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'Not one decent cell in his body'

Epstein trashed former friend Trump in emails

Josh Meyer USA TODAY

WASHINGTON - "Dirty." "(Expletive) crazy." "Borderline insane." A Mafia don but with the "great dangerous power" of being America's president

and commander-in-chief.

That's how the late Jeffrey Epstein described his former longtime friend and confidant Donald Trump, according to a trove of the convicted sex offender's texts and emails released Nov. 12 by the House Oversight Committee.

But perhaps the most intriguing thing Epstein said about Trump in the 20,000-plus pages of emails provided by his estate was this:

"I am the one able to take him down." The White House and Trump himself tried to spin the document release and a later one by Republicans - as being a giant nothingburger.

On Nov. 14, Trump said on social media he was asking the Department of Justice to investigate Democrats he says "spent large portions of their life" with the disgraced financier: "Bill Clinton, Larry Summers, Reid Hoffman, J.P. Morgan, Chase, and many other people

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Jonathan Cruz of Santa Barbara Lexus hands a turkey to James Olschlager, U.S. Navy service member, during the Drive Out Hunger event at the Port of Hueneme Nov. 13. Organizers from the port and three area dealerships distributed 450 boxes of Thanksgiving food on a first-come, first-served basis to active-duty military and veterans.

Turkeys, meal kits given to military, vets at port event

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Hundreds of active military personnel, veterans and their families drove through the Port of Hueneme Nov. 13 to get all the fixings for Thanksgiving.

The Drive Out Hunger event provided turkey, pie, string beans, corn, stuffing and mashed potatoes to the guests. They also received a port staple: bananas.

The meal kit giveaway was hosted by the port and sponsored by Lexus of Oxnard, BMW of Camarillo and Lexus of Santa Barbara. Volunteers from the port, the dealerships and Channel Islands High School in Oxnard helped hand out the food.

Alejandra Gibbs receives a turkey and other goods during the Drive Out Hunger event at the Port of Hueneme Nov. 13 PHOTOS BY JUAN CARLO/THE STAR



Evacuation warnings issued in Ventura **County**

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As the storm neared Ventura County, local authorities issued evacuation warnings and advisories, urging residents to stay alert and prepare for possible heavy downpours.

The forecast called for several days of rain in a storm expected to include two peaks. During the first, local areas were expected to see the bulk of the rainfall through Friday morning.

"I think we're going to have periods of rain off and on most of the day," said David Gomberg, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Oxnard, on Nov. 14.

By mid-morning, most local cities had recorded around a half-inch to an inch of rainfall, according to preliminary figures from the Ventura County Watershed Protection District. A spot in Matilija Canyon had received closer to 3 inches. The area above Ojai was one expected to see some of the highest totals.

Rainfall intensities were expected to taper off Friday afternoon, before a second peak hits. Officials called late

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Justice Dept. challenges California's Prop. 50 redistricting

James Ward and Sarah D. Wire

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California's political landscape is bracing for a high-stakes legal battle after the Justice Department announced it will join a lawsuit challenging Proposition 50, the ballot measure that reshaped the state's congressional districts. The move comes just days after voters approved the new boundaries in a special election on Nov. 4.

Why is the Trump Administration suing over Prop. 50?

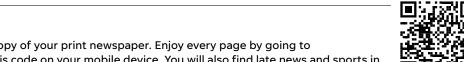
The Trump administration argues California violated the Constitution by using race as a factor in redrawing district lines, allegedly favoring Hispanic voters. In a filing on Nov. 13, federal attorneys asked a judge to block the state from using the new map in future elec-

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