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Report lays out suspicions

Long-awaited Mueller document details evidence of obstruction but difficulty in pursuing a case

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Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The long-awaited report from special counsel Robert Mueller details abundant evidence against President Donald Trump — finding 10 episodes of suspicious behavior — but ultimately concluding it was not Mueller's role to determine whether the commander in chief broke the law.

"The evidence we obtained about the President's actions and intent presents difficult issues that would need to be resolved if we were making a traditional prosecutorial judgment," Mueller's team stated in the report submitted to Congress

on Thursday. "At the same time, if we had confidence after a thorough investigation of the facts that the President clearly did not commit obstruction of justice, we would so state. Based on the facts and the applicable legal standards, we are unable to reach that judgment."

Since Mueller ended his investigation last month, a central question facing the Justice Department has been why Mueller's team did not reach a conclusion about whether the president obstructed justice. The issue was complicated, the report said, by two key factors — the fact that, under department practice, a sitting president cannot be charged with a crime,

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Revelations include Russian contacts with Connecticut's Manafort, Hicks

BY **NEIL VIGDOR**

For the first time, the American public is getting insight into the nexus between Russia and two of the key players from Donald Trump's 2016 campaign, Connecticut's Paul Manafort and Hope Hicks.

Both the disgraced former campaign chairman and the trusted communications guru factor prominently into special counsel Robert Mueller's highly anticipated report, which was released to Congress Thursday and posted online by the Justice Department.

Mueller did not find evidence that there

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Sen. Richard Blumenthal holds up a copy of the Mueller report at the Legislative Office Building on Thursday afternoon.



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Highland Park Market in Farmington has reported an increase in business while employees at Stop & Shop have been on strike. A former customer of Stop & Shop, Mine Srinivasan, of Farmington, collects her groceries at the market.

SHOPPING AROUND

As Stop & Shop strike continues, customers flock to competing supermarkets

BY **DON STACOM AND ZACH MURDOCK**

Matt and Jennifer Hadfield found themselves out of their element Wednesday afternoon in the bustling aisles of the Highland Park Market in Farmington.

They haven't been on a full-fledged grocery run since before their daughter, 8-month-old Madalyn, was born — thanks to their subscription to Peapod, an online grocery delivery service. The Hadfields were mystified when they found out their delivery wouldn't come this week due to the ongoing Stop & Shop union strikes.

So they stumbled through the crowds in Farmington flocking to Highland Park Market

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for Easter and Passover supplies, instead of the Stop & Shop only 5 miles away in Unionville, where only about a dozen cars dotted the parking lot.

"We're just taking this crisis one day at a time," Matt Hadfield said sarcastically. "It was the perfect storm of labor gridlock, grocery delivery shortages and a family holiday."

The Hadfields' experience was a common one Wednesday afternoon across at least a

dozen supermarkets throughout Greater Hartford, with Stop & Shops standing largely empty while competitors' locations hummed with the new business.

Easter and Passover are big business for supermarkets. One consulting firm estimates the strike is taking its toll — Stop & Shop could lose 3 percent of sales and 4 percent of its annual profit in the Easter and Passover week, according to the Strategic Resource Group.

Earlier this week, Stop & Shop President Mark McGowan apologized in an email to customers for delayed deliveries and the closed deli, seafood, bakery and customer service

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Hundreds at Yale protest shooting

State police say officer involved in incident was injured

BY **JOSH KOVNER AND NICHOLAS RONDINONE**

NEW HAVEN — The eruption of gunfire and the wounding of a young female passenger by Hamden and Yale officers was again the target of an emotional rally Thursday, this time in the courtyard of Woodbridge Hall at Yale.

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Also on Thursday, state police said that Yale police Officer Terrance Pollock was injured in the Tuesday morning traffic stop.

"Hands up! Don't shoot!" the crowd of 450 chanted at Thursday's protest, led by the amplified voice of community organizer Kerry Ellington.

Ellington said rallies will continue until Pollock and Hamden police Officer Devin Eaton are fired and arrested, though officials would say that is a premature sentiment.

A state investigation entered its third day, with video and ballistic evidence undergoing analysis at the state police crime lab.

Several activists organizations were represented at the rally, which followed a protest Wednesday evening outside Yale President Peter Salovey's brick home on Hillhouse Avenue.

Speakers included Hamden Legislative Council member Justin Farmer, who called for transparency and accountability.

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Delayed investigation

An audit of the state Department of Labor accuses the agency of taking nearly two months to start an investigation into two complaints about threats of workplace violence filed against the same employee and nearly five months to complete that probe. **Connecticut, Page B1**

Jobs lost

Connecticut employers cut 1,300 net jobs in March, leading to negative employment growth in the first three months of 2019, the state Department of Labor reported Thursday. The unemployment rate ticked up one-tenth of a percent, to 3.9 percent. **Connecticut, Page B1**

Bobcat attack

A bobcat jumped on a golfer at Mohegan Sun Golf Club in Baltic Thursday morning, prompting the members of his foursome to beat the animal with their clubs, police said. The cat, which earlier had attacked a horse, managed to escape before being tracked and euthanized. **Connecticut, Page B3**

'Amazing' performance

For a movie of straightforward, self-effacing technique, the Aretha Franklin concert film "Amazing Grace" delivers one of the purest, most concentrated blasts of satisfaction in a long, long time. **Living, Page D1**



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