according to three sources who spoke to the president at the time. In fact, Trump told aides that Haspel's support for 'torture' or 'waterboarding' (Trump uses these words interchangeably in his private conversations) was an asset, not a liability. Trump told advisers that he asked Haspel her opinion on whether waterboarding works. In Trump's telling, Haspel replied to him that she was '100%' sure it works, a source who spoke to Trump about it told me. 'He seemed impressed with how sure she was about something so controversial,' the source said. 'That she did not bat an eye, did not sugarcoat it, that it works.'"

-- Friday news dump follow-up: "Trump sides with war criminals," Kori Schake, a veteran of George W. Bush's national security team, writes in the Atlantic: "Trump has exercised his authority to intervene in three cases involving war crimes, on the side of the alleged war criminals. He pardoned one serviceman who was convicted of heinous crimes, and another awaiting trial for heinous crimes. He also reversed the demotion of a Navy SEAL convicted of taking trophy pictures with an enemy corpse. All were brought to justice by their fellow servicemen and women; each prosecution relied on testimony from servicemen in the same units who witnessed the war crimes and reported them to military superiors. This makes Trump the first commander in chief in memory to pardon American servicemen for violent crimes committed in uniform. The justification can be found in a statement Trump made in 2016: 'You have to play the game the way they are playing the game.' That is, the U.S. should operate the way terrorists operate."

-- The Trump administration's immigration jails are packed, but deportation numbers are lower than in Barack Obama's presidency. Abigail Hauslohner reports:

"According to the latest snapshot of ICE's prisoner population, from early November, nearly 70 percent of the inmates had no prior criminal conviction. More than 14,000 are people the U.S. government has determined have a reasonable fear of persecution or torture if deported. Though [Trump] has made cracking down on immigration a centerpiece of his first term, his administration lags far behind President Barack Obama's pace of deportations. Obama — who immigrant advocates at one point called the 'deporter in chief' — removed 409,849 people in 2012 alone. Trump, who has vowed to deport 'millions' of immigrants, has yet to surpass 260,000 deportations in a single year. And while Obama deported 1.18 million people during his first three years in office, Trump has deported fewer than 800,000. It is unclear why deportations have been happening relatively slowly."

-- England's Prince Andrew hoped that an interview with the BBC about his relationship with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein would put an end to a scandal that has dogged him for years. It didn't go quite as planned. Karla Adam reports: "An example of some of the exchanges: Andrew: 'Do I regret the fact that he [Epstein] has quite obviously conducted himself in a manner unbecoming? Yes.' Emily Maitlis: 'Unbecoming? He was a sex offender.' Andrew: 'Yeah, I'm sorry, I'm being polite.' The interview was undoubtedly a coup for the BBC, which was in talks with the palace for nearly a year to secure it, and for Maitlis, the journalist whose interrogation has won widespread acclaim. But royal watchers described the interview as ill-judged and excruciating. **'I expected a train wreck,' tweeted Charlie Proctor, editor of the Royal Central website. 'That was a plane crashing into an oil tanker, causing a tsunami, triggering a nuclear explosion level bad.'** …

"Andrew told Maitlis that he flew to New York in December 2010 to end his friendship with Epstein, because breaking it off over the phone would have been a 'chicken's way of doing it.' At the time, Epstein had served time in prison for child sex offenses. Andrew said he stayed at Epstein's home for four days because it was 'convenient.' Andrew was also criticized for what he didn't say. He expressed no concern for Epstein's victims. 'Not One Single Word of Remorse,' read a front-page headline on the Mail on Sunday. … Andrew was repeatedly grilled about [redacted], now [redacted], who has said that Epstein groomed her to have sex with the prince on

three occasions. He said he had 'no recollection' of meeting her and 'categorically' denied having sex with her."

Gov. John Bel Edwards celebrates his reelection victory on Saturday night in Baton Rouge, La. (Matthew Hinton/AP)

2020 WATCH:

-- Back-to-back losses in key governors' races send additional warning to Trump ahead of 2020. David Nakamura reports: "When Kentucky's Republican governor lost his bid for reelection two weeks ago … the president and his allies brushed it off by declaring that Trump had nearly dragged an unpopular incumbent across the finish line. On Sunday, a day after another Trump-backed GOP gubernatorial candidate fell in Louisiana, the president and his surrogates barely mounted a defense. In a barrage of 40 tweets and retweets by Sunday evening, Trump didn't mention Eddie Rispone's loss to incumbent Gov. John Bel Edwards (D), even though the president had held two campaign rallies in the state in the 10 days before the election aimed at boosting his chances. Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel — who had publicly praised Trump after the Kentucky elections in which the GOP won five other statewide races — also was mum on Louisiana....

"**Trump campaigned hard for Rispone and Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin (R) … turning their races into something of a referendum on his own standing …** 'What Trump did in Louisiana was increase voter participation. While he increased the pro-Trump turnout, he also increased the anti-Trump turnout. That's kind of the lesson here,' said Ron Faucheux, a nonpartisan political polling analyst based in New Orleans. … In Louisiana, state GOP leaders had pleaded with the president to personally get involved in the race, and Trump held a rally with Rispone in Bossier City on Thursday during which the president cast the contest in personal terms. Referring to Bevin's loss in Kentucky, Trump complained that the media pinned the defeat on him. 'So you've got to give me a big win, please,' he told the crowd."

-- Top Republicans are second guessing Trump's decision to waste so much time

in Louisiana. From the Times: "Mr. Trump carried Louisiana by 20 points in 2016, so the outcome of the governor's race carries no implications for his own re-election, the balance of power in Congress or the president's policy agenda. And the moderate Mr. Edwards has relentlessly cultivated Mr. Trump, showing up at the White House every chance he gets — so it was not even an opportunity to defeat a critic. Some of the president's advisers were mystified, therefore, that the White House would repeatedly send him to a state irrelevant to his re-election for a candidate he scarcely knows … after they had just been scalded in their attempt to rescue Mr. Bevin in another safely red state. … Still, **the main instigator for the president's involvement in the races, many Republicans said, was Mr. Trump himself, who simply craves the adulation of his supporters and is singularly focused on notching victories, no matter the details.** He is even more eager to flex his political muscle in the face of impeachment, and has surrounded himself with several aides who either defer to his whims regardless of the neon-flashing signs of risk before them, or know little about politics. … People close to Mr. Trump … said he viewed the campaigns he had weighed in on mostly as opportunities for gratification."

-- Louisiana's outcome was only possible because of a spike in black turnout. From CNN: "In heavily African American, Caddo, East Baton Rouge and Orleans parishes, turnout was up about 15% to 30% compared to last month's Louisiana 'jungle primary.' … Parishes in the rest of the state saw a lower increase in turnout. This trend in the early vote data suggested that African Americans were going to make up a larger share of voters in the runoff than they did in October's jungle primary … One key to turning out black voters is to not merely rely on Trump as a foil. The fact is that Edwards won in Louisiana not because of Trump but because Edwards has been a popular governor with an approval rating north of 50%. He had a strong appeal to the black community in particular. What Edwards demonstrated on Saturday is that Trump is not everything when it comes to elections."

-- National Democrats are increasingly worried that their presidential nominating contest will drag deep into next summer. Michael Scherer reports: "That scenario is prompting the campaigns, several of which have signed up veteran delegate counters, to begin strategizing for a protracted nomination slog, with some even playing out

scenarios for dealmaking in the weeks leading up to the Democratic convention in July. … Broadly, the Democrats' fear is that the surging energy and turmoil in their party, and its passion to defeat Trump, may be leading to fracturing rather than unity. Some in the party worry that could hamper its ability to defeat Trump, although others argue that a tough primary will strengthen the eventual nominee. Three party veterans, who have each worked on delegate strategies in past presidential contests … described the landscape as unprecedented. … The operatives point to other factors, including the increasing role of small-dollar fundraising, which allows candidates to stay in longer, and the diminished role of superdelegates, whose function was to rally the party around a nominee if needed. They also point to Sen. Bernie Sanders's medical and political rebound from a heart attack, which suggests he could battle Sen. Elizabeth Warren for liberal voters for months. **One delegate counter admitted to concluding it is now 'more likely than not' that no one gets a majority of pledged delegates**, largely because of Sanders's continued strength and the likelihood that he will continue to campaign even if he is trailing late in the primary contest."

-- Former New York City mayor Mike Bloomberg apologized for his stop-and-frisk policy ahead of his likely presidential run. Sean Sullivan and Michael Scherer report: "Bloomberg expressed regrets at a predominantly black megachurch he has visited many times, telling congregants he didn't understand the full effects on African American and Latino communities quickly enough and should have curtailed the program sooner. **'I'm sorry that we didn't,' Bloomberg said. 'But I can't change history. However, today, I want you to know that I realize back then, I was wrong.'** The speech served as one of the clearest indicators yet that the billionaire businessman might soon join the crowded Democratic primary. Bloomberg has filed paperwork to run in Alabama and Arkansas and has mapped out a strategy that would largely bypass the four earliest nominating states. Instead, he would focus on later contests of note, including those in Southern states with large black populations. Bloomberg's attempt to confront one of his biggest potential liabilities reflects the ongoing shift in the Democratic Party on issues of race, criminal justice and police violence. Voters and activists are increasingly demanding their leaders take firmer stances against discrimination by law enforcement and reject tough-on-crime policies that were more widely accepted decades ago."

-- In Las Vegas on Sunday, Biden drew some groans from a crowd of Democrats when he said he wants more research done on marijuana and suggested that it may be a "gateway drug." Teo Armus reports: "But the 76-year-old Democrat is in tune with at least one demographic: his peers in the silent generation, who, at 35 percent, have what may be one of the lowest percentages of support for marijuana legalization, according to the Pew data released on Nov. 14. … 'The truth of the matter is, there's not nearly been enough evidence that has been acquired as to whether or not it is a gateway drug,' Biden said. 'It's a debate, and I want a lot more before I legalize it nationally. I want to make sure we know a lot more about the science behind it.' Answering an audience question, Biden indicated that he is not opposed to the drug entirely. He supports the use of medical marijuana and would decriminalize possession of the drug, he said, adding that he wants individual states to make decisions on recreational use."

-- A new CBS poll found support for Pete Buttigieg in Iowa has tripled since September and risen seven points since last month. "In addition to his gains in Iowa and New Hampshire, Buttigieg has picked up support in the aggregate 18-state poll. CBS News recontacts voters for this study, and most of Buttigieg's current supporters reported a different first-choice candidate last month, primarily Warren. … The poll asked voters what Biden, Warren, Sanders and Buttigieg could do to become a first choice among voters who are considering them. The top answer was convincing voters they could defeat Mr. Trump, which outpaced all other reasons tested, such as convincing voters that their policies would work or that they could handle the job of president."

-- In case you missed it: Buttigieg rocketed to the top of the Des Moines Register's Iowa poll that came out on Saturday night. "Since September, Buttigieg has risen 16 percentage points among Iowa's likely Democratic caucusgoers, with 25% now saying he is their first choice for president. For the first time in the Register's Iowa Poll, he bests rivals [Biden, Sanders and Warren], who are now clustered in competition for second place and about 10 percentage points behind ... [Warren] led the September Iowa Poll, when 22% said she was their first choice. In this poll, her support slips to 16%. [Biden], who led the Register's first three Iowa Polls of the 2020 caucus cycle, has continued to

slide, falling 5 percentage points to 15%. [Sanders] also garners 15% — a 4 percentage point rise."

-- Warren pitched her new, more flexible approach to government-run health care during a swing through Iowa this weekend as her campaign struggles to move beyond a problematic issue for her. Annie Linskey reports: "On Friday, she announced she will push Congress to pass legislation that allows all Americans to opt into the existing Medicare program in her first 100 days in office and take executive actions even sooner to lower the price of prescription drugs. She wouldn't push for full-blown Medicare-for-all until the third year of her term. … Her new pitch also seems designed to assuage voters worried that her earlier approach would force 150 million people off their private insurance. … That has prompted Sanders to adjust, adding a line to his stump speech that contrasts Warren's approach to his. 'Today I tell you that on our first week in office, we are going to introduce Medicare-for-all single-payer legislation,' he said Saturday in East Los Angeles. ...

"**Several who attended Warren's town hall ... were relieved by her new approach.** 'I like the shift,' said Elizabeth Texley, 43, of Cedar Rapids. Texley works with seniors and hasn't yet decided who she will support in the upcoming caucuses. 'The goal of Medicare-for-all is great,' she said. 'But I don't think you're going to be able to get everybody on board right now.' Warren's new proposal, Texley added, 'does make it easier to support her.'"

-- Former Senate majority leader Harry Reid, promoting the Nevada caucuses, said Iowa and New Hampshire are not diverse enough states to provide Democrats with insight into how a candidate will fare across the country. From the AP: "'I don't think it matters what happens in Iowa or New Hampshire because those states are not representative of the country anymore,' the longtime Nevada senator said. Nevada is the third state to weigh in but the first that looks like the rest of the country, with a sizeable Latino population and significant groups of Asian American and black voters … Reid, who says he won't endorse until after Nevada's Feb. 22 caucuses, said it's too early to start counting candidates out of the race and he's impressed with the packed field. Reid said he thinks that Biden has appeared strong in Nevada because he 'is one that

appeals to diversity,' but he added that most of the other Democrats running can also appeal to diverse groups."

-- Democrats in California are wondering if it's time for Kamala Harris to finally drop out of the race. From Politico: "In the halls and meeting rooms of the Long Beach Convention Center, many of the battle-scarred Democratic insiders — strategists, elected officials, campaign operatives — had a far more caustic view of her chances, suggesting that Harris' team has already let slip away her shot at the White House. **With California polls strongly suggesting she might not win, place — or even show — in her home state, many privately expressed the view that Harris should begin seriously considering leaving the race to avoid total embarrassment** in the state's early March primary. Her continued weakness in the presidential contest could even have a more damaging effect, several said — encouraging a primary challenger in 2022, when Harris is up for reelection."

-- An Obama-era Pentagon official who attacked Trump over his affinity for Russia is entering the crowded New York Democratic primary field to succeed retiring Rep. Nita Lowey (D). Anne Gearan reports: "Evelyn Farkas, a national security analyst and author, will announce her campaign Monday and attend a candidate forum not far from Chappaqua, the New York town where she grew up. She is the fifth Democrat to launch a bid to represent the safely Democratic 17th District, located in the affluent northern suburbs of New York City. But Farkas said her experience helps her stand out. 'There isn't another candidate who has my experience and qualifications,' she said in an exclusive interview Sunday. Farkas served as a deputy assistant secretary of defense in charge of policy toward Russia, Ukraine and neighboring countries under [Obama]. She was an early critic of Trump's relationship with [Putin]."

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

Trump responded to North Korea's attacks on Biden, while managing to insult the former vice president as well:

Trump criticized some of the witnesses in the impeachment probe, and a Democratic congressman reminded him that several got their jobs from him:

From Ronald Reagan's daughter:

Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) criticized Pete Buttigieg for using a stock photo of a woman from Kenya in his plan for African Americans:

After Bloomberg apologized for his "stop and frisk" policies, a public defender from the Big Apple said it's not enough:

The president got booed at a stadium again, and this time he wasn't even there:

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "He is healthy as can be," White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said after the president made an unscheduled trip to Walter Reed. "That man works from 6 a.m. until, you know, very, very late at night. He's doing just fine."

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

John Oliver looked at the census for the season finale of his HBO show:

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Trevor Noah would like to remind Democrats that they don't have to keep replenishing the stock whenever a 2020 candidate drops out:

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Media inquiry - NY Daily News & WNYC - sewage flooding at MCC NY

From	Justin B. Long
To	Lee PlourdeMichael Carroll
Date	2019/08/26 17:04
Subject:	Media inquiry - NY Daily News & WNYC - sewage flooding at MCC NY
Attachments:	TEXT.htm

Lee, I meant to cc you below if you happen to see this

Justin Long
Public Information Office
Federal Bureau of Prisons
(202) 353-4464

>>> Justin B. Long 8/26/2019 5:02 PM >>>
Mike,

We are hoping to answer these two reporters today with more detailed input from you or Lee, but I drafted a very short answer below based on a summary from RD Ormond to Kevin Pistro that Nancy received below. If there is no more detail to provide today, then maybe you could review this draft (e.g., did it start this morning or last night/weekend)?

Here are some more questions if you have time: did it occur in just one unit, could we say it was caused by inmates plugging toilets with inmate clothes (true?), were female inmates included in the clean up, will attorney-client visits resume tomorrow?

Thanks,
Justin

Reporters:
NY Daily News & WNYC/Gothamist below

Proposed Response:
We can confirm there was a sewage backup at MCC New York this morning. The backup was repaired, affected units were cleaned, and institution elevators returned to normal operations shortly after noon today.

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Jake

>>> "Brown, Stephen" <sbrown@nydailynews.com> 8/26/2019 3:32 PM >>>
Hello, I'm writing a story on immediate deadline about raw sewage flooding into the women's wing of MCC. I'm told that the new warden, James Petrucci, even came down to the wing and said his office had also been flooded.

Attorney-client visits at the jail were canceled today because the flooding impacted elevators. Inmates were being told they wouldn't get lunch until they cleaned up the cells themselves, according to the executive director of Federal Defenders, David Patton.

Will attorney-client visits be back on tomorrow? Are inmates responsible for cleaning up their own cells when toilets flood? How many cells were impacted by the flooding?

Thank you,

Stephen Rex Brown
Manhattan Federal Court reporter
NY DAILY NEWS
917-589-9831

>>> Ray Ormond 8/26/2019 4:13 PM >>>
Kevin - The backup has been repaired, unit cleaned and elevators operational. They were back to normal operation just after noon today. Apparently the inmates didn't want to clean and were complaining to the FPD but they had PPE and appropriate cleaning equipment/materials.

J. Ray Ormond
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Trump nominating Scalia's son to lead Labor is the latest salvo in his war on the administrative state

President Trump speaks to the media as he arrives on Air Force One in Greenville, N.C., on Wednesday. (Carolyn Kaster/AP)

BY JAMES HOHMANN

with Emily Davies

THE BIG IDEA: President Trump has soured on hiring generals, whom he stocked his administration with at the beginning. Remember John Kelly, Jim Mattis, Michael Flynn and H.R. McMaster.

But the billionaire's fondness has grown for stocking

the Cabinet with lobbyists, lawyers and executives from the corporate class. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt was an oil industry lobbyist. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler was a coal lobbyist. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar was a pharmaceutical executive. Personnel is policy, and these men are pursuing for Trump what Steve Bannon famously called "the deconstruction of the administrative state."

Trump's announcement last night that he will nominate Eugene Scalia to replace Alex Acosta as the next labor secretary offers the freshest, and maybe even starkest, example. Scalia, the son of the late Antonin Scalia, has spent most of his career at a white-shoe law firm helping Corporate America thwart federal regulations and fighting various organizing efforts by employees. The 55-year-old is active in the Federalist Society and a partner in the D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

His biography on the law firm's website touts legal work he's done on behalf of Ford Motor, Steve Wynn's casinos, UBS, UPS, MetLife, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Petroleum Institute, the Business Roundtable, plus the main telecommunications and retail industry trade associations. His bio also outlines some of the fights he's waged, often successfully, against regulations or enforcement actions by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Labor Department, the Commodity Futures Trading

Commission and the Federal Communications Commission.

In a 2012 profile, the Wall Street Journal called Scalia "one of the industry's go-to guys for challenging financial regulations."

In a review of his record, today's New York Times highlights three other cases: "In 2006, he helped Walmart triumph in a prominent fight against a Maryland law that would have required companies with more than 10,000 workers to either spend at least 8 percent of their payroll costs on health care, or pay into a state Medicaid fund. He argued that allowing individual states to establish health care mandates would create chaos and that the federal government should address the issue of rising health care costs. Mr. Scalia also defended Boeing in a politically charged case. A union representing the company's workers in Washington State argued that Boeing had violated labor law by threatening to open another assembly plant in South Carolina unless the union agreed to a no-strike clause in its contract."

-- The impetus for Acosta's resignation last Friday was his 2008 plea deal for Jeffrey Epstein, but another huge factor was that corporate chieftains didn't think the secretary was being aggressive enough in trying to roll back protections for their workers. It has been widely reported that acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, who confessed last year while speaking to Wall Street bankers that as a member of Congress he did not meet with lobbyists unless they gave him money, chewed out Acosta during a meeting earlier this year and

out Acosta during a meeting earlier this year and subsequently sought to oust him.

Eugene Scalia talks with then-Sen. Kit Bond before Scalia's confirmation hearing to be solicitor of the Labor Department in 2001. (Tom Williams/Roll Call/Getty Images)

-- Scalia will almost certainly be confirmed easily by the Republican-controlled Senate. In 2002, however, George W. Bush used a recess appointment to subvert the opposition of the Senate and install Scalia as acting solicitor at the Labor Department. The Democratic-controlled chamber blocked Scalia's nomination because of his outspoken antagonism toward unions and opposition of the ergonomics rule, which protected workers from repetitive stress injuries on the job. It had been a priority for Bill Clinton during his final year in office.

"Ergonomic regulation will force companies to give more rest periods, slow the pace of work and then hire more workers (read: dues-paying members) to maintain current levels of production," Scalia wrote in an op-ed for the Journal in 2000.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), a veteran of that battle, lamented last night that "Trump has again chosen someone who has proven to put corporate interests over those of worker rights." He added that "union members who believed candidate Trump when he campaigned as pro-worker should feel betrayed."

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The younger Scalia, who graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and studied at the University of Virginia as an undergraduate, also worked as a special assistant to Bill Barr during his previous tour of duty as attorney general under George H.W. Bush. And he wrote speeches for Ronald Reagan's education secretary William Bennett.

-- Meanwhile, Trump's pending nominee for secretary of defense, Army Secretary Mark Esper, spent years as a top lobbyist for Raytheon, which received $18.1 billion in unclassified defense contracts last year. He was elevated to acting secretary last month after Patrick Shanahan, a former top Boeing executive, withdrew after details emerged about a contentious divorce, including an incident in which his son attacked his ex-wife with a baseball bat.

At his confirmation hearing this week before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Esper declined to extend a 24-month ethics commitment he signed upon joining the administration in 2017. That means that, after November, he will no longer need to steer clear of decisions involving Raytheon. Esper also declined to commit to not working for a private defense company for the four years after he leaves the Pentagon. (The Center for Responsive Politics has a lengthy list of lobbyists who got sub-Cabinet jobs in the Trump administration.)

-- There are daily proof points that the former lobbyists in the administration are advancing Trump's quest to eviscerate the administrative state. Just last night, for example, the Environmental Protection Agency quietly

example, the Environmental Protection Agency quietly **rejected a petition by environmental and public health groups to ban a widely used pesticide that has been linked to neurological damage in children, even though a federal court said last year there was "no justification" for such a decision.**

"The Obama administration had proposed in 2015 to revoke all uses of chlorpyrifos after EPA scientists determined that existing evidence did not meet the agency's threshold of a 'reasonable certainty of no harm,' given exposure levels in Americans' food supply and drinking water," Brady Dennis and Juliet Eilperin report. "EPA staffers cited studies of families exposed to it in apartment buildings and agricultural communities that found lower birth weight and reduced IQ, among other effects. But before the ban was finalized, in March 2017, then-EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt rejected the agency's own analysis, saying the agency would reassess the science underpinning that decision. … That action, welcomed by the pesticide industry and Agriculture Department officials who had questioned the EPA's findings, led to the latest court fight."

-- Part of the battle to deconstruct the administrative state is a war of attrition. Two research agencies at the Agriculture Department are uprooting from D.C. to Kansas City this fall, for instance, but many staffers have decided to give up their jobs rather than move, prompting concerns of hollowed-out offices unable to adequately fund or inform agricultural science. "About two-thirds of the USDA employees declined their

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two thirds of the USDA employees declined their reassignments," Ben Guarino reports. "Ninety-nine of 171 employees at the Economic Research Service, an influential federal statistical agency, will not move. At the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, which manages a $1.7 billion portfolio in scientific funding, 151 of 224 employees declined to relocate. … Jack Payne, University of Florida's vice president for agriculture and natural resources, warned that the hemorrhage of employees will devastate ERS and NIFA. 'This is the brain drain we all feared, possibly a destruction of the agencies,' Payne said."

-- The Trump administration has been chipping away at post-9/11 programs designed to prevent terrorism in the United States. A new Los Angeles Times investigation found that multiple programs under the Department of Homeland Security, aimed at detecting and preventing terrorism, have been cut back or dismantled entirely without rigorous risk assessments.

-- As a result of retirements and a federal hiring freeze, the number of compliance safety and health officers tasked with conducting workplace inspections at OSHA – which is part of the Labor Department – has been falling since Trump took office, despite public pledges from Acosta that he'd boost the number of such officers on the beat.

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WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:

Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders and Kamala Harris speak simultaneously during the Democratic primary debate in Miami on June 27. (Wilfredo Lee/AP)

-- Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will face off again in the next two-night debate at the end of July, while the ideologically aligned Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren will appear together the other night. CNN, which is hosting the debate, held a televised, live drawing last night

to determine the lineups. Joining Sanders and Warren on the first night, July 30, will be Pete Buttigieg, Beto O'Rourke, Amy Klobuchar, Steve Bullock, Tim Ryan, John Hickenlooper, John Delaney and Marianne Williamson. The next night, July 31, with Biden and Harris, will be Julián Castro, Andrew Yang, Cory Booker, Kirsten Gillibrand, Bill de Blasio, Michael Bennet, Tulsi Gabbard and Jay Inslee.

"The Democratic field is the most diverse ever and yet all five minority candidates ended up on the same night," Colby Itkowitz notes. "Who is matched with whom can shift the trajectory of the race, as Harris showed in the first debate when she went after Biden on the issue of busing. The aftershocks of that moment were felt for days later, culminating in Biden giving a major speech defending his civil rights record. A rematch gives Harris another shot to handicap Biden, while Biden gets an opportunity for a do-over after his fumbling performance last time. … **For socialist democrat Sanders and capitalist Warren, who are vying for many of the same far-left voters, their matchup allows them the chance to differentiate.** It also denies Sanders a chance to go after Biden, whom he competes with for the populist and working-class vote. In the past week, Sanders has targeted Biden for not embracing Medicare-for-all, providing a preview of how hard he planned to go after Biden if given the opportunity."

-- The debate in Detroit could be a season finale for as many as half the candidates who have made the stage, as they struggle to meet the higher qualification

requirements that will go into effect for later televised gatherings. (Annie Linskey and Michael Scherer)

-- Unionized campaign organizers working for Sanders are clashing with the campaign manager, according to internal communications leaked to Sean Sullivan: "Campaign field hires have demanded an annual salary they say would be equivalent to a $15-an-hour wage, which Sanders for years has said should be the federal minimum. The organizers and other employees supporting them have invoked the senator's words and principles in making their case to campaign manager Faiz Shakir. A review of emails, instant messages and other documents obtained by The Post show that the conflict dates back to at least May and remains unresolved. … The Sanders campaign made history in March when it announced that all employees below the rank of deputy director would be represented by a union. The Warren and Castro campaigns followed suit."

The Sanders campaign responds that it's offering wages and benefits competitive with other campaigns, pointing to the latest fundraising reports. "Bernie Sanders is the most pro-worker and pro-labor candidate running for president," Shakir emails. "Bernie and I both strongly believe in the sanctity of the collective bargaining process and we will not deviate from our commitment to it."

-- A new Pew poll finds that Democratic voters are relatively satisfied with their choices for president. The level of excitement is comparable to 2008 and significantly higher than in 2016.

GET SMART FAST:

Trump says U.S. shot down Iranian drone over Strait of Hormuz

1. **A U.S. naval ship downed an Iranian drone that flew too close and ignored multiple calls to turn away.** Speaking at the White House, Trump said the drone came within 1,000 yards of the USS Boxer in the Strait of Hormuz before the crew "took defensive action" and "immediately destroyed" it, per Dan Lamothe and Liz Sly. In New York, meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said that if Congress lifts sanctions against the country, Tehran will commit firmly to allowing international inspections of its nuclear program, per Carol Morello.

2. **An alleged Islamic State fighter and American citizen has returned to the United States, transported by the U.S. military to face terrorism-related charges.** He was previously held by the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, which has custody of more than 2,000 foreign Islamic State fighters. (CNN)

3. **Millions of opioid pills found their way to the remote city of Norton in southwestern Virginia's coal country.** Over the course of seven years, from 2006 through 2012, the local Walmart received more

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than 3.5 million opioids. The CVS received more than 1.3 million. Those numbers come from a Washington Post analysis of a newly released Drug Enforcement Administration database that shows that the pharmaceutical industry pumped out 76 billion pills over that seven-year period. (Joel Achenbach)

4. **The New Jersey judge who said a 16-year-old boy accused of sexual assault should not be tried as an adult because he came from a "good family" resigned under pressure.** And another New Jersey judge who asked a woman if she had attempted to close her legs to stop being raped has been suspended by the state's high court. (Timothy Bella)

5. **The Senate agreed to vote Tuesday on legislation that would extend a victims compensation fund for 9/11 workers.** The chamber will consider amendments by conservative Mike Lee to stiffen oversight of the spending and from Rand Paul to demand spending cuts as offsets. But the bill has 75 co-sponsors in the Senate and is expected to easily pass. (Felicia Sonmez and Devlin Barrett)

6. **Boeing said the grounding of its 737 Max jets would reduce its revenue and earnings by $5.6 billion in the second quarter**, the largest financial effect of two deadly crashes of the jetliner so far. (Douglas MacMillan)

7. **In Berkeley, Calif., "man-made" will soon be**

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7. **In Berkeley, Calif., "man-made" will soon be "human made," "chairman" will become "chairperson," and "manhole" will change to "maintenance hole" — at least in the city's municipal code.** In an effort to make Berkeley more inclusive for its non-binary residents, the city council voted to make the language more gender neutral, following a city clerk review that found that the municipal code primarily contained masculine pronouns. (Kayla Epstein)

8. **The Federal Trade Commission is considering updates to the children's online privacy law**, a process that could change underage engagement on YouTube, Instagram, Fortnite and more. (Tony Romm and Craig Timberg)

9. **Russia continues its campaign of harassment against American diplomats in Moscow.** The Kremlin refused visas for 30 new teachers at a school that educates the children of Western diplomats. The school, overseen by U.S., British and Canadian embassies, has 1,100 children from more than 60 countries. Vladimir Putin is trying to bully the U.S. into rolling back restrictions that were put in place by the Obama administration for 2016 election interference. (Associated Press)

-- Best headline of the week, and of course it's from Florida: "Five guys arrested after fist fight at Five Guys." (Orlando Sentinel)

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Puerto Rico protests: Police fire tear gas during anti-Rossello demonstrations

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

1. **Tens of thousands of Puerto Rican protesters continue to occupy the blue cobblestone streets of Old San Juan to demand that Gov. Ricardo Rosselló resign amid allegations of corruption and the revelation of a scandalous group chat involving his inner circle.** The mobilization against the 40-year-old, who has refused to leave the governor's mansion, known as the Fortress, represents one of the largest demonstrations of public repudiation of the Puerto Rican government in its history. (Arelis R. Hernández and Jeff Stein)
2. **Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said that he's making progress in negotiating a budget deal with Democrats but that significant provisions remained unresolved.** Mnuchin, in an interview on CNBC from France, said negotiators had agreed to "top line" spending numbers for 2020 and 2021. Some lawmakers expressed concern that a rift among White House advisers could imperil the deal at a final stage of negotiations. (Damian Paletta, Erica Werner and Yasmeen Abutaleb)
3. **A federal judge said he is skeptical that there is enough evidence to convict Michael Flynn's former business partner of illegally lobbying for Turkey after the former national security adviser failed to testify.** Despite his comments, Judge Anthony Trenga

testify. Despite his comments, Judge Anthony Trenga declined for the moment to throw out the case against Bijan Rafiekian, an Iranian American businessman who ran a consulting firm with Flynn called the Flynn Intel Group. But the judge can revisit the concerns he expressed after hearing all the government's evidence, before or after the case goes to a jury. (Rachel Weiner)

4. **Jeffrey Epstein will remain jailed while he awaits trial on new allegations that he sexually abused children.** U.S. District Judge Richard Berman issued a 33-page written decision, saying that he was "concerned for new victims" and that Epstein's alleged sexual conduct with young girls "appears likely to be uncontrollable." (Renae Merle and Matt Zapotosky)
5. **She famously flipped off the president. Now Juli Briskman is running for the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.** (Petula Dvorak)
6. **Big Bird, Elmo and the rest of "Sesame Street" will make history as the first television program to receive the nation's performing arts award at the Kennedy Center Honors in December.** Actress Sally Field, singer Linda Ronstadt and R&B band Earth Wind & Fire will also be recognized for their lifetime achievements. Conductor Michael Tilson Thomas is the fifth honoree. (Peggy McGlone)

'Welcome home, Ilhan!': Crowd cheers as Rep. Omar arrives in Minnesota

DIVIDED AMERICA:

-- The newest rallying cry for Trump supporters —

"Send her back!" — is reverberating across a divided nation fraught with racial tension. We deployed reporters in 10 states to collect reactions from voters to the president's racist tweets and the chants from an almost entirely white crowd at his rally in North Carolina. Toluse Olorunnipa weaves the choice quotes together to paint a portrait of an America riven by racial discord:

"Mary Thomas, who works at a restaurant near Wayne State University in **Detroit**, says the country's racial climate is the worst she's seen in her 60 years — a period that includes Detroit's 1967 race riots when the National Guard was deployed. Thomas, who is black, blames Trump. 'I think he's racist,' she said. 'I really think he is.'

"Dan Wendel, a **Boston** contractor, had a different view about Trump's attacks on Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) and three other congresswomen. 'You really want to know? I love it!' he said outside a building he was working on in **Southie**, a gentrifying working-class neighborhood of Boston. A 10-minute drive from Southie, in the racially mixed neighborhood of **Dorchester**, Trish Mullen said she has never felt as unsafe as she does with Trump as president. 'It's just embarrassing that we have someone representing our country that's just foul,' said Mullen, who came to the United States from the Philippines when she was 5.

"In **Baton Rouge**, Tammy Harrison said Trump's comments were being exaggerated by the media. The 60-year-old Republican said she agreed with the president's

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comments. … In Harrison's view, Trump's remarks targeting the four congresswomen were about ideology, not race.

"In **Colorado**, Diana Higuera said the chants that emanated from the North Carolina rally reminded her of the fraught political situations in country she left to come to the United States. 'The situation in my country right now is not in good shape, and now I'm not so sure how safe this country is becoming,' said Higuera, 47, who came to the United States in 2005 from Venezuela to study for a master's degree. 'As a foreigner, now I don't feel safe — even though I'm naturalized — I still have an accent, and I speak Spanish to my kids.'

"Robert Hall, 33, who designs Blackfeet language curriculum for schools on the nation's reservation in northwestern **Montana**, said he was entirely unsurprised by way the crowd responded at the rally. 'We know it's racism,' Hall said. 'To me it's baffling. I don't understand why racist people don't just look us in the eye and say, 'Yes, I'm racist.' Liberate yourselves, then we can have an honest conversation.'"

Trump falsely says he stopped 'send her back' chants

-- More coverage:

- Star Tribune: "Supporters rally around Ilhan Omar following 'Send her back!' attacks. A crowd of cheering supporters at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport was a loud counterpoint to a turbulent week."

- Ashley Parker: "How a racist tweet became a Trump rally chant in three short days."
- Fact Checker Sal Rizzo: "Trump falsely claims he tried to stop 'Send her back!' chants."
- Pulitzer Prize-winning author Viet Thanh Nguyen: "In Trump's vision of a white America, immigrants should be grateful and servile."
- Jennifer Hassan, Kayla Epstein and Adam Taylor: "Angela Merkel says she rejects Trump's racist remarks, stands 'in solidarity' with Ilhan Omar."
- Eugene Robinson: "Trump has become the voice of insecure white Americans."
- David Maraniss: "A racist chant is not what patriotism looks like."
- ABC News: "US government routinely sues companies for language that mirrors Trump's racist 'go back' tweets."

-- Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), who was at the rally, defended the president. He said he had no control over the crowd and likened it to a rock concert. (Felicia Sonmez, Rachael Bade and Seung Min Kim)

-- The Marine Corps confronted Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.) over his use of its official emblem and slogan in a mailer that targeted three Muslim officials. Through a cease-and-desist letter to Hunter, the Marine Corps demanded that he no longer use its official emblem nor the motto "No better friend, no worse enemy" in campaign ads. The advertisement included photographs of Omar (D-Minn.), Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) and Ammar Campa-

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Minn.), Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) and Ammar Campa-Najjar, who is challenging Hunter for his seat. (NBC News)

-- ESPN's Dan Le Batard, ripping Trump, derided his network's no-politics policy: "There's a racial division in this country that's being instigated by the president, and we here at ESPN haven't had the stomach for that fight," Le Batard said Thursday on his daily radio show. (Des Bieler)

-- The Philadelphia Police Department will fire 13 officers who paired endorsements of violence with racism and homophobia in a slew of derogatory Facebook posts unearthed by an advocacy group. Reis Thebault reports: "The officers, one of whom was a sergeant, were among the 72 removed from street duty and placed on administrative leave in June, when the department announced its sweeping investigation into social media activity published by the nonprofit Plain View Project. The group examined Facebook pages of 3,500 current and former officers at eight departments across the country, and its findings spurred internal investigations from Phoenix to Lake County, Fla. In Philadelphia, the Plain View Project identified some 3,100 offensive or potentially offensive posts from 328 active-duty police officers. Of that number, the most offensive were placed on leave while a department-hired law firm probed the matter, Commissioner Richard Ross said at a news conference. In addition to the officers that will be dismissed, four others will be suspended for a month."

-- Trump has helped to unite House Democrats, who

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are moving to quiet the searing internal feud that threatened to spin out of control last week — starting with the deletion of explosive tweets that helped spark the infighting. "The detente is expected to continue next week, with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) tentatively scheduled to meet Thursday with Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.)," Mike DeBonis reports. "The leaders of the House Democratic Caucus and three ideological subcaucuses — the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the New Democrat Coalition and the Blue Dog Coalition — issued a joint statement Thursday calling their united ranks a 'diverse, robust and passionate family' that is 'dedicated to making life better for everyday Americans.'" **A House Democratic aide calls it a "collective de-escalation."**

Court documents reveal Trump, Cohen spoke frequently during Stormy Daniels payment

TRUMP'S CREDIBILITY CHASM:

-- Newly unsealed court documents show that Trump communicated repeatedly with his lawyer Michael Cohen amid the election year scramble to keep quiet allegations that Trump previously had an affair with an adult-film actress. Devlin Barrett, Rosalind S. Helderman and Tom Hamburger report: "The documents were released … at the direction of a federal judge in New York, who disclosed a day before that an investigation into suspected

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disclosed a day before that an investigation into suspected campaign finance violations had ended. **Trump and those close to him long said they were unaware that Cohen had bought the women's silence, but phone calls and text messages documented by the FBI suggest they were closely involved.** Prosecutors submitted a search warrant from 2018, with newly unredacted sections describing the FBI's investigation into payments Cohen arranged to two women who claimed to have had affairs with Trump: the porn star Stormy Daniels and a former Playboy model, Karen McDougal. …

"When Hope Hicks testified before the House Judiciary Committee last month, she said she was 'never present' at a time when Cohen and Trump discussed Daniels. … **The House Judiciary Committee is investigating whether Hicks lied to Congress**, according to an official with knowledge of the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal discussions. The committee's chairman, Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) wrote to Hicks late Thursday demanding that she appear again to clarify the discrepancies between her prior testimony and what was unsealed earlier in the day. A lawyer for Hicks declined to comment. … Four days before the search warrants were executed, Trump told reporters on Air Force One that he had been unaware of the payments. … During congressional testimony in February, Cohen released copies of checks he received to reimburse him for the payment, including a check signed by Trump while he was serving as president."

-- **House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) said the documents prove definitively that "Trump was intimately involved in devising and executing a corrupt scheme to prevent his affair … from being revealed** in the final weeks of the 2016 election."

-- Cohen issued a statement from prison, where he's serving a three-year term after pleading guilty to arranging the illegal payments at Trump's direction: "I and members of The Trump Organization were directed by Mr. Trump to handle the Stormy Daniels matter; including making the hush money payment." He added that the investigation ending without charges for those at Trump's business "should be of great concern to the American people and investigated by Congress and The Department of Justice."

-- The president's current lawyer Jay Sekulow had little to say. He sent a terse, two-word statement: "Case closed."

-- **Read the 269 pages of search warrants for yourself.**

-- Looking to Wednesday, Democratic lawmakers hope to use former special counsel Bob Mueller's public testimony to revisit dramatic episodes in which Trump attempted to derail or interfere with the investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. (Helderman and Hamburger explore the strategy.)

THE IMMIGRATION WARS:

-- "**A Spanish-language journalist covered ICE detention. Then he lived through it**," by Marisa Iati:
"There were bugs, and the showers were cold. Air conditioning was not available, but the heat was turned on inexplicably. If you didn't have family in the United States to send money for food, you would go hungry. Those are just some of the conditions Manuel Duran described after he was released from a U.S. immigration detention center. As a journalist in Memphis, Duran had been reporting on immigration enforcement officials and sordid conditions for more than a decade by the time they took him into custody last year.

"Duran, a native of El Salvador, had been working for the Spanish-language news outlet Memphis Noticias. On April 3, 2018, **Duran was reporting on a demonstration against local police helping Immigration and Customs Enforcement when Memphis police arrested him while they were trying to clear people from the street. Instead of releasing Duran from jail, his attorneys said he was turned over to ICE** and brought on an eight-hour bus ride to the LaSalle detention center in Jena, La. — without access to a bathroom and with his wrists, ankles and waist in shackles.

"**Migrants did not get enough food at any of the four facilities where Duran was held**, he said. … They had to

buy rations with money sent by their families, and if they didn't have relatives in the United States, the migrants would go hungry. The holding facilities were infested with cockroaches and spiders, Duran said. **At Etowah County Detention Center in Alabama, he said he had to bathe with cold water from hoses for two months. The air conditioner was being repaired for most of the spring, Duran said, and the heat was turned on at one point for no clear reason**, making it difficult for the migrants to sleep."

-- While an undocumented Guatemalan woman waited to see her 12-year-old son in U.S. custody, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent allegedly asked her to watch a live video of him masturbating. Abigail Hauslohner and Maria Sacchetti report: "'I felt like the world was falling on top of me,' said the 48-year-old woman, an undocumented immigrant who came to the country from Guatemala and now lives in California. She spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear of retribution from the agent and other immigration authorities. 'I felt my son is in the hands of a bad man.'"

-- After losing her mother and grandparents in Honduras, 13-year-old Heydi Gámez García waited and waited for her father to join her in America. But by the time her father was granted two-week parole from an ICE detention center, his daughter was in a hospital bed, brain-dead from a suicide attempt. The New York Times reports: "Heydi's short life story is much like those of thousands of Central American families who have been

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thousands of Central American families who have been making their way to the United States over the past five years, petitioning for asylum from the turmoil of their homelands and hoping that the challenges of building a new life in an unfamiliar country will not be greater than the ones they left behind."

-- "The Trump administration is considering a virtual shutdown of refugee admissions next year — cutting the number to nearly zero — according to three people familiar with the plan," Politico reports.

-- Severe dehydration is devastating migrants in South Texas. The Texas Tribune reports that the Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley Sector has encountered 64 migrants with rhabdomyolysis this year — a condition that can break down muscle tissue and lead to renal failure. Last year, the same sector encountered half as many cases as rhabdomyolysis, and there are over two months left in the period. "Rio Grande Valley Sector Chief Rodolfo Karisch said agents in his sector, who spend about 60% of their time on humanitarian response duties — as opposed to border enforcement — are taking about 30 migrants per day to the emergency room. He has also set aside one of his Border Patrol stations — in Weslaco — as an infirmary where patients can be quarantined," the Tribune reports.

-- The Lord's Prayer filled the marble dome of the Russell Senate Office Building on Thursday as 70 Catholic sisters, clergy and parishioners were led away in handcuffs. "Forgive us our trespasses," the

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demonstrators recited, “as we forgive those who trespass against us.” On a “Catholic Day of Action,” hundreds of Catholics gathered outside the Capitol to protest Trump’s treatment of migrants. (Marissa Lang)

-- “**Trump’s new asylum rule will guarantee more separated families**,” explains Lindsay Harris, an assistant professor of law at the University of the District of Columbia.

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

A day after he sought to distance himself from a chant of “Send her back!” by his supporters, Trump lashed out at the media for its coverage of the episode at his rally that followed his repeated attacks aimed at the four minority congresswomen. In tweets this morning, Trump characterized the coverage of his rally in Greenville, N.C., as “crazed” and complained that media was “totally calm & accepting” of what he said were “vile and disgusting statements” made by the freshman lawmakers:

The ABC affiliate in Lynchburg, Va., posted this picture from a church:

Our Pulitzer Prize-winning book critic noted that the chants against "the Squad" are also sexist:

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Scott Walker, the former RGA chair, attacked Jay Inslee, the former DGA chair, and Inslee clapped back:

A former senior adviser to Barack Obama criticized CNN's live drawing for the next debates :

Baseball Prospectus wrote a scouting report on a very good boy:

From a Democratic consultant:

CBS has a lighter story on a day with heavy news:

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Stephen Colbert covered Trump's North Carolina rally:

House Chaplain Pat Conroy opened the House of Representatives legislative session on Thursday by praying to "cast out" the "darker spirits" in the chamber:

House chaplain prays to 'cast out all spirits of darkness'

A New York television reporter doggedly questioned Rand

Paul about his objections to the bill for 9/11 first responders:

The trailer for the “Top Gun” sequel dropped. It looks awesome:

And a community center in Frankfurt, Germany, is bridging the gap between refugees and locals:

Native Germans and refugees collaborate to build 'a new social sculpture'

Finally, many are circulating this video of Colin Powell in 2008 in the wake of the North Carolina chants:

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Trump nominating Scalia's son to lead Labor is the latest salvo in his war on the administrative state

President Trump speaks to the media as he arrives on Air Force One in Greenville, N.C., on Wednesday. (Carolyn Kaster/AP)

BY JAMES HOHMANN

with Emily Davies

THE BIG IDEA: President Trump has soured on hiring generals, whom he stocked his administration with at the beginning. Remember John Kelly, Jim Mattis, Michael Flynn and H.R. McMaster.

But the billionaire's fondness has grown for stocking the Cabinet with lobbyists, lawyers and executives from the corporate class. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt was an oil industry lobbyist. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler was a coal lobbyist. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar was a pharmaceutical executive. Personnel is policy, and these men are pursuing for Trump what Steve Bannon famously called "the deconstruction of the administrative state."

Trump's announcement last night that he will nominate Eugene Scalia to replace Alex Acosta as the next labor secretary offers the freshest, and maybe even starkest, example. Scalia, the son of the late Antonin Scalia, has spent most of his career at a white-shoe law firm helping Corporate America thwart federal regulations and fighting various organizing efforts by employees. The 55-year-old is active in the Federalist Society and a partner in the D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

His biography on the law firm's website touts legal work he's done on behalf of Ford Motor, Steve Wynn's casinos, UBS, UPS, MetLife, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Petroleum Institute, the Business Roundtable, plus the main telecommunications and retail industry trade associations. His bio also outlines some of the fights he's waged, often successfully, against regulations or enforcement actions by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Labor Department, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Federal Communications Commission.

In a 2012 profile, the Wall Street Journal called Scalia "one of the industry's go-to guys for challenging financial regulations."

In a review of his record, today's New York Times highlights three other cases: "In 2006, he helped Walmart triumph in a prominent fight against a Maryland law that would have required companies with more than 10,000 workers to either spend at least 8 percent of their payroll costs on health care, or pay into a state Medicaid fund. He argued that allowing individual states to establish health care mandates would create chaos and that the federal government should address the issue of rising health care costs. Mr. Scalia also defended Boeing in a politically charged case. A union representing the company's workers in Washington State argued that Boeing had violated labor law by threatening to open another assembly plant in South Carolina unless the

union agreed to a no-strike clause in its contract."

-- The impetus for Acosta's resignation last Friday was his 2008 plea deal for Jeffrey Epstein, but another huge factor was that corporate chieftains didn't think the secretary was being aggressive enough in trying to roll back protections for their workers. It has been widely reported that acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, who confessed last year while speaking to Wall Street bankers that as a member of Congress he did not meet with lobbyists unless they gave him money, chewed out Acosta during a meeting earlier this year and subsequently sought to oust him.

Eugene Scalia talks with then-Sen. Kit Bond before Scalia's confirmation hearing to be solicitor of the Labor Department in 2001. (Tom Williams/Roll Call/Getty Images)

-- Scalia will almost certainly be confirmed easily by the Republican-controlled Senate. In 2002, however, George W. Bush used a recess appointment to subvert the opposition of the Senate and install Scalia as acting solicitor at the Labor Department. The Democratic-controlled chamber blocked Scalia's nomination because of his outspoken antagonism toward unions and opposition of the ergonomics rule, which protected workers from repetitive stress injuries on the job. It had been a priority for Bill Clinton during his final year in office.

"Ergonomic regulation will force companies to give more rest periods, slow the pace of work and then hire more workers (read: dues-paying members) to maintain current levels of production," Scalia wrote in an op-ed for the Journal in 2000.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), a veteran of that battle, lamented last night that "Trump has again chosen someone who has proven to put corporate interests over those of worker rights." He added that "union members who believed candidate Trump

when he campaigned as pro-worker should feel betrayed."

The younger Scalia, who graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and studied at the University of Virginia as an undergraduate, also worked as a special assistant to Bill Barr during his previous tour of duty as attorney general under George H.W. Bush. And he wrote speeches for Ronald Reagan's education secretary William Bennett.

-- Meanwhile, Trump's pending nominee for secretary of defense, Army Secretary Mark Esper, spent years as a top lobbyist for Raytheon, which received $18.1 billion in unclassified defense contracts last year. He was elevated to acting secretary last month after Patrick Shanahan, a former top Boeing executive, withdrew after details emerged about a contentious divorce, including an incident in which his son attacked his ex-wife with a baseball bat.

At his confirmation hearing this week before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Esper declined to extend a 24-month ethics commitment he signed upon joining the administration in 2017. That means that, after November, he will no longer need to steer clear of decisions involving Raytheon. Esper also declined to commit to not working for a private defense company for the four years after he leaves the Pentagon. (The Center for Responsive Politics has a lengthy list of lobbyists who got sub-Cabinet jobs in the Trump administration.)

-- There are daily proof points that the former lobbyists in the administration are advancing Trump's quest to eviscerate the administrative state. Just last night, for example, the Environmental Protection Agency quietly rejected a petition by environmental and public health groups to ban a widely used pesticide that has been linked to neurological damage in children, even though a federal court said last year there was "no justification" for such a decision.

"The Obama administration had proposed in 2015 to revoke all uses of chlorpyrifos after EPA scientists determined that existing evidence did not meet the agency's threshold of a 'reasonable certainty of no harm,' given exposure levels in Americans' food supply and drinking water," Brady Dennis and Juliet Eilperin report. "EPA staffers cited studies of families exposed to it in apartment buildings and agricultural communities that found lower birth weight and reduced IQ, among other effects. But before the ban was finalized, in March 2017, then-EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt rejected the agency's own analysis, saying the agency would reassess the science underpinning that decision. … That action, welcomed by the pesticide industry and Agriculture Department officials who had questioned the EPA's findings, led to the latest court fight."

-- Part of the battle to deconstruct the administrative state is a war of attrition. Two research agencies at the Agriculture Department are uprooting from D.C. to Kansas City this fall, for instance, but many staffers have decided to give up their jobs rather than move, prompting concerns of hollowed-out offices unable to adequately fund or inform agricultural science. "About two-thirds of the USDA employees declined their reassignments," Ben Guarino reports. "Ninety-nine of 171 employees at the Economic Research Service, an influential federal statistical agency, will not move. At the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, which manages a $1.7 billion portfolio in scientific funding, 151 of 224 employees declined to relocate. … Jack Payne, University of Florida's vice president for agriculture and natural resources, warned that the hemorrhage of employees will devastate ERS and NIFA. 'This is the brain drain we all feared, possibly a destruction of the agencies,' Payne said."

-- The Trump administration has been chipping away at post-9/11 programs designed to prevent terrorism in the United States. A new Los Angeles Times investigation found that multiple programs under the

Department of Homeland Security, aimed at detecting and preventing terrorism, have been cut back or dismantled entirely without rigorous risk assessments.

-- As a result of retirements and a federal hiring freeze, the number of compliance safety and health officers tasked with conducting workplace inspections at OSHA – which is part of the Labor Department – has been falling since Trump took office, despite public pledges from Acosta that he'd boost the number of such officers on the beat.

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WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:

Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders and Kamala Harris speak simultaneously during the Democratic primary debate in Miami on June 27. (Wilfredo Lee/AP)

-- Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will face off again in the next two-night debate at the end of July, while the ideologically aligned Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren will appear together the other night. CNN, which is hosting the debate, held a televised, live drawing last night to determine the lineups. Joining Sanders and Warren on the first night, July 30, will be Pete Buttigieg, Beto O'Rourke, Amy Klobuchar, Steve Bullock, Tim Ryan, John Hickenlooper, John Delaney and Marianne Williamson. The next night, July 31, with Biden and Harris, will be Julián Castro, Andrew Yang, Cory Booker, Kirsten Gillibrand, Bill de Blasio, Michael Bennet, Tulsi Gabbard and Jay Inslee.

"The Democratic field is the most diverse ever and yet all five minority candidates ended up on the same night," Colby Itkowitz notes. "Who is matched with whom can shift the trajectory of the race, as Harris showed in the first debate when she went after Biden on the issue of busing. The aftershocks of that moment were felt for days later, culminating in Biden giving a major speech defending his civil rights record. A rematch gives Harris another shot to handicap Biden, while Biden gets an opportunity for a do-over after his fumbling performance last time. … **For socialist democrat Sanders and capitalist Warren, who are vying for many of the same far-left voters, their matchup allows them the chance to differentiate.** It also denies Sanders a chance to go after Biden, whom he competes with for the populist and working-class vote. In the past week, Sanders has targeted Biden for not embracing Medicare-for-all, providing a preview of how hard he planned to go after Biden if given the opportunity."

-- The debate in Detroit could be a season finale for as many as

half the candidates who have made the stage, as they struggle to meet the higher qualification requirements that will go into effect for later televised gatherings. (Annie Linskey and Michael Scherer)

-- Unionized campaign organizers working for Sanders are clashing with the campaign manager, according to internal communications leaked to Sean Sullivan: "Campaign field hires have demanded an annual salary they say would be equivalent to a $15-an-hour wage, which Sanders for years has said should be the federal minimum. The organizers and other employees supporting them have invoked the senator's words and principles in making their case to campaign manager Faiz Shakir. A review of emails, instant messages and other documents obtained by The Post show that the conflict dates back to at least May and remains unresolved. … The Sanders campaign made history in March when it announced that all employees below the rank of deputy director would be represented by a union. The Warren and Castro campaigns followed suit."

The Sanders campaign responds that it's offering wages and benefits competitive with other campaigns, pointing to the latest fundraising reports. "Bernie Sanders is the most pro-worker and pro-labor candidate running for president," Shakir emails. "Bernie and I both strongly believe in the sanctity of the collective bargaining process and we will not deviate from our commitment to it."

-- A new Pew poll finds that Democratic voters are relatively satisfied with their choices for president. The level of excitement is comparable to 2008 and significantly higher than in 2016.

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GET SMART FAST:

1. **A U.S. naval ship downed an Iranian drone that flew too close and ignored multiple calls to turn away.** Speaking at the White House, Trump said the drone came within 1,000 yards of the USS Boxer in the Strait of Hormuz before the crew "took defensive action" and "immediately destroyed" it, per Dan Lamothe and Liz Sly. In New York, meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said that if Congress lifts sanctions against the country, Tehran will commit firmly to allowing international inspections of its nuclear program, per Carol Morello.
2. **An alleged Islamic State fighter and American citizen has returned to the United States, transported by the U.S. military to face terrorism-related charges.** He was previously held by the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, which has custody of more than 2,000 foreign Islamic State fighters. (CNN)
3. **Millions of opioid pills found their way to the remote city of Norton in southwestern Virginia's coal country.** Over the course of seven years, from 2006 through 2012, the local Walmart received more than 3.5 million opioids. The CVS received more than 1.3 million. Those numbers come from a Washington Post analysis of a newly released Drug Enforcement Administration database that shows that the pharmaceutical industry pumped out 76 billion pills over that seven-year period. (Joel Achenbach)
4. **The New Jersey judge who said a 16-year-old boy accused of sexual assault should not be tried as an adult because he came from a "good family" resigned under pressure.** And another New Jersey judge who asked a woman if she had attempted to close her legs to stop being raped has been suspended by the state's high court. (Timothy Bella)

5. **The Senate agreed to vote Tuesday on legislation that would extend a victims compensation fund for 9/11 workers.** The chamber will consider amendments by conservative Mike Lee to stiffen oversight of the spending and from Rand Paul to demand spending cuts as offsets. But the bill has 75 co-sponsors in the Senate and is expected to easily pass. (Felicia Sonmez and Devlin Barrett)

6. **Boeing said the grounding of its 737 Max jets would reduce its revenue and earnings by $5.6 billion in the second quarter**, the largest financial effect of two deadly crashes of the jetliner so far. (Douglas MacMillan)

7. **In Berkeley, Calif., "man-made" will soon be "human made," "chairman" will become "chairperson," and "manhole" will change to "maintenance hole" — at least in the city's municipal code.** In an effort to make Berkeley more inclusive for its non-binary residents, the city council voted to make the language more gender neutral, following a city clerk review that found that the municipal code primarily contained masculine pronouns. (Kayla Epstein)

8. **The Federal Trade Commission is considering updates to the children's online privacy law**, a process that could change underage engagement on YouTube, Instagram, Fortnite and more. (Tony Romm and Craig Timberg)

9. **Russia continues its campaign of harassment against American diplomats in Moscow.** The Kremlin refused visas for 30 new teachers at a school that educates the children of Western diplomats. The school, overseen by U.S., British and Canadian embassies, has 1,100 children from more than 60 countries. Vladimir Putin is trying to bully the U.S. into rolling back restrictions that were put in place by the Obama administration for 2016 election interference. (Associated Press)

-- Best headline of the week, and of course it's from Florida: "Five guys arrested after fist fight at Five Guys." (Orlando Sentinel)

Puerto Rico protests: Police fire tear gas during anti-Rossello demonstrations

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

1. **Tens of thousands of Puerto Rican protesters continue to occupy the blue cobblestone streets of Old San Juan to demand that Gov. Ricardo Rosselló resign amid allegations of corruption and the revelation of a scandalous group chat involving his inner circle.** The mobilization against the 40-year-old, who has refused to leave the governor's mansion, known as the Fortress, represents one of the largest demonstrations of public repudiation of the Puerto Rican government in its history. (Arelis R. Hernández and Jeff Stein)
2. **Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said that he's making progress in negotiating a budget deal with Democrats but that significant provisions remained unresolved.** Mnuchin, in an interview on CNBC from France, said negotiators had agreed to "top line" spending numbers for 2020 and 2021. Some lawmakers expressed concern that a rift among White House advisers could imperil the deal at a final stage of negotiations. (Damian Paletta, Erica Werner and Yasmeen Abutaleb)
3. **A federal judge said he is skeptical that there is enough evidence to convict Michael Flynn's former business partner of illegally lobbying for Turkey after the former national security adviser failed to testify.** Despite his comments, Judge Anthony Trenga declined for the moment to throw out the case against Bijan Rafiekian, an Iranian American businessman who ran a consulting firm with Flynn called the Flynn Intel Group. But the judge can revisit

the concerns he expressed after hearing all the government's evidence, before or after the case goes to a jury. (Rachel Weiner)

4. **Jeffrey Epstein will remain jailed while he awaits trial on new allegations that he sexually abused children.** U.S. District Judge Richard Berman issued a 33-page written decision, saying that he was "concerned for new victims" and that Epstein's alleged sexual conduct with young girls "appears likely to be uncontrollable." (Renae Merle and Matt Zapotosky)

5. **She famously flipped off the president. Now Juli Briskman is running for the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.** (Petula Dvorak)

6. **Big Bird, Elmo and the rest of "Sesame Street" will make history as the first television program to receive the nation's performing arts award at the Kennedy Center Honors in December.** Actress Sally Field, singer Linda Ronstadt and R&B band Earth Wind & Fire will also be recognized for their lifetime achievements. Conductor Michael Tilson Thomas is the fifth honoree. (Peggy McGlone)

'Welcome home, Ilhan!': Crowd cheers as Rep. Omar arrives in Minnesota

DIVIDED AMERICA:

-- The newest rallying cry for Trump supporters — "Send her back!" — is reverberating across a divided nation fraught with racial tension. We deployed reporters in 10 states to collect reactions from voters to the president's racist tweets and the chants from an almost entirely white crowd at his rally in North Carolina. Toluse Olorunnipa weaves the choice quotes together to paint a portrait of an America riven by racial discord:

“Mary Thomas, who works at a restaurant near Wayne State University in **Detroit**, says the country’s racial climate is the worst she’s seen in her 60 years — a period that includes Detroit’s 1967 race riots when the National Guard was deployed. Thomas, who is black, blames Trump. ‘I think he’s racist,’ she said. ‘I really think he is.’

“Dan Wendel, a **Boston** contractor, had a different view about Trump’s attacks on Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) and three other congresswomen. ‘You really want to know? I love it!’ he said outside a building he was working on in **Southie**, a gentrifying working-class neighborhood of Boston. A 10-minute drive from Southie, in the racially mixed neighborhood of **Dorchester**, Trish Mullen said she has never felt as unsafe as she does with Trump as president. ‘It’s just embarrassing that we have someone representing our country that’s just foul,’ said Mullen, who came to the United States from the Philippines when she was 5.

“In **Baton Rouge**, Tammy Harrison said Trump’s comments were being exaggerated by the media. The 60-year-old Republican said she agreed with the president’s comments. … In Harrison’s view, Trump’s remarks targeting the four congresswomen were about ideology, not race.

“In **Colorado**, Diana Higuera said the chants that emanated from the North Carolina rally reminded her of the fraught political situations in country she left to come to the United States. ‘The situation in my country right now is not in good shape, and now I’m not so sure how safe this country is becoming,’ said Higuera, 47, who came to the United States in 2005 from Venezuela to study for a master’s degree. ‘As a foreigner, now I don’t feel safe — even though I’m naturalized — I still have an accent, and I speak Spanish to my kids.’

“Robert Hall, 33, who designs Blackfeet language curriculum for schools on the nation’s reservation in northwestern **Montana**, said he was entirely unsurprised by way the crowd responded at the rally. ‘We know it’s racism,’ Hall said. ‘To me it’s baffling. I don’t understand why racist

people don't just look us in the eye and say, 'Yes, I'm racist.' Liberate yourselves, then we can have an honest conversation.'"

Trump falsely says he stopped 'send her back' chants

-- More coverage:

- Star Tribune: "Supporters rally around Ilhan Omar following 'Send her back!' attacks. A crowd of cheering supporters at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport was a loud counterpoint to a turbulent week."
- Ashley Parker: "How a racist tweet became a Trump rally chant in three short days."
- Fact Checker Sal Rizzo: "Trump falsely claims he tried to stop 'Send her back!' chants."
- Pulitzer Prize-winning author Viet Thanh Nguyen: "In Trump's vision of a white America, immigrants should be grateful and servile."
- Jennifer Hassan, Kayla Epstein and Adam Taylor: "Angela Merkel says she rejects Trump's racist remarks, stands 'in solidarity' with Ilhan Omar."
- Eugene Robinson: "Trump has become the voice of insecure white Americans."
- David Maraniss: "A racist chant is not what patriotism looks like."
- ABC News: "US government routinely sues companies for language that mirrors Trump's racist 'go back' tweets."

-- Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), who was at the rally, defended the president. He said he had no control over the crowd and likened it to a rock concert. (Felicia Sonmez, Rachael Bade and Seung Min Kim)

-- The Marine Corps confronted Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.) over his use of its official emblem and slogan in a mailer that targeted three Muslim officials. Through a cease-and-desist letter to Hunter, the Marine Corps demanded that he no longer use its official emblem nor the motto "No better friend, no worse enemy" in campaign ads. The advertisement included photographs of Omar (D-Minn.), Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) and Ammar Campa-Najjar, who is challenging Hunter for his seat. (NBC News)

-- ESPN's Dan Le Batard, ripping Trump, derided his network's no-politics policy: "There's a racial division in this country that's being instigated by the president, and we here at ESPN haven't had the stomach for that fight," Le Batard said Thursday on his daily radio show. (Des Bieler)

-- The Philadelphia Police Department will fire 13 officers who paired endorsements of violence with racism and homophobia in a slew of derogatory Facebook posts unearthed by an advocacy group. Reis Thebault reports: "The officers, one of whom was a sergeant, were among the 72 removed from street duty and placed on administrative leave in June, when the department announced its sweeping investigation into social media activity published by the nonprofit Plain View Project. The group examined Facebook pages of 3,500 current and former officers at eight departments across the country, and its findings spurred internal investigations from Phoenix to Lake County, Fla. In Philadelphia, the Plain View Project identified some 3,100 offensive or potentially offensive posts from 328 active-duty police officers. Of that number, the most offensive were placed on leave while a department-hired law firm probed the matter, Commissioner Richard Ross said at a news conference. In addition to the officers that will be dismissed, four others will be suspended for a month."

-- Trump has helped to unite House Democrats, who are moving to

quiet the searing internal feud that threatened to spin out of control last week — starting with the deletion of explosive tweets that helped spark the infighting. "The detente is expected to continue next week, with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) tentatively scheduled to meet Thursday with Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.)," Mike DeBonis reports. "The leaders of the House Democratic Caucus and three ideological subcaucuses — the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the New Democrat Coalition and the Blue Dog Coalition — issued a joint statement Thursday calling their united ranks a 'diverse, robust and passionate family' that is 'dedicated to making life better for everyday Americans.'" **A House Democratic aide calls it a "collective de-escalation."**

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Court documents reveal Trump, Cohen spoke frequently during Stormy Daniels payment

TRUMP'S CREDIBILITY CHASM:

-- Newly unsealed court documents show that Trump communicated repeatedly with his lawyer Michael Cohen amid the election year scramble to keep quiet allegations that Trump previously had an affair with an adult-film actress. Devlin Barrett, Rosalind S. Helderman and Tom Hamburger report: "The documents were released … at the direction of a federal judge in New York, who disclosed a day before that an investigation into suspected campaign finance violations had ended. **Trump and those close to him long said they were unaware that Cohen had bought the women's silence, but phone calls and text messages documented by the FBI suggest they were closely involved.** Prosecutors submitted a search

warrant from 2018, with newly unredacted sections describing the FBI's investigation into payments Cohen arranged to two women who claimed to have had affairs with Trump: the porn star Stormy Daniels and a former Playboy model, Karen McDougal. …

"When Hope Hicks testified before the House Judiciary Committee last month, she said she was 'never present' at a time when Cohen and Trump discussed Daniels. … **The House Judiciary Committee is investigating whether Hicks lied to Congress**, according to an official with knowledge of the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal discussions. The committee's chairman, Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) wrote to Hicks late Thursday demanding that she appear again to clarify the discrepancies between her prior testimony and what was unsealed earlier in the day. A lawyer for Hicks declined to comment. … Four days before the search warrants were executed, Trump told reporters on Air Force One that he had been unaware of the payments. … During congressional testimony in February, Cohen released copies of checks he received to reimburse him for the payment, including a check signed by Trump while he was serving as president."

-- **House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) said the documents prove definitively that "Trump was intimately involved in devising and executing a corrupt scheme to prevent his affair … from being revealed** in the final weeks of the 2016 election."

-- Cohen issued a statement from prison, where he's serving a three-year term after pleading guilty to arranging the illegal payments at Trump's direction: "I and members of The Trump Organization were directed by Mr. Trump to handle the Stormy Daniels matter; including making the hush money payment." He added that the investigation ending without charges for those at Trump's business "should be of great concern to the American people and investigated by

Congress and The Department of Justice."

-- The president's current lawyer Jay Sekulow had little to say. He sent a terse, two-word statement: "Case closed."

-- Read the 269 pages of search warrants for yourself.

-- Looking to Wednesday, Democratic lawmakers hope to use former special counsel Bob Mueller's public testimony to revisit dramatic episodes in which Trump attempted to derail or interfere with the investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. (Helderman and Hamburger explore the strategy.)

Formerly-detained Salvadoran journalist speaks out on his experiences

THE IMMIGRATION WARS:

-- "A Spanish-language journalist covered ICE detention. Then he lived through it," by Marisa Iati: "There were bugs, and the showers were cold. Air conditioning was not available, but the heat was turned on inexplicably. If you didn't have family in the United States to send money for food, you would go hungry. Those are just some of the conditions Manuel Duran described after he was released from a U.S. immigration detention center. As a journalist in Memphis, Duran had been reporting on immigration enforcement officials and sordid conditions for more than a decade by the time they took him into custody last year.

"Duran, a native of El Salvador, had been working for the Spanish-language news outlet Memphis Noticias. On April 3, 2018, **Duran was reporting on a demonstration against local police helping Immigration and Customs Enforcement when Memphis police arrested him while they were trying to clear people from the street. Instead of releasing Duran from jail, his attorneys said he was**

turned over to ICE and brought on an eight-hour bus ride to the LaSalle detention center in Jena, La. — without access to a bathroom and with his wrists, ankles and waist in shackles.

"**Migrants did not get enough food at any of the four facilities where Duran was held**, he said. … They had to buy rations with money sent by their families, and if they didn't have relatives in the United States, the migrants would go hungry. The holding facilities were infested with cockroaches and spiders, Duran said. **At Etowah County Detention Center in Alabama, he said he had to bathe with cold water from hoses for two months. The air conditioner was being repaired for most of the spring, Duran said, and the heat was turned on at one point for no clear reason**, making it difficult for the migrants to sleep."

-- While an undocumented Guatemalan woman waited to see her 12-year-old son in U.S. custody, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent allegedly asked her to watch a live video of him masturbating. Abigail Hauslohner and Maria Sacchetti report: "'I felt like the world was falling on top of me,' said the 48-year-old woman, an undocumented immigrant who came to the country from Guatemala and now lives in California. She spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear of retribution from the agent and other immigration authorities. 'I felt my son is in the hands of a bad man.'"

-- After losing her mother and grandparents in Honduras, 13-year-old Heydi Gámez García waited and waited for her father to join her in America. But by the time her father was granted two-week parole from an ICE detention center, his daughter was in a hospital bed, brain-dead from a suicide attempt. The New York Times reports: "Heydi's short life story is much like those of thousands of Central American families who have been making their way to the United States over the past five years, petitioning for asylum from the turmoil of their

homelands and hoping that the challenges of building a new life in an unfamiliar country will not be greater than the ones they left behind."

-- "The Trump administration is considering a virtual shutdown of refugee admissions next year — cutting the number to nearly zero — according to three people familiar with the plan," Politico reports.

-- Severe dehydration is devastating migrants in South Texas. The Texas Tribune reports that the Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley Sector has encountered 64 migrants with rhabdomyolysis this year — a condition that can break down muscle tissue and lead to renal failure. Last year, the same sector encountered half as many cases as rhabdomyolysis, and there are over two months left in the period. "Rio Grande Valley Sector Chief Rodolfo Karisch said agents in his sector, who spend about 60% of their time on humanitarian response duties — as opposed to border enforcement — are taking about 30 migrants per day to the emergency room. He has also set aside one of his Border Patrol stations — in Weslaco — as an infirmary where patients can be quarantined," the Tribune reports.

-- The Lord's Prayer filled the marble dome of the Russell Senate Office Building on Thursday as 70 Catholic sisters, clergy and parishioners were led away in handcuffs. "Forgive us our trespasses," the demonstrators recited, "as we forgive those who trespass against us." On a "Catholic Day of Action," hundreds of Catholics gathered outside the Capitol to protest Trump's treatment of migrants. (Marissa Lang)

-- "**Trump's new asylum rule will guarantee more separated families**," explains Lindsay Harris, an assistant professor of law at the University of the District of Columbia.

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

A day after he sought to distance himself from a chant of "Send her

back!" by his supporters, Trump lashed out at the media for its coverage of the episode at his rally that followed his repeated attacks aimed at the four minority congresswomen. In tweets this morning, Trump characterized the coverage of his rally in Greenville, N.C., as "crazed" and complained that media was "totally calm & accepting" of what he said were "vile and disgusting statements" made by the freshman lawmakers:

The ABC affiliate in Lynchburg, Va., posted this picture from a church:

Our Pulitzer Prize-winning book critic noted that the chants against "the Squad" are also sexist:

Scott Walker, the former RGA chair, attacked Jay Inslee, the former DGA chair, and Inslee clapped back:

A former senior adviser to Barack Obama criticized CNN's live drawing for the next debates :

Baseball Prospectus wrote a scouting report on a very good boy:

From a Democratic consultant:

CBS has a lighter story on a day with heavy news:

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Stephen Colbert covered Trump's North Carolina rally:

House Chaplain Pat Conroy opened the House of Representatives legislative session on Thursday by praying to "cast out" the "darker spirits" in the chamber:

House chaplain prays to 'cast out all spirits of darkness'

A New York television reporter doggedly questioned Rand Paul about his objections to the bill for 9/11 first responders:

The trailer for the "Top Gun" sequel dropped. It looks awesome:

And a community center in Frankfurt, Germany, is bridging the gap between refugees and locals:

Native Germans and refugees collaborate to build 'a new social sculpture'

Finally, many are circulating this video of Colin Powell in 2008 in the wake of the North Carolina chants:

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RE: Fwd: Sexual abuse at Florida prison was systemic, brazen, suit says | Miami Herald

From	Jill S. Roth
To	Hugh Hurwitz
Date	2019/12/06 12:11
Subject:	RE: Fwd: Sexual abuse at Florida prison was systemic, brazen, suit says | Miami Herald
Attachments:	TEXT.htm

Are you wanting the data for all the years the person asked for? I don't think I can break it down as much as they want, but I can get close. Also, this is the first I've heard anything about this apparent rampant abuse. This is either a breakdown in communication or I am not in the need to know category.

Jill

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: Hugh Hurwitz <HHurwitz@bop.gov>
Date: 12/6/19 11:41 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: Alison Leukefeld <aleukefeld@bop.gov>, Alix McLearen <amclearen@bop.gov>, "Jill S. Roth" <jsroth@bop.gov>
Subject: Re: Fwd: Sexual abuse at Florida prison was systemic, brazen, suit says | Miami Herald

>>> "Hugh Hurwitz" 12/06/2019 11:41 >>>
We should be able to provide this from the annual prea report, right? Can we do today?

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 11:33 AM >>>
Adding Hugh and Jill.

Are we able to provide the stats they are requesting?

Thanks,
Loneryl

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 10:57 AM >>>
Thanks Ken!

>>> Kenneth Hyle 12/6/2019 10:54 AM >>>
Hello Loneryl -
From our end:

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) takes allegations of staff misconduct seriously and, consistent with national policy, refers all allegations for investigation. The Bureau learned of allegations of sexual abuse through initial inmate complaints, and subsequently through administrative claims filed under the Federal Torts Claim Act. All allegations brought to the Bureau's attention were investigated by the Office of Internal

Torts Claim Act. All allegations brought to the Bureau's attention were investigated by the Office of Internal Affairs.

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 10:13 AM >>>
Good Morning All,

Please see the below questions from CJS. Can you please advise on the response?

Thanks,
Loneryl

>>> "Lucas, Daniel (JMD)" <Daniel.Lucas2@usdoj.gov> 12/6/2019 8:21 AM >>>
Good morning all-

Please see incoming below from CJS this morning. Is BOP able to assist with response?

Thanks,
Dan

CJS:

> This is an incredibly troubling story and it's now a lawsuit. Was BOP aware of these reports in the past? It sounds like there were multiple reports. Please keep us updated.
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> In general, how many instances of unwanted sexual contact are reported at BOP facilities each year FY 2014-2019; how many of these were inmate only related and how many were inmate and BOP staff related; and how many were male institutions vs female institutions? In regards to PREA, are only inmates at the facility interviewed? The story references inmates who were moved out of the facility and into other facilities in advance of PREA investigators arriving.
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> Thanks.
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Rape is rampant at this women's prison. Anyone who complains is punished, lawsuit says.

December 04, 2019 10:47 AM

A Miami Herald I-Team investigation into corruption, sexual abuse and medical neglect at the largest women's prison in the nation, Lowell Correctional. Reporting by Julie K. Brown / jbrown@miamiherald.com. By Emily Michot

For years, male officers at the women's work camp at Coleman Federal Correctional Complex sexually harassed and assaulted inmates in what amounted to a "sanctuary" for systemic abuse, a space where they were shielded from any consequences.

If the women complained about being groped, fondled or forced to perform sex acts on officers, the inmates were the ones who were punished.

Fourteen women, ranging in age from 30 to 56 and nearly all first-time offenders, have banded together to sue the United States, not under pseudonyms but under their real names, over the abuse they say they've endured at the Bureau of Prisons-operated camp. Seven of the women are still incarcerated.

The lawsuit seeks compensation and an overhaul of the prison. It was filed this week.

An aerial view of the sprawling Coleman complex

Coleman officials did not immediately respond to a request from the Miami Herald for comment.

The litigation is the latest manifestation of dysfunction in a federal prison system that seemingly hit bottom when Jeffrey Epstein, perhaps the most high-profile detainee in the nation, was found hanged Aug. 10 in his cell at another BOP facility, the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan, while officers dozed nearby. The death, which led to the summary removal of the acting director of the prison system, has been termed a suicide. It occurred despite what was described as a previous suicide attempt three weeks earlier.

Although it touches on a second institution in Tallahassee, the lawsuit focuses primarily on Coleman, the largest prison complex in the federal system. Located in Sumter County near Wildwood, it houses more than 6,000 inmates in a series of compounds and camps, including roughly 500 women, the complaint says

In stark, chilling detail, the lawsuit describes pervasive abuse — how women were coerced and threatened, how they were lured into private offices or remote sheds with no surveillance cameras, or stalked relentlessly by corrections officers until they had no choice but to submit.

The officers — all of whom are identified in the lawsuit, at least by last name — would at times display computer screens showing the women the exact location of their families, a pointed message that their relatives could be targeted if the women

didn’t cooperate. Some of the women had minor children. In some cases, officers wanted to maintain relationships with the women after they had served their time, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit says Coleman employed no fewer than seven officers who took advantage of their authority and access to sexually abuse the women. Some of the officers had been investigated for sexual abuse in the past, with nothing coming of it, the lawsuit alleges.

The Miami Herald requested personnel files on all of the named officers to see if there were telltale warnings in their backgrounds. The Bureau of Prisons responded that absent an “overriding public interest,” it would not provide such documents, calling the provision of such records “an unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy.”

The male staffers maintained total control over the women’s lives, safety and well-being. At least one victim said she was ordered to begin birth control to avoid the possibility of becoming pregnant and another was given a morning-after pill by an officer.

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From	Jill S. Roth
To	Hugh Hurwitz
Date	2019/12/06 12:42
Subject:	RE: Fwd: Sexual abuse at Florida prison was systemic, brazen, suit

Thanks for following up on that. This has been the situation, mostly, for the entire time I've been in the position and probably for the people before me. I almost never know of situations prior to it being in the news. The only exceptions are when staff at an institution warn me or when OIG called and walked me through an active investigation on that ALD captain a few years ago. If we can come up with a viable strategy, that will be terrific. I understand the importance of protecting investigations, so I've never fussed about it too much. I'll have these numbers to you guys in a few minutes.

>>> Hugh Hurwitz 12/6/2019 12:33 PM >>>
I spoke to Ken...he was aware and apologized for not letting me know. But more importantly the proper reporting chain to get this to you did not work. We need to look into this and get it fixed moving forward. We can deal with that issue next week.

>>> Jill S. Roth 12/6/2019 12:15 PM >>>
I guess you don't need to know either...

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Date: 12/6/19 12:14 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Jill S. Roth"
Cc: Alix McLearen
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>>> Jill S. Roth 12/6/2019 12:10 PM >>>
Are you wanting the data for all the years the person asked for? I don't think I can break it down as much as they want, but I can get close. Also, this is the first I've heard anything about this apparent rampant abuse. This is either a breakdown in communication or I am not in the need to know category.

Jill

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>>> "Hugh Hurwitz" 12/06/2019 11:41 >>>
We should be able to provide this from the annual prea report, right? Can we do today?

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Jill provided the following info:

This is just for inmate on inmate sexually abusive behavior since Beth already provided the staff on inmate totals. Like Beth, we can't accurately break down the allegations by facility gender. If they need allegation totals for female inmates, it is possible ORE may be able to pull that (Sue is copied here).

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Jill

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>>> "Loneryl Burns" 12/06/2019 15:32 >>>
Are we able to answer the last question or should we reply we are unable to respond due to ongoing litigation?

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Thanks,
Loneryl

>>> Jill S. Roth 12/6/2019 12:27 PM >>>
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Jill

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 12:24 PM >>>
Thanks Beth!

>>> Beth Reese 12/6/2019 12:21 PM >>>
We can give numbers of cases that we have that raise sexual abuse allegations, but those would relate only to staff/inmate cases, and I would not describe them as "unwanted sexual contact" so much as impermissible sexual contact. We also don't have a breakdown of male/female facilities - this question would be complicated to answer. Coleman, for example, is generally a male facility, but females are at the camp.

Here are the raw numbers of staff/inmate cases:
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On average, we sustain charges in fewer than 5% of cases.

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>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 11:33 AM >>>
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Thanks,
Loneryl

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 10:57 AM >>>
Thanks Ken!

>>> Kenneth Hyle 12/6/2019 10:54 AM >>>
Hello Loneryl -
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Jill

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Re: Inmate Suicide Prevention Memo

From Hugh Hurwitz
To Alison Leukefeld, Heidi Kugler
Date 2019/10/17 13:46
Subject: Re: Inmate Suicide Prevention Memo
Attachments: TEXT.htm

Ok, this is going to be sensitive. Cant say I'm surprised people want to be cautious. I will want to hear about specific examples of significant problems. Why sending to RDs and not to all CEOs? All CEO memo will need Exec staff and union clearance first, but it will ensure the message gets out. We can discuss tomorrow.

Hugh
Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: Heidi Kugler <hkugler@bop.gov>
Date: 10/17/19 10:40 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Hugh Hurwitz <HHurwitz@bop.gov>
Cc: Alison Leukefeld <aleukefeld@bop.gov>
Subject: Inmate Suicide Prevention Memo

>>> "Heidi Kugler" 10/17/2019 13:40 >>>
Hugh,
Wanted to give you the heads up, there is an Inmate Suicide Prevention Program Memo in your mailbox that you will probably want to review tomorrow. I discussed it with Rob and Alison today.

Basically following inmate Epstein's suicide, Wardens are defaulting to leaving inmates on suicide watch longer than the institutional Psychologists would advise. So the memo to the RDs seeks to remind Wardens to utilize the professional psychological expertise of the institutional psychologists in managing inmate suicide through the variety of healing strategies. Alison is in the office tomorrow, 10/18, if you want to discuss with her the best way to communicate this to the RD and Wardens and if you have any questions. Have a great day. Peace- Heidi

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RE: MCC Visit Thursday

From	"Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)"
To	Adam JohnsonNicolas Roos, Stephanie Scannell
Date	2019/08/14 12:18
Subject:	RE: MCC Visit Thursday
Attachments:	TEXT.htm, Mime.822

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Cc: "Roos, Nicolas (USANYS)" <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: MCC Visit Thursday
Sent: Wed, 14 Aug 2019 16:17:56 +0000

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Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 4:03 PM
To: Stephanie Scannell <sscannell@bop.gov>; Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS) <[redacted]>
Cc: Roos, Nicolas (USANYS) <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: MCC Visit Thursday

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>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <[redacted]> 8/13/2019 3:58 PM >>>
Yes, thank you. Where should we go?

From: Adam Johnson <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 3:38 PM
To: Stephanie Scannell <sscannell@bop.gov>; Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS) <[redacted]>
Cc: Roos, Nicolas (USANYS) <nroos@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: Re: MCC Visit Thursday

Hi Rebekah,

It should not be a problem. Does 10 am work for Mr. Berman and the rest of his staff?

Thank you,
Adam

Adam M. Johnson
Supervisory Staff Attorney
CLC New York
Metropolitan Correctional Center
150 Park Row
New York, New York 10007
p: (646)836-6455
f: (646)836-7665

>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <[redacted]> 8/13/2019 2:05 PM >>>
Adam,

The list of visitors from our office is below:

Geoffrey Berman
Audrey Strauss
Laura Birger
Craig Stewart
Russell Capone
[redacted]
Rebekah Donaleski
Nicholas Roos

As discussed, we would like to see the 2nd floor pscyh observation and suicide watch area; the 9th floor SHU, and Epstein's cell, which we understand to still be cordoned off. As discussed, we would appreciate if only MCC legal would escort us, and we will not speak to any of the guards present given the ongoing investigations. Please give me a call with any questions, and let us know what time and where we should go, and if it would be easier for us to enter via the 3rd floor bridge.

Thanks,

Rebekah Donaleski
Assistant United States Attorney
Southern District of New York
Tel: (212) 637-2423

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RE: Fwd: Sexual abuse at Florida prison was systemic, brazen, suit

From	Hugh Hurwitz
To	Alison LeukefeldAlix McLearen, Jill S. Roth
Date	2019/12/06 12:48
Subject:	RE: Fwd: Sexual abuse at Florida prison was systemic, brazen, suit
Attachments:	TEXT.htm

We can talk more next week, but if you are not being notified my initial question is what is the process/policy that requires the Regional Coordinators to report to you? Do we require reports? What is required? If there is nothing then perhaps we need to draft a policy? Anyway, work with Alison and Alix and propose some procedures or if needed, policy, to cover this (as well as what steps you will take once you have the info). Thanks.

>>> Jill S. Roth 12/6/2019 12:42 PM >>>
Thanks for following up on that. This has been the situation, mostly, for the entire time I've been in the position and probably for the people before me. I almost never know of situations prior to it being in the news. The only exceptions are when staff at an institution warn me or when OIG called and walked me through an active investigation on that ALD captain a few years ago. If we can come up with a viable strategy, that will be terrific. I understand the importance of protecting investigations, so I've never fussed about it too much. I'll have these numbers to you guys in a few minutes.

>>> Hugh Hurwitz 12/6/2019 12:33 PM >>>
I spoke to Ken...he was aware and apologized for not letting me know. But more importantly the proper reporting chain to get this to you did not work. We need to look into this and get it fixed moving forward. We can deal with that issue next week.

>>> Jill S. Roth <jsroth@bop.gov> 12/6/2019 12:15 PM >>>
I guess you don't need to know either...

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Hugh Hurwitz <HHurwitz@bop.gov>
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To: "Jill S. Roth" <jsroth@bop.gov>
Cc: Alix McLearen <amclearen@bop.gov>
Subject: RE: Fwd: Sexual abuse at Florida prison was systemic, brazen, suit

>>> "Hugh Hurwitz" 12/06/2019 12:14 >>>
I had not heard about it either until the article came out today. Report whatever data you have. If you don't have exactly what they want that is fine.

>>> Jill S. Roth <jsroth@bop.gov> 12/6/2019 12:10 PM >>>

Are you wanting the data for all the years the person asked for? I don't think I can break it down as much as they want, but I can get close. Also, this is the first I've heard anything about this apparent rampant abuse. This is either a breakdown in communication or I am not in the need to know category.

Jill

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Subject: Re: Fwd: Sexual abuse at Florida prison was systemic, brazen, suit says | Miami Herald

>>> "Hugh Hurwitz" 12/06/2019 11:41 >>>
We should be able to provide this from the annual prea report, right? Can we do today?

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 11:33 AM >>>
Adding Hugh and Jill.

Are we able to provide the stats they are requesting?

Thanks,
Loneryl

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 10:57 AM >>>
Thanks Ken!

>>> Kenneth Hyle 12/6/2019 10:54 AM >>>
Hello Loneryl -
From our end:

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) takes allegations of staff misconduct seriously and, consistent with national policy, refers all allegations for investigation. The Bureau learned of allegations of sexual abuse through initial inmate complaints, and subsequently through administrative claims filed under the Federal Torts Claim Act. All allegations brought to the Bureau's attention were investigated by the Office of Internal Affairs.

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 10:13 AM >>>
Good Morning All,

Please see the below questions from CJS. Can you please advise on the response?

Thanks,
Loneryl

>>> "Lucas, Daniel (JMD)" <Daniel.Lucas2@usdoj.gov> 12/6/2019 8:21 AM >>>
Good morning all-

Please see incoming below from CJS this morning. Is BOP able to assist with response?

Thanks,
Dan

CJS:

This is an incredibly troubling story and it's now a lawsuit. Was BOP aware of these reports in the past? It sounds like there were multiple reports. Please keep us updated.

In general, how many instances of unwanted sexual contact are reported at BOP facilities each year FY 2014-2019; how many of these were inmate only related and how many were inmate and BOP staff related; and how many were male institutions vs female institutions? In regards to PREA, are only inmates at the facility interviewed? The story references inmates who were moved out of the facility and into other facilities in advance of PREA investigators arriving.

Thanks.

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Rape is rampant at this women's prison. Anyone who complains is punished, lawsuit says.
December 04, 2019 10:47 AM
A Miami Herald I-Team investigation into corruption, sexual abuse and medical neglect at the largest women's prison in the nation, Lowell Correctional. Reporting by Julie K. Brown / jbrown@miamiherald.com.
By Emily Michot

For years, male officers at the women's work camp at Coleman Federal Correctional Complex sexually harassed and assaulted inmates in what amounted to a sanctuary for systemic abuse, a space where they were shielded from any consequences.
If the women complained about being groped, fondled or forced to perform sex acts on officers, the inmates were the ones who were punished.
Fourteen women, ranging in age from 30 to 56 and nearly all first-time offenders, have banded together to sue the United States, not under pseudonyms but under their real names, over the abuse they say they've endured at the Bureau of Prisons-operated camp. Seven of the women are still incarcerated.The lawsuit seeks compensation and an overhaul of the prison. It was filed this week.
An aerial view of the sprawling Coleman complex

Coleman officials did not immediately respond to a request from the Miami Herald for comment.
The litigation is the latest manifestation of dysfunction in a federal prison system that seemingly hit bottom when Jeffrey Epstein, perhaps the most high-profile detainee in the nation, was found hanged Aug. 10 in his

cell at another BOP facility, the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan, while officers dozed nearby. The death, which led to the summary removal of the acting director of the prison system, has been termed a suicide. It occurred despite what was described as a previous suicide attempt three weeks earlier.

Although it touches on a second institution in Tallahassee, the lawsuit focuses primarily on Coleman, the largest prison complex in the federal system. Located in Sumter County near Wildwood, it houses more than 6,000 inmates in a series of compounds and camps, including roughly 500 women, the complaint says

In stark, chilling detail, the lawsuit describes pervasive abuse how women were coerced and threatened, how they were lured into private offices or remote sheds with no surveillance cameras, or stalked relentlessly by corrections officers until they had no choice but to submit.

The officers all of whom are identified in the lawsuit, at least by last name would at times display computer screens showing the women the exact location of their families, a pointed message that their relatives could be targeted if the women didn't cooperate. Some of the women had minor children. In some cases, officers wanted to maintain relationships with the women after they had served their time, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit says Coleman employed no fewer than seven officers who took advantage of their authority and access to sexually abuse the women. Some of the officers had been investigated for sexual abuse in the past, with nothing coming of it, the lawsuit alleges.

The Miami Herald requested personnel files on all of the named officers to see if there were telltale warnings in their backgrounds. The Bureau of Prisons responded that absent an overriding public interest, it would not provide such documents, calling the provision of such records an unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy.

The male staffers maintained total control over the women's lives, safety and well-being. At least one victim said she was ordered to begin birth control to avoid the possibility of becoming pregnant and another was given a morning-after pill by an officer.

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From	Jill S. Roth
To	Hugh Hurwitz
Date	2019/12/06 13:01
Subject:	RE: Fwd: Sexual abuse at Florida prison was systemic, brazen, suit

Great, I'll review policy and talk to Alison next week.

>>> Hugh Hurwitz 12/6/2019 12:48 PM >>>
We can talk more next week, but if you are not being notified my initial question is what is the process/policy that requires the Regional Coordinators to report to you? Do we require reports? What is required? If there is nothing then perhaps we need to draft a policy? Anyway, work with Alison and Alix and propose some procedures or if needed, policy, to cover this (as well as what steps you will take once you have the info). Thanks.

>>> Jill S. Roth 12/6/2019 12:42 PM >>>
Thanks for following up on that. This has been the situation, mostly, for the entire time I've been in the position and probably for the people before me. I almost never know of situations prior to it being in the news. The only exceptions are when staff at an institution warn me or when OIG called and walked me through an active investigation on that ALD captain a few years ago. If we can come up with a viable strategy, that will be terrific. I understand the importance of protecting investigations, so I've never fussed about it too much. I'll have these numbers to you guys in a few minutes.

>>> Hugh Hurwitz 12/6/2019 12:33 PM >>>
I spoke to Ken...he was aware and apologized for not letting me know. But more importantly the proper reporting chain to get this to you did not work. We need to look into this and get it fixed moving forward. We can deal with that issue next week.

>>> Jill S. Roth 12/6/2019 12:15 PM >>>
I guess you don't need to know either...

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: Hugh Hurwitz
Date: 12/6/19 12:14 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Jill S. Roth"
Cc: Alix McLearen
Subject: RE: Fwd: Sexual abuse at Florida prison was systemic, brazen, suit

>>> "Hugh Hurwitz" 12/06/2019 12:14 >>>
I had not heard about it either until the article came out today. Report whatever data you have. If

you don't have exactly what they want that is fine.

>>> Jill S. Roth 12/6/2019 12:10 PM >>>
Are you wanting the data for all the years the person asked for? I don't think I can break it down as much as they want, but I can get close. Also, this is the first I've heard anything about this apparent rampant abuse. This is either a breakdown in communication or I am not in the need to know category.

Jill

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From: Hugh Hurwitz
Date: 12/6/19 11:41 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: Alison Leukefeld , Alix McLearen , "Jill S. Roth"
Subject: Re: Fwd: Sexual abuse at Florida prison was systemic, brazen, suit says | Miami Herald

>>> "Hugh Hurwitz" 12/06/2019 11:41 >>>
We should be able to provide this from the annual prea report, right? Can we do today?

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 11:33 AM >>>
Adding Hugh and Jill.

Are we able to provide the stats they are requesting?

Thanks,
Loneryl

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 10:57 AM >>>
Thanks Ken!

>>> Kenneth Hyle 12/6/2019 10:54 AM >>>
Hello Loneryl -
From our end:

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) takes allegations of staff misconduct seriously and, consistent with national policy, refers all allegations for investigation. The Bureau learned of allegations of sexual abuse through initial inmate complaints, and subsequently through administrative claims filed under the Federal Torts Claim Act. All allegations brought to the Bureau's attention were investigated by the Office of Internal Affairs.

>>> Loneryl Burns 12/6/2019 10:13 AM >>>
Good Morning All,

Please see the below questions from CJS. Can you please advise on the response?

Thanks,
Loneryl

>>> "Lucas, Daniel (JMD)" 12/6/2019 8:21 AM >>>
Good morning all-

Please see incoming below from CJS this morning. Is BOP able to assist with response?

Thanks,
Dan

CJS:

This is an incredibly troubling story and it's now a lawsuit. Was BOP aware of these reports in the past? It sounds like there were multiple reports. Please keep us updated.

In general, how many instances of unwanted sexual contact are reported at BOP facilities each year FY 2014-2019; how many of these were inmate only related and how many were inmate and BOP staff related; and how many were male institutions vs female institutions? In regards to PREA, are only inmates at the facility interviewed? The story references inmates who were moved out of the facility and into other facilities in advance of PREA investigators arriving.

Thanks.

https://www.miamiherald.com/article237797554.html?utm_source=The+Marshall+Project+Newsletter&utm_campaign=a35a3b41b3-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_12_05_12_36&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5e02cdad9d-a35a3b41b3-174511049

Rape is rampant at this women's prison. Anyone who complains is punished, lawsuit says.
December 04, 2019 10:47 AM
A Miami Herald I-Team investigation into corruption, sexual abuse and medical neglect at the largest women's prison in the nation, Lowell Correctional. Reporting by Julie K. Brown / jbrown@miamiherald.com. By Emily Michot

For years, male officers at the women's work camp at Coleman Federal Correctional Complex sexually harassed and assaulted inmates in what amounted to a sanctuary for systemic abuse, a space where they were shielded from any consequences.
If the women complained about being groped, fondled or forced to perform sex acts on officers, the inmates were the ones who were punished.
Fourteen women, ranging in age from 30 to 56 and nearly all first-time offenders, have banded together to sue the United States, not under pseudonyms but under their real names, over the abuse they say they've endured at the Bureau of Prisons-operated camp. Seven of the women are still incarcerated.The lawsuit seeks compensation and an overhaul of the prison. It was filed this week.
An aerial view of the sprawling Coleman complex

Coleman officials did not immediately respond to a request from the Miami Herald for comment.
The litigation is the latest manifestation of dysfunction in a federal prison system that seemingly hit bottom when Jeffrey Epstein, perhaps the most high-profile detainee in the nation, was found hanged Aug. 10 in his cell at another BOP facility, the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan, while officers dozed nearby. The death, which led to the summary removal of the acting director of the prison system, has been termed a suicide. It occurred despite what was described as a previous suicide attempt three weeks earlier.
Although it touches on a second institution in Tallahassee, the lawsuit focuses primarily on Coleman, the largest prison complex in the federal system. Located in Sumter County near Wildwood, it houses more than 6,000 inmates in a series of compounds and camps, including roughly 500 women, the complaint says
In stark, chilling detail, the lawsuit describes pervasive abuse how women were coerced and threatened, how they were lured into private offices or remote sheds with no surveillance cameras, or stalked relentlessly by corrections officers until they had no choice but to submit.
The officers all of whom are identified in the lawsuit, at least by last name would at times display computer screens showing the women the exact location of their families, a pointed message that their relatives could be targeted if the women didn't cooperate. Some of the women had minor children. In some cases, officers wanted to maintain relationships with the women after they had served their time, according to the lawsuit.
The lawsuit says Coleman employed no fewer than seven officers who took advantage of their authority and access to sexually abuse the women. Some of the officers had been investigated for sexual abuse in the past, with nothing coming of it, the lawsuit alleges.
The Miami Herald requested personnel files on all of the named officers to see if there were telltale warnings in their backgrounds. The Bureau of Prisons responded that absent an overriding public interest, it would not provide such documents, calling the provision of such records an unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy.
The male staffers maintained total control over the women's lives, safety and well-being. At least one victim said she was ordered to begin birth control to avoid the possibility of becoming pregnant and another was given a morning-after pill by an officer.

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To: Adam Johnson <a10johnson@bop.gov>, Stephanie Scannell <sscannell@bop.gov>
Subject: Re: MCC Visit Thursday

>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" 08/14/2019 22:56 >>>
I just found out that additional law enforcement agents will be joining but I don't know how many and who. I asked. I'm sorry!

On Aug 14, 2019, at 12:49 PM, Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS) <RDonaleski@usa.doj.gov<mailto:[redacted]>> wrote:

Resending, I got an error last time.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 12:41 PM
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Hi Rebekah,

Not a problem. I will add them to the list. Do you have everyone's titles?

I will advise the Warden of the request that he accompany us on the tour.

Thank you,
Adam

Adam M. Johnson
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>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <Rebekah.Donaleski@usdoj.gov<mailto:Rebekah.Donaleski@usdoj.gov>> 8/14/2019 12:17 PM >>>
Adam,

Two additional people from DOJ will join the visit:

Ed O'Callahan

Ed O'Callahan
Tim Shea

In addition, Geoff has asked that the new acting warden join the tour. Let me know if you have any questions, thanks.

From: Adam Johnson <a10johnson@bop.gov<mailto:[redacted]>>
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>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <Rebekah.Donaleski@usdoj.gov<mailto:Rebekah.Donaleski@usdoj.gov>> 8/13/2019 3:58 PM >>>
Yes, thank you. Where should we go?

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The list of visitors from our office is below:

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[redacted]
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As discussed, we would like to see the 2nd floor pscyh observation and suicide watch area; the 9th floor SHU, and Epstein's cell, which we understand to

Thanks,

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Date 2019/08/14 14:50
Subject: Re: FW: MCC Visit Thursday
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Thank you

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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RE: MCC Visit Thursday

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To	Nicolas Roos, Rebekah Donaleski, Stephanie Scannell
Date	2019/08/14 12:25
Subject:	RE: MCC Visit Thursday
Attachments:	TEXT.htm

Hi Rebekah,

Not a problem. I will add them to the list. Do you have everyone's titles?

I will advise the Warden of the request that he accompany us on the tour.

Thank you,
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The six most important quotes from Mueller's six hours of testimony

Mueller: 'We have underplayed' Russia's effect on our elections

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THE BIG IDEA: Bob Mueller chose his words carefully. The former special counsel responded monosyllabically to hundreds of questions on Wednesday. He clearly did not want to be on Capitol Hill, declined repeated requests to read aloud passages from his 448-page report and took special care to never utter the I-word: impeachment. This makes the handful of moments when Mueller volunteered to elaborate, or emphasized something emphatically, worthy of special attention.

The overwhelming majority of Americans did not devote six hours of a summer workday to watching the 74-year-old answer five-minute rounds of questions from dozens of grandstanding lawmakers. Much of the press coverage this morning focuses less on substance than optics. That's not totally unfair: Democrats subpoenaed Mueller to appear because they wanted made-for-TV moments, and they acknowledge they didn't get what they hoped for.

Instead of reading the theater criticism, however, citizens who missed the cable circus might be better served by reading the transcripts. In his own understated, patrician and old-school way, Mueller undercut so much White House spin and drew attention to how many false statements President Trump has made to the American people. Here are the six most significant quotes from the former special counsel's six hours in the hot seat – and why they matter:

1) On Russian interference in domestic politics: "They're doing it as we sit here, and they expect to do it in the next campaign."

The former FBI director, who earned a Purple Heart as a Marine in Vietnam and helped guide law enforcement during the traumatic aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, came out of retirement to investigate the Kremlin's efforts to sway the 2016 presidential election.

"We have underplayed to a certain extent that aspect of our investigation," Mueller told the House Intelligence Committee in the afternoon, explaining that Russia's effort to undermine

in the afternoon, explaining that Russia's effort to undermine elections could do "long-term damage to the United States that we need to move quickly to address."

Mueller said he wrote the first volume of his report to serve as "our living message to those who come after us" so that they "don't let this problem continue to linger as it has over so many years." And he warned that "many more countries" are developing capabilities to do the same, emboldened by the success of Moscow, as he reiterated the need for "swift" action.

Asked about Trump campaign officials interacting with Russians who offered help to their election efforts, and the failure to report such overtures to the FBI, Mueller said he hopes future campaigns don't think it's acceptable to accept assistance from foreign governments. "I hope this is not the new normal," he said, "but I fear it is."

From someone who spent 28 years in the CIA's clandestine service, including in Moscow and running the agency's Russia operations:

'Problematic is an understatement': Mueller comments on Trump's past WikiLeaks praise

2) On Trump's past praise for WikiLeaks: "Problematic is an understatement in terms of what it displays of giving some hope or some boost to what is and should be illegal behavior."

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Mueller faulted Trump for previously praising the anti-secrecy group, whose leader Julian Assange now faces federal charges, and which allegedly served as a conduit for the Russians to disseminate hacked emails of Hillary Clinton campaign officials.

Mueller said he agrees with Mike Pompeo's characterization of WikiLeaks as a "hostile intelligence service." Trump said "I love WikiLeaks" at a rally in the fall of 2016. His son Don Jr. tweeted a link to stolen documents that Mueller's report said was provided to him by WikiLeaks in a Twitter direct message.

Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) asked Mueller whether knowingly accepting foreign assistance is an unethical thing to do. "And a crime, given certain circumstances," Mueller replied, nodding. "It's also unpatriotic," said Schiff. "True," replied Mueller.

Mueller reiterates that report does not exonerate President Trump on obstruction of justice

3) Rebutting Trump's claims of total exoneration: "The president was not exculpated for the acts that he allegedly committed."

Mueller clarified his position on whether he would have indicted the president if not for the opinion from the Office of Legal Counsel that says a sitting president shouldn't face criminal charges. "We did not reach a determination as to whether the president committed a crime," he said.

“We did not address ‘collusion,’ which is not a legal term,” Mueller said in his opening statement. “Rather, we focused on whether the evidence was sufficient to charge any member of the campaign with taking part in a criminal conspiracy. It was not.”

Asked whether the president, under Justice Department policy, could be prosecuted for obstruction of justice after he leaves office, Mueller kept his answer succinct: “True.”

Mueller says his investigation 'is not a witch hunt'

4) Finally defending the integrity of his investigation: “It is not a witch hunt.”

For two years, Mueller kept quiet as Trump and his allies impugned him and his team. Even during the news conference in May to announce his resignation as special counsel, Mueller did not offer a full-throated defense of his methods or personnel. On Wednesday, he replied to GOP criticism that some of the career prosecutors on his team previously gave money to Democrats.

“I’ve been in this business for almost 25 years. In those 25 years, I’ve not had occasion once to ask about somebody’s political affiliation,” Mueller said. “It is not done. What I care about is the capability of the individual to do the job and do the job seriously and quickly and with integrity.”

Justice Department policy prohibits asking about political views as part of a job interview. Mueller also explained that

he moved former FBI official Peter Strzok off his team as soon as he found out about anti-Trump text messages in 2016.

Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-Pa.) accused Mueller of including only "the very worst" information about Trump in his report. "Not true," he replied, adding that the team "strove to put in exculpatory evidence" about Trump's conduct.

Mueller says he didn't subpoena Trump in order to expedite his investigation

5) On why he didn't subpoena the president: "We decided that we did not want to exercise the subpoena powers because of the necessity of expediting the end of the investigation."

The former special counsel conceded that Trump's written answers to his questions about Russian interference — the president refused to answer any questions about the 10 episodes of potential obstruction of justice that his office explored – were "certainly not as useful as the interview would be."

Despite Trump's claims that he fully cooperated, Mueller noted that the president's team stonewalled in negotiations for over a year about a sit-down interview and said he assumed Trump "would fight the subpoena." Mueller explained that he needed to decide "how much time you are willing to spend in the courts litigating an interview with the president."

Despite claims that Mueller wanted to drag out his investigation, he made clear that he hoped to get it wrapped up as soon as possible. “The reason we didn’t do the interview was because of the length of time that it would take to resolve the issues attendant to that,” he said.

Trump says Mueller did ‘horrible job’

6) There was a coverup: “A number of people we interviewed in our investigation, it turns out, did lie.”

Michael Flynn, Paul Manafort, Michael Cohen, Rick Gates and George Papadopoulos have each acknowledged that they lied to the FBI. Rep. Val Demings (D-Fla.) asked Mueller whether it was “fair to say” that Trump’s written answers were “not only inadequate and incomplete, because he didn’t answer many of your questions, but where he did, his answers showed that he wasn’t always being truthful.”

“I would say, generally,” Mueller replied.

Mueller acknowledged that he caught many former members of Trump’s team not telling the truth, and this made it harder to investigate what really happened. “That would be accurate,” he said.

“And then,” Schiff said, “they lied to cover it up?”

“Generally, that’s true,” said Mueller.

Trump tweeted as soon as the second hearing ended: “TRUTH IS A FORCE OF NATURE!”

Indeed.

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THE FALLOUT:

-- Mueller's turn as a reluctant and at times uncomfortable witness did not change the political dynamic. "Even Democrats who favor impeachment acknowledged that Mueller's performance did not provide the made-for-TV moment for which they had hoped," Ashley Parker, Rachael Bade, Josh Dawsey and Mike DeBonis report. "The immediate upshot for Democratic leaders — who have faced turmoil within their caucus for refusal to begin impeachment proceedings against Trump — was that the hearings appeared to do little to galvanize congressional sentiment. Before the spectacle, many pro-impeachment Democrats were predicting Mueller's testimony would inspire a new wave of impeachment backers, potentially two dozen or more. But by Wednesday afternoon, almost no new

dozen or more. But by Wednesday afternoon, almost no new Democrats in the House had joined the calls to start proceedings."

-- House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler (D-N.Y.) pushed for launching impeachment proceedings against Trump during a private meeting on Wednesday, but he was rebuffed by Nancy Pelosi. From Politico: "At a caucus meeting following the hotly anticipated testimony … Nadler suggested that several House committee chairs could begin drafting articles of impeachment against Trump. Pelosi called the idea premature … In the course of the wide-ranging discussion, Nadler countered Pelosi's pushback by noting that polls showed limited support for removing President Richard Nixon from office when the House began impeachment hearings in 1973, but that public support for the effort grew as more evidence came out about Nixon's illegal behavior."

-- "Democrats are now left with one option to end Trump's presidency: The 2020 election," writes Dan Balz: "Regardless of the evidence of obstruction contained in Mueller's report, impeachment is a fraught strategy for the Democrats, given public opinion and the dynamics in the Senate. After Wednesday, the prospects for impeachment appear more remote, which means it will be left to the eventual Democratic presidential nominee, with the help of the party, to develop a comprehensive case against the president, one that can win 270 electoral votes. To date, that hasn't happened. … The barriers to impeachment have always made it a challenging option, given that Republican

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always made it a challenging option, given that Republican control of the Senate, to the frustration of some Democrats. But other Democrats were advocating long before Mueller wrapped up his investigation that the party's focus should be on the 2020 election, rather than impeachment. That now is the only realistic course for settling the question of the future of Trump's presidency."

Mueller corrects testimony about decision-making on obstruction of justice

-- Both sides were left frustrated by Mueller's approach to the questions related to whether Trump obstructed justice – and why the former special counsel refused to draw a conclusion from the evidence his team gathered. Carol D. Leonnig and Tom Hamburger report: "Mueller failed to deliver a clear answer to either — frustrating Democrats who hope to spotlight what they consider ample proof of Trump's crimes and Republicans who think the special counsel unfairly tarnished the president. … GOP officials said that details in his report insinuating Trump was engaged in wrongdoing — including statements that there was substantial evidence without explicitly saying he broke the law — unfairly damaged the president. …

"Democrats labored in vain to get Mueller to assess whether Trump obstructed justice. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) walked Mueller through Trump's efforts to get then-White House counsel Donald McGahn to push for the firing of the special counsel, one of the most dramatic episodes detailed in the special counsel report. 'Those are the

elements of obstruction of justice,' Jeffries said. 'This is the United States of America. No one is above the law. No one. The president must be held accountable one way or the other.' 'I don't subscribe necessarily to your — the way you analyze that,' Mueller responded."

Fact-checking lawmakers' claims during the Mueller hearings

-- The Post's Fact Checker team analyzed eight dubious claims from lawmakers during the hearings. (Salvador Rizzo and Glenn Kessler)

-- This was likely Mueller's final act on Washington's center stage. Marc Fisher writes: "The day definitively altered perceptions of Mueller. … Mueller's shaky demeanor, though steadier as the day wore on, drew focus away from what few conclusions he was willing to confirm or bat down. Mueller phased in and out of the precise, pointed style that had characterized his long legal career. At times, especially in the afternoon session before the Intelligence Committee, he seemed his old self, anticipating questions, displaying sharp command of his investigation. … But under questioning from House members, his voice grew thinner, less certain. He sometimes searched for words. His hesitations at times seemed intentional ... At other points, Mueller's halting manner seemed involuntary."

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3 times Mueller could not remember what was in his report

-- Mueller seemed confused about basic facts at times: "He frequently asked lawmakers to repeat their questions,

saying that he could not hear them or that they were speaking too fast," Devlin Barrett, Matt Zapotosky, Rosalind S. Helderman and Karoun Demirjian report. "He also said he was unfamiliar with some of the specifics of the investigation — a surprising admission for a prosecutor who built a distinguished career on delving deep into the weeds of investigations, to the point that many of his subordinates complained he was a maddening micromanager. He called the president 'Trimp' before quickly correcting himself. He said he was 'not familiar' with the opposition research firm Fusion GPS that commissioned a dossier of allegations that played a key role in the early days of the investigation into Russian interference. … At another point, he could not recall the word 'conspiracy' — a basic staple in any federal prosecutor's lexicon — and a lawmaker supplied it for him. …

"**In the hearing room, Mueller's muffled voice made his minimal responses nearly inaudible, a sharp contrast to the lawmakers, whose voices often boomed with indignation.** Even friendly exchanges could cause Mueller to stumble. When Rep. Greg Stanton (D-Ariz.) asked which president nominated Mueller to serve as the top federal prosecutor in Massachusetts, Mueller guessed George H.W. Bush. In fact, it was Ronald Reagan."

-- As the testimony concluded, Democrats revisited an old question: Is Trump a blackmail risk? Philip Bump reports: "Toward the end of the day, Democratic representatives sitting on the House Intelligence Committee

began to press Mueller on this point. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-Ill.) noted that counterintelligence investigations — that is, investigations into ways in which foreign intelligence agencies might seek to compromise government officials — were outside of the scope of the special counsel's probe. 'Since it was outside your purview, your report did not reach counterintelligence conclusions regarding any Trump administration officials who might potentially be vulnerable to compromise or blackmail by Russia, correct?' Krishnamoorthi asked. Mueller confirmed that this was correct, noting that those investigations would be housed at the FBI."

'Obstruction' or 'no collusion'?: Democrats, GOP launch attacks on Mueller report

COMMENTARY FROM THE OPINION PAGE:

-- "Mueller wins on the facts – but loses on TV," writes Max Boot: "This viewer hungered for Mueller to rain down righteous wrath on the unprincipled Republican hacks who put loyalty to their party leader above loyalty to their country. I wanted him to say, as Joseph Welch did at the Army-McCarthy hearings, 'Have you no sense of decency?' … But instead of channeling his inner Joe Welch, Mueller was channeling Joe Friday: 'Just the facts, ma'am.'"

-- "So this is why Mueller didn't want to testify," writes Dana Milbank: "Republican lawmakers eviscerated him, assaulting his integrity and his ethics, questioning his political motivations, disparaging the FBI and even casting doubt on Russia's interference in the election."

-- "The real bombshell in Mueller's testimony wasn't about impeaching Trump," writes Karen Tumulty: "To focus on Trump, and whether his actions constitute impeachable offenses, is to miss the real bombshell in Mueller's testimony — the scandal that could be unfolding right there in front of us. That was Mueller's warning that what happened in 2016 could happen again."

- The Editorial Board: "Mueller gave a warning on Russian meddling. Congress — and America — should listen."
- E.J. Dionne Jr.: "Mueller's hearing proves that Trump and his apologists are lying."
- Nicole Hemmer, co-editor of The Post's "Made by History" section: "The GOP's questions to Mueller seemed bizarre — unless you watch Fox News."
- Media critic Erik Wemple: "Republican lawmaker complains to Mueller about lack of Fox News in his report."
- Molly Jong-Fast: "Mueller wasn't the hero Democrats sought. But he reminded us that Trump is the villain."

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of the 202. As I explained, we're experimenting with new formats with the goal of making this newsletter more analytical. The goal is to better serve you as 2020 approaches. If you have feedback about ways to do that, please drop me a quick line at James.Hohmann@washpost.com. Thank you!

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Attorney General William Barr testifies before a Senate committee. (Jahi Chikwendiu/The Washington Post)

WHILE YOU WERE IN YOUR MORNING MEETINGS:

-- The Justice Department announced this morning that it plans to resume executing prisoners awaiting the death penalty, ending almost two decades in which the federal government had not imposed capital punishment on prisoners. Devlin Barrett reports: "Attorney General William P. Barr ordered the Bureau of Prisons to schedule executions for five inmates currently on death row. The prisoners were convicted of murdering children. The last federal execution was in 2003. In the years since, there has been an informal moratorium on executions of federal prisoners, as Justice Department officials reviewed its lethal injection procedures. That practice was underscored during

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injection procedures. That practice was underscored during the Obama administration by then-Attorney General Eric Holder's personal opposition to the death penalty, even while he approved prosecutors' decisions to seek the death penalty in specific trials."

- Bar ordered the Bureau of Prisons to adopt a new policy for lethal injections, one that officials said closely mirrors those used in Georgia, Missouri, and Texas, replacing a three-drug lethal cocktail with one drug, pentobarbital.
- The Justice Department has scheduled executions in December and January for the following prisoners: Daniel Lee Lewis, for the killing of a family of three, including an eight-year-old girl; Lezmond Mitchell for the killing of a 63-year-old and her nine-year granddaughter; Wesley Ira Purkey for the rape and murder of a 16-year-old girl and the murder of an 80-year-old woman; Alfred Bourgeois for molesting and killing his two-year-old daughter; and Dustin Lee Honken, for shooting and killing five people, including two children.

-- Four automakers from three continents have struck a deal with California to produce more fuel-efficient cars for their U.S. fleets in coming years, undercutting one of the Trump administration's most aggressive climate policy rollbacks. Juliet Eilperin and Brady Dennis report: "The compromise between the California Air Resources Board and Ford, Honda, Volkswagen and BMW of North America came after weeks of secret negotiations and could shape future U.S. vehicle production, even as White House officials aim to relax gas mileage standards for the nation's

officials aim to relax gas mileage standards for the nation's cars, pickup trucks and SUVs. Mary D. Nichols, California's top air pollution regulator, said in an interview Wednesday that she sees the agreement as a potential 'olive branch' to the Trump administration and hopes it joins the deal, which she said gives automakers flexibility in meeting emissions goals without the 'massive backsliding' contained in the White House proposal."

-- Jeffrey Epstein was found injured in his jail cell after a possible suicide attempt. From NBC News New York: "Epstein, who is being held in Metropolitan Correctional Center during his trial for conspiracy and sex trafficking, was found semi-conscious with marks on his neck … Investigators are trying to piece together exactly what happened, saying details remain murky. Two sources tell News 4 that Epstein may have tried to hang himself, while a third source cautioned that the injuries were not serious and questioned if Epstein might be using it as a way to get a transfer. A fourth source said an assault has not been ruled out, and that another inmate was questioned. The inmate who investigators have talked to in Lower Manhattan facility has been identified as Nicholas Tartaglione, according to two sources. Tartaglione is a former police officer in Westchester County who was arrested in December 2016 and accused of killing four men in an alleged cocaine distribution conspiracy, then burying their bodies in his yard in Otisville in Orange County, according to court records."

Joe Biden speaks Wednesday at a candidate forum at the NAACP National Convention in Detroit. (Carlos Osorio/AP)

2020 WATCH:

-- Former vice president Joe Biden tore into Sens. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) in a shift to aggressively counter his 2020 opponents. Chelsea Janes and David Weigel report: "On Wednesday, asked by NAACP panel moderator April Ryan if his views [on mass incarceration] have evolved, Biden said the focus of criminal justice needed to shift from 'incarceration to rehabilitation' — a solution that [Sen. Cory] Booker, speaking to reporters after his earlier NAACP appearance, called 'inadequate.' ... Booker described Biden as 'an architect of mass incarceration.' After Biden left the stage, he responded emphatically to Booker's second day of criticism by trying to turn attention to his tenure as mayor of the troubled city of Newark, before he became a senator. … 'His police department was stopping and frisking people, mostly African American men,' he said, leading the Obama administration to intercede. 'We took action against them; the Justice Department took action against them, held the police department accountable.'"

Biden seethed about Harris's busing attack during the previous debate: "He told reporters he was 'overly polite' in responding to her criticism. 'I didn't respond to an attack: 'You're not a racist.' Which is a nice thing to say. It was really reassuring,' Biden said in a sarcastic tone."

-- Biden is an old-school politician struggling to keep up with a changing party, Phil Elliott writes in a profile for Time: "Biden tries to put a positive gloss on things, saying the problems come with the territory when you're the front runner. 'I'd rather be there than anywhere else,' Biden said. 'But, you know, it's amazing.' A few hours later, he was more open about his frustrations with his campaign. Staffers had invited journalists to tag along as he picked up some chocolate chip ice cream. But Biden–who believes Trump's rise was fueled by naked authenticity and sees the same trait in himself–found the setup phony. 'After all these years of being in public office, I'm known for ice cream and sunglasses,' Biden lamented. 'There's gotta be something better than that.'"

-- Time magazine's cover story for next week: "What Do the Democrats Stand For? Inside a Fight Over America's Future," by Molly Ball: "What policies will the party champion? Which voters will it court? How will it speak to an angry and divided nation? While intraparty tussles are perennial in politics, this one comes against a unique backdrop: an unpopular, mendacious, norm-trampling President. … But for an opposition party, it's never as simple as pointing out the failures of those in power. As desperate as Democrats are to defeat Trump, voters demand an alternative vision. 'You will not win an election telling everybody how bad Donald Trump is,' [said] former Senate majority leader Harry Reid. 'They have to run on what they're going to do.'"

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-- Pete Buttigieg leads the 2020 Democrats in spending on private jets. The mayor of South Bend, Ind., has spent roughly $300,000 on private jet travel this year, far more than any of his rivals. In comparison, Warren has spent $60,000 on private planes (but regularly flies coach), while Sanders has spent $18,000 and Harris has spent $17,000. (AP)

-- Hillary Clinton seriously considered picking Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) as her running mate. From a Bloomberg Businessweek cover story by Josh Green: "The Massachusetts senator underwent a full vetting and was smuggled into Whitehaven, Clinton's Washington home, for an interview. It went well enough that some Clinton advisers were convinced Warren would be the best pick. … In a memo to Clinton written shortly after the August meeting, ... Philippe Reines, a longtime adviser, concluded of Warren: 'If a crystal ball said she wouldn't antagonize you for four years, it's hard to argue she isn't the most helpful for the next four months to get you elected.'" Warren said that if Clinton had asked her to be her vice president, she would've said yes.

Warren also explained why she didn't endorse a 2016 candidate until after the Democratic National Convention: "Endorsing Bernie Sanders, her ideological ally, would mean sacrificing her ability to influence Clinton, who was widely expected to win. So Warren withheld her endorsement until it was clear Clinton would be the nominee. In essence, Warren bet that she had a better chance of enacting her liberal agenda by working through Clinton than by banking

on a Sanders revolution." Warren said she felt the backlash of her decision as many of her hardcore supporters on the left turned against her when Sanders lost, filling her Facebook posts with vitriol and claims that she had sold out.

-- Tensions between Sanders and MSNBC are boiling over. From the Daily Beast: "Officials in Sanders' campaign contend that leading up to the 2020 election, the network is one of several cable news outlets directly contributing to a media climate where false claims go unchecked and requests for progressive voices on-air are frequently turned down. 'More often than not these commentators are injecting their opinion without any policy discussions,' (said) Nina Turner, the national co-chair of Sanders' campaign. 'They're not there to tell the gospel truth.' The backlash from Sanders-world reached a new high on Sunday, when MSNBC analyst Mimi Rocah, a former assistant U.S attorney for the Southern District of New York ... launched a personal critique of Sanders during a segment with host David Gura, saying that he makes her 'skin crawl' and that he's not a 'pro-woman candidate.'"

-- CNN is requiring a commitment of at least $300,000 in advertising on the network before a potential sponsor can purchase a commercial during next week's debates. Running a 30-second spot costs around $110,000. Usually, a 30-second ad aired during CNN's prime-time programs over the past months has cost between $7,000 and $12,000. (Variety)

-- Rep. Paul Mitchell of Michigan, a second-term

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-- Rep. Paul Mitchell of Michigan, a second-term **Republican with a House GOP leadership position, said he will not run for reelection next year.** Mitchell voiced frustration that "rhetoric overwhelms policy" in Washington, making it hard to focus on the issues he wanted to address — "trade, health care, immigration and infrastructure, to name just a few." (John Wagner)

-- A federal judge in Arkansas blocked abortion restrictions that were set to take effect yesterday. The judge said that the state "has no interest in enforcing laws that are unconstitutional" and that she would block it from enacting the three provisions, including one that barred abortions starting at 18 weeks of pregnancy. (CNN)

A migrant child and his father stick together after being bused by Mexican migration authorities from Nuevo Laredo to Monterrey, Mexico. (Marco Ugarte/AP)

THE IMMIGRATION WARS:

-- A federal judge in California blocked Trump's latest asylum ban. Maria Sacchetti and Spencer S. Hsu report: "The policy aimed to curtail Central American migration across the southern border by requiring asylum seekers to apply in countries they had passed through on the way to the United States, particularly Mexico or Guatemala. U.S. District Judge Jon S. Tigar, who halted another version of the Trump administration's asylum ban last year, said a

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the Trump administration's asylum ban last year, said a 'mountain' of evidence showed that migrants could not safely seek asylum in Mexico. He said the rule likely violated federal law in part by categorically denying asylum to almost anyone crossing the border. U.S. law generally allows anyone who sets foot on U.S. soil to apply for asylum. … 'The public undoubtedly has a pressing interest in fairly and promptly addressing both the harms to asylum applicants and the administrative burdens imposed by the influx of persons seeking asylum,' Tigar, an Obama administration appointee in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, wrote in his 45-page ruling. 'But shortcutting the law, or weakening the boundary between Congress and the Executive, are not the solutions to these problems.'"

-- Guatemalans fear that Trump's threats to retaliate if the country doesn't sign a far-reaching migration agreement might cripple their economy. Mary Beth Sheridan and Kevin Sieff report: "Trump warned on Tuesday that he might slap tariffs on Guatemala's exports or tax the billions of dollars in remittances its migrants send home to the Central American country. He was reacting to President Jimmy Morales' decision to cancel a trip he was to make to Washington last week during which he was expected to sign a safe-third-country agreement. … Guatemalans were faced with another potential crisis: U.S. penalties that could pummel their struggling economy. … Jordán Rodas, Guatemala's human rights prosecutor, said U.S. penalties 'could destabilize the country' by driving poverty rates higher. They could also prompt more Guatemalans to head for the United States as they lose jobs or income, he said."

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-- No surprise: The Justice Department said it will not prosecute Attorney General Bill Barr or Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross after the House voted on party lines to hold them in criminal contempt for declining to provide documents related to the addition of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census. From CNN: "Both agencies have maintained that they have already provided thousands of documents to the committee about the census question, and that certain documents which had been withheld were done so in line with a federal court ruling that said that many of the same documents were privileged from disclosure in civil litigation."

-- Francisco Erwin Galicia, the U.S. citizen who spent 23 days in Customs and Border Protection custody, said he lost 26 pounds during his time in a Texas immigration detention center under conditions so bad they almost drove him to self-deportation. From the Dallas Morning News: "He said he wasn't allowed to shower and his skin was dry and dirty. He and 60 other men were crammed into an overcrowded holding area where they slept on the floor and were given only aluminum-foil blankets, he said. Some men had to sleep on the restroom area floor. Ticks bit some of the men and some were very sick, Galicia said. But many were afraid to ask to go to the doctor because CBP officers told them their stay would start over if they did, he said. 'It was inhumane how they treated us. It got to the point where I was ready to sign a deportation paper just to not be suffering there anymore. I just needed to

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paper just to not be suffering there anymore. I just needed to get out of there,' he said."

-- An autopsy offers jarring details about the death of a 16-year-old Guatemalan boy in Border Patrol custody. From Texas Monthly: "Carlos Gregorio Hernandez Vasquez crossed the border alone near Weslaco on May 13, and was then held at a processing center for unaccompanied minors in nearby McAllen for six days until falling ill on May 19. That day, a nurse practitioner found that he had a 103-degree fever, and he tested positive for the flu. He was prescribed Tamiflu and transferred to the Border Patrol station at Weslaco. Hernandez died the next morning. **… The autopsy concludes that Hernandez succumbed to the flu, complicated by pneumonia and sepsis, on or near the toilet of his South Texas Border Patrol cell.** … The agency is required to transfer unaccompanied children to the Office of Refugee Resettlement within 72 hours, but officials have acknowledged repeatedly failing to meet that requirement this year, including in Hernandez's case. Hernandez was also never taken to a hospital despite the apparent seriousness of his illness."

-- Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents busted an undocumented immigrant's car window to arrest him. The man's girlfriend live-streamed the incident as their two children sat in the car. (CNN)

-- "How MS-13 gang's bloody campaign spilled into a San Fernando Valley high school," from the Los Angeles Times: "Panorama High School was already on edge after a

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10th grader went missing. Then, six students were detained in February 2018 with no explanation. There were whispers that the missing boy had been murdered, but the campus was in the dark about a possible motive and suspect. Authorities now say several of the students are linked to the killing of their missing classmate, Brayan Andino, and another man among seven slayings allegedly carried out by a local clique of MS-13. … But teachers, students and parents said they received little or no information from either police or school officials about the gang's alleged operations on campus until last week, when prosecutors announced murder and racketeering charges against nearly two dozen adults who are alleged to be gang members."

This July 21 aerial view shows a speedboat of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps moving around the British-flagged oil tanker Stena Impero, which Iran seized in the Strait of Hormuz on Friday. (Morteza Akhoondi/AP)

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- The U.S. and Europe have sharply different plans for patrols in the Persian Gulf. Adam Taylor and James McAuley report: "As tensions rise, the exact mandate remains uncertain, with two separate and possibly competing plans — one led by the United States and the other by Europe — under discussion. Meanwhile, Iran has rejected any need for Western ships to patrol the waters along its southern coast, instead pledging to secure the Strait of Hormuz itself. … The United States has said that it

envisages a scheme whereby nations would protect ships that carry their own flag, but that joint operations would be designed to carry out surveillance on waterways. … British officials have emphasized that the plan would be about ensuring freedom of navigation in the Persian Gulf — an aim that Tehran could theoretically support as well."

-- Iran hinted at compromise after President Hassan Rouhani suggested that his country might release a British tanker in exchange for the return of an Iranian ship. From the Times: "Mr. Rouhani's explicit extension of the offer on Wednesday may have been a gesture toward reducing the escalating tensions between Iran and the West. Speaking after a cabinet meeting in Tehran, Mr. Rouhani also alluded to indirect or behind-the-scenes talks about a potential easing of tensions between Iran and the United States."

-- As expected, Trump vetoed Congress's attempt to block arms sales to Saudi Arabia. He vetoed three different resolutions that would've stopped several arms sales benefiting Riyadh and the United Arab Emirates. From Karoun Demirjian and Colby Itkowitz: "**The sales would replenish part of the Saudi arsenal that lawmakers say has been used against civilians in Yemen's civil war.** Many lawmakers also object to the idea of rewarding Saudi leaders after the killing of the journalist Jamal Khashoggi. … The Trump administration has insisted the arms sales are crucial to protect the region against a growing threat from Iran. The vetoes come as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee plans to vote Thursday on two competing

Committee plans to vote Thursday on two competing bipartisan bills to impose sanctions on Saudi Arabia."

-- A Navy SEAL platoon was kicked out of Iraq for consuming alcohol while deployed. Dan Lamothe reports: "U.S. Special Operations Command said in a statement Wednesday night that the platoon was forced out early to San Diego by the commander of the task force, Maj. Gen. Eric T. Hill, 'due to a perceived deterioration of good order and discipline within the team during non-operational periods' of their deployment. 'The Commander lost confidence in the team's ability to accomplish the mission,' the statement said."

-- North Korea fired a "new type of ballistic missile" into the sea, toward Japan. Simon Denyer and John Hudson report: "South Korea's National Security Council said it had assessed the projectiles to be a 'new type of short-range ballistic missile,' but said it would make a final conclusion in coordination with the United States. … A U.S. official familiar with North Korean affairs said the move appears to explicitly test Trump's patience, as the president has repeatedly hailed his diplomatic success in halting the North from firing missiles into the Sea of Japan (also known as the East Sea), an act that infuriates Tokyo."

-- Beji Caid Essebsi, a mainstay in Tunisian politics who became the country's first freely elected president after its 2011 pro-democracy uprising, died at 92. During his presidency, Essebsi pursued several gender equality initiatives that challenged religious orthodoxy in the

country, including an order that allowed Muslim women to marry non-Muslim men. (Claire Parker and Kareem Fahim)

-- American rapper A$AP Rocky was charged with having committed an assault causing bodily harm in Sweden. The musician's case has sparked a diplomatic incident as Trump has asked for his release and Sweden now faces accusations of racism and human rights abuses. (New York Times)

-- On his first day as U.K. prime minister, Boris Johnson promised that Britain would leave the European Union in October — "no ifs or buts." William Booth and Karla Adam report: "'The doubters, the doomsters, the gloomsters, they are going to get it wrong, again,' Johnson said in his first remarks outside 10 Downing Street. 'The people who bet against Britain are going to lose their shirts, because we're going to restore trust in our democracy.' Johnson declared, 'I have every confidence that in 99 days' time we will have cracked it' and be able to exit the E.U. with 'a new deal, a better deal.' He implicitly blamed his predecessor, Theresa May, for failing in that challenge. 'After three years of unfounded self-doubt, it is time to change the record,' he said."

Seventeen members of May's government were either sacked, resigned or retired, a shuffle the Daily Telegraph described as a "massacre." Johnson cleared out his cabinet of "remainers" and replaced them with true Brexit believers. In Britain's parliamentary democracy, the

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transition of power is not only brutal but also quick. May met with Queen Elizabeth II on Wednesday afternoon and resigned right after. Minutes later, Johnson bowed to the Queen. **"Lawmakers thanked May for her service. They reserved their harshest lines for Johnson, whom opposition rivals called 'flagrant' and 'reckless,' a usurper with no mandate, and someone who is prepared to 'sell our country out to Donald Trump and his friends.'** May offered tepid support for her successor. She said she was 'pleased' to hand over to Johnson, whom 'I worked with when he was in my cabinet,' and who is committed to delivering Brexit. Johnson notably quit May's cabinet over her Brexit approach."

-- "Just how crazy is Boris Johnson?" asks the New Yorker's Sam Knight: "If there is any consolation, it is that Johnson is not an extremist of any kind. By temperament and by upbringing, Johnson is a metropolitan liberal: pro-choice, pro-immigration, tolerant of diversity, educated about the world, and prepared to accept the consensus on climate change. The problem is that he is also so unserious and so unprincipled that it is impossible to know if he would maintain any of those positions under meaningful duress. **It is wrong to compare Johnson to Donald Trump—they are very different. But they share a quality of constant distraction**, a permanent, enervating uncertainty about what they will get up to next."

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

-- Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Roselló announced his resignation last night. "On Wednesday, the governor called a hasty news conference, but kept the press corps waiting for hours for news that the resignation was coming," Arelis R. Hernández reports. "His public affairs secretary — one of the last men standing in Rossello's corner — said that afternoon that the governor would speak directly to the people before the end of the day, but no time was given and the content of the message remained unknown. And as the night dragged on and the promised pronouncement did not come, thousands of protesters grew louder and police reinforcements went into formation. At about 11:40 p.m., Rosselló's recorded resignation video was released on Facebook." "Despite having the support of the people who elected me democratically, I now feel that continuing in this position will make it difficult for the success achieved so far to last," Rosselló said in the video. "Today, I'm announcing I will be resigning from the governor position effective Friday, August 2, 2019 at 5 p.m." His replacement is expected to be Wanda Vázquez, Puerto Rico's secretary of justice, because of how the commonwealth's line of succession works. The governor, however, left open the possibility that a different successor could take his place by the time he steps down.

Puerto Ricans celebrated on the streets after their governor resigned:

Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda joined in over Twitter:

Only one new House Democrat appears to have come out for starting impeachment proceedings in the wake of the hearing. She's a freshman from Massachusetts:

Another Democratic freshman congresswoman from California criticized Senate Republicans for blocking an election security bill:

A group of D.C. interns spent the night at the Capitol as they awaited Mueller's testimony:

A Post editor made this note about the significance of Mueller's testimony:

Barack Obama's former chief strategist was one of many who said Mueller has lost his fast ball:

Trump's director of strategic communications, and a former Vice President Pence aide, sought to spin the Mueller testimony by playing with some acronyms:

The former world chess champion and a leading Russian dissident, who chairs the Human Rights Foundation, saw a parallel to Russia as he watched the Mueller hearings:

A GOP consultant, the chief strategist on Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign, lamented what's happened to his party:

From a Post pollster:

The former deputy attorney general has a new gig:

Counselor to the president Kellyanne Conway once again referred to an argument among Democratic women as a "catfight" after Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (Hawaii) said Sen. Kamala Harris (Calif.) isn't fit to serve as president:

And the first lady is already preparing for Christmas:

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "There was a senator, I think it

was after my pancreatic cancer, who announced, with great glee, that I was going to be dead within six months. That senator, whose name I have forgotten, is now himself dead, and I am very much alive.” — Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on outlasting her naysayers. (NPR)

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Trump ended up standing in front of a doctored presidential seal featuring a Russian symbol:

This presidential seal does not look like the others

"A closer examination reveals alterations that seem to poke fun at the president’s golfing penchant and accusations that he has ties to Russia. Neither the White House nor Turning Point knows how it got there or who created it.” (Michael Brice-Saddler and Reis Thebault)

The conservative group Republicans for the Rule of Law shared a new advertisement following Mueller's testimony:

Late-night hosts like Stephen Colbert devoted their monologues to Mueller's testimony:

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Seth Meyers took a deep dive into what the former special counsel had to say:

And a 9-year-old girl was tossed in the air by a bison in Yellowstone:

Viral video shows a bison throw a girl into the air

The girl was released from the hospital and no citations have been issued. (Allyson Chiu)

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The six most important quotes from Mueller's six hours of testimony

Mueller: 'We have underplayed' Russia's effect on our elections

BY JAMES HOHMANN

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THE BIG IDEA: Bob Mueller chose his words carefully. The former special counsel responded monosyllabically to hundreds of questions on Wednesday. He clearly did not want to be on Capitol Hill, declined repeated requests to read aloud passages from his 448-page report and took special care to never utter the I-word: impeachment. This makes the handful of moments when Mueller volunteered to elaborate, or emphasized something emphatically, worthy of special attention.

The overwhelming majority of Americans did not devote six hours of a summer workday to watching the 74-year-old answer five-minute rounds of questions from dozens of grandstanding lawmakers. Much of the press coverage this morning focuses less on substance than optics.

That's not totally unfair: Democrats subpoenaed Mueller to appear because they wanted made-for-TV moments, and they acknowledge they didn't get what they hoped for.

Instead of reading the theater criticism, however, citizens who missed the cable circus might be better served by reading the transcripts. In his own understated, patrician and old-school way, Mueller undercut so much White House spin and drew attention to how many false statements President Trump has made to the American people. Here are the six most significant quotes from the former special counsel's six hours in the hot seat – and why they matter:

1) On Russian interference in domestic politics: "They're doing it as we sit here, and they expect to do it in the next campaign."

The former FBI director, who earned a Purple Heart as a Marine in Vietnam and helped guide law enforcement during the traumatic aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, came out of retirement to investigate the Kremlin's efforts to sway the 2016 presidential election.

"We have underplayed to a certain extent that aspect of our investigation," Mueller told the House Intelligence Committee in the afternoon, explaining that Russia's effort to undermine elections could do "long-term damage to the United States that we need to move quickly to address."

Mueller said he wrote the first volume of his report to serve as "our living message to those who come after us" so that they "don't let this problem continue to linger as it has over so many years." And he warned that "many more countries" are developing capabilities to do the same, emboldened by the success of Moscow, as he reiterated the need for "swift" action.

Asked about Trump campaign officials interacting with Russians who offered help to their election efforts, and the failure to report such

overtures to the FBI, Mueller said he hopes future campaigns don't think it's acceptable to accept assistance from foreign governments. "I hope this is not the new normal," he said, "but I fear it is."

From someone who spent 28 years in the CIA's clandestine service, including in Moscow and running the agency's Russia operations:

'Problematic is an understatement': Mueller comments on Trump's past WikiLeaks praise

2) On Trump's past praise for WikiLeaks: "Problematic is an understatement in terms of what it displays of giving some hope or some boost to what is and should be illegal behavior."

Mueller faulted Trump for previously praising the anti-secrecy group, whose leader Julian Assange now faces federal charges, and which allegedly served as a conduit for the Russians to disseminate hacked emails of Hillary Clinton campaign officials.

Mueller said he agrees with Mike Pompeo's characterization of WikiLeaks as a "hostile intelligence service." Trump said "I love WikiLeaks" at a rally in the fall of 2016. His son Don Jr. tweeted a link to stolen documents that Mueller's report said was provided to him by WikiLeaks in a Twitter direct message.

Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) asked Mueller whether knowingly accepting foreign assistance is an unethical thing to do. "And a crime, given certain circumstances," Mueller replied, nodding. "It's also unpatriotic," said Schiff. "True," replied Mueller.

Mueller reiterates that report does not exonerate President Trump on obstruction of justice

3) Rebutting Trump's claims of total exoneration: "The president was not exculpated for the acts that he allegedly committed."

Mueller clarified his position on whether he would have indicted the president if not for the opinion from the Office of Legal Counsel that says a sitting president shouldn't face criminal charges. "We did not reach a determination as to whether the president committed a crime," he said.

"We did not address 'collusion,' which is not a legal term," Mueller said in his opening statement. "Rather, we focused on whether the evidence was sufficient to charge any member of the campaign with taking part in a criminal conspiracy. It was not."

Asked whether the president, under Justice Department policy, could be prosecuted for obstruction of justice after he leaves office, Mueller kept his answer succinct: "True."

Mueller says his investigation 'is not a witch hunt'

4) Finally defending the integrity of his investigation: "It is not a witch hunt."

For two years, Mueller kept quiet as Trump and his allies impugned him and his team. Even during the news conference in May to announce his resignation as special counsel, Mueller did not offer a full-throated defense of his methods or personnel. On Wednesday, he replied to GOP criticism that some of the career prosecutors on his team previously gave money to Democrats.

"I've been in this business for almost 25 years. In those 25 years, I've

not had occasion once to ask about somebody's political affiliation," Mueller said. "It is not done. What I care about is the capability of the individual to do the job and do the job seriously and quickly and with integrity."

Justice Department policy prohibits asking about political views as part of a job interview. Mueller also explained that he moved former FBI official Peter Strzok off his team as soon as he found out about anti-Trump text messages in 2016.

Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-Pa.) accused Mueller of including only "the very worst" information about Trump in his report. "Not true," he replied, adding that the team "strove to put in exculpatory evidence" about Trump's conduct.

Mueller says he didn't subpoena Trump in order to expedite his investigation

5) On why he didn't subpoena the president: "We decided that we did not want to exercise the subpoena powers because of the necessity of expediting the end of the investigation."

The former special counsel conceded that Trump's written answers to his questions about Russian interference — the president refused to answer any questions about the 10 episodes of potential obstruction of justice that his office explored – were "certainly not as useful as the interview would be."

Despite Trump's claims that he fully cooperated, Mueller noted that the president's team stonewalled in negotiations for over a year about a sit-down interview and said he assumed Trump "would fight the subpoena." Mueller explained that he needed to decide "how much time you are willing to spend in the courts litigating an interview with the president."

Despite claims that Mueller wanted to drag out his investigation, he made clear that he hoped to get it wrapped up as soon as possible. “The reason we didn’t do the interview was because of the length of time that it would take to resolve the issues attendant to that,” he said.

Trump says Mueller did ‘horrible job’

6) There was a coverup: “A number of people we interviewed in our investigation, it turns out, did lie.”

Michael Flynn, Paul Manafort, Michael Cohen, Rick Gates and George Papadopoulos have each acknowledged that they lied to the FBI. Rep. Val Demings (D-Fla.) asked Mueller whether it was “fair to say” that Trump’s written answers were “not only inadequate and incomplete, because he didn’t answer many of your questions, but where he did, his answers showed that he wasn’t always being truthful.”

“I would say, generally,” Mueller replied.

Mueller acknowledged that he caught many former members of Trump’s team not telling the truth, and this made it harder to investigate what really happened. “That would be accurate,” he said.

“And then,” Schiff said, “they lied to cover it up?”

“Generally, that’s true,” said Mueller.

Trump tweeted as soon as the second hearing ended: “TRUTH IS A FORCE OF NATURE!”

Indeed.

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Pelosi: 'If we have a case for impeachment, that's the place we will have to go'

THE FALLOUT:

-- Mueller's turn as a reluctant and at times uncomfortable witness did not change the political dynamic. "Even Democrats who favor impeachment acknowledged that Mueller's performance did not provide the made-for-TV moment for which they had hoped," Ashley Parker, Rachael Bade, Josh Dawsey and Mike DeBonis report. "The immediate upshot for Democratic leaders — who have faced turmoil within their caucus for refusal to begin impeachment proceedings against Trump — was that the hearings appeared to do little to galvanize congressional sentiment. Before the spectacle, many pro-impeachment Democrats were predicting Mueller's testimony would inspire a new wave of impeachment backers, potentially two dozen or more. But by Wednesday afternoon, almost no new Democrats in the House had joined the calls to start proceedings."

-- House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler (D-N.Y.) pushed for launching impeachment proceedings against Trump

during a private meeting on Wednesday, but he was rebuffed by Nancy Pelosi. From Politico: "At a caucus meeting following the hotly anticipated testimony … Nadler suggested that several House committee chairs could begin drafting articles of impeachment against Trump. Pelosi called the idea premature … In the course of the wide-ranging discussion, Nadler countered Pelosi's pushback by noting that polls showed limited support for removing President Richard Nixon from office when the House began impeachment hearings in 1973, but that public support for the effort grew as more evidence came out about Nixon's illegal behavior."

-- "Democrats are now left with one option to end Trump's presidency: The 2020 election," writes Dan Balz: "Regardless of the evidence of obstruction contained in Mueller's report, impeachment is a fraught strategy for the Democrats, given public opinion and the dynamics in the Senate. After Wednesday, the prospects for impeachment appear more remote, which means it will be left to the eventual Democratic presidential nominee, with the help of the party, to develop a comprehensive case against the president, one that can win 270 electoral votes. To date, that hasn't happened. … The barriers to impeachment have always made it a challenging option, given that Republican control of the Senate, to the frustration of some Democrats. But other Democrats were advocating long before Mueller wrapped up his investigation that the party's focus should be on the 2020 election, rather than impeachment. That now is the only realistic course for settling the question of the future of Trump's presidency."

Mueller corrects testimony about decision-making on obstruction of justice

-- Both sides were left frustrated by Mueller's approach to the questions related to whether Trump obstructed justice – and why

the former special counsel refused to draw a conclusion from the evidence his team gathered. Carol D. Leonnig and Tom Hamburger report: "Mueller failed to deliver a clear answer to either — frustrating Democrats who hope to spotlight what they consider ample proof of Trump's crimes and Republicans who think the special counsel unfairly tarnished the president. … GOP officials said that details in his report insinuating Trump was engaged in wrongdoing — including statements that there was substantial evidence without explicitly saying he broke the law — unfairly damaged the president. …

"Democrats labored in vain to get Mueller to assess whether Trump obstructed justice. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) walked Mueller through Trump's efforts to get then-White House counsel Donald McGahn to push for the firing of the special counsel, one of the most dramatic episodes detailed in the special counsel report. 'Those are the elements of obstruction of justice,' Jeffries said. 'This is the United States of America. No one is above the law. No one. The president must be held accountable one way or the other.' 'I don't subscribe necessarily to your — the way you analyze that,' Mueller responded."

Fact-checking lawmakers' claims during the Mueller hearings

-- The Post's Fact Checker team analyzed eight dubious claims from lawmakers during the hearings. (Salvador Rizzo and Glenn Kessler)

-- This was likely Mueller's final act on Washington's center stage. Marc Fisher writes: "The day definitively altered perceptions of Mueller. … Mueller's shaky demeanor, though steadier as the day wore on, drew focus away from what few conclusions he was willing to confirm or bat

down. Mueller phased in and out of the precise, pointed style that had characterized his long legal career. At times, especially in the afternoon session before the Intelligence Committee, he seemed his old self, anticipating questions, displaying sharp command of his investigation. … But under questioning from House members, his voice grew thinner, less certain. He sometimes searched for words. His hesitations at times seemed intentional ... At other points, Mueller's halting manner seemed involuntary."

3 times Mueller could not remember what was in his report

-- Mueller seemed confused about basic facts at times: "He frequently asked lawmakers to repeat their questions, saying that he could not hear them or that they were speaking too fast," Devlin Barrett, Matt Zapotosky, Rosalind S. Helderman and Karoun Demirjian report. "He also said he was unfamiliar with some of the specifics of the investigation — a surprising admission for a prosecutor who built a distinguished career on delving deep into the weeds of investigations, to the point that many of his subordinates complained he was a maddening micromanager. He called the president 'Trimp' before quickly correcting himself. He said he was 'not familiar' with the opposition research firm Fusion GPS that commissioned a dossier of allegations that played a key role in the early days of the investigation into Russian interference. … At another point, he could not recall the word 'conspiracy' — a basic staple in any federal prosecutor's lexicon — and a lawmaker supplied it for him. …

"**In the hearing room, Mueller's muffled voice made his minimal responses nearly inaudible, a sharp contrast to the lawmakers, whose voices often boomed with indignation.** Even friendly exchanges could cause Mueller to stumble. When Rep. Greg Stanton (D-

Ariz.) asked which president nominated Mueller to serve as the top federal prosecutor in Massachusetts, Mueller guessed George H.W. Bush. In fact, it was Ronald Reagan."

-- As the testimony concluded, Democrats revisited an old question: Is Trump a blackmail risk? Philip Bump reports: "Toward the end of the day, Democratic representatives sitting on the House Intelligence Committee began to press Mueller on this point. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-Ill.) noted that counterintelligence investigations — that is, investigations into ways in which foreign intelligence agencies might seek to compromise government officials — were outside of the scope of the special counsel's probe. 'Since it was outside your purview, your report did not reach counterintelligence conclusions regarding any Trump administration officials who might potentially be vulnerable to compromise or blackmail by Russia, correct?' Krishnamoorthi asked. Mueller confirmed that this was correct, noting that those investigations would be housed at the FBI."

'Obstruction' or 'no collusion'?: Democrats, GOP launch attacks on Mueller report

COMMENTARY FROM THE OPINION PAGE:

-- "Mueller wins on the facts – but loses on TV," writes Max Boot: "This viewer hungered for Mueller to rain down righteous wrath on the unprincipled Republican hacks who put loyalty to their party leader above loyalty to their country. I wanted him to say, as Joseph Welch did at the Army-McCarthy hearings, 'Have you no sense of decency?' … But instead of channeling his inner Joe Welch, Mueller was channeling Joe Friday: 'Just the facts, ma'am.'"

-- "So this is why Mueller didn't want to testify," writes Dana Milbank: "Republican lawmakers eviscerated him, assaulting his integrity

and his ethics, questioning his political motivations, disparaging the FBI and even casting doubt on Russia's interference in the election."

-- "The real bombshell in Mueller's testimony wasn't about impeaching Trump," writes Karen Tumulty: "To focus on Trump, and whether his actions constitute impeachable offenses, is to miss the real bombshell in Mueller's testimony — the scandal that could be unfolding right there in front of us. That was Mueller's warning that what happened in 2016 could happen again."

- The Editorial Board: "Mueller gave a warning on Russian meddling. Congress — and America — should listen."
- E.J. Dionne Jr.: "Mueller's hearing proves that Trump and his apologists are lying."
- Nicole Hemmer, co-editor of The Post's "Made by History" section: "The GOP's questions to Mueller seemed bizarre — unless you watch Fox News."
- Media critic Erik Wemple: "Republican lawmaker complains to Mueller about lack of Fox News in his report."
- Molly Jong-Fast: "Mueller wasn't the hero Democrats sought. But he reminded us that Trump is the villain."

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-- I'd love to hear from you. Thank you to everyone who sent such thoughtful notes in response to yesterday's edition of the 202. As I explained, we're experimenting with new formats with the goal of making this newsletter more analytical. The goal is to better serve you as 2020 approaches. If you have feedback about ways to do that, please drop me a quick line at James.Hohmann@washpost.com. Thank

you!

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Attorney General William Barr testifies before a Senate committee. (Jahi Chikwendiu/The Washington Post)

WHILE YOU WERE IN YOUR MORNING MEETINGS:

-- The Justice Department announced this morning that it plans to resume executing prisoners awaiting the death penalty, ending almost two decades in which the federal government had not imposed capital punishment on prisoners. Devlin Barrett reports: "Attorney General William P. Barr ordered the Bureau of Prisons to schedule executions for five inmates currently on death row. The prisoners were convicted of murdering children. The last federal execution was in 2003. In the years since, there has been an informal moratorium on executions of federal prisoners, as Justice Department officials reviewed its lethal injection procedures. That practice was underscored during the Obama administration by then-Attorney General Eric Holder's personal opposition to the death penalty, even while he approved prosecutors' decisions to seek the death penalty in specific trials."

- Bar ordered the Bureau of Prisons to adopt a new policy for lethal injections, one that officials said closely mirrors those used in Georgia, Missouri, and Texas, replacing a three-drug lethal cocktail with one drug, pentobarbital.
- The Justice Department has scheduled executions in December and January for the following prisoners: Daniel Lee Lewis, for the

killing of a family of three, including an eight-year-old girl; Lezmond Mitchell for the killing of a 63-year-old and her nine-year granddaughter; Wesley Ira Purkey for the rape and murder of a 16-year-old girl and the murder of an 80-year-old woman; Alfred Bourgeois for molesting and killing his two-year-old daughter; and Dustin Lee Honken, for shooting and killing five people, including two children.

-- Four automakers from three continents have struck a deal with California to produce more fuel-efficient cars for their U.S. fleets in coming years, undercutting one of the Trump administration's most aggressive climate policy rollbacks. Juliet Eilperin and Brady Dennis report: "The compromise between the California Air Resources Board and Ford, Honda, Volkswagen and BMW of North America came after weeks of secret negotiations and could shape future U.S. vehicle production, even as White House officials aim to relax gas mileage standards for the nation's cars, pickup trucks and SUVs. Mary D. Nichols, California's top air pollution regulator, said in an interview Wednesday that she sees the agreement as a potential 'olive branch' to the Trump administration and hopes it joins the deal, which she said gives automakers flexibility in meeting emissions goals without the 'massive backsliding' contained in the White House proposal."

-- Jeffrey Epstein was found injured in his jail cell after a possible suicide attempt. From NBC News New York: "Epstein, who is being held in Metropolitan Correctional Center during his trial for conspiracy and sex trafficking, was found semi-conscious with marks on his neck … Investigators are trying to piece together exactly what happened, saying details remain murky. Two sources tell News 4 that Epstein may have tried to hang himself, while a third source cautioned that the injuries were not serious and questioned if Epstein might be using it as a way to get a transfer. A fourth source said an assault has not been ruled out,

and that another inmate was questioned. The inmate who investigators have talked to in Lower Manhattan facility has been identified as Nicholas Tartaglione, according to two sources. Tartaglione is a former police officer in Westchester County who was arrested in December 2016 and accused of killing four men in an alleged cocaine distribution conspiracy, then burying their bodies in his yard in Otisville in Orange County, according to court records."

Joe Biden speaks Wednesday at a candidate forum at the NAACP National Convention in Detroit. (Carlos Osorio/AP)

2020 WATCH:

-- Former vice president Joe Biden tore into Sens. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) in a shift to aggressively counter his 2020 opponents. Chelsea Janes and David Weigel report: "On Wednesday, asked by NAACP panel moderator April Ryan if his views [on mass incarceration] have evolved, Biden said the focus of criminal justice needed to shift from 'incarceration to rehabilitation' — a solution that [Sen. Cory] Booker, speaking to reporters after his earlier NAACP appearance, called 'inadequate.' ... Booker described Biden as 'an architect of mass incarceration.' After Biden left the stage, he responded emphatically to Booker's second day of criticism by trying to turn attention to his tenure as mayor of the troubled city of Newark, before he became a senator. … 'His police department was stopping and frisking people, mostly African American men,' he said, leading the Obama administration to intercede. 'We took action against them; the Justice Department took action against them, held the police department accountable.'"

Biden seethed about Harris's busing attack during the previous debate: "He told reporters he was 'overly polite' in responding to her criticism. 'I didn't respond to an attack: 'You're not a racist.' Which is a

nice thing to say. It was really reassuring,' Biden said in a sarcastic tone."

-- Biden is an old-school politician struggling to keep up with a changing party, Phil Elliott writes in a profile for Time: "Biden tries to put a positive gloss on things, saying the problems come with the territory when you're the front runner. 'I'd rather be there than anywhere else,' Biden said. 'But, you know, it's amazing.' A few hours later, he was more open about his frustrations with his campaign. Staffers had invited journalists to tag along as he picked up some chocolate chip ice cream. But Biden–who believes Trump's rise was fueled by naked authenticity and sees the same trait in himself–found the setup phony. 'After all these years of being in public office, I'm known for ice cream and sunglasses,' Biden lamented. 'There's gotta be something better than that.'"

-- Time magazine's cover story for next week: "What Do the Democrats Stand For? Inside a Fight Over America's Future," by Molly Ball: "What policies will the party champion? Which voters will it court? How will it speak to an angry and divided nation? While intraparty tussles are perennial in politics, this one comes against a unique backdrop: an unpopular, mendacious, norm-trampling President. … But for an opposition party, it's never as simple as pointing out the failures of those in power. As desperate as Democrats are to defeat Trump, voters demand an alternative vision. 'You will not win an election telling everybody how bad Donald Trump is,' [said] former Senate majority leader Harry Reid. 'They have to run on what they're going to do.'"

-- Pete Buttigieg leads the 2020 Democrats in spending on private jets. The mayor of South Bend, Ind., has spent roughly $300,000 on private jet travel this year, far more than any of his rivals. In comparison, Warren has spent $60,000 on private planes (but regularly flies coach), while Sanders has spent $18,000 and Harris has spent $17,000. (AP)

-- Hillary Clinton seriously considered picking Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) as her running mate. From a Bloomberg Businessweek cover story by Josh Green: "The Massachusetts senator underwent a full vetting and was smuggled into Whitehaven, Clinton's Washington home, for an interview. It went well enough that some Clinton advisers were convinced Warren would be the best pick. … In a memo to Clinton written shortly after the August meeting, ... Philippe Reines, a longtime adviser, concluded of Warren: 'If a crystal ball said she wouldn't antagonize you for four years, it's hard to argue she isn't the most helpful for the next four months to get you elected.'" Warren said that if Clinton had asked her to be her vice president, she would've said yes.

Warren also explained why she didn't endorse a 2016 candidate until after the Democratic National Convention: "Endorsing Bernie Sanders, her ideological ally, would mean sacrificing her ability to influence Clinton, who was widely expected to win. So Warren withheld her endorsement until it was clear Clinton would be the nominee. In essence, Warren bet that she had a better chance of enacting her liberal agenda by working through Clinton than by banking on a Sanders revolution." Warren said she felt the backlash of her decision as many of her hardcore supporters on the left turned against her when Sanders lost, filling her Facebook posts with vitriol and claims that she had sold out.

-- Tensions between Sanders and MSNBC are boiling over. From the Daily Beast: "Officials in Sanders' campaign contend that leading up to the 2020 election, the network is one of several cable news outlets directly contributing to a media climate where false claims go unchecked and requests for progressive voices on-air are frequently turned down. 'More often than not these commentators are injecting their opinion without any policy discussions,' (said) Nina Turner, the national co-chair of Sanders' campaign. 'They're not there to tell the gospel truth.' The

backlash from Sanders-world reached a new high on Sunday, when MSNBC analyst Mimi Rocah, a former assistant U.S attorney for the Southern District of New York ... launched a personal critique of Sanders during a segment with host David Gura, saying that he makes her 'skin crawl' and that he's not a 'pro-woman candidate.'"

-- CNN is requiring a commitment of at least $300,000 in advertising on the network before a potential sponsor can purchase a commercial during next week's debates. Running a 30-second spot costs around $110,000. Usually, a 30-second ad aired during CNN's prime-time programs over the past months has cost between $7,000 and $12,000. (Variety)

-- Rep. Paul Mitchell of Michigan, a second-term Republican with a House GOP leadership position, said he will not run for reelection next year. Mitchell voiced frustration that "rhetoric overwhelms policy" in Washington, making it hard to focus on the issues he wanted to address — "trade, health care, immigration and infrastructure, to name just a few." (John Wagner)

-- A federal judge in Arkansas blocked abortion restrictions that were set to take effect yesterday. The judge said that the state "has no interest in enforcing laws that are unconstitutional" and that she would block it from enacting the three provisions, including one that barred abortions starting at 18 weeks of pregnancy. (CNN)

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A migrant child and his father stick together after being bused by Mexican migration authorities from Nuevo Laredo to Monterrey, Mexico. (Marco Ugarte/AP)

THE IMMIGRATION WARS:

-- A federal judge in California blocked Trump's latest asylum ban. Maria Sacchetti and Spencer S. Hsu report: "The policy aimed to curtail Central American migration across the southern border by requiring asylum seekers to apply in countries they had passed through on the way to the United States, particularly Mexico or Guatemala. U.S. District Judge Jon S. Tigar, who halted another version of the Trump administration's asylum ban last year, said a 'mountain' of evidence showed that migrants could not safely seek asylum in Mexico. He said the rule likely violated federal law in part by categorically denying asylum to almost anyone crossing the border. U.S. law generally allows anyone who sets foot on U.S. soil to apply for asylum. … 'The public undoubtedly has a pressing interest in fairly and promptly addressing both the harms to asylum applicants and the administrative burdens imposed by the influx of persons seeking asylum,' Tigar, an Obama administration appointee in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, wrote in his 45-page ruling. 'But shortcutting the law, or weakening the boundary between Congress and the Executive, are not the solutions to these problems.'"

-- Guatemalans fear that Trump's threats to retaliate if the country doesn't sign a far-reaching migration agreement might cripple their economy. Mary Beth Sheridan and Kevin Sieff report: "Trump warned on Tuesday that he might slap tariffs on Guatemala's exports or tax the billions of dollars in remittances its migrants send home to the Central American country. He was reacting to President Jimmy Morales' decision to cancel a trip he was to make to Washington last week during which he was expected to sign a safe-third-country agreement. … Guatemalans were faced with another potential crisis: U.S. penalties that could pummel their struggling economy. … Jordán Rodas, Guatemala's human rights prosecutor, said U.S. penalties 'could destabilize the country' by driving poverty rates higher. They could also prompt more Guatemalans to head for the United States as they lose

jobs or income, he said."

-- No surprise: The Justice Department said it will not prosecute Attorney General Bill Barr or Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross after the House voted on party lines to hold them in criminal contempt for declining to provide documents related to the addition of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census. From CNN: "Both agencies have maintained that they have already provided thousands of documents to the committee about the census question, and that certain documents which had been withheld were done so in line with a federal court ruling that said that many of the same documents were privileged from disclosure in civil litigation."

-- Francisco Erwin Galicia, the U.S. citizen who spent 23 days in Customs and Border Protection custody, said he lost 26 pounds during his time in a Texas immigration detention center under conditions so bad they almost drove him to self-deportation. From the Dallas Morning News: "He said he wasn't allowed to shower and his skin was dry and dirty. He and 60 other men were crammed into an overcrowded holding area where they slept on the floor and were given only aluminum-foil blankets, he said. Some men had to sleep on the restroom area floor. Ticks bit some of the men and some were very sick, Galicia said. But many were afraid to ask to go to the doctor because CBP officers told them their stay would start over if they did, he said. 'It was inhumane how they treated us. It got to the point where I was ready to sign a deportation paper just to not be suffering there anymore. I just needed to get out of there,' he said."

-- An autopsy offers jarring details about the death of a 16-year-old Guatemalan boy in Border Patrol custody. From Texas Monthly: "Carlos Gregorio Hernandez Vasquez crossed the border alone near Weslaco on May 13, and was then held at a processing center for unaccompanied minors in nearby McAllen for six days until falling ill on

May 19. That day, a nurse practitioner found that he had a 103-degree fever, and he tested positive for the flu. He was prescribed Tamiflu and transferred to the Border Patrol station at Weslaco. Hernandez died the next morning. **… The autopsy concludes that Hernandez succumbed to the flu, complicated by pneumonia and sepsis, on or near the toilet of his South Texas Border Patrol cell.** … The agency is required to transfer unaccompanied children to the Office of Refugee Resettlement within 72 hours, but officials have acknowledged repeatedly failing to meet that requirement this year, including in Hernandez's case. Hernandez was also never taken to a hospital despite the apparent seriousness of his illness."

-- Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents busted an undocumented immigrant's car window to arrest him. The man's girlfriend live-streamed the incident as their two children sat in the car. (CNN)

-- "How MS-13 gang's bloody campaign spilled into a San Fernando Valley high school," from the Los Angeles Times:
"Panorama High School was already on edge after a 10th grader went missing. Then, six students were detained in February 2018 with no explanation. There were whispers that the missing boy had been murdered, but the campus was in the dark about a possible motive and suspect. Authorities now say several of the students are linked to the killing of their missing classmate, Brayan Andino, and another man among seven slayings allegedly carried out by a local clique of MS-13. … But teachers, students and parents said they received little or no information from either police or school officials about the gang's alleged operations on campus until last week, when prosecutors announced murder and racketeering charges against nearly two dozen adults who are alleged to be gang members."

This July 21 aerial view shows a speedboat of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps moving around the British-

flagged oil tanker Stena Impero, which Iran seized in the Strait of Hormuz on Friday. (Morteza Akhoondi/AP)

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- The U.S. and Europe have sharply different plans for patrols in the Persian Gulf. Adam Taylor and James McAuley report: "As tensions rise, the exact mandate remains uncertain, with two separate and possibly competing plans — one led by the United States and the other by Europe — under discussion. Meanwhile, Iran has rejected any need for Western ships to patrol the waters along its -southern coast, instead pledging to secure the Strait of Hormuz itself. … The United States has said that it envisages a scheme whereby nations would protect ships that carry their own flag, but that joint operations would be designed to carry out surveillance on waterways. … British officials have emphasized that the plan would be about ensuring freedom of navigation in the Persian Gulf — an aim that Tehran could theoretically support as well."

-- Iran hinted at compromise after President Hassan Rouhani suggested that his country might release a British tanker in exchange for the return of an Iranian ship. From the Times: "Mr. Rouhani's explicit extension of the offer on Wednesday may have been a gesture toward reducing the escalating tensions between Iran and the West. Speaking after a cabinet meeting in Tehran, Mr. Rouhani also alluded to indirect or behind-the-scenes talks about a potential easing of tensions between Iran and the United States."

-- As expected, Trump vetoed Congress's attempt to block arms sales to Saudi Arabia. He vetoed three different resolutions that would've stopped several arms sales benefiting Riyadh and the United Arab Emirates. From Karoun Demirjian and Colby Itkowitz: "**The sales would replenish part of the Saudi arsenal that lawmakers say has been used against civilians in Yemen's civil war.** Many lawmakers also object to the idea of rewarding Saudi leaders after the killing of the

journalist Jamal Khashoggi. … The Trump administration has insisted the arms sales are crucial to protect the region against a growing threat from Iran. The vetoes come as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee plans to vote Thursday on two competing bipartisan bills to impose sanctions on Saudi Arabia."

-- A Navy SEAL platoon was kicked out of Iraq for consuming alcohol while deployed. Dan Lamothe reports: "U.S. Special Operations Command said in a statement Wednesday night that the platoon was forced out early to San Diego by the commander of the task force, Maj. Gen. Eric T. Hill, 'due to a perceived deterioration of good order and discipline within the team during non-operational periods' of their deployment. 'The Commander lost confidence in the team's ability to accomplish the mission,' the statement said."

-- North Korea fired a "new type of ballistic missile" into the sea, toward Japan. Simon Denyer and John Hudson report: "South Korea's National Security Council said it had assessed the projectiles to be a 'new type of short-range ballistic missile,' but said it would make a final conclusion in coordination with the United States. … A U.S. official familiar with North Korean affairs said the move appears to explicitly test Trump's patience, as the president has repeatedly hailed his diplomatic success in halting the North from firing missiles into the Sea of Japan (also known as the East Sea), an act that infuriates Tokyo."

-- Beji Caid Essebsi, a mainstay in Tunisian politics who became the country's first freely elected president after its 2011 pro-democracy uprising, died at 92. During his presidency, Essebsi pursued several gender equality initiatives that challenged religious orthodoxy in the country, including an order that allowed Muslim women to marry non-Muslim men. (Claire Parker and Kareem Fahim)

-- American rapper A$AP Rocky was charged with having committed an assault causing bodily harm in Sweden. The

musician's case has sparked a diplomatic incident as Trump has asked for his release and Sweden now faces accusations of racism and human rights abuses. (New York Times)

-- On his first day as U.K. prime minister, Boris Johnson promised that Britain would leave the European Union in October — "no ifs or buts." William Booth and Karla Adam report: "'The doubters, the doomsters, the gloomsters, they are going to get it wrong, again,' Johnson said in his first remarks outside 10 Downing Street. 'The people who bet against Britain are going to lose their shirts, because we're going to restore trust in our democracy.' Johnson declared, 'I have every confidence that in 99 days' time we will have cracked it' and be able to exit the E.U. with 'a new deal, a better deal.' He implicitly blamed his predecessor, Theresa May, for failing in that challenge. 'After three years of unfounded self-doubt, it is time to change the record,' he said."

Seventeen members of May's government were either sacked, resigned or retired, a shuffle the Daily Telegraph described as a "massacre." Johnson cleared out his cabinet of "remainers" and replaced them with true Brexit believers. In Britain's parliamentary democracy, the transition of power is not only brutal but also quick. May met with Queen Elizabeth II on Wednesday afternoon and resigned right after. Minutes later, Johnson bowed to the Queen. **"Lawmakers thanked May for her service. They reserved their harshest lines for Johnson, whom opposition rivals called 'flagrant' and 'reckless,' a usurper with no mandate, and someone who is prepared to 'sell our country out to Donald Trump and his friends.'** May offered tepid support for her successor. She said she was 'pleased' to hand over to Johnson, whom 'I worked with when he was in my cabinet,' and who is committed to delivering Brexit. Johnson notably quit May's cabinet over her Brexit approach."

-- "Just how crazy is Boris Johnson?" asks the New Yorker's Sam Knight: "If there is any consolation, it is that Johnson is not an extremist of any kind. By temperament and by upbringing, Johnson is a metropolitan liberal: pro-choice, pro-immigration, tolerant of diversity, educated about the world, and prepared to accept the consensus on climate change. The problem is that he is also so unserious and so unprincipled that it is impossible to know if he would maintain any of those positions under meaningful duress. **It is wrong to compare Johnson to Donald Trump—they are very different. But they share a quality of constant distraction**, a permanent, enervating uncertainty about what they will get up to next."

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

-- Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Roselló announced his resignation last night. "On Wednesday, the governor called a hasty news conference, but kept the press corps waiting for hours for news that the resignation was coming," Arelis R. Hernández reports. "His public affairs secretary — one of the last men standing in Rossello's corner — said that afternoon that the governor would speak directly to the people before the end of the day, but no time was given and the content of the message remained unknown. And as the night dragged on and the promised pronouncement did not come, thousands of protesters grew louder and police reinforcements went into formation. At about 11:40 p.m., Rosselló's recorded resignation video was released on Facebook." "Despite having the support of the people who elected me democratically, I now feel that continuing in this position will make it difficult for the success achieved so far to last," Rosselló said in the video. "Today, I'm announcing I will be resigning from the governor position effective Friday, August 2, 2019 at 5 p.m." His replacement is expected to be Wanda Vázquez, Puerto Rico's secretary of justice, because of how the commonwealth's line of succession works. The

governor, however, left open the possibility that a different successor could take his place by the time he steps down.

Puerto Ricans celebrated on the streets after their governor resigned:

Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda joined in over Twitter:

Only one new House Democrat appears to have come out for starting impeachment proceedings in the wake of the hearing. She's a freshman from Massachusetts:

Another Democratic freshman congresswoman from California criticized Senate Republicans for blocking an election security bill:

A group of D.C. interns spent the night at the Capitol as they awaited Mueller's testimony:

A Post editor made this note about the significance of Mueller's testimony:

Barack Obama's former chief strategist was one of many who said Mueller has lost his fast ball:

Trump's director of strategic communications, and a former Vice President Pence aide, sought to spin the Mueller testimony by playing with some acronyms:

The former world chess champion and a leading Russian dissident, who chairs the Human Rights Foundation, saw a parallel to Russia as he watched the Mueller hearings:

A GOP consultant, the chief strategist on Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign, lamented what's happened to his party:

From a Post pollster:

The former deputy attorney general has a new gig:

Counselor to the president Kellyanne Conway once again referred to an argument among Democratic women as a "catfight" after Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (Hawaii) said Sen. Kamala Harris (Calif.) isn't fit to serve as president:

And the first lady is already preparing for Christmas:

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "There was a senator, I think it was after my pancreatic cancer, who announced, with great glee, that I was going

to be dead within six months. That senator, whose name I have forgotten, is now himself dead, and I am very much alive." — Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on outlasting her naysayers. (NPR)

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Trump ended up standing in front of a doctored presidential seal featuring a Russian symbol:

This presidential seal does not look like the others

"A closer examination reveals alterations that seem to poke fun at the president's golfing penchant and accusations that he has ties to Russia. Neither the White House nor Turning Point knows how it got there or who created it." (Michael Brice-Saddler and Reis Thebault)

The conservative group Republicans for the Rule of Law shared a new advertisement following Mueller's testimony:

Late-night hosts like Stephen Colbert devoted their monologues to Mueller's testimony:

Seth Meyers took a deep dive into what the former special counsel had to say:

And a 9-year-old girl was tossed in the air by a bison in Yellowstone:

Viral video shows a bison throw a girl into the air

The girl was released from the hospital and no citations have been issued. (Allyson Chiu)

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Volker and Morrison's impeachment testimony, in under 5 minutes

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THE BIG IDEA: They were there to bat cleanup, but both the GOP's witnesses on Tuesday afternoon instead provided fresh fodder for the impeachment case against President Trump.

Rep. Devin Nunes (Calif.), the ranking Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, formally requested the testimony of Kurt Volker, the former special envoy to Ukraine, and Tim Morrison, the National Security Council's former senior director covering Russia and

Ukraine.

Neither of the Republicans had any desire to blame the president who appointed them for any misconduct. Both insisted that they didn't see him do anything illegal. Each seemed content to throw Rudy Giuliani, the president's personal lawyer, and Gordon Sondland, the megadonor who became ambassador to the European Union and is testifying today, under the bus. But they also validated key testimony from other witnesses, deepened a damning fact pattern for Trump and said that the underlying conduct the president stands accused of would generally be inappropriate.

Volker said he "would have objected" if he knew at the time that Trump brought up Joe Biden repeatedly and specifically during the July 25 call with the Ukrainian president. "I have learned many things that I did not know at the time of the events in question," the former envoy proclaimed.

Volker said he drew a line between pushing for an investigation of the company Burisma versus an investigation of Hunter Biden, who once sat on the company's board. "In retrospect I should have seen that connection differently, and had I done so, I would have raised my own objections," he testified. "I don't think raising the 2016 election or Vice President Biden or these things I consider to be conspiracy theories are … things that we should be pursuing."

Kurt Volker calls Biden, server investigations 'conspiracies'

Trump's former envoy also questioned the credibility of the sources that the former New York mayor seemed to rely on. "The allegations against Vice President Biden are self-serving and non-

credible," Volker said. "I have known Vice President Biden for 24 years. He is an honorable man, and I hold him in the highest regard."

Volker said Trump never told him directly that the aid was being withheld unless the Ukrainians announced investigations. He said the president had expressed a "general negative view" of Ukraine that dated back to when he came onboard in 2017. Volker said this perception was somewhat understandable considering the Eastern European nation's historic struggles with corruption.

But he also painted a picture of himself as out of the loop and unaware of the machinations happening behind the scenes. He said he connected Giuliani with a top aide to the new Ukrainian president because he hoped it would smooth the way for a White House meeting and improved bilateral ties. Eager to defend his own reputation, Volker was adamant that he never personally witnessed or participated in illegal conduct. "I was never involved with anything that I considered to be bribery at all," he said. "Or extortion."

-- Both Morrison and Volker said they believe it's inappropriate for an American president to ask a foreign leader to investigate an American citizen. "I don't believe it is appropriate for the president to do that," Volker said in response to a question from Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-Tex.). "If we have law enforcement concerns with a U.S. citizen generally, there are appropriate channels for that." Morrison said he agreed. Then Rep. Peter Welch (D-Vt.) asked about a hypothetical scenario in which a mayor, governor or member of Congress withheld public funds from a law enforcement agency until it investigated his or her political rival. Morrison and Volker agreed that, too, would be improper.

-- Morrison said he reported details of the July 25 call to the National Security Council's top lawyer. He said he worried about the political fallout if the call became public, not its legality, and insisted he wasn't personally bothered by anything Trump said. "As I stated during my deposition, I feared at the time of the call on July 25th how its disclosure would play in Washington's political climate," he said. "My fears have been realized." Morrison also acknowledged that Biden and Burisma were not on the talking points prepared for Trump in advance of the conversation and did not reflect official U.S. policy.

-- Morrison said he had a "sinking feeling" that the money Trump put a freeze on would expire if it wasn't transferred to Ukraine by the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30. He noted that this would force the administration to explain to congressional appropriators why there had been a hold in the first place.

-- Morrison also testified that Sondland informed him that he had told a top aide to Volodymyr Zelensky "that the Ukrainians would have to have the prosecutor general make a statement with respect to the investigations as a condition of having the aid lifted." Under questioning by the Democratic counsel for the Intelligence Committee, Morrison said he was concerned that these were being identified as requirements.

-- Morrison said his predecessor Fiona Hill, who is testifying on Thursday, had warned him about the "Gordon problem," referring to Sondland, when he took over. "I decided to keep track of what Ambassador Sondland was doing," he explained. "I didn't

always act on things Gordon suggested [and] that he believed were important."

Volker says Sondland raised investigations with Ukrainians on July 10

-- Volker said he now remembers details of the July 10 meetings at the White House that he had forgotten, or omitted, during his closed-door deposition in October. Last month, he said there was no discussion of Giuliani or investigations and called the conversations uneventful. Other officials who were there have subsequently testified that John Bolton, then the national security adviser, abruptly ended a meeting in his office when Sondland broached the issue of investigations. On Tuesday, Volker said he now remembers that Sondland did, in fact, make "a general comment" about investigations, though he said it happened as the meeting was wrapping up anyway. "I think all of us thought it was inappropriate," Volker said. "The conversation did not continue, and the meeting concluded." Volker called it "something of an eye-roll moment."

Volker said he still does not have any recollection of Sondland bringing up investigations a second time during a follow-up conversation with the visiting Ukrainians in the Ward Room of the White House. "I may have been engaged in a side conversation, or had already left the complex, because I do not recall further discussion regarding investigations or Burisma," he said in his opening statement.

Jennifer Williams's full opening statement at impeachment hearings

-- Volker and Morrison appeared together on an afternoon panel after the testimony of Army Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman and Jennifer Williams, Vice President Pence's special adviser on Europe. Williams said she thought the July 25 call was "unusual" because "it involved discussion of what appeared to be a domestic political matter." She said no one in the national security firmament supported withholding the aid until Trump froze it. Vindman, the National Security Council's European affairs director, said he considered the president's request that Ukraine investigate Biden to be "inappropriate." The Army officer argued that "it is improper" for Trump "to demand a foreign government investigate a U.S. citizen and political opponent."

-- Interestingly, Morrison and Vindman agreed that moving the rough transcript of the July 25 call to a code-word-level server was not a big deal. But they disagreed on why it happened. Morrison said it was a mistake that resulted from an administrative error, but Vindman saw it as a deliberate attempt to hide a sensitive call. Vindman also said the omission of the word Burisma from the rough transcript of the call wasn't nefarious but the result of the transcription software.

-- The White House issued a statement from Pence's national security adviser Keith Kellogg that said Williams never "reported any personal or professional concerns" to him, her supervisor, regarding the call. "As an exceedingly proud member of President Trump's Administration and as a 34-year highly experienced combat veteran who retired with the rank of Lieutenant General in the Army, I heard nothing wrong or improper on the call," Kellogg said in the statement. "I had and have no concerns."

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Vindman and Williams's impeachment inquiry testimony, in 5 minutes

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-- Sondland is testifying more bluntly this morning than he did during his previous deposition that Trump and Giuliani sought to condition a White House invite for Ukraine's new president to demands that his country publicly launch investigations that could damage Trump's political opponents. Aaron Davis reports: "I know that members of this committee have frequently framed these complicated issues in the form of a simple question: Was there a 'quid pro quo?'" Sondland said in his opening statement. "With regard to the requested White House call and White House meeting, the answer is yes."

In his sworn opening statement, Trump's ambassador also told the House Intelligence Committee that while he never knew for sure if the White House had frozen nearly $400 million in security assistance as part of the pressure campaign against Ukraine, he operated as if that was the case. "In the absence of any credible explanation for the hold, I came to the conclusion that the aid, like the White House visit, was jeopardized," Sondland said. "My belief was that if Ukraine did something to demonstrate a serious intention" to launch the investigations Trump wanted, "then the hold on military aid would be lifted."

-- **"Sondland's future — and possibly his freedom — could also rest on whether lawmakers believe he is telling the whole truth about his role and that of the president,"** Aaron and Rachael Bade report. "Lawmakers in previous inquiries have referred witnesses to the

report. "Lawmakers in previous inquiries have referred witnesses to the Justice Department if they believe they have lied under oath."

-- Here are five question The Fix's Amber Phillips wants Sondland to answer:

- Was he acting of his own volition, or at Trump's direction?
- What did he say to Trump – and what did Trump tell him – on a July 26 phone call from Kyiv?
- Sondland told the Ukrainians their military aid would come when their president made an "anti-corruption statement." Was that code for investigations into the Bidens and 2016 election interference?
- Why didn't Sondland remember the offer he gave to the Ukrainians in his original testimony?
- Why did he agree to testify?

-- Federal prosecutors scrutinizing Giuliani and two of his associates on Thursday will question a top executive at Ukraine's state-owned gas company about his encounters with those associates as the pair pursued energy deals in Ukraine.

Tom Hamburger and Roz Helderman report: "The executive of the Ukrainian company, Andrew Favorov, an American citizen, agreed to meet with prosecutors for the Southern District of New York who had asked to speak with him about his experiences with the two men, Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman. The pair worked with Giuliani to gather information about the Ukraine-related activities of [Joe and Hunter Biden]. Favorov's attorney, Lanny Breuer, said his client 'will voluntarily sit down with the government attorneys.' Breuer declined to comment further."

-- A federal judge said she intends to rule no later than the end of Monday whether former White House counsel Donald McGahn must testify under subpoena before Congress. The House Judiciary Committee asked for an accelerated decision because it aims to call MGahn when likely writing articles of impeachment against Trump. Spencer Hsu reports: "U.S. District Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson of Washington entered an order Tuesday about her deadline intent 'absent unforeseen circumstances' shortly after a filing from House General Counsel Douglas N. Letter arguing last week's opening of the hearings before the House Intelligence Committee was grounds for urgency. … William A. Burck, McGahn's attorney, has said that McGahn will abide by the president's instructions absent a court reversal."

-- Republicans are running through a multitude of shifting – and, at times, contradictory – defenses and deflections as they continue to stick together against Trump's impeachment. Mike DeBonis and Rachael Bade report: "While those attacks — at least 22, according to a Washington Post tally — have done little to undermine the core allegations under investigation in the House, they have been remarkably successful in one respect: keeping congressional Republicans united against impeachment as the GOP casts the probe as partisan."

-- Democrats on the Intelligence Committee and their attorney spoke the most yesterday. Philip Bump crunched the numbers: "We took C-SPAN's closed captioning of the hearing and segmented each exchange by who was asking questions and who was responding. In total, [Schiff] spoke for more than half an hour, including lengthy introductory and closing statements. The total time that the witnesses

… spent answering Democrats' queries was about a minute longer than Schiff's comments and questions. The witnesses spent about 10 more minutes answering Democratic questions than Republican ones, in large part because more Democratic members asked questions."

-- "**Vindman defended himself from claims that Morrison, his boss, had expressed concerns about his judgment, reading from his latest performance evaluation in which another former top NSC official described him as 'brilliant' and 'unflappable,'"** Toluse Olorunnipa reports. "On Tuesday, Trump also sought to downplay Vindman's role and influence. 'I never heard of him. I don't know any of these people,' Trump told reporters during a Cabinet meeting at the White House. 'I don't know Vindman at all. What I do know is that even he said the transcript was correct.'"

-- Vindman's uniform spoke loud at the hearing. His humanity spoke louder, writes fashion critic Robin Givhan: "When Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman appeared before the [Intelligence Committee], his striking presence in his serviceable eyeglasses and his military uniform exuded authority, ferocity and patriotism. As one of the Democratic committee members noted admiringly, Vindman was wearing a Purple Heart on his uniform. He also had a Combat Infantry Badge pinned on the left side of his chest, indicating he'd been involved in active ground combat. For civilian viewers, it was helpful to understand the meanings of some of the insignia on his jacket. **But even without the details, anyone looking at the vast collage of medals spread across his chest could understand the story they told: that Vindman is one of the many dedicated individuals who choose to stand guard so that others might sleep easily."**

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-- Vindman's Army uniform became a proxy symbol, either **bolstering the claims of Democrats or cited as evidence by Republicans that Vindman is using his service as a shield from criticism.** Alex Horton reports: "While active-duty service members routinely wear their full uniforms to testify on Capitol Hill, security experts say the scrutiny of Vindman's uniform has become another data point in the politicization of the space between civil society and the military. The Army's bible for appearance standards, AR 670-1, says all personnel 'will wear an Army uniform when on duty, unless granted an exception by the commander to wear civilian clothes.' 'Most reactions to it imply a choice where there is not one. Commentators are projecting their own feelings without understanding military regulations, a pretty frequent occurrence in civil-military relations,' said Loren DeJonge Schulman, a former Obama defense official who advised national security adviser Susan E. Rice."

-- There have been six episodes in which top Trump administration and Ukrainian officials discussed a potential quid pro quo, according to congressional testimony, public statements and documents. We've gathered the evidence here.

-- Commentary from The Post's opinion page:

- Dana Milbank: "Republicans portrayed Vindman as disloyal. They have no sense of decency."
- Media columnist Margaret Sullivan: "'I don't know what to believe' is an unpatriotic cop-out. Do better, Americans."
- David Von Drehle: "Coach Jordan goes to war for Team Trump."
- Alexandra Petri: "There was definitely no irony in

Alexander Vindman's testimony. Right?"

- Max Boot: "Why the Republican attacks on Alexander Vindman mark a new low."
- Marc Thiessen: "The Democrats' impeachment bombshells aren't exploding."
- Erik Wemple: "Devin Nunes's anti-media rant, annotated."
- Paul Waldman: "At hearing, Republicans sink to new lows in trying to expose whistleblower."

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"Dad, my sitting here today, in the U.S. Capitol, talking to our elected officials is proof that you made the right decision 40 years ago to leave the Soviet Union and come here to the United States of America in search of a better life for our family," Vindman said in his opening statement. "Do not worry, I will be fine for telling the truth."

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Catherine Pugh delivers an address during her inauguration ceremony to become mayor of Baltimore in 2016. (Patrick Semansky/AP)

WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:

-- Baltimore's former mayor Catherine Pugh has been indicted by a federal grand jury on wire fraud and tax evasion over lucrative book deals for her self-published Healthy Holly children's series. Ann Marimow and Peter Hermann report: "Pugh resigned in May after revelations about the deals she allegedly cut with companies connected to the city and state government, setting off another political crisis and setback for the city. Pugh, 69, was the second Baltimore mayor to leave office in the past decade while facing corruption allegations.

"**The indictment accuses her of a years-long scheme dating to 2007.** … Federal agents sought financial documents and other information related to almost $800,000 she allegedly was paid for the books, an enormous amount in the world of children's literature. Pugh is expected to surrender to U.S. Marshals before a court appearance Thursday, prosecutors said. Two former Baltimore employees, Gary Brown Jr, 38, and Roslyn Wedington, 50, have pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and to filing false tax returns, prosecutors said in a statement."

-- Uber plans to record audio of customers during rides in the U.S. Faiz Siddiqui scoops: "The new feature, which is first to be piloted in some Latin American cities next month, allows users to opt in to activate an audio recording on any trip or all trips, according to internal communications viewed by The Washington Post and confirmed by

communications viewed by The Washington Post and confirmed by Uber. In markets where it's available, users would likely be given a blanket warning that trips are subject to recording — and that the feature will be active in their market. Riders and drivers will not be able to listen back. 'When the trip ends, the user will be asked if everything is okay and be able to report a safety incident and submit the audio recording to Uber with a few taps,' according to an email written by an Uber executive ... 'The encrypted audio file is sent to Uber's customer support agents who will use it to better understand an incident and take the appropriate action.' … The new feature raises privacy concerns over the potential to run afoul of wiretapping and eavesdropping statutes aimed at ensuring people are not recorded without their consent."

A Ukrainian soldier finds comfort in a feline friend on the front lines of war

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- U.S. military aid is helping Ukraine fend off Russian aggression, but the drama surrounding the impeachment inquiry is making Kyiv nervous. Sergey Morgunov, Will Englund and Michael Birnbaum report: "Powerful night-vision devices remove the cover of darkness. Counterartillery radar detects and pinpoints the batteries during firing. Surveillance drones, troubled at first by Russian hacking when introduced in 2016, have since proved their worth, Col. Yevhen Bondar said. It all came from the United States, over the course of five years and part of about $4 billion in military and security assistance designed to counter the Moscow-backed separatist rebellion in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region. … The block on a nearly $400 million aid package, approved by Congress, was lifted Sept. 11,

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in time to beat the end of the federal fiscal year. For its part, Ukraine is spending nearly 5.5 percent of its gross domestic product on defense and security this year, or about $10 billion. The Trump-ordered delay was felt in Ukraine — but not so much in terms of spot shortages of military materiel, because equipment such as this always moves in fits and starts. The real fallout has been one of perception among Ukrainian officials and others — the worry that the White House cannot always be counted on to be in Kyiv's corner."

-- But, but, but: $35 million in Pentagon aid still hasn't reached Ukraine, despite White House assurances, reports the L.A. Times.

-- And Zelensky refused to confirm or deny whether he was prepared to publicly announce an investigation into Burisma after his July 25 call with Trump. CNN posted a video that shows him rolling his eyes when asked on Tuesday, before he brushed off the question. "I think everybody in Ukraine is so tired about Burisma," he said. "We have our country. We have our independence. We have our problems and questions. That's it."

-- Two U.S. service members were killed overnight when their helicopter crashed in Afghanistan while supporting combat operations. Sayed Salahuddin and Susannah George report: "The military said the fatalities brought to 19 the number of U.S. combat deaths in Afghanistan this year, adding that the incident is under investigation. **The Taliban said the helicopter was shot down as Afghan and U.S. forces were preparing to launch an attack in the area**, according to a statement from Zabiullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman. The 19 service members killed so far this year by hostile forces, surpasses the total of 13 who died in 2018."

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-- Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is searching for a safe exit from his position ahead of a Senate run, three GOP sources tell Time: "Pompeo's plan had been to remain at the State Department until early spring next year, ... but recent developments, including the House impeachment inquiry, are hurting him politically and straining his relationship with Trump. So Pompeo is rethinking his calendar, say the top Republicans, one who served in the Trump Administration, another who remains in government, and a third who served in several high-ranking posts and is active in GOP politics. The timing of Pompeo's resignation now will be decided by his ability to navigate the smoothest possible exit from the administration, the three Republicans say."

-- "Republicans tasked with keeping the party's Senate majority in the U.S. Senate still see Pompeo as their best option in the open-seat race to succeed retiring Republican Sen. Pat Roberts," the Kansas City Star reports: "At a 'Save the Senate' event on Nov. 8 at Trump International Hotel in Washington, the National Republican Senatorial Committee executive director Kevin McLaughlin told a room full of lawmakers, lobbyists, and GOP donors to call Pompeo and urge him to run ... The gathering took place just weeks after the NRSC, the party's main campaign arm for Senate races, met with Republican Rep. Roger Marshall, the western Kansas congressman pursuing the seat. Marshall leads all current candidates in fundraising by about $1 million. 'I think they certainly understand that we're the frontrunner and I feel like we're getting a lot of good support from them right now,' Marshall said Tuesday when asked about the October meeting."

-- Iran's security forces may have killed more than 100 protesters as part of a brutal crackdown on demonstrations. Erin

as part of a brutal crackdown on demonstrations. Erin Cunningham reports: "The government has acknowledged only five deaths, including four members of the security forces, and has blamed the protests on foreign enemies and saboteurs. If confirmed, the higher death toll would signal a much wider scale of unrest — a crisis taking place under a near-total information blackout. London-based Amnesty said at least 106 demonstrators have been killed in 21 cities since protests began Friday, citing what it said was verified video footage and credible witness testimony. Security forces have used firearms, water cannons and tear gas to disperse protesters, according to the report, which also cited the use of live ammunition."

-- A small group of protesters is still inside Hong Kong's Polytechnic University after a series of mass arrests. Tiffany Liang, Anna Kam, Casey Quackenbush and Gerry Shih report: "Hong Kong's police force said Tuesday that it had apprehended 1,100 people over the past day alone, as months of violent clashes appeared to reach something of a climax. It said many of the detainees would be charged with rioting and possession of offensive weapons. It was the largest number of arrests and injuries on a single day since the protests began five months ago. … In Hong Kong, concerns rose over the relative handful of protesters who have so far refused to leave the besieged campus of Hong Kong Polytechnic University, with authorities urging them to come out peacefully but refusing to rule out action to flush them out. ... In Washington, **the U.S. Senate, in a unanimous vote, passed legislation Tuesday aimed at protecting human rights in Hong Kong** ... The Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act now goes to the House of Representatives, which earlier approved its own version of the measure."

-- A former employee of the British consulate in Hong Kong said

he was repeatedly tortured by Chinese secret police over a two-week period over the protests. Simon Denyer, Tiffany Liang and Casey Quanckenbush report: "Simon Cheng, in an account of his treatment published on Facebook, described being handcuffed and shackled, blindfolded and hooded, deprived of sleep, made to sit absolutely still or hung in a uncomfortable spread-eagled position for hours on end, and constantly threatened during incessant interrogations. British Foreign Minister Dominic Raab said his government was shocked and appalled by the 'brutal and disgraceful treatment' to which Cheng was subjected after being detained during a business trip to Shenzhen in mainland China in August, and said it had summoned the Chinese ambassador in London to protest. But China said its ambassador would never accept Britain's 'false allegations.'"

-- Trump's troop withdrawal from Syria has allowed the Islamic State to gain strength, according to a chilling study by the Pentagon. From Politico: "The withdrawal and incursion allowed ISIS to 'reconstitute capabilities and resources within Syria and strengthen its ability to plan attacks abroad,' the quarterly report from the lead inspector general on the U.S. military campaign against ISIS stated. **The report cited information from the Defense Intelligence Agency.** … 'In the longer term, ISIS will probably seek to regain control of some Syrian population centers and expand its global footprint, the DIA said,' the inspector general added."

-- Israel struck dozens of Iranian targets in Syria in response to rocket fire on the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights. (NBC News)

-- Some Israelis are celebrating the Trump administration's decision to no longer consider their settlements in the West Bank as illegal under international law. Steve Hendrix and Ruth

Bank as illegal under international law. Steve Hendrix and Ruth Eglash report: "At a hastily arranged meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, settler leaders gathered Tuesday at Alon Shvut, a settlement south of Jerusalem, to relish a rare international endorsement of their presence there. 'I admit I am very moved,' Netanyahu said at the gathering. He called the Trump administration's latest policy shift toward Israel 'an achievement that will stand for generations.' For many living in Israel's settlements, the news from Washington was a welcome relief from the drumbeat of condemnation from the international community, including a recent European requirement that products from the settlements carry special labeling. … But observers said their eagerness to do more — add settlements, expand settlements, annex parts of the West Bank — was likely to be met with disappointment, at least in the short term. Like so much else in the intractable Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the bombshell announcement was a noisy outburst not likely to make much difference on the contested ground any time soon."

-- Counterprogramming: On Capitol Hill, a bipartisan mix of officials are showing support for Enes Kanter, the NBA star and Turkish dissident, after Trump welcomed Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to the White House last week. Jacob Bogage reports: "Kanter's jersey from his time with the Oklahoma City Thunder hangs in the office of Sen. James Lankford, a Republican from Oklahoma. He talks about the NBA with Sen. Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat known throughout the Senate as a basketball devotee. He has discussed Interpol red notices with Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) and joked about Boston sports fans with Rep. Joe Kennedy (D-Mass.). Then last week, Kanter, a center for the Boston Celtics, stood shoulder to shoulder with Wyden and Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) in the

Capitol as they introduced human rights legislation aimed at Turkey. ... Kanter has used that attention and the spotlight of his NBA career to crusade for a more democratic Turkey, befriending and recruiting to the cause American lawmakers from each city he has played in during his nine-year NBA career. Few other prominent Turks have taken a stand against Erdogan in Washington."

-- Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his challenger, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, had their first debate last night ahead of the Dec. 12 general election. William Booth and Karla Adam report: "The debate on ITV showcased a dozen ordinary voters allowed to ask their questions. ... Johnson promised he had a Brexit deal ready to pop into the oven, heat and serve. Corbyn said it was 'nonsense' to say Johnson could complete Brexit by January. He said a trade deal with the European Union would take seven years to negotiate. … Johnson said he would get Brexit done — and challenged Corbyn again on his position on Britain's leaving the European Union. Corbyn said he would quickly negotiate a new, softer Brexit deal with the E.U. and then take it to the public in a second referendum. … Corbyn is trailing overall in a sample of recent opinion surveys and, given that he did not break through during the debate, will hope to generate more excitement Thursday with the launch of his party's election manifesto."

-- Years after freezing new projects, China is back to building coal power plants. Gerry Shih reports: "In the past two years, China has expanded its coal fleet by 43 gigawatts — roughly the entire coal-fired capacity of Germany, according to Global Energy Monitor, a group that tracks construction in the Chinese power industry using public announcements and satellite images. Excluding China, global coal power capacity would otherwise be dropping as countries in Europe and elsewhere decommission old facilities and switch to other

energy sources, the group said in a report released Wednesday."

-- Venice's plan to protect itself from flooding became a disaster in itself. Chico Harlan and Stefano Pitrelli report: "It is among the most ambitious works of civil engineering in modern Italian history, an underwater fortress of steel designed to rise from the depths during high tides to protect the lagoon city of Venice. But decades after being conceived, the project remains incomplete and unusable, little more than a refuge for the clams and barnacles that have made the machinery their home. Venice, meantime, remains vulnerable, as demonstrated by the tides that inundated the city last week, flooding piazzas, churches and hotels, depositing layers of salt that eat away marble. The city's 6 billion euro flood barrier has been under construction since 2003 and was originally supposed to take eight years. Now, the best guess is that it will be ready by 2021 or 2022. Some experts say that, given the pace of sea-level rise, it may be obsolete just decades after it starts operating. Others wonder, given its sorry history, whether the system will ever be ready. Parts of the underwater project are already corroding."

Edward Gallagher steps out of his court-martial in San Diego. (John Gastaldo/Reuters)

DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS THAT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED:

-- Chief Petty Officer Edward Gallagher, days after being pardoned for war crimes by Trump, has been ordered to appear before Navy leaders today, where he is expected to be notified that he'll be ousted from the Navy SEALs. From the Times: "Navy

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that he'll be ousted from the Navy SEALs. From the Times: "Navy officials had planned to begin the process of taking away Chief Gallagher's Trident pin, the symbol of his membership in the SEALs, earlier this month. But as he waited outside his commander's office, Navy leaders sought clearance from the White House that never came, and no action was taken. Admiral [Collin] Green now has the authorization he needs from the Navy to act against Chief Gallagher, and the formal letter notifying the chief of the action has been drafted by the admiral … **The Navy also plans to take the Tridents of three SEAL officers who oversaw Chief Gallagher** — Lt. Cmdr. Robert Breisch, Lt. Jacob Portier and Lt. Thomas MacNeil — and their letters have been drafted as well … Removing a Trident does not entail a reduction in rank, but it effectively ends a SEAL's career. … **The move sets up a potential confrontation between Mr. Trump, who has repeatedly championed Chief Gallagher, and Admiral Green, who has said he intends to overhaul discipline and ethics in the SEAL teams and sees Chief Gallagher's behavior as an obstacle.**"

-- White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham is facing backlash after she claimed without evidence that aides to former president Barack Obama left behind disparaging messages on the day Trump was inaugurated. Toluse Olorunnipa and Josh Dawsey report: "Grisham said that White House aides left 'Obama books' throughout the White House and taped a big 'You will fail' sign on the door of the press office before Trump aides moved in — claims that sparked a chorus of condemnation from former Obama administration officials. Grisham then modified her assertions later in the day, changing key parts of her story and saying she viewed the alleged conduct as little more than a harmless prank. … Grisham did not provide evidence to back up her allegations. No other

administration official has made any similar allegations publicly in the 34 months since Trump entered the White House. Five former senior administration officials present on Day One in 2017 said they do not remember witnessing or hearing of any notes like the ones that Grisham described. 'Not in my office,' said one of the former officials."

-- The American Medical Association called for an immediate ban on all electronic cigarettes and vaping devices. From the AP: "The AMA cited a surge in underage teen use of e-cigarettes, which typically heat a solution that contains nicotine. 'It's simple, we must keep nicotine products out of the hands of young people,' Dr. Patrice Harris, AMA's president, said in a statement. The doctors' group said a separate health issue also prompted its action — the recent U.S. outbreak of lung illnesses linked to vaping. Most of those sickened said they vaped THC, the high-inducing ingredient in marijuana, not nicotine. Officials believe a thickening agent used in black market THC vaping products may be a culprit."

-- Scott Gottlieb, who served as Trump's commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration for the first two years of the administration, explained what he thinks the Trump administration should do on vaping: "E-cigs aren't safe, but when used properly they are not nearly has harmful as lighting tobacco on fire and smoking it. **Yet providing adult smokers with a safer alternative to cigarettes cannot come at the expense of addicting a generation of young people to nicotine with these same products**. New data from the Food and Drug Administration shows almost a third of teens now vape. And according to a study published in February in the Journal of the American Medical Association, young people who start out using nicotine through e-cigs are more likely to become long-term smokers. **The solution is to get e-cigs out of the**

become long-term smokers. **The solution is to get e-cigs out of the hands of kids but preserve the devices' potential to help adult smokers fully quit cigarettes."**

-- The House passed a short-term spending bill to avert a government shutdown on Friday, setting up a December showdown over Trump's border wall that could fall in the midst of impeachment votes. Erica Werner reports: "The legislation, which passed 231 to 192, extends government funding through Dec. 20. It must pass the Senate and be signed by Trump before midnight Thursday. If not, government funding would expire, causing many agencies to begin to shutter operations and furlough staff. The Senate is expected to act on the legislation ahead of the deadline. A senior administration official said Tuesday that Trump is expected to sign the bill. …

"Ahead of the vote, lawmakers of both parties bemoaned their failure to agree on the 12 annual spending bills for 2020, and the resulting need to enact short-term measures once again. … And **in an ominous sign of increased partisanship around the spending process, only 12 House Republicans voted in favor of the short-term spending bill Tuesday -- many fewer than the 76 Republicans who supported the last stop-gap bill."**

-- Former House speaker John Boehner returned to a Capitol transformed from heated partisanship into a cauldron of constitutional standoff. Paul Kane reports: "Officially there to unveil a portrait that will hang in a venerated room just off the House floor, Boehner brought with him one last bid to get his former colleagues to embrace a style that charmed friends and enemies alike. He remains an eternal optimist who views the world as a 'glass half full' — usually

with red wine in one hand, a Camel cigarette in the other, handkerchief stuffed into his coat pocket to wipe away his ever-flowing tears. 'It doesn't cost anything to be nice. I'd like to think we were able to disagree without being disagreeable,' Boehner told several hundred well-wishers inside Statuary Hall. 'And I'd like to think that we tried to do the right things for the right reasons.' **Boehner rejected the chance to weigh in on impeachment, as he did again Tuesday in an interview with Fox Business Network, where he and one of his lobbying partners, Joseph Crowley (D-N.Y.), the former member of House Democratic leadership, touted a pension plan supported by their firm.** 'I'll just observe,' Boehner said of Trump."

-- Customs and Border Protection issued a new edict regarding which U.S. officials are worthy of a framed portrait on the agency's walls: Just the president. Maria Sacchetti reports: "The shrinking photo gallery is the result of an agency mandate to feature only Senate-confirmed leaders and elected officials on its walls. Because Trump has said he prefers to keep many top officials in 'acting' positions to make it easier to fire them, and because the president has repeatedly refused to nominate the agency's leaders for confirmation, Trump's photo will stand alone. … CBP issued the edict because Trump last week replaced acting DHS secretary Kevin McAleenan with acting DHS secretary Chad Wolf. Because McAleenan was CBP's most recently confirmed commissioner, he appeared on the agency's walls in that capacity, agency spokeswoman Stephanie Malin said. The agency displays only portraits of officials in 'confirmed leadership positions.'"

-- Two jail workers were charged with falsifying records of checks on Jeffrey Epstein the night he died. Devlin Barrett reports: "A grand jury charged Tova Noel and Michael Thomas with conspiring

A grand jury charged Tova Noel and Michael Thomas with conspiring to defraud the United States and making false records while working at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan. They are accused of repeatedly signing false paperwork that they conducted regular checks Aug. 10 on Epstein and other inmates. Epstein was found hanging in his cell early that morning, and the city's medical examiner ruled his death a suicide. For 'substantial portions of their shifts, Noel and Thomas sat at their desk, browsed the Internet, and moved around the common area' of the section of the jail where Epstein was held, known as the Special Housing Unit, or SHU, the grand jury charged. The indictment charges that Noel and Thomas repeatedly signed false 'count slips' even though they failed to conduct the required counts at midnight, 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. They also failed to check more frequently on Epstein, as had been ordered by higher-ups at the jail, according to the indictment. The document repeatedly notes that its charges are based on 'video from the MCC's internal video surveillance system.'"

-- The Arizona man who sold ammunition to the gunman who carried out the 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas pleaded guilty. From NBC News: "Douglas Haig, 57, of Mesa, Arizona, admitted he made ammunition without a license. Haig came under investigation when armor-piercing bullets found inside Stephen Paddock's hotel room had Haig's fingerprints on them. Haig has admitted selling 720 rounds of tracer ammunition to the shooter in the weeks before the massacre that killed 58 people. Haig's guilty plea involves the illegal manufacture of armor-piercing rounds."

-- Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) wants compassion for the Trump supporter convicted of making death threats against her. Lateshia Beachum reports: "Patrick W. Carlineo Jr., 55, of Addison, N.Y., entered the guilty plea before Chief U.S. District Judge Frank P. Geraci

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for threatening to assault and murder the freshman congresswoman and for being a felon in possession of firearms ... The plea stems from a March call that Carlineo made to Omar's Washington, D.C., office. … **Although he faces up to 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine, Omar wrote an open letter to Geraci requesting that he refrain from sentencing Carlineo to a long prison term and a large fine. Carlineo needs compassion and restorative justice that will allow him to understand the consequences of his actions and to make amends, she wrote.** ... Carlineo told an FBI special agent that 'if our forefathers were still alive, they'd put a bullet in her head' ... He told investigators that he was a President Trump-loving patriot who 'hates radical Muslims' in the government ... Carlineo told FBI agents that he had a shotgun and a .22 caliber firearm at his home that he claimed belonged to his girlfriend but later admitted to belonged to him..."

-- A white teen girl with a detailed plan for a racist attack on black churchgoers in her notebook was arrested in Georgia, police said. Derek Hawkins reports: "The 16-year-old girl was charged with attempt to commit murder after students at her high school told administrators she had a notebook filled with 'detailed plans' to kill members of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Gainesville, Ga., according to police. **The alleged plot was 'definitely racially motivated,' said Sgt. Kevin Holbrook of the Gainesville Police Department.** The notebook, he said, contained 'manifesto-type' language that discussed how she wanted to assault black parishioners with butcher knives and other sharp-edged weapons."

-- An Air Force master sergeant, Cory Reeves, was demoted after being accused of spreading white nationalist propaganda, but he

is allowed to continue serving. Katie Shepherd reports: “The episode highlights a growing concern about active-duty military and veterans joining the ranks of white supremacist organizations. The leaked Discord chat logs, published by the nonprofit media collective Unicorn Riot in March, led journalists and activists to expose members of the Air Force, Army and Marine Corps as members of Identity Evropa, which has been labeled a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center."

-- A white supremacist manifesto received by Syracuse University students prompted a fresh wave of concern on the campus where nearly a dozen racist incidents in the past two weeks have sparked calls for outside investigations. Kim Bellware reports: “Since Nov. 7, when racist scrawls were discovered in dormitory bathrooms and hallways, the campus of nearly 23,000 students has been shaken by at least 10 more hate-fueled episodes ... The incidents have drawn national attention and spurred sit-ins, protests and intervention from the state’s top elected officials. Freshman Dumebi Ebemor said Tuesday that university officials had not canceled classes after the distribution of the manifesto, which Syracuse police later said appears to be identical to the white supremacist manifesto shared by the gunman in the Christchurch massacre in New Zealand. The racist screed was sent to students in the university’s Bird Library via the Apple file-sharing feature AirDrop."

Pete Buttigieg, Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris take the stage before their debate in Houston. (Mike Blake/Reuters)

2020 WATCH:

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-- We are co-hosting a Democratic debate tonight with MSNBC. Here's what you need to know:

- Debate coverage starts at 8 p.m. EST, and the debate will run from 9 to 11 p.m. EST.
- It's being held in Atlanta at the Tyler Perry Studios, and you can watch online on washingtonpost.com or on our apps, as well as on MSNBC.
- Ten candidates qualified to be onstage, meaning this debate has two fewer candidates than last month.

-- Dave Weigel sketches out what he's watching for tonight:

- **What does Pete Buttigieg do under pressure?** "Every other campaign has some level of contempt for the South Bend, Ind., mayor. Some have expressed it subtly, like [Elizabeth] Warren decrying 'consultant-driven' campaigns; some have been more direct, like former HUD secretary Julián Castro warning that Buttigieg can't excite nonwhite voters. … In the past, Buttigieg has gotten around tough questions with the help of rival candidates who didn't want to attack him."
- **Can Warren fight from a corner?** "The Massachusetts senator's slip in the polls could benefit her in one small way: It's put more pressure on Buttigieg. … Warren's campaign has readied itself for attacks on her past and has been occasionally surprised when they haven't come."
- **Does Bernie Sanders still treat Warren like a partner?** "For the first time, Sanders and Warren do

have slightly different plans: Warren would use her first budget to begin enrolling people in an expanded version of Medicare but not end duplicative private insurance until three years later. The question is whether Sanders, who is generally viewed by voters as more trustworthy than Warren, explores that question or defends the overall goal of his legislation, shared by Warren, against all comers."

-- Biden is planning a major Iowa push after tonight's debate as concerns grow about his weaknesses in the first voting state. Matt Viser and Holly Bailey report: "Biden's campaign once shrugged off the potential impact of losing the caucus vote on Feb. 3, but concerns lately have grown about just how poorly he might do. Desperate to avoid a humiliating showing that might have broader repercussions, Biden is planning a renewed focus on Iowa, with an expectation that both he and his wife, Jill, soon will make the kind of extended trips to the state that other candidates have for months. They also have launched a new digital campaign and could have additional endorsements in the works."

-- Biden has durable support from a multiracial coalition of working-class workers who see him as one of their own. From the Times: "In dozens of interviews, from parades and union rallies to black churches and political picnics, working-class Democrats who support Mr. Biden explained their views in practical terms: they know and trust the Scranton native from his long tenure as a Delaware senator and as Barack Obama's vice president, they find his incremental policy proposals realistic and they think he can win. … **Surveys in this race indicate a return to the longstanding tradition in Democratic primaries of voters splitting along class lines, and illuminate a**

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primaries of voters splitting along class lines, and illuminate a key slice of Mr. Biden's base. … For some voters, Mr. Biden appeals because there are strategic assumptions at work: many black working-class Democrats believe that white America will only support a well-known white male, such as Mr. Biden, while a number of working-class white Democrats also believe he is the most acceptable nominee. Some voters cited the misogyny and racism that female candidates and candidates of color have experienced in previous races."

-- There are two Rhodes Scholars running for president, but Buttigieg gets way more credit for this than Cory Booker. From HuffPost: "HuffPost searched mentions in U.S. publications for 2019, finding that news outlets cited Buttigieg's Rhodes scholarship 596 times. Booker had just 79 mentions." Booker also attended Stanford and Yale Law.

-- Documents reveal that a massive "dark-money" group pumped $140 million into Democratic and left-leaning causes in 2018. From Politico: "The Sixteen Thirty Fund, a little-known nonprofit headquartered in Washington, spent $141 million on more than 100 left-leaning causes during the midterm election year, according to a new tax filing from the group. The money contributed to efforts ranging from fighting Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh and other Trump judicial nominees to boosting ballot measures raising the minimum wage and changing laws on voting and redistricting in numerous states. The spending was fueled by massive anonymous donations, including one gift totaling $51.7 million. That single donation was more than the group had ever raised before in an entire year before [Trump] was elected."

-- Liberal groups, anxious over Trump's growing lead in the

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money race, are committing to spend in general-election swing states during the primaries. Michelle Ye Hee Lee reports: “By the time voters coalesce around a nominee, Democratic operatives worry, it will be too late to overcome Trump’s fundraising advantages in the general election. Already, pro-Trump committees have spent more than $500 million on his reelection — far more than previous incumbents at this point in the election. As a result, more than a dozen groups backed by high-dollar Democratic donors have pledged to spend at least $420 million through the primary season, focused largely on general-election swing states. Their efforts range from running anti-Trump digital ads to funding legal challenges to voter restriction that could hamper Democratic turnout. ‘We can’t wait until we have a candidate to do this work,’ said Tara McGowan, founder and chief executive of Acronym, a politically active nonprofit supporting Democrats."

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

Michigan Rep. Justin Amash, who left the Republican Party on July 4 to become an independent after concluding that Trump committed impeachable offenses, said Volker and Morrison didn't help the GOP's case:

From a former Republican congresswoman who was defeated in Virginia last November:

Another former GOP congressman, who represented Florida and has

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Another former GOP congressman, who represented Florida and has emerged as a Trump critic, mocked an ex-colleague:

The official White House Twitter account attacked a current White House official in the middle of that official's testimony before Congress:

The White House's director of social media also attacked Vindman from his government account, prompting this observation from a Post colleague:

The president's son also attacked the Army officer:

Twin jokes were made during Vindman's testimony:

Rep. John Ratcliffe (R-Tex.) brought props:

A Politico reporter compared Volker's private deposition with his public testimony:

One of our national security correspondents explained how Volker's

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story still doesn't really add up:

And a CNN correspondent observed another damning fact pattern that's now taken as a given:

The two witnesses in the morning went back to work at the White House after their testimony:

Former Obama aides pushed back on White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham's allegations that they left hateful notes behind for their Trump counterparts:

Actual notes Obama aides left behind for their replacements were shared online:

ABC's White House correspondent shared some images from the day the Trump aides moved into their offices:

Bernie Sanders took a stance in support of minor league teams:

And Bei Bei the panda is flying to China with a really nice set up:

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), who participated in the impeachment inquiries into Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton, shares what's different about this time:

Rep. Zoe Lofgren shares what she's learned after witnessing every modern impeachment inquiry

Stephen Colbert said Vindman wasn't afraid to clap back:

Here's one such moment:

Seth Meyers said Republicans are trying to attack the impeachment hearing witnesses because they have no defense:

Trevor Noah took a look at another D.C. scandal:

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Witnesses called by GOP to defend Trump offer more bad facts for the president

Volker and Morrison's impeachment testimony, in under 5 minutes

BY JAMES HOHMANN

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THE BIG IDEA: They were there to bat cleanup, but both the GOP's witnesses on Tuesday afternoon instead provided fresh fodder for the impeachment case against President Trump.

Rep. Devin Nunes (Calif.), the ranking Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, formally requested the testimony of Kurt Volker, the former special envoy to Ukraine, and Tim Morrison, the National Security Council's former senior director covering Russia and Ukraine.

Neither of the Republicans had any desire to blame the president who appointed them for any misconduct. Both insisted that they didn't see him do anything illegal. Each seemed content to throw Rudy Giuliani, the president's personal lawyer, and Gordon

Sondland, the megadonor who became ambassador to the European Union and is testifying today, under the bus. But they also validated key testimony from other witnesses, deepened a damning fact pattern for Trump and said that the underlying conduct the president stands accused of would generally be inappropriate.

Volker said he "would have objected" if he knew at the time that Trump brought up Joe Biden repeatedly and specifically during the July 25 call with the Ukrainian president. "I have learned many things that I did not know at the time of the events in question," the former envoy proclaimed.

Volker said he drew a line between pushing for an investigation of the company Burisma versus an investigation of Hunter Biden, who once sat on the company's board. "In retrospect I should have seen that connection differently, and had I done so, I would have raised my own objections," he testified. "I don't think raising the 2016 election or Vice President Biden or these things I consider to be conspiracy theories are … things that we should be pursuing."

Kurt Volker calls Biden, server investigations 'conspiracies'

Trump's former envoy also questioned the credibility of the sources that the former New York mayor seemed to rely on. "The allegations against Vice President Biden are self-serving and non-credible," Volker said. "I have known Vice President Biden for 24 years. He is an honorable man, and I hold him in the highest regard."

Volker said Trump never told him directly that the aid was being withheld unless the Ukrainians announced investigations. He said the president had expressed a "general negative view" of Ukraine that dated back to when he came onboard in 2017. Volker said this perception was somewhat understandable considering the Eastern European nation's historic struggles with corruption.

But he also painted a picture of himself as out of the loop and unaware of the

machinations happening behind the scenes. He said he connected Giuliani with a top aide to the new Ukrainian president because he hoped it would smooth the way for a White House meeting and improved bilateral ties. Eager to defend his own reputation, Volker was adamant that he never personally witnessed or participated in illegal conduct. “I was never involved with anything that I considered to be bribery at all,” he said. “Or extortion.”

-- Both Morrison and Volker said they believe it’s inappropriate for an American president to ask a foreign leader to investigate an American citizen. “I don’t believe it is appropriate for the president to do that,” Volker said in response to a question from Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-Tex.). “If we have law enforcement concerns with a U.S. citizen generally, there are appropriate channels for that.” Morrison said he agreed. Then Rep. Peter Welch (D-Vt.) asked about a hypothetical scenario in which a mayor, governor or member of Congress withheld public funds from a law enforcement agency until it investigated his or her political rival. Morrison and Volker agreed that, too, would be improper.

Morrison: Ukraine aid was contingent on investigations, per Sondland

-- Morrison said he reported details of the July 25 call to the National Security Council’s top lawyer. He said he worried about the political fallout if the call became public, not its legality, and insisted he wasn’t personally bothered by anything Trump said. “As I stated during my deposition, I feared at the time of the call on July 25th how its disclosure would play in Washington’s political climate,” he said. “My fears have been realized.” Morrison also acknowledged that Biden and Burisma were not on the talking points prepared for Trump in advance of the conversation and did not reflect official U.S. policy.

-- Morrison said he had a “sinking feeling” that the money Trump put a freeze on

would expire if it wasn't transferred to Ukraine by the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30. He noted that this would force the administration to explain to congressional appropriators why there had been a hold in the first place.

-- Morrison also testified that Sondland informed him that he had told a top aide to Volodymyr Zelensky "that the Ukrainians would have to have the prosecutor general make a statement with respect to the investigations as a condition of having the aid lifted." Under questioning by the Democratic counsel for the Intelligence Committee, Morrison said he was concerned that these were being identified as requirements.

-- Morrison said his predecessor Fiona Hill, who is testifying on Thursday, had warned him about the "Gordon problem," referring to Sondland, when he took over. "I decided to keep track of what Ambassador Sondland was doing," he explained. "I didn't always act on things Gordon suggested [and] that he believed were important."

Volker says Sondland raised investigations with Ukrainians on July 10

-- Volker said he now remembers details of the July 10 meetings at the White House that he had forgotten, or omitted, during his closed-door deposition in October. Last month, he said there was no discussion of Giuliani or investigations and called the conversations uneventful. Other officials who were there have subsequently testified that John Bolton, then the national security adviser, abruptly ended a meeting in his office when Sondland broached the issue of investigations. On Tuesday, Volker said he now remembers that Sondland did, in fact, make "a general comment" about investigations, though he said it happened as the meeting was wrapping up anyway. "I think all of us thought it was inappropriate," Volker said. "The conversation did not continue, and the meeting concluded." Volker called it "something of an eye-roll moment."

Volker said he still does not have any recollection of Sondland bringing up

investigations a second time during a follow-up conversation with the visiting Ukrainians in the Ward Room of the White House. "I may have been engaged in a side conversation, or had already left the complex, because I do not recall further discussion regarding investigations or Burisma," he said in his opening statement.

Jennifer Williams's full opening statement at impeachment hearings

-- Volker and Morrison appeared together on an afternoon panel after the testimony of Army Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman and Jennifer Williams, Vice President Pence's special adviser on Europe. Williams said she thought the July 25 call was "unusual" because "it involved discussion of what appeared to be a domestic political matter." She said no one in the national security firmament supported withholding the aid until Trump froze it. Vindman, the National Security Council's European affairs director, said he considered the president's request that Ukraine investigate Biden to be "inappropriate." The Army officer argued that "it is improper" for Trump "to demand a foreign government investigate a U.S. citizen and political opponent."

-- Interestingly, Morrison and Vindman agreed that moving the rough transcript of the July 25 call to a code-word-level server was not a big deal. But they disagreed on why it happened. Morrison said it was a mistake that resulted from an administrative error, but Vindman saw it as a deliberate attempt to hide a sensitive call. Vindman also said the omission of the word Burisma from the rough transcript of the call wasn't nefarious but the result of the transcription software.

-- The White House issued a statement from Pence's national security adviser Keith Kellogg that said Williams never "reported any personal or professional concerns" to him, her supervisor, regarding the call. "As an exceedingly proud member of President Trump's Administration and as a 34-year highly experienced

combat veteran who retired with the rank of Lieutenant General in the Army, I heard nothing wrong or improper on the call," Kellogg said in the statement. "I had and have no concerns."

Vindman and Williams's impeachment inquiry testimony, in 5 minutes

MORE TEAM COVERAGE:

-- Sondland is testifying more bluntly this morning than he did during his previous deposition that Trump and Giuliani sought to condition a White House invite for Ukraine's new president to demands that his country publicly launch investigations that could damage Trump's political opponents. Aaron Davis reports: "I know that members of this committee have frequently framed these complicated issues in the form of a simple question: Was there a 'quid pro quo?'" Sondland said in his opening statement. "With regard to the requested White House call and White House meeting, the answer is yes."

In his sworn opening statement, Trump's ambassador also told the House Intelligence Committee that while he never knew for sure if the White House had frozen nearly $400 million in security assistance as part of the pressure campaign against Ukraine, he operated as if that was the case. "In the absence of any credible explanation for the hold, I came to the conclusion that the aid, like the White House visit, was jeopardized," Sondland said. "My belief was that if Ukraine did something to demonstrate a serious intention" to launch the investigations Trump wanted, "then the hold on military aid would be lifted."

-- "**Sondland's future — and possibly his freedom — could also rest on whether lawmakers believe he is telling the whole truth about his role and that of the president**," Aaron and Rachael Bade report. "Lawmakers in previous inquiries have referred witnesses to the Justice Department if they believe they have lied under oath."

-- Here are five question The Fix's Amber Phillips wants Sondland to answer:

- Was he acting of his own volition, or at Trump's direction?
- What did he say to Trump – and what did Trump tell him – on a July 26 phone call from Kyiv?
- Sondland told the Ukrainians their military aid would come when their president made an "anti-corruption statement." Was that code for investigations into the Bidens and 2016 election interference?
- Why didn't Sondland remember the offer he gave to the Ukrainians in his original testimony?
- Why did he agree to testify?

-- Federal prosecutors scrutinizing Giuliani and two of his associates on Thursday will question a top executive at Ukraine's state-owned gas company about his encounters with those associates as the pair pursued energy deals in Ukraine. Tom Hamburger and Roz Helderman report: "The executive of the Ukrainian company, Andrew Favorov, an American citizen, agreed to meet with prosecutors for the Southern District of New York who had asked to speak with him about his experiences with the two men, Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman. The pair worked with Giuliani to gather information about the Ukraine-related activities of [Joe and Hunter Biden]. Favorov's attorney, Lanny Breuer, said his client 'will voluntarily sit down with the government attorneys.' Breuer declined to comment further."

-- A federal judge said she intends to rule no later than the end of Monday whether former White House counsel Donald McGahn must testify under subpoena before Congress. The House Judiciary Committee asked for an accelerated decision because it aims to call MGahn when likely writing articles of impeachment against Trump. Spencer Hsu reports: "U.S. District Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson of Washington entered an order Tuesday about her deadline intent 'absent unforeseen circumstances' shortly after a filing from House General Counsel Douglas N. Letter arguing last week's opening of the hearings before the House Intelligence Committee was grounds for urgency. … William A. Burck, McGahn's attorney, has said that McGahn will abide by

the president's instructions absent a court reversal."

-- Republicans are running through a multitude of shifting – and, at times, contradictory – defenses and deflections as they continue to stick together against Trump's impeachment. Mike DeBonis and Rachael Bade report: "While those attacks — at least 22, according to a Washington Post tally — have done little to undermine the core allegations under investigation in the House, they have been remarkably successful in one respect: keeping congressional Republicans united against impeachment as the GOP casts the probe as partisan."

-- Democrats on the Intelligence Committee and their attorney spoke the most yesterday. Philip Bump crunched the numbers: "We took C-SPAN's closed captioning of the hearing and segmented each exchange by who was asking questions and who was responding. In total, [Schiff] spoke for more than half an hour, including lengthy introductory and closing statements. The total time that the witnesses … spent answering Democrats' queries was about a minute longer than Schiff's comments and questions. The witnesses spent about 10 more minutes answering Democratic questions than Republican ones, in large part because more Democratic members asked questions."

-- "**Vindman defended himself from claims that Morrison, his boss, had expressed concerns about his judgment, reading from his latest performance evaluation in which another former top NSC official described him as 'brilliant' and 'unflappable,'"** Toluse Olorunnipa reports. "On Tuesday, Trump also sought to downplay Vindman's role and influence. 'I never heard of him. I don't know any of these people,' Trump told reporters during a Cabinet meeting at the White House. 'I don't know Vindman at all. What I do know is that even he said the transcript was correct.'"

-- Vindman's uniform spoke loud at the hearing. His humanity spoke louder, writes fashion critic Robin Givhan: "When Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman appeared before the [Intelligence Committee], his striking presence in his serviceable eyeglasses and his military uniform exuded authority, ferocity and patriotism. As one of the Democratic committee members noted admiringly, Vindman was wearing a Purple Heart on his

uniform. He also had a Combat Infantry Badge pinned on the left side of his chest, indicating he'd been involved in active ground combat. For civilian viewers, it was helpful to understand the meanings of some of the insignia on his jacket. **But even without the details, anyone looking at the vast collage of medals spread across his chest could understand the story they told: that Vindman is one of the many dedicated individuals who choose to stand guard so that others might sleep easily."**

-- Vindman's Army uniform became a proxy symbol, either bolstering the claims of Democrats or cited as evidence by Republicans that Vindman is using his service as a shield from criticism. Alex Horton reports: "While active-duty service members routinely wear their full uniforms to testify on Capitol Hill, security experts say the scrutiny of Vindman's uniform has become another data point in the politicization of the space between civil society and the military. The Army's bible for appearance standards, AR 670-1, says all personnel 'will wear an Army uniform when on duty, unless granted an exception by the commander to wear civilian clothes.' 'Most reactions to it imply a choice where there is not one. Commentators are projecting their own feelings without understanding military regulations, a pretty frequent occurrence in civil-military relations,' said Loren DeJonge Schulman, a former Obama defense official who advised national security adviser Susan E. Rice."

-- There have been six episodes in which top Trump administration and Ukrainian officials discussed a potential quid pro quo, according to congressional testimony, public statements and documents. We've gathered the evidence here.

-- Commentary from The Post's opinion page:

- Dana Milbank: "Republicans portrayed Vindman as disloyal. They have no sense of decency."
- Media columnist Margaret Sullivan: "'I don't know what to believe' is an unpatriotic cop-out. Do better, Americans."
- David Von Drehle: "Coach Jordan goes to war for Team Trump."
- Alexandra Petri: "There was definitely no irony in Alexander Vindman's testimony. Right?"

- Max Boot: “Why the Republican attacks on Alexander Vindman mark a new low.”
- Marc Thiessen: “The Democrats’ impeachment bombshells aren’t exploding.”
- Erik Wemple: “Devin Nunes’s anti-media rant, annotated.”
- Paul Waldman: “At hearing, Republicans sink to new lows in trying to expose whistleblower.”

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“Dad, my sitting here today, in the U.S. Capitol, talking to our elected officials is proof that you made the right decision 40 years ago to leave the Soviet Union and come here to the United States of America in search of a better life for our family,” Vindman said in his opening statement. “Do not worry, I will be fine for telling the truth.”

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Catherine Pugh delivers an address during her inauguration ceremony to become mayor of Baltimore in 2016. (Patrick Semansky/AP)

WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:

-- Baltimore's former mayor Catherine Pugh has been indicted by a federal grand jury on wire fraud and tax evasion over lucrative book deals for her self-published Healthy Holly children's series. Ann Marimow and Peter Hermann report: "Pugh resigned in May after revelations about the deals she allegedly cut with companies connected to the city and state government, setting off another political crisis and setback for the city. Pugh, 69, was the second Baltimore mayor to leave office in the past decade while facing corruption allegations.

"**The indictment accuses her of a years-long scheme dating to 2007.** … Federal agents sought financial documents and other information related to almost $800,000 she allegedly was paid for the books, an enormous amount in the world of children's literature. Pugh is expected to surrender to U.S. Marshals before a court appearance Thursday, prosecutors said. Two former Baltimore employees, Gary Brown Jr, 38, and Roslyn Wedington, 50, have pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and to filing false tax returns, prosecutors said in a statement."

-- Uber plans to record audio of customers during rides in the U.S. Faiz Siddiqui scoops: "The new feature, which is first to be piloted in some Latin American cities next month, allows users to opt in to activate an audio recording on any trip or all trips, according to internal communications viewed by The Washington Post and confirmed by Uber. In markets where it's available, users would likely be given a blanket warning that trips are subject to recording — and that the feature will be active in their market. Riders and drivers will not be able to listen back. 'When the trip ends, the user will be asked if everything is okay and be able to report a safety incident and submit the audio recording to Uber with a few taps,' according to an email written by an Uber executive ... 'The encrypted audio file is sent to Uber's customer support agents who will use it to better understand an incident and take the appropriate action.' … The new feature raises privacy concerns over the potential to run afoul of wiretapping and eavesdropping statutes aimed at ensuring people are not recorded without their consent."

A Ukrainian soldier finds comfort in a feline friend on the front lines of war

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- U.S. military aid is helping Ukraine fend off Russian aggression, but the drama surrounding the impeachment inquiry is making Kyiv nervous. Sergey Morgunov, Will Englund and Michael Birnbaum report: "Powerful night-vision devices remove the cover of darkness. Counterartillery radar detects and pinpoints the batteries during firing. Surveillance drones, troubled at first by Russian hacking when introduced in 2016, have since proved their worth, Col. Yevhen Bondar said. It all came from the United States, over the course of five years and part of about $4 billion in military and security assistance designed to counter the Moscow-backed separatist rebellion in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region. … The block on a nearly $400 million aid package, approved by Congress, was lifted Sept. 11, in time to beat the end of the federal fiscal year. For its part, Ukraine is spending nearly 5.5 percent of its gross domestic product on defense and security this year, or about $10 billion. The Trump-ordered delay was felt in Ukraine — but not so much in terms of spot shortages of military materiel, because equipment such as this always moves in fits and starts. The real fallout has been one of perception among Ukrainian officials and others — the worry that the White House cannot always be counted on to be in Kyiv's corner."

-- But, but, but: $35 million in Pentagon aid still hasn't reached Ukraine, despite White House assurances, reports the L.A. Times.

-- And Zelensky refused to confirm or deny whether he was prepared to publicly announce an investigation into Burisma after his July 25 call with Trump. CNN posted a video that shows him rolling his eyes when asked on Tuesday, before he brushed off the question. "I think everybody in Ukraine is so tired about Burisma," he said. "We have our country. We have our independence. We have our problems and questions. That's it."

-- Two U.S. service members were killed overnight when their helicopter crashed in Afghanistan while supporting combat operations. Sayed Salahuddin and Susannah George report: "The military said the fatalities brought to 19 the number of

U.S. combat deaths in Afghanistan this year, adding that the incident is under investigation. **The Taliban said the helicopter was shot down as Afghan and U.S. forces were preparing to launch an attack in the area**, according to a statement from Zabiullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman. The 19 service members killed so far this year by hostile forces, surpasses the total of 13 who died in 2018."

-- Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is searching for a safe exit from his position ahead of a Senate run, three GOP sources tell Time: "Pompeo's plan had been to remain at the State Department until early spring next year, ... but recent developments, including the House impeachment inquiry, are hurting him politically and straining his relationship with Trump. So Pompeo is rethinking his calendar, say the top Republicans, one who served in the Trump Administration, another who remains in government, and a third who served in several high-ranking posts and is active in GOP politics. The timing of Pompeo's resignation now will be decided by his ability to navigate the smoothest possible exit from the administration, the three Republicans say."

-- "Republicans tasked with keeping the party's Senate majority in the U.S. Senate still see Pompeo as their best option in the open-seat race to succeed retiring Republican Sen. Pat Roberts," the Kansas City Star reports: "At a 'Save the Senate' event on Nov. 8 at Trump International Hotel in Washington, the National Republican Senatorial Committee executive director Kevin McLaughlin told a room full of lawmakers, lobbyists, and GOP donors to call Pompeo and urge him to run ... The gathering took place just weeks after the NRSC, the party's main campaign arm for Senate races, met with Republican Rep. Roger Marshall, the western Kansas congressman pursuing the seat. Marshall leads all current candidates in fundraising by about $1 million. 'I think they certainly understand that we're the frontrunner and I feel like we're getting a lot of good support from them right now,' Marshall said Tuesday when asked about the October meeting."

-- Iran's security forces may have killed more than 100 protesters as part of a brutal crackdown on demonstrations. Erin Cunningham reports: "The government has acknowledged only five deaths, including four members of the security forces, and has blamed the protests on foreign enemies and saboteurs. If confirmed, the higher

death toll would signal a much wider scale of unrest — a crisis taking place under a near-total information blackout. London-based Amnesty said at least 106 demonstrators have been killed in 21 cities since protests began Friday, citing what it said was verified video footage and credible witness testimony. Security forces have used firearms, water cannons and tear gas to disperse protesters, according to the report, which also cited the use of live ammunition."

-- A small group of protesters is still inside Hong Kong's Polytechnic University after a series of mass arrests. Tiffany Liang, Anna Kam, Casey Quackenbush and Gerry Shih report: "Hong Kong's police force said Tuesday that it had apprehended 1,100 people over the past day alone, as months of violent clashes appeared to reach something of a climax. It said many of the detainees would be charged with rioting and possession of offensive weapons. It was the largest number of arrests and injuries on a single day since the protests began five months ago. … In Hong Kong, concerns rose over the relative handful of protesters who have so far refused to leave the besieged campus of Hong Kong Polytechnic University, with authorities urging them to come out peacefully but refusing to rule out action to flush them out. ... In Washington, **the U.S. Senate, in a unanimous vote, passed legislation Tuesday aimed at protecting human rights in Hong Kong** ... The Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act now goes to the House of Representatives, which earlier approved its own version of the measure."

-- A former employee of the British consulate in Hong Kong said he was repeatedly tortured by Chinese secret police over a two-week period over the protests. Simon Denyer, Tiffany Liang and Casey Quanckenbush report: "Simon Cheng, in an account of his treatment published on Facebook, described being handcuffed and shackled, blindfolded and hooded, deprived of sleep, made to sit absolutely still or hung in a uncomfortable spread-eagled position for hours on end, and constantly threatened during incessant interrogations. British Foreign Minister Dominic Raab said his government was shocked and appalled by the 'brutal and disgraceful treatment' to which Cheng was subjected after being detained during a business trip to Shenzhen in mainland China in August, and said it had summoned the Chinese ambassador in London to protest. But China said its ambassador would never accept

Britain's 'false allegations.'"

-- Trump's troop withdrawal from Syria has allowed the Islamic State to gain strength, according to a chilling study by the Pentagon. From Politico: "The withdrawal and incursion allowed ISIS to 'reconstitute capabilities and resources within Syria and strengthen its ability to plan attacks abroad,' the quarterly report from the lead inspector general on the U.S. military campaign against ISIS stated. **The report cited information from the Defense Intelligence Agency.** … 'In the longer term, ISIS will probably seek to regain control of some Syrian population centers and expand its global footprint, the DIA said,' the inspector general added."

-- Israel struck dozens of Iranian targets in Syria in response to rocket fire on the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights. (NBC News)

-- Some Israelis are celebrating the Trump administration's decision to no longer consider their settlements in the West Bank as illegal under international law. Steve Hendrix and Ruth Eglash report: "At a hastily arranged meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, settler leaders gathered Tuesday at Alon Shvut, a settlement south of Jerusalem, to relish a rare international endorsement of their presence there. 'I admit I am very moved,' Netanyahu said at the gathering. He called the Trump administration's latest policy shift toward Israel 'an achievement that will stand for generations.' For many living in Israel's settlements, the news from Washington was a welcome relief from the drumbeat of condemnation from the international community, including a recent European requirement that products from the settlements carry special labeling. … But observers said their eagerness to do more — add settlements, expand settlements, annex parts of the West Bank — was likely to be met with disappointment, at least in the short term. Like so much else in the intractable Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the bombshell announcement was a noisy outburst not likely to make much difference on the contested ground any time soon."

-- Counterprogramming: On Capitol Hill, a bipartisan mix of officials are showing support for Enes Kanter, the NBA star and Turkish dissident, after Trump welcomed Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to the White House last week.

Jacob Bogage reports: “Kanter’s jersey from his time with the Oklahoma City Thunder hangs in the office of Sen. James Lankford, a Republican from Oklahoma. He talks about the NBA with Sen. Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat known throughout the Senate as a basketball devotee. He has discussed Interpol red notices with Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) and joked about Boston sports fans with Rep. Joe Kennedy (D-Mass.). Then last week, Kanter, a center for the Boston Celtics, stood shoulder to shoulder with Wyden and Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) in the Capitol as they introduced human rights legislation aimed at Turkey. ... Kanter has used that attention and the spotlight of his NBA career to crusade for a more democratic Turkey, befriending and recruiting to the cause American lawmakers from each city he has played in during his nine-year NBA career. Few other prominent Turks have taken a stand against Erdogan in Washington.”

-- Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his challenger, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, had their first debate last night ahead of the Dec. 12 general election. William Booth and Karla Adam report: “The debate on ITV showcased a dozen ordinary voters allowed to ask their questions. ... Johnson promised he had a Brexit deal ready to pop into the oven, heat and serve. Corbyn said it was ‘nonsense’ to say Johnson could complete Brexit by January. He said a trade deal with the European Union would take seven years to negotiate. … Johnson said he would get Brexit done — and challenged Corbyn again on his position on Britain’s leaving the European Union. Corbyn said he would quickly negotiate a new, softer Brexit deal with the E.U. and then take it to the public in a second referendum. … Corbyn is trailing overall in a sample of recent opinion surveys and, given that he did not break through during the debate, will hope to generate more excitement Thursday with the launch of his party’s election manifesto.”

-- Years after freezing new projects, China is back to building coal power plants. Gerry Shih reports: “In the past two years, China has expanded its coal fleet by 43 gigawatts — roughly the entire coal-fired capacity of Germany, according to Global Energy Monitor, a group that tracks construction in the Chinese power industry using public announcements and satellite images. Excluding China, global coal power capacity would otherwise be dropping as countries in Europe and elsewhere decommission old facilities and switch to other energy sources, the group said in a report released

Wednesday."

-- Venice's plan to protect itself from flooding became a disaster in itself. Chico Harlan and Stefano Pitrelli report: "It is among the most ambitious works of civil engineering in modern Italian history, an underwater fortress of steel designed to rise from the depths during high tides to protect the lagoon city of Venice. But decades after being conceived, the project remains incomplete and unusable, little more than a refuge for the clams and barnacles that have made the machinery their home. Venice, meantime, remains vulnerable, as demonstrated by the tides that inundated the city last week, flooding piazzas, churches and hotels, depositing layers of salt that eat away marble. The city's 6 billion euro flood barrier has been under construction since 2003 and was originally supposed to take eight years. Now, the best guess is that it will be ready by 2021 or 2022. Some experts say that, given the pace of sea-level rise, it may be obsolete just decades after it starts operating. Others wonder, given its sorry history, whether the system will ever be ready. Parts of the underwater project are already corroding."

Edward Gallagher steps out of his court-martial in San Diego. (John Gastaldo/Reuters)

DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS THAT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED:

-- Chief Petty Officer Edward Gallagher, days after being pardoned for war crimes by Trump, has been ordered to appear before Navy leaders today, where he is expected to be notified that he'll be ousted from the Navy SEALs. From the Times: "Navy officials had planned to begin the process of taking away Chief Gallagher's Trident pin, the symbol of his membership in the SEALs, earlier this month. But as he waited outside his commander's office, Navy leaders sought clearance from the White House that never came, and no action was taken. Admiral [Collin] Green now has the authorization he needs from the Navy to act against Chief Gallagher, and the formal letter notifying the chief of the action has been drafted by the admiral … **The Navy also plans to take the Tridents of three SEAL officers who oversaw Chief Gallagher** — Lt. Cmdr. Robert Breisch, Lt. Jacob Portier and Lt. Thomas MacNeil — and their letters

have been drafted as well … Removing a Trident does not entail a reduction in rank, but it effectively ends a SEAL's career. … **The move sets up a potential confrontation between Mr. Trump, who has repeatedly championed Chief Gallagher, and Admiral Green, who has said he intends to overhaul discipline and ethics in the SEAL teams and sees Chief Gallagher's behavior as an obstacle.**"

-- White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham is facing backlash after she claimed without evidence that aides to former president Barack Obama left behind disparaging messages on the day Trump was inaugurated. Toluse Olorunnipa and Josh Dawsey report: "Grisham said that White House aides left 'Obama books' throughout the White House and taped a big 'You will fail' sign on the door of the press office before Trump aides moved in — claims that sparked a chorus of condemnation from former Obama administration officials. Grisham then modified her assertions later in the day, changing key parts of her story and saying she viewed the alleged conduct as little more than a harmless prank. … Grisham did not provide evidence to back up her allegations. No other administration official has made any similar allegations publicly in the 34 months since Trump entered the White House. Five former senior administration officials present on Day One in 2017 said they do not remember witnessing or hearing of any notes like the ones that Grisham described. 'Not in my office,' said one of the former officials."

-- The American Medical Association called for an immediate ban on all electronic cigarettes and vaping devices. From the AP: "The AMA cited a surge in underage teen use of e-cigarettes, which typically heat a solution that contains nicotine. 'It's simple, we must keep nicotine products out of the hands of young people,' Dr. Patrice Harris, AMA's president, said in a statement. The doctors' group said a separate health issue also prompted its action — the recent U.S. outbreak of lung illnesses linked to vaping. Most of those sickened said they vaped THC, the high-inducing ingredient in marijuana, not nicotine. Officials believe a thickening agent used in black market THC vaping products may be a culprit."

-- Scott Gottlieb, who served as Trump's commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration for the first two years of the administration, explained what he

thinks the Trump administration should do on vaping: "E-cigs aren't safe, but when used properly they are not nearly has harmful as lighting tobacco on fire and smoking it. **Yet providing adult smokers with a safer alternative to cigarettes cannot come at the expense of addicting a generation of young people to nicotine with these same products**. New data from the Food and Drug Administration shows almost a third of teens now vape. And according to a study published in February in the Journal of the American Medical Association, young people who start out using nicotine through e-cigs are more likely to become long-term smokers. **The solution is to get e-cigs out of the hands of kids but preserve the devices' potential to help adult smokers fully quit cigarettes."**

-- The House passed a short-term spending bill to avert a government shutdown on Friday, setting up a December showdown over Trump's border wall that could fall in the midst of impeachment votes. Erica Werner reports: "The legislation, which passed 231 to 192, extends government funding through Dec. 20. It must pass the Senate and be signed by Trump before midnight Thursday. If not, government funding would expire, causing many agencies to begin to shutter operations and furlough staff. The Senate is expected to act on the legislation ahead of the deadline. A senior administration official said Tuesday that Trump is expected to sign the bill. …

"Ahead of the vote, lawmakers of both parties bemoaned their failure to agree on the 12 annual spending bills for 2020, and the resulting need to enact short-term measures once again. … And **in an ominous sign of increased partisanship around the spending process, only 12 House Republicans voted in favor of the short-term spending bill Tuesday -- many fewer than the 76 Republicans who supported the last stop-gap bill."**

-- Former House speaker John Boehner returned to a Capitol transformed from heated partisanship into a cauldron of constitutional standoff. Paul Kane reports: "Officially there to unveil a portrait that will hang in a venerated room just off the House floor, Boehner brought with him one last bid to get his former colleagues to embrace a style that charmed friends and enemies alike. He remains an eternal optimist who views the world as a 'glass half full' — usually with red wine in one hand, a Camel cigarette in

the other, handkerchief stuffed into his coat pocket to wipe away his ever-flowing tears. 'It doesn't cost anything to be nice. I'd like to think we were able to disagree without being disagreeable,' Boehner told several hundred well-wishers inside Statuary Hall. 'And I'd like to think that we tried to do the right things for the right reasons.' **Boehner rejected the chance to weigh in on impeachment, as he did again Tuesday in an interview with Fox Business Network, where he and one of his lobbying partners, Joseph Crowley (D-N.Y.), the former member of House Democratic leadership, touted a pension plan supported by their firm.** 'I'll just observe,' Boehner said of Trump."

-- Customs and Border Protection issued a new edict regarding which U.S. officials are worthy of a framed portrait on the agency's walls: Just the president. Maria Sacchetti reports: "The shrinking photo gallery is the result of an agency mandate to feature only Senate-confirmed leaders and elected officials on its walls. Because Trump has said he prefers to keep many top officials in 'acting' positions to make it easier to fire them, and because the president has repeatedly refused to nominate the agency's leaders for confirmation, Trump's photo will stand alone. … CBP issued the edict because Trump last week replaced acting DHS secretary Kevin McAleenan with acting DHS secretary Chad Wolf. Because McAleenan was CBP's most recently confirmed commissioner, he appeared on the agency's walls in that capacity, agency spokeswoman Stephanie Malin said. The agency displays only portraits of officials in 'confirmed leadership positions.'"

-- Two jail workers were charged with falsifying records of checks on Jeffrey Epstein the night he died. Devlin Barrett reports: "A grand jury charged Tova Noel and Michael Thomas with conspiring to defraud the United States and making false records while working at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan. They are accused of repeatedly signing false paperwork that they conducted regular checks Aug. 10 on Epstein and other inmates. Epstein was found hanging in his cell early that morning, and the city's medical examiner ruled his death a suicide. For 'substantial portions of their shifts, Noel and Thomas sat at their desk, browsed the Internet, and moved around the common area' of the section of the jail where Epstein was held, known as the Special Housing Unit, or SHU, the grand jury charged. The indictment charges that Noel and

Thomas repeatedly signed false 'count slips' even though they failed to conduct the required counts at midnight, 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. They also failed to check more frequently on Epstein, as had been ordered by higher-ups at the jail, according to the indictment. The document repeatedly notes that its charges are based on 'video from the MCC's internal video surveillance system.'"

-- The Arizona man who sold ammunition to the gunman who carried out the 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas pleaded guilty. From NBC News: "Douglas Haig, 57, of Mesa, Arizona, admitted he made ammunition without a license. Haig came under investigation when armor-piercing bullets found inside Stephen Paddock's hotel room had Haig's fingerprints on them. Haig has admitted selling 720 rounds of tracer ammunition to the shooter in the weeks before the massacre that killed 58 people. Haig's guilty plea involves the illegal manufacture of armor-piercing rounds."

-- Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) wants compassion for the Trump supporter convicted of making death threats against her. Lateshia Beachum reports: "Patrick W. Carlineo Jr., 55, of Addison, N.Y., entered the guilty plea before Chief U.S. District Judge Frank P. Geraci for threatening to assault and murder the freshman congresswoman and for being a felon in possession of firearms ... The plea stems from a March call that Carlineo made to Omar's Washington, D.C., office. … **Although he faces up to 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine, Omar wrote an open letter to Geraci requesting that he refrain from sentencing Carlineo to a long prison term and a large fine. Carlineo needs compassion and restorative justice that will allow him to understand the consequences of his actions and to make amends, she wrote. ...** Carlineo told an FBI special agent that 'if our forefathers were still alive, they'd put a bullet in her head' ... He told investigators that he was a President Trump-loving patriot who 'hates radical Muslims' in the government ... Carlineo told FBI agents that he had a shotgun and a .22 caliber firearm at his home that he claimed belonged to his girlfriend but later admitted to belonged to him..."

-- A white teen girl with a detailed plan for a racist attack on black churchgoers in her notebook was arrested in Georgia, police said. Derek Hawkins reports: "The 16-year-old girl was charged with attempt to commit murder after students at her high

school told administrators she had a notebook filled with 'detailed plans' to kill members of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Gainesville, Ga., according to police. **The alleged plot was 'definitely racially motivated,' said Sgt. Kevin Holbrook of the Gainesville Police Department.** The notebook, he said, contained 'manifesto-type' language that discussed how she wanted to assault black parishioners with butcher knives and other sharp-edged weapons."

-- An Air Force master sergeant, Cory Reeves, was demoted after being accused of spreading white nationalist propaganda, but he is allowed to continue serving. Katie Shepherd reports: "The episode highlights a growing concern about active-duty military and veterans joining the ranks of white supremacist organizations. The leaked Discord chat logs, published by the nonprofit media collective Unicorn Riot in March, led journalists and activists to expose members of the Air Force, Army and Marine Corps as members of Identity Evropa, which has been labeled a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center."

-- A white supremacist manifesto received by Syracuse University students prompted a fresh wave of concern on the campus where nearly a dozen racist incidents in the past two weeks have sparked calls for outside investigations. Kim Bellware reports: "Since Nov. 7, when racist scrawls were discovered in dormitory bathrooms and hallways, the campus of nearly 23,000 students has been shaken by at least 10 more hate-fueled episodes ... The incidents have drawn national attention and spurred sit-ins, protests and intervention from the state's top elected officials. Freshman Dumebi Ebemor said Tuesday that university officials had not canceled classes after the distribution of the manifesto, which Syracuse police later said appears to be identical to the white supremacist manifesto shared by the gunman in the Christchurch massacre in New Zealand. The racist screed was sent to students in the university's Bird Library via the Apple file-sharing feature AirDrop."

Pete Buttigieg, Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris take the stage before their debate in Houston. (Mike Blake/Reuters)

2020 WATCH:

-- We are co-hosting a Democratic debate tonight with MSNBC. Here's what you need to know:

- Debate coverage starts at 8 p.m. EST, and the debate will run from 9 to 11 p.m. EST.
- It's being held in Atlanta at the Tyler Perry Studios, and you can watch online on washingtonpost.com or on our apps, as well as on MSNBC.
- Ten candidates qualified to be onstage, meaning this debate has two fewer candidates than last month.

-- Dave Weigel sketches out what he's watching for tonight:

- **What does Pete Buttigieg do under pressure?** "Every other campaign has some level of contempt for the South Bend, Ind., mayor. Some have expressed it subtly, like [Elizabeth] Warren decrying 'consultant-driven' campaigns; some have been more direct, like former HUD secretary Julián Castro warning that Buttigieg can't excite nonwhite voters. … In the past, Buttigieg has gotten around tough questions with the help of rival candidates who didn't want to attack him."
- **Can Warren fight from a corner?** "The Massachusetts senator's slip in the polls could benefit her in one small way: It's put more pressure on Buttigieg. … Warren's campaign has readied itself for attacks on her past and has been occasionally surprised when they haven't come."
- **Does Bernie Sanders still treat Warren like a partner?** "For the first time, Sanders and Warren do have slightly different plans: Warren would use her first budget to begin enrolling people in an expanded version of Medicare but not end duplicative private

> insurance until three years later. The question is whether Sanders, who is generally viewed by voters as more trustworthy than Warren, explores that question or defends the overall goal of his legislation, shared by Warren, against all comers."

-- Biden is planning a major Iowa push after tonight's debate as concerns grow about his weaknesses in the first voting state. Matt Viser and Holly Bailey report: "Biden's campaign once shrugged off the potential impact of losing the caucus vote on Feb. 3, but concerns lately have grown about just how poorly he might do. Desperate to avoid a humiliating showing that might have broader repercussions, Biden is planning a renewed focus on Iowa, with an expectation that both he and his wife, Jill, soon will make the kind of extended trips to the state that other candidates have for months. They also have launched a new digital campaign and could have additional endorsements in the works."

-- Biden has durable support from a multiracial coalition of working-class workers who see him as one of their own. From the Times: "In dozens of interviews, from parades and union rallies to black churches and political picnics, working-class Democrats who support Mr. Biden explained their views in practical terms: they know and trust the Scranton native from his long tenure as a Delaware senator and as Barack Obama's vice president, they find his incremental policy proposals realistic and they think he can win. … **Surveys in this race indicate a return to the longstanding tradition in Democratic primaries of voters splitting along class lines, and illuminate a key slice of Mr. Biden's bas**e. … For some voters, Mr. Biden appeals because there are strategic assumptions at work: many black working-class Democrats believe that white America will only support a well-known white male, such as Mr. Biden, while a number of working-class white Democrats also believe he is the most acceptable nominee. Some voters cited the misogyny and racism that female candidates and candidates of color have experienced in previous races."

-- There are two Rhodes Scholars running for president, but Buttigieg gets way more credit for this than Cory Booker. From HuffPost: "HuffPost searched mentions

in U.S. publications for 2019, finding that news outlets cited Buttigieg's Rhodes scholarship 596 times. Booker had just 79 mentions." Booker also attended Stanford and Yale Law.

-- Documents reveal that a massive "dark-money" group pumped $140 million into Democratic and left-leaning causes in 2018. From Politico: "The Sixteen Thirty Fund, a little-known nonprofit headquartered in Washington, spent $141 million on more than 100 left-leaning causes during the midterm election year, according to a new tax filing from the group. The money contributed to efforts ranging from fighting Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh and other Trump judicial nominees to boosting ballot measures raising the minimum wage and changing laws on voting and redistricting in numerous states. The spending was fueled by massive anonymous donations, including one gift totaling $51.7 million. That single donation was more than the group had ever raised before in an entire year before [Trump] was elected."

-- Liberal groups, anxious over Trump's growing lead in the money race, are committing to spend in general-election swing states during the primaries. Michelle Ye Hee Lee reports: "By the time voters coalesce around a nominee, Democratic operatives worry, it will be too late to overcome Trump's fundraising advantages in the general election. Already, pro-Trump committees have spent more than $500 million on his reelection — far more than previous incumbents at this point in the election. As a result, more than a dozen groups backed by high-dollar Democratic donors have pledged to spend at least $420 million through the primary season, focused largely on general-election swing states. Their efforts range from running anti-Trump digital ads to funding legal challenges to voter restriction that could hamper Democratic turnout. 'We can't wait until we have a candidate to do this work,' said Tara McGowan, founder and chief executive of Acronym, a politically active nonprofit supporting Democrats."

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

Michigan Rep. Justin Amash, who left the Republican Party on July 4 to become an independent after concluding that Trump committed impeachable offenses, said Volker

and Morrison didn't help the GOP's case:

From a former Republican congresswoman who was defeated in Virginia last November:

Another former GOP congressman, who represented Florida and has emerged as a Trump critic, mocked an ex-colleague:

The official White House Twitter account attacked a current White House official in the middle of that official's testimony before Congress:

The White House's director of social media also attacked Vindman from his government account, prompting this observation from a Post colleague:

The president's son also attacked the Army officer:

Twin jokes were made during Vindman's testimony:

Rep. John Ratcliffe (R-Tex.) brought props:

A Politico reporter compared Volker's private deposition with his public testimony:

One of our national security correspondents explained how Volker's story still doesn't really add up:

And a CNN correspondent observed another damning fact pattern that's now taken as a given:

The two witnesses in the morning went back to work at the White House after their testimony:

Former Obama aides pushed back on White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham's allegations that they left hateful notes behind for their Trump counterparts:

Actual notes Obama aides left behind for their replacements were shared online:

ABC's White House correspondent shared some images from the day the Trump aides moved into their offices:

Bernie Sanders took a stance in support of minor league teams:

And Bei Bei the panda is flying to China with a really nice set up:

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), who participated in the impeachment inquiries into Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton, shares what's different about this time:

Rep. Zoe Lofgren shares what she's learned after witnessing every modern impeachment inquiry

Stephen Colbert said Vindman wasn't afraid to clap back:

Here's one such moment:

Seth Meyers said Republicans are trying to attack the impeachment hearing witnesses because they have no defense:

Trevor Noah took a look at another D.C. scandal:

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Re: BOP partnering with local businesses to mentor inmates

From	"Rabbi Y. Weiss"
To	Alix McLearenHugh Hurwitz
Date	2019/11/19 14:47
Subject:	Re: BOP partnering with local businesses to mentor inmates
Attachments:	TEXT.htm, Aleph Correspondence Courses.pdf, Mime.822

Thank you Alix!

Please see attached a description of our "Correspondence Courses". I can email you pdfs of the actual courses if that would be helpful, please let me know. (We also stand ready to create new programming once we know the criteria.)

At the very least, we are hopeful that these existing correspondence courses will be considered as "Productive Activity" as part of Title 1 of the FSA. I would appreciate any guidance you can provide as to that as well.

Yes, I would be interested to hear more about the community mentoring program.

Thank you again,

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On Tue, Nov 19, 2019 at 2:37 PM Alix McLearen <amclearen@bop.gov> wrote:

> Hi Rabbi Weiss,
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> Thank you for your email.
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> We are working closely with a contractor to develop a process for the evaluation of programs submitted by stakeholders and community volunteers. While we are still putting the finishing touches on that process, we would be glad to receive any written materials about Aleph programs you may have available, such as descriptions of the programs or research studies about them.
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> As for the mentoring item, we welcome volunteers to serve as mentors in some of our programs. For example, some of our faith-based programs rely on community mentors. If these are of interest to you, I can ask Heidi to provide additional information on how to become involved.
>
> I hope this is helpful.
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> Best,
> Alix
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> >>> "Rabbi Y. Weiss" <yw@aleph-institute.org> 11/19/2019 1:18 PM >>>

Dear Alix & Hugh,

I hope this finds you well!

Dr. Sawyer testified today in the Senate that the BOP is already advising faith-based groups as to the criteria needed to for us to enter our programs into the evaluation that's going to be done as part of Title 1 of the FSA to determine the evidence based factors to reducing recidivism of those programs. We are of course a faith-based group with a longstanding relationship with BOP and with programs, and as noted in the emails below we have asked about this but I do not believe Aleph has of yet received such advice. Can we please be advised as well of this criteria and guidance?

The Director also mentioned about "mentors" coming in as part of the FSA and we were wondering if you can provide information about that as well as to how that is available to potential Aleph mentors?

Please know that we at Aleph are exceedingly grateful for the hard work the BOP is investing in implementing the First Step Act and for all your hard work in general!

Thank you!

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On Thu, Aug 22, 2019 at 7:38 PM Alix McLearen <amclearen@bop.gov> wrote:

> Hi Rabbi Weiss,
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> I assure you I haven't forgotten....we are close but have not reached a final decision just yet.
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> Best,
> Alix
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> -------- Original message --------
> From: Y Weiss <yw@aleph-institute.org>
> Date: 8/21/19 9:12 PM (GMT-05:00)
> To: Alix McLearen <amclearen@bop.gov>
> Subject: Re: BOP partnering with local businesses to mentor inmates
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> >>> "Y Weiss" 08/21/2019 21:12 >>>
> Dear Alix,
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> I hope this email finds you well!
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> Might you have an update regarding the criteria for the FSA's recidivism reduction programs? And is there a definition yet for Productive Activity?

Thank you!

Rabbi Weiss

On Jul 1, 2019, at 2:56 PM, Rabbi Y. Weiss <yw@aleph-institute.org> wrote:

> Thank you Alix for taking the time to speak and for the helpful information! As we discussed, when you are able, if you can give me a heads-up as to the when the criteria of the recidivism reduction programming/productive activities will be coming out I would truly appreciate that.
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> Thank you for your advocacy to expedite the production of that criteria and for all that you do!
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> Best regards,
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> On Mon, Jul 1, 2019 at 2:15 PM Alix McLearen <amclearen@bop.gov> wrote:
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> > Hi Rabbi Weiss,
> > I am free soon at about 2:30 if you would like to call me then - 202-514-4919.
> > Thanks,
> > Alix
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> > >>> "Rabbi Y. Weiss" <yw@aleph-institute.org> 7/1/2019 1:46 PM >>>
> > Hi Alix,
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If there was a way for BOP and BOP Wardens to partner with local businesses to come in and do these programs, training and mentoring it could be a tremendous success. This should also be a part of the programming as per the First Step Act. But if there's a way to start this sooner than later I think it would be tremendous and would certainly be in line with what the President stressed on Monday that he wants to reduce unemployment for former inmates.

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Through extensive commentary and captivating stories, Sefer Aseres Hadibros provides an in depth, comprehensive look at the Ten Commandments. The book is written in English (with some Hebrew mixed in). It is geared for the advanced student who can read and understand basic Hebrew terminology without the assistance of an English translation. It's exuberant and vibrant color-filled pages enhance the learning experience, bringing the Ten Commandments to life. Sefer Aseres Hadibros is accompanied by an advanced level workbook which allows the reader the opportunity to reflect on its teachings.

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GPS for the soul is a course that translates and explains the Tanya. The famous book Tanya, crafted by Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, the original founder of Chabad Chassidut, offers comprehensive coverage of the knowledge and guidance that is relevant to the life of every Jew. Its timeless message reveals how every individual is so much more - an intrinsic, precious part of the complete, expansive and wholesome fabric of the universe. This translated Tanya is a fundamental work on the teachings of Chassidut, saturated with enduring wisdom. If you ever find yourself wondering about the deeper meaning of life; if you ever grapple with the unique questions and the practical implications often asked by Jews; if you desire to strengthen your Jewish knowledge and awareness and if you truly seek an encompassing approach to all these life-enhancing queries - then this course offers tremendous insight.

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Kosher for the Clueless but Curious

Incorporating a lifestyle change such as keeping kosher can be daunting at first glance. Never fear! This course teaches the aspiring student about Kashrut from the ground up. This is a perfect choice for the student who wants to know more about what it means to keep Kosher and why it is important. Additionally, this course strives to help students of all levels and backgrounds find comfortable levels of observance for their situation.

My Prayer

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The Bible for the Clueless but Curious

Designed to teach and entertain both the beginning bible student as well as the advanced one, this class explains the Torah's stories and lessons in a new, easy to read, and exiting approach. This class chronicles the events in all 5 books of the Torah, while also explaining their relevance to today's day and age.

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If you are unable to pay for the postage to mail in your question sheets, please let us know and we will do our best to help you (envelopes are provided). The courses are free. You may enroll in one course at one time.

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Thank you for your participation, and enjoy your studies!

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To	Hugh Hurwitz, Rabbi Y. Weiss
Date	2019/11/19 14:37
Subject:	Re: BOP partnering with local businesses to mentor inmates
Attachments:	TEXT.htm

Hi Rabbi Weiss,

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We are working closely with a contractor to develop a process for the evaluation of programs submitted by stakeholders and community volunteers. While we are still putting the finishing touches on that process, we would be glad to receive any written materials about Aleph programs you may have available, such as descriptions of the programs or research studies about them.

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I hope this is helpful.

Best,
Alix

>>> "Rabbi Y. Weiss" <yw@aleph-institute.org> 11/19/2019 1:18 PM >>>
Dear Alix & Hugh,

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Dr. Sawyer testified today in the Senate that the BOP is already advising faith-based groups as to the criteria needed to for us to enter our programs into the evaluation that's going to be done as part of Title 1 of the FSA to determine the evidence based factors to reducing recidivism of those programs. We are of course a faith-based group with a longstanding relationship with BOP and with programs, and as noted in the emails below we have asked about this but I do not believe Aleph has of yet received such advice. Can we please be advised as well of this criteria and guidance?

The Director also mentioned about "mentors" coming in as part of the FSA and we were wondering if you can provide information about that as well as to how that is available to potential Aleph mentors?

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On Thu, Aug 22, 2019 at 7:38 PM Alix McLearen <amclearen@bop.gov> wrote:

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I assure you I haven't forgotten....we are close but have not reached a final decision just yet.

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Thank you!

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From Stephanie Scannell
To Darrin Howard
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>>> Adam Johnson 8/16/2019 7:21 AM >>>
Thank you for your guidance during the tour. Please let us know if you have further questions or need anything else. It was great seeing you again.

>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <[redacted]> 8/15/2019 2:17 PM >>>
Thank you both for everything today – really appreciate it, and lovely to see you, as always!

From: Adam Johnson <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 9:40 AM
To: Stephanie Scannell <sscannell@bop.gov>; Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS) <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: MCC Visit Thursday

Thanks! I just walked Mr. O'Callahan and Mr. Shea over to meet with the Regional Director and new Warden.

>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <[redacted]> 8/15/2019 9:31 AM >>>
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I just found out that additional law enforcement agents will be joining but I don't know how many and who. I asked. I'm sorry!

On Aug 14, 2019, at 12:49 PM, Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS) <[redacted]> wrote:

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Hi Rebekah,
Not a problem. I will add them to the list. Do you have everyone's titles?
I will advise the Warden of the request that he accompany us on the tour.
Thank you,
Adam

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Adam,
Two additional people from DOJ will join the visit:
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In addition, Geoff has asked that the new acting warden join the tour. Let me know if you have any questions, thanks.

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>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <Rebekah.Donaleski@usdoj.gov> 8/13/2019 3:58 PM >>>

Yes, thank you. Where should we go?

From: Adam Johnson <[redacted]>
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To: Stephanie Scannell <sscannell@bop.gov>; Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS) <[redacted]>
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Hi Rebekah,

It should not be a problem. Does 10 am work for Mr. Berman and the rest of his staff?

Thank you,

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>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <Rebekah.Donaleski@usdoj.gov> 8/13/2019 2:05 PM >>>

Adam,

The list of visitors from our office is below:

Geoffrey Berman
Audrey Strauss
Laura Birger
Craig Stewart
Russell Capone
[redacted]
Rebekah Donaleski
Nicholas Roos

As discussed, we would like to see the 2nd floor pscyh observation and suicide watch area; the 9th floor SHU, and Epstein's cell, which we understand to still be cordoned off. As discussed, we would appreciate if only MCC legal would escort us, and we will not speak to any of the guards present given the ongoing investigations. Please give me a call with any questions, and let us know what time and where we should go, and if it would be

easier for us to enter via the 3rd floor bridge.
Thanks,
Rebekah Donaleski
Assistant United States Attorney
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Tel: (212) 637-2423

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Attachments: TEXT.htm

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Re: MCC Visit Thursday
From James Petrucci
To Adam Johnson, Lee Plourde
Date 2019/08/15 06:36
Subject: Re: MCC Visit Thursday
Attachments: TEXT.htm

No problem Adam. We'll adjust. Thanks.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: Adam Johnson <a10johnson@bop.gov>
Date: 8/15/19 05:55 (GMT-05:00)
To: Lee Plourde <lplourde@bop.gov>, James Petrucci <jpetrucci@bop.gov>
Subject: Fwd: MCC Visit Thursday

>>> "Adam Johnson" 08/15/2019 05:55 >>>
FYI

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <[redacted]>
Date: 8/14/19 10:56 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Adam Johnson <a10johnson@bop.gov>, Stephanie Scannell <sscannell@bop.gov>
Subject: Re: MCC Visit Thursday

>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" 08/14/2019 22:56 >>>
I just found out that additional law enforcement agents will be joining but I don't know how many and who. I asked. I'm sorry!

On Aug 14, 2019, at 12:49 PM, Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS) <RDonaleski@usa.doj.gov<mailto:RDonaleski@usa.doj.gov>> wrote:

Resending, I got an error last time.

From: Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 12:41 PM
To: Adam Johnson <a10johnson@bop.gov<mailto:[redacted]>>; Stephanie Scannell <sscannell@bop.gov<mailto:sscannell@bop.gov>>
Cc: Roos, Nicolas (USANYS) <nroos@usa.doj.gov<mailto:nroos@usa.doj.gov>>
Subject: RE: MCC Visit Thursday

Ed O'Callahan – Principal Deputy Attorney General
Tim Shea – Advisor at AG's office
Geoffrey Berman – US Attorney
Audrey Strauss – Deputy US Attorney
Laura Birger- Chief of the Criminal Division, SDNY
Craig Stewart –Counsel to the US Attorney
Russell Capone- Chief, Public Corruption Unit, SDNY
[redacted]- Chief, Public Corruption Unit, SDNY
Rebekah Donaleski- AUSA
Nicholas Roos- AUSA

From: Adam Johnson <a10johnson@bop.gov<mailto:[redacted]>>
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 12:26 PM
To: Stephanie Scannell <sscannell@bop.gov<mailto:sscannell@bop.gov>>; Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS) <RDonaleski@usa.doj.gov<mailto:RDonales
Cc: Roos, Nicolas (USANYS) <nroos@usa.doj.gov<mailto:nroos@usa.doj.gov>>
Subject: RE: MCC Visit Thursday

Hi Rebekah,

Not a problem. I will add them to the list. Do you have everyone's titles?

I will advise the Warden of the request that he accompany us on the tour.

Thank you,
Adam

Adam M. Johnson

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>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <Rebekah.Donaleski@usdoj.gov<mailto:Rebekah.Donaleski@usdoj.gov>> 8/14/2019 12:17 PM >>>
Adam,

Two additional people from DOJ will join the visit:

Ed O'Callahan
Tim Shea

In addition, Geoff has asked that the new acting warden join the tour. Let me know if you have any questions, thanks.

From: Adam Johnson <a10johnson@bop.gov<mailto:[redacted]>>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 4:03 PM
To: Stephanie Scannell <sscannell@bop.gov<mailto:sscannell@bop.gov>>; Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS) <RDonaleski@usa.doj.gov<mailto:RDonales
Cc: Roos, Nicolas (USANYS) <nroos@usa.doj.gov<mailto:nroos@usa.doj.gov>>
Subject: RE: MCC Visit Thursday

If it is not too much of an imposition, we ask that all visitors come to our front lobby for screening before admission. Thanks!

>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <Rebekah.Donaleski@usdoj.gov<mailto:Rebekah.Donaleski@usdoj.gov>> 8/13/2019 3:58 PM >>>
Yes, thank you. Where should we go?

From: Adam Johnson <a10johnson@bop.gov<mailto:[redacted]>>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 3:38 PM
To: Stephanie Scannell <sscannell@bop.gov<mailto:sscannell@bop.gov>>; Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS) <RDonaleski@usa.doj.gov<mailto:RDonales
Cc: Roos, Nicolas (USANYS) <nroos@usa.doj.gov<mailto:nroos@usa.doj.gov>>
Subject: Re: MCC Visit Thursday

Hi Rebekah,

It should not be a problem. Does 10 am work for Mr. Berman and the rest of his staff?

Thank you,
Adam

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>>> "Donaleski, Rebekah (USANYS)" <[redacted]<mailto:Rebekah.Donaleski@usdoj.gov>> 8/13/2019 2:05 PM >>>
Adam,

The list of visitors from our office is below:

Geoffrey Berman
Audrey Strauss
Laura Birger
Craig Stewart
Russell Capone
[redacted]
Rebekah Donaleski
Nicholas Roos

As discussed, we would like to see the 2nd floor pscyh observation and suicide watch area; the 9th floor SHU, and Epstein's cell, which we understand to

Thanks,

Rebekah Donaleski
Assistant United States Attorney
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Tel: (212) 637-2423

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Marianne Williamson wants to remember the ladies in Afghanistan

Women attend a rally for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's reelection campaign in Kabul on Aug. 5. He is seeking a second term on promises of ending the 18-year war, but he's been largely sidelined over the past year as the United States negotiated directly with the Taliban. (Rafiq Maqbool/AP)

BY JAMES HOHMANN

with Mariana Alfaro

THE BIG IDEA: In 1776, Abigail Adams wrote a letter to her husband as the colonists prepared to declare independence. "And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors," the future first lady

pleaded to John Adams. “Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could.”

Imagine how much greater a country we might be today if the Founding Fathers had heeded her call to “remember the ladies” from the get-go. Their failure to do so was one of America’s original sins. Instead, women would not be guaranteed the right to vote for another 143 years. Things have improved significantly, but the pay gap and sexual assault remain endemic.

Marianne Williamson is alarmed that the mistakes made at the dawn of our republic will be repeated in Afghanistan as the United States negotiates a troop drawdown with the Taliban. While her fellow Democratic presidential candidates tout their desire to end America’s longest war as soon as possible, the author and self-help guru has emphasized more than any of her rivals the need to use the leverage that comes with a large troop presence to extract enforceable security guarantees for women and girls. She says a gentleman’s agreement is not good enough.

The 67-year-old said during an interview yesterday afternoon that she’s been concerned about the subjugation of Afghan women since long before the U.S. invasion in the wake of 9/11. “This has been a feminist issue since before 2001,” Williamson told me as she drove from Sioux City, Iowa, to Des Moines. “One positive thing that’s come from us being there has been the lessening of brutality towards women and the rights of

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lessening of brutality towards women and the rights of women that came into full expression as a result of liberation."

Schoolgirls study near their temporary homes on the outskirts of Kabul. Attacks on schools in Afghanistan tripled in 2018, according to the United Nation's children's agency. (Rahmat Gul/AP)

Williamson expresses visceral concern that conditions for women will revert to the way they were during the last time the Taliban dominated if President Trump agrees to a bad deal. Women were not allowed to attend school before. Today, about 3.5 million are enrolled in primary and secondary schools. Women were routinely flogged for not wearing full-body burqas or if they went outside without a male chaperone. Today, women can vote. In fact, they constitute a larger share of the parliament in Afghanistan than of the Senate in the United States.

Williamson said she's been closely tracking coverage of the ongoing negotiations, and she finds it "very disturbing" that safeguarding the gains made by women over the past 18 years has not been a top priority. "I know some people seem to think that this new generation of Taliban leadership is somewhat more lenient towards women, but that to me is not enough," she explained. "I want to see that subject front and center as part of America's official negotiating posture."

She would not have excluded the Afghanistan

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government from the bilateral U.S. talks with the Taliban. Williamson said she would consult closely with Afghanistan's ambassador to the United States, who is a woman, and speak directly with other female leaders in Kabul's civil society to get their input on what a workable deal might look like. "If we're going to talk about moving forward in a new direction, then we have to start now," she said. "The rights and the protections of the women of Afghanistan in current negotiations with the Taliban is a perfect example. We must not wait and do these kinds of things later."

Marianne Williamson delivers a campaign speech. (Alex Welsh for The Washington Post)

To be sure, Williamson is still a dove at heart. On Monday, for example, she unveiled a detailed plan to create a Department of Peace. But while her odds of winning the nomination certainly remain slim to none, the first-time candidate is devoting a ton of time on the trail to talking about a profoundly important issue that, frankly, seems like an afterthought for the top-tier candidates. It's always a crowd-pleaser when the various candidates promise to "end the endless wars." Trump does it at his rallies, as well. But the degree to which Williamson emphasizes that a pullout must be done in a thoughtful manner is striking. For folks who know only the reductionist caricature of her that they've seen during the first two debates, it's also surprising

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Williamson chastises her fellow Democrats for leaning on talking points when it comes to matters of war and peace. "'Bring them home' is a slogan. It's *how* we bring them home and under what conditions do we bring them home," she told me. "I wouldn't be running if I thought that everything that needed to be said was already being said about this and so many other things. …

"Large groups of desperate people should be seen as a national security risk," she continued. "Large groups of desperate people are more vulnerable to ideological capture by genuinely psychotic forces. Until we have a fundamental break with the thinking and the behavioral patterns of the past, all we're doing is removing a symptom that will almost inevitably morph into another one down the road."

Women listen to a speech during the closing ceremony of the Afghan government's loya jirga, which translates to grand assembly, in Kabul this spring. (Jawad Jalali/EPA-EFE)

Giving women seats at the table would be a central aim of Williamson's foreign policy doctrine. "Over and above the fact that we're half the human race, and violence against women is as egregious a human rights violation as could possibly exist on the planet, there is no serious path forward for peace on Earth that does not include much greater attention given to the rights and the protection of women,"

she said. “There are four factors which, when present, statistically raise the probability of peace and decrease the probability of conflict. Number one is an expansion of economic opportunities for women. Number two is the reduction of violence against women. Number three is the expansion of educational opportunities for children. And number four is the amelioration of unnecessary human suffering.”

Williamson said that the voters she’s been talking with seem to appreciate her nuanced views vis-a-vis Afghanistan. She said she doesn’t discuss the country because she thinks it will garner support but because she thinks the issue is critically important. “It is my experience that the American people are so much smarter than the conventional political establishment seems to think,” she said. “I don't think the role of leadership is to wait to be told what you should talk about. I think the role of leadership is to say what needs to be said.”

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THE DOMESTIC AGENDA:

-- Lucy and the football, cont.: The inside story of how Trump caved to the National Rifle Association yet again on taking meaningful action to curb gun violence. Josh Dawsey and David Nakamura report: "Since the shootings, NRA officials have repeatedly told the president and senior White House officials that universal background checks won't do much to prevent mass shootings, according to people familiar with the private conversations. **NRA officials also have lobbied Vice President Pence's office and acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney**, as well as governors and lawmakers who face potentially difficult reelection races in 2020. … White House aides and NRA officials have pointed out to Trump that many of the states he needs to win next year have a strong contingency of NRA members who would be frustrated if Trump made any drastic moves on gun control. …

"**Trump's campaign commissioned a poll on guns after this month's shootings, and his political advisers warned him that there is little support for significant action among Republican voters**, and even some Democrats, people familiar with the conversations said. 'He is going to be very careful,' said one person close to the president … 'He isn't inclined to do much right now.' …

"**Some Republicans noted that Trump has shown no**

inclination to lead an effort on any legislation opposed by the GOP base. Last year, he floated support for offering a path to citizenship for some undocumented immigrants in exchange for billions in funding for a border wall but quickly backed off in the face of a conservative backlash. **In February 2017, a week after taking office, Trump rolled back Obama-era regulations aimed at making it more difficult for mentally ill people to buy firearms.** [He did so at the behest of the NRA.]

"**Behind the scenes, Trump's communication with key lawmakers, including Sen. Joe Manchin III, a moderate Democrat from West Virginia who has sought to develop bipartisan gun-control measures, has gone mostly cold**, according to Capitol Hill aides. … [Mitch] McConnell has rebuffed calls to bring the Senate back to Washington to deal with the issue, and his advisers acknowledged that he is unlikely to act without Trump's leadership. McConnell has told advisers that he would push legislation only if the president were fully on board."

-- Meanwhile, Rep. Pete King (R-N.Y.) co-sponsored the Democratic bill to ban assault weapons. "They are weapons of mass slaughter," he told the New York Daily News. "I don't see any need for them in everyday society." King said he hopes other House Republicans follow him, but he's not optimistic.

-- A group of states is preparing to move forward with a joint antitrust investigation of big technology companies. From the Wall Street Journal: "The effort

companies. From the Wall Street Journal: "The effort involving state attorneys general is expected to be formally launched as soon as next month. It is likely to focus on whether a handful of dominant technology platforms use their marketplace powers to stifle competition. As part of the probe, the states are likely to issue civil investigative demands, similar to subpoenas, to tech companies and other businesses. The new investigation could dovetail with plans by the Justice Department, which last month announced its own antitrust review that will focus on tech companies including Alphabet Inc.'s Google unit and Facebook Inc. … The political makeup of the multistate group isn't set. A bipartisan probe could give the investigation broader leverage and help insulate GOP officials from questions over whether their actions are motivated by political concerns, such as how online platforms treat conservative speech."

-- Planned Parenthood officially pulled out of a federal family planning program rather than abide by a new Trump administration "gag rule" prohibiting clinics from referring women for abortions. From the AP: "Alexis McGill Johnson, Planned Parenthood's acting president and CEO, said the organization's nationwide network of health centers would remain open and strive to make up for the loss of federal money. But she predicted that many low-income women who rely on Planned Parenthood services would 'delay or go without' care. 'We will not be bullied into withholding abortion information from our patients,' said McGill Johnson. 'Our patients deserve to

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make their own health care decisions, not to be forced to have Donald Trump or Mike Pence make those decisions for them.' … Planned Parenthood was not the only organization dropping out. Maine Family Planning, which is unaffiliated with Planned Parenthood, also released its letter of withdrawal Monday. The National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association, an umbrella group for family planning clinics, is suing to overturn the regulations."

Conway: 'The fundamentals of our economy are very strong'

-- The White House is eyeing a temporary payroll tax cut as a way to reverse the economic slowdown. Damian Paletta reports: "The talks are still in their early stages and have included a range of other tax breaks. The officials also have not decided whether to formally push Congress to approve any of these measures ... But the White House increasingly is discussing ideas to boost a slowing economy ... Even though deliberations about the payroll tax cut were held Monday, the White House released a statement disputing that the idea was actively under 'consideration.' … Workers pay payroll taxes on income up to $132,900, so cutting the tax has remained a popular idea for many lawmakers, especially Democrats seeking to deliver savings for middle-income earners and not the wealthiest Americans.

"But payroll tax cuts can also add dramatically to the deficit and — depending on how they are designed — pull billions of dollars away from Social Security. The payroll tax cuts during the Obama administration reduced

payroll tax cuts during the Obama administration reduced taxes by more than $100 billion each year, but the administration directed revenue to Social Security programs so those initiatives did not lose money. The cuts added to the deficit, however. If Washington implemented a similarly sized reduction, the tax cut could equate to a bigger tax break for many families than the 2017 tax law." **(Economics correspondent Heather Long prepared 15 charts to compare the Trump economy to the Obama economy.)**

-- Nearly 3 out of 4 economists surveyed by the National Association for Business Economics predict a recession in the United States by 2021. Jonnelle Marte reports: "The outlook reflects growing skepticism among economists and investors that the U.S. economy will be able to withstand a protracted trade war with China without serious harm amid a weakening global outlook. … The survey of 226 economists was conducted from July 14 to Aug. 1, before Trump announced the latest round of tariffs against China and before the last bout of market volatility. The report reinforced the pessimism seen earlier this year, illustrating that for many economists the question is not so much whether the U.S. economy will enter a recession but when. Some economists delayed the timeline for when they expect a slowdown to start. The share of economists expecting a recession this year dropped to 2 percent from 10 percent in February. In addition, 34 percent now expect a recession in 2021, up from 25 percent in February. Still, about 4 out of 10 economists expect a slowdown in 2020, roughly unchanged from the previous report."

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-- Trump called on the Fed to cut interest rates by at least 100 basis points while attempting to play down the risk of a recession. He also pinned the blame for a potential economic downturn on the central bank and its chairman, Jerome Powell. Felicia Sonmez and Damian Paletta report: "The Fed funds rate, which Trump is trying to tell central bankers to cut, is currently set at 2.25 percent. Slashing it 100 basis points would lower this rate to 1.25 percent, giving them very little additional wiggle room to maneuver if a full-fledged recession began. … Fed officials have said they do not make decisions based on political pressure, but Trump has taken his attacks on the central bank to new extremes, particularly this month amid numerous signs that the U.S. economy is weakening more than expected. … Trump's Twitter posts on Monday marked a new wrinkle in his push for the Fed to cut interest rates. In the past, he has said such a move is necessary to help the U.S. economy. But on Monday, he said it would be necessary to help the world economy. Other central banks, however, have already begun cutting interest rates, and it's unclear why Trump believes that specific actions by the Fed would be enough to lift countries such as Germany out of a downturn."

-- Trump's industrial policy takes a hit: U.S. Steel plans to lay off hundreds of workers in Michigan. From Reuters: "In a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification filed on Aug. 5, the Pittsburgh-based company said it expects to let go fewer than 200 workers following its decision to halt production at the Michigan facility. In mid-

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decision to halt production at the Michigan facility. In mid-June, the company said it would idle two blast furnaces at its Great lakes and Gary Works plants, citing lower steel prices and softening demand. U.S. Steel said the lay-offs at the Michigan plant could last beyond six months. They will impact nearly every area of the facility, from blast furnace to finishing operations, a company spokeswoman told Reuters."

-- Another sign of an economic slowdown: RV shipments are slipping. Elkahrt, Ind., the capital of the country's recreational-vehicle industry, is often watched by economists and investors for early indications of waning consumer demand for luxury items – an early sign of economic anxiety. (Wall Street Journal)

-- But resilient U.S. earnings buck recession fears, per the Financial Times: "Earnings season in the US has gone better than analysts anticipated. Despite early forecasts for dismal second-quarter results, earnings for S&P 500 constituents are down just 0.4 per cent as of Monday."

-- Global stocks paused this morning as investors took a wait-and-see approach to trade developments and the Fed's next moves, per the Wall Street Journal: "The Stoxx Europe 600 ticked up 0.1%, with rises in its health-care constituents mostly offset by losses in its basic-resources sector. … Shares in the world's largest miner, BHP Group, dropped 1% after Chief Executive Andrew Mackenzie said the trade dispute between the world's two largest economies had clouded the company's outlook. In

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Asia, major indexes were mostly positive or flat, though Hong Kong's Hang Seng slipped 0.2% as recent political protests put pressure on the city's government to enter talks. Japan's Nikkei gained 0.6% and the Korean Kospi jumped more than 1%. … Investors will pay close attention to the minutes from the Federal Reserve's latest meeting on Wednesday, as well as any statements from Chairman Jerome Powell ahead of the economic symposium in Jackson Hole, Wyo., starting on Friday. The U.S. dollar was unchanged on Tuesday, holding on to its recent gains."

-- The bigger threat: Climate change could cost the U.S. economy up to 10.5 percent of its GDP by 2100, according to a new study published yesterday. Andrew Freedman reports: "At a time when there's concern about a global economic downturn, the new study, published as a working paper in the National Bureau of Economic Research, warns of a far bigger cut to economic growth if global warming goes unchecked. … The study found that continued temperature increases of about 0.072 degrees per year (0.04 Celsius) under a roughly 'business as usual,' or high-emissions, scenario would yield a 7.2 percent cut to GDP per capita worldwide by 2100. (This is relative to a world in which countries see temperature increases equal to their 1960 to 2014 rate of change.) In contrast, if countries were to cut greenhouse gas emissions in line with the Paris climate agreement, then such effects could be limited to closer to a 1.1 percent loss in GDP per capita."

-- The White House has mounted an effort to prevent

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any more automakers from joining a pact with California to oppose the president's auto emissions rollbacks. From the Times: "Toyota, Fiat Chrysler and General Motors were all summoned by a senior Trump adviser to a White House meeting last month where he pressed them to stand by the president's own initiative, according to four people familiar with the talks. But even as the White House was working to do this, it was losing ground. Yet another company, Mercedes-Benz, is now preparing to join the California agreement, according to two people familiar with the German company's plans. Mr. Trump, described by three people as 'enraged' by California's deal, has also demanded that his staffers step up the pace to complete his plan. His proposal, however, is directly at odds with the wishes of many automakers, which fear that the aggressive rollbacks will spark a legal battle between California and the federal government that could split the United States car market in two."

Garner family reacts to NYPD firing of the officer whose chokehold led to Eric Garner's death

-- The New York Police Department fired the officer who was caught on video with his arm around the neck of 43-year-old Eric Garner just before he died five years ago. Devlin Barrett reports: "NYPD Commissioner James P. O'Neill announced the decision Monday, weeks after a departmental disciplinary judge recommended the

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officer, Daniel Pantaleo, be terminated. Pantaleo's union said they would try to overturn the decision. 'In this case the unintended consequence of Mr. Garner's death must have a consequence of its own,' said O'Neill. 'It is clear that Daniel Pantaleo can no longer effectively serve as a New York City police officer.' O'Neill called the decision 'extremely difficult,' acknowledging that the move probably would anger rank-and-file officers. 'If I was still a cop, I'd probably be mad at me,' he said."

-- Attorney General Bill Barr has replaced the head of the Bureau of Prisons in the wake of Jeffrey Epstein's death in federal custody. Devlin Barrett reports: "Hugh J. Hurwitz, the agency's acting head, will be replaced by Kathleen Hawk Sawyer, who served as Bureau of Prisons director from 1992 to 2003. Barr also appointed Thomas R. Kane to serve as her deputy, a position currently vacant. … Even before Epstein's death, Justice Department officials privately expressed frustration with senior officials at the Bureau of Prisons, but the apparent management flaws found since have angered the department's leaders, including the attorney general. … The Justice Department sent additional Bureau of Prisons personnel from across the country to buttress the workforce [at the Manhattan correctional center], and a suicide reconstruction team was sent to the facility to determine exactly how Epstein died."

-- Epstein signed his will just two days before his suicide, leaving behind a nearly $600 million fortune, according to court documents obtained by the New York Post: "The court document, filed in the US Virgin Islands

Post: "The court document, filed in the US Virgin Islands, where the convicted sex molester owned two isles … was filed Aug. 8. The 66-year-old former hedge-fund manager was worth $577,672,654, or about $18 million more than he previously stated in court papers while futilely trying to land bail on federal sex-trafficking charges, the new documents show. He put all of his holdings in a trust, called The 1953 Trust, after the year he was born. … Epstein's will was filed with court officials in St. Thomas. One of the two Brooklyn lawyers listed as witnessing its signing is Mariel A. Colon Miro — an attorney for drug kingpin Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman. Miro was once accused of flouting court rules by passing a phone to Chapo's wife so the spouse could communicate with her imprisoned husband. Miro has denied the claim."

-- Two members of the far-right Proud Boys were convicted of assault for fighting with members of a leftist group in New York last year. Eli Rosenberg reports: "A jury found Maxwell Hare, 27, of Harrisburg, Pa., and John Kinsman, 39, of Morristown, N.J., guilty of attempted gang assault, three charges of attempted assault and rioting. Hare and Kinsman were among 10 members of the Proud Boys charged after the October street fight. All but three of them pleaded guilty to various charges; one faces trial later."

Warren apologizes for Native American claims

MORE ON 2020:

-- While raising money from some of the nation's richest people in the Hamptons, Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) distanced herself from the Medicare-for-all plan that she co-sponsored with Bernie Sanders. From the Daily Beast: “I think almost every member of the United States Senate who's running for president, and many others, have signed on to a variety of plans in the Senate. And I have done the same,’ Harris said, according to remarks provided by her campaign. ‘All of them are good ideas, which is why I support them. And I support Medicare-for-all. But as you may have noticed, over the course of the many months, I've not been comfortable with Bernie's plan.’ … That the senator now has reservations about the legislation was not, her campaign argued, a matter of political convenience but, rather, the end product of having worked on the issue more."

-- Harris, who emphasized to the Hamptons crowd that she believes in capitalism, also held finance events on Martha's Vineyard. She wasn't the only candidate trying to curry favor with moneyed elites. From Bloomberg News: "Harris’s event on Sunday night went head to head with one at musician Jon Bon Jovi’s house for Cory Booker. Pete Buttigieg will be in the Hamptons over Labor Day weekend. Joe Biden, who’ll be in the Hamptons next weekend, has already hit up Cape Cod, Aspen and Sun Valley, Idaho. In the woods of Water Mill, at the home of public-relations executive Michael Kempner, Aretha Franklin and Alicia Keys songs played in the background as former Planned Parenthood head Cecile

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Richards, Centerview Partners' Blair Effron and Citigroup's Ray McGuire waited to hear Harris's pitch while would-be donors grazed on mini pizza."

-- Sanders fired back:

-- But Harris is not the only Democrat backing off her support from Medicare-for-all. Chelsea Janes and Michael Scherer report: "In recent months, amid polling that shows concern among voters about ending private insurance, several of the Democratic hopefuls have shifted their positions or their tone, moderating full-throated endorsement of Medicare-for-all and adopting ideas for allowing private insurance in some form. … Former Texas congressman Beto O'Rourke, who in 2017 embraced Medicare-for-all as the 'best way,' now similarly supports a plan that would preserve the current employer-based insurance system. … **Five of the seven U.S. senators in the race have co-sponsored the Medicare-for-all bill drafted by [Sanders]. But they have begun to shade their messages, suggesting that the bill represents a long-term vision rather than an immediate plan.** Many of the candidates are now focusing on steps they say would push the country closer to universal health care without a major disruption, such as creating a 'public option' that would let people join Medicare without making it mandatory. Sen. Cory Booker (N.J.), for example, co-sponsored the Sanders bill and emphasizes that he still supports it, but he describes himself as a 'pragmatist' who would focus on 'the

immediate things we would do,' which do not include eliminating private health insurance."

-- Sen. Elizabeth Warren opened her remarks at a Native American presidential forum with a more straightforward version of the apology she has offered in the past for identifying as a Native American for two decades while she was a law professor. "I want to say this, like anyone who's been honest with themselves, I know that I have made mistakes," Warren (D-Mass.) said. "I am sorry for harm that I have caused. I have listened, and I have learned a lot, and I am grateful for the many conversations that we've had together."

"**Warren used her appearance Monday to try to pivot toward policy — she recently released a lengthy proposal about how she would try to help close health, income and wealth disparities in Native American communities**," Annie Linskey and Holly Bailey report. "The bulk of her appearance focused on parts of that plan, which would provide tribal leaders with far more influence than they now have over federal policy that affects their land. She was introduced by Rep. Deb Haaland (D-N.M.), one of the first two Native American women to be elected to Congress and a lawmaker who has worked with Warren on part of her proposal. Haaland called it the 'boldest' plan yet to 'address the promises that have been broken and the need in our communities.'"

-- After a series of racist incidents that have shaken the

state, liberals in New Hampshire are grappling with reparations and racial justice. Julie Zauzmer reports: "That's a major shift from the past, says Gibson's Bookstore owner Michael Herrmann. Herrmann's quaint shop in Concord has served as a pit stop for politicos for years. ... [Buttigieg, Harris, Booker, Beto O'Rourke and Julián Castro] have stopped by in the past few months. And white voters have asked them about their stance on reparations. When candidates visited in 2016, reparations never came up, Herrmann said. Now, it's part of the conversation. 'It's taken seriously in a way it wasn't just four years ago,' he said. … JerriAnne Boggis, the executive director of the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire, said she has seen an uptick in interest from white residents who want to learn about race. Her organization convenes 'tea talks' on subjects like disenfranchisement or the role of religion in racism. A few years ago, an average talk drew 40 attendees. Recently, 300 people showed up to hear 'Black Girl in Maine' blogger Shay Stewart-Bouley."

-- Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) would not say if she would oppose a political comeback by former senator Al Franken, whose resignation she demanded amid allegations of sexual misconduct. She did say, however, that she believes there is "always room for redemption." Bob Costa reports: "And should her campaign fail to win the Democratic nomination, Gillibrand said she'd be willing to serve as the party's vice-presidential nominee. 'Of course,' she said. 'I will do public service in all its forms.'"

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-- Former housing and urban development secretary Julián Castro became the first 2020 candidate to introduce a comprehensive and detailed animal welfare plan. From HuffPost: "Castro's plan calls for $40 million in federal funding for a 'Local Animal Communities Grant Program,' which would help defray the costs of vaccinating, spaying and neutering animals. The money would also go toward programs that promote animal adoption. The plan also says that new affordable housing units will be pet-friendly. As part of his campaign, Castro has laid out a housing plan that would create 3 million new affordable housing units over 10 years. Castro also says he will work with homeless shelters that receive federal support to 'ensure pets belonging to homeless individuals seeking refuge are not prohibited entry.'"

-- Castro qualified for the September Democratic debates after getting 2 percent in a CNN poll.

-- Hotel assignments for the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee next summer could stretch as far as Chicago's O'Hare airport. From the Journal Sentinel: "Many of the delegates will be housed in hotel clusters in downtown Milwaukee, near Mitchell International Airport and in Brookfield, convention organizers have said. The hotels around O'Hare come into play because of their size and ability to handle large group bookings. Organizers have noted that drive times to Milwaukee are expected to be shorter in duration than trips to conventions in Philadelphia

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in 2016 and Charlotte, N.C., in 2012. Convention organizers are responsible for setting up a shuttle bus system to get delegates to and from Fiserv Forum."

-- Anthony Scaramucci, the former White House communications director, says he was wrong about Trump all along in an op-ed for today's newspaper: "This isn't a Road to Damascus moment; my concerns have been building publicly for a while. And I'm not seeking absolution. I just want to be part of the solution. The negatives of Trump's demagoguery now clearly outweigh the positives of his leadership, and it is imperative that Americans unite to prevent him from serving another four years in office. When I decided to support Trump's candidacy and later to work in his administration, it wasn't because I agreed with all of his policies or liked every aspect of his personality.

"My public praise of the man was over the top at times, but my private estimation of him was more measured," the Mooch asserts. "I thought Trump, despite his warts, could bring a pragmatic, entrepreneurial approach to the Oval Office. … I naively thought that, by joining the administration, I could counteract the far-right voices in the room. I thought wrong. And, yes, many of you told me so. … As we lie on the bed of nails Trump has made, it's often difficult to see how much the paradigm of acceptable conduct has shifted. For the Republican Party, it's now a question of whether we want to start cleaning up the mess or continue papering over the cracks."

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-- Trump's base probably will not be enough to carry him in the 2020 election. From the Atlantic's Ron Brownstein: "The latest such evidence comes in a new study released today by Navigator Research, a consortium of Democratic research and advocacy groups. The report ... examines a group that many analysts in both parties believe could prove to be the key bloc of 2020 swing voters: Americans who say they approve of Trump's management of the economy but still disapprove of his overall performance as president. And it shows Trump facing significant headwinds among that potentially critical group, partly because of the divisive language and behavior he's taken to new heights, or lows, since last weekend— tweeting about the congresswomen and encouraging his supporters to attack them as well. … In Navigator's polling, the economy emerges clearly as Trump's greatest advantage. … For now, these conflicted voters give the president a crushing 55 percentage-point edge over congressional Democrats when asked which side they trust more to handle the issue … But on every other front, Trump faces headwinds. In the surveys, these voters prefer congressional Democrats over Trump to handle taxes (by nine points), immigration (by 10 points), and health care (by 34 points)."

Tlaib: Netanyahu took 'page out of Trump's book'

-- Reps. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) and Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) blasted Israel for blocking their visit. Rachael Bade reports: "Speaking to reporters at the Minnesota state

house in St. Paul, Omar called into question the millions of dollars in U.S. aid given to Israel each year and encouraged other lawmakers to visit in their stead to see first-hand the humanitarian conditions of Palestinians on the ground, a top goal of their upended trip. … Tlaib, speaking at times through tears, took a more personal approach, expressing remorse about not being able to visit her grandmother who lives in the West Bank. After Israel blocked their official visit, Tlaib (D-Mich.), a Palestinian American, made an appeal to Israel officials to allow her to visit her relatives. Israeli officials agreed, but would have required her to sign a promise restricting her speech and her movement. Tlaib ultimately declined to go. 'My grandmother said … I'm her bird. She said I'm her dream manifested,' Tlaib said, her voice growing angry as she started to cry. 'I'm her free bird, so why would I come back and be caged and bow down when my election rose her head up high, gave her dignity for the first time?'"

-- Months before blocking the congresswomen's entry into Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sent a letter opposing both Democrats to Rep. Jim McGovern (D-Mass.). Adam Taylor reports: "The letter reveals that Netanyahu had long identified Tlaib and Omar — fierce critics of Israeli policy on Palestinians — as a problem for his government. At the heart of his opposition was the idea that they support the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement. Netanyahu's letter shows how the BDS movement and its growing support could become a wedge between the Israeli government and Democrats."

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-- In June, Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-Va.) clashed with her left flank after she and other moderates voted to approve $4.6 billion in emergency aid for migrants at the border. She learned sometimes your biggest foes are in your own party. Jenna Portnoy reports: "'That week showed me that for some people, ideology matters more than putting food in the mouth of a child,' she said. 'And that was stunning to me.' In the eight months that Spanberger has served in Congress, she has been a lawmaker in the middle. … As she steers through the political divisions within her swing district, Spanberger is also trying to navigate conflicts inside her own party. … Spanberger and other moderates thought an alternative bill had little chance of getting through the Senate. ... The humanitarian aid package was just the sort of hard-fought accomplishment that made it worth it to leave a good-paying job at an education company and upend a stable suburban family life, Spanberger said … Then she read the torrent of insults directed at lawmakers like her."

-- Rep. Ben Ray Luján (D-N.M.), a close ally of Speaker Nancy Pelosi, became the highest-ranking House Democrat to endorse impeachment proceedings against Trump. He likely did this to boost himself in a competitive primary for Senate in his home state. (Politico)

-- Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa), who appears vulnerable to a primary challenge, said the media and GOP leaders owe *him* an apology after he said that humanity might

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not exist if it weren't for rape and incest. Felicia Sonmez reports: "He took aim at the Des Moines Register, which broke the news of King's remarks, as well as the Associated Press, which also reported on them. ... The Des Moines Register did correct another quote it ran on King's remarks. But the part about rape and incest was reported accurately."

Pouring rain soaks massive Hong Kong protest

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- Twitter and Facebook said they took action against China for using hundreds of fake accounts to sow discord in Hong Kong. Marie C. Baca and Tony Romm report: This marks "the first time the social media giants had identified Beijing directly for spearheading such an operation. Twitter said it was suspending nearly a thousand Chinese accounts and banning advertising from state-owned media companies, citing a 'significant state-backed information operation' related to protests in Hong Kong. Meanwhile, Facebook said it was removing five Facebook accounts, seven pages and three groups after being tipped off to the use of 'a number of deceptive tactics, including the use of fake accounts.' … Facebook said that the pages it removed had about 15,500 accounts following one or more, while 2,200 accounts joined at least one of the groups. The company said its investigation had found 'links to individuals associated with the Chinese government.' Though Facebook is not considering a ban on advertising from state-sponsored media, the company said it is working on additional transparency measures."

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transparency measures.

-- Hong Kong's leader said she will try to have a dialogue with protesters who want her gone, but didn't offer any specifics. From the AP: "Chief Executive Carrie Lam also said the city's police watchdog will carry out a fact-finding study of the protests and related incidents as it looks into 174 complaints about police behavior. The movement held a massive but peaceful rally on Sunday after earlier protests had been marked by violence. The government has conditioned dialogue on the leaderless protest movement remaining peaceful. Lam didn't say that the communication platform will be used to specifically contact protesters. It will be used for 'open and direct' dialogue with people from all walks of life, she told reporters, while giving few specifics on how it would work. … Lam's comments fell short of the protesters' five demands, which include her resignation and an independent inquiry into what they say was police brutality."

-- Flexing its muscle, a rising China is investing heavily in Central Europe. But there are lots of strings attached, and some countries are already coming to regret the relationship. Michael Birnbaum reports: "Czech President Milos Zeman has met with Chinese President Xi Jinping eight times — an unusual amount of face time for the leader of 10 million people. Zeman has welcomed Chinese investment and tried to position his country as China's portal to Europe. He even appointed a Chinese business tycoon, Ye Jianming, as an economic adviser. … The relationship has hit some serious bumps."

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-- A British consular official was detained by Chinese authorities while returning from a trip to China, the British government said. Gerry Shih reports: "Simon Cheng, a 28-year-old trade and investment officer at the consulate, planned to attend a technology conference in the border city of Shenzhen on Aug. 8 and return to Hong Kong the same day by high-speed train, his girlfriend told Hong Kong news website HK01.com. ... Cheng's disappearance threatens to further strain China's already tense relations with the West. Beijing, locked in an increasingly bitter trade dispute with the United States, has accused Washington and London of fomenting protests that have convulsed Hong Kong, a former British colony."

-- Democracy in retreat: Turkey suspended three of its mayors over allegations that they're linked to Kurdish militants. Kareem Fahim reports: "The suspension came five months after the mayors won landslide victories in local polls. Opposition parties criticized the move as anti-democratic, saying it was the latest evidence that President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government is intent on marginalizing pro-Kurdish voices. The mayors — of Diyarbakir, Mardin and Van provinces — are members of the opposition Peoples' Democratic Party, or HDP, a pro-Kurdish party. Between them, they won nearly a million votes in local elections held in March — easily defeating candidates from Erdogan's ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP. Erdogan has frequently accused the HDP of links to the militant Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which

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links to the militant Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which has fought a decades-long insurgency against the Turkish government."

-- India loosened its clampdown on Kashmir, but the region's leaders remain detained. Joanna Slater and Niha Masih report: "Residents of Srinagar, the Kashmiri capital, confirmed that the authorities had reconnected some landlines, although many were still unreachable. Mobile connections and Internet access remained severed, and hundreds of local politicians were being held incommunicado. Most schools remained closed. … It is not clear how long the clampdown will last. … A top local bureaucrat had pledged Friday that within days, life in Jammu and Kashmir, as the region is officially known, 'would become completely normal.' But there was little sign of that Monday."

-- "A young Indian couple married for love. Then the bride's father hired assassins," Slater reports: "Pranay Perumalla strode into the wedding hall in a midnight blue suit, his face lit by a grin as he clasped the hand of his bride, Amrutha Varshini. … One bright afternoon less than a month later, the couple left a doctor's appointment in the small southern Indian city where they grew up. A man came up behind them carrying a large butcher knife in his right hand. He hacked Pranay twice on the head and neck, killing him instantly. Pranay, 23, was a Dalit, a term used to describe those formerly known as 'untouchables.' Amrutha, 21, belongs to an upper caste. Her rich and powerful family viewed the couple's union as an unacceptable humiliation.

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Her father, T. Maruthi Rao, was so enraged that he hired killers to murder his son-in-law, court documents say."

-- A woman in El Salvador who was charged in the death of her stillborn baby was acquitted by a judge, a ruling that advocates say is a win in a country with one of the world's most severe abortion bans. Michael Brice-Saddler reports: "A judge's decision to acquit 21-year-old Evelyn Hernández marks the culmination of a tragic saga that began when she was raped at the age of 18, her lawyers said. Those close to Hernández say she didn't know she was nearly 34 weeks pregnant in 2016, when she walked into a latrine and delivered a stillborn child. Her mother found her, bleeding and unconscious, before rushing her to a hospital. Paula Avila Guillen, director of Latin America Initiatives at the Women's Equality Center, said a doctor concluded that Hernández's condition was a result of an "incomplete abortion." Police discovered her fetus in the latrine and charged Hernández with aggravated homicide. In 2017, she was handed a 30-year prison sentence."

-- The U.S. warned Greece against hosting the Iranian tanker that was released by Gibraltar a few days ago. From the Wall Street Journal: The United States said "those who facilitate the vessel, which is carrying oil deemed illicit, would face immigration and potential criminal consequences. 'We have conveyed our strong position to the Greek government on the matter, as well as all ports in the Mediterranean that should be forewarned about facilitating this vessel,' the State Department said. The

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Iranian tanker Adrian Darya 1, previously called the Grace 1, was moving eastward toward Kalamata, Greece, and is expected to arrive there on Monday, according to shipping tracker MarineTraffic. The tanker left Gibraltar's waters late Sunday after the territory's Justice Ministry rejected a warrant from the U.S. Justice Department seeking its seizure for alleged violations of American sanctions. Gibraltar officials said the territory follows the European Union's laws, not the U.S.'s."

-- Australian Cardinal George Pell, the highest Vatican official jailed for child abuse in the Catholic Church's 2,000-year history, appealed his guilty verdict. A. Odysseus Patrick reports: "Pell will appear before three judges of the Victorian Supreme Court on Wednesday morning in Australia, and learn if he has been able to overturn a conviction for sexually assaulting two choir boys. Justices Anne Ferguson, Chris Maxwell and Mark Weinberg could uphold the conviction, order a retrial, or dismiss some or all of the charges and allow the 78 year-old to walk out of the court building in downtown Melbourne a free man. … Lawyers said it was impossible to predict if the cardinal's appeal would succeed."

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

Trump coopted this Greenland meme:

Hillary Clinton hit back at Trump, who shared a misleading

study about the results of the 2016 election:

In Minnesota last night, Elizabeth Warren drew what appears to be the biggest crowd of her whole campaign:

Meanwhile, another presidential candidate from Warren's home state got carded in Iowa. He just cannot catch a break:

Kamala Harris's husband shared a picture from the beach, where they snuck in some time after a fundraiser:

Mayor Pete Buttigieg is leading in a very Hamptons-specific poll:

A number of Sinclair Broadcast Group stations ran and promoted stories on their websites about new Trump campaign merchandise:

After the leaders of the Log Cabin Republicans endorsed Trump's reelection, one of its members (a former chair of

Trump's reelection, one of its members (a former chair of the New Hampshire GOP) stepped down in protest:

The president once again lashed out against one of his former aides:

Yesterday marked the fifth anniversary since journalist James Foley was murdered by ISIS in Syria:

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"So yes, you know, your candidate might be better on, I don't know, health care than Joe is, but you've got to look at who's going to win this election, and maybe you have to swallow a little bit and say, 'Okay, I personally like so and so better,' but your bottom line has to be that we have to beat Trump," said Jill Biden, the wife of Joe Biden, during a campaign event in New Hampshire. "You may like another candidate better, but you have to look at who's going to win. And Joe is that person." (NBC News)

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Joe Biden is going on the air with his first ad in Iowa:

The White House shared a video of workers, speaking Spanish, putting up portions of the border fence:

In a widely circulated speech, former congressman Beto O'Rourke spoke to Arkansan voters about the ubiquitous presence of racism in America's history:

Hasan Minhaj investigated why America's public transit systems aren't the best:

And Trevor Noah explored the concept of "Donsplaining":

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Marianne Williamson wants to remember the ladies in Afghanistan

Women attend a rally for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's reelection campaign in Kabul on Aug. 5. He is seeking a second term on promises of ending the 18-year war, but he's been largely sidelined over the past year as the United States negotiated directly with the Taliban. (Rafiq Maqbool/AP)

BY JAMES HOHMANN

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THE BIG IDEA: In 1776, Abigail Adams wrote a letter to her husband as the colonists prepared to declare independence. "And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors," the future first lady pleaded to John Adams. "Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could."

Imagine how much greater a country we might be today if the Founding Fathers had heeded her call to "remember the ladies"

from the get-go. Their failure to do so was one of America's original sins. Instead, women would not be guaranteed the right to vote for another 143 years. Things have improved significantly, but the pay gap and sexual assault remain endemic.

Marianne Williamson is alarmed that the mistakes made at the dawn of our republic will be repeated in Afghanistan as the United States negotiates a troop drawdown with the Taliban. While her fellow Democratic presidential candidates tout their desire to end America's longest war as soon as possible, the author and self-help guru has emphasized more than any of her rivals the need to use the leverage that comes with a large troop presence to extract enforceable security guarantees for women and girls. She says a gentleman's agreement is not good enough.

The 67-year-old said during an interview yesterday afternoon that she's been concerned about the subjugation of Afghan women since long before the U.S. invasion in the wake of 9/11. "This has been a feminist issue since before 2001," Williamson told me as she drove from Sioux City, Iowa, to Des Moines. "One positive thing that's come from us being there has been the lessening of brutality towards women and the rights of women that came into full expression as a result of liberation."

Schoolgirls study near their temporary homes on the outskirts of Kabul. Attacks on schools in Afghanistan tripled in 2018, according to the United Nation's children's agency. (Rahmat Gul/AP)

Williamson expresses visceral concern that conditions for women will revert to the way they were during the last time the Taliban dominated if President Trump agrees to a bad deal. Women were not allowed to attend school before. Today, about 3.5 million are enrolled in primary and secondary schools. Women were routinely flogged for not wearing full-body burqas or if they went outside without a

male chaperone. Today, women can vote. In fact, they constitute a larger share of the parliament in Afghanistan than of the Senate in the United States.

Williamson said she's been closely tracking coverage of the ongoing negotiations, and she finds it "very disturbing" that safeguarding the gains made by women over the past 18 years has not been a top priority. "I know some people seem to think that this new generation of Taliban leadership is somewhat more lenient towards women, but that to me is not enough," she explained. "I want to see that subject front and center as part of America's official negotiating posture."

She would not have excluded the Afghanistan government from the bilateral U.S. talks with the Taliban. Williamson said she would consult closely with Afghanistan's ambassador to the United States, who is a woman, and speak directly with other female leaders in Kabul's civil society to get their input on what a workable deal might look like. "If we're going to talk about moving forward in a new direction, then we have to start now," she said. "The rights and the protections of the women of Afghanistan in current negotiations with the Taliban is a perfect example. We must not wait and do these kinds of things later."

Marianne Williamson delivers a campaign speech. (Alex Welsh for The Washington Post)

To be sure, Williamson is still a dove at heart. On Monday, for example, she unveiled a detailed plan to create a Department of Peace. But while her odds of winning the nomination certainly remain slim to none, the first-time candidate is devoting a ton of time on the trail to talking about a profoundly important issue that, frankly, seems like an afterthought for the top-tier candidates. It's always a crowd-pleaser when the various candidates promise to "end the endless wars." Trump does it at his rallies, as well. But the degree to which Williamson emphasizes that a pullout must be done in a

thoughtful manner is striking. For folks who know only the reductionist caricature of her that they've seen during the first two debates, it's also surprising.

Williamson chastises her fellow Democrats for leaning on talking points when it comes to matters of war and peace. "'Bring them home' is a slogan. It's *how* we bring them home and under what conditions do we bring them home," she told me. "I wouldn't be running if I thought that everything that needed to be said was already being said about this and so many other things. …

"Large groups of desperate people should be seen as a national security risk," she continued. "Large groups of desperate people are more vulnerable to ideological capture by genuinely psychotic forces. Until we have a fundamental break with the thinking and the behavioral patterns of the past, all we're doing is removing a symptom that will almost inevitably morph into another one down the road."

Women listen to a speech during the closing ceremony of the Afghan government's loya jirga, which translates to grand assembly, in Kabul this spring. (Jawad Jalali/EPA-EFE)

Giving women seats at the table would be a central aim of Williamson's foreign policy doctrine. "Over and above the fact that we're half the human race, and violence against women is as egregious a human rights violation as could possibly exist on the planet, there is no serious path forward for peace on Earth that does not include much greater attention given to the rights and the protection of women," she said. "There are four factors which, when present, statistically raise the probability of peace and decrease the probability of conflict. Number one is an expansion of economic opportunities for women. Number two is the reduction of violence against women. Number three is the expansion of educational opportunities for children. And number four is the amelioration of unnecessary human suffering."

Williamson said that the voters she's been talking with seem to appreciate her nuanced views vis-a-vis Afghanistan. She said she doesn't discuss the country because she thinks it will garner support but because she thinks the issue is critically important. "It is my experience that the American people are so much smarter than the conventional political establishment seems to think," she said. "I don't think the role of leadership is to wait to be told what you should talk about. I think the role of leadership is to say what needs to be said."

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What Trump has said about expanding gun background checks

THE DOMESTIC AGENDA:

-- Lucy and the football, cont.: The inside story of how Trump caved to the National Rifle Association yet again on taking meaningful action to curb gun violence. Josh Dawsey and David Nakamura report: "Since the shootings, NRA officials have repeatedly told the president and senior White House officials that universal background checks won't do much to prevent mass shootings, according to people familiar with the private conversations. **NRA officials also have lobbied Vice President Pence's office and acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney**, as well as governors and

lawmakers who face potentially difficult reelection races in 2020. … White House aides and NRA officials have pointed out to Trump that many of the states he needs to win next year have a strong contingency of NRA members who would be frustrated if Trump made any drastic moves on gun control. …

"**Trump's campaign commissioned a poll on guns after this month's shootings, and his political advisers warned him that there is little support for significant action among Republican voters**, and even some Democrats, people familiar with the conversations said. 'He is going to be very careful,' said one person close to the president … 'He isn't inclined to do much right now.' …

"**Some Republicans noted that Trump has shown no inclination to lead an effort on any legislation opposed by the GOP base.** Last year, he floated support for offering a path to citizenship for some undocumented immigrants in exchange for billions in funding for a border wall but quickly backed off in the face of a conservative backlash. **In February 2017, a week after taking office, Trump rolled back Obama-era regulations aimed at making it more difficult for mentally ill people to buy firearms.** [He did so at the behest of the NRA.]

"**Behind the scenes, Trump's communication with key lawmakers, including Sen. Joe Manchin III, a moderate Democrat from West Virginia who has sought to develop bipartisan gun-control measures, has gone mostly cold**, according to Capitol Hill aides. … [Mitch] McConnell has rebuffed calls to bring the Senate back to Washington to deal with the issue, and his advisers acknowledged that he is unlikely to act without Trump's leadership. McConnell has told advisers that he would push legislation only if the president were fully on board."

-- Meanwhile, Rep. Pete King (R-N.Y.) co-sponsored the Democratic

bill to ban assault weapons. "They are weapons of mass slaughter," he told the New York Daily News. "I don't see any need for them in everyday society." King said he hopes other House Republicans follow him, but he's not optimistic.

-- A group of states is preparing to move forward with a joint antitrust investigation of big technology companies. From the Wall Street Journal: "The effort involving state attorneys general is expected to be formally launched as soon as next month. It is likely to focus on whether a handful of dominant technology platforms use their marketplace powers to stifle competition. As part of the probe, the states are likely to issue civil investigative demands, similar to subpoenas, to tech companies and other businesses. The new investigation could dovetail with plans by the Justice Department, which last month announced its own antitrust review that will focus on tech companies including Alphabet Inc.'s Google unit and Facebook Inc. … The political makeup of the multistate group isn't set. A bipartisan probe could give the investigation broader leverage and help insulate GOP officials from questions over whether their actions are motivated by political concerns, such as how online platforms treat conservative speech."

-- Planned Parenthood officially pulled out of a federal family planning program rather than abide by a new Trump administration "gag rule" prohibiting clinics from referring women for abortions. From the AP: "Alexis McGill Johnson, Planned Parenthood's acting president and CEO, said the organization's nationwide network of health centers would remain open and strive to make up for the loss of federal money. But she predicted that many low-income women who rely on Planned Parenthood services would 'delay or go without' care. 'We will not be bullied into withholding abortion information from our patients,' said McGill Johnson. 'Our patients deserve to make their own health care decisions, not to be forced to have Donald Trump or Mike Pence make those decisions for them.' … Planned Parenthood was not the

only organization dropping out. Maine Family Planning, which is unaffiliated with Planned Parenthood, also released its letter of withdrawal Monday. The National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association, an umbrella group for family planning clinics, is suing to overturn the regulations."

Conway: 'The fundamentals of our economy are very strong'

-- The White House is eyeing a temporary payroll tax cut as a way to reverse the economic slowdown. Damian Paletta reports: "The talks are still in their early stages and have included a range of other tax breaks. The officials also have not decided whether to formally push Congress to approve any of these measures ... But the White House increasingly is discussing ideas to boost a slowing economy ... Even though deliberations about the payroll tax cut were held Monday, the White House released a statement disputing that the idea was actively under 'consideration.' … Workers pay payroll taxes on income up to $132,900, so cutting the tax has remained a popular idea for many lawmakers, especially Democrats seeking to deliver savings for middle-income earners and not the wealthiest Americans.

"**But payroll tax cuts can also add dramatically to the deficit and — depending on how they are designed — pull billions of dollars away from Social Security.** The payroll tax cuts during the Obama administration reduced taxes by more than $100 billion each year, but the administration directed revenue to Social Security programs so those initiatives did not lose money. The cuts added to the deficit, however. If Washington implemented a similarly sized reduction, the tax cut could equate to a bigger tax break for many families than the 2017 tax law." **(Economics correspondent Heather Long prepared 15 charts to compare the Trump economy to the Obama economy.)**

-- Nearly 3 out of 4 economists surveyed by the National Association for Business Economics predict a recession in the United States by 2021. Jonnelle Marte reports: "The outlook reflects growing skepticism among economists and investors that the U.S. economy will be able to withstand a protracted trade war with China without serious harm amid a weakening global outlook. … The survey of 226 economists was conducted from July 14 to Aug. 1, before Trump announced the latest round of tariffs against China and before the last bout of market volatility. The report reinforced the pessimism seen earlier this year, illustrating that for many economists the question is not so much whether the U.S. economy will enter a recession but when. Some economists delayed the timeline for when they expect a slowdown to start. The share of economists expecting a recession this year dropped to 2 percent from 10 percent in February. In addition, 34 percent now expect a recession in 2021, up from 25 percent in February. Still, about 4 out of 10 economists expect a slowdown in 2020, roughly unchanged from the previous report."

-- Trump called on the Fed to cut interest rates by at least 100 basis points while attempting to play down the risk of a recession. He also pinned the blame for a potential economic downturn on the central bank and its chairman, Jerome Powell. Felicia Sonmez and Damian Paletta report: "The Fed funds rate, which Trump is trying to tell central bankers to cut, is currently set at 2.25 percent. Slashing it 100 basis points would lower this rate to 1.25 percent, giving them very little additional wiggle room to maneuver if a full-fledged recession began. … Fed officials have said they do not make decisions based on political pressure, but Trump has taken his attacks on the central bank to new extremes, particularly this month amid numerous signs that the U.S. economy is weakening more than expected. … Trump's Twitter posts on Monday marked a new wrinkle in his push for the Fed to cut interest rates. In the past, he has said such a move is necessary to help the

U.S. economy. But on Monday, he said it would be necessary to help the world economy. Other central banks, however, have already begun cutting interest rates, and it's unclear why Trump believes that specific actions by the Fed would be enough to lift countries such as Germany out of a downturn."

-- Trump's industrial policy takes a hit: U.S. Steel plans to lay off hundreds of workers in Michigan. From Reuters: "In a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification filed on Aug. 5, the Pittsburgh-based company said it expects to let go fewer than 200 workers following its decision to halt production at the Michigan facility. In mid-June, the company said it would idle two blast furnaces at its Great lakes and Gary Works plants, citing lower steel prices and softening demand. U.S. Steel said the lay-offs at the Michigan plant could last beyond six months. They will impact nearly every area of the facility, from blast furnace to finishing operations, a company spokeswoman told Reuters."

-- Another sign of an economic slowdown: RV shipments are slipping. Elkahrt, Ind., the capital of the country's recreational-vehicle industry, is often watched by economists and investors for early indications of waning consumer demand for luxury items – an early sign of economic anxiety. (Wall Street Journal)

-- But resilient U.S. earnings buck recession fears, per the Financial Times: "Earnings season in the US has gone better than analysts anticipated. Despite early forecasts for dismal second-quarter results, earnings for S&P 500 constituents are down just 0.4 per cent as of Monday."

-- Global stocks paused this morning as investors took a wait-and-see approach to trade developments and the Fed's next moves, per the Wall Street Journal: "The Stoxx Europe 600 ticked up 0.1%, with rises in its health-care constituents mostly offset by losses in its basic-

resources sector. … Shares in the world's largest miner, BHP Group, dropped 1% after Chief Executive Andrew Mackenzie said the trade dispute between the world's two largest economies had clouded the company's outlook. In Asia, major indexes were mostly positive or flat, though Hong Kong's Hang Seng slipped 0.2% as recent political protests put pressure on the city's government to enter talks. Japan's Nikkei gained 0.6% and the Korean Kospi jumped more than 1%. … Investors will pay close attention to the minutes from the Federal Reserve's latest meeting on Wednesday, as well as any statements from Chairman Jerome Powell ahead of the economic symposium in Jackson Hole, Wyo., starting on Friday. The U.S. dollar was unchanged on Tuesday, holding on to its recent gains."

-- The bigger threat: Climate change could cost the U.S. economy up to 10.5 percent of its GDP by 2100, according to a new study published yesterday. Andrew Freedman reports: "At a time when there's concern about a global economic downturn, the new study, published as a working paper in the National Bureau of Economic Research, warns of a far bigger cut to economic growth if global warming goes unchecked. … The study found that continued temperature increases of about 0.072 degrees per year (0.04 Celsius) under a roughly 'business as usual,' or high-emissions, scenario would yield a 7.2 percent cut to GDP per capita worldwide by 2100. (This is relative to a world in which countries see temperature increases equal to their 1960 to 2014 rate of change.) In contrast, if countries were to cut greenhouse gas emissions in line with the Paris climate agreement, then such effects could be limited to closer to a 1.1 percent loss in GDP per capita."

-- The White House has mounted an effort to prevent any more automakers from joining a pact with California to oppose the president's auto emissions rollbacks. From the Times: "Toyota, Fiat Chrysler and General Motors were all summoned by a senior Trump

adviser to a White House meeting last month where he pressed them to stand by the president's own initiative, according to four people familiar with the talks. But even as the White House was working to do this, it was losing ground. Yet another company, Mercedes-Benz, is now preparing to join the California agreement, according to two people familiar with the German company's plans. Mr. Trump, described by three people as 'enraged' by California's deal, has also demanded that his staffers step up the pace to complete his plan. His proposal, however, is directly at odds with the wishes of many automakers, which fear that the aggressive rollbacks will spark a legal battle between California and the federal government that could split the United States car market in two."

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Garner family reacts to NYPD firing of the officer whose chokehold led to Eric Garner's death

-- The New York Police Department fired the officer who was caught on video with his arm around the neck of 43-year-old Eric Garner just before he died five years ago. Devlin Barrett reports: "NYPD Commissioner James P. O'Neill announced the decision Monday, weeks after a departmental disciplinary judge recommended the officer, Daniel Pantaleo, be terminated. Pantaleo's union said they would try to overturn the decision. 'In this case the unintended consequence of Mr. Garner's death must have a consequence of its own,' said O'Neill. 'It is clear that Daniel Pantaleo can no longer effectively serve as a New York City police officer.' O'Neill called the decision 'extremely difficult,' acknowledging that the move probably would anger rank-and-file officers. 'If I was still a cop, I'd probably be mad at me,' he said."

-- Attorney General Bill Barr has replaced the head of the Bureau of Prisons in the wake of Jeffrey Epstein's death in federal custody. Devlin Barrett reports: "Hugh J. Hurwitz, the agency's acting head, will be replaced by Kathleen Hawk Sawyer, who served as Bureau of Prisons director from 1992 to 2003. Barr also appointed Thomas R. Kane to serve as her deputy, a position currently vacant. … Even before Epstein's death, Justice Department officials privately expressed frustration with senior officials at the Bureau of Prisons, but the apparent management flaws found since have angered the department's leaders, including the attorney general. … The Justice Department sent additional Bureau of Prisons personnel from across the country to buttress the workforce [at the Manhattan correctional center], and a suicide reconstruction team was sent to the facility to determine exactly how Epstein died."

-- Epstein signed his will just two days before his suicide, leaving behind a nearly $600 million fortune, according to court documents obtained by the New York Post: "The court document, filed in the US Virgin Islands, where the convicted sex molester owned two isles … was filed Aug. 8. The 66-year-old former hedge-fund manager was worth $577,672,654, or about $18 million more than he previously stated in court papers while futilely trying to land bail on federal sex-trafficking charges, the new documents show. He put all of his holdings in a trust, called The 1953 Trust, after the year he was born. … Epstein's will was filed with court officials in St. Thomas. One of the two Brooklyn lawyers listed as witnessing its signing is Mariel A. Colon Miro — an attorney for drug kingpin Joaquin 'El Chapo' Guzman. Miro was once accused of flouting court rules by passing a phone to Chapo's wife so the spouse could communicate with her imprisoned husband. Miro has denied the claim."

-- Two members of the far-right Proud Boys were convicted of assault for fighting with members of a leftist group in New York

last year. Eli Rosenberg reports: “A jury found Maxwell Hare, 27, of Harrisburg, Pa., and John Kinsman, 39, of Morristown, N.J., guilty of attempted gang assault, three charges of attempted assault and rioting. Hare and Kinsman were among 10 members of the Proud Boys charged after the October street fight. All but three of them pleaded guilty to various charges; one faces trial later."

Warren apologizes for Native American claims

MORE ON 2020:

-- While raising money from some of the nation's richest people in the Hamptons, Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) distanced herself from the Medicare-for-all plan that she co-sponsored with Bernie Sanders. From the Daily Beast: “I think almost every member of the United States Senate who's running for president, and many others, have signed on to a variety of plans in the Senate. And I have done the same,’ Harris said, according to remarks provided by her campaign. ‘All of them are good ideas, which is why I support them. And I support Medicare-for-all. But as you may have noticed, over the course of the many months, I've not been comfortable with Bernie's plan.’ … That the senator now has reservations about the legislation was not, her campaign argued, a matter of political convenience but, rather, the end product of having worked on the issue more."

-- Harris, who emphasized to the Hamptons crowd that she believes in capitalism, also held finance events on Martha's Vineyard. She wasn't the only candidate trying to curry favor with moneyed elites. From Bloomberg News: "Harris’s event on Sunday night went head to head with one at musician Jon Bon Jovi’s house for Cory Booker. Pete Buttigieg will be in the Hamptons over Labor Day weekend. Joe Biden, who’ll be in the Hamptons next weekend, has

already hit up Cape Cod, Aspen and Sun Valley, Idaho. In the woods of Water Mill, at the home of public-relations executive Michael Kempner, Aretha Franklin and Alicia Keys songs played in the background as former Planned Parenthood head Cecile Richards, Centerview Partners' Blair Effron and Citigroup's Ray McGuire waited to hear Harris's pitch while would-be donors grazed on mini pizza."

-- Sanders fired back:

-- But Harris is not the only Democrat backing off her support from Medicare-for-all. Chelsea Janes and Michael Scherer report: "In recent months, amid polling that shows concern among voters about ending private insurance, several of the Democratic hopefuls have shifted their positions or their tone, moderating full-throated endorsement of Medicare-for-all and adopting ideas for allowing private insurance in some form. … Former Texas congressman Beto O'Rourke, who in 2017 embraced Medicare-for-all as the 'best way,' now similarly supports a plan that would preserve the current employer-based insurance system. … **Five of the seven U.S. senators in the race have co-sponsored the Medicare-for-all bill drafted by [Sanders]. But they have begun to shade their messages, suggesting that the bill represents a long-term vision rather than an immediate plan.** Many of the candidates are now focusing on steps they say would push the country closer to universal health care without a major disruption, such as creating a 'public option' that would let people join Medicare without making it mandatory. Sen. Cory Booker (N.J.), for example, co-sponsored the Sanders bill and emphasizes that he still supports it, but he describes himself as a 'pragmatist' who would focus on 'the immediate things we would do,' which do not include eliminating private health insurance."

-- Sen. Elizabeth Warren opened her remarks at a Native American presidential forum with a more straightforward version of the

apology she has offered in the past for identifying as a Native American for two decades while she was a law professor. "I want to say this, like anyone who's been honest with themselves, I know that I have made mistakes," Warren (D-Mass.) said. "I am sorry for harm that I have caused. I have listened, and I have learned a lot, and I am grateful for the many conversations that we've had together."

"**Warren used her appearance Monday to try to pivot toward policy — she recently released a lengthy proposal about how she would try to help close health, income and wealth disparities in Native American communities**," Annie Linskey and Holly Bailey report. "The bulk of her appearance focused on parts of that plan, which would provide tribal leaders with far more influence than they now have over federal policy that affects their land. She was introduced by Rep. Deb Haaland (D-N.M.), one of the first two Native American women to be elected to Congress and a lawmaker who has worked with Warren on part of her proposal. Haaland called it the 'boldest' plan yet to 'address the promises that have been broken and the need in our communities.'"

-- After a series of racist incidents that have shaken the state, liberals in New Hampshire are grappling with reparations and racial justice. Julie Zauzmer reports: "That's a major shift from the past, says Gibson's Bookstore owner Michael Herrmann. Herrmann's quaint shop in Concord has served as a pit stop for politicos for years. ... [Buttigieg, Harris, Booker, Beto O'Rourke and Julián Castro] have stopped by in the past few months. And white voters have asked them about their stance on reparations. When candidates visited in 2016, reparations never came up, Herrmann said. Now, it's part of the conversation. 'It's taken seriously in a way it wasn't just four years ago,' he said. … JerriAnne Boggis, the executive director of the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire, said she has seen an uptick in interest from white residents who want to learn about race. Her organization convenes 'tea talks' on subjects like disenfranchisement or the role of religion in

racism. A few years ago, an average talk drew 40 attendees. Recently, 300 people showed up to hear 'Black Girl in Maine' blogger Shay Stewart-Bouley."

-- Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) would not say if she would oppose a political comeback by former senator Al Franken, whose resignation she demanded amid allegations of sexual misconduct. She did say, however, that she believes there is "always room for redemption." Bob Costa reports: "And should her campaign fail to win the Democratic nomination, Gillibrand said she'd be willing to serve as the party's vice-presidential nominee. 'Of course,' she said. 'I will do public service in all its forms.'"

-- Former housing and urban development secretary Julián Castro became the first 2020 candidate to introduce a comprehensive and detailed animal welfare plan. From HuffPost: "Castro's plan calls for $40 million in federal funding for a 'Local Animal Communities Grant Program,' which would help defray the costs of vaccinating, spaying and neutering animals. The money would also go toward programs that promote animal adoption. The plan also says that new affordable housing units will be pet-friendly. As part of his campaign, Castro has laid out a housing plan that would create 3 million new affordable housing units over 10 years. Castro also says he will work with homeless shelters that receive federal support to 'ensure pets belonging to homeless individuals seeking refuge are not prohibited entry.'"

-- Castro qualified for the September Democratic debates after getting 2 percent in a CNN poll.

-- Hotel assignments for the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee next summer could stretch as far as Chicago's O'Hare airport. From the Journal Sentinel: "Many of the delegates will be housed in hotel clusters in downtown Milwaukee, near Mitchell International Airport and in Brookfield, convention organizers have said.

The hotels around O'Hare come into play because of their size and ability to handle large group bookings. Organizers have noted that drive times to Milwaukee are expected to be shorter in duration than trips to conventions in Philadelphia in 2016 and Charlotte, N.C., in 2012. Convention organizers are responsible for setting up a shuttle bus system to get delegates to and from Fiserv Forum."

-- Anthony Scaramucci, the former White House communications director, says he was wrong about Trump all along in an op-ed for today's newspaper: "This isn't a Road to Damascus moment; my concerns have been building publicly for a while. And I'm not seeking absolution. I just want to be part of the solution. The negatives of Trump's demagoguery now clearly outweigh the positives of his leadership, and it is imperative that Americans unite to prevent him from serving another four years in office. When I decided to support Trump's candidacy and later to work in his administration, it wasn't because I agreed with all of his policies or liked every aspect of his personality.

"My public praise of the man was over the top at times, but my private estimation of him was more measured," the Mooch asserts. "I thought Trump, despite his warts, could bring a pragmatic, entrepreneurial approach to the Oval Office. … I naively thought that, by joining the administration, I could counteract the far-right voices in the room. I thought wrong. And, yes, many of you told me so. … As we lie on the bed of nails Trump has made, it's often difficult to see how much the paradigm of acceptable conduct has shifted. For the Republican Party, it's now a question of whether we want to start cleaning up the mess or continue papering over the cracks."

-- Trump's base probably will not be enough to carry him in the 2020 election. From the Atlantic's Ron Brownstein: "The latest such evidence comes in a new study released today by Navigator Research, a consortium of Democratic research and advocacy groups. The report

... examines a group that many analysts in both parties believe could prove to be the key bloc of 2020 swing voters: Americans who say they approve of Trump's management of the economy but still disapprove of his overall performance as president. And it shows Trump facing significant headwinds among that potentially critical group, partly because of the divisive language and behavior he's taken to new heights, or lows, since last weekend— tweeting about the congresswomen and encouraging his supporters to attack them as well. … In Navigator's polling, the economy emerges clearly as Trump's greatest advantage. … For now, these conflicted voters give the president a crushing 55 percentage-point edge over congressional Democrats when asked which side they trust more to handle the issue … But on every other front, Trump faces headwinds. In the surveys, these voters prefer congressional Democrats over Trump to handle taxes (by nine points), immigration (by 10 points), and health care (by 34 points)."

Tlaib: Netanyahu took 'page out of Trump's book'

-- Reps. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) and Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) blasted Israel for blocking their visit. Rachael Bade reports: "Speaking to reporters at the Minnesota state house in St. Paul, Omar called into question the millions of dollars in U.S. aid given to Israel each year and encouraged other lawmakers to visit in their stead to see first-hand the humanitarian conditions of Palestinians on the ground, a top goal of their upended trip. … Tlaib, speaking at times through tears, took a more personal approach, expressing remorse about not being able to visit her grandmother who lives in the West Bank. After Israel blocked their official visit, Tlaib (D-Mich.), a Palestinian American, made an appeal to Israel officials to allow her to visit her relatives. Israeli officials agreed, but would have required her to sign a promise restricting her

speech and her movement. Tlaib ultimately declined to go. 'My grandmother said … I'm her bird. She said I'm her dream manifested,' Tlaib said, her voice growing angry as she started to cry. 'I'm her free bird, so why would I come back and be caged and bow down when my election rose her head up high, gave her dignity for the first time?'"

-- Months before blocking the congresswomen's entry into Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sent a letter opposing both Democrats to Rep. Jim McGovern (D-Mass.). Adam Taylor reports: "The letter reveals that Netanyahu had long identified Tlaib and Omar — fierce critics of Israeli policy on Palestinians — as a problem for his government. At the heart of his opposition was the idea that they support the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement. Netanyahu's letter shows how the BDS movement and its growing support could become a wedge between the Israeli government and Democrats."

-- In June, Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-Va.) clashed with her left flank after she and other moderates voted to approve $4.6 billion in emergency aid for migrants at the border. She learned sometimes your biggest foes are in your own party. Jenna Portnoy reports: "'That week showed me that for some people, ideology matters more than putting food in the mouth of a child,' she said. 'And that was stunning to me.' In the eight months that Spanberger has served in Congress, she has been a lawmaker in the middle. … As she steers through the political divisions within her swing district, Spanberger is also trying to navigate conflicts inside her own party. … Spanberger and other moderates thought an alternative bill had little chance of getting through the Senate. ... The humanitarian aid package was just the sort of hard-fought accomplishment that made it worth it to leave a good-paying job at an education company and upend a stable suburban family life, Spanberger said … Then she read the torrent of insults

directed at lawmakers like her."

-- Rep. Ben Ray Luján (D-N.M.), a close ally of Speaker Nancy Pelosi, became the highest-ranking House Democrat to endorse impeachment proceedings against Trump. He likely did this to boost himself in a competitive primary for Senate in his home state. **(**Politico)

-- Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa), who appears vulnerable to a primary challenge, said the media and GOP leaders owe *him* an apology after he said that humanity might not exist if it weren't for rape and incest. Felicia Sonmez reports: "He took aim at the Des Moines Register, which broke the news of King's remarks, as well as the Associated Press, which also reported on them. ... The Des Moines Register did correct another quote it ran on King's remarks. But the part about rape and incest was reported accurately."

Pouring rain soaks massive Hong Kong protest

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- Twitter and Facebook said they took action against China for using hundreds of fake accounts to sow discord in Hong Kong. Marie C. Baca and Tony Romm report: This marks "the first time the social media giants had identified Beijing directly for spearheading such an operation. Twitter said it was suspending nearly a thousand Chinese accounts and banning advertising from state-owned media companies, citing a 'significant state-backed information operation' related to protests in Hong Kong. Meanwhile, Facebook said it was removing five Facebook accounts, seven pages and three groups after being tipped off to the use of 'a number of deceptive tactics, including the use of fake accounts.' … Facebook said that the pages it removed had about 15,500 accounts following one or more, while 2,200 accounts joined at

least one of the groups. The company said its investigation had found 'links to individuals associated with the Chinese government.' Though Facebook is not considering a ban on advertising from state-sponsored media, the company said it is working on additional transparency measures."

-- Hong Kong's leader said she will try to have a dialogue with protesters who want her gone, but didn't offer any specifics. From the AP: "Chief Executive Carrie Lam also said the city's police watchdog will carry out a fact-finding study of the protests and related incidents as it looks into 174 complaints about police behavior. The movement held a massive but peaceful rally on Sunday after earlier protests had been marked by violence. The government has conditioned dialogue on the leaderless protest movement remaining peaceful. Lam didn't say that the communication platform will be used to specifically contact protesters. It will be used for 'open and direct' dialogue with people from all walks of life, she told reporters, while giving few specifics on how it would work. … Lam's comments fell short of the protesters' five demands, which include her resignation and an independent inquiry into what they say was police brutality."

-- Flexing its muscle, a rising China is investing heavily in Central Europe. But there are lots of strings attached, and some countries are already coming to regret the relationship. Michael Birnbaum reports: "Czech President Milos Zeman has met with Chinese President Xi Jinping eight times — an unusual amount of face time for the leader of 10 million people. Zeman has welcomed Chinese investment and tried to position his country as China's portal to Europe. He even appointed a Chinese business tycoon, Ye Jianming, as an economic adviser. … The relationship has hit some serious bumps."

-- A British consular official was detained by Chinese authorities while returning from a trip to China, the British government said.

Gerry Shih reports: “Simon Cheng, a 28-year-old trade and investment officer at the consulate, planned to attend a technology conference in the border city of Shenzhen on Aug. 8 and return to Hong Kong the same day by high-speed train, his girlfriend told Hong Kong news website HK01.com. ... Cheng’s disappearance threatens to further strain China’s already tense relations with the West. Beijing, locked in an increasingly bitter trade dispute with the United States, has accused Washington and London of fomenting protests that have convulsed Hong Kong, a former British colony.”

-- Democracy in retreat: Turkey suspended three of its mayors over allegations that they’re linked to Kurdish militants. Kareem Fahim reports: “The suspension came five months after the mayors won landslide victories in local polls. Opposition parties criticized the move as anti-democratic, saying it was the latest evidence that President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s government is intent on marginalizing pro-Kurdish voices. The mayors — of Diyarbakir, Mardin and Van provinces — are members of the opposition Peoples’ Democratic Party, or HDP, a pro-Kurdish party. Between them, they won nearly a million votes in local elections held in March — easily defeating candidates from Erdogan’s ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP. Erdogan has frequently accused the HDP of links to the militant Kurdistan Workers’ Party, or PKK, which has fought a decades-long insurgency against the Turkish government.”

-- India loosened its clampdown on Kashmir, but the region’s leaders remain detained. Joanna Slater and Niha Masih report: “Residents of Srinagar, the Kashmiri capital, confirmed that the authorities had reconnected some landlines, although many were still unreachable. Mobile connections and Internet access remained severed, and hundreds of local politicians were being held incommunicado. Most schools remained closed. … It is not clear how long the clampdown will last. … A top local bureaucrat had pledged

Friday that within days, life in Jammu and Kashmir, as the region is officially known, 'would become completely normal.' But there was little sign of that Monday."

-- "A young Indian couple married for love. Then the bride's father hired assassins," Slater reports: "Pranay Perumalla strode into the wedding hall in a midnight blue suit, his face lit by a grin as he clasped the hand of his bride, Amrutha Varshini. … One bright afternoon less than a month later, the couple left a doctor's appointment in the small southern Indian city where they grew up. A man came up behind them carrying a large butcher knife in his right hand. He hacked Pranay twice on the head and neck, killing him instantly. Pranay, 23, was a Dalit, a term used to describe those formerly known as 'untouchables.' Amrutha, 21, belongs to an upper caste. Her rich and powerful family viewed the couple's union as an unacceptable humiliation. Her father, T. Maruthi Rao, was so enraged that he hired killers to murder his son-in-law, court documents say."

-- A woman in El Salvador who was charged in the death of her stillborn baby was acquitted by a judge, a ruling that advocates say is a win in a country with one of the world's most severe abortion bans. Michael Brice-Saddler reports: "A judge's decision to acquit 21-year-old Evelyn Hernández marks the culmination of a tragic saga that began when she was raped at the age of 18, her lawyers said. Those close to Hernández say she didn't know she was nearly 34 weeks pregnant in 2016, when she walked into a latrine and delivered a stillborn child. Her mother found her, bleeding and unconscious, before rushing her to a hospital. Paula Avila Guillen, director of Latin America Initiatives at the Women's Equality Center, said a doctor concluded that Hernández's condition was a result of an "incomplete abortion." Police discovered her fetus in the latrine and charged Hernández with aggravated homicide. In 2017, she was handed a 30-year prison

sentence."

-- The U.S. warned Greece against hosting the Iranian tanker that was released by Gibraltar a few days ago. From the Wall Street Journal: The United States said "those who facilitate the vessel, which is carrying oil deemed illicit, would face immigration and potential criminal consequences. 'We have conveyed our strong position to the Greek government on the matter, as well as all ports in the Mediterranean that should be forewarned about facilitating this vessel,' the State Department said. The Iranian tanker Adrian Darya 1, previously called the Grace 1, was moving eastward toward Kalamata, Greece, and is expected to arrive there on Monday, according to shipping tracker MarineTraffic. The tanker left Gibraltar's waters late Sunday after the territory's Justice Ministry rejected a warrant from the U.S. Justice Department seeking its seizure for alleged violations of American sanctions. Gibraltar officials said the territory follows the European Union's laws, not the U.S.'s."

-- Australian Cardinal George Pell, the highest Vatican official jailed for child abuse in the Catholic Church's 2,000-year history, appealed his guilty verdict. A. Odysseus Patrick reports: "Pell will appear before three judges of the Victorian Supreme Court on Wednesday morning in Australia, and learn if he has been able to overturn a conviction for sexually assaulting two choir boys. Justices Anne Ferguson, Chris Maxwell and Mark Weinberg could uphold the conviction, order a retrial, or dismiss some or all of the charges and allow the 78 year-old to walk out of the court building in downtown Melbourne a free man. … Lawyers said it was impossible to predict if the cardinal's appeal would succeed."

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

Trump coopted this Greenland meme:

Hillary Clinton hit back at Trump, who shared a misleading study about the results of the 2016 election:

In Minnesota last night, Elizabeth Warren drew what appears to be the biggest crowd of her whole campaign:

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Meanwhile, another presidential candidate from Warren's home state got carded in Iowa. He just cannot catch a break:

Kamala Harris's husband shared a picture from the beach, where they snuck in some time after a fundraiser:

Mayor Pete Buttigieg is leading in a very Hamptons-specific poll:

A number of Sinclair Broadcast Group stations ran and promoted stories on their websites about new Trump campaign merchandise:

After the leaders of the Log Cabin Republicans endorsed Trump's reelection, one of its members (a former chair of the New Hampshire GOP) stepped down in protest:

The president once again lashed out against one of his former aides:

Yesterday marked the fifth anniversary since journalist James Foley was murdered by ISIS in Syria:

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"So yes, you know, your candidate might be better on, I don't know, health care than Joe is, but you've got to look at who's going to win this election, and maybe you have to swallow a little bit and say, 'Okay, I personally like so and so better,' but your bottom line has to be that we have to beat Trump," said Jill Biden, the wife of Joe Biden, during a campaign event in New Hampshire. "You may like another candidate better, but you have to look at who's going to win. And Joe is that person." (NBC News)

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Joe Biden is going on the air with his first ad in Iowa:

The White House shared a video of workers, speaking Spanish, putting up portions of the border fence:

In a widely circulated speech, former congressman Beto O'Rourke spoke to Arkansan voters about the ubiquitous presence of racism in

America's history:

Hasan Minhaj investigated why America's public transit systems aren't the best:

And Trevor Noah explored the concept of "Donsplaining":

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Hope Hicks's FBI interviews underscore Trump's impulse to stonewall and hold back damaging info

President Trump kisses Hope Hicks goodbye on her last day as White House communications director on March 29, 2018. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

BY JAMES HOHMANN

with Mariana Alfaro

THE BIG IDEA: What emails about Ukraine does President Trump think, or hope, will never get out?

During two interviews with FBI agents and members of Bob Mueller's team last year, former White House communications director Hope Hicks recounted the president's reaction to the discovery of damning

emails about the meeting his son Donald Trump Jr., son-in-law Jared Kushner and campaign chairman Paul Manafort took with a Russian emissary at Trump Tower in June 2016.

"Throughout Hicks' conversations with Trump, it was clear to her that Trump did not think the emails would get out," according to the FBI's summary of her first interview, which was released on Monday night in response to an open-records lawsuit. "Hicks' impression was Trump meant the emails would not get out to the press, but he did not say that explicitly."

Hicks said she thought the messages would come out eventually and warned Trump that they would become "a massive" story." She wanted "Junior" – as the FBI summaries refer to the president's eldest son – to give an interview to a friendly media outlet, where he could take "softball questions," to minimize the fallout. "The President said they should not do anything, asked why so many people had the emails, and said they needed to let the lawyers deal with it," Hicks recalled to the FBI.

There are no fresh bombshells in these new summaries. The juiciest material appeared in Mueller's 448-page report on his investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election. But the memos about Hicks's FBI sit-downs, which both occurred in March 2018, offer a revealing window into how Trump tries to control bad news. Trump's unwillingness to rip off the Band-Aid and get out in front of bad facts has resulted in a drip, drip, drip of revelations that have clouded most of his tenure in office.

-- Hicks's comments are newly relevant against the backdrop of the impeachment inquiry. The White House's categorical refusal to

comply with subpoenas for documents, from phone records to emails, has made it harder for investigators to corroborate sworn testimony from witnesses about the alleged campaign to coerce Ukraine's new president to announce an investigation into former vice president Joe Biden in exchange for a White House meeting and nearly $400 million in military aid that had already been approved by Congress.

A confidential White House review of Trump's decision to freeze the aid has turned up hundreds of documents that reveal extensive efforts to generate an after-the-fact justification for the decision and a debate over whether the delay was legal, three of my colleagues reported last week. But none of those emails have been turned over to investigators.

Trump appointees at the departments of State, Energy and Defense have also defied subpoenas and refused to produce documents that get at the heart of the impeachment inquiry. They have justified doing so by making absolutist claims of presidential privilege that have led to protracted litigation in the courts. The White House is refusing to participate at all in the House Judiciary Committee's first impeachment hearing on Wednesday.

For her part, Ivanka Trump repeatedly conducted official government business on her personal email account throughout much of 2017, sending hundreds of emails in potential violation of federal recordkeeping rules. The White House adviser did so after her father made Hillary Clinton's private email use as secretary of state a centerpiece of his stump speech, egging on crowds as they chanted "Lock her up." The House Oversight Committee has unsuccessfully sought to subpoena Ivanka Trump's emails.

Hope Hicks testifies during a closed-door hearing of the House Judiciary Committee on June 19. (Katherine Frey/The Washington Post)

-- House Democrats are also quietly debating whether they should expand articles of impeachment to include charges stemming from the Mueller report, including the episode Hicks discussed with the FBI. "Members of the House Judiciary Committee and other more liberal-minded lawmakers and congressional aides have been privately discussing the possibility of drafting articles that include obstruction of justice or other 'high crimes' they believe are clearly outlined in [the Mueller report] — or allegations that Trump has used his office to benefit his bottom line," Rachael Bade reports. "The idea, however, is running into resistance from some moderate Democrats wary of impeachment blowback in their GOP-leaning districts, as well as Democratic leaders who sought to keep impeachment narrowly focused on allegations that Trump pressured Ukraine to investigate his political rivals … The debate is expected to play out in leadership and caucus meetings this week."

When the House Judiciary Committee subpoenaed Hicks to appear for a closed-door interview this June about the possible instances of obstruction of justice outlined in the Mueller report, the former White House communications director refused to answer any question related to her interactions with Trump after Election Day in 2016. Citing a directive from White House lawyers, Hicks declined to answer 155 different questions from lawmakers, according to a transcript.

-- BuzzFeed News and CNN filed lawsuits under the Freedom of Information Act to force the release of these FBI notes, known as "302 reports," that were created as part of the two-year Mueller probe. The 295-page tranche that went out last night is quite

repetitive, and the interviews are still mostly whited out. The media outlets pledged to challenge the heavy redactions as part of the ongoing litigation to obtain records.

Hicks left the White House last year and now works at the Fox Corporation in Los Angeles as a public relations executive. During another closed-door deposition in February 2018, while she was still employed by the White House, Hicks acknowledged that she occasionally told "white lies" for Trump. Hicks was advised at the beginning of both her interviews that it is a crime to lie to the FBI in the course of an investigation, which she acknowledged.

-- Hicks told the FBI agents that "Trump was angry, surprised, and frustrated" when Mueller was appointed as special counsel in May 2017. "The only other time she had seen Trump like that was when the Access Hollywood tape came out during the campaign," according to the FBI notes.

"Trump thought the fact that the intelligence community assessed the Russians had interfered in the 2016 election was his Achilles heel," she added, according to the summary. "Even if it had no impact on the election, Trump thought that was what people would think. He thought the assessment took away from what he did."

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Hope Hicks confers with Trump in the Oval Office on June 16, 2017. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

-- Hicks was treated like family during her time as a member of the Trump inner circle. The president referred to her affectionately as "Hopey." He called her more often than his chief of staff at the time. The onetime fashion model from Greenwich, Conn., whose dad was a top executive at the NFL, was tight with the president's kids, who she had gotten to know during her work for the Trump Organization before the presidential campaign.

That's how she ended up in the White House residence on the morning of June 22, 2017, with only Trump, Kushner and Ivanka Trump. "Kushner had a manila folder with documents with him and said to the President that they had found one thing that the President should know about, but it was not a big deal," according to Hicks' account. "Kushner told Trump that he, Don Jr. and Paul Manafort had attended a meeting during the campaign. When he started to open the folder, Hicks said, the president stopped him and said he did not want to know about it." Hicks believed Kushner's folder included emails about the June 2016 meeting.

The next week, on June 28, Kushner asked Hicks and his spokesman Josh Raffel to go to the offices of someone whose name has been redacted (perhaps a lawyer) to review documents. "Hicks was shocked by the emails concerning the meeting she and Raffel reviewed," the FBI write-up says. "She thought

they looked really bad."

The next day, on June 29, Hicks joined Kushner, Ivanka Trump and the president in his personal dining room to discuss about the emails. "Hicks' initial reaction was that they should get in front of the emails," according to the FBI summary. "Kushner responded that it wasn't a big deal, just a meeting about Russian adoption. Kushner reminded the president that he had previously mentioned a meeting, and the President said he did not want to know about it."

When Hicks said the story was going to become "massive," the FBI summary says, "the President did not want to talk about it and did not want details." Trump then asked Kushner when his document production was due. Kushner told him it would be a couple of weeks. "Then leave it alone," Trump told Kushner, according to Hicks.

Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump board Air Force One in October. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

Fast forward a week to July 7. Kushner and Ivanka Trump came to Hicks's hotel room in Germany to confer about how to respond to a story the New York Times was working on about the Trump Tower meeting. The next day, while they were all at the G-20 summit, Hicks alerted Trump about what the Times was chasing. The president told her not to comment.

Hicks and Trump talked again later that day. "The President asked what the meeting was about. Hicks told him Kushner and Junior had told her the meeting was about Russian adoption," according to the FBI summary. "The President said words to the effect of, 'Then just say

that,' and dictated what she should say."

When they got to Air Force One for the flight back, one of Junior's representatives texted Hicks the statement that the president's son wanted to provide to the media. "She took that to the President's cabin and read him Junior's statement," according to the FBI summary. "He told her they should not respond. Hicks advocated for providing the full story. The President did not say what was wrong with Junior's statement, but just felt they were giving the media too much. … After meeting with Trump about Junior's statement, Hicks returned to a seat and started texting with Junior. They worked on the statement for a period and ultimately settled on the statement that went to the press."

During that flight back to Washington, Hicks also went to Trump's cabin to tell him that then-White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus knew about the emails. There are four redacted paragraphs about what happened next.

-- A reminder of what was in the emails: British music publicist Rob Goldstone, who Don Jr. knew from the 2013 Miss Universe pageant in Moscow, emailed the candidate's son to say that he knew a person who wanted "to provide the Trump campaign with some official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary and her dealings with Russia and would be very useful to your father."

Goldstone explained: "This is part of Russia and its government's support of Trump"

"[I]f it's what you say I love it," Don Jr. replied, "especially later in the summer."

That's how the Trump Tower meeting got set up. It wasn't adoption.

During the transition, Hicks told reporters in a statement that the Trump campaign had "no contact" with "any foreign entity," including the Russians. She told the FBI that she recalled talking about this with fellow advisers Kellyanne Conway, Stephen Miller, Jason Miller and "probably" Kushner. "Hicks told the group she was planning to respond to the press and there was no hesitation or pushback from any of them," according to the FBI notes.

President Trump speaks to members of the media on the South Lawn before boarding Marine One on Monday. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

-- Other takeaways from the FBI notes released last night:

1. Michael Cohen, Trump's former personal lawyer, told FBI agents in November 2018 that he informed Trump during the campaign that he had spoken with a "woman from the Kremlin" about the plan to build a Trump Tower in Moscow. "Cohen told Trump he spoke with a woman from the Kremlin who had asked specific and great questions about Trump Tower Moscow, and that he wished Trump Organization had assistants that were that good and competent," according to the FBI summary.

"He also said that in his letter to Congress about the development, he initially wrote that he had 'limited contact with Russian officials.' But that line was struck from the letter. Cohen said he did not know who specifically struck it," BuzzFeed notes. "It was the decision of the JDA to take it out," the document says, referring to lawyers from the Joint Defense Agreement who represented the Trump family, Cohen, and

Kushner, “and Cohen did not push back.” Cohen also told the FBI that he spoke with Trump’s attorney Jay Sekulow about pardons after his home and office were raided. Sekulow told the AP that Cohen's statements were false.

2. Former Trump deputy campaign chairman Rick Gates told the FBI that, if Rudy Giuliani had been the attorney general, some in the president’s orbit believed he wouldn't have recused himself, as Jeff Sessions did, from the Russia investigation. “After the recusal, he recalled conversations where people offered their opinion that had Rudy Giuliani been attorney general, he would not have recused himself,” according to the FBI summary. “Gates knew Giuliani had been the first choice for attorney general, but turned it down because he wanted to be Secretary of State instead.”

3. Former deputy attorney general Rod Rosenstein told the FBI he was “angry, ashamed, horrified and embarrassed” at how Jim Comey was fired as FBI director. “Rosenstein said he was asked during a White House meeting one day before Comey’s firing to produce a memo laying out his concerns with the FBI chief. He said he knew when he left the office that day that Comey would be fired, though he said he did not expect for his memo to be immediately released, and was surprised by the portrayal in the media that the termination was his idea instead of the White House’s,” the AP reports. “Rosenstein said he expected Comey would be contacted by either Trump or Sessions so a meeting could be scheduled and he could be fired in person. Comey instead learned of his firing from television while speaking with agents in Los Angeles.

“At one point during the interview, as Rosenstein was describing how

he had "always liked Jim Comey" but disagreed with his decisions in the Clinton case, the deputy attorney general 'paused a moment, appearing to have been overcome by emotion, but quickly recovered and apologized,' according to the FBI."

-- The Post just published a six-part digital series to go along with the illustrated Mueller report. This is drawn directly from episodes detailed in the report in which prosecutors found possible evidence of obstruction of justice, as well as congressional testimony and Washington Post reporting. Dialogue is taken from text messages, contemporaneous notes and interviews conducted by Mueller's team and the FBI. The digital project pairs with a graphic nonfiction book being published today by Scribner.

-- Crowd-sourcing a Big Idea: I'm planning to write an edition of the Daily 202 later this week on the 10 biggest storylines of the 2010s, based on reader input. If you could sum up this decade in one word or phrase, what would it be? Besides Trump, what do you think was the single most important story or issue of the decade? How will history remember "the teens"? Message me at James.Hohmann@washpost.com, and I'll highlight some of the most thoughtful emails. Thanks to everyone who wrote in yesterday. So many smart answers!

Attorney General William Barr listens as Trump speaks in the Oval Office on Nov. 26. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

THE LATEST ON THE INVESTIGATIONS:

-- Attorney General Bill Barr has told associates he disagrees with the Justice Department's inspector general on one of the

with the Justice Department's inspector general on one of the key findings in an upcoming report about the FBI's Russia investigation. Barr appears to disagree "that the FBI had enough information in July 2016 to justify launching an investigation into members of the Trump campaign," Devlin Barrett and Karoun Demirjian scoop. "The Justice Department's inspector general, Michael Horowitz, is due to release his long-awaited findings in a week, but behind the scenes at the Justice Department, disagreement has surfaced about one of Horowitz's central conclusions on the origins of the Russia investigation. … The inspector general report, currently in draft form, is being finalized after input from various witnesses and offices that were scrutinized by the inspector general. Barr or a senior Justice Department official could submit a formal letter as part of that process, which would then be included in the final report."

-- The Ukrainian government became aware of Trump's freeze on military aid in July, according to former deputy foreign minister Olena Zerkal. From the Times: "'We had this information,' Ms. Zerkal said in an interview. 'It was definitely mentioned there were some issues.' … Ms. Zerkal's account is the first public acknowledgment by a Ukrainian official that senior figures in Kyiv knew about the aid freeze during the Trump administration's pressure campaign — and that **the Zelensky administration sought to keep that fact from surfacing to avoid getting drawn into the American impeachment debate.** She said her own government blocked a trip she had planned to Washington to meet members of Congress in October, worried she would discuss matters related to impeachment and drag its president into an inquiry he has been eager to avoid. 'They worried about this,' she said of Mr. Zelensky's advisers. 'They said, 'This is not the time for you to travel to D.C.'' The cancellation of her trip was confirmed by Congressional aides."

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Congressional aides.

-- The Ukraine pressure campaign began as an effort to undermine the Mueller investigation. Rosalind S. Helderman reports: "As 2018 came to a close, the special counsel investigation was bearing down on [Trump.] … It was in this uncertain moment that [Giuliani] said he had the idea to focus on Ukraine. … The direct connection between the Mueller investigation and the Ukraine pressure campaign, often lost as the administration has reeled from controversy to controversy, shows the deep imprint the Russia investigation has had on the president. … Giuliani has repeatedly said the public does not appreciate the extent to which his work in Ukraine was driven by the Mueller investigation, rather than — as Democrats have alleged — as an effort to bolster Trump's 2020 reelection."

-- The Senate Intelligence Committee already investigated allegations of Ukrainian interference in the 2016 campaign. From Politico: "Trump's allies have defended his demand for political investigations from Ukraine by claiming that the government in Kyiv tried to sabotage his candidacy … **But the Republican-controlled Senate Intelligence Committee thoroughly investigated that theory, according to people with direct knowledge of the inquiry, and found no evidence that Ukraine waged a top-down interference campaign akin to the Kremlin's efforts to help Trump win in 2016.** The committee's Republican chairman, Richard Burr of North Carolina, said in October 2017 that the panel would be examining 'collusion by either campaign during the 2016 elections.' But an interview that fall with the Democratic consultant at the heart of the accusation that Kyiv meddled, Alexandra Chalupa, was fruitless, a committee source said, and Republicans didn't follow up or request any more witnesses related to the issue."

-- House Republicans said Trump acted out of "genuine" concern about corruption in Ukraine and wariness about foreign aid in a preemptive rebuttal to Democratic allegations that Trump abused his power. Mike DeBonis reports: "In a 123-page draft report, GOP investigators assert that Democrats failed to make the case that Trump committed impeachable high crimes and misdemeanors ... Nor, the Republicans say, do Democrats have a basis for impeachment in Trump's decision to spurn House document requests and witness subpoenas pertaining to Trump's Ukraine dealings. Instead, the draft GOP report contends, the impeachment effort is 'an orchestrated campaign to upend our political system' … The Republican report will serve as an initial blueprint for the GOP defense of Trump…"

-- House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) said the majority's report will be released publicly today. "We are putting the finishing touches on the report," he told MSNBC's Rachel Maddow. The panel is scheduled to vote this evening to approve its public release ahead of tomorrow's Judiciary hearing.

-- Federal prosecutors will probably bring more charges against Giuliani's associates Igor Fruman and Lev Parnas. From NPR: "A superseding indictment — which could add to or modify the existing charges — is likely, prosecutors said on Monday, but also adding that they're continuing to evaluate the case. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and FBI investigators are making their way through what prosecutor Douglas Zolkind called a 'voluminous' amount of evidence in the case — around 9 gigabytes' worth. Clearing their way through that material — which includes electronic devices, phone records, bank records and more — would

electronic devices, phone records, bank records and more — would set the stage for the next steps."

-- The IRS whistleblower who raised concerns about political interference in the presidential audit program declined to voluntarily appear for a transcribed interview with the Senate Finance Committee, possibly because he was threatened with retaliation by his superiors. From CNN: "After raising concerns over the summer, the whistleblower met in November with Republican and Democratic staffers on the committee but has declined an invitation to appear for a follow-up … [T]he whistleblower declined the transcribed interview after an official informed the whistleblower that it could be considered a violation of IRS code to provide the committee with any information related to an individual taxpayer. Under IRS code 6103, IRS employees can be fired, fined or even jailed for disclosing taxpayer information. It is unclear what next step the committee will take. One option would be to issue a subpoena, but it is not clear that is the route the committee would take."

-- Commentary from The Post's opinion page:

- Columnist Dana Milbank: "Pat Cipollone is the dog that caught the car."
- The Editorial Board: "If Trump has a substantive defense, he should send advisers to testify."
- Deputy editorial page editor Ruth Marcus: "Impeachment feels a lot like Kavanaugh 2.0."
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Duncan Hunter leaves federal court after a hearing in San Diego.(Denis Poroy/AP)

DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS THAT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED:

-- Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.) plans to plead guilty to misusing campaign funds at a hearing set for 1 p.m. Eastern. "I think it's important not to have a public trial for three reasons. And those three reasons are my kids," Hunter said in an interview with San Diego-based TV station KUSI. In July, **federal prosecutors alleged that the congressman used campaign donations to finance extramarital affairs -- including trips, dinners and drinks -- with at least five women, including three lobbyists, a woman who worked in his congressional office and another who worked for a member of House leadership.** Hunter told the local TV station that he "did make mistakes" but that "not a single dime of taxpayer money is involved in this." He said he will plead guilty to only one of four counts against him as part of the deal. "Whatever my time in custody is, I will take that hit," he said.

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When he was first indicted last summer, Hunter called this a politically motivated witch hunt and said he was looking forward to the trial so he could fully vindicate himself. Initially, Hunter and his wife were charged with using more than $250,000 in campaign funds to pay for personal expenses including family vacations, theater tickets and school tuition. The couple allegedly agreed in electronic communications to claim that some of the expenses were intended to help veterans, even though they weren't. Then, in June, Margaret Hunter pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring with her husband to spend $25,000 in campaign funds for personal use. As part of the plea deal, she flipped on her husband and agreed to testify against him.

Today's plea deal means that the first two members of Congress to endorse Trump for president in 2016 will be convicted criminals. Hunter and Rep. Chris Collins (R-N.Y.) came out for Trump in February of that year, about a week before Jeff Sessions became the first senator to endorse Trump. Earlier this year, Collins resigned from Congress and pleaded guilty to insider trading charges. The crime he confessed to occured while he was standing on the White House lawn at a picnic hosted by Trump. These episode underscore just how swampy Trump's Washington has been.

Hunter didn't say whether he will resign as part of the plea deal, but that seems like a safe assumption. He's already facing serious primary challenges from former congressman Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) and former San Diego city councilman Carl DeMaio, Felicia Sonmez notes. Hunter won the congressional seat after his father, Duncan Hunter Sr., retired from it to run for president in 2008.

-- The North Dakota company that Trump urged military officials to hire for border wall construction received a $400 million

contract to build a span of new barriers across an Arizona wildlife refuge. Nick Miroff and Josh Dawsey report: "North Dakota-based Fisher Sand and Gravel won the contract to build in the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge in Yuma County, Ariz., the Defense Department said, with a target completion date of Dec. 30, 2020. **Trump has repeatedly pushed for Fisher to get a wall-building contract, urging officials with the Army Corps of Engineers to pick the firm — only to be told that Fisher's bids did not meet standards.** Trump's entreaties on behalf of the company have concerned some officials who are unaccustomed to a president getting personally involved in the intricacies of government contracting.

"Trump has been enamored with Tommy Fisher, the company's chief executive, who has made multiple appearances on Fox News to promote his firm and insists that it would do a better job than those the government had already chosen. ... Fisher has worked with some Trump allies — including former Kansas secretary of state Kris Kobach and ex-White House adviser Stephen K. Bannon — to build border fencing on private land using private donations. ... Trump has pledged to complete 450 to 500 miles of new border barriers by the end of next year. So far his administration has built about 85 miles of fencing, almost all of it in areas where tall steel bollards are replacing smaller, older structures that were there before he took office."

-- A new biography of Melania Trump by CNN's Kate Bennett reveals that the first lady doesn't just live in her own bedroom. She actually lives on a different floor of the White House than the president: "Melania Trump has her own quarters in the White House. ... It is true the first couple doesn't share a bedroom, according to several sources, and the first lady prefers her own large, private space

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in a suite of rooms on a separate floor." Bennett also reveals that the first lady was "beside herself with guilt" after her speech at the Republican National Convention was criticized for including parts from a speech given by Michelle Obama: "Not only did Melania Trump feel badly for her speechwriter, she also felt she had let down her husband on what should have been her most triumphant speaking engagement to date. The truth was, sources conclude, it was Donald Trump that let down Melania Trump. A skeleton staff of political neophytes neglected to read Melania Trump's speech, much less vet it for content."

-- According to the new book, the first lady suspects that longtime Trump confidant Roger Stone was behind the release of nude photos from her modeling days during the 2016 campaign. From the Guardian: "Bennett also writes that the first lady 'still refuses to believe' her husband played a role in the release. ... Stone denied Bennett's claim while the White House poured scorn on her book."

-- The Supreme Court heard a Second Amendment case for the first time in a decade, but the debate ended up being on whether a case concerning gun restrictions is still worth considering. Robert Barnes reports: "The controversy involves now-rescinded restrictions unique to New York City about whether citizens who have a license to keep a gun in their homes may transport them to firing ranges outside of the city or to a second home in the state. After the Supreme Court took the case to decide whether those restrictions violated the constitutional right to keep and bear arms, the city got rid of them. Then the state of New York passed a law that would keep them from being reenacted. The unstated purpose of both the city and state actions might have been to make the case moot and deny conservatives on the court a chance to explore whether there is a right

conservatives on the court a chance to explore whether there is a right to carry a gun outside the home. … The arguments Monday suggested that New York would have had trouble defending the old regulations. But most of the hour-long discourse was consumed with questions about whether the court still has a live controversy before it, a requirement for rendering an opinion. The court denied New York's earlier plea to dismiss the case as moot. It said it would consider the question after argument."

-- Barr's Justice Department asked the Supreme Court to let federal executions proceed next week by "setting aside" a district court's injunction that blocks it from carrying out lethal injections as planned. Mark Berman reports: "This request, which came hours after an appeals court blocked a similar application, marked an escalation of the administration's push to restart federal executions after a nearly two-decade hiatus. …. The Justice Department argued in its 38-page filing Monday that the judge's interpretation of the law is 'implausible.' The filing, signed by Noel Francisco, the solicitor general, dismissed what it called a 'flawed injunction against the implementation of lawful executions.' [Barr], in announcing plans to resume executions, had said the department owes it to victims to carry out the sentences, though some relatives of the first inmate facing execution have urged the administration to call off the lethal injection and sentence him to life in prison instead."

-- The Senate confirmed Trump's pick to replace Energy Secretary Rick Perry. Several Democrats joined Republicans in approving Deputy Energy Secretary Dan Brouillette's promotion, 70-15. (AP)

-- Trump recently gave states the power to ban refugees. But

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deeply conservative and devout Utah wants more of them. Griff Witte reports: "The governor, a Republican who aligns with Trump on most issues, wrote the president a letter in late October. He didn't want to keep refugees out. He didn't want to reduce their numbers. He wanted Trump to send more. 'We empathize deeply with individuals and groups who have been forced from their homes and we love giving them a new home and a new life,' Gov. Gary R. Herbert wrote. Such newcomers, he added, have become 'productive employees and responsible citizens.' They have been an asset to Utah, he said, not a liability. Republicans in the state legislature quickly backed up their governor, daring to defy a president who has repeatedly shown an unwillingness to tolerate intraparty dissent. So did Republican members of the state's congressional delegation. So did Republicans in city halls. Democrats across Utah added their support. 'I have to be honest: I don't have any idea why it's a partisan issue nationally. It's never been one here,' said Brad Wilson, the state's Republican speaker of the House. 'Regardless of political party, we value these people.'"

-- Ballroom dancers say a clampdown on immigration is hurting business. From the AP: "When no Americans replied to her ads seeking a dance instructor, studio owner Chris Sabourin looked overseas. But she was stymied again by a federal tightening of visa application rules she and others contend is hampering the ballroom dance industry. … Federal records ... show a slight uptick since 2017 in initial denials of O-1 visa applications from individuals with 'extraordinary ability or achievement' — the visa that many of the foreign dancers seek — as well as for O-1 visa applicants who were given a second chance to meet eligibility requirements. Representatives of the dance industry say they've seen the processing

times for those nonimmigrant visas, which allow the dancers to work in the U.S. for up to three years, increase from weeks to months, with uncertainty the application will be approved."

-- A janitor working for the Border Patrol saved and photographed migrants' belongings that were thrown away by U.S. officials. From the Los Angeles Times: "While working as a janitor at the same facility from 2003 to 2014, photographer Tom Kiefer secretly collected the belongings and later began shooting them. … The first items to pull Kiefer's attention were 15 to 20 toothbrushes. At the time, he didn't think about photographing them. He just felt compelled to remove them from the trash. 'When I started seeing a rosary, or a Bible, or a wallet, I realized that no one would believe me if I had not collected these items.' It took about six years of collecting — blankets, cellphones, toilet paper, depression medication, shoelaces — before Kiefer began photographing. … Kiefer estimates he has more than 100,000 items collected and stored in his studio and other spaces around Ajo. The word he uses to describe how he copes with the magnitude of his collection: compartmentalize. … **'Our government is actually taking away a Bible or rosary," he said. "I mean, how twisted is that?'"**

-- The United Auto Workers has bolstered its financial controls in an effort to prevent embezzlement and bribery that was uncovered as part of a federal probe of the union. From the AP: "The moves announced Monday by Secretary-Treasurer Ray Curry come after last month's resignation of President Gary Jones, who has been implicated in the scandal. Several other union officials have been charged or implicated in the probe, which embarrassed the union leadership and angered many of its 400,000 members when it became

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public starting in 2017. Curry says the reforms will put checks and balances in place to prevent financial misconduct."

-- Former president Jimmy Carter was hospitalized again to treat a urinary tract infection. Michael Brice-Saddler reports: "The Carter Center says 'he is feeling better and looks forward to returning home soon.' The incident comes three weeks after Carter was hospitalized ahead of a procedure to relieve pressure on his brain caused by a subdural hematoma, a collection of blood outside the brain, spurred by his recent falls. He was released from the hospital on Wednesday, in time for Thanksgiving, and there were no complications from the surgery."

This is an aerial view of a lake on the Greenland Ice Sheet before, left, and after drainage, right. (Thomas R. Chudley)

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- Cracks in the Greenland ice sheet are producing massive waterfalls, raising scientists' concerns for sea level rise. Andrew Freedman reports: "A cerulean lake consisting of glacial meltwater on the surface of the Greenland ice sheet, located about 18 miles from where the Store Glacier meets the sea in west Greenland, briefly became one of the world's tallest waterfalls during the course of five hours in July 2018. The waterfall, like many others on the ice sheet's surface, was triggered by cracks in the ice sheet. In the case of this one meltwater lake that scientists closely observed in July 2018, the water cascaded more than 3,200 feet to the underbelly of the glacier, where the ice meets bedrock. There, the water can help lubricate the base of the ice sheet, helping the ice move faster toward the sea. The

observations of scientists, armed with aerial drones and other high-tech equipment, of the partial lake drainage that resulted could help researchers better understand how surface melting of the ice sheet could affect its melt rate, and improve global sea level rise projections.

"**Scientists are keenly interested in how meltwater on the surface of the Greenland ice sheet — the largest contributor to global sea level rise — acts to speed up the movement of ice toward the sea by lubricating the underside of the ice surface.** The new study, published Monday in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, suggests that scientists are underestimating the number of melt ponds that partially, and rapidly, drain into the ice sheet each year. This means tweaks may be needed to the computer models used to predict sea level rise from Greenland. This is the first study to show that partial lake drainage can occur through cracks in the ice, rather than overtopping or other mechanisms, which was previously the assumption. This means even more water is reaching the base of the ice sheet than previously thought."

-- Trump revved up his global trade war yesterday by not only announcing tariffs on metals from Brazil and Argentina, but also by threatening even harsher penalties on dozens of popular French products. David J. Lynch, Rachel Siegel and Terrence McCoy report: "The administration said the moves were necessary because U.S. trading partners were acting unfairly to disadvantage both the country's traditional economic pillars as well as its best hopes for future prosperity. … The unexpected announcement upends the Latin American countries' 2018 agreement with Trump to accept quotas on their shipments to the United States instead of the import taxes. … Later, Robert E. Lighthizer, the president's chief trade

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negotiator, released the results of a five-month investigation that concluded a French digital services tax discriminated against American Internet companies and should be met with tariffs of up to 100 percent on $2.4 billion in products such as cheese, yogurt, sparkling wine and makeup. The proposal, which awaits a presidential decision, threatens to intensify simmering transatlantic trade friction …

"Fallout from the president's renewed embrace of tariffs could cloud prospects for future or ongoing talks with countries in Asia and Europe. … Administration officials worry that the French tax could set a precedent for other countries. **Lighthizer said he may open investigations into similar taxes in Austria, Italy and Turkey.** … The president's enthusiasm for tariffs is not shared by Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell, who has said they are making executives so uncertain about the outlook that companies are delaying investments and slowing the economy. … Typically, the United States provides businesses with some warning of tariff changes, delaying their effective date to allow goods in transit to arrive at American ports without being taxed. But the president tweeted that his tariff order was 'effective immediately.'"

-- Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, hit with the new tariffs, has learned the hard way what so many others have discovered before him: A good personal relationship with Trump has its limits. David Nakamura and Anne Gearan report: "Bolsonaro and his country's diplomats in Washington were blindsided after Trump issued a pair of early morning tweets announcing punishing tariffs on steel and aluminum imports … For Bolsonaro, a far-right leader who had patterned his campaign after Trump's and aggressively sought to ingratiate himself with the White House, the tariffs represented an embarrassing reality check on his strategy of gambling his

embarrassing reality check on his strategy of gambling his administration's foreign policy largely on good personal chemistry with a president who craves validation — but who views virtually all relationships as transactional and, potentially, disposable."

-- This is not the first time that Bolsonaro has gotten burned by Trump. Terrence McCoy reports: "Over and over in recent months, Bolsonaro has been surprised and stung by Trump's slights and about-faces. Trump told Bolsonaro this year he would back Brazil's bid to join the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development — a promise Bolsonaro then touted as a political achievement. But then the U.S. recommendation letter leaked, showing that the Trump administration was supporting Romania and Argentina for membership, not Brazil. A few weeks later, the U.S. government refused Bolsonaro's request to lift its ban on Brazilian imports of beef over safety concerns — again taking his administration by surprise. Now Trump is targeting one of the most important industries in Brazil, at a time when unemployment is above 10 percent and the economy has stalled."

-- Stocks sank amid disappointing manufacturing and construction data and Trump's escalating trade wars. Taylor Telford and Thomas Heath report: "'All this trade friction is weighing on the manufacturing sector, reminding us that protectionism is not a victimless crime,' said Kristina Hooper, chief global market strategist at Invesco. Nine of 11 stock market sectors declined Monday, with industrials, information technology and real estate leading the slide. All but seven of the Dow 30 blue chips finished in negative territory, with Boeing, American Express and United Technologies the biggest drags."

-- The Trump administration quietly released more than $100 million in military assistance to Lebanon after months of

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million in military assistance to Lebanon after months of unexplained delays that led some lawmakers to compare it to the frozen aid for Ukraine that prompted the impeachment inquiry. From the AP: "The $105 million in Foreign Military Financing funds for the Lebanese Armed Forces was released just before the Thanksgiving holiday and lawmakers were notified of the step on Monday, according to two congressional staffers and an administration official. … The money had languished in limbo at the Office of Management and Budget since September although it had already won congressional approval and had overwhelming support from the Pentagon, State Department and National Security Council. The White House has yet to offer any explanation for the delay despite repeated queries from Congress."

-- China is using DNA to map faces as Beijing's pursuit of control over a Muslim ethnic group continues pushing the rules of science and consent. From the Times: "With a million or more ethnic Uighurs and others from predominantly Muslim minority groups swept up in detentions across Xinjiang, officials in Tumxuk have gathered blood samples from hundreds of Uighurs — part of a mass DNA collection effort dogged by questions about consent and how the data will be used. In Tumxuk, at least, there is a partial answer: Chinese scientists are trying to find a way to use a DNA sample to create an image of a person's face. The technology, which is also being developed in the United States and elsewhere, is in the early stages of development and can produce rough pictures good enough only to narrow a manhunt or perhaps eliminate suspects. But given the crackdown in Xinjiang, experts on ethics in science worry that China is building a tool that could be used to justify and intensify racial profiling and other state discrimination against Uighurs."

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-- North Korea said that dialogue with the U.S. has been nothing but a "foolish trick" and warned Washington that it could be on the receiving end of an unwelcome Christmas gift. Simon Denyer reports: "The North Korean regime has given the United States until the end of the year to drop its 'hostile policy,' come up with a new approach to talks and offer concessions in return for its decision to end nuclear and intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) tests in 2018. But a recent decision by the United States to postpone a joint air drill with South Korea clearly hasn't satisfied Pyongyang. Ri Thae Song, vice foreign minister in charge of U.S. affairs, accused Washington of trying to buy time by calling for a 'sustained and substantial dialogue,' but he rejected this approach. … 'The DPRK has done its utmost with maximum perseverance not to backtrack from the important steps it has taken on its own initiative,' he said in a statement carried by the Korean Central News Agency. 'What is left to be done now is the U.S. option and it is entirely up to the U.S. what Christmas gift it will select to get.' North Korea has a history of timing launches with an eye on international developments and even U.S. holidays."

-- On the first day of the NATO Summit, Trump slammed French President Emmanuel Macron's criticism of NATO as "very, very nasty" and "disrespectful." Ashley Parker, Philip Rucker and Michael Birnbaum report: Referring to comments Macron made "last month in an interview with The Economist — in which Macron described the 'brain death' of NATO due to lack of American support — Trump attacked Macron during his first remarks on the first day of the NATO 70th anniversary summit in London, calling the comments 'very insulting.' 'You just can't go around making statements like that about NATO,' Trump said, sitting next to NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg at a one-on-one meeting between the two leaders Tuesday

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Stoltenberg at a one on one meeting between the two leaders Tuesday morning. Though Trump himself has long been a vocal critic of NATO — a combative stance that has alarmed Western allies and seemed to prompt Macron's comments — Trump took umbrage at the French assessment of the alliance, and depicted France as the beneficiary of American largesse. 'I would say that nobody needs NATO more than France,' Trump said."

-- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a pair of bills. One requires all consumer electronic devices sold in the country to be pre-installed with Russian software. Another will require individual journalists to register as foreign agents. From Fox News: "Government officials say the law will help Russian IT firms compete with foreign companies, which dominate Russia's mobile phone market, Reuters reported. Another law signed by Putin Monday is a bill that gives the government the right to register bloggers, journalists and social media users as foreign agents. The bill is an extension of an existing law adopted in response to the U.S. Justice Department's 2017 decision to label the Russian state-funded network RT as a foreign agent. The new law applies to anyone who distributes content produced by media outlets registered as foreign agents and receives payments from abroad. Individuals registered as foreign agents will be subject to additional government scrutiny."

-- The American woman who claims convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein forced her to have sex with Britain's Prince Andrew told the BBC that the episodes were "disgusting" and asked for support from the British public. William Booth and Karla Adam report: "'This is not some sordid sex story, this is a story of being trafficked, this is a story of abuse, and this is a story of your guys' royalty,' [redacted] told the BBC in an hour-long

documentary that aired Monday night. … [redacted] **— now 35 and a mother of three — told the BBC that she was passed around to Epstein's rich and powerful friends 'like a platter of fruit.' She said she was trafficked to Andrew three times in 2001 and 2002: once in London at the home of Epstein's girlfriend, once at Epstein's New York mansion and once on a private Caribbean island owned by Epstein.** 'It didn't last long,' she said of the first of three alleged encounters with the prince. 'He got up, and he said thanks, I sat there in bed, just horrified and ashamed and felt dirty,' [redacted] said." The prince has denied that he had sex with her.

-- The rape and killing of a veterinarian on her way home from work have shaken India. Joanna Slater reports: "The killing of the 26-year-old veterinarian in the South Indian city of Hyderabad last week has provoked outrage and anguish across India, the latest in a series of gruesome, high-profile crimes against women and girls. Police arrested four men and said they had confessed to the killing. Speaking in Parliament on Monday, India's defense minister called it an 'inhuman' crime that has 'brought shame to the entire country.' … After news of the veterinarian's killing spread, demonstrations erupted in Hyderabad over the weekend. Thousands of people protested at a police station near where the woman's body was found and outside the gated compound where her family lives. **In New Delhi, a young woman was arrested for holding a sign in a high-security area outside Parliament that read, 'Why can't I feel safe in my own India?'"**

-- The Pacific island nation of Samoa will shut down government services for two days so civil servants can focus on a nationwide immunization drive as the country struggles to end a measles

outbreak that has so far claimed more than 50 lives, most of them children. From NPR: "Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi announced the closure on Monday, saying the government is relying on 'village councils, faith-based organizations, and church leaders, village mayors and government women representatives' to persuade the public to get vaccinated. As a result, he said, all but public utility government services will be shuttered Dec. 5 and 6. More than 3,700 measles cases have been reported since the outbreak began in October, with 198 recorded within a 24-hour period. Fifty-three people have died and of those, 48 are children under 4 years old."

-- The Post today launched the first episode of its Spanish-language podcast, "El Washington Post." Our podcast will round up a panel of renowned journalists who will explore the top international headlines in twice-weekly episodes.

An aerial view shows the Biden campaign bus as it travels from a campaign stop in Iowa. (Scott Olson/Getty Images)

2020 WATCH:

-- Joe Biden may lose the Iowa caucuses. But, by betting on strong support from black voters in Southern states and urban areas, he may still secure the 1,990 delegates needed to clinch the Democratic nomination. From the Times: "If Mr. Biden retains his strength with black voters, he'd have a structural advantage in the nomination race that is greater than his uneven lead in national polls suggests. … While Iowa and New Hampshire may generate political momentum for a winner because they vote first, the two states award

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very few delegates. By contrast, a candidate who is popular in California, Texas and predominantly black districts in the South could pick up big shares of delegates. A recent poll shows Mr. Biden at 44 percent among black voters in South Carolina, the early voting state with a majority-black Democratic electorate, and a historic harbinger for how the South will vote. The same poll had Mr. Biden's next closest competitor, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, trailing him by more than 30 percentage points among black voters. …

"Some of the most delegate-rich districts in Southern states like Tennessee, Alabama and South Carolina have large shares of black Democratic voters. (Vermont is an exception; its population is largely white, but it has only one district with 11 Democratic delegates.) **Under party rules, more delegates are awarded in districts with high concentrations of Democrats. Because black people overwhelmingly vote Democratic, areas with many black residents tend to have higher numbers of Democratic delegates.** This is a big reason why black Democrats are so sought-after in the race for the party's nomination. Historically, black Democratic primary voters have tended to back a single candidate, helping thrust the voting bloc to the forefront in Southern states where black voters make up the majority of the Democratic electorate. If a single candidate can get huge vote margins with black Democrats, like Barack Obama did in 2008 and Hillary Clinton did in 2016, he or she can amass a big delegate lead over other candidates."

-- In a wide-raging interview aboard the "No Malarkey" bus, the former vice president said he doesn't need Obama's endorsement, scoffed at the idea that Elizabeth Warren is building enthusiasm and accused Pete Buttigieg of stealing his

plans. From Politico: "Biden reiterated that he asked Obama not to endorse him, and he stuck by that stance even when asked whether he'd want Obama's backing if the field narrowed to three people. 'No, because everyone knows I'm close with him,' Biden said. 'I don't need an Obama endorsement.' … Biden was asked about a POLITICO Magazine article that recently reported how Obama had confided in another candidate that his former vice president 'really doesn't have it' when it comes to an intimate connection with voters. 'He may have said that. And if it's true, and he said it, there's truth to it,' Biden acknowledged on Monday before saying that he has 'mostly campaigned for other people in the time I've been here. And I've never been in a position seeking the nomination where I have had the money and the organization to be able to get open headquarters all over the state.' …

"Biden lamented media coverage that he said initially dismissed the durability of his candidacy because he was too moderate and didn't embrace policies like Medicare for All. Biden said the field was now moving closer to his views and away from the left. When asked whether he unintentionally set the stage for Buttigieg, who is leading in the polls in Iowa, Biden grew animated. 'Set it up? He stole it! Set it up?' Biden said of the mayor of South Bend, Ind. … The former vice president then accused the media of going too easy on Buttigieg, saying his opponent had once supported a more liberal health care plan but then pivoted … When asked about another polling leader in Iowa and elsewhere — Warren — Biden dismissed her rise and the notion that she had momentum behind her. 'Look at the polling everywhere. Tell me. Tell me where the polling has manifested itself,' he said. 'She lives in Massachusetts, she's invested millions and millions of dollars in New Hampshire, why shouldn't she be known

there?'"

-- Three state lawmakers acknowledge that lobbyists helped craft their op-eds attacking Medicare-for-all. Jeff Stein reports: "Montana state Rep. Kathy Kelker (D) and Sen. Jen Gross (D) acknowledged in interviews that editorials they published separately about the single-payer health proposal included language provided by John MacDonald, a lobbyist and consultant in the state who disclosed in private emails that he worked for an unnamed client. Gross said MacDonald contacted her on behalf of the Partnership for America's Health Care Future, a multimillion-dollar industry group founded in 2018 and funded by hospitals, private insurers, drug companies and other private health-care firms. Additionally, an aide to Ohio state Sen. Steve Huffman (R) confirmed in a brief interview that the lawmaker's op-ed criticizing Medicare-for-all was written with the help of Kathleen DeLand, an Ohio-based lobbyist. None of the lawmakers' columns discloses that they were written with the help of a lobbyist."

-- The Trump campaign denied credentials to journalists from Bloomberg News, accusing the organization of "bias" against the president. Kayla Epstein and Derek Hawkins report: "Bloomberg News faced a journalistic quandary when its owner, former New York mayor Mike Bloomberg, decided to jump into the 2020 Democratic primary last month. In a widely criticized decision, editor in chief John Micklethwait announced that the newsroom would continue its tradition of not investigating Bloomberg's personal life and finances, and would extend the same policy to his Democratic opponents. The move was intended to avoid conflict of interest in the Democratic primary. Micklethwait noted, however, that Bloomberg News would continue to investigate the Trump administration. After the Trump campaign announced its decision Monday to bar Bloomberg News' President

announced its decision Monday to bar Bloomberg News, President Trump took to Twitter to attack the news outlet and the New York Times for their coverage of him."

-- The New York Times is overhauling its traditional closed-door endorsement process for Democratic presidential candidates and will instead conduct interviews with the contenders on the record and air parts of the discussions – along with the editorial board's final decision – on its show "The Weekly." (Politico)

-- A month after ending his presidential campaign, Beto O'Rourke is setting his focus on flipping the Texas state house. From the Houston Chronicle: "With Texas Democrats nine seats away from retaking the majority of seats in the Texas House, O'Rourke is trying to convince his donor base to send money to an organization called Flip The Texas House, which has targeted 17 House Districts in which Republican candidates won by fewer than 10 percentage points last year. More than half are districts in which O'Rourke won the majority of votes as he ran for U.S. Senate."

-- With just a week remaining before the deadline to run for office in Texas next year, some of O'Rourke's supporters are still hoping to see him jump into the race to unseat Sen. John Cornyn (R). They even commissioned a poll that shows he'd sail through the Senate primary were he to join the race. From the Dallas Morning News: "The poll also shows him in a near-tie, trailing Cornyn 46-42 at this point, which is far stronger than others already seeking the nomination. O'Rourke's campaign operation has gone dormant. He didn't respond to messages on Monday and hasn't said lately whether he's interested. … During his presidential campaign, O'Rourke said flatly and repeatedly that he would not even consider

running for the Senate in 2020 … 'I know it's a bit of a longshot to try and convince Beto to do this, but it is clear to a lot of people in Texas that that would be the best thing for us,' said Alan Metni, executive director of the Democratic Policy Institute, the group that commissioned the new poll."

-- Georgia Republican Gov. Brian Kemp isn't expected to nominate Rep. Douglas Collins, Trump's pick, for a soon-to-be-open Senate seat. He's now facing heavy backlash – including threats of a primary challenge. Seung Min Kim reports: "Kemp is expected to tap business executive Kelly Loeffler for the Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Johnny Isakson (R) … The public outcry against Kemp and Loeffler from Trump allies has led some of them to threaten a primary challenge against the first-term governor, and they have urged the president's supporters to flood Kemp's office with calls pushing him not to select Loeffler. … Conservative radio host Mark Levin derided Kemp as 'another Romney,' referring to the 2012 GOP presidential nominee and current senator from Utah, Mitt Romney, as he accused the Georgia governor of being on the precipice of appointing a 'RINO,' a Republican in name only … The formal announcement from Kemp is expected on Wednesday, the officials said, so as to not interfere with Isakson's farewell address on the Senate floor Tuesday afternoon."

-- In a big break for Republican hopes of holding the Senate, Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) no longer faces a primary challenge in his reelection bid. From the News & Observer: "Raleigh retired businessman Garland Tucker is ending his campaign for the Republican nomination in the U.S. Senate … Tucker invested more than $1.5 million of his own money to challenge Tillis, who is seeking a second term in 2020. Monday marked the beginning of the 2020 filing

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second term in 2020. Monday marked the beginning of the 2020 filing period in North Carolina. Tucker, who joined the race in May, opted not to file. … The letter cited the attention on the ongoing impeachment inquiry into [Trump] as well as Tillis' role as one of his defenders in the Senate as a reason for Tucker's decision to end his campaign."

-- An outspoken Holocaust denier, activist anti-Semite and white supremacist filed again for a Chicago-area House seat. From the Chicago Sun-Times: "Arthur Jones, of suburban Lyons, won the GOP nomination in 2018 because he was the only Republican on the 3rd District primary ballot. In the general election, he was easily beaten by Rep. Dan Lipinski, D-Ill., but received about 26 percent of the vote even after his views were exposed."

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

George Conway, husband of Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway and a conservative critic of the president, replied to one of her tweets:

He also retweeted this:

A former Justice Department spokesman notes that Duncan Hunter's guilty plea will come as a relief to quite a few people:

From the former U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, who was fired by Trump:

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Amy Klobuchar attacked Senate Republicans for not taking up bills that have passed the House, a talking point intended to push back on the GOP talking point that impeachment is distracting Democrats from getting anything done:

Trump once again went after the two FBI officials whose texts were selectively leaked by his appointees at the DOJ. A Los Angeles Times reporter noted the irony of the president's line of attack:

From a former federal prosecutor:

A former senior lawyer for the National Security Agency, who is now at Brookings, chastised Barr:

A former Republican congressman who is now an independent shared this thought:

And Trump's former national security adviser, who is now a convicted fellon, has a holiday wish:

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QUOTE OF THE DAY: "What would you have done to me? You would have torn my ears off," Joe Biden told reporters after accusing Pete Buttigieg of stealing his health-care plan. "I would be a plagiarizing, no good, old man who did bum bum bum." (Politico)

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Over the past three years, Trump and some of his allies have at times sounded like Vladimir Putin when talking about election interference:

When Republicans have sounded like Vladimir Putin on election interference

Hasan Minhaj discussed why billionaires won't save the world:

Trevor Noah had a bit of fun talking about Joe Biden's "malarkey" bus:

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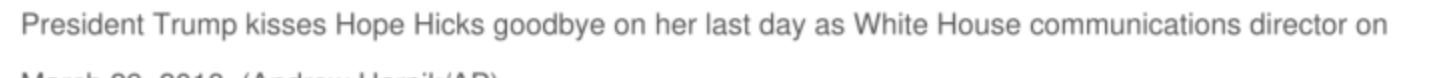

President Trump kisses Hope Hicks goodbye on her last day as White House communications director on March 29, 2018. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

BY JAMES HOHMANN

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THE BIG IDEA: What emails about Ukraine does President Trump think, or hope, will never get out?

During two interviews with FBI agents and members of Bob Mueller's team last year, former White House communications director Hope Hicks recounted the president's reaction to the discovery of damning emails about the meeting his son Donald Trump Jr., son-in-law Jared Kushner and campaign chairman Paul Manafort took with a Russian emissary at Trump Tower in June 2016.

"Throughout Hicks' conversations with Trump, it was clear to her that Trump did not think the emails would get out," according to the FBI's summary of her first interview, which was released on Monday night in response to an open-records lawsuit. "Hicks'

impression was Trump meant the emails would not get out to the press, but he did not say that explicitly."

Hicks said she thought the messages would come out eventually and warned Trump that they would become "a massive" story." She wanted "Junior" – as the FBI summaries refer to the president's eldest son – to give an interview to a friendly media outlet, where he could take "softball questions," to minimize the fallout. "The President said they should not do anything, asked why so many people had the emails, and said they needed to let the lawyers deal with it," Hicks recalled to the FBI.

There are no fresh bombshells in these new summaries. The juiciest material appeared in Mueller's 448-page report on his investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election. But the memos about Hicks's FBI sit-downs, which both occurred in March 2018, offer a revealing window into how Trump tries to control bad news. Trump's unwillingness to rip off the Band-Aid and get out in front of bad facts has resulted in a drip, drip, drip of revelations that have clouded most of his tenure in office.

-- Hicks's comments are newly relevant against the backdrop of the impeachment inquiry. The White House's categorical refusal to comply with subpoenas for documents, from phone records to emails, has made it harder for investigators to corroborate sworn testimony from witnesses about the alleged campaign to coerce Ukraine's new president to announce an investigation into former vice president Joe Biden in exchange for a White House meeting and nearly $400 million in military aid that had already been approved by Congress.

A confidential White House review of Trump's decision to freeze the aid has turned up hundreds of documents that reveal extensive efforts to generate an after-the-fact justification for the decision and a debate over whether the delay was legal, three of my colleagues reported last week. But none of those emails have been turned over to investigators.

Trump appointees at the departments of State, Energy and Defense have also defied subpoenas and refused to produce documents that get at the heart of the impeachment inquiry. They have justified doing so by making absolutist claims of presidential privilege

that have led to protracted litigation in the courts. The White House is refusing to participate at all in the House Judiciary Committee's first impeachment hearing on Wednesday.

For her part, Ivanka Trump repeatedly conducted official government business on her personal email account throughout much of 2017, sending hundreds of emails in potential violation of federal recordkeeping rules. The White House adviser did so after her father made Hillary Clinton's private email use as secretary of state a centerpiece of his stump speech, egging on crowds as they chanted "Lock her up." The House Oversight Committee has unsuccessfully sought to subpoena Ivanka Trump's emails.

Hope Hicks testifies during a closed-door hearing of the House Judiciary Committee on June 19. (Katherine Frey/The Washington Post)

-- House Democrats are also quietly debating whether they should expand articles of impeachment to include charges stemming from the Mueller report, including the episode Hicks discussed with the FBI. "Members of the House Judiciary Committee and other more liberal-minded lawmakers and congressional aides have been privately discussing the possibility of drafting articles that include obstruction of justice or other 'high crimes' they believe are clearly outlined in [the Mueller report] — or allegations that Trump has used his office to benefit his bottom line," Rachael Bade reports. "The idea, however, is running into resistance from some moderate Democrats wary of impeachment blowback in their GOP-leaning districts, as well as Democratic leaders who sought to keep impeachment narrowly focused on allegations that Trump pressured Ukraine to investigate his political rivals … The debate is expected to play out in leadership and caucus meetings this week."

When the House Judiciary Committee subpoenaed Hicks to appear for a closed-door interview this June about the possible instances of obstruction of justice outlined in the Mueller report, the former White House communications director refused to answer any question related to her interactions with Trump after Election Day in 2016. Citing a directive from White House lawyers, Hicks declined to answer 155 different questions

from lawmakers, according to a transcript.

-- BuzzFeed News and CNN filed lawsuits under the Freedom of Information Act to force the release of these FBI notes, known as "302 reports," that were created as part of the two-year Mueller probe. The 295-page tranche that went out last night is quite repetitive, and the interviews are still mostly whited out. The media outlets pledged to challenge the heavy redactions as part of the ongoing litigation to obtain records.

Hicks left the White House last year and now works at the Fox Corporation in Los Angeles as a public relations executive. During another closed-door deposition in February 2018, while she was still employed by the White House, Hicks acknowledged that she occasionally told "white lies" for Trump. Hicks was advised at the beginning of both her interviews that it is a crime to lie to the FBI in the course of an investigation, which she acknowledged.

-- Hicks told the FBI agents that "Trump was angry, surprised, and frustrated" when Mueller was appointed as special counsel in May 2017. "The only other time she had seen Trump like that was when the Access Hollywood tape came out during the campaign," according to the FBI notes.

"Trump thought the fact that the intelligence community assessed the Russians had interfered in the 2016 election was his Achilles heel," she added, according to the summary. "Even if it had no impact on the election, Trump thought that was what people would think. He thought the assessment took away from what he did."

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Hope Hicks confers with Trump in the Oval Office on June 16, 2017. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

-- Hicks was treated like family during her time as a member of the Trump inner circle. The president referred to her affectionately as “Hopey.” He called her more often than his chief of staff at the time. The onetime fashion model from Greenwich, Conn., whose dad was a top executive at the NFL, was tight with the president’s kids, who she had gotten to know during her work for the Trump Organization before the presidential campaign.

That’s how she ended up in the White House residence on the morning of June 22, 2017, with only Trump, Kushner and Ivanka Trump. “Kushner had a manila folder with documents with him and said to the President that they had found one thing that the President should know about, but it was not a big deal,” according to Hicks’ account. “Kushner told Trump that he, Don Jr. and Paul Manafort had attended a meeting during the campaign. When he started to open the folder, Hicks said, the president stopped him and said he did not want to know about it.” Hicks believed Kushner’s folder included emails about the June 2016 meeting.

The next week, on June 28, Kushner asked Hicks and his spokesman Josh Raffel to go to the offices of someone whose name has been redacted (perhaps a lawyer) to review documents. “Hicks was shocked by the emails concerning the meeting she and Raffel reviewed,” the FBI write-up says. “She thought they looked really bad.”

The next day, on June 29, Hicks joined Kushner, Ivanka Trump and the president in his personal dining room to discuss about the emails. “Hicks’ initial reaction was that they should get in front of the emails,” according to the FBI summary. “Kushner responded that it wasn’t a big deal, just a meeting about Russian adoption. Kushner reminded the president that he had previously mentioned a meeting, and the President said he did not want to know about it.”

When Hicks said the story was going to become “massive,” the FBI summary says, “the President did not want to talk about it and did not want details.” Trump then asked Kushner when his document production was due. Kushner told him it would be a couple of weeks. “Then leave it alone,” Trump told Kushner, according to Hicks.

Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump board Air Force One in October. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

Fast forward a week to July 7. Kushner and Ivanka Trump came to Hicks’s hotel room in Germany to confer about how to respond to a story the New York Times was working on about the Trump Tower meeting. The next day, while they were all at the G-20 summit, Hicks alerted Trump about what the Times was chasing. The president told her not to comment.

Hicks and Trump talked again later that day. “The President asked what the meeting was about. Hicks told him Kushner and Junior had told her the meeting was about Russian adoption,” according to the FBI summary. “The President said words to the effect of, ‘Then just say that,’ and dictated what she should say.”

When they got to Air Force One for the flight back, one of Junior’s representatives texted Hicks the statement that the president’s son wanted to provide to the media. “She took that to the President’s cabin and read him Junior’s statement,” according to the FBI summary. “He told her they should not respond. Hicks advocated for providing the full story. The President did not say what was wrong with Junior’s statement, but just felt they were giving the media too much. … After meeting with Trump about Junior’s statement, Hicks returned to a seat and started texting with Junior. They worked on the statement for a period and ultimately settled on the statement that went to the press.”

During that flight back to Washington, Hicks also went to Trump’s cabin to tell him that then-White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus knew about the emails. There are four redacted paragraphs about what happened next.

-- A reminder of what was in the emails: British music publicist Rob Goldstone, who

Don Jr. knew from the 2013 Miss Universe pageant in Moscow, emailed the candidate's son to say that he knew a person who wanted "to provide the Trump campaign with some official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary and her dealings with Russia and would be very useful to your father."

Goldstone explained: "This is part of Russia and its government's support of Trump"

"[I]f it's what you say I love it," Don Jr. replied, "especially later in the summer."

That's how the Trump Tower meeting got set up. It wasn't adoption.

During the transition, Hicks told reporters in a statement that the Trump campaign had "no contact" with "any foreign entity," including the Russians. She told the FBI that she recalled talking about this with fellow advisers Kellyanne Conway, Stephen Miller, Jason Miller and "probably" Kushner. "Hicks told the group she was planning to respond to the press and there was no hesitation or pushback from any of them," according to the FBI notes.

President Trump speaks to members of the media on the South Lawn before boarding Marine One on Monday. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

-- Other takeaways from the FBI notes released last night:

1. Michael Cohen, Trump's former personal lawyer, told FBI agents in November 2018 that he informed Trump during the campaign that he had spoken with a "woman from the Kremlin" about the plan to build a Trump Tower in Moscow. "Cohen told Trump he spoke with a woman from the Kremlin who had asked specific and great questions about Trump Tower Moscow, and that he wished Trump Organization had assistants that were that good and competent," according to the FBI summary.

"He also said that in his letter to Congress about the development, he initially wrote that

he had 'limited contact with Russian officials.' But that line was struck from the letter. Cohen said he did not know who specifically struck it," BuzzFeed notes. "It was the decision of the JDA to take it out," the document says, referring to lawyers from the Joint Defense Agreement who represented the Trump family, Cohen, and Kushner, "and Cohen did not push back." Cohen also told the FBI that he spoke with Trump's attorney Jay Sekulow about pardons after his home and office were raided. Sekulow told the AP that Cohen's statements were false.

2. Former Trump deputy campaign chairman Rick Gates told the FBI that, if Rudy Giuliani had been the attorney general, some in the president's orbit believed he wouldn't have recused himself, as Jeff Sessions did, from the Russia investigation. "After the recusal, he recalled conversations where people offered their opinion that had Rudy Giuliani been attorney general, he would not have recused himself," according to the FBI summary. "Gates knew Giuliani had been the first choice for attorney general, but turned it down because he wanted to be Secretary of State instead."

3. Former deputy attorney general Rod Rosenstein told the FBI he was "angry, ashamed, horrified and embarrassed" at how Jim Comey was fired as FBI director. "Rosenstein said he was asked during a White House meeting one day before Comey's firing to produce a memo laying out his concerns with the FBI chief. He said he knew when he left the office that day that Comey would be fired, though he said he did not expect for his memo to be immediately released, and was surprised by the portrayal in the media that the termination was his idea instead of the White House's," the AP reports. "Rosenstein said he expected Comey would be contacted by either Trump or Sessions so a meeting could be scheduled and he could be fired in person. Comey instead learned of his firing from television while speaking with agents in Los Angeles.

"At one point during the interview, as Rosenstein was describing how he had 'always liked Jim Comey' but disagreed with his decisions in the Clinton case, the deputy attorney general 'paused a moment, appearing to have been overcome by emotion, but quickly recovered and apologized,' according to the FBI."

-- The Post just published a six-part digital series to go along with the illustrated Mueller report. This is drawn directly from episodes detailed in the report in which prosecutors found possible evidence of obstruction of justice, as well as congressional testimony and Washington Post reporting. Dialogue is taken from text messages, contemporaneous notes and interviews conducted by Mueller's team and the FBI. The digital project pairs with a graphic nonfiction book being published today by Scribner.

-- Crowd-sourcing a Big Idea: I'm planning to write an edition of the Daily 202 later this week on the 10 biggest storylines of the 2010s, based on reader input. If you could sum up this decade in one word or phrase, what would it be? Besides Trump, what do you think was the single most important story or issue of the decade? How will history remember "the teens"? Message me at James.Hohmann@washpost.com, and I'll highlight some of the most thoughtful emails. Thanks to everyone who wrote in yesterday. So many smart answers!

Attorney General William Barr listens as Trump speaks in the Oval Office on Nov. 26. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

THE LATEST ON THE INVESTIGATIONS:

-- Attorney General Bill Barr has told associates he disagrees with the Justice Department's inspector general on one of the key findings in an upcoming report about the FBI's Russia investigation. Barr appears to disagree "that the FBI had enough information in July 2016 to justify launching an investigation into members of the Trump campaign," Devlin Barrett and Karoun Demirjian scoop. "The Justice Department's inspector general, Michael Horo-witz, is due to release his long-awaited findings in a week, but behind the scenes at the Justice Department, disagreement has surfaced about one of Horowitz's central conclusions on the origins of the Russia investigation. … The inspector general report, currently in draft form, is being finalized after input from various witnesses and offices that were scrutinized by the inspector general. Barr or a senior Justice Department official could submit a formal letter as part of that process, which would then be included in the final report."

-- The Ukrainian government became aware of Trump's freeze on military aid in July, according to former deputy foreign minister Olena Zerkal. From the Times: "'We had this information,' Ms. Zerkal said in an interview. 'It was definitely mentioned there were some issues.' … Ms. Zerkal's account is the first public acknowledgment by a Ukrainian official that senior figures in Kyiv knew about the aid freeze during the Trump administration's pressure campaign — and that **the Zelensky administration sought to keep that fact from surfacing to avoid getting drawn into the American impeachment debate.** She said her own government blocked a trip she had planned to Washington to meet members of Congress in October, worried she would discuss matters related to impeachment and drag its president into an inquiry he has been eager to avoid. 'They worried about this,' she said of Mr. Zelensky's advisers. 'They said, 'This is not the time for you to travel to D.C.'' The cancellation of her trip was confirmed by Congressional aides."

-- The Ukraine pressure campaign began as an effort to undermine the Mueller investigation. Rosalind S. Helderman reports: "As 2018 came to a close, the special counsel investigation was bearing down on [Trump.] … It was in this uncertain moment that [Giuliani] said he had the idea to focus on Ukraine. … The direct connection between the Mueller investigation and the Ukraine pressure campaign, often lost as the administration has reeled from controversy to controversy, shows the deep imprint the Russia investigation has had on the president. … Giuliani has repeatedly said the public does not appreciate the extent to which his work in Ukraine was driven by the Mueller investigation, rather than — as Democrats have alleged — as an effort to bolster Trump's 2020 reelection."

-- The Senate Intelligence Committee already investigated allegations of Ukrainian interference in the 2016 campaign. From Politico: "Trump's allies have defended his demand for political investigations from Ukraine by claiming that the government in Kyiv tried to sabotage his candidacy … **But the Republican-controlled Senate Intelligence Committee thoroughly investigated that theory, according to people with direct knowledge of the inquiry, and found no evidence that Ukraine waged a top-down interference campaign akin to the Kremlin's efforts to help Trump win in 2016.** The committee's Republican chairman, Richard Burr of North Carolina, said in October 2017

that the panel would be examining 'collusion by either campaign during the 2016 elections.' But an interview that fall with the Democratic consultant at the heart of the accusation that Kyiv meddled, Alexandra Chalupa, was fruitless, a committee source said, and Republicans didn't follow up or request any more witnesses related to the issue."

-- House Republicans said Trump acted out of "genuine" concern about corruption in Ukraine and wariness about foreign aid in a preemptive rebuttal to Democratic allegations that Trump abused his power. Mike DeBonis reports: "In a 123-page draft report, GOP investigators assert that Democrats failed to make the case that Trump committed impeachable high crimes and misdemeanors ... Nor, the Republicans say, do Democrats have a basis for impeachment in Trump's decision to spurn House document requests and witness subpoenas pertaining to Trump's Ukraine dealings. Instead, the draft GOP report contends, the impeachment effort is 'an orchestrated campaign to upend our political system' … The Republican report will serve as an initial blueprint for the GOP defense of Trump…"

-- House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) said the majority's report will be released publicly today. "We are putting the finishing touches on the report," he told MSNBC's Rachel Maddow. The panel is scheduled to vote this evening to approve its public release ahead of tomorrow's Judiciary hearing.

-- Federal prosecutors will probably bring more charges against Giuliani's associates Igor Fruman and Lev Parnas. From NPR: "A superseding indictment — which could add to or modify the existing charges — is likely, prosecutors said on Monday, but also adding that they're continuing to evaluate the case. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and FBI investigators are making their way through what prosecutor Douglas Zolkind called a 'voluminous' amount of evidence in the case — around 9 gigabytes' worth. Clearing their way through that material — which includes electronic devices, phone records, bank records and more — would set the stage for the next steps."

-- The IRS whistleblower who raised concerns about political interference in the

presidential audit program declined to voluntarily appear for a transcribed interview with the Senate Finance Committee, possibly because he was threatened with retaliation by his superiors. From CNN: "After raising concerns over the summer, the whistleblower met in November with Republican and Democratic staffers on the committee but has declined an invitation to appear for a follow-up … [T]he whistleblower declined the transcribed interview after an official informed the whistleblower that it could be considered a violation of IRS code to provide the committee with any information related to an individual taxpayer. Under IRS code 6103, IRS employees can be fired, fined or even jailed for disclosing taxpayer information. It is unclear what next step the committee will take. One option would be to issue a subpoena, but it is not clear that is the route the committee would take."

-- Commentary from The Post's opinion page:

- Columnist Dana Milbank: "Pat Cipollone is the dog that caught the car."
- The Editorial Board: "If Trump has a substantive defense, he should send advisers to testify."
- Deputy editorial page editor Ruth Marcus: "Impeachment feels a lot like Kavanaugh 2.0."
- Columnist Catherine Rampell: "The more love Always Trumpers show, the more dangerous Trump becomes."

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Duncan Hunter leaves federal court after a hearing in San Diego.(Denis Poroy/AP)

DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS THAT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED:

-- Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.) plans to plead guilty to misusing campaign funds at a hearing set for 1 p.m. Eastern. "I think it's important not to have a public trial for three reasons. And those three reasons are my kids," Hunter said in an interview with San Diego-based TV station KUSI. In July, **federal prosecutors alleged that the congressman used campaign donations to finance extramarital affairs -- including trips, dinners and drinks -- with at least five women, including three lobbyists, a woman who worked in his congressional office and another who worked for a member of House leadership.** Hunter told the local TV station that he "did make mistakes" but that "not a single dime of taxpayer money is involved in this." He said he will plead guilty to only one of four counts against him as part of the deal. "Whatever my time in custody is, I will take that hit," he said.

When he was first indicted last summer, Hunter called this a politically motivated witch hunt and said he was looking forward to the trial so he could fully vindicate himself. Initially, Hunter and his wife were charged with using more than $250,000 in campaign funds to pay for personal expenses including family vacations, theater tickets and school tuition. The couple allegedly agreed in electronic communications to claim that some of the expenses were intended to help veterans, even though they weren't. Then, in June, Margaret Hunter pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring with her husband to spend $25,000 in campaign funds for personal use. As part of the plea deal, she flipped on her husband and agreed to testify against him.

Today's plea deal means that the first two members of Congress to endorse Trump for president in 2016 will be convicted criminals. Hunter and Rep. Chris Collins (R-N.Y.) came out for Trump in February of that year, about a week before Jeff Sessions became the first senator to endorse Trump. Earlier this year, Collins resigned

from Congress and pleaded guilty to insider trading charges. The crime he confessed to occured while he was standing on the White House lawn at a picnic hosted by Trump. These episode underscore just how swampy Trump's Washington has been.

Hunter didn't say whether he will resign as part of the plea deal, but that seems like a safe assumption. He's already facing serious primary challenges from former congressman Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) and former San Diego city councilman Carl DeMaio, Felicia Sonmez notes. Hunter won the congressional seat after his father, Duncan Hunter Sr., retired from it to run for president in 2008.

-- The North Dakota company that Trump urged military officials to hire for border wall construction received a $400 million contract to build a span of new barriers across an Arizona wildlife refuge. Nick Miroff and Josh Dawsey report: "North Dakota-based Fisher Sand and Gravel won the contract to build in the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge in Yuma County, Ariz., the Defense Department said, with a target completion date of Dec. 30, 2020. **Trump has repeatedly pushed for Fisher to get a wall-building contract, urging officials with the Army Corps of Engineers to pick the firm — only to be told that Fisher's bids did not meet standards.** Trump's entreaties on behalf of the company have concerned some officials who are unaccustomed to a president getting personally involved in the intricacies of government contracting.

"Trump has been enamored with Tommy Fisher, the company's chief executive, who has made multiple appearances on Fox News to promote his firm and insists that it would do a better job than those the government had already chosen. ... Fisher has worked with some Trump allies — including former Kansas secretary of state Kris Kobach and ex-White House adviser Stephen K. Bannon — to build border fencing on private land using private donations. ... Trump has pledged to complete 450 to 500 miles of new border barriers by the end of next year. So far his administration has built about 85 miles of fencing, almost all of it in areas where tall steel bollards are replacing smaller, older structures that were there before he took office."

-- A new biography of Melania Trump by CNN's Kate Bennett reveals that the first

lady doesn't just live in her own bedroom. She actually lives on a different floor of the White House than the president: “Melania Trump has her own quarters in the White House. ... It is true the first couple doesn't share a bedroom, according to several sources, and the first lady prefers her own large, private space in a suite of rooms on a separate floor.” Bennett also reveals that the first lady was “beside herself with guilt” after her speech at the Republican National Convention was criticized for including parts from a speech given by Michelle Obama: “Not only did Melania Trump feel badly for her speechwriter, she also felt she had let down her husband on what should have been her most triumphant speaking engagement to date. The truth was, sources conclude, it was Donald Trump that let down Melania Trump. A skeleton staff of political neophytes neglected to read Melania Trump's speech, much less vet it for content.”

-- According to the new book, the first lady suspects that longtime Trump confidant Roger Stone was behind the release of nude photos from her modeling days during the 2016 campaign. From the Guardian: “Bennett also writes that the first lady ‘still refuses to believe’ her husband played a role in the release. ... Stone denied Bennett’s claim while the White House poured scorn on her book.”

-- The Supreme Court heard a Second Amendment case for the first time in a decade, but the debate ended up being on whether a case concerning gun restrictions is still worth considering. Robert Barnes reports: “The controversy involves now-rescinded restrictions unique to New York City about whether citizens who have a license to keep a gun in their homes may transport them to firing ranges outside of the city or to a second home in the state. After the Supreme Court took the case to decide whether those restrictions violated the constitutional right to keep and bear arms, the city got rid of them. Then the state of New York passed a law that would keep them from being reenacted. The unstated purpose of both the city and state actions might have been to make the case moot and deny conservatives on the court a chance to explore whether there is a right to carry a gun outside the home. … The arguments Monday suggested that New York would have had trouble defending the old regulations. But most of the hour-long discourse was consumed with questions about whether the court still has a live controversy before it, a requirement for rendering an opinion. The court denied New York’s earlier plea to dismiss the case as moot. It said it would

consider the question after argument."

-- Barr's Justice Department asked the Supreme Court to let federal executions proceed next week by "setting aside" a district court's injunction that blocks it from carrying out lethal injections as planned. Mark Berman reports: "This request, which came hours after an appeals court blocked a similar application, marked an escalation of the administration's push to restart federal executions after a nearly two-decade hiatus. …. The Justice Department argued in its 38-page filing Monday that the judge's interpretation of the law is 'implausible.' The filing, signed by Noel Francisco, the solicitor general, dismissed what it called a 'flawed injunction against the implementation of lawful executions.' [Barr], in announcing plans to resume executions, had said the department owes it to victims to carry out the sentences, though some relatives of the first inmate facing execution have urged the administration to call off the lethal injection and sentence him to life in prison instead."

-- The Senate confirmed Trump's pick to replace Energy Secretary Rick Perry. Several Democrats joined Republicans in approving Deputy Energy Secretary Dan Brouillette's promotion, 70-15. (AP)

-- Trump recently gave states the power to ban refugees. But deeply conservative and devout Utah wants more of them. Griff Witte reports: "The governor, a Republican who aligns with Trump on most issues, wrote the president a letter in late October. He didn't want to keep refugees out. He didn't want to reduce their numbers. He wanted Trump to send more. 'We empathize deeply with individuals and groups who have been forced from their homes and we love giving them a new home and a new life,' Gov. Gary R. Herbert wrote. Such newcomers, he added, have become 'productive employees and responsible citizens.' They have been an asset to Utah, he said, not a liability. Republicans in the state legislature quickly backed up their governor, daring to defy a president who has repeatedly shown an unwillingness to tolerate intraparty dissent. So did Republican members of the state's congressional delegation. So did Republicans in city halls. Democrats across Utah added their support. 'I have to be honest: I don't have any idea why it's a partisan issue nationally. It's never been one here,' said Brad Wilson, the state's Republican speaker of the House. 'Regardless of political party, we value

these people.'"

-- Ballroom dancers say a clampdown on immigration is hurting business. From the AP: "When no Americans replied to her ads seeking a dance instructor, studio owner Chris Sabourin looked overseas. But she was stymied again by a federal tightening of visa application rules she and others contend is hampering the ballroom dance industry. … Federal records ... show a slight uptick since 2017 in initial denials of O-1 visa applications from individuals with 'extraordinary ability or achievement' — the visa that many of the foreign dancers seek — as well as for O-1 visa applicants who were given a second chance to meet eligibility requirements. Representatives of the dance industry say they've seen the processing times for those nonimmigrant visas, which allow the dancers to work in the U.S. for up to three years, increase from weeks to months, with uncertainty the application will be approved."

-- A janitor working for the Border Patrol saved and photographed migrants' belongings that were thrown away by U.S. officials. From the Los Angeles Times: "While working as a janitor at the same facility from 2003 to 2014, photographer Tom Kiefer secretly collected the belongings and later began shooting them. … The first items to pull Kiefer's attention were 15 to 20 toothbrushes. At the time, he didn't think about photographing them. He just felt compelled to remove them from the trash. 'When I started seeing a rosary, or a Bible, or a wallet, I realized that no one would believe me if I had not collected these items.' It took about six years of collecting — blankets, cellphones, toilet paper, depression medication, shoelaces — before Kiefer began photographing. … Kiefer estimates he has more than 100,000 items collected and stored in his studio and other spaces around Ajo. The word he uses to describe how he copes with the magnitude of his collection: compartmentalize. … **'Our government is actually taking away a Bible or rosary," he said. "I mean, how twisted is that?'"**

-- The United Auto Workers has bolstered its financial controls in an effort to prevent embezzlement and bribery that was uncovered as part of a federal probe of the union. From the AP: "The moves announced Monday by Secretary-Treasurer Ray Curry come after last month's resignation of President Gary Jones, who has been implicated in the scandal. Several other union officials have been charged or implicated

in the probe, which embarrassed the union leadership and angered many of its 400,000 members when it became public starting in 2017. Curry says the reforms will put checks and balances in place to prevent financial misconduct."

-- Former president Jimmy Carter was hospitalized again to treat a urinary tract infection. Michael Brice-Saddler reports: "The Carter Center says 'he is feeling better and looks forward to returning home soon.' The incident comes three weeks after Carter was hospitalized ahead of a procedure to relieve pressure on his brain caused by a subdural hematoma, a collection of blood outside the brain, spurred by his recent falls. He was released from the hospital on Wednesday, in time for Thanksgiving, and there were no complications from the surgery."

This is an aerial view of a lake on the Greenland Ice Sheet before, left, and after drainage, right. (Thomas R. Chudley)

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- **Cracks in the Greenland ice sheet are producing massive waterfalls, raising scientists' concerns for sea level rise**. Andrew Freedman reports: "A cerulean lake consisting of glacial meltwater on the surface of the Greenland ice sheet, located about 18 miles from where the Store Glacier meets the sea in west Greenland, briefly became one of the world's tallest waterfalls during the course of five hours in July 2018. The waterfall, like many others on the ice sheet's surface, was triggered by cracks in the ice sheet. In the case of this one meltwater lake that scientists closely observed in July 2018, the water cascaded more than 3,200 feet to the underbelly of the glacier, where the ice meets bedrock. There, the water can help lubricate the base of the ice sheet, helping the ice move faster toward the sea. The observations of scientists, armed with aerial drones and other high-tech equipment, of the partial lake drainage that resulted could help researchers better understand how surface melting of the ice sheet could affect its melt rate, and improve global sea level rise projections.

"**Scientists are keenly interested in how meltwater on the surface of the Greenland ice sheet — the largest contributor to global sea level rise — acts to speed up the**

movement of ice toward the sea by lubricating the underside of the ice surface. The new study, published Monday in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, suggests that scientists are underestimating the number of melt ponds that partially, and rapidly, drain into the ice sheet each year. This means tweaks may be needed to the computer models used to predict sea level rise from Greenland. This is the first study to show that partial lake drainage can occur through cracks in the ice, rather than overtopping or other mechanisms, which was previously the assumption. This means even more water is reaching the base of the ice sheet than previously thought."

-- Trump revved up his global trade war yesterday by not only announcing tariffs on metals from Brazil and Argentina, but also by threatening even harsher penalties on dozens of popular French products. David J. Lynch, Rachel Siegel and Terrence McCoy report: "The administration said the moves were necessary because U.S. trading partners were acting unfairly to disadvantage both the country's traditional economic pillars as well as its best hopes for future prosperity. … The unexpected announcement upends the Latin American countries' 2018 agreement with Trump to accept quotas on their shipments to the United States instead of the import taxes. … Later, Robert E. Lighthizer, the president's chief trade negotiator, released the results of a five-month investigation that concluded a French digital services tax discriminated against American Internet companies and should be met with tariffs of up to 100 percent on $2.4 billion in products such as cheese, yogurt, sparkling wine and makeup. The proposal, which awaits a presidential decision, threatens to intensify simmering transatlantic trade friction …

"Fallout from the president's renewed embrace of tariffs could cloud prospects for future or ongoing talks with countries in Asia and Europe. … Administration officials worry that the French tax could set a precedent for other countries. **Lighthizer said he may open investigations into similar taxes in Austria, Italy and Turkey.** … The president's enthusiasm for tariffs is not shared by Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell, who has said they are making executives so uncertain about the outlook that companies are delaying investments and slowing the economy. … Typically, the United States provides businesses with some warning of tariff changes, delaying their effective date to allow goods in transit to arrive at American ports without being taxed. But the

president tweeted that his tariff order was 'effective immediately.'"

-- Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, hit with the new tariffs, has learned the hard way what so many others have discovered before him: A good personal relationship with Trump has its limits. David Nakamura and Anne Gearan report: "Bolsonaro and his country's diplomats in Washington were blindsided after Trump issued a pair of early morning tweets announcing punishing tariffs on steel and aluminum imports … For Bolsonaro, a far-right leader who had patterned his campaign after Trump's and aggressively sought to ingratiate himself with the White House, the tariffs represented an embarrassing reality check on his strategy of gambling his administration's foreign policy largely on good personal chemistry with a president who craves validation — but who views virtually all relationships as transactional and, potentially, disposable."

-- This is not the first time that Bolsonaro has gotten burned by Trump. Terrence McCoy reports: "Over and over in recent months, Bolsonaro has been surprised and stung by Trump's slights and about-faces. Trump told Bolsonaro this year he would back Brazil's bid to join the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development — a promise Bolsonaro then touted as a political achievement. But then the U.S. recommendation letter leaked, showing that the Trump administration was supporting Romania and Argentina for membership, not Brazil. A few weeks later, the U.S. government refused Bolsonaro's request to lift its ban on Brazilian imports of beef over safety concerns — again taking his administration by surprise. Now Trump is targeting one of the most important industries in Brazil, at a time when unemployment is above 10 percent and the economy has stalled."

-- Stocks sank amid disappointing manufacturing and construction data and Trump's escalating trade wars. Taylor Telford and Thomas Heath report: "'All this trade friction is weighing on the manufacturing sector, reminding us that protectionism is not a victimless crime,' said Kristina Hooper, chief global market strategist at Invesco. Nine of 11 stock market sectors declined Monday, with industrials, information technology and real estate leading the slide. All but seven of the Dow 30 blue chips finished in negative territory, with Boeing, American Express and United Technologies

the biggest drags."

-- The Trump administration quietly released more than $100 million in military assistance to Lebanon after months of unexplained delays that led some lawmakers to compare it to the frozen aid for Ukraine that prompted the impeachment inquiry. From the AP: "The $105 million in Foreign Military Financing funds for the Lebanese Armed Forces was released just before the Thanksgiving holiday and lawmakers were notified of the step on Monday, according to two congressional staffers and an administration official. … The money had languished in limbo at the Office of Management and Budget since September although it had already won congressional approval and had overwhelming support from the Pentagon, State Department and National Security Council. The White House has yet to offer any explanation for the delay despite repeated queries from Congress."

-- China is using DNA to map faces as Beijing's pursuit of control over a Muslim ethnic group continues pushing the rules of science and consent. From the Times: "With a million or more ethnic Uighurs and others from predominantly Muslim minority groups swept up in detentions across Xinjiang, officials in Tumxuk have gathered blood samples from hundreds of Uighurs — part of a mass DNA collection effort dogged by questions about consent and how the data will be used. In Tumxuk, at least, there is a partial answer: Chinese scientists are trying to find a way to use a DNA sample to create an image of a person's face. The technology, which is also being developed in the United States and elsewhere, is in the early stages of development and can produce rough pictures good enough only to narrow a manhunt or perhaps eliminate suspects. But given the crackdown in Xinjiang, experts on ethics in science worry that China is building a tool that could be used to justify and intensify racial profiling and other state discrimination against Uighurs."

-- North Korea said that dialogue with the U.S. has been nothing but a "foolish trick" and warned Washington that it could be on the receiving end of an unwelcome Christmas gift. Simon Denyer reports: "The North Korean regime has given the United States until the end of the year to drop its 'hostile policy,' come up with a new approach to talks and offer concessions in return for its decision to end nuclear

and intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) tests in 2018. But a recent decision by the United States to postpone a joint air drill with South Korea clearly hasn't satisfied Pyongyang. Ri Thae Song, vice foreign minister in charge of U.S. affairs, accused Washington of trying to buy time by calling for a 'sustained and substantial dialogue,' but he rejected this approach. … 'The DPRK has done its utmost with maximum perseverance not to backtrack from the important steps it has taken on its own initiative,' he said in a statement carried by the Korean Central News Agency. 'What is left to be done now is the U.S. option and it is entirely up to the U.S. what Christmas gift it will select to get.' North Korea has a history of timing launches with an eye on international developments and even U.S. holidays."

-- On the first day of the NATO Summit, Trump slammed French President Emmanuel Macron's criticism of NATO as "very, very nasty" and "disrespectful." Ashley Parker, Philip Rucker and Michael Birnbaum report: Referring to comments Macron made "last month in an interview with The Economist — in which Macron described the 'brain death' of NATO due to lack of American support — Trump attacked Macron during his first remarks on the first day of the NATO 70th anniversary summit in London, calling the comments 'very insulting.' 'You just can't go around making statements like that about NATO,' Trump said, sitting next to NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg at a one-on-one meeting between the two leaders Tuesday morning. Though Trump himself has long been a vocal critic of NATO — a combative stance that has alarmed Western allies and seemed to prompt Macron's comments — Trump took umbrage at the French assessment of the alliance, and depicted France as the beneficiary of American largesse. 'I would say that nobody needs NATO more than France,' Trump said."

-- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a pair of bills. One requires all consumer electronic devices sold in the country to be pre-installed with Russian software. Another will require individual journalists to register as foreign agents. From Fox News: "Government officials say the law will help Russian IT firms compete with foreign companies, which dominate Russia's mobile phone market, Reuters reported. Another law signed by Putin Monday is a bill that gives the government the right to register bloggers, journalists and social media users as foreign agents. The bill is

an extension of an existing law adopted in response to the U.S. Justice Department's 2017 decision to label the Russian state-funded network RT as a foreign agent. The new law applies to anyone who distributes content produced by media outlets registered as foreign agents and receives payments from abroad. Individuals registered as foreign agents will be subject to additional government scrutiny."

-- The American woman who claims convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein forced her to have sex with Britain's Prince Andrew told the BBC that the episodes were "disgusting" and asked for support from the British public. William Booth and Karla Adam report: "'This is not some sordid sex story, this is a story of being trafficked, this is a story of abuse, and this is a story of your guys' royalty,' [redacted] [redacted] told the BBC in an hour-long documentary that aired Monday night. … [redacted] **— now 35 and a mother of three — told the BBC that she was passed around to Epstein's rich and powerful friends 'like a platter of fruit.' She said she was trafficked to Andrew three times in 2001 and 2002: once in London at the home of Epstein's girlfriend, once at Epstein's New York mansion and once on a private Caribbean island owned by Epstein.** 'It didn't last long,' she said of the first of three alleged encounters with the prince. 'He got up, and he said thanks, I sat there in bed, just horrified and ashamed and felt dirty,' [redacted] said." The prince has denied that he had sex with her.

-- The rape and killing of a veterinarian on her way home from work have shaken India. Joanna Slater reports: "The killing of the 26-year-old veterinarian in the South Indian city of Hyderabad last week has provoked outrage and anguish across India, the latest in a series of gruesome, high-profile crimes against women and girls. Police arrested four men and said they had confessed to the killing. Speaking in Parliament on Monday, India's defense minister called it an 'inhuman' crime that has 'brought shame to the entire country.' … After news of the veterinarian's killing spread, demonstrations erupted in Hyderabad over the weekend. Thousands of people protested at a police station near where the woman's body was found and outside the gated compound where her family lives. **In New Delhi, a young woman was arrested for holding a sign in a high-security area outside Parliament that read, 'Why can't I feel safe in my own India?'"**

-- The Pacific island nation of Samoa will shut down government services for two days so civil servants can focus on a nationwide immunization drive as the country struggles to end a measles outbreak that has so far claimed more than 50 lives, most of them children. From NPR: "Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi announced the closure on Monday, saying the government is relying on 'village councils, faith-based organizations, and church leaders, village mayors and government women representatives' to persuade the public to get vaccinated. As a result, he said, all but public utility government services will be shuttered Dec. 5 and 6. More than 3,700 measles cases have been reported since the outbreak began in October, with 198 recorded within a 24-hour period. Fifty-three people have died and of those, 48 are children under 4 years old."

-- The Post today launched the first episode of its Spanish-language podcast, "El Washington Post." Our podcast will round up a panel of renowned journalists who will explore the top international headlines in twice-weekly episodes.

An aerial view shows the Biden campaign bus as it travels from a campaign stop in Iowa. (Scott Olson/Getty Images)

2020 WATCH:

-- Joe Biden may lose the Iowa caucuses. But, by betting on strong support from black voters in Southern states and urban areas, he may still secure the 1,990 delegates needed to clinch the Democratic nomination. From the Times: "If Mr. Biden retains his strength with black voters, he'd have a structural advantage in the nomination race that is greater than his uneven lead in national polls suggests. … While Iowa and New Hampshire may generate political momentum for a winner because they vote first, the two states award very few delegates. By contrast, a candidate who is popular in California, Texas and predominantly black districts in the South could pick up big shares of delegates. A recent poll shows Mr. Biden at 44 percent among black voters in South Carolina, the early voting state with a majority-black Democratic electorate, and a historic harbinger for how the South will vote. The same poll had Mr. Biden's next

closest competitor, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, trailing him by more than 30 percentage points among black voters. …

"Some of the most delegate-rich districts in Southern states like Tennessee, Alabama and South Carolina have large shares of black Democratic voters. (Vermont is an exception; its population is largely white, but it has only one district with 11 Democratic delegates.) **Under party rules, more delegates are awarded in districts with high concentrations of Democrats. Because black people overwhelmingly vote Democratic, areas with many black residents tend to have higher numbers of Democratic delegates.** This is a big reason why black Democrats are so sought-after in the race for the party's nomination. Historically, black Democratic primary voters have tended to back a single candidate, helping thrust the voting bloc to the forefront in Southern states where black voters make up the majority of the Democratic electorate. If a single candidate can get huge vote margins with black Democrats, like Barack Obama did in 2008 and Hillary Clinton did in 2016, he or she can amass a big delegate lead over other candidates."

-- In a wide-raging interview aboard the "No Malarkey" bus, the former vice president said he doesn't need Obama's endorsement, scoffed at the idea that Elizabeth Warren is building enthusiasm and accused Pete Buttigieg of stealing his plans. From Politico: "Biden reiterated that he asked Obama not to endorse him, and he stuck by that stance even when asked whether he'd want Obama's backing if the field narrowed to three people. 'No, because everyone knows I'm close with him,' Biden said. 'I don't need an Obama endorsement.' … Biden was asked about a POLITICO Magazine article that recently reported how Obama had confided in another candidate that his former vice president 'really doesn't have it' when it comes to an intimate connection with voters. 'He may have said that. And if it's true, and he said it, there's truth to it,' Biden acknowledged on Monday before saying that he has 'mostly campaigned for other people in the time I've been here. And I've never been in a position seeking the nomination where I have had the money and the organization to be able to get open headquarters all over the state.' …

"Biden lamented media coverage that he said initially dismissed the durability of

his candidacy because he was too moderate and didn't embrace policies like Medicare for All. Biden said the field was now moving closer to his views and away from the left. When asked whether he unintentionally set the stage for Buttigieg, who is leading in the polls in Iowa, Biden grew animated. 'Set it up? He stole it! Set it up?' Biden said of the mayor of South Bend, Ind. … The former vice president then accused the media of going too easy on Buttigieg, saying his opponent had once supported a more liberal health care plan but then pivoted … When asked about another polling leader in Iowa and elsewhere — Warren — Biden dismissed her rise and the notion that she had momentum behind her. 'Look at the polling everywhere. Tell me. Tell me where the polling has manifested itself,' he said. 'She lives in Massachusetts, she's invested millions and millions of dollars in New Hampshire, why shouldn't she be known there?'"

-- Three state lawmakers acknowledge that lobbyists helped craft their op-eds attacking Medicare-for-all. Jeff Stein reports: "Montana state Rep. Kathy Kelker (D) and Sen. Jen Gross (D) acknowledged in interviews that editorials they published separately about the single-payer health proposal included language provided by John MacDonald, a lobbyist and consultant in the state who disclosed in private emails that he worked for an unnamed client. Gross said MacDonald contacted her on behalf of the Partnership for America's Health Care Future, a multimillion-dollar industry group founded in 2018 and funded by hospitals, private insurers, drug companies and other private health-care firms. Additionally, an aide to Ohio state Sen. Steve Huffman (R) confirmed in a brief interview that the lawmaker's op-ed criticizing Medicare-for-all was written with the help of Kathleen DeLand, an Ohio-based lobbyist. None of the lawmakers' columns discloses that they were written with the help of a lobbyist."

-- The Trump campaign denied credentials to journalists from Bloomberg News, accusing the organization of "bias" against the president. Kayla Epstein and Derek Hawkins report: "Bloomberg News faced a journalistic quandary when its owner, former New York mayor Mike Bloomberg, decided to jump into the 2020 Democratic primary last month. In a widely criticized decision, editor in chief John Micklethwait announced that the newsroom would continue its tradition of not investigating Bloomberg's personal life and finances, and would extend the same policy to his Democratic opponents. The move was intended to avoid conflict of interest in the Democratic primary. Micklethwait

noted, however, that Bloomberg News would continue to investigate the Trump administration. After the Trump campaign announced its decision Monday to bar Bloomberg News, President Trump took to Twitter to attack the news outlet and the New York Times for their coverage of him."

-- The New York Times is overhauling its traditional closed-door endorsement process for Democratic presidential candidates and will instead conduct interviews with the contenders on the record and air parts of the discussions – along with the editorial board's final decision – on its show "The Weekly." (Politico)

-- A month after ending his presidential campaign, Beto O'Rourke is setting his focus on flipping the Texas state house. From the Houston Chronicle: "With Texas Democrats nine seats away from retaking the majority of seats in the Texas House, O'Rourke is trying to convince his donor base to send money to an organization called Flip The Texas House, which has targeted 17 House Districts in which Republican candidates won by fewer than 10 percentage points last year. More than half are districts in which O'Rourke won the majority of votes as he ran for U.S. Senate."

-- With just a week remaining before the deadline to run for office in Texas next year, some of O'Rourke's supporters are still hoping to see him jump into the race to unseat Sen. John Cornyn (R). They even commissioned a poll that shows he'd sail through the Senate primary were he to join the race. From the Dallas Morning News: "The poll also shows him in a near-tie, trailing Cornyn 46-42 at this point, which is far stronger than others already seeking the nomination. O'Rourke's campaign operation has gone dormant. He didn't respond to messages on Monday and hasn't said lately whether he's interested. … During his presidential campaign, O'Rourke said flatly and repeatedly that he would not even consider running for the Senate in 2020 … 'I know it's a bit of a longshot to try and convince Beto to do this, but it is clear to a lot of people in Texas that that would be the best thing for us,' said Alan Metni, executive director of the Democratic Policy Institute, the group that commissioned the new poll."

-- Georgia Republican Gov. Brian Kemp isn't expected to nominate Rep. Douglas

Collins, Trump's pick, for a soon-to-be-open Senate seat. He's now facing heavy backlash – including threats of a primary challenge. Seung Min Kim reports: "Kemp is expected to tap business executive Kelly Loeffler for the Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Johnny Isakson (R) … The public outcry against Kemp and Loeffler from Trump allies has led some of them to threaten a primary challenge against the first-term governor, and they have urged the president's supporters to flood Kemp's office with calls pushing him not to select Loeffler. … Conservative radio host Mark Levin derided Kemp as 'another Romney,' referring to the 2012 GOP presidential nominee and current senator from Utah, Mitt Romney, as he accused the Georgia governor of being on the precipice of appointing a 'RINO,' a Republican in name only … The formal announcement from Kemp is expected on Wednesday, the officials said, so as to not interfere with Isakson's farewell address on the Senate floor Tuesday afternoon."

-- In a big break for Republican hopes of holding the Senate, Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) no longer faces a primary challenge in his reelection bid. From the News & Observer: "Raleigh retired businessman Garland Tucker is ending his campaign for the Republican nomination in the U.S. Senate … Tucker invested more than $1.5 million of his own money to challenge Tillis, who is seeking a second term in 2020. Monday marked the beginning of the 2020 filing period in North Carolina. Tucker, who joined the race in May, opted not to file. … The letter cited the attention on the ongoing impeachment inquiry into [Trump] as well as Tillis' role as one of his defenders in the Senate as a reason for Tucker's decision to end his campaign."

-- An outspoken Holocaust denier, activist anti-Semite and white supremacist filed again for a Chicago-area House seat. From the Chicago Sun-Times: "Arthur Jones, of suburban Lyons, won the GOP nomination in 2018 because he was the only Republican on the 3rd District primary ballot. In the general election, he was easily beaten by Rep. Dan Lipinski, D-Ill., but received about 26 percent of the vote even after his views were exposed."

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

George Conway, husband of Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway and a conservative critic

of the president, replied to one of her tweets:

He also retweeted this:

A former Justice Department spokesman notes that Duncan Hunter's guilty plea will come as a relief to quite a few people:

From the former U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, who was fired by Trump:

Amy Klobuchar attacked Senate Republicans for not taking up bills that have passed the House, a talking point intended to push back on the GOP talking point that impeachment is distracting Democrats from getting anything done:

Trump once again went after the two FBI officials whose texts were selectively leaked by his appointees at the DOJ. A Los Angeles Times reporter noted the irony of the

president's line of attack:

From a former federal prosecutor:

A former senior lawyer for the National Security Agency, who is now at Brookings, chastised Barr:

A former Republican congressman who is now an independent shared this thought:

And Trump's former national security adviser, who is now a convicted fellon, has a holiday wish:

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "What would you have done to me? You would have torn my ears off," Joe Biden told reporters after accusing Pete Buttigieg of stealing his health-care plan. "I would be a plagiarizing, no good, old man who did bum bum bum." (Politico)

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Over the past three years, Trump and some of his allies have at times sounded like Vladimir Putin when talking about election interference:

When Republicans have sounded like Vladimir Putin on election interference

Hasan Minhaj discussed why billionaires won't save the world:

Trevor Noah had a bit of fun talking about Joe Biden's "malarkey" bus:

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Rep. Annie Kuster (D-N.H.), far right, poses for a selfie at the Capitol earlier this year with Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) and Barbara Lee (D-Calif.). (J. Scott Applewhite/AP)

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THE BIG IDEA:

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Both of New Hampshire's House members endorsed launching an impeachment inquiry against President Trump on Friday afternoon,

bowing to pressure from their left flanks at the start of a 46-day summer recess. But most people in this swing state, including many Democrats, do not support such a move.

Reps. Chris Pappas and Annie Kuster are among about a dozen House Democrats who have come out for the impeachment inquiry since former special counsel Bob Mueller testified last week, despite continued resistance from Speaker Nancy Pelosi. That brings the total to 106 members, by our tally, which is just under half the Democratic caucus.

The divisions in the Granite State capture in miniature the difficult needle that party leaders must figure out how to thread to prevail in 2020. The Wards are Democrats who loathe Trump, for instance, but they don't support impeachment. **"I hate to say this, but I agree with Nancy Pelosi. Not that Congress is doing much of anything anyway, but it would be a waste of Congress's time and our money to impeach," said Bryan Ward, 31, an IT network engineer who voted for Bernie Sanders in the 2016 Democratic primary** and lives in Penacook.

"In my heart of hearts, I'm pretty sure he's going to win the next election, but at this point in the term, I'm not sure impeachment is the best use of resources," said Meghan Ward, 35, a former stage manager who is working odds-and-ends jobs as she studies to get her teacher's license.

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Their 3-year-old son sat between them on Saturday night during a minor league baseball game here. Meghan voted for Hillary Clinton in the primary because she considered Sanders too much of a socialist and thinks his plans are unrealistic. But she refers to Trump as “Cheeto” and laments the president’s remarkably resilient poll numbers despite constant controversies that she’s convinced would cripple any other president.

Bryan is more optimistic than his wife that Trump will lose in November 2020, but he’s not excited about the crop of 2020 alternatives. “I’ll wait until the field gets narrowed down a little bit, but right now not one of the candidates really speaks to me,” he said. “There’s no middle ground anymore. There’s never compromise. It’s so, so, so contentious. It’s red team vs. blue team.”

The New Hampshire Fisher Cats, a minor league baseball team, play the Fightin Phils of Reading, Pa., on Saturday at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester, N.H. (James Hohmann/The Washington Post)

This was the most frequent refrain during more than 30 conversations I had on Saturday evening with a cross section of New Hampshire voters at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in the heart of downtown in this small state’s biggest city. The Fisher Cats, an affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, were playing a doubleheader against the Fightin Phils of Reading, Pa. Every ticket in the stadium cost $14 at the box office, and there was a fireworks show afterward.

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afterward.

All the folks I talked with at the Fisher Cats game said they plan to vote next year, but none are the kinds of people who hang out at political events and yell at politicians. Pappas and Kuster, like so many House Democrats jumping on the impeachment bandwagon, are catering more to the hardened activists who volunteer and donate to their campaigns than the electorate more broadly.

"[Trump's] choices aren't great, but I'm not sure he's done anything that's deserving of him getting kicked out of office," said Rich Fortier, 38, a lifelong Democrat from the Lakes Region up north. "There's probably a protocol for that." Fortier, a high school special education teacher, is frustrated that politicians in both parties are not paying more attention to education, and he worries about budget cuts as the economy slows down. "To me, it seems they're distracted by the battles away from the issues that matter," he said. "They're not worried about the future of the country or things like that."

Another Democrat, Beck Bryon, said the country is in a "precarious position" and warned that Trump is turning it into a "dictatorship," but she considers impeachment a "Catch-22." She explained that "it could be beneficial," but the 40-year-old calibration technician worried about what would happen if the president was removed from office by the Senate. Vice President Pence would take over, and she thinks he might more effectively enact the same agenda and perhaps have an easier time

winning the 2020 election. “So it’s potentially smarter to wait,” she explained.

As the first state with a primary, New Hampshire will not just be pivotal in determining the Democratic nominee but will probably be a top battleground again in the 2020 general election. Clinton carried the Granite State by just 2,700 votes, or less than half a percentage point, after Barack Obama won it twice by more than five points.

The specter of impeachment galvanizes many Trump supporters. Republican Wayne Jutras, a salesman who lives near the ballpark, appreciates that Trump is running the government like it’s a business. He said Democrats are only coming after him because they resent his success at growing the economy. “They’re just trying to dig up some dirt on him,” said Jutras, 55, between licks of a vanilla ice cream cone. “It’s like anything else: If you’re playing for the New York Yankees, you’re not going to be cheering for the Boston Red Sox. They’re doing their best, but of course they’re going to try to impeach him.”

Many middle-of-the-road voters see impeachment as a distraction. Tom and Suanne Milligan, retirees in their 70s, moved from Indiana last year to live closer to their grandchildren in Canaan, N.H. “We’re non-Trump Republicans,” he said. “I really don’t like any of what’s going on.” In 2016, he voted for Libertarian nominee Gary Johnson and she voted for Green Party nominee Jill Stein. They said

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it's hard to imagine voting for Trump in 2020, but they continue to support GOP candidates down the ballot and hope their party breaks out of Trump's thrall sooner than later. But both disapprove of Democrats trying to impeach the president. "It seems like the Democrats are just trying to appease their own voters," said Suanne. Tom agreed. "Move on," he said. "It's just divisive, and I don't think it's really going to amount to anything."

Trump: 'I watched Bob Mueller, and they have nothing'

-- Public and private polling bolsters what I encountered on the ground: Most Americans oppose impeaching Trump, and overall public opinion has been shifting slightly away from impeachment since the release of the Mueller report.

An ABC News-Ipsos poll published on Sunday showed that Mueller's testimony has failed to move the needle of public opinion. Among those who say they read, saw or heard about Mueller's testimony, just under half said it made no difference in their views about impeaching the president, while 27 percent said it made them more likely to support impeachment (almost all Democrats) and 26 percent said it made them less likely (almost all Republicans).
"Independents were much more likely to echo the comments made by Republicans than those made by Democrats," ABC notes. "A majority of self-described Independents – 60% -- described the testimony as a waste of time and taxpayer money or questioned Mueller's fitness. About one in five – 19% -- of Independents mentioned that the testimony proved

or confirmed Trump's guilt. The remaining 20% of Independents had more mixed assessments."

A Washington Post-ABC poll released earlier this month found that 59 percent of Americans said the House should not begin impeachment proceedings. That's slightly higher than Post polling throughout the year, which found opposition to impeachment at 54 percent to 56 percent. **Last summer at this time, 49 percent said Congress should begin impeachment proceedings. That's down to 37 percent in our latest poll. But, but, but: Among Democrats, the number is 61 percent.** About half of Democrats, 49 percent, said they "strongly" support impeachment.

Rep. Annie Kuster (D-N.H.) waves to supporters after voting last November in Contoocook, N.H. She easily won a fourth term. (Geoff Forester/Concord Monitor/AP)

-- Those numbers explain why so many Democratic politicians are staking out a position at odds with the views of most voters. But the ground truth is that, even on the left, there's less intensity around impeachment than there was a few months ago.

For example, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) was the first major Democratic presidential candidate to endorse impeachment when the Mueller report came out in April, and she saw a spike in small-dollar fundraising because of it.

The majority of her 2020 rivals eventually followed, another proof point of the field's leftward lurch. But **Warren did not bring up impeachment during either of the two events she held in New Hampshire on Saturday.**

Not a single voter asked the senator about it during a house party in Bow or a town hall in Derry. When a reporter questioned Warren about this during a gaggle, she noted that she endorsed impeachment after reading the Mueller report because she felt she had an obligation to do so. But she added that her campaign is focused on removing Trump at the ballot box in 2020. "I'm not running on impeachment," she said.

To be sure, each of the dozen voters I interviewed after Warren's first event, in the grassy backyard of a supporter's home, said they support impeachment. But their explanations were measured, and several acknowledged the political risks.

"I'm hearing what Nancy says, and I understand where she's coming from," said Shannon Mills, 69, a dentist who served 30 years in the Air Force. (Folks in New Hampshire, so accustomed to access, love referring to national political figures like the speaker by their first names.) "But this is not about politics. You've sworn an oath to defend the Constitution. You cannot ignore the egregious crimes committed by the president. They have to do their jobs. Look, I'm concerned impeachment could make the president look sympathetic to a certain segment of the voting population. ... But the truth has to be told."

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Mills said he believes that Trump welcoming Russian help in 2016, combined with the efforts documented by Mueller to interfere with the investigation that followed, is much worse than the behavior that led House Republicans to impeach Bill Clinton two decades ago. "Clinton lied about an affair, but he didn't sell our country out to the Russians," Mills reasoned. "Neither one is something I approve of. I'm not a big fan of Bill Clinton, either."

State Rep. Rebecca McWilliams (D), who represents Concord, said she was impressed that Kuster, her congresswoman, endorsed an impeachment inquiry. "I didn't know I'd ever see Annie do that because she's so cautious," said McWilliams, 37, a practicing attorney and mother of two, as she waited in line for a selfie with Warren. "I don't believe the Mueller report has been the big bomb we thought it'd be. I think it's probably more the 24-hour news cycle we're barraged with. The weight of it all is that this guy is a liar, he's been using the presidency to enrich himself, and he doesn't have our country's best interests at heart. The Mueller report is only a piece of it. It's the culmination."

-- Of the two New Hampshire House members, Pappas is considered much more vulnerable than Kuster. He just got elected last year. Notably, he announced his support for the impeachment inquiry at 6:30 on Friday night – about six hours after Kuster issued her statement. A short video that Pappas posted to YouTube begins with a preamble

about how he has "been working hard with members of both parties to bring down the cost of prescription drugs, improve care for our veterans, rebuild our infrastructure and ensure that everyone in our state has access to clean drinking water." Then he called impeachment "another pressing issue we can't ignore."

"After weeks of careful consideration and after countless conversations with my constituents, I believe it is imperative that Congress continues its oversight work by opening an impeachment inquiry," Pappas continued. "I have said many times that we should not take this step for political purposes and that we should not avoid our responsibility because it might feel politically convenient. It's up to Congress to put all the facts on the table and hold leaders accountable, and I'm committed to that process while maintaining my focus on the concerns of the people of New Hampshire."

"Our Democracy is at Stake," Kuster wrote in an open letter to her constituents on Friday. "The Special Counsel reiterated that he did not exonerate the President, and that because of Department of Justice policy, he could not charge the President with a crime even if he had the evidence to do so. Under the Constitution, that job falls to us."

-- Both Kuster and Pappas declined interview requests to discuss impeachment, which speaks volumes about how politically delicate the issue is in their state. More

significantly, both of New Hampshire's Democratic senators declined to join their House counterparts. "I think we need to continue to investigate the charges, but I think at this time there is not a consensus to move forward with impeachment proceedings," said Jeanne Shaheen, who faces a competitive reelection fight next year, in a local radio interview.

"Impeachment is a grave step that should not be taken lightly," said Maggie Hassan, the former governor who narrowly defeated Republican incumbent Kelly Ayotte in 2016, in a statement. "I am not convinced that initiating an impeachment inquiry is the best course of action at this time, but it is ultimately the House of Representatives' decision."

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-- Trump has signaled repeatedly that he believes impeachment will help his reelection prospects, and he's all but dared Democrats to do it by refusing to cooperate with House oversight. Many Republican strategists focused on trying to win back the House

strategists focused on trying to win back the House **also think the issue will unite their base.** Trump aides have said that the reelection campaign could tout an acquittal by the Senate, even if it was on party lines, as a form of exoneration. This tracks with what I heard from Republicans I talked with at the Fisher Cats game.

Ken Grenier, a unionized postal worker who supports Trump, is angry that Democrats are trying to remove a president from power outside an election. "I've got to keep this PG for the paper, but right now they're extremely anti-American," said the 57-year-old. "It's just wasting more time and money to distract people from the good things that Trump is doing. They pushed 'collusion' for so long, and they're so invested in it, that they can't back away, even though they know the Republicans in the Senate are not going to vote to remove him from office."

After voting for Ted Cruz in the 2016 primary, Grenier has been grateful for the president's tireless efforts to secure the southern border. He was thrilled that the Supreme Court allowed the administration late Friday to move forward with construction of the wall. He's also pleased about the president's judicial nominations and efforts to reduce access to abortion.

Grenier volunteered that he disapproves of Trump's recent attacks on the four minority congresswomen who call themselves the Squad. The president must stop "flapping his gums" on Twitter, he explained, as his wife nodded in agreement. "The Dems were in free

fall for a while, and then Trump's tweets about the Squad unified them. I wish he hadn't done that."

House Judiciary considers Trump impeachment after Mueller

-- Nationally, Democrats continue to be divided about the right approach. Four House members from Washington state announced their support on Sunday for opening an impeachment inquiry, prompting Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) to issue her own statement last night saying that she agrees.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler (D-N.Y.) said on Sunday that his "personal view" is that Trump "richly deserves impeachment," but he says his committee still needs "more evidence" before opening an inquiry. "The question is," Nadler told CNN, "can we develop enough evidence to put before the American people?"

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) defended Pelosi's approach. "I worry equally about the message of taking an impeachment case to trial, losing that case, having the president acquitted and then having an adjudication that this conduct is not impeachable," Schiff said on NBC. "There's no making the case to the cult of the president's personality that is the Senate GOP, but we should at least be able to make the case to the American people. I want to make sure that that's true before we go down this path."

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THE LATEST FROM CALIFORNIA:

Multiple people reportedly injured in shooting at California food festival

-- Three people are dead and at least 15 injured after a shooting Sunday evening at a food festival in Gilroy, Calif. Allyson Chiu, Meagan Flynn and Faiz Siddiqui report: "One gunman was killed by officers at the scene, Gilroy Police Chief Scot Smithee said early Monday morning. Police are still searching for a possible second suspect, although it's unclear if that person also fired on the crowd or assisted the shooter. … The first reports of gunshots at the Gilroy Garlic Festival came in around 5:41 p.m. local time, just as the event was wrapping up its third and final day. Smithee said he has 'no idea' what the shooter's motive was on Sunday. He added that officers already stationed at the festival 'engaged the suspect in less than a minute.'

"**Among the dead is a 6-year-old boy** named Steven

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Among the dead is a 6-year-old boy named Steven Romero, the child's father told NBC Bay Area. The boy's mother and grandmother were also injured in the shooting. … The shooter was carrying an 'assault-type rifle,' the City of Gilroy said in a statement early Monday. Investigators believe the suspect entered the festival by cutting through a perimeter fence, Smithee told reporters. He noted that security at the festival's official entrances is 'very tight.' … Many evacuees were left stranded after the festival because their vehicles were parked at what had turned into an active crime scene. Some gathered on a stagecoach outside the festival, while others called ride-hailing services to get home. ...

"**Julissa Contreras and her boyfriend, Mario Camargo, were browsing at a food tent when they saw a man in a military-style outfit emerge from a nearby access road and start shooting 'left to right and right to left,' Contreras told The Post in a phone interview.** Contreras and Camargo ran in different directions, each taking shelter behind tents with crying children and frantic parents. Some people froze and others sprinted. Some appeared to play dead, Camargo said. Once they heard the gunfire stop, Contreras and Camargo each made a run for the entrance, eventually reuniting in the parking lot. Camargo said he saw two wounded people as he fled. … **Contreras said there was one moment that she couldn't stop thinking about. When the gunfire broke out, she looked in the direction of the gunman and saw children fleeing an inflatable slide, all trying to squeeze through the same tiny exit.**

'I'm never going to forget that image,' she said."

-- Videos uploaded to social media showed the chaotic scenes:

Dan Coats is expected to resign as director of National Intelligence

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN:

-- Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats will leave his position next month, and Trump announced Sunday that he will nominate Rep. John Ratcliffe (R-Tex.), a third-term congressman, as his replacement. Coats, a former Republican senator from Indiana and ambassador to Germany, was often at odds with Trump over the wisdom of negotiating with Russia, the status of Iran's nuclear weapons program and the severity of foreign threats to U.S. elections. Ratcliffe, who sits on the House Judiciary and Intelligence committees, has made his name in Congress as one of the GOP's most dogged critics of perceived anti-Trump bias at the FBI and in the special counsel's investigation.

Ratcliffe will probably get confirmed by a Republican-controlled Senate that seems reluctant to challenge Trump, but the appointment of an outspoken partisan loyalist raises a litany of legitimate questions about the president's politicization of the intelligence community. Ratcliffe launched perhaps the most spirited defenses of Trump during the Mueller hearings last Wednesday, criticizing the former special counsel for

Wednesday, criticizing the former special counsel for providing evidence of the 10 episodes in which Trump possibly obstructed justice when he never intended to decide whether the president had committed a crime. Trump's announcement that Ratcliffe will get the job came a few hours after the congressman went on Fox News to defend the president and attack the Mueller report as an untrustworthy document written by liberals.

Ratcliffe to Mueller: 'You didn't follow the special counsel regulations'

-- "For months, Coats had recognized that his relationship with Trump, which was never strong, had frayed beyond repair. … Coats had felt isolated and excluded from important national security decision-making," notes Shane Harris, our intelligence beat reporter. **Ratcliffe** "**has no background in intelligence**, though he did serve as a terrorism prosecutor and the U.S. attorney in the Eastern District of Texas in the George W. Bush administration. He also served as the mayor of Heath, Tex., a town of about 9,000 outside Dallas. … **Trump has repeatedly blasted the intelligence agencies as having tried to undermine his campaign and has, without evidence, accused former senior intelligence officials from the Obama administration of illegally spying on him. Ratcliffe echoed those allegations Sunday on Fox News**. 'What I do know as a former federal prosecutor is that it does appear that there were crimes committed during the Obama administration,' he said, declining to identify anyone by name."

-- "Last year, Ratcliffe's name was floated as a possible replacement for former attorney general Jeff Sessions," Karoun Demirjian notes in a sidebar. "He joined the House Intelligence Committee earlier this year, where he has been considered the GOP's replacement for former congressman Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.), an accomplished prosecutor skilled in executing detailed, stinging examinations of witnesses in closed-door interviews and from the dais. … Ratcliffe represents the seventh-most-Republican district in the country, according to the Cook Political Voting Index."

Army Col. Kathryn Spletstoser sits for a portrait at The Washington Post last week. (Carolyn Van Houten/The Washington Post)

-- Trump's nominee to be vice chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. John Hyten, is facing a confirmation hearing tomorrow that will force senators on the Armed Services Committee to decide whether they believe an Army colonel's charges that he sexually assaulted her while she was under his command — accusations he denies. Demirjian reports: "Col. Kathryn Spletstoser has accused Hyten, who is currently responsible for the country's nuclear arsenal as the head of U.S. Strategic Command, of making unwanted sexual contact with her on several occasions in 2017 while the two were traveling for work. … [Some] Democrats and Republicans

travelling for work. … [Some] Democrats and Republicans on the Senate Armed Services Committee [have] said they are wary of taking her uncorroborated word over the categorical denials of a decorated four-star Air Force general endorsed by high-ranking colleagues. … The Air Force's Office of Special Investigations investigated Spletstoser's allegations but could not substantiate her claims. …

"**Spletstoser said the committee [led by Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.)] has denied her request to speak at the hearing,** unless she has 'new information' to present. Spletstoser's public remarks would probably mirror much of what she has told the panel in private and alleged in a Washington Post interview. … The first time was in January 2017, she alleges, when Hyten grabbed her left hand as she was exiting a work meeting in his hotel room in Palo Alto, Calif., pulling it in toward his groin so she could feel his erection before she moved her hand away. In June 2017, Spletstoser said, Hyten interrupted a work meeting in his Washington, D.C., hotel room to fondle her breasts and kiss her — and she pushed him away and admonished him, she said. … Yet it was during the Reagan National Defense Forum in December 2017 that Spletstoser said Hyten made his most aggressive move, arriving uninvited at her hotel room in workout clothes carrying a binder, and claiming he wanted to discuss work matters. Within minutes, Spletstoser said, Hyten had pinned her against him and begun 'grinding on me hard, like he wants to take my clothes off and have sex … and then I realize, he's ejaculating.'

"If Spletstoser's account is correct, it would mean Hyten committed a crime, but if she is lying, as an active-duty service member, she will have committed a crime for which she could be court-martialed. … Former Air Force secretary Heather Wilson, who was briefed on investigators' findings before leaving her position earlier this year, said in an interview Sunday that 'the Air Force left no stone unturned in its investigation and the Senate has been thorough as well.' 'Based on what I know of the complete investigation,' she continued, 'I believe General Hyten was falsely accused.'"

-- For this week's New Yorker, Connie Bruck profiles Harvard law professor and Trump ally Alan Dershowitz, writing about his controversial history as the attorney to men such as O.J. Simpson, Mike Tyson and Jeffrey Epstein and the accusations he's faced following his close relationship to Epstein. Dershowitz, who was accused by Epstein victim [redacted] of abuse, told the New Yorker that he's innocent and defended his work by saying that "every honest criminal lawyer will tell you that he defends the guilty and the innocent."

Demonstrators demand the resignation of Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales, featured in a poster Saturday that reads in Spanish "traitor," after the government signed an agreement with the Trump administration to require migrants passing through the Central American country to seek asylum there, rather than pushing on toward the United States. (Oliver de Ros/AP)

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- In pressuring Guatemala to accept a deal to absorb vast numbers of asylum seekers, the Trump administration has embarked on a dramatic and risky strategy to slash the number of Central Americans flooding the U.S. border. "The accord — which was negotiated in secret and signed at the White House on Friday — could plunge Guatemala's young democracy into a constitutional crisis," Mary Beth Sheridan reports. "It could also saddle one of the hemisphere's poorest countries with tens of thousands of Salvadoran and Honduran migrants who would be barred from making their claims in the United States. The agreement is one of the boldest steps yet taken by Trump to stanch the flow of migrants to the U.S. border. It aims to close off the U.S. asylum system to the migrants who have crossed through Guatemala en route to the United States. They would instead have to seek protection in Guatemala.

"**But the agreement is built on a fragile political and legal base. The Guatemalan Constitutional Court ruled earlier this month that President Jimmy Morales needed approval from the Guatemalan Congress to sign the accord, something he has not received.** Some analysts said Morales could get around the ruling with his argument that the deal is simply a cooperation agreement, not a treaty. Others note Morales has at times simply shrugged off court rulings he dislikes. … **Guatemala holds a runoff presidential election on Aug. 11, and both candidates have criticized Morales's negotiation of**

such a broad agreement in secret. While the next Guatemalan government could cancel the deal, it would face intense pressure from the Trump administration to not do so. … The agreement is also likely to be challenged in U.S. courts by opponents who say Guatemala does not qualify as a 'safe' country, because of high levels of violence.

"**Morales, who finishes his four-year term in January, is highly unpopular. Guatemalans were startled by a widely published photo showing their government minister, Enrique Degenhart, signing the agreement as Trump loomed over his shoulder, an image suggesting the Central American country's submission.** On Saturday, hundreds of people demonstrated in front of the presidential palace in Guatemala City to protest the agreement. Guatemalan analysts have suggested Morales made the deal with Trump in hopes of winning support from the U.S. government. Morales faces allegations of financial crimes related to his 2015 electoral campaign but has been shielded by presidential immunity, which he loses in January. He says he is innocent."

- **Julián Castro warned that migrants may "end up dead" because of the deal. The Democratic presidential candidate** said the country is not safe. (CBS News)
- **To try curbing the number of Central American migrants reaching the U.S., Mexico has pledged to help create jobs in Honduras.** (Al Jazeera)
- **An Arizona Republican state senator apologized**

for saying that "we're going to look like South American countries very quickly" because immigrants are "just flooding us ... and overwhelming us." Sen. Sylvia Allen faced backlash after the Phoenix New Times published an audio recording of her speech at the Arizona Republican Party headquarters in Phoenix. (Morgan Krakow)

-- Federal prosecutors are investigating Trump's close friend and campaign fundraiser Thomas J. Barrack Jr. in connection to foreign lobbying. From the Times: "Investigators have looked in particular at whether Mr. Barrack or others violated the law requiring people who try to influence American policy or opinion at the direction of foreign governments or entities to disclose their activities to the Justice Department, people familiar with the case said. The inquiry had proceeded far enough last month that Mr. Barrack, who played an influential role in the campaign and acts as an outside adviser to the White House, was interviewed, at his request, by prosecutors in the public integrity unit of the United States attorney's office in Brooklyn." Barrack's spokesman said that, in expectation of the Times article, his lawyer had contacted the prosecutor's office and confirmed it has no more questions for him. "Mr. Barrack has not been accused of wrongdoing, and his aides said he never worked on behalf of foreign states or entities. …

"But as the scrutiny of Mr. Barrack indicates, prosecutors continue to pursue questions about foreign influence.

Among other lines of inquiry, they have sought to determine whether Mr. Barrack and others tried to sway the Trump campaign or the new administration on behalf of the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia … Investigators have also questioned witnesses about Mr. Barrack's involvement with a proposal from an American group that could give Saudi Arabia access to nuclear power technology. … Central to the inquiry into Mr. Barrack are his dealings with [Rashid al-Malik, an Emirati businessman], who is well connected in the court of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed. … **When Mr. Trump was elected, Mr. al-Malik received a coveted invitation to the inaugural's most exclusive event — the chairman's dinner, hosted by Mr. Barrack."**

-- A leading Russian critic of Vladimir Putin was hospitalized with suspected poisoning. From ABC News: Alexei Navalny "was taken by ambulance to the hospital early on Sunday morning from the jail with what authorities said was a 'severe allergic reaction,' his spokeswoman Kira Yarmysh wrote on Twitter. Initially, one of Navalny's close colleagues suggested the cause was likely unsanitary conditions in the jail, but by the evening Navalny's lawyer released a statement from his long-time doctor saying that his symptoms were the result of 'an undefined chemical substance.'"

-- A crackdown on Moscow protesters this weekend suggests a new, more hostile approach by Putin toward the Russian opposition. Matthew Bodner reports: "Analysts said the scale of the roundup — nearly 1,400

demonstrators were swept off the streets in Moscow on Saturday, according to the monitoring group OVD-Info — suggested a change in approach for a Russian elite that is increasingly concerned about political stability. … Thousands took to the streets of central Moscow on Saturday to demand that independent candidates be allowed to run in upcoming elections for city parliament. It was the latest demonstration in a protest movement that began two weeks ago after the city election commission rejected the candidacies of several opposition-minded candidates, citing falsified supporter signatures."

-- In Hong Kong, protesters once again took to the streets and turned neighborhoods into foggy battlegrounds. Shibani Mahtani reports: "The clouds of gas left bystanders — including children, tourists and the elderly — choking and sputtering, underscoring the growing risks of Hong Kong's deepening political crisis, now in its eighth weekend. Police said that protesters threw paint bombs, corrosive liquid and bricks at them, and that 49 people were arrested. Protesters had convened to demonstrate against what they saw as police brutality over the course of the protests, including in the neighborhood of Yuen Long the day before."

-- Iran's deputy foreign minister said an emergency meeting in Vienna between Tehran and other signatories of the 2015 nuclear deal was constructive but inconclusive. Adam Taylor reports: "Earlier Sunday, the head of Iran's nuclear agency was reported to have told

lawmakers that Iran had enriched 24 metric tons of uranium since the nuclear deal was reached in 2015. The remarks by Ali Akbar Salehi of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization were reported widely by state-run and semiofficial media, which cited conservative lawmakers present at the closed-door meeting. The claim, if confirmed, would suggest that Iran has produced far more enriched uranium than was previously known, exceeding the deal's limit many times over. But some analysts were skeptical."

-- The targeting of Washington Post contributing columnist Jamal Khashoggi was no aberration. Vanity Fair's Ayman Mohyeldin reports on a targeted campaign by Saudi Arabia against dissidents: "Prince Khaled bin Farhan al-Saud sat in one of the few safe locations he frequents in Düsseldorf and ordered each of us a cup of coffee. With his close-cropped goatee and crisp gray suit, he looked surprisingly relaxed for a hunted man. He described his constant fear of being abducted, the precautions he takes when venturing outside, and how German law enforcement officials routinely check on him to make sure he is all right. … As we sat over coffee, he relayed a story that at first sounded innocuous. One day in June 2018, his mother, who lives in Egypt, called him with what she thought was good news. The Saudi Embassy in Cairo had contacted her, she said, and had a proposal: The kingdom wanted to mend relations with the prince and was willing to offer him $5.5 million as a goodwill gesture. …

"But as tempting as the overture was, he claimed he

never considered it seriously. And when he followed up with Saudi officials, he realized the deal had a dangerous catch. They had told him he could collect his payment only if he personally came to a Saudi embassy or consulate. That immediately set off alarm bells. He declined the offer. Two weeks later, on October 2, 2018, bin Farhan saw a startling news report. [Khashoggi] had gone to the Saudi consulate in Istanbul to pick up paperwork required for his pending marriage. Minutes after his arrival—as revealed in leaked audiotape transcripts compiled by Turkish authorities—Khashoggi was tortured and strangled by a Saudi hit squad. … Bin Farhan was dumbstruck as he watched television news shows and saw surveillance-camera footage of Khashoggi's last hours alive. The prince realized all too clearly: By refusing to go to a Saudi consulate to pick up his payment, he might have narrowly avoided a similar fate."

'Disgusting,' 'A hate agenda': Lawmakers condemn Trump's tweet rant targeting Cummings

DIVIDED AMERICA:

-- Trump created another racial firestorm by spending the weekend attacking the city of Baltimore and the congressional district of Democratic Rep. Elijah Cummings, saying it represents a "disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess." City leaders fired back. Fredrick Kunkle and Hannah Natanson report: "Maryland's political leaders and residents reacted with outrage — and sometimes resignation — to Trump's tweetstorm … Some

said Trump's language describing a majority black city represented by an African American lawmaker demonstrated his predilection for degrading political opponents. … Others said that even if the president were half right about Baltimore's woes, he has a duty to do more than use them as a political weapon."

-- Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's (R) muted response to Trump's comments stirred more anger. Antonio Olivo and Rebecca Tan report: "In a statement delivered by his spokesman, Hogan said: 'Baltimore City is truly the very heart of our state, and more attacks between politicians aren't going to get us anywhere.' On social media, where the Twitter hashtag #WeAreBaltimore was trending on Sunday, Hogan's critics called the governor 'weak' and 'gutless' for not delivering a forceful rebuke of the president."

-- Others didn't hold back their disdain:

- **"Better to have a few rats than to be one," the Baltimore Sun's editorial board said in response to Trump's comments:** "In pointing to the 7th [District], the president wasn't hoping his supporters would recognize landmarks like Johns Hopkins Hospital, perhaps the nation's leading medical center. He wasn't conjuring images of the U.S. Social Security Administration, where they write the checks that so many retired and disabled Americans depend upon. It wasn't about the beauty of the Inner Harbor or the proud history of Fort McHenry. And it surely wasn't about the economic standing of a district where the median

economic standing of a district where the median income is actually above the national average. No, he was returning to an old standby of attacking an African American lawmaker from a majority black district on the most emotional and bigoted of arguments. It was only surprising that there wasn't room for a few classic phrases like 'you people' or 'welfare queens' or 'crime-ridden ghettos' or a suggestion that the congressman 'go back' to where he came from."

- **"We are African Americans, we are patriots, and we refuse to sit idly by," 149 African Americans who served in the Obama administration say in an op-ed published by The Post.**
- **Former president Barack Obama, who doesn't comment often on politics, shared the op-ed on Twitter:** "I've always been proud of what this team accomplished during my administration. But more than what we did, I'm proud of how they're continuing to fight for an America that's better," he wrote. Michelle Obama, who also shies away from commenting on the Trump administration, also criticized Trump's comments. "What truly makes our country great is its diversity," the former first lady tweeted, "I've seen that beauty in so many ways over the years. Whether we are born here or seek refuge here, there's a place for us all. We must remember it's not my America or your America. It's our America." (Colby Itkowitz)

-- White House acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney told Chris Wallace on "Fox News Sunday" that Trump's

Chris Wallace on "Fox News Sunday" that Trump's tweets had "zero to do with race," and Wallace called him out. From Mediaite: "'Nobody objects to the president defending his border policies, but this seems, Mick, to be the worst kind of … racial stereotyping. Black congressman, majority-black district,' Wallace shot back. 'No human being would want to live there.' Is he saying people that live in Baltimore are not human beings?' Mulvaney again insisted that Trump is going after Cummings for saying 'things that are not true about the border.' … Wallace responded by saying, 'You say it has zero to do with race. There is a clear pattern here, Mick.'"

-- Keeping the story alive on Sunday, Trump accused Cummings and his allies of being the real racists. From the Times: "Trump said Democrats who called him racist as a result were themselves playing 'the Race Card,' as he put it on Twitter. The president later specifically referred to Mr. Cummings as a racist without explaining why. 'If racist Elijah Cummings would focus more of his energy on helping the good people of his district, and Baltimore itself, perhaps progress could be made in fixing the mess that he has helped to create over many years of incompetent leadership,' Mr. Trump wrote. … **Mr. Trump posted repeated tweets throughout the day denying that he was racist and attacking Mr. Cummings and Speaker Nancy Pelosi, herself a Baltimore native and daughter and sister of former mayors.** He defended himself by citing record-low unemployment for African-Americans on his watch."

-- Jared Kushner, the president's senior adviser and

-- Jared Kushner, the president's senior adviser and **son-in-law, owns more than a dozen apartment complexes in Baltimore that have been cited for hundreds of code violations and, critics say, provide substandard housing to low-income tenants.** Rebecca Tan reports: "Kushner Cos., which started operating in Maryland in 2013, has owned almost 9,000 rental units across 17 complexes, many of them in Baltimore County, the Baltimore Sun reported earlier this year. … In 2017, Baltimore County officials revealed that apartments owned by the Kushner firm were responsible for more than 200 code violations, all accrued in the span of the calendar year. Repairs were made only after the county threatened fines, local officials said, and even after warnings, violations on nine properties were not addressed, resulting in monetary sanctions." ProPublica and the Times originally reported on Kushner's Baltimore real estate "empire" in 2017.

-- Wanda Vázquez Garced, the unpopular justice minister who was next in Puerto Rico's line of succession, announced that she will not take over as governor, hoping to put a stop to continuing street protests. In a tweet, Vázquez said she has no interest in the position and said she hopes the ousted Ricardo Rosselló appoints a new secretary of state who can take over instead. (CNN)

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"I understand that everything that Donald Trump says

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John Oliver explained how the United Kingdom ended up with Boris Johnson as its prime minister:

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Rep. Annie Kuster (D-N.H.), far right, poses for a selfie at the Capitol earlier this year with Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) and Barbara Lee (D-Calif.). (J. Scott Applewhite/AP)

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THE BIG IDEA:

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Both of New Hampshire's House members endorsed launching an impeachment inquiry against President Trump on Friday afternoon, bowing to pressure from their left flanks at the start of a 46-day summer recess. But most people in this swing state, including many Democrats, do not support such a move.

Reps. Chris Pappas and Annie Kuster are among about a dozen House Democrats who have come out for the impeachment inquiry since former special counsel Bob Mueller testified last week, despite continued resistance from Speaker Nancy Pelosi. That brings the total

to 106 members, by our tally, which is just under half the Democratic caucus.

The divisions in the Granite State capture in miniature the difficult needle that party leaders must figure out how to thread to prevail in 2020. The Wards are Democrats who loathe Trump, for instance, but they don't support impeachment. **"I hate to say this, but I agree with Nancy Pelosi. Not that Congress is doing much of anything anyway, but it would be a waste of Congress's time and our money to impeach," said Bryan Ward, 31, an IT network engineer who voted for Bernie Sanders in the 2016 Democratic primary** and lives in Penacook.

"In my heart of hearts, I'm pretty sure he's going to win the next election, but at this point in the term, I'm not sure impeachment is the best use of resources," said Meghan Ward, 35, a former stage manager who is working odds-and-ends jobs as she studies to get her teacher's license.

Their 3-year-old son sat between them on Saturday night during a minor league baseball game here. Meghan voted for Hillary Clinton in the primary because she considered Sanders too much of a socialist and thinks his plans are unrealistic. But she refers to Trump as "Cheeto" and laments the president's remarkably resilient poll numbers despite constant controversies that she's convinced would cripple any other president.

Bryan is more optimistic than his wife that Trump will lose in November 2020, but he's not excited about the crop of 2020 alternatives. "I'll wait until the field gets narrowed down a little bit, but right now not one of the candidates really speaks to me," he said. "There's no middle ground anymore. There's never compromise. It's so, so, so contentious. It's red team vs. blue team."

The New Hampshire Fisher Cats, a minor league baseball team, play the Fightin Phils of Reading, Pa., on

Saturday at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester, N.H. (James Hohmann/The Washington Post)

This was the most frequent refrain during more than 30 conversations I had on Saturday evening with a cross section of New Hampshire voters at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in the heart of downtown in this small state's biggest city. The Fisher Cats, an affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, were playing a doubleheader against the Fightin Phils of Reading, Pa. Every ticket in the stadium cost $14 at the box office, and there was a fireworks show afterward.

All the folks I talked with at the Fisher Cats game said they plan to vote next year, but none are the kinds of people who hang out at political events and yell at politicians. Pappas and Kuster, like so many House Democrats jumping on the impeachment bandwagon, are catering more to the hardened activists who volunteer and donate to their campaigns than the electorate more broadly.

"[Trump's] choices aren't great, but I'm not sure he's done anything that's deserving of him getting kicked out of office," said Rich Fortier, 38, a lifelong Democrat from the Lakes Region up north. "There's probably a protocol for that." Fortier, a high school special education teacher, is frustrated that politicians in both parties are not paying more attention to education, and he worries about budget cuts as the economy slows down. "To me, it seems they're distracted by the battles away from the issues that matter," he said. "They're not worried about the future of the country or things like that."

Another Democrat, Beck Bryon, said the country is in a "precarious position" and warned that Trump is turning it into a "dictatorship," but she considers impeachment a "Catch-22." She explained that "it could be beneficial," but the 40-year-old calibration technician worried about what would happen if the president was removed from office by the Senate. Vice President Pence would take over, and she thinks he might more effectively enact the same agenda

and perhaps have an easier time winning the 2020 election. “So it’s potentially smarter to wait,” she explained.

As the first state with a primary, New Hampshire will not just be pivotal in determining the Democratic nominee but will probably be a top battleground again in the 2020 general election. Clinton carried the Granite State by just 2,700 votes, or less than half a percentage point, after Barack Obama won it twice by more than five points.

The specter of impeachment galvanizes many Trump supporters. Republican Wayne Jutras, a salesman who lives near the ballpark, appreciates that Trump is running the government like it’s a business. He said Democrats are only coming after him because they resent his success at growing the economy. “They’re just trying to dig up some dirt on him,” said Jutras, 55, between licks of a vanilla ice cream cone. “It’s like anything else: If you’re playing for the New York Yankees, you’re not going to be cheering for the Boston Red Sox. They’re doing their best, but of course they’re going to try to impeach him.”

Many middle-of-the-road voters see impeachment as a distraction. Tom and Suanne Milligan, retirees in their 70s, moved from Indiana last year to live closer to their grandchildren in Canaan, N.H. “We’re non-Trump Republicans,” he said. “I really don’t like any of what’s going on.” In 2016, he voted for Libertarian nominee Gary Johnson and she voted for Green Party nominee Jill Stein. They said it’s hard to imagine voting for Trump in 2020, but they continue to support GOP candidates down the ballot and hope their party breaks out of Trump’s thrall sooner than later. But both disapprove of Democrats trying to impeach the president. “It seems like the Democrats are just trying to appease their own voters,” said Suanne. Tom agreed. “Move on,” he said. “It’s just divisive, and I don’t think it’s really going to amount to anything.”

-- Public and private polling bolsters what I encountered on the ground: Most Americans oppose impeaching Trump, and overall public opinion has been shifting slightly away from impeachment since the release of the Mueller report.

An ABC News-Ipsos poll published on Sunday showed that Mueller's testimony has failed to move the needle of public opinion. Among those who say they read, saw or heard about Mueller's testimony, just under half said it made no difference in their views about impeaching the president, while 27 percent said it made them more likely to support impeachment (almost all Democrats) and 26 percent said it made them less likely (almost all Republicans). "Independents were much more likely to echo the comments made by Republicans than those made by Democrats," ABC notes. "A majority of self-described Independents – 60% -- described the testimony as a waste of time and taxpayer money or questioned Mueller's fitness. About one in five – 19% -- of Independents mentioned that the testimony proved or confirmed Trump's guilt. The remaining 20% of Independents had more mixed assessments."

A Washington Post-ABC poll released earlier this month found that 59 percent of Americans said the House should not begin impeachment proceedings. That's slightly higher than Post polling throughout the year, which found opposition to impeachment at 54 percent to 56 percent. **Last summer at this time, 49 percent said Congress should begin impeachment proceedings. That's down to 37 percent in our latest poll. But, but, but: Among Democrats, the number is 61 percent.** About half of Democrats, 49 percent, said they "strongly" support impeachment.

Rep. Annie Kuster (D-N.H.) waves to supporters after voting last November in Contoocook, N.H. She easily

won a fourth term. (Geoff Forester/Concord Monitor/AP)

-- Those numbers explain why so many Democratic politicians are staking out a position at odds with the views of most voters. But the ground truth is that, even on the left, there's less intensity around impeachment than there was a few months ago.

For example, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) was the first major Democratic presidential candidate to endorse impeachment when the Mueller report came out in April, and she saw a spike in small-dollar fundraising because of it. The majority of her 2020 rivals eventually followed, another proof point of the field's leftward lurch. But **Warren did not bring up impeachment during either of the two events she held in New Hampshire on Saturday.**

Not a single voter asked the senator about it during a house party in Bow or a town hall in Derry. When a reporter questioned Warren about this during a gaggle, she noted that she endorsed impeachment after reading the Mueller report because she felt she had an obligation to do so. But she added that her campaign is focused on removing Trump at the ballot box in 2020. "I'm not running on impeachment," she said.

To be sure, each of the dozen voters I interviewed after Warren's first event, in the grassy backyard of a supporter's home, said they support impeachment. But their explanations were measured, and several acknowledged the political risks.

"I'm hearing what Nancy says, and I understand where she's coming from," said Shannon Mills, 69, a dentist who served 30 years in the Air Force. (Folks in New Hampshire, so accustomed to access, love referring to national political figures like the speaker by their first names.) "But this is not about politics. You've sworn an oath to defend the Constitution. You cannot ignore the egregious crimes committed by the president. They have to do their jobs. Look, I'm concerned impeachment could make the president look sympathetic to

a certain segment of the voting population. … But the truth has to be told."

Mills said he believes that Trump welcoming Russian help in 2016, combined with the efforts documented by Mueller to interfere with the investigation that followed, is much worse than the behavior that led House Republicans to impeach Bill Clinton two decades ago. "Clinton lied about an affair, but he didn't sell our country out to the Russians," Mills reasoned. "Neither one is something I approve of. I'm not a big fan of Bill Clinton, either."

State Rep. Rebecca McWilliams (D), who represents Concord, said she was impressed that Kuster, her congresswoman, endorsed an impeachment inquiry. "I didn't know I'd ever see Annie do that because she's so cautious," said McWilliams, 37, a practicing attorney and mother of two, as she waited in line for a selfie with Warren. "I don't believe the Mueller report has been the big bomb we thought it'd be. I think it's probably more the 24-hour news cycle we're barraged with. The weight of it all is that this guy is a liar, he's been using the presidency to enrich himself, and he doesn't have our country's best interests at heart. The Mueller report is only a piece of it. It's the culmination."

-- Of the two New Hampshire House members, Pappas is considered much more vulnerable than Kuster. He just got elected last year. Notably, he announced his support for the impeachment inquiry at 6:30 on Friday night – about six hours after Kuster issued her statement. A short video that Pappas posted to YouTube begins with a preamble about how he has "been working hard with members of both parties to bring down the cost of prescription drugs, improve care for our veterans, rebuild our infrastructure and ensure that everyone in our state has access to clean drinking water." Then he called impeachment

“another pressing issue we can’t ignore.”

“After weeks of careful consideration and after countless conversations with my constituents, I believe it is imperative that Congress continues its oversight work by opening an impeachment inquiry,” Pappas continued. “I have said many times that we should not take this step for political purposes and that we should not avoid our responsibility because it might feel politically convenient. It’s up to Congress to put all the facts on the table and hold leaders accountable, and I’m committed to that process while maintaining my focus on the concerns of the people of New Hampshire.”

“Our Democracy is at Stake,” Kuster wrote in an open letter to her constituents on Friday. “The Special Counsel reiterated that he did not exonerate the President, and that because of Department of Justice policy, he could not charge the President with a crime even if he had the evidence to do so. Under the Constitution, that job falls to us.”

-- Both Kuster and Pappas declined interview requests to discuss impeachment, which speaks volumes about how politically delicate the issue is in their state. More significantly, both of New Hampshire’s Democratic senators declined to join their House counterparts. “I think we need to continue to investigate the charges, but I think at this time there is not a consensus to move forward with impeachment proceedings,” said Jeanne Shaheen, who faces a competitive reelection fight next year, in a local radio interview.

“Impeachment is a grave step that should not be taken lightly,” said Maggie Hassan, the former governor who narrowly defeated Republican incumbent Kelly Ayotte in 2016, in a statement. “I am not convinced that initiating an impeachment inquiry is the best course of action at this time, but it is ultimately the House of Representatives’ decision.”

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-- Trump has signaled repeatedly that he believes impeachment will help his reelection prospects, and he's all but dared Democrats to do it by refusing to cooperate with House oversight. Many Republican strategists focused on trying to win back the House also think the issue will unite their base. Trump aides have said that the reelection campaign could tout an acquittal by the Senate, even if it was on party lines, as a form of exoneration. This tracks with what I heard from Republicans I talked with at the Fisher Cats game.

Ken Grenier, a unionized postal worker who supports Trump, is angry that Democrats are trying to remove a president from power outside an election. "I've got to keep this PG for the paper, but right now they're extremely anti-American," said the 57-year-old. "It's just wasting more time and money to distract people from the good things that Trump is doing. They pushed 'collusion' for so long, and they're so invested in it, that they can't back away, even though they know the Republicans in the Senate are not going to vote to remove him from office."

After voting for Ted Cruz in the 2016 primary, Grenier has been grateful for the president's tireless efforts to secure the southern border. He was thrilled that the Supreme Court allowed the administration late Friday to move forward with construction of the wall. He's also pleased about the president's judicial nominations and efforts to reduce access to abortion.

Grenier volunteered that he disapproves of Trump's recent attacks on the four minority congresswomen who call themselves the Squad. The president must stop "flapping his gums" on Twitter, he explained, as his wife nodded in agreement. "The Dems were in free fall for a while, and then Trump's tweets about the Squad unified them. I wish he hadn't done that."

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House Judiciary considers Trump impeachment after Mueller

-- Nationally, Democrats continue to be divided about the right approach. Four House members from Washington state announced their support on Sunday for opening an impeachment inquiry, prompting Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) to issue her own statement last night saying that she agrees.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler (D-N.Y.) said on Sunday that his "personal view" is that Trump "richly deserves impeachment," but he says his committee still needs "more evidence" before opening an inquiry. "The question is," Nadler told CNN, "can we develop enough evidence to put before the American people?"

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) defended Pelosi's approach. "I worry equally about the message of

taking an impeachment case to trial, losing that case, having the president acquitted and then having an adjudication that this conduct is not impeachable," Schiff said on NBC. "There's no making the case to the cult of the president's personality that is the Senate GOP, but we should at least be able to make the case to the American people. I want to make sure that that's true before we go down this path."

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THE LATEST FROM CALIFORNIA:

Multiple people reportedly injured in shooting at California food festival

-- Three people are dead and at least 15 injured after a shooting Sunday evening at a food festival in Gilroy, Calif. Allyson Chiu, Meagan Flynn and Faiz Siddiqui report: "One gunman was killed by officers at the scene, Gilroy Police Chief Scot Smithee said early Monday morning. Police are still searching for a possible second suspect, although it's unclear if that person also fired on the crowd or assisted the shooter. … The first reports of gunshots at the Gilroy Garlic Festival came in around 5:41 p.m. local time, just as the event was wrapping up its third and final day. Smithee said he has 'no idea' what the shooter's motive was on Sunday. He added that officers already

stationed at the festival 'engaged the suspect in less than a minute.'

"**Among the dead is a 6-year-old boy** named Steven Romero, the child's father told NBC Bay Area. The boy's mother and grandmother were also injured in the shooting. … The shooter was carrying an 'assault-type rifle,' the City of Gilroy said in a statement early Monday. Investigators believe the suspect entered the festival by cutting through a perimeter fence, Smithee told reporters. He noted that security at the festival's official entrances is 'very tight.' … Many evacuees were left stranded after the festival because their vehicles were parked at what had turned into an active crime scene. Some gathered on a stagecoach outside the festival, while others called ride-hailing services to get home. ...

"**Julissa Contreras and her boyfriend, Mario Camargo, were browsing at a food tent when they saw a man in a military-style outfit emerge from a nearby access road and start shooting 'left to right and right to left,' Contreras told The Post in a phone interview.** Contreras and Camargo ran in different directions, each taking shelter behind tents with crying children and frantic parents. Some people froze and others sprinted. Some appeared to play dead, Camargo said. Once they heard the gunfire stop, Contreras and Camargo each made a run for the entrance, eventually reuniting in the parking lot. Camargo said he saw two wounded people as he fled. … **Contreras said there was one moment that she couldn't stop thinking about. When the gunfire broke out, she looked in the direction of the gunman and saw children fleeing an inflatable slide, all trying to squeeze through the same tiny exit.** 'I'm never going to forget that image,' she said."

-- Videos uploaded to social media showed the chaotic scenes:

Dan Coats is expected to resign as director of National Intelligence

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN:

-- Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats will leave his position next month, and Trump announced Sunday that he will nominate Rep. John Ratcliffe (R-Tex.), a third-term congressman, as his replacement. Coats, a former Republican senator from Indiana and ambassador to Germany, was often at odds with Trump over the wisdom of negotiating with Russia, the status of Iran's nuclear weapons program and the severity of foreign threats to U.S. elections. Ratcliffe, who sits on the House Judiciary and Intelligence committees, has made his name in Congress as one of the GOP's most dogged critics of perceived anti-Trump bias at the FBI and in the special counsel's investigation.

Ratcliffe will probably get confirmed by a Republican-controlled Senate that seems reluctant to challenge Trump, but the appointment of an outspoken partisan loyalist raises a litany of legitimate questions about the president's politicization of the intelligence community. Ratcliffe launched perhaps the most spirited defenses of Trump during the Mueller hearings last Wednesday, criticizing the former special counsel for providing evidence of the 10 episodes in which Trump possibly obstructed justice when he never intended to decide whether the president had committed a crime. Trump's announcement that Ratcliffe will get the job came a few hours after the congressman went on Fox News to defend the president and attack the Mueller report as an untrustworthy document written by liberals.

-- "For months, Coats had recognized that his relationship with Trump, which was never strong, had frayed beyond repair. … Coats had felt isolated and excluded from important national security decision-making," notes Shane Harris, our intelligence beat reporter. **Ratcliffe** "**has no background in intelligence**, though he did serve as a terrorism prosecutor and the U.S. attorney in the Eastern District of Texas in the George W. Bush administration. He also served as the mayor of Heath, Tex., a town of about 9,000 outside Dallas. … **Trump has repeatedly blasted the intelligence agencies as having tried to undermine his campaign and has, without evidence, accused former senior intelligence officials from the Obama administration of illegally spying on him. Ratcliffe echoed those allegations Sunday on Fox News**. 'What I do know as a former federal prosecutor is that it does appear that there were crimes committed during the Obama administration,' he said, declining to identify anyone by name."

-- "Last year, Ratcliffe's name was floated as a possible replacement for former attorney general Jeff Sessions," Karoun Demirjian notes in a sidebar. "He joined the House Intelligence Committee earlier this year, where he has been considered the GOP's replacement for former congressman Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.), an accomplished prosecutor skilled in executing detailed, stinging examinations of witnesses in closed-door interviews and from the dais. … Ratcliffe represents the seventh-most-Republican district in the country, according to the Cook Political Voting Index."

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Army Col. Kathryn Spletstoser sits for a portrait at The Washington Post last week. (Carolyn Van Houten/The Washington Post)

-- Trump's nominee to be vice chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. John Hyten, is facing a confirmation hearing tomorrow that will force senators on the Armed Services Committee to decide whether they believe an Army colonel's charges that he sexually assaulted her while she was under his command — accusations he denies. Demirjian reports: "Col. Kathryn Spletstoser has accused Hyten, who is currently responsible for the country's nuclear arsenal as the head of U.S. Strategic Command, of making unwanted sexual contact with her on several occasions in 2017 while the two were traveling for work. … [Some] Democrats and Republicans on the Senate Armed Services Committee [have] said they are wary of taking her uncorroborated word over the categorical denials of a decorated four-star Air Force general endorsed by high-ranking colleagues. … The Air Force's Office of Special Investigations investigated Spletstoser's allegations but could not substantiate her claims. …

"**Spletstoser said the committee [led by Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.)] has denied her request to speak at the hearing,** unless she has 'new information' to present. Spletstoser's public remarks would probably mirror much of what she has told the panel in private and alleged in a Washington Post interview. … The first time was in January 2017, she alleges, when Hyten grabbed her left hand as she was exiting a work meeting in his hotel room in Palo Alto, Calif., pulling it in toward his groin so she could feel his erection before she moved her hand away. In June 2017, Spletstoser said, Hyten interrupted a work meeting in his Washington, D.C., hotel room to fondle her breasts and kiss her — and she pushed him away and admonished him, she said. … Yet it was during the Reagan National Defense Forum in December 2017 that Spletstoser said Hyten made his most aggressive move, arriving uninvited at her hotel room in workout clothes carrying a binder, and claiming he wanted to discuss work matters. Within minutes, Spletstoser said, Hyten had pinned her against him and begun 'grinding on me hard,

like he wants to take my clothes off and have sex … and then I realize, he's ejaculating.'

"**If Spletstoser's account is correct, it would mean Hyten committed a crime, but if she is lying, as an active-duty service member, she will have committed a crime for which she could be court-martialed. …** Former Air Force secretary Heather Wilson, who was briefed on investigators' findings before leaving her position earlier this year, said in an interview Sunday that 'the Air Force left no stone unturned in its investigation and the Senate has been thorough as well.' 'Based on what I know of the complete investigation,' she continued, 'I believe General Hyten was falsely accused.'"

-- For this week's New Yorker, Connie Bruck profiles Harvard law professor and Trump ally Alan Dershowitz, writing about his controversial history as the attorney to men such as O.J. Simpson, Mike Tyson and Jeffrey Epstein and the accusations he's faced following his close relationship to Epstein. Dershowitz, who was accused by Epstein victim [redacted] of abuse, told the New Yorker that he's innocent and defended his work by saying that "every honest criminal lawyer will tell you that he defends the guilty and the innocent."

Demonstrators demand the resignation of Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales, featured in a poster Saturday that reads in Spanish "traitor," after the government signed an agreement with the Trump administration to require migrants passing through the Central American country to seek asylum there, rather than pushing on toward the United States. (Oliver de Ros/AP)

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- In pressuring Guatemala to accept a deal to absorb vast numbers of asylum seekers, the Trump administration has embarked on a dramatic and risky strategy to slash the number of Central Americans flooding the U.S. border. "The accord — which

was negotiated in secret and signed at the White House on Friday — could plunge Guatemala's young democracy into a constitutional crisis," Mary Beth Sheridan reports. "It could also saddle one of the hemisphere's poorest countries with tens of thousands of Salvadoran and Honduran migrants who would be barred from making their claims in the United States. The agreement is one of the boldest steps yet taken by Trump to stanch the flow of migrants to the U.S. border. It aims to close off the U.S. asylum system to the migrants who have crossed through Guatemala en route to the United States. They would instead have to seek protection in Guatemala.

"**But the agreement is built on a fragile political and legal base. The Guatemalan Constitutional Court ruled earlier this month that President Jimmy Morales needed approval from the Guatemalan Congress to sign the accord, something he has not received.** Some analysts said Morales could get around the ruling with his argument that the deal is simply a cooperation agreement, not a treaty. Others note Morales has at times simply shrugged off court rulings he dislikes. … **Guatemala holds a runoff presidential election on Aug. 11, and both candidates have criticized Morales's negotiation of such a broad agreement in secret.** While the next Guatemalan government could cancel the deal, it would face intense pressure from the Trump administration to not do so. … The agreement is also likely to be challenged in U.S. courts by opponents who say Guatemala does not qualify as a 'safe' country, because of high levels of violence.

"**Morales, who finishes his four-year term in January, is highly unpopular. Guatemalans were startled by a widely published photo showing their government minister, Enrique Degenhart, signing the agreement as Trump loomed over his shoulder, an image suggesting the Central American country's submission.** On Saturday, hundreds of people demonstrated in front of the presidential palace in Guatemala City to protest the agreement. Guatemalan

analysts have suggested Morales made the deal with Trump in hopes of winning support from the U.S. government. Morales faces allegations of financial crimes related to his 2015 electoral campaign but has been shielded by presidential immunity, which he loses in January. He says he is innocent."

- **Julián Castro warned that migrants may "end up dead" because of the deal. The Democratic presidential candidate** said the country is not safe. (CBS News)
- **To try curbing the number of Central American migrants reaching the U.S., Mexico has pledged to help create jobs in Honduras.** (Al Jazeera)
- **An Arizona Republican state senator apologized for saying that "we're going to look like South American countries very quickly" because immigrants are "just flooding us ... and overwhelming us."** Sen. Sylvia Allen faced backlash after the Phoenix New Times published an audio recording of her speech at the Arizona Republican Party headquarters in Phoenix. (Morgan Krakow)

-- Federal prosecutors are investigating Trump's close friend and campaign fundraiser Thomas J. Barrack Jr. in connection to foreign lobbying. From the Times: "Investigators have looked in particular at whether Mr. Barrack or others violated the law requiring people who try to influence American policy or opinion at the direction of foreign governments or entities to disclose their activities to the Justice Department, people familiar with the case said. The inquiry had proceeded far enough last month that Mr. Barrack, who played an influential role in the campaign and acts as an outside adviser to the White House, was interviewed, at his request, by prosecutors in the public integrity unit of the United States attorney's office in Brooklyn." Barrack's spokesman said that, in expectation of the Times article, his

lawyer had contacted the prosecutor's office and confirmed it has no more questions for him. "Mr. Barrack has not been accused of wrongdoing, and his aides said he never worked on behalf of foreign states or entities. …

"But as the scrutiny of Mr. Barrack indicates, prosecutors continue to pursue questions about foreign influence. Among other lines of inquiry, they have sought to determine whether Mr. Barrack and others tried to sway the Trump campaign or the new administration on behalf of the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia … Investigators have also questioned witnesses about Mr. Barrack's involvement with a proposal from an American group that could give Saudi Arabia access to nuclear power technology. … Central to the inquiry into Mr. Barrack are his dealings with [Rashid al-Malik, an Emirati businessman], who is well connected in the court of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed. … **When Mr. Trump was elected, Mr. al-Malik received a coveted invitation to the inaugural's most exclusive event — the chairman's dinner, hosted by Mr. Barrack."**

-- A leading Russian critic of Vladimir Putin was hospitalized with suspected poisoning. From ABC News: Alexei Navalny "was taken by ambulance to the hospital early on Sunday morning from the jail with what authorities said was a 'severe allergic reaction,' his spokeswoman Kira Yarmysh wrote on Twitter. Initially, one of Navalny's close colleagues suggested the cause was likely unsanitary conditions in the jail, but by the evening Navalny's lawyer released a statement from his long-time doctor saying that his symptoms were the result of 'an undefined chemical substance.'"

-- A crackdown on Moscow protesters this weekend suggests a new, more hostile approach by Putin toward the Russian opposition. Matthew Bodner reports: "Analysts said the scale of the roundup — nearly 1,400 demonstrators were swept off the streets in

Moscow on Saturday, according to the monitoring group OVD-Info — suggested a change in approach for a Russian elite that is increasingly concerned about political stability. … Thousands took to the streets of central Moscow on Saturday to demand that independent candidates be allowed to run in upcoming elections for city parliament. It was the latest demonstration in a protest movement that began two weeks ago after the city election commission rejected the candidacies of several opposition-minded candidates, citing falsified supporter signatures."

-- In Hong Kong, protesters once again took to the streets and turned neighborhoods into foggy battlegrounds. Shibani Mahtani reports: "The clouds of gas left bystanders — including children, tourists and the elderly — choking and sputtering, underscoring the growing risks of Hong Kong's deepening political crisis, now in its eighth weekend. Police said that protesters threw paint bombs, corrosive liquid and bricks at them, and that 49 people were arrested. Protesters had convened to demonstrate against what they saw as police brutality over the course of the protests, including in the neighborhood of Yuen Long the day before."

-- Iran's deputy foreign minister said an emergency meeting in Vienna between Tehran and other signatories of the 2015 nuclear deal was constructive but inconclusive. Adam Taylor reports: "Earlier Sunday, the head of Iran's nuclear agency was reported to have told lawmakers that Iran had enriched 24 metric tons of uranium since the nuclear deal was reached in 2015. The remarks by Ali Akbar Salehi of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization were reported widely by state-run and semiofficial media, which cited conservative lawmakers present at the closed-door meeting. The claim, if confirmed, would suggest that Iran has produced far more enriched uranium than was previously known, exceeding the deal's limit many times over. But some analysts were skeptical."

-- The targeting of Washington Post contributing columnist Jamal Khashoggi was no aberration. Vanity Fair's Ayman Mohyeldin reports on a targeted campaign by Saudi Arabia against dissidents: "Prince Khaled bin Farhan al-Saud sat in one of the few safe locations he frequents in Düsseldorf and ordered each of us a cup of coffee. With his close-cropped goatee and crisp gray suit, he looked surprisingly relaxed for a hunted man. He described his constant fear of being abducted, the precautions he takes when venturing outside, and how German law enforcement officials routinely check on him to make sure he is all right. … As we sat over coffee, he relayed a story that at first sounded innocuous. One day in June 2018, his mother, who lives in Egypt, called him with what she thought was good news. The Saudi Embassy in Cairo had contacted her, she said, and had a proposal: The kingdom wanted to mend relations with the prince and was willing to offer him $5.5 million as a goodwill gesture. …

"But as tempting as the overture was, he claimed he never considered it seriously. And when he followed up with Saudi officials, he realized the deal had a dangerous catch. They had told him he could collect his payment only if he personally came to a Saudi embassy or consulate. That immediately set off alarm bells. He declined the offer. Two weeks later, on October 2, 2018, bin Farhan saw a startling news report. [Khashoggi] had gone to the Saudi consulate in Istanbul to pick up paperwork required for his pending marriage. Minutes after his arrival—as revealed in leaked audiotape transcripts compiled by Turkish authorities—Khashoggi was tortured and strangled by a Saudi hit squad. … Bin Farhan was dumbstruck as he watched television news shows and saw surveillance-camera footage of Khashoggi's last hours alive. The prince realized all too clearly: By refusing to go to a Saudi consulate to pick up his payment, he might have narrowly avoided a similar fate."

DIVIDED AMERICA:

-- Trump created another racial firestorm by spending the weekend attacking the city of Baltimore and the congressional district of Democratic Rep. Elijah Cummings, saying it represents a "disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess." City leaders fired back. Fredrick Kunkle and Hannah Natanson report: "Maryland's political leaders and residents reacted with outrage — and sometimes resignation — to Trump's tweetstorm … Some said Trump's language describing a majority black city represented by an African American lawmaker demonstrated his predilection for degrading political opponents. … Others said that even if the president were half right about Baltimore's woes, he has a duty to do more than use them as a political weapon."

-- Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan's (R) muted response to Trump's comments stirred more anger. Antonio Olivo and Rebecca Tan report: "In a statement delivered by his spokesman, Hogan said: 'Baltimore City is truly the very heart of our state, and more attacks between politicians aren't going to get us anywhere.' On social media, where the Twitter hashtag #WeAreBaltimore was trending on Sunday, Hogan's critics called the governor 'weak' and 'gutless' for not delivering a forceful rebuke of the president."

-- Others didn't hold back their disdain:

- **"Better to have a few rats than to be one," the Baltimore Sun's editorial board said in response to Trump's comments:** "In pointing to the 7th [District], the president wasn't hoping his supporters would recognize landmarks like Johns Hopkins Hospital, perhaps the nation's leading medical center. He wasn't conjuring images of the U.S. Social Security Administration, where they write the checks that so many retired and disabled Americans depend

upon. It wasn't about the beauty of the Inner Harbor or the proud history of Fort McHenry. And it surely wasn't about the economic standing of a district where the median income is actually above the national average. No, he was returning to an old standby of attacking an African American lawmaker from a majority black district on the most emotional and bigoted of arguments. It was only surprising that there wasn't room for a few classic phrases like 'you people' or 'welfare queens' or 'crime-ridden ghettos' or a suggestion that the congressman 'go back' to where he came from."

- **"We are African Americans, we are patriots, and we refuse to sit idly by," 149 African Americans who served in the Obama administration say in an op-ed published by The Post.**
- **Former president Barack Obama, who doesn't comment often on politics, shared the op-ed on Twitter:** "I've always been proud of what this team accomplished during my administration. But more than what we did, I'm proud of how they're continuing to fight for an America that's better," he wrote. Michelle Obama, who also shies away from commenting on the Trump administration, also criticized Trump's comments. "What truly makes our country great is its diversity," the former first lady tweeted, "I've seen that beauty in so many ways over the years. Whether we are born here or seek refuge here, there's a place for us all. We must remember it's not my America or your America. It's our America." (Colby Itkowitz)

-- White House acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney told Chris Wallace on "Fox News Sunday" that Trump's tweets had "zero to do with race," and Wallace called him out. From Mediaite: "'Nobody objects to the president defending his border policies, but this seems, Mick, to be the worst kind of … racial stereotyping. Black congressman, majority-black district,' Wallace shot back. 'No human being would want

to live there.' Is he saying people that live in Baltimore are not human beings?' Mulvaney again insisted that Trump is going after Cummings for saying 'things that are not true about the border.' … Wallace responded by saying, 'You say it has zero to do with race. There is a clear pattern here, Mick.'"

-- Keeping the story alive on Sunday, Trump accused Cummings and his allies of being the real racists. From the Times: "Trump said Democrats who called him racist as a result were themselves playing 'the Race Card,' as he put it on Twitter. The president later specifically referred to Mr. Cummings as a racist without explaining why. 'If racist Elijah Cummings would focus more of his energy on helping the good people of his district, and Baltimore itself, perhaps progress could be made in fixing the mess that he has helped to create over many years of incompetent leadership,' Mr. Trump wrote. … **Mr. Trump posted repeated tweets throughout the day denying that he was racist and attacking Mr. Cummings and Speaker Nancy Pelosi, herself a Baltimore native and daughter and sister of former mayors.** He defended himself by citing record-low unemployment for African-Americans on his watch."

-- Jared Kushner, the president's senior adviser and son-in-law, owns more than a dozen apartment complexes in Baltimore that have been cited for hundreds of code violations and, critics say, provide substandard housing to low-income tenants. Rebecca Tan reports: "Kushner Cos., which started operating in Maryland in 2013, has owned almost 9,000 rental units across 17 complexes, many of them in Baltimore County, the Baltimore Sun reported earlier this year. … In 2017, Baltimore County officials revealed that apartments owned by the Kushner firm were responsible for more than 200 code violations, all accrued in the span of the calendar year. Repairs were made only after the county threatened fines, local officials said, and even after

warnings, violations on nine properties were not addressed, resulting in monetary sanctions." ProPublica and the Times originally reported on Kushner's Baltimore real estate "empire" in 2017.

-- Wanda Vázquez Garced, the unpopular justice minister who was next in Puerto Rico's line of succession, announced that she will not take over as governor, hoping to put a stop to continuing street protests. In a tweet, Vázquez said she has no interest in the position and said she hopes the ousted Ricardo Rosselló appoints a new secretary of state who can take over instead. (CNN)

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"I understand that everything that Donald Trump says is offensive to some people." — Mulvaney on Trump's comments about Baltimore. (Felicia Sonmez)

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

Trump attacked Al Sharpton after the reverend said he was traveling to Baltimore:

A Post reporter responded to Trump's campaign manager appearing to mock homicides in Baltimore:

A Vox reporter reminded us once again that there's always a tweet. Trump called on Barack Obama to bring Baltimore together during the 2015 Freddie Gray riots:

A Democratic senator from Connecticut decided to unfollow the president:

A Times reporter reflected on the significance of Trump's words when combined with his accomplishments:

A Times reporter on a flight to Baltimore shared this moment:

A reporter for Salvadoran online newspaper El Faro shared images from migrants on the road traveling to the U.S.:

Julián Castro, the 2020 candidate, poked fun at attempts by his twin brother, a congressman, to look different than him:

And Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, guest-edited an issue of Vogue:

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

John Oliver explained how the United Kingdom ended up with Boris Johnson as its prime minister:

The former first lady trolled Trump by posting this video of dancers from Baltimore after the president ridiculed the city:

The CEO of Under Armour celebrated Baltimore, the city where the company is headquartered:

A new political advertisement for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu features Trump and Vladimir Putin:

India's prime minister ventured into the wild with Bear Grylls:

And cyclists made their way around the Louvre's pyramid for this year's Tour de France:

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What Sondland allegedly said after Trump hung up on July 26 badly undercuts him and the president

Career diplomat David Holmes, a political counselor at the U.S. embassy in Kyiv, arrives at the Capitol on Friday. House investigators released the transcript of his deposition on Monday night. (Jose Luis Magana/AP)

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THE BIG IDEA: David Holmes, the political counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine, testified that he "vividly" remembers his July 26 lunch at a restaurant in Kyiv because he'd "never seen anything like this."

After ordering a bottle of wine, Ambassador to the European Union

After ordering a bottle of wine, Ambassador to the European Union Gordon Sondland used his unsecured cellphone to update President Trump on his meeting that morning with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. Holmes said he could hear Trump say, “So he’s going to do the investigation?” And he said Sondland responded, “Oh yeah, he’s going to do it.” The ambassador explained to the president that Zelensky, whom Trump spoke with the day before, “loves your a--,” according to the transcript of Holmes’s deposition released last night by House impeachment investigators.

But it’s what purportedly transpired after this two-minute conservation that’s most problematic for both Sondland and Trump. According to Holmes, the E.U. ambassador volunteered that the president cared more about the investigation of Joe Biden that Rudy Giuliani was pursuing than anything having to do directly with Ukraine.

Holmes explained that he asked Sondland, point blank, whether it was true that the president “doesn’t give a s--- about Ukraine” because “it had been very difficult for us to get the president interested in what we were trying to do in Ukraine.”

“Ambassador Sondland agreed that the president did not give a s--- about Ukraine,” Holmes said under oath. “I asked why not, and Ambassador Sondland stated, the President only cares about ‘big stuff.’ I noted that there was ‘big stuff’ going on in Ukraine, like a war with Russia. And Ambassador Sondland replied that he meant ‘big stuff that benefits the president,’ like the ‘Biden investigation that Mr. Giuliani was pushing.’”

-- Holmes, a career Foreign Service officer, has agreed to testify publicly on Thursday at 9 a.m. alongside Fiona Hill, the former National Security Council official who also provided damaging

closed-door testimony against Sondland. The 213-page transcript suggests that Holmes is poised to offer a gripping narrative for the benefit of a television audience.

"This was an extremely distinctive experience in my Foreign Service career," Holmes said. "I've never seen anything like this, someone calling the President from a mobile phone at a restaurant, and then having a conversation of this level of candor, colorful language. There's just so much about the call that was so remarkable that I remember it vividly."

-- House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) questioned Holmes about his bluntness with Sondland. "I'm not proud of my language," the diplomat answered. "But the informal tone of the lunch and the language I had heard him using in his call with the president, we were just sort of, you know, two guys talking about stuff, and it seemed to me that was the kind of language that he used." Holmes recalled that Sondland's exact words were: "Nope, not at all, doesn't give a s--- about Ukraine."

Waiters were coming and going as all this played out on the outdoor terrace at SHO, a central Kyiv restaurant. Holmes said he was surprised a presidential conversation so candid would take place on a cellphone since the Russians own or hold significant stakes in the mobile networks and government officials should always assume that they're being monitored. Acting ambassador Bill Taylor revealed the July 26 call between Trump and Sondland during his testimony last week.

-- Holmes's sworn testimony links Trump himself much more directly to the efforts to coerce Ukraine to investigate Biden at a time when the former vice president was leading in polls. It also further undermines another favorite GOP talking point: that Trump put assistance on ice because he was sincerely concerned about corruption and the rule of law in Kyiv. The rough transcript of Trump's initial April call with Zelensky, released Friday, revealed that the president didn't even broach corruption during that conversation, despite the White House's readout from the time that said he had raised the issue. "I think the Ukrainians gradually came to understand that they were being asked to do something in exchange for the meeting and the security assistance hold being lifted," Holmes testified.

Not to mention, the president's reported disregard for Ukraine's future is a boon for the Kremlin's propaganda efforts in Russia's ongoing invasion in the east and its occupation of Crimea.

-- It stands to reason that Sondland would know about Trump's interest in Biden. The rough transcript of the July 25 call shows Trump mentioning his political challenger to Zelensky. **But Sondland insisted under oath that he didn't know the president was interested in securing a Biden investigation until later.** "Sondland did not disclose any conversation with Trump while in Kyiv in his testimony or in the follow-up statement," Glenn Kessler notes. "In his initial deposition, he said: 'Again, I recall no discussions with any State Department or White House official about former vice president Biden or his son. Nor do I recall taking part in any effort to encourage an investigation into the Bidens.'

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"**Sondland in his testimony indicated that he did not understand until late in the game that administration requests that Ukraine investigate the Ukrainian gas company Burisma – where Hunter Biden was a director – were related to the Biden family.** He expressed ignorance about statements and tweets made by Trump's personal lawyer, Rudolph W. Giuliani, making that connection. 'I became aware of his [Giuliani's] interest in Burisma sometime in the intervening period, but I never made the connection between Burisma and the Bidens until the very end,' Sondland said. 'I heard the word 'Burisma,' but I didn't understand that Biden and Burisma were connected.'"

Trump on Sondland: 'I hardly know the gentleman'

-- Tomorrow morning, Sondland will get a chance to clear up these and other discrepancies during his own televised testimony. Holmes's deposition gives him more to answer for when he's in the hot seat. The Portland, Ore., hotelier already significantly revised his testimony regarding the existence of a quid pro quo after other officials gave conflicting accounts of his role.

-- Trump claimed last week that he doesn't have any recollection of the July 26 conversation, and the White House refuses to turn over call logs that could illuminate the extent of the president's Ukrainian-related contacts. The president has begun distancing himself from Sondland. "I hardly know the gentleman," Trump said on Nov. 8. The president has previously taken this tack with Michael Flynn, Michael Cohen, Paul Manafort and others who he apparently concluded had outlived their usefulness to him.

-- Sondland previously sought to minimize his contacts with Trump. "I think I've spoken with President Trump – and this is a guess – maybe five or six times since I've been an ambassador," he said during his deposition. "And one of those I recall was a Christmas, 'Merry Christmas,' and it was zero substance."

But former National Security Council senior director Tim Morrison said it was his understanding that Sondland had a lot of conversations with the president. "Ambassador Sondland believed and at least related to me that the president was giving him instructions," Morrison testified, adding that Sondland related to him that he was "discussing these matters with the president."

-- Democrats also released the transcript last night from Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs David Hale's appearance. Hale, the top career official at Foggy Bottom, revealed that Mike Pompeo spoke with Giuliani by phone on March 28 and March 29 as officials in the department tried to get a statement of support for then-Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch as the president's personal lawyer participated in a smear campaign against her. Hale said Yovanovitch was doing an "exceptional" job.

Pompeo: 'I'm not going to get into issues surrounding the Democrat impeachment inquiry'

-- Pompeo continues to defy a subpoena and refuses to turn over records that could validate – or undercut – some of the most damning witness testimony about Trump's conduct. Sondland turned over communications from his personal devices to the State Department, but State won't share them with investigators.

-- Holmes also testified that aides to Energy Secretary Rick Perry were "very aggressive in terms of promoting an agenda" in Ukraine, as well as in "excluding embassy personnel from meetings without giving explanations."

-- He will return to the Capitol on Thursday with a deep reservoir of credibility because he has a proven track record of speaking truth to power. "Holmes won an award in 2014 for raising concerns about then-President Barack Obama's policy toward Afghanistan, where Holmes had served," Anne Gearan reports. "The 'constructive dissent' honor recognizes mid-level State Department officials who use an internal process to flag problems they observe, which in his case was about how Obama had, in his view, muddied decision-making on Afghanistan and Pakistan. … A rising star in the Foreign Service, Holmes had a string of sought-after jobs before landing as the senior political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv. In addition to the National Security Council — a high-stress, high-profile plum — Holmes also was picked for a prestigious job working for the State Department's No. 3 official during the Obama administration."

-- Two more-junior staffers who were sitting at the table might also be able to corroborate Holmes's testimony if Sondland disputes his allegations: Suriya Jayanti arranged Sondland's schedule in Kyiv, and Tara Maher, a political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Brussels, where Sondland is based.

-- Holmes said he also told others in the embassy: The encounter was so "extraordinary" that Holmes immediately told his direct supervisor at the embassy. "You're not going to believe what I just heard," he recalled telling her. "I would refer back to it repeatedly in our

morning staff meetings," he added. "We'd talk about what we're trying to do. … And I would say, 'Well, as we know, he doesn't really care about Ukraine. He cares about some other things.'"

-- House investigators have now released all but two deposition transcripts. Mark Sandy from the Office of Management and Budget testified on Saturday and hasn't come back to the Capitol to approve the text. Philip Reeker, the acting assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, has not completed a review of his transcript either.

Jennifer Williams and Alexander Vindman arrive on Tuesday morning to testify before the House Intelligence Committee in the Longworth House Office Building. (Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)

HAPPENING TODAY:

-- Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, European affairs director at the National Security Council, and Jennifer Williams, Vice President Pence's special adviser on Europe and Russia, are testifying this morning. They are the first public witnesses who heard Trump's July 25 call with Zelensky. This afternoon, lawmakers will hear from Kurt Volker, a former Trump administration envoy to Ukraine, and Morrison, the former top Russia and Europe adviser on the National Security Council.

-- Vindman, a Purple Heart recipient, plans to testify about his alarm at Trump's request that Ukraine investigate his political opponents. "But Republicans are also seizing on Vindman's testimony as an opportunity, signaling that they plan to try to

discredit one of the key witnesses in the inquiry by questioning his motives and his loyalty to the president," Tom Hamburger, Carol Leonnig and Rachael Bade report. "Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) suggested in a letter released Monday that Vindman fits the profile of 'a significant number of bureaucrats and staff members within the executive branch [who] have never accepted President Trump as legitimate and … react by leaking to the press and participating in the ongoing effort to sabotage his policies and, if possible, remove him from office.' Vindman's lawyer, Michael Volkov, called Johnson's assertion 'such a baseless accusation, so ridiculous on its face, that it doesn't even warrant a response.'"

-- "**Trump and many of his allies have seized on a core defense strategy by attacking career public servants who are testifying as witnesses in the probe and spreading disinformation about their motives as 'unelected bureaucrats,'"** Elise Viebeck and Isaac Stanley-Becker report.

-- Vindman is the second of three immigrants scheduled to testify. (My Big Idea from Friday explains the significance.)

-- Volker will modify his testimony and plans to say this afternoon that he didn't know the aid to Ukraine was tied to investigations. From the Times: "Mr. Volker will say that he did not realize that others working for Mr. Trump were tying American security aid to a commitment to investigate Democrats. His testimony, summarized by a person informed about it who insisted on anonymity to describe it in advance, will seek to reconcile his previous closed-door description of events with conflicting versions offered subsequently by other witnesses. … Mr. Volker will modify his account as well, addressing disparities between his testimony and that of other

witnesses. While he has been lumped together with Mr. Sondland and Energy Secretary Rick Perry as 'the three amigos' working on behalf of the president, he plans to try to distinguish his role, insisting that he was not part of any inappropriate pressure and that he was unaware of certain events that he has only now learned about through other testimony. ...

"Mr. Volker plans to say that he never knew that Mr. Sondland told the Ukrainians that the aid and investigations were linked and that he did not know that Mr. Zelensky was being pressed to appear on CNN and announce that he would open the investigations Mr. Trump sought. He also will seek to explain why his description of a key July 10 meeting in the White House with Ukrainian officials differed from those provided by several others. According to other witnesses, John R. Bolton, then the national security adviser, abruptly ended the meeting when Mr. Sondland raised the investigations."

-- State Department officials were informed that Zelensky was feeling pressure from the Trump administration to investigate Biden even before the July phone call, the AP reports: "In early May, officials at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, including then-Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch, were told Zelenskiy was seeking advice on how to navigate the difficult position he was in ... He was concerned [Trump] and associates were pressing him to take action that could affect the 2020 U.S. presidential race ... State Department officials in Kyiv and Washington were briefed on Zelenskiy's concerns at least three times ... Notes summarizing his worries were circulated within the department ... The briefings and the notes show that U.S. officials knew early that Zelenskiy was feeling pressure to investigate Biden,

even though the Ukrainian leader later denied it in a joint news conference with Trump in September."

Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), left, confers with Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) during a Finance Committee committee hearing on Oct. 24. (Mark Wilson/Getty Images)

MORE ON THE INVESTIGATIONS:

-- Two senators are looking into a second whistleblower's allegations that at least one political appointee at the Treasury Department tried to interfere with an audit of Trump or Vice President Pence. Jeff Stein and Tom Hamburger scoop: "Staff members for Sens. Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa) and Ron Wyden (Ore.), the chairman and ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, met with the IRS whistleblower earlier this month ... Follow-up interviews are expected to further explore the whistleblower's allegations. It could not be learned to what extent the senators consider the whistleblower a credible source. Trump administration officials have previously played down the complaint's significance and suggested that it is politically motivated. The whistleblower, a career IRS official, initially filed a complaint in July, reporting that he was told that at least one Treasury political appointee attempted to improperly interfere with the annual audit of the president's or vice president's tax returns.

"In recent weeks, the whistleblower filed additional documentation related to the original complaint, which was given to congressional officials in July ... The IRS whistleblower complaint was first disclosed in an August court filing by Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-Mass.), the chairman of the House Ways and Means

Committee. … Neal made the disclosure in court filings as part of his battle with the Trump administration over the president's tax returns, which the Treasury Department has refused to furnish. … **The Treasury inspector general has opened a review of the Treasury Department's handling of House Democrats' request for Trump's tax returns.** Asked whether that review would look at the IRS whistleblower's complaint, Rich Delmar, the acting inspector general, said in an email that 'the inquiry is ongoing, and will take into account that aspects of the underlying matter are the subject of litigation.'"

-- The impeachment inquiry is expanding to explore whether Trump lied to former special counsel Bob Mueller, the House's general counsel told a federal appeals court. Ann E. Marimow, Spencer S. Hsu and Rachael Bade report: "The statement came during arguments over Congress's demand for the urgent release of secret grand jury evidence from Mueller's probe of Russia's 2016 election interference, with House lawyers detailing fresh concerns about Trump's truthfulness that could become part of the impeachment inquiry. **The hearing followed Friday's conviction of longtime Trump friend Roger Stone for lying to Congress. Testimony and evidence at his trial appeared to cast doubt on Trump's written answers to Mueller's questions** … 'Did the president lie? Was the president not truthful in his responses to the Mueller investigation?' General Counsel Douglas N. Letter said in court. 'The House is now trying to determine whether the current president should remain in office,' Letter added. 'This is something that is unbelievably serious and it's happening right now, very fast.' … Behind the scenes, there's been debate among Democratic lawmakers about whether articles of impeachment should include obstruction of justice allegations detailed in Mueller's report."

-- Mitch McConnell said he still "can't imagine a scenario" that would lead to Trump's conviction in the Senate. "I can't imagine a scenario under which President Trump would be removed from office with 67 votes in the Senate," the Senate majority leader said, according the Louisville Courier-Journal.

-- The Supreme Court placed a temporary hold on a lower court's ruling that said accounting firm Mazars USA must turn over eight years of Trump's financial records. Robert Barnes reports: "The House itself had acquiesced to such a move earlier Monday. Without the court's intervention, the firm would have been required to turn over the records Wednesday. Trump last week asked the high court to stop the order from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. … House General Counsel Douglas N. Letter said in a letter to the court Monday morning that the committee will oppose Trump's motion. But 'out of courtesy to this court,' Letter said the committee did not oppose putting the D.C. Circuit's ruling on hold temporarily. Roberts said in his short order that the House's opposition to Trump's filing should be filed by Thursday."

-- Another federal judge blocked the House from obtaining Trump's New York state tax returns without a court review. Spencer S. Hsu reports: "U.S. District Judge Carl J. Nichols of Washington entered the unusual order in a potentially precedent-setting case, which came even though the House committee has not said whether it wants the records and has sought to toss out Trump's lawsuit, filed last July. Nichols's 19-page decision and order came one week after the judge dismissed New York state officials from the lawsuit, which sought to bar the House from requesting and state officials from turning over Trump's returns using New York's Tax Act

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officials from turning over Trump's returns using New York's Trust Act, signed by Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) and enacted July 7. … New York tax officials had agreed not to turn over Trump's records any sooner than seven days after Nichols ruled on whether the Trump lawsuit should be heard before him or before a federal judge in New York."

-- Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham announced that he will hold a hearing on Dec. 11 featuring Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz. From Politico: "Horowitz's scheduled appearance before the committee comes as the inspector general is wrapping up an investigation into the origins of the FBI probe into the 2016 Trump campaign's dealings with Russia. … In a statement announcing the hearing, Graham described Horowitz as 'a good man that has served our national well.' … The South Carolina Republican added that Horowitz 'will deliver a detailed report of what he found regarding his investigation, along with recommendations as to how to make our judicial and investigative systems better.'"

-- Nepotism alert: What does Rudy Giuliani's son Andrew actually do in the White House all day? The Atlantic's Elaina Plott tried to figure it out: "The younger Giuliani has served in the Office of Public Liaison, beginning as an associate director, since March 2017, making him one of the longest-serving members of the Trump administration. According to White House personnel records from 2018, he earns a salary of $90,700. The public-liaison office deals with outreach to outside coalitions, and **several of the current and former administration officials I spoke to for this story said Giuliani helps arrange sports teams' visits to the White House.** ... But sports-team visits are more special-occasion than scheduling staple in

the business of government, especially in this White House, where many title-winning teams decline invitations to visit or are simply not invited at all. … Steve Munisteri, who was principal director of the public-liaison office and Giuliani's supervisor from February 2017 to February 2019, told me that Giuliani fills out his time by serving as the office's representative at White House meetings about the opioid crisis.

"Others who have worked with Giuliani offered a different take on his White House tenure. **'He doesn't really try to be involved in anything,' one former senior White House official told me ... 'He's just having a nice time.'** Yet for the differing opinions on the nature of Giuliani's role, the officials I spoke to were certain that Giuliani had nabbed a White House post in the first place because of his father. A second former senior White House official plainly called it 'a nepotism job.'"

-- Former secretary of state Rex Tillerson said it's "wrong" to ask another country for personal favors. "If you're seeking some kind of personal gain and you're using — whether it's American foreign aid or American weapons or American influence — that's wrong. And I think everyone understands that," he told PBS NewsHour. (Well, not *everyone*.)

-- Jimmy Finkelstein, the owner of the Hill newspaper, has stayed out of the impeachment headlines, despite playing a crucial role in the saga. From CNN: "Finkelstein was [John] Solomon's direct supervisor at The Hill and created the conditions which permitted Solomon to publish his conspiratorial stories without the traditional oversight implemented at news outlets. And he has kept a watchful eye

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on the newspaper's coverage to ensure it is not too critical of the President. As one former veteran employee of The Hill told CNN Business, 'Solomon is a symptom of the larger problem of Jimmy Finkelstein.' … The paper's editor-in-chief sent staff a note Monday morning notifying employees that editors 'are reviewing, updating, annotating with any denials of witnesses, and when appropriate, correcting any [of Solomon's] pieces referenced during the ongoing congressional inquiry.' … Finkelstein has been friends with Trump for decades. In fact, according to a former employee at The Hill, he 'boasts that he's a close friend' of the President."

-- Rep. Devin Nunes's attorney is representing one of the congressman's former aides in a new defamation lawsuit against Politico. McClatchy reports: "Kashyap 'Kash' Patel, a lawyer who worked for Republicans on the House Intelligence Committee when Nunes was the committee's chairman, is suing Politico over an Oct. 23 story with the headline 'Nunes Protege Fed Ukraine Info to Trump.' … Patel is represented by Virginia attorney Steven Biss, who has filed five lawsuits on behalf of Nunes this year alleging that news organizations, Twitter, anonymous social media users and political consultants conspired against the California congressman. … The news story at the center of Patel's lawsuit reported that Patel tried to involve himself in the Trump administration's Ukraine policy. Patel now works [on] the National Security Council. The story by Politico reporter Natasha Bertrand was based on sources who described diplomats' testimony at closed-door House Intelligence Committee hearings…"

Politico spokesman Brad Dayspring calls the suit baseless: "This lawsuit is high on bombast and low on merit. It is unserious and is a public relations tactic designed to intimidate journalists and media organizations from doing their job," he said in a statement.

-- Tribalism alert: A remarkable 2 in 3 Americans say that nothing they hear in the inquiry will change their minds on impeachment, according to a new NPR-PBS-Marist poll. "It's a tangible example of just how locked in most Americans are in their partisan positions, even as nearly a dozen people have either testified or are set to testify in the impeachment inquiry. The poll was conducted Nov. 11-15 — before, during and after the testimonies of the first three witnesses to be called in the inquiry. … By a 47%-41% margin, Americans say they are more likely to support impeachment based on what they've heard or read from the testimonies and evidence presented. And the testimonies could actually be serving to harden their views — 86% of Democrats said they are now more likely to support impeachment after hearing testimony and evidence while 83% of Republicans said they are less likely to now support impeachment. … Some 70% of registered voters say they've been paying 'very' or 'fairly' close attention to the House impeachment inquiry. And 53% of those paying at least fairly close attention say they're more likely to support impeachment."

-- Notable commentary from The Post's opinion page:

- Dana Milbank: "Trump-friendly judges run out the clock on impeachment."
- Foreign affairs columnist Robert Kagan: "Republicans are pushing the U.S. to accept quid pro quo as the new normal."
- Catherine Rampell: "Trump and Republicans are on the hunt for Real Crimes."
- The Post's Editorial Board: "Republicans' defense of

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Trump is full of holes."

- Michael Gerson: "Trump spurs a Wild West of continuously worsening political rhetoric."
- Eugene Robinson: "For Trump, incompetent bribery is still bribery."

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Pompeo: Israeli settlements in West Bank do not violate international law

THE NEW WORLD ORDER:

-- Mike Pompeo declared that Israel's West Bank settlements do not violate international law. Karen DeYoung, Steve Hendrix and John Hudson report: "The move upends more than 40 years of U.S. policy that has declared Israeli expansion into territories occupied since the 1967 war a major obstacle to settling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In response to a question, Pompeo denied that the announcement was connected to turmoil in Israel in which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has supported the Israeli annexation of West Bank territory, is fighting for his political life. … Pompeo said the administration was returning to policy under Ronald

Reagan, pointing out that Reagan said in a 1981 interview that settlements were 'not illegal.' Reagan went on in that interview, however, to say that settlements were 'ill-advised.'" Pompeo said the Trump administration, as it did with recognition of Jerusalem as the Israeli capital and Israel's sovereignty over the disputed Golan Heights, has simply "recognized the reality on the ground."

-- A bid by Netanyahu's rival to form a new Israeli government has entered its final, fraught stretch. Ruth Eglash reports: Benny Gantz's options are limited. "The most obvious choice — uniting with [Netanyahu's] ruling Likud party — appears increasingly unlikely, while forming a government dependent on smaller parties with sharply conflicting ideologies seems an almost impossible gamble. Gantz has until midnight Wednesday to announce a government, then secure enough support in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, to approve the new configuration. If not, Israel will enter politically uncharted territory, with even the keenest of political observers saying they have no idea what might happen next — though most are betting it will set Israel on the path to a third national election in less than a year."

-- An American and an Australian who were being held hostage for the past three years were released by the Taliban. That announcement came shortly after it was revealed that three detained Taliban commanders had been flown to Qatar. Sayed Salahuddin and Sharif Hassan report: "American Kevin King and Australian Timothy Weeks were instructors at the American University of Kabul when they were kidnapped in 2016. The militants are Mali Khan, Hafiz Rashid and Anas Haqqani, a younger brother of the Taliban's deputy leader and son of the Haqqani network's founder. They were held in a government detention center at Bagram air base.

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The Haqqani network is an insurgent group closely allied with the Taliban. It is accused of orchestrating many of the sophisticated and deadly attacks against Afghan and foreign installations in recent years."

-- Swedish prosecutors announced that the alleged rape investigation involving WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has been dropped. Karla Adam reports: "Eva-Marie Persson, the deputy director of public prosecution, said in a statement that 'my overall assessment is that the evidential situation has been weakened to such an extent that that there is no longer any reason to continue the investigation.' In 2010, Assange was accused of committing sexual offences in Sweden. A case involving an alleged rape was abandoned in 2017, but then reopened earlier this year after Assange was evicted from the Ecuador Embassy in London. Assange is currently serving a 50-week sentence in Britain for jumping bail in 2012 and is fighting extradition to the United States, which accuses him of publishing secret documents."

-- As violence spikes, some Hong Kong activists see salvation in their British citizenship. Rick Noack reports: "As the Hong Kong leadership — backed by Beijing — is increasingly cracking down on pro-democracy protests in the semiautonomous territory, some argue that the West's most credible leverage over the Chinese leadership there hinges on the British National Overseas (BNO) passport category. Issued to those who were residents of Hong Kong before the transfer of power in 1997, the passports entitle holders to some but not all rights that British citizens can rely on. Passport holders can, for instance, travel to Britain for up to six months without a visa or seek consular assistance abroad, but they are not entitled to stay in the U.K. indefinitely. Calls on the U.K. government to grant BNO passport

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U.K. indefinitely. Calls on the U.K. government to grant BNO passport holders full British citizenship are gradually mounting, however, amid concerns that China may be breaking its promise to maintain Hong Kong's semiautonomous status for at least three more decades."

-- China slammed Hong Kong judges after they ruled that demonstrators could wear face masks. Gerry Shih, Tiffany Liang and David Crawshaw report: "The central government's Hong Kong affairs office said that Monday's judgment 'blatantly challenged the authority' of China's legislature and of Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam, and created 'severe negative social and political impact.' … The comments poured fuel on one of the central grievances of Hong Kong's protest movement — encroachment by the mainland government on the semiautonomous territory's affairs — and could exacerbate clashes after days of violent standoffs on university campuses. But they reflect the Chinese government's diminishing patience for the unrest, as evidenced by an increasingly harsh line from officials and state media, some of which have urged police to use live ammunition against protesters."

-- About 100 protestors remain holed up at a university surrounded by police in Hong Kong. From the Guardian: "Lam ... said about 600 protesters surrendered to authorities at the Polytechnic University campus in Kowloon overnight, after police allowed two representatives to mediate between the two sides. About 20 activists were evacuated to seek medical help. In her first public remarks since the crisis began more than 36 hours ago, Lam said that 200 of those who surrendered were children and were not arrested. She said however that authorities reserved the right to make further investigations in the future. Lam said the other 400 who left the campus have been arrested. … Groups of protesters have tried to

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escape the tight police cordon around the campus. Late on Monday, dozens were seen abseiling down a footbridge as police fired tear gas, to drivers on motorbikes who whisked them away. Others tried to flee through manhole covers. … Police said they had allowed Red Cross volunteers into the university to ferry out injured protesters but said the rest had no option but to give themselves up."

-- American federal agencies have failed to adequately respond to the threat of Chinese government-funded programs that have recruited scientists and exploited U.S. research to strengthen China's own economy and military. From the Wall Street Journal: "With what are known as 'talent programs,' the Chinese government provides compensation and resources to researchers who at times illicitly transfer intellectual property to China, in some cases setting up shadow labs overseas mirroring their U.S. research, according to the report released Monday by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Participants are routinely told to conceal their participation from U.S. authorities, the report said. … The Chinese government has concentrated recruitment efforts on those born in China but working in the U.S., although it also has recruited some people who are not ethnic Chinese. The report included examples of U.S.-funded scientists who allegedly willfully failed to disclose their participation in China's Thousand Talents Plan, the best-known of more than 200 similar Chinese programs, or engaged in other activities counter to U.S. research values, the report said."

-- North Korean veteran diplomat and Foreign Ministry adviser Kim Kye Gwan said the country is no longer interested in holding talks with the U.S., saying it does not want to "gift the U.S. president with something he can brag about." Anne Gearan

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reports: "Trump has been hoping for a third summit with North Korea, ideally within about three months, to show that his bold effort to befriend and persuade Kim is working. … Talks have been bogged down for months, with North Korea demanding relief from economic sanctions before any meaningful discussion of disarmament. The Trump administration has stuck to its dual approach, retaining sanctions while offering free-flowing, direct leader-to-leader talks that traditional diplomacy would reserve for the very end of a process. Kim Kye Gwan's statement to the Korean-language website of the official Korean Central News Agency [said] … that despite the two leaders' previous meetings, 'there has not been much improvement in relations with the United States.'"

-- The U.S. broke off talks with South Korea over how to share the cost of the two nations' military alliance. Min Joo Kim reports: "Trump has demanded South Korea raise fivefold its contribution to cover the cost of stationing 28,500 U.S. troops in the country, asking for nearly $5 billion, officials on both sides said. But that demand has triggered anger from Korean lawmakers and sparked concerns that Trump may decide to reduce the U.S. troop presence in the Korean Peninsula if talks break down. The top U.S. negotiator, James DeHart, said the U.S. side decided to cut short the negotiations on Tuesday morning, the second of two days of planned talks. In a rare public show of disunity between the allies, he blamed South Korea for making proposals that 'were not responsive to our request for fair and equitable burden sharing.' … Trump insists that South Korea, as a 'very wealthy nation,' needs to pay more. His demand for up to $5 billion would imply South Korea was effectively not only being asked to cover local costs but also the entire wage bill for the U.S. troops."

Jennifer Arouri, the American businesswoman who claims she

-- Jennifer Arcuri, the American businesswomen who claims she once had a "very special relationship" with Boris Johnson, said the U.K. prime minister has fed her "to the wolves" while ghosting her. William Booth and Karla Adam report: "British authorities are looking into accusations that she received undue advantages because of her association with Johnson, including grants and contracts and participation in three trade missions abroad as part of Johnson's entourage. … **Whether there are grounds for a criminal investigation won't be announced until after Britain's Dec. 12 election.** And whether Arcuri's accusations of bad behavior can hurt Johnson and his Conservative Party at the polls is unclear. … **Johnson, 55, is separated from his wife and living with his partner, Carrie Symonds, 31, at the prime minister's official residence at 10 Downing Street.** This arrangement, a first in British history, is barely commented on in the news media. … He remains Britain's most popular politician."

-- As she named herself Bolivia's interim leader, Jeanine Áñez said her "only objective" would be to call for new elections. Yet in the week since she assumed power, the conservative leader has acted like anything but a caretaker as she undoes 14 years of socialist rule under former president Evo Morales. Anthony Faiola and Rachelle Krygier report: "**In just seven days, the U.S.-backed leader has replaced Bolivia's top military brass, cabinet ministers and the heads of major state-owned companies with appointees of her own. Her administration has threatened to arrest 'seditious' lawmakers, and ejected allies of the old government including Venezuelan diplomats and Cuban doctors.** Her new foreign minister announced Bolivia's exit from the Alliance for the Peoples of Our America, a union of socialist nations based in

Caracas. As supporters of Morales took to the streets last week to object, Áñez issued a presidential decree granting security forces immunity from prosecution for 'participating in operations to reestablish internal order.' Within hours, a confrontation between soldiers and Morales supporters near Cochabamba left nine dead."

-- Libya's U.N.-backed government believes that two Russians arrested on spying allegations earlier this year were employed by the Kremlin-friendly Wagner Group, a security firm. Missy Ryan and Sudarsan Raghavan report: "Fathi Bashagha, who serves as interior minister for the Tripoli-based Government of National Accord (GNA), said the Russian nationals were arrested on suspicion of attempting to influence planned municipal elections and gather information on the GNA's military operations against a rival force, which is based in eastern Libya and backed by Russia. Speaking in an interview during a visit to Washington, Bashagha said the men had provided 'confessions' and remained in detention while the GNA attorney general investigates their activities. **The alleged intelligence operation coincides with mounting concern about Russian involvement in a battle for control of Tripoli and the larger schism in the country that has impaired the oil industry** and provided a foothold to Islamist militant groups."

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, shown Saturday, as Trump visited for what officials claimed was a physical exam. (Stefani Reynolds/EPA-EFE/Shutterstock)

DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS THAT SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED:

-- Trump's health is under scrutiny again after an unplanned visit to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Maryland. Toluse Olorunnipa and Amy Gardner report: "In a memo released by the White House late Monday, Trump's doctor, Sean Conley, wrote that Trump's 'interim checkup' over the weekend had been 'routine,' and was only kept secret because of 'scheduling uncertainties.' 'Despite some speculation, the President has not had any chest pain, nor was he evaluated or treated for any urgent or acute issues,' Conley wrote in the memo. 'Specifically, he did not undergo any specialized cardiac or neurologic evaluations.' While Trump claimed that he had begun 'phase one' of his annual physical, Conley said Trump would have a 'more comprehensive examination' next year. Trump described his condition on Twitter as 'very good (great!)'; Conley's memo did not characterize the president's overall health. It did include cholesterol figures that had dropped since Trump's last physical exam in February. It is unusual for a president to undergo a physical exam in multiple stages months apart, and the circumstances surrounding Trump's visit renewed questions about the White House's handling of his medical information, according to several experts. … Two people who interacted with Trump late last week said that he seemed to be hoarse and have signs of a cold but that nothing serious seemed amiss."

- **"Trump's mysterious hospital visit raises many questions. His explanation for it didn't answer any of them,"** writes the Post's Editorial Board.

-- Prosecutors are preparing to file charges against two Bureau of Prisons workers who were supposed to regularly check on millionaire sex offender Jeffrey Epstein the night he hanged himself in his cell. Devlin Barrett and Matt Zapotosky report: "The

two corrections workers, whose names have not been released, fell under suspicion immediately after Epstein was found early on the morning of Aug. 10 in his cell at the Metropolitan Correctional Center, a federal jail used primarily for people awaiting trial. The New York City medical examiner ruled his death a suicide by hanging, although lawyers for the disgraced financier have questioned that conclusion. … The death of the most high-profile defendant in the federal prison system led to a major shake-up at the Bureau of Prisons. Attorney General William P. Barr brought in a former director of the agency to run it again, and replaced the top official at the MCC, saying the preliminary investigation had found 'serious irregularities at the center.'

"Those irregularities include logs indicating that Epstein was checked on regularly, in accordance with MCC procedures. Investigators don't believe those checks happened … Prosecutors have been focused on charges against the officers of falsifying federal records ... In recent weeks, they sought to have the officers plead guilty, though they refused."

-- Emails obtained by CBS News show that San Diego billionaire Doug Manchester was pressed by Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel to donate half a million bucks to the party while his Senate confirmation to become the ambassador to the Bahamas hung in the balance. "Manchester donated $1 million to Mr. Trump's inauguration fund. He was offered the Bahamas post the day after Mr. Trump was sworn in. Manchester said Mr. Trump told him, 'I should probably be the ambassador to the Bahamas and you should be president.' Then, for two and a half years, Manchester's nomination stalled in the Senate. … He wrote back to McDaniel's request for $500,000, 'As you know I am not supposed to do any, but my wife is sending a contribution for $100,000. Assuming I

get voted out of the [Foreign Relations Committee] on Wednesday to the floor we need you to have the majority leader bring it to a majority vote … Once confirmed, I our [sic] family will respond!'"

-- The Trump State Department appointee who inflated her résumé has resigned amid fresh questions about the Trump team's clearly flawed vetting process. Reis Thebault reports: In a letter of resignation to Pompeo, Mina Chang "defended herself and criticized the 'toxic environment' at the agency, where she had served as a deputy assistant secretary in the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations since April. Chang denied creating or commissioning the Time cover and wrote that her resignation should be seen 'as a protest and not as surrender,' closing by saying that stepping down was 'the only acceptable moral and ethical option for me at this time.' … 'The Department of State is experiencing what I and many believe is the worst and most profound moral crisis confronting career professionals and political appointees in the Department's history,' wrote Chang, who had no diplomatic experience before joining the State Department. …Chang, in her rebuttal document, argued that her 'background was fully investigated by the FBI and State Department's Diplomatic Security. No questions were raised or concerns identified during the process.'"

-- In Georgia, Democrats are finding out that turning the state blue is easier to predict than to pull off. Jenna Johnson reports: "Four Gwinnett County Democratic Party leaders gathered on living-room couches to … [address a pressing] priority: In less than a month, Republican state leaders plan to purge the registrations of 330,000 voters who haven't participated in recent elections — roughly 22,000 of whom are registered in Gwinnett County, many of them likely

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Democrats. They spent hours debating how best to find these voters and keep them registered, and organizing phone banks, including one ahead of a Democratic debate watch party Wednesday night. Then came a text message from another county party member who had heard that the state party was organizing a similar effort, as was a nonprofit group. 'We don't have time for this,' Bianca Keaton, the first black woman to lead the Gwinnett County Democrats, said with exasperation. 'We are moving ahead with the plan we made this morning. I don't want them in Gwinnett County.' The exchange was yet another reminder that while Democrats see themselves as poised to take over the state, they are a long way from building the kind of coordinated effort that Georgia Republicans — and Democrats in places like Virginia and elsewhere — have long enjoyed."

-- In Virginia, Democratic lawmakers rushed to file bills as the legislative window opened for next year's General Assembly session, setting out voting rights, gun control, LGBTQ protections and the Equal Rights Amendment as priorities for their newfound majority. Gregory S. Schneider reports: "It was bad timing for Republican leaders, who traveled to Richmond Monday to officially shut down the special legislative session on gun control that they had cut short over the summer. As the state's docket began filling with Democratic proposals, Republican leaders presided over the floor of the Senate and House of Delegates for probably the last time before their rivals take over. … House Democrats chose [Democratic Del. Eileen] Filler-Corn as their speaker-designee, putting her in line to be the chamber's first female leader in its 400-year history. Republicans made no effort Monday to draw attention to proposed legislation, which can be filed until 10 days after the session starts Jan. 8."

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-- Three people were killed during a shooting in a Walmart parking lot in Duncan, Okla. Katie Mettler reports: "The shooting took place just before 10 a.m., reported the Duncan Banner. Officers with the Duncan Police Department responded to the Walmart Supercenter on Highway 81 in Duncan, a city 65 miles southwest of Oklahoma City. A man and woman were found dead inside a car in the parking lot, and another man was found dead outside the car, police said in the statement. It was not immediately clear whether the alleged shooter was among those who died. A handgun was found at the scene, authorities said. The Duncan Banner reported that Red River Technology Center and Duncan Public Schools were put on lockdown."

-- The shooting at a Fresno, Calif., backyard gathering that left four dead was a targeted attack, police said. Derek Hawkins, Katie Shpeherd and Katie Mettler report: "The shooting stunned Southeast Asian Hmong residents in Fresno, which is home to the largest Hmong population in California and the second-largest Hmong population in the United States. … The attackers, armed with semiautomatic pistols, fled on foot before partygoers could make out their faces in the darkness, police said. … Fresno Police Deputy Chief Andrew Hall said the department was mobilizing an 'Asian gang task force' to investigate whether the attack was connected to recent a spike in violent crime in the city by Asian gangs. There was no indication that the residents were involved in gangs, he said, but investigators believe the gunman intentionally targeted the house."

-- About 60 percent of Superfund sites overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency could be hit by climate change, a new Government Accountability Office report found. Dino Grandoni and Brady Dennis report: "GAO investigators said the agency needs to take more aggressive action to acknowledge risks

agency needs to take more aggressive action to acknowledge risks facing some of the nation's most polluted sites — and to safeguard them amid a changing climate. Even as they agreed with the GAO on certain points, Trump administration officials formally rejected a recommendation to clarify how preparing toxic sites to withstand the impacts of climate change is part of the EPA's mission."

-- WeWork could lay off thousands of employees as the company tries to recover from a disastrous attempt to go public. Marie C. Baca reports: "That means WeWork could lose about a third of the 12,500-person head count it had in June, according to a company filing. WeWork Executive Chairman Marcelo Claure told employees that layoffs would begin this week." There are also reports that the New York attorney general is investigating the former chief executive for alleged self-dealing.

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

Democrats on the House Foreign Affairs Committee criticized Pompeo:

A freelance reporter in Hong Kong shared devastating images from the detention of protesters inside one of the city's university campuses:

Pete Buttigieg is surging in Iowa, but a new poll shows that he has literally no support among black voters in South Carolina:

Ken Cuccinelli is now tweeting under his potential DHS title, even though he has not been confirmed for it:

An interview of Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Calif.) went viral for uncomfortable reasons, and a BuzzFeed reporter quickly got to the bottom of it:

The MSNBC show that aired the interview and Swalwell tried to set the record straight:

A Supreme Court justice shared some details about the job:

A World War II veteran in Texas is turning 100:

And a 2020 contender had a bit of "Breaking Bad" fun:

QUOTE OF THE DAY: “I did not feel courageous. I was simply doing my duty as a citizen, providing information to the Senate that I believed would be relevant to the Supreme Court nomination process,” said Christine Blasey Ford of her decision to testify against Supreme

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> Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. “I thought anyone in my position would, of course, do the same thing.”

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

The South Dakota government’s new advertising campaign takes aim at the state’s methamphetamine addiction crisis. The $449,000 ad blitz centers around the slogan: “Meth. We’re On It," Michael Brice-Saddler reports. Many online mocked it and a marketing expert went as far as saying it was a “colossal blunder":

Seth Meyers finds the evidence against Trump to be "overwhelming":

Stephen Colbert can't believe Trump actually went on Twitter and attacked the former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine while she spoke to the House investigators:

Colbert also visited New Zealand and drove around the island with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern:

And Trevor Noah thinks Trump had a pretty bad weekend:

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