Trump expands pullback in Syria
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Speaking in a television interview Sunday morning, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said President Donald Trump had ordered a “deliberate with- drawal” of U.S. forces from northern Syria, an even more comprehensive withdrawal than had been previously ordered.

Appearing on CBS’ “Face the Na- tion,” Esper told host Margaret Bren- nan that after discussions with the president, and as Turkish troops con- tinued their assault against Kurdish forces further than originally expect- ed, the decision had been made to withdraw about 1,000 troops, rather than just the 50 who had been previ- ously ordered to withdraw.

“I spoke with the president last night after discussions with the rest of the national security team and he di-

In UKRAINE, TRUTH HARD TO PIN DOWN
Conspiracy theories pushed by Trump thrive in the young democracy battling corruption and distrust

For many Americans, the second Monday in October is a celebration of Italian heritage and Christopher Co- lumbus’ 1492 voyage to the Americas. But a growing number of cities, states and universities are replacing Colum- bus Day with Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

At least eight states, 10 universities and more than 130 cities across 34 states now observe Indigenous Peoples Day as an alternative to the federally recognized Columbus Day, which they say glorifies the maltreatment and coloni- zation of Native Americans.

Although Columbus is often credited as being the “discovery” of the New World, millions of people already inhab- ited the Americas, and the Vikings had reached North America nearly five centu- ries earlier. Columbus made four expedi- tions to the Caribbean and South Amer- icas earlier. Columbus made four expedi- tions to the Caribbean and South Amer- icas earlier. Columbus made four expedi- tions to the Caribbean and South Amer- icas earlier. Columbus made four expedi- tions to the Caribbean and South Amer- icas earlier. Columbus made four expedi- tions to the Caribbean and South Amer- icas earlier. Columbus made four expedi- tions to the Caribbean and South Amer- icas earlier. Columbus made four expedi- tions to the Caribbean and South Amer- icas earlier. Columbus made four expedi- tions to the Caribbean and South Amer- icas earlier. Columbus made four expedi- tions to the Caribbean and South Amer- icas earlier. Columbus made four expedi- tions to the Caribbean and South Amer- icas earlier.

Connections to Burisma

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VOLKANE, Ukraine – In a muddy field 5,000 miles from Washington, D.C., a set of pipes that would stretch several thousand feet underground.

The wells are owned by Burisma, a Ukrainian company registered in Cy- prus – a company no one outside the energy industry would have known a month ago. Now this place is ground zero for a central claim – one with no credible evi- dence – in a scandal that has engulfed the Trump administration in an im- peachment inquiry: that former Vice President Joe Biden forced the Ukrai- nian government to fire a prosecutor in order to protect his son Hunter Biden, who served on Burisma’s board.

Burisma’s gas fields are ringed by woodlands and an assortment of post-
About Ukraine

Ukraine, home to about 45 million people, declared independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. In its early years, the country was ruled by Yeltsin and was a part of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), which was formed after the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

In 2004, Ukraine held its first presidential election, and Viktor Yushchenko, a former business owner, was elected. However, the election was marred by allegations of fraud, and Yushchenko was later removed from power in a coup.

In 2014, the Maidan protests took place in Kyiv, which led to the ouster of President Yanukovych and the annexation of Crimea by Russia. Since then, Ukraine has been in a state of political and economic turmoil.

Ukraine is the center of multiple corruption cases. The two set up meetings for Giuliani to discuss the possibility of a Trump exit from office.


