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RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

Sessions denies lying



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Attorney General Jeff Sessions testified Tuesday before the House Judiciary Committee as a photo was shown of a meeting that Sessions attended during the campaign with George Papadopoulos, in which Papadopoulos is reported to have talked of his meetings with Russians.

Prior omissions stemmed from memory lapses, he testifies

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions denied Tuesday that he deliberately misled Congress about the Trump campaign's contacts with Russia, saying he forgot that two aides had told him about their

SESSIONS as write-in candidate for Senate seat? **6A**
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meetings with Russian government officials during the 2016 race.

In an often-contentious House Judiciary Committee hearing, Sessions sparred for more than five hours with both Democrats, who faulted him for changing his story each time he has testified under oath before Congress, and some Republicans, who pushed him to appoint a sec-

ond special counsel to investigate Hillary Clinton.

Sessions grew visibly angry at times, insisting again and again that he "always told the truth" as he recalled it, even as he confirmed for the first time that

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH

One in 5 kids live in poverty

Report offers sobering numbers for Dallas, Collin, Denton county youths

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One in five children in North Texas live in poverty, with more than 260,000 kids in the area considered food insecure, according to a biennial study released Tuesday from Children's Health and the University of Texas-Dallas.

The 97-page report — "Beyond ABC" — offered a comprehensive look at the well-being of children in Dallas County and its five northern neighbors: Collin, Cooke, Denton, Grayson and Fannin counties.

"The challenges aren't going away," said Timothy Bray, the director of the Institute of Urban Policy Research at UT-Dallas, and one of the authors of the report.

Focused on four indicators — health, economic security, safety and education — the findings were sobering.

Included in the report:
 ■ The rates of uninsured children in Dallas, Cooke, Fannin and Grayson counties were double the national average.

■ Texas ranks last in per-capita funding for mental illness.

■ For single parents earning a poverty wage, early child-care costs could account for nearly half their income.

■ In Fannin County, Child Protective Services caseloads were more than double the state average, with 50.3 cases per caseworker in 2016.

■ North Texas has less than half as many approved foster homes (1,244) as children



TIMOTHY BRAY

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CALIFORNIA

Gunman kills 4 in rural rampage

Shooter targeted random people before being killed by police

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RANCHO TEHAMA RESERVE, Calif. — A neighborhood dispute turned into the nation's latest mass shooting when

a gunman killed four people and wounded 10 others, choosing most of his victims at random in a rampage Tuesday that spread to an elementary school in this rural community 115 miles north of Sacramento, authorities said.

The spree, which ranged over several locations and injured

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Rich Pedroncelli/The Associated Press

Two women embraced outside Rancho Tehama Elementary School, where two students were among the 10 people injured in Tuesday's shooting rampage.

CONGRESS

Shooting altered lives, not views

Targeted lawmakers say incident bolstered their support of gun rights

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WASHINGTON — Austin Rep. Roger Williams awoke to the sounds of gunshots down the hallway of his Washington

apartment building on a recent fall night.

He waited, his heart racing, certain that authorities would soon arrive.

They didn't. It was just a dream.

Five months after a gunman opened fire on a group of House Republicans during

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NATION

GOP adds Obamacare item to tax plan

Senate Republicans want to repeal the requirement that most people have health insurance as part of their proposed overhaul of the tax code. **5A**

WORLD

Britain, Spain allege vote meddling

Britain and Spain allege that Russian hackers meddled in recent elections, sometimes with support of the government, and pledge to take steps to address the problem. **15A**

METRO & STATE

Dallas council OKs pay settlement

The Dallas City Council unanimously approves a \$61.7 million settlement for four of six long-running back pay lawsuits filed by police and firefighters. **1B**

Plan would add security on DART

Riders could expect a "uniformed presence" on every DART train by March if the transit authority approves a new plan. **1B**

Also: A fired prosecutor talks about her Uber experience, apologizes. **1B**

SPORTSDAY

Romo credited for graceful exit

One year ago, Tony Romo made an eloquent concession speech that ensured a smooth hand-off to Dak Prescott as the Cowboys quarterback, David Moore writes. **1C**

BUSINESS

American adding Iceland route

American Airlines is the latest carrier to announce plans to carry passengers from North Texas to Iceland, which has become a popular tourist destination. **1D**

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ELECTIONS

Brits, Spain sound alarm on meddling by Russians

Allegations contrast with Trump's words on Putin's 'sincere' denials

LONDON — In a remarkable one-two punch aimed at Russian hackers, the prime ministers of Britain and Spain have separately accused Russian entities — including some allegedly supported by the state — of meddling in European elections and have vowed to foil them.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said Tuesday that an “avalanche” of bots had spread “fake news” about Spain during Catalonia’s independence referendum last month and that Spanish authorities thought that more than half of the originating accounts were in Russian territory.

And British Prime Minister Theresa May charged Monday night that President Vladimir Putin’s Russia was attempting to “undermine free societies” and “sow discord” in Britain and among its Western allies by “deploying its state-run media organizations to plant fake stories.”

“So I have a very simple message for Russia,” May said. “We know what you are doing. And you will not succeed.”



THERESA MAY



MARIANO RAJOY

The allegations by May and Rajoy stood in contrast to remarks made over the weekend by President Donald Trump, who appeared to defend the Russian president.

“He said he didn’t meddle,” Trump said Saturday, answering reporters’ questions on Air Force One about growing evidence of Russia’s involvement in the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign.

Trump said he believed that Putin was “sincere” in his denials and that the Russian president even felt insulted by the accusation.

Russian officials responded to the statements from London and Madrid by calling them unsubstantiated, hypocritical and in keeping with a “blame Russia first” ethos in the West.

In their remarks, neither Rajoy nor May provided evidence to support their accusations. Both countries have deployed their security services to investigate the alleged ped-

dling of fake news.

Spanish authorities have said Russian users falsely linked images of violence to the controversial referendum and amplified news accounts from state-backed Russian media outlets that stoked separatism.

“What is clear is that there are people who may be interested in things not going well in Europe,” Rajoy said.

May’s condemnation of Russia, in a speech to business leaders at an annual London banquet, reflected her government’s concern that Russia continues to manipulate social media, efforts that “included meddling in elections and hacking the Danish Ministry of Defense and the [German] Bundestag, among many others,” the prime minister said.

Yin Yin Lu of the Oxford Internet Institute told the *Times* of London that 54 accounts on a list of 2,752 linked by Twitter to the Internet Research Agency had tweeted about “Brexit,” Britain’s planned exit from the European Union. The Internet Research Agency is a shadowy cyberspace operation, based in St. Petersburg, that U.S. and some Russian investigators say has ties to the Kremlin.

William Booth, The Washington Post

RUSSIA

Proposals target foreign media

Move in response to U.S. action against RT television station

MOSCOW — Russian lawmakers on Tuesday proposed sweeping legislation that could designate nearly all foreign media in the country as “foreign agents,” a move to retaliate for a similar U.S. requirement aimed at Russia’s state-funded RT television station.

The legislation, in the form of legal amendments that lawmakers are expected to approve Wednesday, represents a significant expansion in a tit-for-tat targeting of foreign media following allegations of Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Under the new measures, the Russian Justice Ministry could require any media organizations

in the country that receive foreign funding, whether from governments or private individuals, to join a registry, issue special disclaimers on articles, and submit financial reports under penalty of fines or a possible ban on operations.

The move comes in response to a U.S. Justice Department requirement that RT, formerly named Russia Today, register as a foreign agent due to its alleged role in interfering in U.S. affairs by pushing the Kremlin’s agenda.

Russian lawmakers and other public officials, including Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, said Tuesday that they were forced to respond with stricter regulations of foreign media in Russia.

“It’s not we who started this, but we can’t just swallow this gross violation of democratic

norms, international law and freedom of speech, and we have to give a mirrored response,” said Valentina Matviyenko, head of Russia’s upper house of parliament, in remarks carried by the Interfax news service.

Russia denies it meddled in the 2016 election, and RT has accused the U.S. Justice Department of impinging on free speech. In a statement, the Justice Department said the U.S. legislation, the Foreign Agent Registration Act (FARA), merely informs the public without inhibiting “freedom of expression.”

Russian President Vladimir Putin, speaking Saturday in Da Nang, Vietnam, promised a “tit-for-tat response” against U.S. media. The version of the bill he saw then “may seem too harsh, but it’s natural,” he said.

Andrew Roth, The Washington Post

Youths face ‘massive’ issues

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needing placement.

■ More than half of third-grade students in the six counties, nearly 30,000, were reading below grade level.

If communities, nonprofit groups and legislators are going to chip away at the challenges, a long-term view with a coordinated and deliberate approach from all parties is needed, said Brent Christopher, the president of the Children’s Medical Center Foundation. Christopher was one of four panelists who spoke on issues highlighted in the report during a symposium Tuesday at the Communities Foundation of Texas.

“We’re talking about issues that are absolutely massive, far larger than any one of our individual organizations can tackle,” he said.

Complex problem

Communities can’t focus on a single issue and expect change, said panelist Michelle Kinder, the executive director of social-

and-emotional learning leader the Momentous Institute.

“In your own home, you don’t think of your child as bifurcated in that way,” Kinder said. “You think of ‘what does my child need to succeed?’ The mental health, health, safety, education — all of that is intertwined and intuitive. I think what happens is people get fearful around really complex, large systems. And they want to go into the arena with [one] thing — almost like ‘I can only focus on one thing, don’t talk to me about something else.’ It’s not a fair fight between a very complex problem and a very simplistic view on how to fix it. It’s never going to work.”

A key reason for compiling the data is to arm people with information to take into a “fact-free environment” and lobby for change, said Matt Moore, Children’s Health vice president for government and community relations. An advisory board of community leaders established a final list of indicators to be included, and Bray’s research staff gathered the most recent and relevant data from the six counties.

“It was really difficult to talk about real problems, real issues that need policy solutions like health care, like education,”

he said. “And a book like ‘Beyond ABC,’ a resource that has facts and figures within it, we can cut through some of that cacophony ... to get the elected folks to actually address things.”

Policy proposals

Also included in the report were two policy recommendations from the advisory board to address each area of focus, ranging from stabilizing federal funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to using housing vouchers to increase the number of mixed-income neighborhoods.

Panelist Mike Koprowski, founder and executive director of Opportunity Dallas, talked at length about using vouchers and other housing policies to redress Dallas’ socioeconomic and racial segregation.

Half of the city contains almost all of the poor children in Dallas, he said, thanks to intentional housing policies.

“When the wealthy live with the wealthy, and the poor live with the poor, it’s going to be a disaster for a city,” Koprowski said.

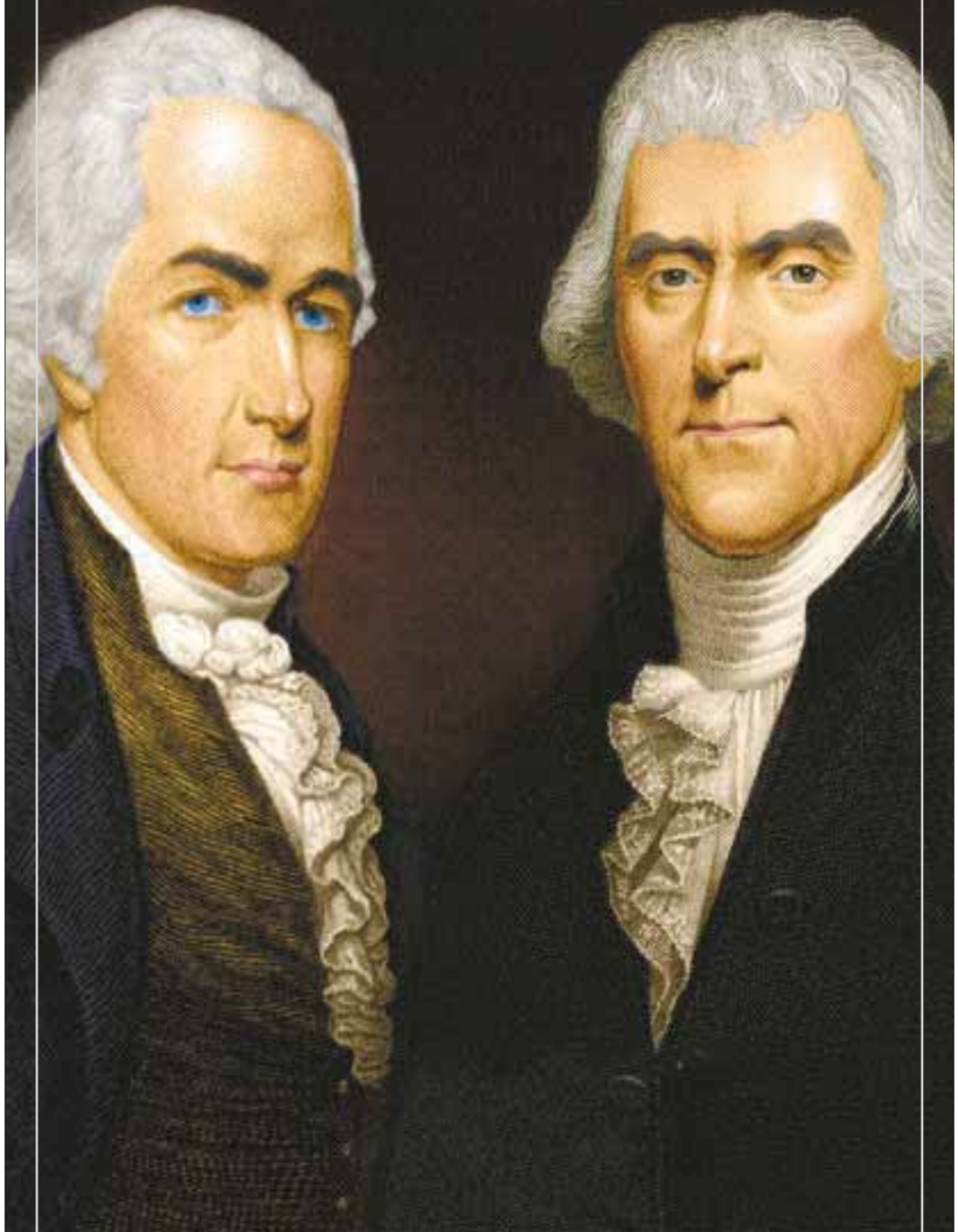
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Jefferson articulated a different vision from Hamilton’s, promoting an agrarian democracy built upon geographic expansion—an “empire of liberty,” he called it. Jefferson fought bitterly against the Federalists and his election as president ushered in the “Revolution of 1800. Professor Masur will discuss it all. Make sure to be in the room where it happens.

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