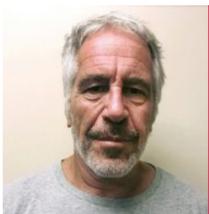




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IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

Diplomat should of seen connection

Volker says Trump compelled Ukraine to investigate Biden

By Colleen Long and Eric Tucker
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » The former special envoy to Ukraine testified Tuesday he should have realized — as many of his colleagues did — that President Donald Trump was

holding up military aid to pressure the country to investigate political rival Joe Biden.

Testifying in the House impeachment inquiry, Kurt Volker said he believes now, thanks to hindsight and the testimony of other witnesses, that Trump was using the aid to compel Ukraine

to investigate Biden and his son Hunter, who was on the board of a Ukrainian gas company, Burisma.

But Volker insisted he did not know of the effort at the time, despite his deep involvement with Ukrainian officials on a statement — never released — that would have committed the country to investigating Burisma and the 2016 U.S. election.

Nor did he make the connection after Rudy Giuliani, Trump's personal lawyer, mentioned alle-

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Ambassador Kurt Volker, left, former special envoy to Ukraine, and Tim Morrison, a former official at the National Security Council.

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MARE ISLAND

Another one bites the dust



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Workers demolish another building on the north end of Mare Island as work continues in preparation for future development.

COMMUNITY

\$6.2 million for new navigation center

By John Glidden
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Vallejo's push to open a navigation center for the city's homeless is receiving significant support as three healthcare companies are providing \$6.2 million to fund the project for the next three years.

City Hall announced this week that Sutter Health, NorthBay Healthcare, and Kaiser Permanente are giving the funding for the construction and operation of the navigation center in South Vallejo, which will house about 125 people at one time and about 500 people per year.

"The center is a longtime dream of mine, and I'm so proud of our community for coming together and finding a way to make this a reality for people who are desperately in need," said Vallejo Mayor Bob Sampayan in a statement released by City Hall. "Sutter, Kaiser Permanente and NorthBay have proven track records of improving the health in this region, so it was no surprise that all three not-for-profit healthcare systems stepped up to help. This is truly a remarkable demonstration of how we can collaborate for the overall good of our community."

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HALLOWEEN SHOOTING

Orinda homicide suspects avoid immediate charges

Vallejo's Devin Isiah Williamson one of five released from jail

By Nate Gartrell

MARTINEZ » The Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office has declined to charge any of the five suspects arrested in connection with the Halloween shooting in an Airbnb-rented Orinda mansion that left five people dead and several more injured.

The suspects had been identified as Lebraun Tyree Wallace, 28, of San Mateo; Jaquez Deshawn Sweeney, 20, of Marin City; Jason D. Iles, 20, of Marin City; Shamron Joshua Mitchell, 30, of Antioch; and Devin Isiah Williamson, 20, of Vallejo. They were arrested last week after authorities served warrants in Marin City, Vallejo, Antioch and San Mateo.

All five people arrested in connection with the shooting are expected to be released from

jail. Sweeney, listed as a jail inmate Monday morning, was no longer in custody by Monday afternoon, according to public records. The other four defendants remain jailed as of 6 p.m. Monday.

A sheriff spokesman said Monday that the district attorney "wants more investigation done," without elaboration. In a statement to the media Monday afternoon, a district attorney spokesman did not explain the decision.

"Today the District Attorney's Office met with members of the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff to review the Orinda Halloween shooting incident. No criminal charges are being filed at this time against any individual," office spokesman Scott Alonso said. "The investigation is ongoing."

Alonso would not comment on whether the defendants had been cleared of criminal wrongdoing and implied the case may

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BAY AREA

PG&E scaling back possible power shutoffs

Utility PG&E has begun scaling back its possible public safety power shutoffs this week just hours after warning that about 303,000 customers could lose power.

On Tuesday morning, PG&E began notifying a total of 171,581 customers that a possible power shutdown could hit on Wednesday

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Police surround protest holdouts at campus

Band of anti-government protesters, numbers diminished by surrenders and failed escape attempts. PAGE A8



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