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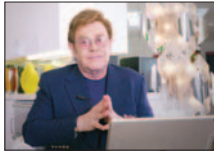
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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

AIR FORCE ACADEMY



2 cadets found dead on campus within 48 hours

By HEATHER BENT
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Two cadets who were due to graduate from the Air Force Academy in May were found dead in their rooms on campus last week.

The first death occurred Thursday, the academy said in a statement released after an on-line briefing for staff and cadets, most of whom left campus just over two weeks ago as the institution stepped up its fight against the coronavirus.

Two days later, officials told the community in another on-line briefing that a second cadet had been found dead in his room at the Colorado Springs, Colo.-based academy, several cadets and an alumnus told Stars and Stripes, asking not to be named because they were not authorized to comment.

The first death was not caused by the coronavirus or foul play, the academy said in a statement, providing no further details about it. No official statement has been released about the second death.

Neither cadet has been identified, but several other cadets and an alumnus said both of the deceased were male "firsties" from squadrons 7 and 8. They would have graduated and been commissioned as second lieutenants in May.

Because both deaths "happened behind closed doors," academy officials "want cadets with the doors open more," said an alumnus with knowledge of the situation.

The only cadets remaining on campus are graduating seniors and those in final-of-their-kind classes, including international students, who couldn't head home when most of the nearly 4,000 cadets at the academy were dismissed in mid-March. The unprecedented move was taken to allow seniors to be assessed in final-of-their-kind classes, where they also take online classes, so they can follow social-distancing guidelines, which are considered

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In Stuttgart, Army says DOD to give virus data

By JOHN VANDIVER
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STUTTGART, Germany — The Pentagon on Sunday ordered the home of U.S. European Command to stop reporting the number of coronavirus infections within its military community in a move that could reverberate across all U.S. forces.

The Army in Stuttgart said it can no longer release the number of coronavirus cases based on a Defense Department directive that cited operational security concerns.

"DOD will release numbers through their official platforms," the Army in Stuttgart said in a statement.

The decision comes amid a spike in infec-

tions within the military and concerns that the combat readiness of the force could be put at risk by the fast-moving virus.

Such concerns came into focus last week when the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier was forced to pull into port in Guam because of a coronavirus outbreak among its sailors.

In Stuttgart, home to EUCOM and U.S. Africa Command headquarters, 80 infections were reported as of Sunday morning, by far the most of any American military base overseas. In all, there are at least 125 coronavirus infections within the military in Germany alone, based on a Stars and Stripes tally of infections.

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A woman wearing a face mask walks by graffiti painted on the shutter of a closed restaurant in Athens on Monday during a lockdown order by the Greek government to control the spread of the coronavirus.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Companies having to resort to virtual layoffs

Associated Press

How do you tell employees on a live Zoom meeting because everyone is working from home during the pandemic.

Some companies have taken to video conference platform Zoom to bear bad news remotely. Electric scooter rental startup Bird recently announced on a web-based call that it was cutting 30% of its staff.

Bird CEO Travis VanderZanden said the company notified employees on a live Zoom meeting because everyone is working from home during the pandemic.

“Video was turned off which we thought was more humane,” he tweeted Friday after the firm’s layoff-by-videoconference approach drew considerable backlash on social media.

Instead of seeing fellow employees’ reaction to the bad news, there was a slide presentation explaining the decision, the com-

pany said. But “in retrospect,” VanderZanden added, the company should have first made one-on-one calls to the hundreds of affected workers.

Bird, a dockless electric scooter sharing company, was founded in September 2017, and is based in Santa Monica, Calif. Bird operates in over 100 cities in Europe, the Middle East, and North America.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates			
Euro costs (March 31)	\$1.08	Switzerland (Franc)	0.9534
Dollar buys (March 31)	60.8803	Thailand (Baht)	6.255
British pound (March 31)	\$1.21	Turkey (Lira)	6.4402
Japanese yen (March 31)	106.00	<small>(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)</small>	
South Korean won (March 31)	1,193.00		
Commercial rates			
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3768		
British pound	\$1.2479		
Canada (Dollar)	1.3947		
China (Yuan)	7.0964		
Denmark (Krone)	6.7117		
Egypt (Pound)	15.7516		
Euro	\$1.1117/0.8995		
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7525		
Hungary (Forint)	320.00		
Israel (Shekel)	3.5644		
Japan (Yen)	107.76		
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3133		
Norway (Krone)	10.4060		
Philippines (Peso)	51.15		
Poland (Zloty)	4.08		
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7562		
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4266		
South Korea (Won)	1,215.41		

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Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.25
Federal funds market rate	1.10
3-month bill	0.00
30-year bond	1.33

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TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



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North Korea has 'dropped interest' in US nuke talks

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SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea warned on Monday it has lost interest in nuclear talks with the United States, a day after the communist state test-fired what it called "super-large" multiple rocket launchers.

The challenges came as the North has stepped up military activity in recent weeks in what experts say is a bid by the regime to tighten its grip on power amid the coronavirus pandemic and to try to raise the price in negotiations.

The North accused Secretary of State Mike Pompeo of "slandering" remarks last week in which he urged the international community to remain united in coaxing the North back to the negotiating table and in continuing to apply pressure on its nuclear and missile programs.

State-run media said Pompeo was going against the will of President Donald Trump, who professes a good relationship with North Korea leader Kim Jong Un and sent a letter earlier this month offering help in fighting the coronavirus.

"This makes us misjudge who is the real chief executive in the U.S.," according to the statement attributed to a new foreign ministry official in charge of negotiations with Washington.

"The reckless remarks made by Pompeo seriously impaired the signboard of dialogue put up by the U.S. president as a decoy to buy time and create the environment favorable for himself," KCNA reported, adding the North had "dropped the interest in dialogue with further conviction."

"If the U.S. bothers us, it will be hurt," KCNA added, without elaborating.

North Korea has expressed increasing frustration since talks stalled after Trump and Kim failed to reach an agreement during their second summit in February 2019 in Vietnam.

Kim said in a New Year's message that his country was no longer bound by a self-imposed moratorium on nuclear and missile testing.

He also promised that the North would unveil a "new strategic weapons" soon, raising fears it would launch an intercontinental ballistic missile that Trump

has signaled would be a red line.

KCNA reported earlier Monday that the North had successfully test-fired "super-large" multiple rocket launchers on Sunday in a step toward operational deployment.

South Korea's military said Sunday that two short-range ballistic missiles had been fired by the North, flying more than 140 miles, with a maximum altitude of nearly 20 miles before splashing into the sea off the eastern coast.

It was the fourth such launch this month as the communist state presses forward with efforts to develop its weapons program despite coronavirus concerns.

But unlike the other three, Sunday's test was overseen by defense and munitions officials, not Kim Jong Un.

The test by the North's Academy of Defense Science was "to verify once again the tactical and technological specifications of the launch system," which is to be delivered to army units, KCNA said, adding it had been "conducted successfully."

North Korea, which largely sealed its borders and quaran-



KOREAN CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY, KOREA NEWS SERVICE/AP

A military exercise at an undisclosed location in North Korea on Sunday.

ined thousands of people after the virus first appeared in China late last year, claims it has had no coronavirus cases.

U.S. and South Korean officials have expressed skepticism considering the North's shared border with China and poor health infrastructure.

"North Korea can't help but have COVID-19 cases, but it's hiding them by acting as if has no problem domestically," said Moon Keun Sik of the Korea Defense

and Security Forum. "These are its camouflage tactics."

Moon also noted that Trump has not responded to the recent military activity, including artillery drills.

"Washington has had an indifferent reaction to Pyongyang's launches, and Seoul is lukewarm to them too, so I believe the effect of Kim's appearances has diminished," he said.

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Suit says firm billed DOD for ads never aired in Afghanistan

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An information operations contractor billed the Pentagon millions of dollars for pro-U.S. television and radio ads that never aired in Afghanistan, a whistleblower complaint filed by the firm's former president alleges in a recently unsealed lawsuit.

The Leonie Group, also known as Leonie Industries, served as the Pentagon's top propaganda producer in Afghanistan from 2008 to 2015, with the firm receiving a \$20 million contract to produce TV, radio and billboard ads, the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit, first filed in July 2017, alleges Leonie knew it had no way to verify its work was ever seen by the Afghan people.

Once the company started to monitor its programs at the urging of the U.S. military

in 2014, it found less than 75% of its TV ads and 45% of its radio ads aired, court documents said.

The company's vice president, Charles Owens, said in an email he could not comment on the pending litigation.

The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia by Scott Kreller, Leonie's former president.

Kreller alleges he was fired in February 2017 after he refused to submit a final psychological operations invoice to the U.S. military for \$4.5 million, most of which double-billed to the government.

Kreller, who worked for the company as its global operations director from 2011 until he was made president in 2016, said he was pressured for several months to submit the claim.

Kreller's complaint falls under the False Claims Act, which allows private citizens

to file suit on behalf of the government.

The government in February chose to not join the suit, a court filing said. The government intervenes in fewer than 25% of cases, a 2012 Justice Department memo said.

Federal backing adds the Justice Department's resources to the case but also adds restrictions to lawyers for the whistleblower.

Kreller's lawyer, Brendan J. Klapproth, said Friday that they intend to continue pursuing the case.

Founded in 2004, Leonie's website says it specializes in strategic communications, information systems support, intelligence and operations research.

The military has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on psychological operations in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. These efforts have aimed to convince Iraqis and

Afghans to back the U.S. and coalition missions.

The contracts given out during the surge of U.S. troops to Afghanistan from 2009 to 2012 were rife with abuse, said Thomas Johnson, who could not comment on the specifics of the Leonie case, but who worked on propaganda efforts in Afghanistan after 9/11 and was based in Kandahar as a counterinsurgency adviser to U.S. forces.

"I'm not at all surprised at this lawsuit," said Johnson, now a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School. "We gave out millions of dollars in many different areas, including information operations, where we just didn't have any oversight," he said.

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Japan's smoking ban inside restaurants, bars takes effect this week

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TOKYO — People who no longer be allowed to smoke in most restaurants and bars in Japan starting Wednesday, according to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

The ban, which includes heated tobacco like cigarettes and cigars but not e-cigarettes, protects people "who want to avoid getting exposed to secondhand tobacco

smoke," according to a health ministry document explaining the law.

It's part of a revised Health Promotion Law passed in 2018. It applies to all restaurants and bars across Japan but exempts establishments that sell tobacco, such as cigar bars, and some small bars and restaurants that meet conditions set by the law.

Exempted establishments are required to put up signs at the entrance to indicate that smoking is

allowed.

Businesses can also set up a designated smoking room, where eating and drinking are not allowed, or a separate room where smoking heated tobacco only is allowed while eating and drinking, the ministry's website said.

Staff members 19 years old or younger are not allowed to serve in smoking areas, said Okinawa prefectural government spokeswoman Naoko Nagahama.

Business owners and smokers

could both face fines for violating the law. Smokers at nonsmoking restaurants are first warned by the restaurants, but if they keep violating the law they could face fines of up to \$2,780, she said.

Local governments will issue warnings to businesses that fail to comply with the new regulations. After several warnings, they could face fines up to \$4,600, Nagahama said.

Tokyo will implement a tougher smoking ban at city establish-

ments starting Wednesday. The city added conditions to the transitional measure set in the health promotion law, said Tomoyuki Miyakawa, the city's health promotion division official.

For example, restaurants and bars in Tokyo are exempt only if they are run by the owner or the owner and his or her family, he said.

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WAR/MILITARY

Syrian forces: ISIS detainees found after riot

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A Syrian militia group said no alleged Islamic State prisoners had escaped, contrary to initial reports, after the group quelled a prison uprising with the help of aircraft from U.S.-led coalition forces.

The U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, which operate the prison in the northeastern Syrian town of Hassakeh, sent counterterrorism forces and reinforcements to put down the riot and secure the facility late Sunday, said Kino Gabriel, a spokesman for the Kurdish-led militia group.

"ISIS terrorists managed to sabotage and remove the internal doors of the cells, create holes in the dormitory walls, and control the ground floor of the prison," Gabriel said in a statement Monday. "We confirm that there are no escape incidents of the detainees, and that the situation in the detention center is completely under control."

Earlier, SDF members searched for prisoners thought to have escaped, said Mustafa Balli, another spokesman for the group, in a Twitter post shortly after the riots began.

Four prisoners were caught at the facility's perimeter with the help of surveillance aircraft from the U.S.-led coalition, the London-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported, citing sources on the ground.

Overnight, there was "heavy overflight" of coalition warplanes, reported the Rojava Information Center, a Syria-based collective of researchers and journalists. On Monday afternoon, the coalition was "back to normal ops," Army Col. Myles B. Caggins III, the anti-ISIS coalition's military spokesman, told Stars and Stripes in a text message.

The attempted prison break started after inmates held up blankets with messages to the U.S.-led coalition and human rights organizations scrawled on them, Rojava said on Twitter, citing an official statement. Counterterrorism forces stormed the building Monday after waiting until daybreak, the center later reported.

The fact that the rioters were messages to human rights organizations suggested the unrest may have been linked to concerns over prison conditions and fears of the coronavirus pandemic, the center said. The prison is located in an area where Turkish-backed militias are accused of cutting off the water supply to more than 450,000 people for more than a week.

The coalition does not staff the prisons in northeast Syria, which have struggled to detain the roughly 10,000 ISIS-linked captives. The SDF does not have the capacity to investigate them and give them trials, and European countries have been reluctant to take back their share of the roughly 2,000 foreign recruits held in the facilities.

Camps in the region also hold tens of thousands of women and children who lived under the terrorist group's "caliphate," which lost its final territorial stronghold a little more than a year ago in the town of Baghouz.

As Turkey invaded northern Syria last fall and President Donald Trump ordered the withdrawal of U.S. forces from the border region, the Kurds warned that they would not have the capacity to both defend themselves and secure the prisons. Prison guards left their posts to fight on the front lines in October, and more than 100 prisoners with alleged ISIS ties reportedly escaped.

"The longer ISIS prisoners are held in SDF prisons, the greater the potential for them to organize breakouts," the Lead Inspector General for Operation Inherent Resolve said in a January report, citing Pentagon officials.

ISIS leaders have repeatedly called on its supporters to attack the detention camps and free the prisoners. The group's ranks have been filled by fighters freed in prison breaks stretching back more than a half-decade, the Washington Post reported.

The U.S.-backed Kurdish militia's suppression of Sunday night's riots "confirm the ability of the SDF to secure ISIS terrorists," Gabriel said, but he called for more support from the international community "in order to provide maximum protection to detention centers and camps that contain ISIS terrorists and their family members."

Despite losing its territorial control, the group continues to fight an insurgency in both Iraq and Syria.

The attempted prison break Sunday came as the coalition pulled out of a third Iraqi base in a month. Officials have cited success against the terrorist group for enabling the withdrawal.

On Monday, the coalition handed over its compound at a fourth base, the Nineveh Operations Command in Mosul, the Iraqi military said online. The city, formerly ISIS's Iraqi capital, was liberated from the terrorists in the summer of 2017.

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Babies born 10 weeks premature are transferred to a C-17 Globemaster III during a medical evacuation at Osan Air Base, South Korea, on Monday.

US soldiers with premature twins medically evacuated from S. Korea

By MATTHEW KEELER
Stars and Stripes

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — A dual military family living at the epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak in South Korea has been medically evacuated to the United States after their twin boys were born 10 weeks premature.

Newlyweds Spc. Cody McFall, 21, and Pfc. Cheyenne Evans, 20, both military police with the 188th Military Police Company at Camp Walker, along with their sons Parker and Laine, flew out of Osan Air Base on Monday afternoon. A C-17 Globemaster III equipped with a neonatal intensive care unit is getting them to Maryland's Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, where the boys will receive care hard to come by in Korea.

The twins each weighed less than 2½ pounds when they were born last month at Daegu's Yeungnam University Medical Center, McFall said.

South Korea had relatively few coronavirus cases until an outbreak that began in mid-February in Daegu, a city of 2.5 million about 150 miles southeast of Seoul. Nearly 70% of the country's 9,661 cases so far have been in the city that surrounds Camp Walker.

"At first we had regular visitation hours, but once [the corona-

virus] hit Daegu, the NICUs went on lockdown," McFall said. "We only got to see them maybe seven times since they were born February 17th. A month and a half almost and we barely got to see them — definitely couldn't touch them."

While Camp Humphreys' new \$275 million Brian D. Allgood Army Community Hospital does have a labor and delivery floor and can handle full-term newborns, it doesn't have a NICU, said Col. Joseph Hudak, deputy commander for clinical services at the hospital.

"These infants are going to need seven or eight different pediatric subspecialties, none of which we have," he said Monday. "They are available in Korea, but they are more challenging to coordinate."

Before the family members could be flown to Walter Reed, the military had to ensure that none had been infected with the new coronavirus, formally known as COVID-19.

"These infants have been in the ICU since they were born so their exposure to COVID-19 is essentially zero," Hudak said. "As far as the parents, they have been in quarantine for about three weeks and we have also tested them and their infants to make sure that they do not have COVID-19. We finished that test over the week-

end before this mission was given its final green light."

The Air Force's 18th Aeronautical Evacuation Squadron out of Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, and Hawaii's Air National Guard 154th Wing from Hickam Air Force Base lifted off for the approximately 18-hour trip to Joint Base Andrews, Md.

"The capabilities of that NICU on the aircraft are exactly the same as any NICU in the States that is in a fixed facility," said Maj. Phillip Strawbridge, chief of medical staff for Osan's 51st Medical Group. "We just put it in the air in the back of a C-17."

"The C-17 is a robust platform for moving air medical evacuations, especially for critically ill people," Strawbridge added. "It has the power built in, it's got oxygen and medical gas built in, so we don't have to bring a lot of equipment on there."

Evans said she and her husband — who were compassionately reassigned to the military police detachment at Fort Meade, 25 miles from Walter Reed — will be monitored twice a day for coronavirus symptoms and will be required to wear face masks and sanitized scrubs inside Walter Reed's NICU.

"We can see the boys as much as we want to now," McFall said. "That's a blessing to me."

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Cadets: Amid virus concerns, USAF Academy worries isolation is causing negative effects

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key in stopping the spread of the coronavirus.

No positive cases had been reported at the academy when the lower classes were dismissed, but since then, two of the seniors who stayed behind had been diagnosed with the virus, academy leadership said Friday.

In addition to being isolated in their rooms, seniors are barred from leaving the campus and several academy traditions have been stripped away, both by the need to adapt to life with the virus and because of leadership changes.

"We are fighting two adversaries, mental resiliency and COVID-19," one of the seniors said in a

blog post, using the acronym for the coronavirus disease.

The seniors who remain at the academy are "being asked to adopt a deployment-like intensity with our school work and personal development during what was supposed to be the most enjoyable and exciting time of our cadet careers," he wrote.

But, he added, "Beyond any grieving, beyond any 'bad day', beyond any sort of excuse there might be to want to give up and go home, that just isn't an option for our class ... we must do whatever it takes to hit that finish line because our Air Force needs us."

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VIRUS OUTBREAK

Special pay issued for some isolated troops

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Service members could receive extra money for hardships caused by coronavirus quarantines, self-isolation or restricted movement, under new Defense Department pay guidance.

The guidance, which was issued last week, also clarifies benefits for troops and families affected by a Pentagon stop-movement order that halted temporary duty and permanent change of station travel.

Commanders have “broad authority to exercise sound judgment in all cases,” the guidance states, but it strongly encourages them to consider authorizing telework. If traditional remote work isn’t possible, it says, commanders still may assign troops to their homes or temporary lodging as alternate duty locations.

A new category of special pay, known as Hardship Duty Pay-Re-



JORDAN HUMPHRIES/U.S. Army

A soldier relaxes in his room at the Hohenfels Training Area, Germany. Under new hardship duty pay, troops who are required to self-isolate but can't do so at home or in government-provided quarters, could receive \$100 a day for up to 15 days each month.

striction of Movement, or HDP-ROM, would provide service members \$100 a day for up to 15 days each month if they are ordered to self-isolate at their per-

manent duty station, but can't do so at their own homes or in government-provided quarters such as barracks or contracted hotels. It's meant to alleviate the hard-

ship for troops who incur out-of-pocket expenses for their temporary lodging, which wouldn't otherwise be reimbursed or defrayed. Troops returning to their home station after a deployment, but who are ordered to self-isolate away from government-funded housing or lodging, could also be eligible.

The benefit is taxable and a service member would be allowed to keep any excess if the pay exceeds their actual expenses. But they would not be reimbursed for the difference if the lodging cost exceeds the \$1,500 a month maximum.

Service members receiving Basic Allowance for Housing or Overseas Housing Allowance, but who are ordered into self-isolation in government-funded lodging elsewhere will continue to receive housing allowance benefits at their normal rates, the guidance states.

Under the guidance, troops who

are separated from their families during a military move may receive Family Separation Housing Allowance, authorizing two payments to cover the cost of housing at two locations. Troops may also qualify for a monthly \$250 Family Separation Allowance in such cases, or in circumstances where the travel suspensions keep them apart.

If service members and families are required to self-isolate or quarantine after arriving at a new duty station, a special category of per diem, or a combination of per diem and temporary lodging pay, may be authorized, depending on the circumstances.

The authorities and flexibility outlined in the document are intended “to promote, rather than to restrict, positive solutions” to support troops and families as the situation evolves.

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Longtime German employee 1st known death in US Army Europe

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A longtime German employee of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command died of complications related to the coronavirus over the weekend, the command said Monday, marking the first publicly announced death from the virus in U.S. Army Europe.

The man worked at Rhine Ordnance Barracks in Kaiserslautern and spent more than 30 years with Theater Logistics Support Center Europe, 21st TSC officials said Monday.

His age was not provided by the command. The man's positive results came Friday after he was tested for the virus two days earlier, the 21st TSC statement said. He died Saturday at the Westfalz Klinikum, a hospital in Kaiserslautern.

“Our hearts are heavy today losing one of our own,” Helmut Haufe, the support center's general manager, said in a statement. “While he dedicated more than 30 years of his life in service to the U.S. Government, he was so much more — a husband and friend to many in the community. We mourn that we will no longer be able to share in his spirit for life.”

The employee last worked March 20. The Army is working to determine whom the employee had recent contact with and taking measures to ensure they are isolated to prevent further spread of the virus, the 21st TSC

statement said.

The virus takes on average of five to six days, and as many as 14 days, to cause symptoms after infection, according to the World Health Organization.

“This is truly a tragic loss and our condolences go out to the family, friends, and co-workers of our employee,” Maj. Gen. Chris Mohan, the 21st TSC commander, said in a statement. “The 21st TSC and U.S. Army Europe remain committed to protecting our service members, their families, and our civilian co-workers.”

It's unknown how many U.S. military personnel in Europe, including local national employees, have confirmed cases of the virus. Most bases and commands had been reporting positive cases through the weekend until the Pentagon ordered military units to stop reporting numbers of confirmed infections.

The Defense Department “stated fairly clearly that for operational security purposes, we're not going to provide specific information to installations” about numbers of positive cases, 86th Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Ernesto Rendon said Monday.

Base leaders at Ramstein said Monday that their numbers would continue to be reflected in the totals included in the broader Kaiserslautern community, as reported by Germany.

As of Sunday evening, 115 people in the Kaiserslautern area were confirmed to be



MARCUS KLOECKNER/Stars and Stripes

A German employee who works in Kaiserslautern died at the Westfalz Klinikum on Saturday from COVID-19, the command announced Monday.

infected with the virus — 54 in the city and 61 in the surrounding county, local German officials said.

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Virus: DOD to provide count of cases

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Meanwhile, the military in Japan also has begun to record coronavirus infections. After about a half dozen cases emerged since Thursday, commanders ordered troops on the island to shelter in place.

In South Korea, similar measures have been taken. The situation was serious enough that Gen. Robert Abrams, the top commander on the divided Korean Peninsula, said he was willing to impose strict new health measures that could jeopardize military readiness.

“This morning we went to barebones minimum, watch teams only in the headquarters, everybody basically shelter in place, only go out for the essentials,” Abrams said Friday.

Col. Jason Condry, garrison commander in Stuttgart, advised his military community of 28,000 Americans that he no longer would be providing updates on infection numbers, which is something the garrison has done regularly since cases began to emerge.

“I can't do that any longer,” Condry said in a Facebook posting Sunday night.

Since cases surged in Stuttgart, the military has taken a range of measures to curtail the virus' spread. In addition to closing numerous services, the garrison ramped up testing with a drive-thru site and a brief effort to sample community members without symptoms.

“The virus is likely everywhere,” Condry said Sunday.

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Navy to send nearly 450 medical personnel to Texas, La.

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WASHINGTON — About 450 Navy medical personnel are heading to Texas and Louisiana to assist with state efforts to combat the coronavirus outbreak, U.S. Northern Command announced Monday.

The sailors are from a medical unit out of Jacksonville, Fla., and

are heading to the Dallas-Fort Worth area and New Orleans, said Air Force Maj. Mark Lazane, a spokesman for NORTHCOM. They have been put on “prepare to deploy” orders and are expected to leave in a few days, according to a NORTHCOM statement.

The personnel could move to other places as needed, Lazane said.

New Orleans has 1,350 con-

firmed cases of the coronavirus and 73 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins University. Dallas has 488 confirmed cases and 10 deaths from the virus and Tarrant County, which includes Fort Worth, has 139 cases and one death.

On Monday, the Navy's USNS Comfort hospital ship arrived in New York Harbor to help local hospitals overwhelmed by the

worst coronavirus outbreak in the country. The Navy medical staff aboard will be caring for non-coronavirus patients who are referred to the ship by local hospitals. The other Navy hospital ship, the USNS Mercy, arrived in Los Angeles on Friday and has started to accept patients.

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VIRUS OUTBREAK

Navy hospital ship arrives to assist NYC

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NEW YORK — A Navy hospital ship with 1,000 beds arrived Monday in New York City as officials pressed for more federal help. Mayor Bill de Blasio said President Donald Trump's suggestion that thousands of medical masks are disappearing from New York City hospitals is "insulting" to front-line medical workers.

The USNS Comfort arrived Monday morning in New York City to help relieve the coronavirus crisis gripping the city's hospitals.

The Comfort, which was sent to New York City after 9/11, will be used to treat non-coronavirus patients while hospitals treat people with COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the hospital ship will relieve stress on city hospitals as the massive vessel pulled into a cruise ship terminal off Manhattan. In addition to the 1,000 beds, the Comfort has 12 operating rooms that could be up and running within 24 hours.

The ship's arrival comes as New York state's death toll from the coronavirus outbreak climbed Sunday above 1,000, less than a month after the first known infection in the state.

Most of those deaths have occurred in just the past few days.

New York City, the epicenter of the U.S. outbreak, reported Sunday that its toll had risen to 776.

The total number of statewide deaths isn't



SETH WENG/AP

The Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort docks in New York on Monday. The ship has 1,000 beds and 12 operating rooms that could be up and running within 24 hours of its arrival.

expected to be released until Monday, but with at least 250 additional deaths recorded outside the city as of Sunday morning, the state's total fatalities was at least 1,026.

De Blasio and others criticized Trump for suggesting with no clear evidence that thousands of medical masks are disappearing from New York City hospitals.

At a Sunday briefing, the president told reporters they should be asking, "Where are the masks going? Are they going out the back door?"

Those remarks are "insulting" to hospital workers on the front lines of the city's coronavirus crisis, de Blasio said Monday.

"It's incredibly insensitive to people right now who are giving their all," he said. "I don't know what the president is talking about."

Hospitals had warned staff early on during the outbreak to not take masks home with them, but no evidence has emerged of large-scale looting of supplies.

Kenneth Roske, president of the Greater New York Hospital Association, said in a statement that the workers "deserve better than their president suggesting that protective equipment is 'going out the back door' of New York hospitals."

VA opens New York beds to non-vets

By NIKKI WENTLING
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WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs started its mission over the weekend to serve as backup for the American medical system by opening beds in New York City to non-veteran patients.

The VA opened 50 beds in Manhattan and Brooklyn at hospitals run by the VA New York Harbor Healthcare System. It freed 35 beds in acute care and 15 in an intensive care for patients who aren't infected with the coronavirus in order for community hospitals to open space for coronavirus patients.

Five non-veterans transferred into VA facilities Sunday, the department said.

The department determined opening beds to non-veterans would not negatively affect veteran care.

VA is proud to assist the City of New York while continuing its primary mission of caring for our nation's veterans," VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said in a statement.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency asked the VA for help after the state of New York requested federal assistance. The state has experienced explosive growth in its coronavirus cases, reaching about 59,000 Monday and nearly 1,000 deaths.

The VA New York Harbor Healthcare System was treating 45 veterans with coronavirus as of Sunday, and 14 of them had been admitted to the hospital. Nationwide, the VA was treating 778 veterans who had contracted the virus, and 16 had died.

Lawmakers pledged with the VA for weeks to begin its "fourth mission" — to support civilian hospitals and provide emergency medical care to all Americans in times of crises. Wilkie vowed to start that mission when called on by President Donald Trump or the Department of Health and Human Services.

Rep. Max Rose, D-N.Y., praised Wilkie's decision to step in. Rose, a combat veteran who represents all of Staten Island and parts of southern Brooklyn, had urged the agency for help.

"We drastically need to increase capacity at our hospitals, and utilizing VA facilities in that effort makes sense and is the right thing to do," Rose said.

Despite concerns from some lawmakers and advocates, Wilkie has repeatedly insisted the department has an adequate supply of equipment, beds and personal protective equipment to handle a surge of coronavirus patients, even if called on to treat non-veterans.

Report: 2 sailors aboard Reagan tested positive

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A major U.S. news broadcaster reported over the weekend that two sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan tested positive for coronavirus.

It was unclear Monday whether those cases, which were reported by Fox News on Saturday citing unnamed U.S. officials, are among three Yokosuka sailors confirmed positive Thursday and Friday.

When asked Thursday whether the first sailor to test positive was assigned to the Ronald Reagan, U.S. Forces Japan officials declined to comment.

The Navy — which previously identified some installations and ships that experienced coronavirus cases — pivoted on Friday to revealing servicewide case numbers only. The change follows a policy "not to disclose specific operational or readiness details of units," according to emails Friday from Lt. Cmdr. David Levy of Naval Forces Japan and Lt. J.g. Rachel McMarr of Pacific Fleet.

The Navy will no longer provide details that include "specific positive cases, numbers of Sailors in quarantine, or how many Sailors have been tested onboard specific installations," Levy wrote.

Instead, the Navy is totaling



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Fox News reported Saturday that two sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, seen here at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, on Monday, tested positive for coronavirus.

up the numbers of sailors, dependents and contractors testing positive worldwide and publishing them daily on its website. As of Sunday, the service reported 134 sailors, 31 civilians, 23 dependents and 12 contractors had tested positive.

Despite the policy, Yokosuka officials announced two of its three positive cases on Friday evening, though they declined to name the ships or units to which the patients are assigned.

The Yokosuka base entered a third day of lockdown Monday to

mitigate spread of the virus following the three positive test results announced last week. Base commander Capt. Rich Jarrett instructed non-essential personnel to stay home and instructed residents to shelter in place "until further notice."

One of those cases originated in the United States, where that sailor is believed to have contracted the virus before returning to Japan on March 15. The sailor then started the 14 days of restricted movement required for all service members returning

from overseas during the pandemic, but developed symptoms around day 10, USFJ officials told Stars and Stripes on Thursday.

At Yokosuka, some sailors underwent that observation period in their homes. But for those who live aboard the Ronald Reagan, those 14 days were served in "a designated observation berthing" on the carrier, according to a March 14 internal note obtained by Stars and Stripes.

"Medical personnel will conduct daily medical screenings in person for personnel executing their observation period on board the Reagan," Capt. Pat Hannifin, the carrier's commander, wrote in the note.

The goal was to "preserve our personnel readiness," according to the notice.

"Our focus remains putting to sea on time, with no degradations to warfighting readiness or redundancy," Hannifin wrote. "Your health and personnel readiness is a crucial component to Reagan's ability to sail any waters and meet any challenge at sea."

Navy officials did not immediately respond Monday to questions about whether the Ronald Reagan is still restricting sailors undergoing observation to shipboard quarters.

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Above: Congregants exit after services at the Life Tabernacle Church in Central, La., on Sunday. Pastor Tony Spell has defied a shelter-in-place order by Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards, due to the coronavirus pandemic, and continues to hold church services with hundreds of congregants. Below: Lance Knippers protests outside as congregants arrive for services.

Hundreds at Louisiana church flout COVID-19 gatherings ban

BY STACEY PLAISANCE
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CENTRAL, La. — Hundreds of worshippers attended services at a Louisiana church Sunday, flouting a ban on large gatherings, angering neighbors and seemingly turning a deaf ear to their governor, who once again warned that hospitals could soon be overwhelmed with new cases of the coronavirus.

An estimated 500 people of all ages filed inside the mustard-yellow and beige Life Tabernacle church in Central, a city of nearly 29,000 outside Baton Rouge.

Assistant ministers and worshippers who stood outside the front doors and in the parking lot of Life Tabernacle told news reporters to leave, saying cameras would not be allowed on the property and they had been told not to talk to the news media. They went inside without further comment.

Across the street, Paul Quinn and other neighbors took pains to stay 6 feet apart from each other as they stood in a driveway and commented on their opposition to the services being held.

"Other congregations are using the internet, Skype, and other safe ways to congregate. Why can't they? What makes them so special?" Quinn asked. "I wish state police would come out and do something. ... If they get out of church and go to the grocery store, it's a serious health hazard. They don't know how many people they're affecting, and they don't seem to care. That's a problem."

Briefly commenting Sunday in the church's parking lot, Timothy Spell, father of Pastor Tony Spell, said Life Tabernacle has a right to assembly, is not forcing anyone to attend services, is not breaking any laws and will continue to hold services at the church.

More than 3,500 Louisiana residents have been diagnosed with the coronavirus, and more than 150 of them have died, according to state figures released Sunday. Deaths included that of the first federal prison inmate, a man with "serious preexisting conditions" who was being held in Oakdale, La., the U.S. Bureau of Prisons said Saturday.

The virus has killed seven of more than 160 people diagnosed with the disease in East Baton Rouge Parish, where the church is located, according to state figures.

People who violate the ban are being selfish and "grossly irresponsible," Gov. John Bel Edwards said Sunday afternoon in New Orleans. They "take the



time and attention of first responders and make it much more likely that this disease will continue to spread," he said.

In New Orleans, police broke up a "funeral repast" of about 100 people Saturday afternoon, issuing a warrant for a 28-year-old man who refused to shut it down and giving the band leader a summons, a news release said. Several complaints about that event were among more than 300 received in the past week about violations of a ban on gatherings of more than 10 people, Superintendent Shaun Ferguson said in a separate statement.

More than 1,300 of the COVID-19 diagnoses and 73 of the deaths have been in New Orleans, and Edwards repeated on Sunday's national news talk shows what he's been saying for days: The city's hospitals are likely to run out of ventilators by April 4 and beds by April 10.

New Orleans' tourist economy has also been hit hard, with hotels, restaurants, bars, convention centers and other businesses closed.

Dwindling food banks for local residents got a boost when the U.S. Department of Agriculture agreed Friday to let them use about 4 million pounds of stockpiled federal emergency supplies. The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate reported. New Orleans leaders had been asking for about a week before the USDA granted the waivers.

"We told them tens of thousands of people have been laid off in the hospitality industry, and they need food now," City Councilwoman Helena Moreno said. "Then they kind of got it."

Trump defends pushing guidelines to the end of April

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Siding with public health experts' dire projections, President Donald Trump on Monday defended his decision to extend restrictive social distancing guidelines through the end of April, while bracing the nation for a coronavirus death toll that could exceed 100,000 people.

"The worst that could happen is you do it too early and all of a sudden it comes back," Trump said during a nearly hourlong call-in interview with "Fox & Friends" as members of his coronavirus task force fanned out across other media outlets to warn the virus' spread was only just beginning.

The comments came a day after Trump made a dramatic course reversal and announced that he would not be moving to ease the guidelines and get the economy back up and running by Easter, as he said last week he hoped to do.

In the face of stark projections from his team and searing images of overwhelmed hospitals in his native New York City, Trump instead extended to April 30 the social distancing guidelines, which had been set to expire Monday. Many states and local governments already have stiffer controls in place on mobility and gatherings.

Trump's impulse to reopen the country, driven by pleas from business leaders, met a sober reality check from health experts, including Dr. Anthony Fauci,

the government's top infectious disease expert, who on Sunday said the U.S. could experience between 100,000-200,000 deaths and millions of infections from the pandemic.

That warning hardened a recognition in Washington that the struggle against the coronavirus will not be resolved quickly even as Trump expressed a longing for normalcy.

"It would not have been a good idea to pull back at a time when you really need to be pressing your foot on the pedal as opposed to on the brakes," Fauci said on CNN on Monday, describing how he and Dr. Deborah Birx, the coronavirus task force coordinator, had convinced Trump to reconsider.

Americans are now being asked to prepare for at least another 30 days of severe economic and social disruption, with schools and businesses closed and public life is upended.

On Monday, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan issued a new stay-at-home directive that said Marylanders may only leave their homes for essential work, to get food or prescriptions or for other "absolutely necessary" reasons. "We are no longer asking," Hogan said.

The order took effect at 8 p.m. Monday. The governor said the ban includes restrictions on traveling outside of the state and riding public transportation.

Camp Humphreys hit with fifth coronavirus case

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SEOUL, South Korea — Another American contractor working at Camp Humphreys tested positive for the coronavirus on Monday, the fifth confirmed case at the largest U.S. base in South Korea, officials said.

Camp Humphreys, the largest overseas Army garrison and home to the main military headquarters on the divided peninsula, has been partially locked down since Friday after three people who worked at Eighth Army headquarters tested positive last week.

The new infections raised to 13 the total number of cases affiliated with U.S. Forces Korea, including two soldiers. The increase came as South Korea has seen its overall pace of infections slow, with only 76 new cases reported Monday, down from a high of 909 on Feb. 29.

The contractor was tested on Sunday and the results came back early Monday. He is in isolation at his off-base residence as directed by the Korea Centers for Disease Control, according to a press release.

He last visited Camp Humphreys on Friday, it said, adding that U.S. military and KCDC officials are conducting contact tracing to determine if anybody else may have been exposed.

Garrison commander Col. Michael Tremblay said 27 people who worked with the contractor and six others who came in close contact had been sent home for self-quarantine.

His workplace and a convenience store he had visited were thoroughly cleaned. USFK didn't identify where he worked but said it wasn't at Eighth Army headquarters.

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Japan cases spike after Olympics delay

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TOKYO — Before the Olympics were postponed, Japan looked like it had coronavirus infections contained, even as they spread in neighboring countries. Now that the games have been pushed to next year, Tokyo's cases are spiking, and the city's governor is requesting that people stay home, even hinting at a possible lockdown.

The sudden rise in the number of virus cases in Tokyo and the government's strong actions immediately after the Olympic postponement has raised questions in parliament and among citizens about whether Japan understated the extent of the outbreak and delayed enforcement of social distancing measures while clinging to hopes that the games would start on July 24 as scheduled.

With the Olympics now off, many are voicing suspicion that the numbers are rising because Japan suddenly has no reason to hide them.

"In order to make an impression that the city was taking control of the coronavirus, Tokyo avoided making strict requests and made the number of patients look smaller," former Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama said in a tweet. "The coronavirus has spread since they waited. (For Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike) it was Olympics first, not Tokyo's residents."

Experts have found a rise of untraceable cases mushrooming in Tokyo, Osaka and other urban areas — signs of an explosive increase in infections. The health minister Shinzo Abe said Saturday that Japan is now on the brink of a huge jump in



EUGENE HOSHINO/AP

Officials light a lantern from the Olympic Flame at the end of a flame display ceremony in Iwaki, northern Japan, on March 25. The increase in infection numbers after the announcement of delaying the Olympics in Tokyo has raised questions.

cases as it becomes increasingly difficult to trace and keep clusters under control.

"Once infections overshoot, our strategy ... will instantly fall apart," Abe warned. "Under the current situation, we are just barely holding up." He said a state of emergency is not needed just yet, but that Japan could at any time face a situation as bad as in the United States or Europe.

There was less of a sense of urgency displayed recently when many people visited parks for

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Yukio Hatoyama
former Japanese Prime Minister

cherry blossom viewing, and Abe was only hinting at an Olympic postponement. But in a phone call with International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach last Tuesday, Abe agreed to postpone the games until

2021 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

A day later, Koike asked Tokyo residents to stay home weekends until mid-April, saying confirmed cases of the coronavirus had shot up to 41 in a day from 16 earlier

in the week. On Saturday, Tokyo reported 63 new cases, another single-day record. Koike said that infections in Tokyo were on the brink of an explosive increase and that stronger measures, including a lockdown, could be needed if the spread of the virus doesn't slow.

"Is this just a coincidence?" Maiko Tajima, an opposition lawmaker from the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, said during a parliamentary session last Wednesday, citing Tokyo's sudden spike.

Health Minister Katsunobu Kato said there is "absolutely no relationship" between the Olympic postponement and the number of confirmed cases. Abe cited experts as saying a big reason for the recent rise is the growing number of cases that can't be linked and a jump in infections from abroad. The prime minister told people to "be prepared for a long battle."

A day after Koike's warning, Abe convened a new task force under a recently enacted special law that would allow him to declare a state of emergency in specific areas, including Tokyo.

Japan's strategy has been to focus on clusters and trace infection routes rather than testing everyone. A guideline issued Saturday still says that tests will be conducted per clinical doctors' advice. Experts set a high bar for testing eligibility, allowing them only for those linked to clusters or those with symptoms because they fear massive testing will fill up beds that are needed for patients in severe need, and cause a collapse of medical systems.

City at center of China's virus pandemic gradually revives

Associated Press

WUHAN, China — Shopkeepers in the city at the center of the virus outbreak in China were reopening Monday but customers were scarce after authorities lifted more of the anti-virus controls that kept tens of millions of people at home for two months.

"I'm so excited, I want to cry," said a woman on the Chuhe Hanjie pedestrian mall who would give only the English name Kat. She said she was a teacher in the eastern city of Nanjing visiting her family in Wuhan when the government locked down the city in late January to stem the spread of the coronavirus.

Some 70% to 80% of shops on the mall were open but many imposed limits on how many people could enter. Shopkeepers set up dispensers for hand sanitizer and checked customers for signs of fever.

Wuhan's bus and subway service has resumed, easing curbs that cut most access to the city of 11 million people on Jan. 23

as China fought the coronavirus. The train station reopened Saturday, bringing thousands of people to what is the manufacturing and transportation hub of central China.

"After two months trapped at home, I want to jump," said Kat, jumping up and down excitedly. "I want to revenge shop."

That will be a welcome sentiment to officials who are under orders to revive manufacturing, retailing and other industries while also preventing a spike in infections as people return to work.

Travel controls on most of Hubei province, where Wuhan is located, were lifted on March 23. The final restrictions preventing people from leaving Wuhan are due to end April 8.

China had suffered 3,186 coronavirus deaths, including 2,547 in Wuhan, as of midnight Sunday, according to the National Health Commission. The country had a total of 81,470 confirmed cases. Automakers and other manufacturers in Wuhan have reopened

but say they need to restore the flow of components before production returns to normal levels. Some are waiting for employees who went to their hometowns for the Lunar New Year holiday and were stranded when plane, train and bus services were all but cut off to Hubei province.

Some parents were on the street with their children but traffic was light.

The owner of a candy shop on the Chuhe Hanjie mall said two of her four employees are back at work but she wasn't sure whether the others were willing to come back.

"We've only prepared a little stock," said the owner, Li Zhen. "Most people are still afraid of the virus."

A poster at the entrance to the pedestrian mall asked customers to wear masks, cooperate with fever checks and show a code on a smartphone app that tracks a user's health status and travel. A banner nearby said, "Wuhan We Are Coming Back. Thank You."



OLIVIA ZHANG/AP

A store employee waits for customers at a re-opened retail street in Wuhan in central China's Hubei province on Monday.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Spain has most infections; Moscow put on lockdown

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MADRID — Bells tolled in Madrid's deserted central square and flags were lowered in a day of mourning Monday as Spain raced to build field hospitals to treat an onslaught of coronavirus patients. In the U.S., the government's top infectious-disease expert warned that smaller cities are about to see cases "take off" the way they have in New York City.

Moscow locked down its 12 million people as Russia braced for sweeping nationwide restrictions. And in Britain, there was some good news: Prince Charles, the heir to the throne who tested positive for the coronavirus, has ended his period of isolation and is in good health, his office said. Three-quarters of a million people around the world have become infected and over 35,000 have died, according to a running count kept by Johns Hopkins University. The U.S. reported over 140,000 infections and more than 2,500 deaths, with New York City the worst hot spot.

Spain overtook China in reported coronavirus infections as the outbreak stretched scores of Spanish hospitals to their breaking point.

With a population of 47 million people to China's 1.4 billion, Spain saw its official tally of infections climb past 85,000. It also reported over 800 new deaths, for an overall toll of more than 7,300.

Experts say those figures — and those in every other country — are much lower than the true numbers, because of limited testing, counting irregularities and mild cases that have been missed. Many coronavirus deaths in Spain and Italy that happen at

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Andrea Napoli
coronavirus patient
in an Italian hospital

home or at nursing homes are not even counted.

Spain and Italy make up more than half the world's death toll from the virus that has upended the lives of billions and devastated world economies. Their hospitals have been buckling under the weight of caring for so many desperately ill patients at once. Italy has by far the most reported virus deaths, at nearly 11,000.

At least six of Spain's 17 regions were at their limit of intensive care unit beds, and three more were close to it, authorities said. Crews of workers were frantically building more field hospitals.

Nearly 15% of all those infected in Spain, almost 13,000 people, are health care workers, hurting hospitals' efforts to help the tsunami of people gasping for breath.

In hard-hit Madrid, flags were lowered to half-staff for an official mourning period. During a minute of silence for the dead, Madrid's Puerta del Sol square was empty as bells tolled.

In a situation unimaginable only a month ago, Italian officials were cheered when they reported only 756 deaths in one day. The country said the number of deaths has dropped about 10% a day since Friday.

"We are saving lives by staying at home, by maintaining social distance, by traveling less and by closing schools," said Dr. Luca

Richeldi, a lung specialist.

Locked-down Moscow accounted for more than 1,200 of the country's 1,800 or so coronavirus cases.

Experts say the critical situations seen in hospitals in Italy and Spain will be soon heading toward the United States.

In Italy, coronavirus patient Andrea Napoli, 33, said he didn't remotely expect that he would be hospitalized, struggling for his life, since he was young and fit. But what he saw shocked him.

While he was being treated in Rome, three patients died in his ward. He saw doctors stressed and exhausted from the long hours, out of breath from pushing equipment around, dressed in protective masks, suits and gloves.

"What I saw was a lot, a lot of pain. It was very hard," Napoli said. "I heard screams from the other rooms, constant coughing from the other rooms."

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. But for others, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, the virus can cause severe symptoms like pneumonia. More than 150,000 people have recovered, according to Johns Hopkins.

China on Monday reported 31 new COVID-19 cases, among them just one domestic infection. At the peak of China's restrictions, some 700 million people were ordered to stay home, but those rules are easing.

Japanese automaker Toyota halted production at its auto plants in Europe, but all of its factories in China resumed work on Monday.



KHALIL MAZRAAW, POOL/AP

A woman prepares to leave a Dead Sea resort Monday in Jordan, where she was quarantined with her children for 14 days.

Prisoners riot in Iran; Netanyahu tested, to enter self-quarantine

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TEHRAN, Iran — Prisoners in southern Iran broke cameras and caused other damage during a riot, state media reported Monday, the latest in a series of violent prison disturbances in the country, which is battling the most severe coronavirus outbreak in the Middle East.

Israel meanwhile announced that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will enter self-quarantine after an aide tested positive for the virus. His office says the 70-year-old leader has undergone a test and will remain in quarantine until he receives results or is cleared by the Health Ministry and his personal doctor. His close advisers are also isolating.

More than 4,300 Israelis have been infected with the new virus and 15 have died.

Iran had temporarily released around 100,000 prisoners as part of measures taken to contain the pandemic, leaving an estimated 50,000 people behind bars, including violent offenders and so-called "security cases," often dual nationals and others with Western ties. Families of detainees and Western nations say Iran is holding those prisoners for political reasons or to use them as bargaining chips in negotiations.

The state-run IRNA news agency quoted Gov. Enayatollah Rahimi of the southern Fars province as saying a riot broke out at Adel Abad Prison, the main lockup in the city of Shiraz. Rahimi said prisoners broke cameras and caused other damage in two sections housing violent criminals. No one was wounded and no one escaped.

IRNA reported Friday that 70 inmates had escaped Saqqez Prison in Iran's western Kurdistan province. Prisoners' beat guards during the chaos, a local prosecutor said. Several inmates

later returned on their own to the prison.

Since the beginning of the year, riots have broken out in prisons in Ahlwardz, Hamedan and Tabriz as well, with some prisoners escaping, IRNA reported.

Iran has reported more than 40,000 infections and 2,757 deaths from COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus, including 117 fatalities in the last 24 hours. The Health Ministry said more than 3,500 people are in critical condition, while around 14,000 have recovered.

Elsewhere Monday, Jordan began releasing thousands of travelers who were quarantined for the last two weeks at five-star hotels on the Dead Sea in order to prevent the spread of the virus.

More than 4,200 Jordanians and 1,500 foreigners have been held at the hotels. The Jordanians will be sent home, and are requested to remain at home for another 14 days.

Travelers with other nationalities will be released on Tuesday. It was not immediately clear where they would go, but authorities said they would be in contact with their embassies and the Foreign Ministry.

Jordan has reported 259 infections and four deaths from the virus. At least 18 people have recovered.

Jordan halted all flights and closed its borders on March 17. It later imposed an indefinite round-the-clock curfew before providing limited times for people to shop for basic goods on foot.

In Egypt, the government extended the closure of museums and archaeological sites, including the Pyramids and the Sphinx at Giza, until at least April 15. Authorities still plan to light up the pyramids on Monday night in an expression of support for health workers battling the virus.

Egypt has reported more than 600 infections and 40 deaths from the virus.



FELIPE DANA/AP

Firefighters prepare to disinfect a nursing home in efforts to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus in Barcelona, Spain, on Monday. Spain has overtaken China in reported coronavirus infections.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Trump claims GM not working fast, uses wartime act

By Tom Krisher
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DETROIT — Eleven days ago, General Motors put hundreds of workers on an urgent project to build breathing machines as hospitals and governors pleaded for more in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

But on Friday, President Donald Trump, claiming that the company wasn't moving fast enough, invoked the Defense Production Act, which gives the government broad authority to direct companies to meet national defense needs.

Experts on managing factory production said that GM is already making an extraordinary effort for a company that normally isn't in the business of producing ventilators.

"That is lightning-fast speed to secure suppliers, learn how the products work and make space in their manufacturing plant," said Kaitlin Wovak, a professor at the University of Notre Dame who focuses on industrial supply chains. "You can't get much faster than that."

GM expects to produce ventilators at a rate of 10,000 per month starting in mid-April. The company is working with Ventec Life Systems, a small Seattle-area ventilator maker, and both said that the Act doesn't change what they're doing because they're already moving as fast as they can, fronting millions in capital with an uncertain return.

"I don't think anybody could

have done it faster," said Gerald Johnson, GM's global manufacturing chief.

Peter Navarro, Trump's assistant for manufacturing policy, said Saturday that invoking the act was needed because GM "dragged its heels for days" in committing to the investments to start making ventilators at an automotive electronics plant in Kokomo, Ind.

It was only a few days earlier that Trump had been holding up GM and Ford as examples of companies voluntarily responding to the outbreak without the need for him to invoke the act. Then on Friday, he slammed GM on Twitter and during his daily briefing for foot-dragging. On Sunday, he was back to praising the company during another briefing: "General Motors is doing a fantastic job. I don't think we have to worry about them anymore."

Erik Gordon, a University of Michigan law and business professor, said that he thought Trump would commend GM and use it as an example for other manufacturers in the coronavirus fight.

"What came out was a smack on the head," he said.

Critics have urged Trump to invoke the Defense Production Act broadly to control the production, supply and distribution of ventilators and protective gear for hospital workers who are running short. That's what the act was meant to do, and it was not for use against a single company, Gordon said.



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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer tells Michigan residents to stay at home in her most sweeping order of the coronavirus crisis March 23 in Lansing, Mich. Differing approaches to coronavirus show not even a pandemic can bridge political divisions.

Coronavirus response highlights deepening of partisan divide

By Steve Peoples
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In Los Angeles, Mayor Eric Garcetti has instituted a shutdown on a city of nearly 4 million people and threatened uncooperative business owners with power shutoffs and arrest.

In Mississippi, home to nearly 3 million people, Gov. Tate Reeves has allowed most businesses to stay open — even restaurants, so long as they serve no more than 10 people at a time.

The divergent approaches are evidence that not even a global pandemic can bridge the gaping political divisions of the Trump era. The fierce tribalism that has characterized debates over immigration, taxes and health care is now coloring policy-making during a coronavirus outbreak that threatens countless lives and local economies across the nation. "This epidemic has been a window into our politics," said Larry Levitt, who leads health policy for the Kaiser Family Foundation, which has been tracking responses. "Particularly over the past couple of weeks, a political divide has emerged."

Democrats like Garcetti fear the politics that are shaping conflicting pandemic responses will have real-world consequences far more important than

the next election.

"I do worry that making this a partisan issue will kill more people in redder states," the Los Angeles mayor said in an interview. "There is no way to keep this out of your city."

In Mississippi, Reeves warned that extended social distancing orders could cause a more dangerous fallout than the pandemic by destroying the nation's economy.

"I don't think there's any doubt that if the United States found itself in a severe depression with 20% to 30% unemployment, that the abject poverty that could create could lead to more health problems than this particular virus is causing," Reeves said. Trump, meanwhile, has engaged in a war of words with Democratic governors in key states, where elected officials have openly complained about the lack of federal assistance to stem a dangerous shortage of coronavirus tests and medical equipment.

Late last week, Trump told Vice President Mike Pence, "don't call the woman in Michigan" — referring to Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who is considered a potential vice presidential pick for the ultimate Democratic nominee. Trump dubbed her as "Gretchen 'Half Whitmer'" on Twitter, claiming that she's "way in over her head."

Instacart workers seek strike as jobs get busier and riskier

By Alexandra Olson
and Curt Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A possible strike by Instacart workers highlights the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on the grocery delivery business, where workers are worried about their safety as they try to meet a surge in demand for online groceries.

A group called the Gig Workers Collective called for a nationwide walkout Monday. They've been asking Instacart to provide workers with hazard pay and protective gear, among other demands. Instacart said Sunday that it would soon provide workers with a new hand sanitizer upon request and outlined changes to its tip system. The group said the measures were too little too late. While some workers have

said that they intend to join the strike for at least a day — or have stopped filling orders already for fear of getting the virus — other, newer workers are content to have a paying job at a time of mass layoffs in other industries.

The San Francisco-based delivery app is trying to hire 300,000 more workers — more than doubling its workforce — to fulfill orders it says have surged by 150% year-over-year in the past weeks. The company said that 50,000 new shoppers joined its platform in just the past week. Some customers are waiting days to receive orders.

Instacart currently has a workforce of over 200,000 contracted workers who make multiple trips a day to various grocery stores to fulfill and deliver orders that customers make through the app. It also directly employs about

20,000 part-time workers who are assigned to a single store, collecting groceries that are subsequently delivered to clients by a contracted Instacart worker.

Chloe Grozdina, a part-time Instacart in-store shopper assigned to a Mariano's grocery store in the Chicago area, said that workers are seeing "a lot of apocalypse orders" from customers hunkered down in their homes. Panic shopping has cleared out the shelves, meaning that she often has to replace a customer's orders with a lesser item or notify them that it's not available.

Grozdina, who makes \$13 an hour and doesn't get tips, said that the crowds of fellow Instacart shoppers have made it tough to keep a safe distance while racing to fulfill orders.

Among their demands, the strike organizers want hazard

pay of \$5 an order and supplies of hand sanitizer, wipes and cleaning supplies free of charge. On Sunday, the company said that it had contracted with a third-party manufacturer to make a hand sanitizer spray that workers can request at no cost via a website starting Monday, with shipments starting in a few days.

Data show online grocery orders jumping even before some cities and states imposed "stay at home" orders. During the week of March 2, Instacart, Amazon and Walmart grocery delivery services each saw at least a 65% sales increase compared to the same time last year, according to estimates from Earnest Research.

Instacart has started offering bonuses of between \$25 and \$200 for its hourly employees dependent on hours worked until April 15. It also announced a month-

long extension of a temporary policy giving 14 days of paid leave to workers who are diagnosed with the coronavirus, or have been ordered to isolate themselves.

The strike organizers demanded that the policy be extended to workers with a doctor's note verifying a pre-existing condition that could make them more vulnerable to the virus. They also demanded that Instacart raise the tip default in its app to 10% from the current 5%. Instead, Instacart announced Sunday that it would change the default to the amount the customer last tipped, saying tips have increased considerably during the virus crisis.

While such low-wage jobs put people on the front lines of the pandemic, many people are applying as layoffs surge in retail, restaurant, hospitality and other industries.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Cookie Monster, Emo help remind kids to wash hands

From wire reports

NEW YORK — Elmo, Rooster and Cookie Monster are doing their part to help keep kids safe as the coronavirus pandemic grinds on.

The beloved Sesame Street Muppets are featured in some of four new animated public service spots reminding young fans to take care while doing such things as washing hands and sneezing.

One of Elmo's signature songs, the toothbrush classic "Brushy Brush," has been updated to "Washy Wash." Rooster pops up in another of the 30-second spots to remind kids to "wash hands now" before eating, playing sports or using the bathroom.

The new content on SesameStreet.org/caring builds on last week's launch of Sesame Workshop's Caring for Each Other initiative to help families stay physically and mentally healthy during the health crisis. The overall project ranges from messages of comfort to learning activities in reading, math and science.

"As families around the world adjust to their new realities, parents and caregivers are looking for help in creating new routines, staying healthy and fostering learning at home while little ones are out of school," Dr. Rosemarie Truglio, senior vice president of curriculum and content at Sesame Workshop, said in a statement.

Florida

FORT LAUDERDALE — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis was scheduled to visit a testing site at Hard Rock Stadium in South Florida on Monday as the state's confirmed coronavirus caseload approaches 5,000. Many residents spent their first weekend under "Safer at Home" orders.

The number of confirmed cases in Florida jumped by 912 Sunday after passing 4,000 Saturday, the largest single-day jump. Nearly half of these people are in the hotspot of Miami-Dade and Broward, the state's most populous counties.

Teachers and students across Florida, which has some of the largest school districts in the country, were set to begin virtual schooling Monday after spring break ended in many areas of the state.

Illinois

CHICAGO — Celebrity chef Rick Bayless launched an effort to help restaurant workers who have been laid off during the coronavirus pandemic.

One of the award-winning Chicago chef's restaurants that's currently closed, Frontera Grill, will host an operation paying laid-off

workers to make 30-pound boxes of food, including produce, bread and meat. The boxes will be available for pickup at restaurants throughout the city.

"This project can touch the lives of many thousand displaced workers," Bayless said in a news release.

The plan is to process 800 boxes each week. The effort is being funded by a \$250,000 anonymous gift in partnership with US Foods, a Rosemont-based food distributor.

Kansas

TOPEKA — All 2.9 million Kansas residents were under a stay-at-home order Monday imposed by Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly as the numbers of confirmed coronavirus cases and COVID-19-related deaths continue to grow.

It helped Kelly's case with the Republican-controlled Legislature that the exceptions in her order for "essential" outside-the-home activities include religious worship and buying, selling and manufacturing guns and ammunition. Other exceptions allow people to buy food and get medical care.

The Legislature's top seven leaders, five of them Republicans, have the power to revoke her orders, but no one spoke against her stay-at-home directive during a meeting of top lawmakers Sunday. That allowed the order to take effect early Monday. It is to remain in force until at least April 19.

"You always want to balance your safety with rights," said House Speaker Ron Ryckman Jr., a Republican from Olathe in Johnson County, which has more than 100 confirmed cases. "We're continually trying to thread a needle."

Maine

AUGUSTA — Maine's largest electric utility is donating 6,000 masks to the Maine Emergency Management Agency to be used to protect front-line medical workers from the coronavirus.

Central Maine Power's parent company, Avangrid, rounded up 3,000 surgical masks and 3,000 N-95 respirators that were sent to the MEMA offices Monday, CMP said.

"Given the growing shortage of masks and other protective gear faced by medical facilities across Maine, we have an opportunity and an obligation to help," said David Planagan, CMP's executive chairman.

The state is concerned about the adequacy of supplies to combat COVID-19, which has claimed three lives in Maine. More than



DAYANTRA ETHERIDGE/AP

Health care workers, other passengers and flight crew on a Southwest flight from Atlanta to New York's LaGuardia Airport hold their hands in the shape of a heart before the plane pushed back from the gate at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. There were about 30 health care professionals, all from Atlanta-area hospitals, who were headed to New York to help with the coronavirus outbreak.

250 people have tested positive for the virus in Maine.

Nevada

RENO — Several alcohol distilleries in Nevada unable to make liquor under current coronavirus shutdowns are turning their attention to another product to help soothe customers.

They're combining their key ingredient — ethanol, which kills germs — with aloe vera and other chemicals to make hand sanitizer.

Seven Troughs in Sparks is already turning out sanitizer, 175 gallons last week, most of which is going to Renown Hospital, as well as to first responders.

Tom Adams, owner of Seven Troughs, said that hand sanitizer is a critical supply. "We've been asked by our community health partners to produce as much ethanol as we can to go into hand sanitizers," Adams told the Reno Gazette-Journal.

Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE — The coronavirus has delivered a severe blow to Wisconsin dairy farmers who rely on selling milk to restaurants, schools and the hospitality industry.

About one-third of Wisconsin dairy products, mainly cheese, are sold in the food service trade, the Journal Sentinel reported.

Farmers have said that the coronavirus outbreak has caused milk prices to drop to unprofitable levels this spring, at a time when money is needed for the upcoming planting season.

Dairy farmers are worried about processing plants closing or cutting production, forcing them to dump milk.

West Virginia

MORGANTOWN — Members of a church group gobbled fast food upon their return to West Virginia after becoming stuck in Honduras for two weeks during a mission trip.

Sixteen members of the Morgantown Church of Christ arrived back home Friday, The Dominion Post reported.

The mission trip that was supposed to last a week turned into 14 days when the new coronavirus pandemic prompted the Honduran government to shut its borders.

The church group boarded a plane Thursday afternoon. Church elder Richard Moore said that he was surprised no one mentioned checking the health

of the group members, who will self-quarantine for 14 days.

Florida

ORLANDO — As many movie theater screens around the country go dark amid the coronavirus pandemic, John Watzke said that his theater is doing just fine. In fact, business is booming for this time of year.

The Ocala Drive-In, one of just a small handful of drive-in theaters still open (even during normal times) in Florida, is providing a bright spot for film lovers during this unprecedented time.

"For this time of the year, I've seen a very big increase in attendance," said Watzke, who owns the drive-in. "I just feel like people need some form of normalcy in their life."

Even though visitors are coming in droves and his theater is keeping the projectors on for Floridians, Watzke knows this isn't business as usual.

"I've taken my parking spaces down to approximately half. I've taken every other space and roped it off," he said. "When you park now, instead of being two feet away, we have a 10- to 12-foot buffer zone between every vehicle."

NATION

Sanders says he's staying in, Dems fear 2016 repeat

The Washington Post

Behind the growing fear among many Democrats that Sen. Bernie Sanders' continued presence in the presidential race could spell doom in November is the belief that they've seen it happen before — in the last campaign.

The 2016 Democratic convention was just about to get started when Sanders, I-Vt., addressed his delegates. It was time to support her, he told his backers. They disagreed, booning loudly. Some stuck their thumbs down as TV cameras captured the extraordinary show of dissent, which would continue on the convention floor.

To some Democrats in that campaign, it was a lesson learned the hard way about the limitations of Sanders' promises of support and the ferocity of his unbridled backers. Four years later, with the senator from Vermont still running against former vice president Joe Biden despite almost impossible odds of victory, some party leaders are increasingly worried about a reprise of the bitter divisions that many Democrats blame for Hillary Clinton's loss.

"It's the equivalent of a World War II kamikaze pilot," said Philippe Reines, a longtime adviser to Clinton. "They have no better option than to plow into USS Biden."

The judgment Sanders makes about his fate and the direction taken by his supporters could be among the most consequential decisions of the race, determining whether Democrats speak with

one voice against a president who is already armed as November, or squabble for months more.

Although Sanders has long pledged to do all he can to help the eventual nominee defeat President Donald Trump, Democrats are still haunted by the last grueling battle, which didn't end after it became clear that Clinton would be the nominee, and instead stretched into the summer convention and beyond. Then, as now, an impassioned band of Sanders supporters voiced their displeasure loudly and widely, sometimes echoing the harshest attacks of Trump and his allies with little reproach from Sanders.

Moved by an urgency to come together against Trump as the coronavirus pandemic has upended the presidential race, some party leaders feel that Sanders should end his campaign and help the Democratic Party position itself for the November general election.

"I just think it's a terrible decision for him to make because he looks very selfish," said former Democratic senator Barbara Boxer of California, who backs Biden. If Sanders is genuine about going all in to defeat Trump, "then get out," she said.

But Sanders has given no indication that he is preparing to do that. He recently said he wants to debate Biden in April.

Some Democrats, including veterans of the 2016 contest, said they see signs of hope that the party can avoid the intraparty viciousness that marked that race.

Man hurt in Hanukkah stabbings has died

MONSEY, N.Y. — A man who was among the five people stabbed during a Hanukkah celebration north of New York City has died three months after the attack, according to an Orthodox Jewish organization and community liaison with a local police department.

Josef Neumann, 72, died Sunday night, the Orthodox Jewish Public Affairs Council said in a tweet. The funeral for Neumann, a father of seven and great-grandfather to be held Monday. No additional details were provided.

On Dec. 28, an attacker with a machete rushed into a rabbi's home in an Orthodox Jewish community in Monsey, N.Y., an ambush Gov. Andrew Cuomo called an act of domestic terrorism fueled by intolerance and a "renewal" of growing hatred in America.

2 inmates who escaped prison camp captured

REDWAY, Calif. — Authorities on Sunday captured two minimum-security inmates who walked away from a prison camp in Northern California on Friday night.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation found Derek Barnett, 29, and Noah Wilson, 28.

Authorities arrested Barnett at 11 a.m. Sunday as he was preparing to leave an apartment complex in Ukiah, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said in a statement.

Wilson was arrested at 4:35 p.m. during a traffic stop off Interstate 5 south of Fort Tejon, the department said, noting it had received information about the vehicle he was using.

From The Associated Press



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Lonnie Franklin Jr., a convicted serial killer known as the "Grim Sleeper," is sentenced in Los Angeles Superior Court on Aug. 10, 2016. Franklin died in a California prison. He was 67.

Serial killer 'Grim Sleeper' dies at 67

Associated Press

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. — Lonnie Franklin, the convicted serial killer known as the "Grim Sleeper" who preyed on the women of South Los Angeles for more than two decades, has died in prison. He was 67.

California corrections officials said Franklin was found unresponsive in his cell at San Quentin State Prison on Saturday evening. An autopsy will determine the cause of death; however, there were no signs of trauma, corrections spokeswoman Terry Thornton said in a statement.

The stepmother of a victim named Barbara Ware told People magazine she was shocked by the news.

"I won't say I'm pleased he died but at the end, there was justice for all the bad things he did in his

life," Diana Ware said. "We can now be at peace."

Franklin had been on death row since August 2016 for the deaths of nine women and a teenage girl. Franklin was linked at trial to 14 slayings, including four women he wasn't charged with killing. Police have said he may have had as many as 25 victims.

Most of the victims were fatally shot at close range, though two were strangled. Their bodies were dumped and left in alleys and trash bins.

The killer earned his moniker because of the apparent hiatus from the late 1980s to 2002. The murders went unsolved for years and Franklin avoided suspicion by working as a city trash collector and onetime garage attendant for Los Angeles police.

Community members complained that police didn't serious-

ly investigate the killings because the victims were black and poor and many were drug users and prostitutes during the crack cocaine epidemic.

Franklin was connected to the crimes after a task force that re-examined the old cases discovered that DNA from Franklin's son, which was in a database because of an arrest, showed similarities to genetic evidence found on some of the "Grim Sleeper" victims.

A detective posing as a busboy at a pizza parlor collected utensils and crusts while Franklin was attending a birthday party. Lab results connected him to some of the bodies and led to his arrest.

Investigators found a gun used in one of the killings and photos of victims in Franklin's house after his arrest.

Ariz. officer killed, 2 hurt in shooting

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A Phoenix police commander was killed and two other officers were wounded Sunday night as they responded to calls about a dispute between roommates.

Cmdr. Greg Carnicle, a veteran officer and father of four, was killed. The other officers, both women, were hospitalized, the department said.

Sgt. Mercedes Fortune said at a news conference that the suspect refused to cooperate and shot the officers after they were called to the scene shortly after 7 p.m. Sunday. The suspect was still inside and the situation was active as of 10 p.m., Fortune told the Arizona Republic.

"Tonight we lost a true hero. Greg Carnicle was a 31-year veteran of our department," Phoenix Police Chief Jeri Williams said. "The other two officers who were shot are in stable condition, she said. One woman is out of sur-



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A Phoenix Police officer directs a patrol vehicle to the scene of a deadly shooting in Phoenix on Sunday.

gery, and another is recovering from her wounds, Williams told the Republic.

The department tweeted that Carnicle "held positions throughout the department including the special assignments unit, K9 and he most recently oversaw all evening and weekend patrol operations."

He's survived by his wife and four children, Fortune said at the news conference.

Mayor Kate Gallego tweeted: "Our thoughts are with the loved ones of these officers and the entire Phoenix Police Department. Please keep these individuals in your thoughts."

WORLD

Philippines grounds company's aircraft after deadly blaze

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Philippine aviation officials on Monday grounded all aircraft belonging to a company that owns a plane that caught fire while taking off from Manila's airport, killing all eight people on board.

All of Lionair Inc.'s aircraft will remain grounded during the investigation of the burning of its Westwind 24 plane late Sunday, they said. The plane had been used earlier to transport medical supplies for the coronavirus outbreak.

Lionair, a Philippine-based charter company, is not related to Lion Air, an Indonesian low-cost airline.

The twin-engine aircraft was on a medical evacuation mission when it caught fire. The two passengers — from the U.S. and Canada — and six Filipino flight crew and medical personnel died when the Tokyo-bound plane burst into flames on the main runway, airport general manager Ed Monreal said.

The fire prompted the closure of the airport's main runway and caused one international flight to be diverted.

The aircraft's cockpit voice recorder has been recovered by investigators, officials said.

Lionair has not issued any statement about the accident. It leases executive jets, helicopters and turbo-propeller planes



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The remains of a Lionair, West Wind 24 aircraft lies along the runway after it caught fire during take off at Manila's international airport in Philippines on Sunday.

for domestic and foreign travel, including medical emergency flights. It was not immediately clear how many aircraft the company operates.

The Department of Health said Monday that Lionair has helped transport medical supplies, including ones used to fight

the coronavirus outbreak, from Manila to central and southern provinces. The pilot and crew of the plane that caught fire at the airport had transported medical supplies to four provinces before they perished, Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeje said.

Dutch museum says van Gogh painting stolen

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — A painting by Dutch master Vincent van Gogh was stolen in an overnight smash-and-grab raid on a museum that was closed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, police and the museum said Monday.

The Singer Laren museum east of Amsterdam said that "The Parsonage Garden at Nuenen in Spring 1884" was by the Dutch master was taken in the early hours of Monday. By early afternoon, all that could be seen from the outside of the museum was a large white panel covering a door in the building's glass facade.

Museum General Director Evert van Os said the institution that houses the collection of American couple William and Anna Singer is "angry, shocked, sad" at the theft of the painting.

The value of the work, which was on loan from the Groninger Museum in the northern Dutch city of Groningen, was not immediately known. Police are investigating the theft.

From The Associated Press

Startup seeks to use drones to aid hospitals against virus fight

By IRA BOUDWAY
Bloomberg

In early March, a hospital in Rwanda needed blood urgently for a patient with a leg injury. The patient's blood type was not in stock and the nearest supplies were at least a half day's drive away. So the hospital called upon a drone operated by Zipline Inc., which dropped the blood by parachute within an hour.

Zipline, a California startup founded in 2014, makes hundreds

of deliveries per week to hospitals and clinics in Rwanda and Ghana. Its drones launch from catapults at six distribution centers, carrying blood, medicine, and other supplies, a few pounds at a time. The fixed-wing, battery-powered planes cruise at 60 mph, navigate by GPS and can fly up to 100 miles round trip. Wires snag them from the sky upon return.

Each distribution hub has a fleet of about 30 and can supply an area of 8,000 square miles, delivering up to two tons of freight

over the course of a week. Since it began service in 2016, Zipline has flown over a million miles and made more than 60,000 drops.

The company already was planning to launch a service in the United States before the coronavirus outbreak began. It's on schedule to open a distribution center in North Carolina later this year to help Novant Health, which operates a network of clinics, health centers and hospitals, deliver medicine and supplies to rural and suburban clinics. But

as the pandemic begins to strain the U.S. medical supply chain, Zipline is looking into ways to deploy sooner and at a wider scale.

"If ever there were an urgent need for medical drone delivery, that time is now," said Justin Hamilton, global head of communications at Zipline. He's among the tens of millions of people currently housebound in France due to the COVID-19 outbreak there.

"Our first priority is serving customers in Ghana and Rwanda," said Hamilton. "But we rec-

ognize these are extraordinary times and are open to exploring how we can help the United States and countries around the world respond to the pandemic and its after-effects."

The company, Hamilton said, is talking with federal, city and state leaders about how it might help. Any deployment will need a go-ahead from the Federal Aviation Administration, which only recently has started to grapple with how to integrate unmanned aircraft into U.S. airspace.

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The Daily Guide to Navigating the European Business Market

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

'Googley-Eyed Jesus' mural reappears

ME SOUTH PORTLAND — A pine tree that partially obstructed the view of a Maine church mural referred to as "Googley-Eyed Jesus," was removed.

The section of the mural on Holy Cross Church in South Portland that was obstructed depicted Christ looking towards the heavens with his eyes rolled back during the crucifixion, Bangor Daily News reported.

The mural became controversial 20 years later when some locals and parishioners said it was "creepy" and asked for it to be removed. Others disagreed and John Laberge, who created the mural in 1980, refused to change the mural and said he would fight attempts to have it removed. The tree appeared sometime after.

Monsignor Michael Henchal told the Portland Press Herald in 2016 that the tree was planted before he oversaw the parish and that no one on his staff knew how or when it was planted.

Blaze engulfs historic church, topples steeple

MD BALTIMORE — Baltimore firefighters battled a four-alarm blaze that sent flames shooting through the steeple of a church that traces its origins back more than 150 years.

Photos of the fire posted by the Baltimore City Fire Department on Twitter showed orange flames coming from the top of the steeple of the Urban Bible Fellowship Church. Firefighters used ladder trucks to spray water at the blaze, but flames eventually caused the top of the steeple to tumble down. A school next door also was damaged.

The Fire Department said no injuries were reported. The fire took four hours to put out.

College to close after 174 years, low influx

IL JACKSONVILLE — A central Illinois college will close its doors after 174 years due to declining enrollment and other financial challenges.

The State Journal-Register reported the chairman of the Macomb Board of Trustees said the four-year liberal arts college in Jacksonville will close at the end of the spring semester. Charles O'Connell said there was no viable path forward for the college, and cited rising costs and an insufficient endowment as factors.

The board spent more than a year exploring potential new sources for capital, but we were unable to solve the serious financial difficulties facing us," O'Connell said.

Court: Law protecting vets applies to custodian

MI DETROIT — Wayne State University is not immune to a Michigan law that grants job protections to veterans, a federal appeals court said.



JOHN HART, WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL/AP

Spring bike ride

Jeff Reimann and his daughters Silvia, 7, and Mira, 4, and their pumi breed dog, Remy, take advantage of the region's trend toward more moderate, spring-like temperatures, with a cargo bike ride through Vilas Park in Madison, Wis.

The court affirmed a decision that requires Wayne State, to rehire Charles Rudolph, a custodian who was accused of missing assignments and fired in 2015.

Rudolph, a U.S. Army veteran, sued the university, saying he was entitled to a hearing under a law that gives protections to veterans who work for public employers. An arbitrator agreed that Rudolph's rights were violated and said he should be reinstated.

Near crash with trooper leads to drug bust

DE GEORGETOWN — Authorities in Delaware said that a driver who sped through a yield sign and nearly caused a crash with a state trooper was then arrested on drug charges.

The Delaware State Police said in a news release that the arrest happened in the Georgetown area.

Authorities said a trooper was approaching an intersection and heading eastbound when a car was coming north at a high rate

of speed. The news release said the driver passed through a yield sign and drove into the path of the trooper, who avoided a collision by hitting the brakes.

The trooper then pulled over the driver and noticed the smell of marijuana. In the vehicle, troopers said they found 39 grams of cocaine along with marijuana, anti-anxiety pills and drug paraphernalia.

Police said Keon D. Hopkins, 29, of Millsboro, was driving and Megan L. Bedo, 40, of Millsboro, was the passenger.

Men rob woman while taking care of baby

FL KISSIMMEE — Two men were taking care of a baby when they robbed a woman who was using an ATM at a Florida convenience store, authorities said.

Jefferson Feliciano, 19, and Kevin Serrano, 18, were arrested earlier this month and charged with robbery without a weapon, child neglect and petit theft, according to an Osceola County

Sheriff's Office news release.

Deputies were flagged down at a Kissimmee Wawa, where a woman told them she had been getting money from an ATM inside the store when a young man grabbed the cash and threw her to the ground. Deputies determined the man had fled on foot and hopped into a black Toyota Scion.

Detectives located the vehicle several hours later and found it to be occupied by Feliciano, Serrano and a 1-year-old child. Investigators said both teens admitted their involvement in the robbery and acknowledged that the child was in the vehicle during the theft.

Missing 4-year-old girl found in woods with dog

AL AUBURN — Rescuers found a 4-year-old girl, who had been missing for two days in woods in a rural area of east Alabama. The girl was found in good condition with a dog at her side.

Lee County Sheriff Jay Jones said searchers found Vadie Sides

THE CENSUS

\$2M The amount left by an Oregon man for a National

Conservation Legacy Center in Missoula, Mont. Bill Cannon became ennobled with the National Museum of Forest Service History after visiting the site west of the Missoula airport. Cannon died Nov. 11 at his home in Hood River at 86. The Missoulian reported he left behind the national museum's largest single donation to date.

after two days of searching in rural Lee County. Authorities said Sides had disappeared from her babysitter's sight while they were walking in the backyard with a hound dog.

A member of the search team that found the girl told WRBL-TV that they were searching the woods when they heard a dog bark, and then the girl "popped her head up" and they saw her bright red hair. He said the girl drank some Gatorade and was talking "like it was no big deal" what she had been through.

Old military target washes up on beach

NC KILL DEVIL HILLS — A device that looks like an old mine washed up on North Carolina's Outer Banks. But police said it's nothing to worry about it.

Police in Kill Devil Hills said in a statement that it appears to be some kind of "anti-submarine" target and not an explosive device.

The spherical object is covered in barnacles and was painted with the words "inert" and "target." Police said it's filled with concrete.

Kill Devil Hills police said the U.S. Navy would be coming to retrieve it.

Police seek man who destroyed taro patch

HI WAINIHA — An unidentified man took a backhoe to a taro patch in northern Kauai, damaging a staple of the traditional Hawaiian diet, a local food supply and an attached water line affecting water service in the region, authorities said.

The Kauai Police Department has yet to find the man accused of property damage in Wainiha, the Garden Island reported.

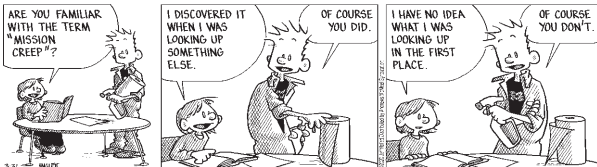
Witnesses told police they saw a man taking down the fence and tearing up dirt and plants on the property using a backhoe.

This is the first time the taro patch has been damaged since a land debate conflict was settled in court over the property, property manager Kaiimi Hermosura said.

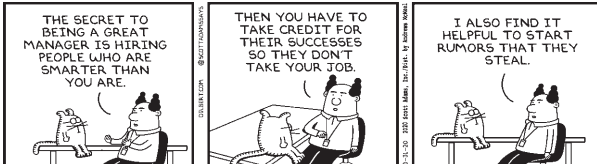
Hermosura inherited the parcel through his Native Hawaiian heritage and has cared for the taro, sweet potatoes, coconuts and bananas on the land, he said, adding that some of those plants were also destroyed.

From wire reports

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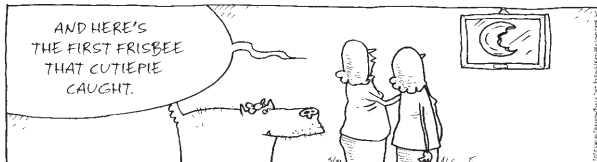
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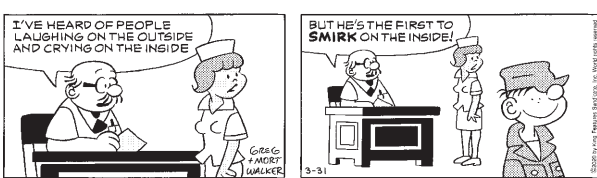
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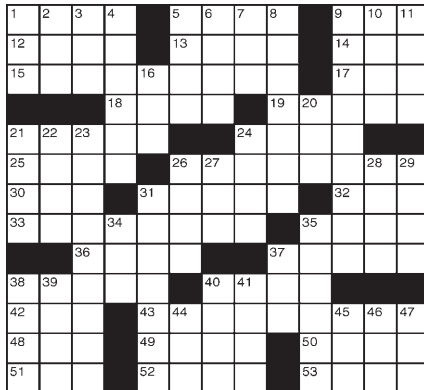
Beetle Bailey



Bizarro



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Earth orbiter
- 5 Jazz phrase
- 9 Mac alternatives
- 12 Split
- 13 Notion
- 14 Parking place
- 15 Abandoned city
- 17 Eggs
- 18 Blue shade
- 19 Spud
- 21 Did yard work
- 24 Treaty
- 25 "May It Be" singer
- 26 "Recognize my voice?"
- 30 Depot (Abbr.)
- 31 Like some mouthwash
- 32 Author Fleming
- 33 Emergency phone services
- 35 Queue after Q
- 36 Oodles
- 37 Appointments
- 38 Psychoanalysis pioneer
- 40 New Age pianist John
- 42 Grazing land
- 43 Accelerated career path
- 48 Earth Day mo.
- 49 -Bator
- 50 Lotion additive
- 51 Spinning toy

DOWN

- 2 Turkish money
- 3 Put up, as curtains
- 4 Favorites
- 6 Pedestal occupant
- 7 Hardly any
- 8 Daydream ahead" hrs.
- 9 Surprise development in a novel
- 10 Inlet
- 11 Rating unit
- 16 Sluggish Williams
- 20 Rm. coolers
- 21 Netting
- 22 Aware of
- 23 Dodge City lawman
- 24 Favorites
- 26 Seed-removing machines
- 27 French article
- 28 Abhor
- 29 Burden
- 31 Aware of
- 34 Singer Rauls
- 35 Gung-ho
- 37 "Spring
- 38 Level
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- 40 Russian ruler
- 41 Sicilian volcano
- 44 "The Greatest"
- 45 Carte lead-in
- 46 Bambooole
- 47 Beer barrel

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Yesterday's Cryptquip: TRENDY COFFEE DRINK THAT INCLUDES MINUSCULE PIECES OF FLAKY, TRANSPARENT MINERAL: MICA MOCHA.
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OPINION

War mobilization in US was hardly flawless

By RICHARD B. FRANK
Special to The Washington Post

President Donald Trump on Friday attacked the Defense Production Act, ordering General Motors to manufacture ventilators for the fight against the coronavirus pandemic, though the company says the project was already underway. The president's move came after weeks of debate over whether the government should impress private industry into producing health care supplies in the emergency.

Though the Defense Production Act is a Korean War-era statute allowing the government to compel companies to aid the country in time of crisis, the law is rooted in America's mobilization during World War I. Much of the momentum for directing industry to join the coronavirus fight seems to have been driven by a hazy, golden-hued memory of that mobilization. The subject deserves to be considered instead in all its complex reality.

Certainly, the dominant portrait of leaders and people working together to produce America's stunning accomplishments is valid, but accompanying this central reality is a counterpoint of fumbles, failures and even an occasional fiasco that can inform and temper our current perceptions. How Americans surmounted those stumbles is as much a part of reality as they are due to their amazing achievements.

When the thunderclap of war burst on the United States in December 1941, Americans were staring into an abyss of world domination by Germany, Japan and Italy, not stepping out to march in a certain victory parade as historian Richard Overman captured the moment. On the day of things, no rational man in early 1942 would have guessed at the eventual out-

come of the war."

President Franklin D. Roosevelt contributed his most impressive achievements precisely where they counted most: radiating confidence in victory and identifying the most vital objectives. He demanded seemingly unreachable production goals, such as his call for building 45,000 aircraft in 1942. Actual figures fell somewhat short, but the call produced prodigious results.

A rich vein of newspaper identified defects in the mobilization, not least open squabbles between high officials — sound familiar? This became an embarrassment such that in August 1942, FDR promulgated an executive order banning public controversies between administration leaders, to modest avail.

Amid the grinding and squeaking of the accelerating production effort, countless figures high and low played vital roles, some prominently, such as Andrew Higgins (designer and producer of the eponymous "Higgins boat," the war's signature landing craft in countless invasions), and many more in almost complete anonymity — railway workers, engineers, secretaries, farmers, and laborers and goliaths — others who turned paper projections into realities with brains, skill and sweat.

Day by day, newspaper readers and radio listeners consumed far more upbeat and inspiring stories of ordinary people dutifully abiding the exactions the war effort demanded. The government did not go further to show support — something most Americans did and will do as a matter of course today, amid the pandemic.

But Americans of that era were not all saints. There were numerous and ingenious attempts to circumvent the rationing system. This started at the top where it was revealed that 40% of the members of the House of Representatives had secured un-

limited access to otherwise rationed gasoline. Front-line service members routinely facing misery and death reviled industrial strikers, no matter the merits of the workers' claims. When some coal miners struck, FDR responded by seizing the coal mines and even proposing that the draft age be extended to 65 to give him power to induct the miners (or other would-be strikers) into the armed forces. But Congress balked at that grant of executive power.

While it is proper to remember that these shortfalls existed — and variations on them will reappear, today's over-earners our deep respect and emulation.

Roosevelt's wife, Eleanor, provides us in one episode a metaphor of how individual Americans met unexpected challenges. At the launching of the aircraft carrier Yorktown in 1943, the first lady's duty was to break the traditional champagne bottle on the bow as the ship began its slide down the ways. This ceremonial role promised to be staid and routine, but the workers had miscalculated the loosening of the structure that had held the Yorktown in place.

The ceremony had barely started when, with a rattle and rattle, the 27,000-ton carrier suddenly began launching herself. With great presence of mind, Roosevelt rushed over and smashed the bottle on the bow in the mere seconds before it lurched beyond reach. This tiny but symbolic moment points to the core requirement of our moment as it was of theirs: In numberless, unanticipated ways, millions of individual Americans on their own initiative will spontaneously rally to put right what threatens to go wrong.

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Our children are watching us closely as we cope

By MICHELLE L. NORRIS
The Washington Post

A pithy little exercise made the rounds on Twitter recently that went something like this: Your quarantine name is the last thing you ate plus the name of the author of the book you are currently reading.

My quarantine name? Bacon Bunnies. That is funny but it's also ironic because, when I fried up the bacon that morning, I counted the slices and put two pieces for everyone. No complaining. Be happy. If you take your time and savor them, you can trick yourself into thinking you're eating more.

I have indeed become my mother. This is a good thing, especially now. She is what sociologists call a "depression baby," born into 1931 just as the nation crashed into rubble, and raised by parents who were trying to find their footing in a world of bread lines, broken banks and rationing.

The things she saw and learned growing up stayed with her a lifetime. Years later, almost everything that came in our house had a brown mami's love and nutmeg and the coffee tins. The partyshoes and toothpicks. The little wire twisters and the bag the bread came in — that is, when she wasn't making her own bread.

Some of this was instinctive but much of it was behavior learned literally sitting at the brown mami's knee and now my children are watching me. All day. Every day. All our children are watching us. And because we know kids are always learning, they are picking up lessons that will stick with them and shape who they become.

Young minds are like sponges, absorbing how we handle uncertainty, turn down a loss of control. Everyone in the family is

working from home, which means the kids now have a front-row seat to who we really are as we spar with co-workers, yawn through Zoom sessions, and try to remain civil with the person answering questions on the unemployment helpline.

We no longer have the end-of-day buffer where the subway ride or commute provides a long exhale so we can arrive home with a clearer head and a wide smile. Now, the commute is the distance from the coffee table to the fridge.

Our kids are watching us reinvent ourselves in this suldrating spiral. But this is enough to lean toward renewal, this is a chance to demonstrate new habits that could strengthen our relationships with each other and the world. It is an optimistic aspiration but it is going to be tough and let's just admit that because this will strain our relationships and our finances and our physical and mental health.

We'll need to cut through a lot of noise just to hear our better angels: the alarms clanging in our heads about jobs and bills; the news from the TV and radio about the numbers of the sick and dead marching down the road in a suldrating spiral. But this is where we need to remember that while we are watching the deluge, our young people — whether they are in college or kindergarten — are calculating how we watch and respond to this moment.

It starts with little things like patience and gentleness, and we gentle with ourselves and each other? It continues with the way we order our steps: How did we educate ourselves about something no one really understands? Did we parrot theory or call the bug by its real name? Who did we blame for the sudden change of fate? Did we look outward or inward to find resili-

ence and strength? Were we inventive in finding ways to check in on grandparents and elders we could no longer visit or hug? Did we rally the troops to spend time in nature? Did we find a way to say "I love you" every day?

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There are indications that COVID-19 has a minimal impact on children and adolescents, but young people are certainly not immune from the nation's sudden plunge into uncertainty, grief — and financial instability. A generation fed on a steady diet of dystopic fantasy in movies, video games and kid lit is now caught in a real-world drama from which there is no escape. The closest thing to superheroes right now are the medical professionals who are begging for masks and protective material so they can save our lives while protecting their own.

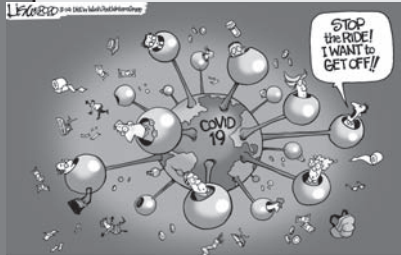
Every parent remembers when a child stumbles or takes a bad fall on a bike. Before the child decides whether to open their mouth and fall to the heavens, there is this little pause where they first glance at an adult, as if to ask, "Am I OK?"

In that moment, the adult holds the key. Calm may not take away the sting, but it can dial down the response. We are all in that moment right now and yet calm is perhaps too much to ask for. We must find something to give to our young people, something that will steady them for the terrain ahead. If there was ever a reason to find that best version of yourself in this terrifying moment — look into your child's eyes. That's where you will find it.

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Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



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Celebs send

iHeart Living Room Concert raises funds, lifts viewers' spirits

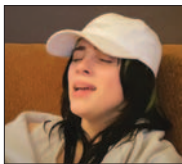
BY EMILY YARR
The Washington Post

A week and a half ago, actress Gal Gadot posted an Instagram video of her and some famous friends earnestly singing a cover of "Imagine"—and it promptly got destroyed by the internet. While intended to uplift fans during the coronavirus crisis, most viewers just saw a bunch of tone-deaf wealthy stars (literally and figuratively) with no idea of what it's like to be truly struggling right now.

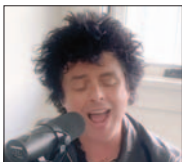
On Sunday night, once again, a group of celebrities got together to try to lift people's spirits with Fox's "iHeart Living Room Concert for America." Only this time, it seemed to work—positive responses poured in on social media, many along the lines of "I didn't know how much I needed to see something like this." Airing in place of the now-postponed iHeartRadio Music Awards, the hourlong special was hosted by Elton John and featured performances by A-list musicians from their respective homes.

"We know that your concerns are a mile high, but we hope this bit of entertainment can feed and fuel your soul," John said during the introduction. "And maybe bring you some strength and a touch of joy to prepare for the days to come."

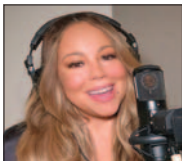
It also served as a fundraiser, as stars urged viewers to donate to Feeding America and First Responders Children's Foundation. Before and after performances, producers showed clips of medical professionals risking their lives to treat patients, along with truck drivers delivering supplies to grocery stores and small children waving at grandparents through windows. Plus, the wrenching plea from Michigan intensive care unit nurse Melissa Steiner, who compared her hospital to a war zone: "I'm already



Billie Eilish



Billie Joe Armstrong



Mariah Carey

breaking ... please take this seriously," she said through tears in the video, which has been viewed more than a million times on Twitter. "This is so bad."

The celebrities were careful to strike the right tone, and they repeatedly thanked first responders and everyone on the front lines fighting the pandemic.

One highlight was Billie Joe Armstrong of Green Day, who was distracted from the start as a tiny adorable dog wandered in the room and jumped on the couch. "Hope you don't mind if my dogs are here," Armstrong said. During his acoustic version of "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," he chewed gum and attempted to get the attention of his pets, who ignored him.

Most musicians went with their most popular songs—the Backstreet Boys, singing from five different homes, pieced together "I Want It That Way." Tim McGraw, who had earbuds in as he listened to his band perform from various places, sang "Something Like That." Mariah Carey appeared to have a fan blowing her hair back as she was accompanied by off-site backup singers and a piano player for "Always Be My Baby."

Others included Billie Eilish ("Bad Guy"); Alicia Keys ("Underdog"); Dave Grohl ("My Hero"); H.E.R. ("Keep Holding On"); Demi Lovato ("Skyscraper"); Sam Smith ("How Do You Sleep?"); and Camila Cabello and Shawn Mendes ("My Oh My"). Elton John sang "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me," and when Lizzo stopped by for a quick video chat, he belted out a few bars of her hit "Juice."

While there were a few eyebrow-raising reminders that stars are not like us (such as McGraw swimming on a diving board next to a gigantic swimming pool), for the most part, the special went over much better than Gadot and company's "Imagine."

Musician Prine in critical condition

From wire reports

John Prine, the Maywood, Ill., postman and Army mechanic who went on to become one of the most revered American songwriters of the past half century, is in critical condition "after a sudden onset of COVID-19 symptoms," his official Twitter feed reported Sunday afternoon.

Prine "was hospitalized on Thursday. He was intubated Saturday evening, and continues to receive care, but his situation is critical," said the note "From the Prine family" on the @JohnPrineMusic Twitter feed.

Prine, 73, has battled cancer twice, in the late 1990s and the early 2010s, and just last month received a lifetime achievement award at the Grammys.

His 2018 album "Tree of Forgiveness," his first of original material in 13 years, included guest appearances by Jason Isbell, Brandi Carlile, the Black Keys' Dan Auerbach and Amanda Shires, and earned wide critical praise.

The week before the singer's diagnosis, his wife, Fiona Whelan Prine, said she had tested positive for coronavirus and said a test on her husband was indeterminate.

"We wanted to let you know," the family Twitter post said, "and give you the chance to send on more of that love and support now."

Country singer Joe Diffie dies

Country singer Joe Diffie, who had a string of hits in the 1990s with chart-topping ballads and honky-tonk singles like "Home" and "Pickup Man," has died after testing positive for COVID-19. He was 61.

Diffie announced March 27 he had contracted the coronavirus. Diffie's publicist, Scott Adkins, said the singer died Sunday due to complications from the virus.

Diffie, a native of Tulsa, Okla., was a member of the Grand Ole Opry for more than 25 years. His hits included "Honky Tonk Attitude," "Prop Me Up Beside the jukebox (If I Die)," "Bigger Than the Beatles" and "If the Devil Danced (In Empty Pockets)."

His mid-'90s albums "Honky Tonk Attitude" and "Third Rock From the Sun" went platinum. Eighteen of Diffie's singles landed in the top 10, with five going No. 1.

Other news

■ The Television Academy has adjusted its calendar ahead of the **Emmy Awards** following disruption from the coronavirus. June 5 will be the new entry deadline, nominations will be voted on from July 2-13 and nominations will be announced July 28. Final voting will take place from Aug. 21-31. But the academy stressed that there are no changes to the Sept. 20 Emmy telecast or the Sept. 12 and Sept. 13 Creative Arts Emmy ceremonies.

■ Popular Japanese comedian **Ken Shimura**, who drew inspiration from the American comic icon Jerry Lewis, has died from the coronavirus, becoming Japan's first known celebrity victim of the disease. He was 70. Shimura, who attracted fans of all generations with his slapstick comedy and funny faces, died on Sunday, according to his agency, Izawa Office.

■ Actor **John Callahan**, known for playing Edmund Grey on "All My Children" and also starring on other soaps including "Days of Our Lives," "Santa Barbara" and "Falcon Crest," died last week. He was 66. His ex-wife and former "All My Children" costar Eva LaRue announced his death on a social media account March 28. The two, who played a married couple on the show, have a daughter, Kaitlyn. Callahan starred on "All My Children" from 1992 to 2005.



Fox photos

Top: Elton John hosted Fox's iHeart Living Room Concert for America on Sunday night. Above: The Backstreet Boys (left to right), Kevin Richardson, Howie Dorough, Nick Carter, Brian Littrel and AJ McLean) filming from separate locations.

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Sunday's Transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball National League
SAN DIEGO PADRES optioned RHP Gerardo Reyes to El Paso (PCL)
FOOTBALL
National Football League
DETROIT LIONS — Agreed to terms with WR Gerominio Allison.

Pro basketball

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	18	18	.718	0
Boston	23	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	30	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	25	45	.318	26

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	41	24	.531	0
Orlando	30	35	.462	13
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	32	12	.727	0
Indiana	29	28	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	37½
Cleveland	19	49	.282	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	0
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½
Phoenix	37	32	.539	4
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
San Antonio	20	45	.323	21½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	43	22	.662	0
Portland	32	33	.492	8½
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
Utah	39	37	.513	5
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	39	36	.519	10
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	36

All games postponed at least until mid-May.

Pro hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division										
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA				
Boston	70	44	12	100	242	187				
Tampa Bay	70	43	21	6	92	245				
Toronto	70	36	25	8	198	217				
Florida	69	35	29	8	183	219				
Montreal	71	31	31	9	171	212				
Buffalo	69	30	31	7	168	217				
Ottawa	71	25	34	12	161	243				
Detroit	71	25	39	19	145	267				

Metropolitan Division

Washington	69	41	20	8	90	240
Pittsburgh	69	40	23	6	86	224
Columbus	68	38	25	6	86	219
Carolina	70	33	22	6	80	187
N.Y. Islanders	68	35	23	10	92	199
N.Y. Rangers	70	31	27	7	72	203
New Jersey	69	28	29	12	88	183

Western Division

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
St. Louis	69	41	11	10	89	225
Colorado	70	42	20	8	92	237
Arizona	69	38	25	7	82	180
Winnipeg	71	37	28	6	80	216
Nashville	69	36	26	9	79	215
Chicago	70	35	27	7	77	220
San Jose	70	32	30	8	72	218

Pacific Division

Vegas	71	39	24	8	86	227
Edmonton	70	36	27	8	83	225
Calgary	70	36	27	7	79	210
Vancouver	69	36	27	6	78	227
San Jose	70	29	35	9	64	188
Anaheim	71	29	33	6	67	218
Los Angeles	69	27	34	7	64	174
San Jose	70	29	36	5	63	182

All games postponed at least until early May.

Pro football

NFL calendar

April 17 — Deadline for restricted free agents to sign offer sheets.
April 23-25 — NFL Draft, Las Vegas.

Tokyo Games set for July 23-Aug. 8

Same time slot instead of spring allows 'more room for the athletes to qualify'

By STEPHEN WADE
Associated Press

DID YOU KNOW?

Japan is officially spending \$12.6 billion to organize the Olympics. However, an audit bureau of the Japanese government says the costs are twice that much.

SOURCE: Associated Press

TOKYO — The Tokyo Olympics will open next year in the same time slot scheduled for this year's Games.

Tokyo organizers said Monday the opening ceremony will take place on July 23, 2021 — almost exactly one year after the Games were due to start this year.

"The schedule for the Games is key to preparing for the Games," Tokyo organizing committee president Yoshiro Mori said. "This will only accelerate our progress."

Last week, the IOC and Japanese organizers postponed the Olympics until 2021 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

This year's games were scheduled to open on July 24 and close on Aug. 9. But the near exact one-year delay will see the rescheduled closing ceremony on Aug. 8.

There had been talk of switching the Olympics to spring, a move that would coincide with the blooming of Japan's famous cherry blossoms. But it would also clash with European soccer and North American sports leagues.

Mori said a spring Olympics was considered but holding the Games later gives more space to complete the many qualifying events that have been postponed by the virus outbreak.

"We wanted to have more room for the athletes to qualify," Mori said.

After holding out for weeks, local organizers and the IOC last week postponed the Tokyo Games under pressure from athletes, national Olympic bodies and sports federations. It's the first postponement in Olympic history, though there were several cancellations during wartime.

The Paralympics were rescheduled to Aug. 24-Sept. 5.

The new Olympic dates would conflict with the scheduled world championships in track and swimming, but those events are now expected to also be pushed back.

"The IOC has had close discussions with the relevant international federations," organizing committee CEO Toshio Muto said. "I believe the IFs have accepted the games being held in the summer."

Muto said the decision was made Monday and the IOC said it was supported by all the international sports federations and was based on three main considerations: to protect the health of athletes, to safeguard the interests of the athletes and Olympic sport, and the international sports

calendar.

"These new dates give the health authorities and all involved in the organization of the Games the maximum time to deal with the constantly changing landscape and the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic," the IOC said. "The new dates ... also have the added benefit that any disruption that the postponement will cause to the international sports calendar can be kept to a minimum, in the interests of the athletes and the IFs."

Mori and Muto have said the cost of rescheduling the Olympics will be massive — local reports estimate billions of dollars — with most of the expenses borne by Japanese taxpayers.

Muto promised transparency in calculating the costs, and testing times deciding how they are divided up.

"Since it (the Olympics) were scheduled for this summer, all the venues had given up hosting any other events during this time, so how do we approach that?" Muto asked. "In addition, there will need to be guarantees when we book the new dates, and there is a possibility this will incur rent payments. So there will be costs incurred and we will need to consider them one by one. I think that will be the tougher process."

Katsuhiko Miyamoto, an emeritus professor of sports economics at Kansai University, puts the costs as high as \$4 billion. That would cover the price of maintaining stadiums, refitting them, paying rentals, penalties and other expenses.

Japan is officially spending \$12.6 billion to organize the Olympics. However, an audit bureau of the Japanese government says the costs are twice that much. All of the spending is public money except \$5.6 billion from a privately funded operating budget.

The Switzerland-based International Olympic Committee is contributing \$1.3 billion, according to organizing committee documents. The IOC's contribution goes into the operating budget.

IOC President Thomas Bach has repeatedly called the Tokyo Olympics the best prepared in history. However, Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso also termed them "curse'd."



GREGORY PAYAN/AP

Ryan Bader, left, squares off with Vadim Nemkov at a March 9 news conference promoting the Bellator Spring and Summer fight cards in New York City. Bellator is still hopeful of running its next mixed-martial arts card on May 9. That event could be in jeopardy after President Donald Trump extended federal guidelines recommending people stay home for another 30 days until the end of April to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus.

Bellator: Wait and see for May bouts

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

Bellator President Scott Coker spent time during the coronavirus pandemic like so many others, binging on Netflix and catching up on "Tiger King."

"That's a crazy show," Coker said. "Coker would love for mixed martial arts fans to catch up on his style of cage fighting in the promotion he runs through Bellator's app or its YouTube channel. But live fights, right now in this climate? Hard pass. Bellator has postponed all fights until the Bellator 242 card on May 9 that features Ryan Bader defending the light heavyweight championship against Vadim Nemkov in San Jose, Calif. Even that event could be in jeopardy after President Donald Trump extended federal guidelines recommending people stay home for another 30 days, until the end of April, to prevent the spread of the virus. Bellator's next big card could go down for the count."

"I feel like there's a possibility everything will be fine by the end of April."

Scott Coker
Bellator president

UFC has since held a card in Brazil and company president Dana White has been adamant the company will still hold its next pay-per-view event in an under-terminated local on April 18. The main event fight between Khabib Nurmagomedov and Tony Ferguson was originally scheduled for Brooklyn. UFC had hoped to move two events, scheduled for March 28 and April 11, to its UFC Apex training complex in Las Vegas, where they would have been held without fans. They failed to go off as scheduled.

"I'm not one to judge their business, but I just hope they're taking precautions and all the proper steps because, to me, it's always been about the health and safety and well being of the athletes and the staff," Coker said. "One of the decisions we made when we pulled the plug was the, 'What if? What if we continue and two or three of these fighters ended up with the coronavirus on our watch?' It would be very real, very quickly."

"We'll make up these fights," Coker said. "If we miss any other fights while we're waiting, we'll make them up."

With 241 in doubt, Bellator went ahead and paid all fighters, officials, judges, crew and any essential personnel connected to the card.

"It was quite expensive, well into the seven figures," Coker said. "Revenue you can make up, and that's what we're going to do. I think there will be an impact, even if we make up these events."

Bellator, owned by Viacom, also has a card scheduled for May 16 in London.

"I feel like there's a possibility everything will be fine by the end of April," Coker said. "If it's not, then we'll have to push the fights back. That's a tough call. We'll have to let them know in the next couple of weeks, here's our backup plan."

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Underdog: Unforgettable tourney runs

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the biggest party crashers in tournament history, not just because of their seeding but also because they were in only their second season of Division I eligibility.

“It helped everybody’s career with what they wanted to do next in life,” said Brett Comer, the point guard who fed lobbs to guys like Chase Fieler and Eric McKnight for an array of electrifying dunks that introduced the team and then-16-year-old school in Fort Myers to an enraptured audience coast to coast.

Three days after the last of Dunk City’s 148 dunks that season, coach Andy Enfield was hired at Southern California and his salary went from \$137,000 a year to well over \$1 million.

Sherrwood Brown — the team’s leading scorer and Atlantic Sun player of the year — was invited to seven NBA tryouts before beginning his pro career overseas. Without Dunk City, NBA teams probably wouldn’t have taken notice of the player who showed up at FGCU as a walk-on.

Fellow starters Fieler and Bernard Thompson continue to make nice livings overseas, and McKnight also has played professionally. Comer was in the NBA G League before a knee injury ended his career. He’s now director of player development at Dayton after two years as a graduate assistant. He said he’s convinced name recognition helped him get hired by Flyers coach Anthony Grant.

Michael Fly, who just finished his second season as head coach after succeeding Joe Dooley, was one of Enfield’s assistants in 2013. He and current assistant Joey Cantens are the last links to the original Dunk City. Since 2014, the Eagles have won or shared six Atlantic Sun regular-season or tournament championships and made two NCAA appearances.

“I’m not a head coach and we don’t win as many championships as we have here without that (2013) team,” Fly said. “It’s changed a lot of our lives for the positive.”

The Dunk City Effect, as it’s called, resulted in a 35% increase in freshman applications following the NCAA run and boosted enrollment to about 15,000.

The surprise NCAA run opened with the Eagles taking down Georgetown 78-68, a game highlighted by a Comer-to-Fieler lob that took the steam out of the Hoyas’ comeback bid in the



AP photos



last 2 minutes and inspired a rap song.

FGCU then beat seventh-seeded San Diego State 81-71, and reporters and network morning shows began invading the Fort Myers campus to see what Dunk City was all about. It was a major distraction for the upstart Eagles in the days before their Sweet 16 game against Florida.

“I think we ran out of gas,” Comer said. “We weren’t used to the amount of media coverage we had. We were going to do as much media stuff as we could to promote the school, promote the brand, which is good for everybody. When it got to the game, it was our down.”

The Eagles got out to a double-digit lead against the third-seeded Gators. But Florida made adjust-

ments and won 62-50.

Seven years later, Dunk City branding is all over campus.

“It’s made the follow-up acts extremely difficult and pressure-filled,” Fly said. “We had years when Coach Dooley was here where we would have 20-plus wins and lose in the conference championship game. Casual fans in Fort Myers would say to me, ‘We hope you can get back to where you were before.’”

1986 Cleveland State: Coach Kevin Mackey and his band of unknowns made it to the Sweet 16 as a No. 14 seed, beating Bobby Knight-coached and Steve Alford-led Indiana and then St. Joseph’s.

Next up was Navy and David Robinson, the 7-foot star who was that year’s No. 1 pick in the NBA Draft. Robinson banked in

above Florida Gulf Coast’s Chase Fieler dunks on San Diego State’s Deshawn Stephens during an NCAA Tournament game in Philadelphia on March 24, 2013. Left: George Mason forward Sammy Hernandez celebrates beating North Carolina in a second-round NCAA Tournament game in Dayton, Ohio, on March 18, 2006. George Mason beat Michigan State, North Carolina and Wichita State before taking down No. 1 seed Connecticut and its roster full of NBA talent, 86-84 in overtime. They lost 73-58 to eventual national champion Florida in the semifinals.

a shot with 5 seconds left to give the Midshipmen a 71-70 win. The Vikings didn’t return to the tournament until 2009.

1997 Chattanooga: Coach Mack McCarthy liked to talk barbecue as much as basketball, maybe more, and the moment never seemed too big for a loose and confident team that was a 14 seed and started two walk-ons.

The Mocs started with a flurry, taking control early in a first-round win over Georgia. They beat Illinois by double digits after getting the vibe the Illini were taking them lightly. The fun ended in the Sweet 16 with a 71-65 loss to Providence.

2002 Missouri: The Tigers were ranked as high as No. 2, but a midseason slump left them in sixth place in the Big 12 at the end of the regular season. They went to the tournament as a No. 12 seed.

Mizzou opened with double-digit wins over Miami and Ohio State, and Kareem Rush’s three-pointer started a second-half comeback that carried the Tigers past UCLA. They finally lost in the Elite Eight, 81-75 to Oklahoma.

2006 George Mason: No one saw a Final Four run coming after George Mason lost in the Colonial Athletic Association semifinals. In fact, when the 22-win Patriots

were announced as No. 11 seed, college basketball analyst Billy Packer declared Jim Larranaga’s team didn’t even belong in the tournament.

George Mason beat Michigan State, North Carolina and Wichita State before taking down No. 1 seed Connecticut and its roster full of NBA talent 86-84 in overtime. They lost 73-58 to eventual national champion Florida in the semifinals.

2018 Loyola-Chicago: One of the lasting memories of the tournament was the Ramblers’ telegenic and now-100-year-old team chaplain, Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt. What they did on the court was pretty memorable, too. Their run to the Final Four as an 11 seed never seemed short of drama. There was Donte Ingram making a three-pointer with three-tenths of a second left to beat Miami. They got past Tennessee thanks to Clayton Custer’s jumper with 2.6 seconds to play. Marques Townes’ three with 7 seconds left held off Nevada’s comeback bid in the regional semifinals. All that made a 16-point win over Kansas State in the Elite Eight look easy.

The Ramblers’ 14-game win streak finally ended when Michigan erased a 10-point deficit in the second half to beat them 69-57.

COLLEGE

Coaches find ways to support athletes feeling adrift

By JANIE MCCAULEY
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Morgan Coppoc finds herself in a situation similar to so many other college athletes across the country, hundreds of miles away from campus and lost without her routine and her tennis teammates at Georgia.

Still, she is regularly hearing from her coaches for individual check-ins as well as receiving updates for the entire team, including the latest details about the coronavirus pandemic. The school counseling office also keeps in contact with Coppoc, at home in Tulsa, Okla., to offer sessions by phone that she would have typically attended in person.

"This whole situation has been hard to process and still feels so surreal," Coppoc said. "I have been experiencing many emotions across the spectrum. First, I was in denial. It was impossible to accept the gravity of what was happening. I even refused to unpack my clothes once I was back home in Oklahoma. I was scared. Now I'm 13 hours from campus and my closest friends, teammates and coaches."

Leaders in college athletics are doing their best to adapt in real time to help athletes such as Coppoc. Coaches are making efforts to keep teams emotionally close when they've suddenly been scattered across the country — and in many cases the world. Regular video calls and group texts have replaced face-to-face interactions as they embrace new ways to help young athletes cope with a crisis that has also taken away the sports they loved, the very thing that defined many of them.

Coppoc's coach at Georgia, Jeff Wallace, reached out recently on the team's group chat platform. "I just said something like, 'Hope everyone's doing well, staying safe,

life as we know it has changed dramatically' and encouraged everybody to keep working out, hydrate, get your rest and practice social distancing," Wallace said.

"Never thought I would advise anyone to stay away from others. And 'if anyone needs anything or has any questions, please reach out.' Finally, 'It would be great to hear how, what everyone is doing in short periodical updates, that would be awesome.'"

At Arkansas, men's basketball coach Eric Musselman and his counterparts in other sports are keeping tabs on every student-athlete through a detailed spreadsheet — when someone is on the move, they know it.

"I think for all of us in college athletics the No. 1 focus always has to be on the student's well-being," Musselman said. "All coaches in every sport want to win, but the bottom line in all of this is these guys are 17- to 21-year-olds in a prime part of their lives when they're still trying to figure out the world. We have an obligation, whether in season, out of season, or post-playing career, remaining a big part of their lives, being there for them."

Musselman has always counted on impromptu, in-person opportunities to get a read on how someone is doing.

"That's why we're FaceTiming a lot so we can look in their eyes. The biggest thing I'm missing is even in the offseason they come up and sit on the couch in my office," Musselman said. "That interaction is gone and that's probably the most vital interaction we have all year."

Communication specialists and mental health professionals are encouraging coaches and others to allow these young men and women to go through the stages of grieving as needed as they adjust after the unexpected disappearance of the sea-



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Arkansas guard Jimmy Whitt Jr. receives daily calls from assistant coach Clay Moser. The Arkansas athletic department is keeping tabs on every student-athlete at all times through a detailed spreadsheet, when someone is on the move, they all know.

sons they trained for and the camaraderie of daily practices and team meals. Providing comfort and security is important to ensure people know where to turn for a sense of some normalcy.

"That's general human nature but I think it is heightened with young people," said Rick Dickson, the former Tulane athletic director who guided the school's athletic department through the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. "They're so invested, especially in sport, their time, their commitment, their passion, all of that, and when that is rocked to the core, they need the certainty and stability they can turn to and depend on. That's their source for so many things."

Dickson scrambled his 16 teams after the hurricane to four other campuses for a semester so they could stay safe — three spots in Texas and at LSU. He set up a task force in each location and regular mental-health checks on the athletes and coaches to see who might need professional help.

It cannot be a "one-time here's what we're going to do," he said.

Dickson also shared his experiences with the NCAA as it established guidelines on mental health and moving forward when things change by the minute because of COVID-19.

Betsy Butterick, a San Diego-based communication specialist and a former college basketball player and coach, recently held a free webinar to help coaches and administrators develop strategies for

the days ahead. She encouraged the roughly 500 participants to identify forms of self-care and how that looks for each person and noted "when in doubt, start with gratitude."

With the absence of traditional senior sendoffs or end-of-season banquets that allow everyone to be together perhaps one final time, she said coaches can get creative: establish new team awards, hold virtual celebrations, share a book the whole team can read and discuss, or let players prepare a practice plan or new drill.

She was among those who said athletes might go through something comparable to the grieving process.

"It is very similar to grieving," said longtime University of San Francisco baseball coach Nino Giarratano. "We are in contact daily trying to help them academically, athletically and keeping their spirits up."

Musselman is trying to keep things light amid all the uncertainty. Last week, he posted a video of himself running around, clapping and hollering while coaching drills in an empty gym. In another, he held a news conference with nobody there.

His players remain his top priority. Senior Jimmy Whitt Jr. receives daily calls from Arkansas assistant coach Clay Moser. And when Whitt returns home to Columbia, Mo., in the coming days, his coaches will monitor the trip until he has safely made it.

"It just shows you that it goes beyond basketball," Whitt said, "beyond me."



DAVID THOMPSON/via AP

University of Georgia student-athletes and roommates from left: Ashley Andersen, Morgan Coppoc, Tyler Armistead and Dalaney Hans pose in Athens, Ga. Coppoc, a tennis player, finds herself in a situation similar to so many other college athletes, hundreds of miles away from campus, lost without her routine and her teammates.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

TOP 10
ALL-TIME

With no March Madness, The Associated Press is moving stories and historical pieces to help fill some of the void in college basketball. A panel of AP sports writers voted in March on the top 10 men's basketball games in the history of the NCAA Tournament. They are being republished because the sport has been shut down by the coronavirus pandemic. The following game story, from April 5, 2010, was voted No. 7.

No. 7

Duke holds on

Butler comes up one bucket short as Krzyzewski wins his 4th national title

By EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS
The ball went sailing while the buzzer went off. Where it landed would be the difference between a shining moment for one team, a tear-stained loss for another.

Butler forward Gordon Hayward's halfcourt shot hit backboard, then rim, then barely careened out. Duke beat Butler 61-59 on Monday night. What a game! And what a way to end the season, even if America's favorite underdog came up a little short.

"It would be an historic game, a benchmark game," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "Not just the way it was played, but who played in it and what comes out of it."

Memorable, indeed, for the way both teams battled, never giving an inch, or giving in on a single possession. And memorable for the way it ended.

Tiny Butler, on a mission to write a sequel to "Hoosiers," had two chances to win it in the last 4 seconds. Hayward's more traditional attempt a fadeaway, 15-footer was barely long. Then, after Brian Zoubek made one free throw and intentionally missed the next, Hayward collected the rebound, moved to half-court and took another shot that was on line, but barely bounced out.

"I can't really put it into words



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

A half-court shot by Butler's Gordon Hayward barely missed as Duke held on for the win.

because the last couple of plays were just not normal," said Duke's Kyle Singler, who scored 19 points and was named the Final Four's most outstanding player.

The Blue Devils (35-5) got the right bounces at the end to snap Butler's 25-game winning streak and bring the long-awaited fourth national title back home to the Cameron Crazies.

The "Big Three" of Singler, Jon Scheyer (15 points) and Nolan Smith (13) won the Big One for Coach K, his first championship since 2001 and fourth overall, tying him with Adolph Rupp for second place on the all-time list. Krzyzewski is now 4-4 in title games.

"It's the best one I've been involved in of the eight," he said.

Nobody figured this would be easy, and it wasn't a way that was going to happen against Butler; the 4,200-student private school that sent millions of brackets to the paper shredder while earning the right to make the 5-mile drive from its historic home, Hinkle Fieldhouse, where they filmed "Hoosiers," to the Final Four.

Butler (33-5) shaved a five-point deficit to one and had a chance to win it, when its best player, Hayward, took the ball at the top of the key, spun and worked his way to the baseline, but was forced to put up an off-balance fadeaway from 15 feet.

He missed, but Duke's title wasn't secure until Hayward's desperation heave bounded out.

"The first shot, caught it, tried to go left, went back right. Thought it was a good shot and missed it," Hayward said. "The last shot, it was just a last-second shot. I don't know. It missed."

What a game to end one of the most memorable March Madnesses in history, filled with wild finishes, upsets and underdogs; the kind of tournament that some fear could be history if the NCAA moves forward with an expansion to 96 teams — something very much on the table for next year. "It was the closest margin of victory in a final since Michigan defeated Seton Hall 80-79 in 1989.

"We came up one possession short in a game with about 145 possessions," said Butler's 33-year-old coach, Brad Stevens. "It's hard to stomach for when you're on the wrong end of that."

Nobody led by more than six. The Blue Devils won with defense. They held the Bulldogs to 34% shooting and contested every possession as tenaciously as Butler, which allowed 60 points for the first time since February. They won with some clutch



PHOTOS BY CHARLIE NIEBERGALL (ABOVE) AND AMY SANCETTA (BELOW)/AP

Above: Duke's Miles Plumlee (21) and teammates celebrate after a 61-59 win over Butler in the 2010 championship in Indianapolis. Below: It was the fourth national title for Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski.

shooting. Singler went 3-for-6 from three-point range and the Blue Devils went 6-for-6 from the free throw line in the second half until Zoubek's intentional miss.

They won with a mean streak. It was most pointed when Lance Thomas took down Hayward hard to prevent an easy layup with 5:07 left. The refs reviewed the play and decided not to call it flagrant one of a hundred little moments that could have swung such a tight, taut game.

They won because that last shot didn't go in.

"Speechless. It's the best feeling in the world," Smith said. "That shot didn't go in and I just hugged Kyle and just hugged my teammates. We've worked so hard and we finished it together."

A perfect ending for Duke, which won a different way this season, on a team that had no superstars.

Good teams only become great in Coach K's mind when they win it all, and though the members of this group may not end up with lottery-pick money in their pockets, they'll have a national title trophy. They'll be mentioned in the same breath as Christian Laettner and Shane Battier and Grant Hill, all immortalized by the Cameron Crazies, who were outnumbered about 5-to-1 at cavernous Lucas Oil Field.

They'll be the ones who put Duke back on top on Tobacco Road, where last season, North Carolina brought home its second of two championships in the time since Duke last made the Final Four, six years ago.

That's like a lifetime down there. But now, the Blue Devils are standard-setters.

"There's only one team that can say they are national champions



and that's us," freshman guard Andre Dawkins said.

Even though the trophy won't go to Butler, the point has been proven.

Teams with megamoney from power conferences aren't the only ones that win in big-time college sports. Nothing proved that better than the Bulldogs in their run through this year's NCAA tournament.

In the true team fashion that has defined "The Butler Way," the Bulldog scoring was distributed almost perfectly even.

Hayward and Shelvin Mack had 12 each. Matt Howard, coming off a concussion in the semifinal win over Michigan State, finished with 11, and two-point-a-game scorer Avery Jukes kept Butler in it with all 10 of his points in the first half.

"Hate losing," Hayward said.

"It's one of the worst feelings personally that I have, is losing. So it's great for us to be here, but that's not what we wanted to do. We wanted to win."

They weren't alone. They captured America's attention, and its heart, and came close to writing the unthinkable sequel to "Hoosiers." In the movie, the winning team is tiny Hickory High, and Jimmy Chitwood hits the game-winner at the buzzer to strike a blow for the little guys.

Thankfully, that movie is still available on DVD.

This game might be too, someday.

"My congratulations and empathy are with the Butler team, who played winning basketball," Krzyzewski said. "And, yeah, to me, it was a game that we won, but they didn't lose."

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NCAA TOURNAMENT



Party crashers

Underdog stories like 'Dunk City,' Loyola are a big part of March Madness' magic

By ERIC OLSON
Associated Press

If not for those magical eight days seven years ago, Florida Gulf Coast might still be that upstart school trying to create an identity in the Sunshine State, never mind nationally. Dunk City changed everything.

The high-flying Eagles and their showstop-

ping offense earned their place in NCAA Tournament lore when, as a No. 15 seed in the South Region, they upset Georgetown and San Diego State in Philadelphia to reach the 2013 Sweet 16. Their run ended when, emotionally drained, they lost their regional semifinal to Florida.

No team seeded so low has gone so far. They remain

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Top: Florida Gulf Coast's Sherwood Brown, center, celebrates with teammates after upsetting San Diego State 81-71 in an NCAA tournament game on March 24, 2013. **No. 15 "Dunk City"** advanced to their regional semifinal before losing to Florida. **Left:** Sister Jean Dolores-Schmidt, chaplain of the Loyola-Chicago basketball team, gestures during a rally in Chicago. **Loyola made a run to the Final Four as an 11 seed.**



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TO OUR READERS

As the sports world pauses to join the rest of the world in fighting the coronavirus pandemic, you will see fewer sports stories in Stars and Stripes. We look forward to resuming our normal coverage when the leagues and governing bodies determine it is safe for athletes and fans to return to competition.

