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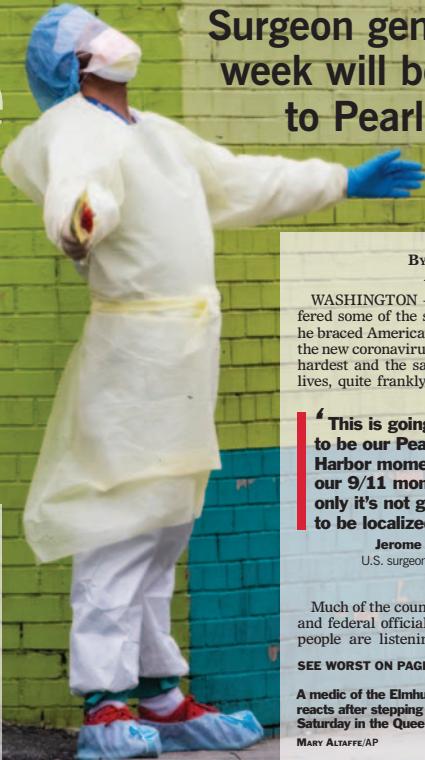
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VIRUS OUTBREAK

Prepare for the worst



Surgeon general says this week will be comparable to Pearl Harbor, 9/11

By KEVIN FREKING
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. surgeon general offered some of the starkest warnings yet Sunday as he braced Americans for the worsening fallout from the new coronavirus, warning “this is going to be the hardest and the saddest week of most Americans’ lives, quite frankly.” The public was advised separately by the nation’s infectious disease chief to “just buckle down” and that the virus probably won’t be wiped out entirely this year.

‘This is going to be our Pearl Harbor moment, our 9/11 moment, only it’s not going to be localized.’

Jerome Adams
 U.S. surgeon general

The number of people infected in the U.S. has exceeded 300,000, with the death toll climbing past 8,400; more than 3,500 of those deaths are in the state of New York.

Much of the country is under orders to stay home, and federal officials said that have seen signs that people are listening to the message about social

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A medic of the Elmhurst Hospital Center medical team reacts after stepping outside of the emergency room on Saturday in the Queens borough of New York.

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US base in South Korea tries new way to sniff out virus

By KIM GAMEL
 Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The Army garrison in Daegu, the center of South Korea’s coronavirus outbreak, is trying a new way to sniff out people who may have the respiratory disease — a small test.

Beginning Friday, people trying to enter U.S. installations in the southeastern city

were being randomly asked if they can smell apple vinegar as part of the health screening process that has been in place since the outbreak began on Feb. 20.

“We are now performing random small tests at the entrance gates of Camps Walker, Carroll and Henry to help better detect personnel who may be infected by COVID-19,” the garrison said Friday on its Facebook page, using the virus’ official name.

“Those personnel who cannot detect the screen will be further screened.”

Officials said Sunday the test began on an experimental basis at Camp Walker this weekend and would likely be expanded to the other bases in coming days.

Medical organizations have pointed to mounting evidence that anosmia, the loss of smell or taste, may be an early indicator of the highly contagious virus, although it

has so far been largely anecdotal.

Army Garrison Daegu was the first military base to implement a strict screening regimen that includes temperatures checks and a questionnaire to determine potential exposure by location.

Those procedures have been emulated on bases across the divided peninsula and

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Small business relief launches, hits snags

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The federal government's \$349 billion relief program for small businesses got off to a rocky start Friday as hundreds of thousands tried to apply for desperately needed loans.

Many small business owners ran into bureaucratic or technological road blocks. Some even discovered that their bank wasn't yet prepared to accept applications, and when they tried another bank, they were told that

only established customers were being accepted.

Still, some did succeed in at least getting the process started. Bank of America alone said that 75,000 small businesses had applied for \$7 billion of loans. Once the bank handles the application, it goes to the Small Business Administration, which said Friday afternoon that it had approved more than 12,460 loans valued at \$3.9 billion. But it was unclear how much, if any, money had actually been sent to the businesses.

The Paycheck Protection Program is meant to help small businesses keep workers and pay bills during this pandemic, and is part of the \$2.2 trillion economic package passed by Congress last week. Because of the tight timeline, some banks were ready to start accepting loans while others, large and small, complained that they hadn't received the details of the program from the Treasury soon enough to be ready for the launch Friday morning.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		Commercial rates	
Euro costs (April 6)	\$1.05	Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
Dollar buys (April 6)	60.9029	British pound	\$1.2275
British pound (April 6)	\$1.21	Canada (Dollar)	1.4153
Japanese yen (April 6)	105.00	China (Yuan)	7.0923
South Korean won (April 6)	1,198.00	Denmark (Krone)	6.9051
		Egypt (Pound)	15.7495
		Euro	\$1.0811/0.9250
		Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7524
		Hungary (Forint)	33.79
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		Japan (Yen)	106.26
		Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3110
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		Philippines (Peso)	50.87
		Poland (Zloty)	4.24
		Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7611
		Singapore (Dollar)	1.4391
		South Korea (Won)	1,238.80
		Switzerland (Franc)	0.9761
		Thailand (Baht)	52.37
		Turkey (Lira)	6.7383

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-euro, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.

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MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



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VIRUS OUTBREAK

In Germany, a warning to heed restrictions

BY BRIAN FERGUSON
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Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Americans in Germany who violate restrictions aimed at stopping the spread of the coronavirus could face hefty fines from the government and disciplinary action from the military, a top Army official in Europe said Friday.

“This is serious business and you need to take it seriously,” Maj. Gen. Chris Mohan, head of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, said in a Facebook post.

“We tragically lost a teammate last weekend to this virus, so be assured, I am more determined than ever to protect our people with everything in my power,” he said, referring to a longtime German employee who died March 28 at a Kaiserslautern hospital.

Mohan last month issued a general order spelling out coronavirus restrictions for service members, Defense Department civilians, contractors and family members within the command’s responsibility.

They include a curfew from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., social distancing rules and bans on exercising or traveling more than 30 kilometers from home, or about 19 miles, except under certain circumstances.

American service members have already been hit with fines, which took effect March 23 in the state of Rheinland-Pfalz, where Ramstein Air Base and several other U.S. bases are located, including Panzer Kaserne, where the 21st TSC is headquartered.

“Just this past week, four soldiers rid-



KARIN ZEITVOGEL/Stars and Stripes

Two people maintain their social distance as they hold a conversation in a deserted pedestrian area in Kaiserslautern.

ing in a personal vehicle were fined 100+ euros each by the German authorities for defying local social distancing rules,” Mohan said. “Not only is this a breach of host nation laws, but it’s also a violation of my order for everyone in my area of responsibility.” The 21st TSC includes bases throughout Europe.

The fines in Rheinland-Pfalz range from 55 euros for a minor administrative offense to 4,000 euros for hosting or organizing a

meeting of 11 or more people. Failure to observe social distancing rules could lead to a fine of at least 100 euros.

Americans living in Bavaria, the German state hardest hit by the coronavirus, are subject to 150 euro fines for flouting social distancing rules. The same fine applies to anyone in Bavaria who leaves their home without an acceptable reason, such as shopping for essentials, to go to work or to get medical care.

The state, which is home to the Army training areas in Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels and an Army base in Ansbach/Katterbach, has been under a stay-at-home order since March 20.

In Hesse, where U.S. Army Europe has its Wiesbaden headquarters, gatherings of more than two, with the exception of families or people living together in one household, could lead to a fine of 200 euros. Repeat offenders can expect greater punishment, German media reported.

A 27-year-old man in Landslut, Bavaria, was arrested and sentenced to a week in jail after he violated the rules three times, meeting with his friends to smoke and drink, online news portal merkur.de said.

Police in Rheinland-Pfalz stopped a private barbecue in Pirmasens attended by several people, and in Lauterecken, they are investigating a 23-year-old man who insulted officers after they spotted him with six other people in public and questioned him.

Last weekend in Rheinland-Pfalz, which is home to Kaiserslautern where some 54,000 Americans live, police said most people seemed to be following the rules, according to local media SWR.

Mohan recognized that the vast majority of people are doing the right thing, but said, “Now is not the time to relax our guard.”

There were 73,522 confirmed cases and 872 deaths from coronavirus in Germany, the Robert Koch Institute said Friday on its website.

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DODEA schools adjust learning schedules

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Some military schools in Europe will adjust their digital learning schedules this month, consolidating and staggering the times students spend online for group instruction, a top school official said.

The changes seek to provide relief to families with more than one school-age child and to students feeling overworked since classes moved online, said Steven Sanchez, the superintendent for the Department of Defense Education Activity schools’ Europe East district, which covers 32 schools in the Kaiserslautern area and other communities in Germany.

“When you have multiple kids and everybody is teaching at the same time . . . it really spreads our families thin in being able to assist and support,” Sanchez said.

Class instruction for elementary grades will be from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., with blocks of 30-minute instruction set aside for each grade level; high school from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and middle school, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Teachers will hold office hours to provide extra help and small-group activities for the latter two groups

at other times during the day.

The staggered schedules, expected to be implemented after students return from spring break April 13, should also help with bandwidth issues, particularly in villages with patchy internet service, Sanchez said.

DODEA schools in Germany closed to students March 16 to help curb the spread of the coronavirus and shifted to online instruction shortly afterward. All 66 DODEA schools in Europe are now closed. No decision has been made on when or if schools will reopen to students this school year.

When classes first went online, instruction times were more spread out and often overlapped for different grade levels.

The need to adjust the digital learning schedule was identified in a short, online survey emailed to parents late last month. Some 3,500 parents of the district’s 15,000 students responded, Sanchez said during a virtual town hall Thursday night with local Army and Air Force leaders.

A top issue was that, “for different grade levels, even within the same school, the workload might be excessive,” he said. “When we started out, we had no illusions this was going to be perfect.”

Many parents have reported



GARRICK W. MORGENWECK/U.S. Army

Kendal Morgenweck, a fifth grader at Hohenfels Elementary School, does her daily online assignments from home last month at Hohenfels Training Area.

positive experiences with online learning but some have said that the workload and time students are online are too much.

“We are two parents teleworking full-time with three young children in school,” a commenter posted on Facebook during the virtual town hall. “It takes long hours for all of us to finish daily assignments and put our time in for work. It’s a bit overwhelming.”

Teachers in the Europe East

district have been asked to “look at what are the most meaningful standards that kids need to know as we move forward and focus more on those critical standards,” Sanchez said.

One of the cons of online school is “it’s really hard work” for teachers, parents and students, he said at the town hall.

But, “the big pro of this is, we have a continuity of education here,” he said, noting that a

number of school districts in the States were forced to shut down completely because they lack the infrastructure, command support or both to move to online teaching.

“Your kids are going to get credit, they’re going to move forward to the next grade level” and they’ll get to graduate, Sanchez said.

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VIRUS OUTBREAK

Japan's travel ban OKs some DOD personnel

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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Some U.S. military personnel are still able to come to Japan despite a policy imposed Friday that bars entry for those arriving from the United States and 72 other countries.

Japan's travel ban comes as the nation reports its biggest daily increase in new coronavirus cases to date with 277 people, including 97 in Tokyo, testing positive Thursday, according to Kyodo News. Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare reported 2,617 cases and 63 deaths from the virus in the country as of Friday morning.

"While the [Government of Japan] has barred travelers from certain countries, they are allowing SOFA (status of forces agree-

'...They [Government of Japan] are allowing SOFA (status of forces agreement) persons to fly into Japan.'

U.S. Forces Japan website

ment) persons to fly into Japan," U.S. Forces Japan states on its website. A SOFA defines the legal status of the U.S. armed forces stationed in host countries.

Some travelers have had difficulty with airlines allowing them to board flights bound for Japan or with Japan's Ministry of Health allowing them to avoid quarantine in the immediate vicinity of the airport after arriving, the website states.

"Any SOFA members who are authorized to travel and will be

arriving in Japan on or after April third will be quarantined in the vicinity of the airport unless they have an exemption memo issued from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs," USFJ spokesman Air Force Col. Robert Firman told Stars and Stripes in an email Friday.

"Members who have received their exemption memos from their gaining units are not permitted to take public transit from the airport, and will be restricted on base for fourteen days upon

arrival. All members must coordinate with their gaining units before departing the US."

Once they arrive in Japan, U.S. military personnel aren't allowed to transfer to domestic flights or use other forms of public transportation.

"All SOFA personnel are not permitted to use public transportation upon arrival and will undergo a 14-day quarantine at their installations," USFJ tweeted Friday.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper issued orders last week barring nearly all official movement overseas for Defense Department personnel.

Firman said Friday that "very few" people are still proceeding with permanent change of station moves to Japan and some mission-essential personnel are ar-

riving in the country.

Customs and immigration staff receiving U.S. personnel at Narita International Airport are directing them to government shuttle buses. It's also OK for units to pick up new arrivals in government vehicles, Firman said.

The best way for SOFA personnel to arrive in Japan for travel to Misawa Air Base, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Sasebo Naval Base or installations on Okinawa is via the Patriot Express, a military charter flight, the USFJ website states.

"This will allow for uninterrupted travel to their final destination," the website states.

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Soldiers face quarantine in Hawaii after training ends

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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Nearly 1,400 soldiers who have trained in Thailand since February as part of Pacific Pathways will soon head home to Hawaii — and to a mandated 14-day quarantine to prevent the possible spread of coronavirus.

"Our soldiers in Thailand will be returning home in the next few weeks," Maj. Gen. James Jarrard, commander of the 25th Infantry Division, said Thursday evening during a livestream on Facebook.

"The redeployment of our soldiers will be done in the same thoughtful manner we have implemented for all of our soldiers returning throughout this crisis," he said. "It will be focused on carefully and prudently mitigating the risk of exposure to maintain the safety and well-being of all. It will also reemphasize our commitment to the state of Hawaii and the city and county of Honolulu in slowing the spread of COVID-19."

Hawaii had 351 coronavirus cases as of Saturday, with four deaths. More than three-quarters of the cases were linked to residents returning home from other areas, according to the Hawaii Department of Health.

The soldiers participated in Cobra Gold from Feb. 26 through March 6, then shifted location in Thailand for the Hanuman Guardian exercise. Pacific Pathways is an initiative aimed at keeping soldiers deployed in the Pacific for longer periods by moving them to successive exercises in the region.

About 1,440 soldiers participated in Hanuman Guardian, and roughly 1,350 of them will be returning to Hawaii in the next few weeks, said 25th ID spokesman Lt. Col. Adam Hallmark in a written response to a query from Stars and Stripes.

During daily Facebook streaming updates, Army Garrison Hawaii officials have been peppered with questions by family members about the safety of sol-



EZRA CAMERONA/U.S. Army

Thai and U.S. soldiers, wearing masks to reduce the risk of coronavirus infection, stand at attention at Krabi, Thailand, during the opening ceremony of the Hanuman Guardian exercise, March 30.

'[The redeployment] will be focused on carefully and prudently mitigating the risk of exposure.'

Maj. Gen. James Jarrard
commander of the 25th Infantry Division

diers training in Thailand.

Officials have said that medical personnel in Thailand checked soldiers daily for fever and other coronavirus symptoms. Those displaying any symptoms were evaluated by medical providers.

"Both U.S. units and the Royal Thai Army have reduced the size of our formations during training, and we are attempting to maximize social distancing," Army Garrison Hawaii said in an online update.

Numerous photos published by the Army show U.S. and Thai soldiers wearing face masks.

US soldiers in Italy to follow rule requiring face covering

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — Shoppers at grocery stores and the few other establishments that have remained open in Italy during its nationwide lockdown to fight the coronavirus are now required to wear a mask or scarf over their nose and mouth, the Italian government mandated Friday.

Like previous decrees, the new rule, which was to take effect Saturday, also applies to people shopping at commissaries and post exchanges, and using postal services at bases such as Caserma Ederle, officials with U.S. Army Garrison Italy said.

"Social distancing platoons," comprising 173rd Airborne Brigade soldiers who have been ensuring shoppers remain three feet away from each other, will enforce the rule at the base in Vicenza.

Both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization insisted for weeks that masks are unnecessary for healthy people and should be reserved for health care workers on the front line of the pandemic. But indications that some people infected with the coronavirus virus may show no symptoms and could be unwittingly spreading it through respiratory droplets have caused the CDC to reevaluate its position.

The White House, "while stopping short of declaring an official policy, joined the mayors of Los Angeles and New York, several European nations and much of Asia in recommending that people wear cloth face masks in public, even if they have no symptoms," The New York Times reported Friday.

Italy had the highest mortality rate, 12%, from the disease caused by the coronavirus of any country in the world as of Friday, with nearly 14,700 deaths out of 119,827 confirmed cases, according to Italian Health Ministry data.

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MILITARY

Officials: S. Korean police shoot retiree by accident

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PYEONGTAEK, South Korea — South Korean police shot an American military retiree near his home outside Osan Air Base, shattering his jaw in what officers said was an accident involving a “fierce dog.”

Retired Air Force Tech Sgt. Arnold Samberg, 63, was walking home from a dentist appointment March 26 when he suddenly noticed police near a convenience store. The next thing he remembered was finding himself bleeding on the ground.

Samberg was rushed to the emergency room at the hospital on Osan, then transferred to the intensive care unit at Brian D. Allgood Army Community Hospital on Camp Humphreys, where he underwent eight hours of surgery, his family said.

He was moved to a regular hospital room Thursday but still has his jaw wired shut and will require more reconstructive surgery. Samberg can't speak, but he has written notes explaining what happened for his wife, Tonia.

“Every time he coughs it breaks my heart because it hurts him so much,” she said Friday in an interview at their home, less than 500 feet from the site of the shooting.

Samberg and his family expressed frustration over the way the situation has been handled, saying they aren't satisfied with the police explanation and that they want somebody to be held accountable.

Pyeongtaek police said Samberg was accidentally hit by a

“The police didn't mean to shoot the American guy. The police were trying to shoot the fierce dog, but the bullet ricocheted and hit him.”

Anonymous senior police officer

stray bullet as officers were trying to shoot a “fierce dog” belonging to an American service member stationed at the base.

The dog had escaped the service member's nearby house and attacked a South Korean woman who was walking her dog, a senior police officer told Stars and Stripes on Friday, speaking on condition of anonymity to provide details about an ongoing investigation.

“The police didn't mean to shoot the American guy. The police were trying to shoot the fierce dog, but the bullet ricocheted and hit him,” the officer said.

He said police had ordered people to evacuate the area before shooting but promised to investigate the incident “fairly and objectively.”

Samberg said he doesn't remember seeing a dog but he made eye contact with the police before he was shot.

“His only way of communication is writing on a piece of paper. And his biggest question is why was I shot? I was just walking,” his son-in-law, Army Staff Sgt. Nicholas Pollack, said in a telephone interview from Fort Rucker, Ala.

He and Samberg's daughter, Jacqueline, have been unable to fly to South Korea to help her

parents because of travel restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic.

“Medically speaking they're taking care of him, but we'd like justice. At the very least some kind of apology,” Pollack said. “Accident or not there's a bullet in my father-in-law's face.”

Tonia Samberg also was upset that nobody contacted her after her husband was taken to the base ER. She only learned where he was after calling a friend at the base when he didn't come home that day.

Now she drives to Camp Humphreys every day to visit him.

She met with police Thursday with a South Korean friend as a translator. They offered financial compensation but didn't apologize or provide more details, she said.

“I need justice,” she said. “After my husband served for 24 years in the Air Force, this is what he gets?”

The 51st Fighter Wing at Osan said it could not release information about the case because it falls outside U.S. jurisdiction and the South Korean police have the lead on the investigation.

“We're working closely with them, and we have made contact with the family to ensure they have the resources available to



Samberg family

Retired Air Force Tech Sgt. Arnold Samberg was in the U.S. military hospital at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, days after he was shot in the jaw during an incident involving South Korean police near Osan Air Base, South Korea.

receive the answers,” the public affairs office said in an email.

The hospital at Camp Humphreys declined to comment on Samberg's condition, citing privacy rules.

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Trump: VA will extend deadlines, delay debt collection

By NIKKI WENTLING
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump promised the Department of Veterans Affairs would extend veterans' deadlines for disability benefits and postpone any debt collections as the country grapples with the coronavirus pandemic.

Trump made the vow during a briefing at the White House on Thursday evening. The extension is an effort to lessen the financial effects of the pandemic on veterans.

“We take very good care of our veterans,” Trump said. “At my direction, Secretary (Robert) Wilkie will use any authority at his disposal to extend deadlines for benefits and postpone debt collections.”

The announcement came after Sens. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., and Jon Tester, D-Mont., urged

Wilkie this week to waive veterans' filing deadlines that — if not met — could result in loss of VA benefits.

The senators, who lead the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, argued that veterans are some of the most vulnerable to the virus because of their age and underlying health conditions. They should not be leaving their homes to receive help with their complex benefits paperwork, they said.

Moran and Tester asked Wilkie to delay all deadlines by 180 days. It was uncertain Friday how long the VA might extend the filings.

The Bob Woodruff Foundation, a nonprofit that aides post-9/11 veterans, released a report this week that found the pandemic could disproportionately affect veterans.

A significant number of veterans in the workforce are employed by industries most likely

to experience immediate layoffs, researchers found. The social isolation and economic impacts could also negatively affect veterans with pre-existing mental health issues and create a surge in demand for mental health resources that are already challenging to access.

The foundation estimated that veteran unemployment could

reach the highest it's ever been in the post-9/11 era.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Friday a rise in unemployment from 3.5% in February to 4.4% in March. Veteran unemployment increased from 3.6% to 4.1%, the bureau reported.

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VIRUS OUTBREAK

Esper defends Navy secretary in firing captain

By KATE FELDMAN
New York Daily News

Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Sunday that he supported acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly's decision to fire the Navy captain who wrote a letter to his superiors about his concerns of the coronavirus pandemic aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt.

"I think acting Secretary Modly made a very tough decision, a decision that I support. It was based on his view that he had lost faith and confidence in the captain based on his actions," Esper said on CNN. "It was supported by Navy leadership."

Navy Capt. Brett Crozier was relieved of his post Thursday, two days after his letter appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle. In the letter, Crozier implored his bosses to provide resources for the more than 5,000 people aboard the ship, which has been out at sea for a month.

"This will require a political solution but it is the right thing to do," Crozier wrote. "We are not at war. Sailors do not need to die. If we do not act now, we are failing to properly take care of our most trusted asset — our Sailors."

So far, at least 155 sailors aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt have tested positive for coronavirus, Esper said. But the crew cannot be evacuated.

"You actually cannot do that because there's nuclear reactors to be run, you have very sensitive equipment, you have weapons on board that ship," he said on CNN. "So it's how you manage the crew, make sure you're protecting them, segregating, treating those that need treated while at the

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Mark Esper
Defense Secretary

same time maintaining the readiness of the ship in case it's called upon to get to sea quickly."

Esper also insisted that the Navy took action as soon as the first case was reported.

Crozier's firing has drawn reactions from both sides of the aisle. On Saturday, President Donald Trump called the letter "inappropriate."

"I thought it was terrible what he did, to write a letter. I mean, this isn't a class on literature. This is a captain of a massive ship that's nuclear powered, and he shouldn't be talking that way in a letter. He could call and ask and suggest," Trump told reporters during a White House briefing on coronavirus. "I thought it looked terrible, to be honest with you."

But Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden applauded the captain.

"Captain Crozier was faithful to his duty — both to his sailors and his country," the former vice president tweeted. "Navy leadership sent a chilling message about speaking truth to power. The poor judgment here belongs to the Trump Admin, not a courageous officer trying to protect his sailors."



Wesley Aikers

A driver takes a smell test as part of screening measures at Camp Henry, South Korea, on Friday.

Sniff: Experts say those infected may have loss of smell; bases give vinegar scent test

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in other countries since the virus has become a global pandemic, infecting more than 1 million people and killing more than 56,000.

Daegu, a city of 2.5 million people, was hard hit with more than 60% of South Korea's 10,236 cases as of Sunday, according to the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Eight of the 18 cases affiliated with the U.S. military in South Korea were at USAG Daegu, including the first soldier to be infected who was stationed at Camp Carroll.

But Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden applauded the captain.

"Captain Crozier was faithful to his duty — both to his sailors and his country," the former vice president tweeted. "Navy leadership sent a chilling message about speaking truth to power. The poor judgment here belongs to the Trump Admin, not a courageous officer trying to protect his sailors."

The smell test was modeled on a similar process employed at local hospitals, he added.

"It won't be every car. We're just going to experiment with this and see how it works and how it goes," he said, displaying a plastic cup with a sponge soaked in vinegar.

The process was adapted over the weekend, with the garrison saying it would use soaked cotton swabs that could be handed to each individual, then immediately discarded.

People who don't have a sense of smell or who are allergic to vinegar were instructed to inform the screeners about their condition.

The World Health Organization has said it is probing a possible link between anosmia and coronavirus but has not yet listed it as a symptom.

The most common symptoms of the disease caused by coronavirus are fever, fatigue and a dry cough, although some patients may have aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat or diarrhea, according to the WHO.

ENT UK, a group representing ear, nose and throat doctors in

Britain, said in a guidance document last week that significant numbers of patients in countries with high coronavirus rates, including South Korea, had developed anosmia.

The American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery also established a "COVID-19 anosmia reporting tool for clinicians."

Researchers at King's College London found that 59% of 579 respondents who reported suspected coronavirus symptoms to an app and tested positive for the disease reported loss of smell or taste, the BBC reported.

"When combined with other symptoms, people with loss of smell and taste appear to be three times more likely to have contracted COVID-19 according to our data, and should, therefore, self-isolate for seven days to reduce the spread of the disease," Tim Spector, a King's professor who led the study, was quoted as saying.

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4 more American contractors test positive in South Korea

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OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — U.S. Forces Korea reported that four civilian contractors tested positive for coronavirus over the weekend, bringing the number of cases affiliated with the U.S. military on the peninsula to 19.

Two of the contractors work at Camp Humphreys, which had already reported numerous infections. The other two work at nearby Osan Air Base and are the installation's first coronavirus cases.

The patients — all U.S. citizens — are in isolation at their off-base

residences as directed by the USFK medical personnel and the Korea Centers for Disease Control, USFK said.

USFK announced in separate press releases Friday that contractors working at Osan — the installation's first coronavirus case — and Camp Humphreys tested positive. On Saturday, it reported that another Osan contractor is infected.

On Sunday evening, USFK announced its latest case, another Camp Humphreys contractor. It was the ninth infection reported by Camp Humphreys as it surpassed the Army garrison in Daegu with the most cases.

Osan is at Health Protection Condition Charlie-plus, according to a post on the 51st Fighter Winger official Facebook page Friday. Condition Charlie means the area is experiencing "sustained community transmission" of the coronavirus, according to the Defense Department.

Personnel at Osan other than those deemed essential were ordered to their homes while teams retraced the contractor's contacts, according to the Facebook post.

Tighter restrictions at the air base are a response to seven confirmed cases at Camp Humphreys, an Army installation and

the largest U.S. base in South Korea, and numerous cases just outside Osan's gates in the city of Songtan, wing commander Col. John Gonzales said during a Facebook Live update on Thursday.

The same day, the South Korean air force, which shares the installation, declared some on-base U.S. services, such as the bowling alley and food courts, off limits.

Gonzales, "in solidarity" with the South Koreans, also declared South Korean facilities off limits to U.S. service members, civilian employees, contractors and families.

Most services on the installation have closed until further

notice, including the commissary and base exchange, while they are cleaned and sanitized.

Aly Saval, a 27-year-old military spouse from Baltimore, said she's impressed with how Osan has handled the pandemic.

"The fact that we have gone this long without a positive case is impressive, and I think everyone has been doing their part to be responsible and stay safe," she told Stars and Stripes on Friday.

"Our attitude today is to not panic over the closure and just know that things are being handled as swiftly as possible," she said.

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Military: Public will be told about cases on Okinawa

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The U.S. military on Okinawa is vowing transparency to its troops, their families and local civilian authorities, days after the Pentagon ordered commanders to stop publicly announcing new coronavirus cases on their bases.

Officials from the Air Force and the Marine Corps, whose troops make up the bulk of the approximately 30,000 U.S. service members on Japan's southern island prefecture, said they would inform the public about positive cases.

At the same time, those officials said they would no longer release a tally of how many service members are infected.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper on March 27 ordered commanders to stop reporting new coronavirus cases on their installations, citing a concern that potential adversaries might exploit that information. The Pentagon instead would continue to release nearly-daily updates of total cases among troops, DOD civilian workers, military dependents and defense contractors, Esper said.

On Okinawa, the "Marine Corps will communicate with our force, our families, and our local communities about positive COVID-19 cases," III Marine Ex-

peditionary Force spokesman 1st Lt. Ryan Bruce wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes on Thursday.

"This includes informing the Okinawa Prefectural Government through official medical reporting channels," he said. "We recognize that ultimately our bases are part of the larger community, and we will provide information in a way that balances our need for operational security with our responsibility to keep our Marines, sailors, civilians, their families, and our local communities informed."

To date, no Marine Corps personnel have tested positive in Japan, Bruce said. The force plans to share on social media announcements by Marine Corps Installations Pacific when an individual has tested positive.

"If known, we will share how the individual became infected," he said. "No further details will be released about positive cases, for example: the employment/ duty/SOFA status, age, or gender of the individual."

SOFA refers to the status of forces agreement that defines the legal status of U.S. military forces in host countries. SOFA status covers service members but also their families and Defense Department civilian employees.

At Kadena Air Base, the Air Force's 18th Wing said it has established a direct channel with



Col. Vincent Ciuccio, commander of Headquarters and Support Battalion at Camp Smedley D. Butler, is screened for coronavirus symptoms at Camp Schwab, Okinawa, on March 30.

the Japanese and prefectural governments to report details of cases on base.

"Recently the Office of the Secretary of Defense published new guidance concerning what information can be shared at the installation level with regard to COVID-19," said a message posted Thursday to Kadena's official Facebook page. "This created concern not only with our Facebook followers but with the local community."

"Simply put, the guidance states we can no longer publish a running tally of positive cases," the message said. "However, we will continue to share information about new cases in the interest of public health and safety just as we did" Tuesday.

On Tuesday, the 18th Wing announced that an airman's visiting relative had tested positive for coronavirus. The airman had tested positive earlier.

The wing provided no further information about how the family member got to Okinawa, why he was visiting or where he had been prior to contact tracing except to say he had no contact with anyone on or off base.

Information about cases on Kadena will be shared directly with Okinawa prefecture through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Okinawa Defense Bureau, which represents Japan's Ministry of Defense on the island, a prefectural spokesman said.

However, local officials were unsure what information they

would be given. They were assured they would be informed about any contacts individuals on base with coronavirus may have had with the local community.

Chatan Mayor Masaharu Noguni "is relieved to hear that 18th Wing will continuously share information with us," the mayor's spokesman told Stars and Stripes on Thursday.

"Okinawa Defense Bureau officials said as soon as they get the information from the 18th Wing, they will share [it] with us if any new cases happen."

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Navy reports its first positive case at Sasebo Naval Base

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TOKYO — Sasebo Naval Base in southwestern Japan has confirmed one case of coronavirus, its first, the installation's commander announced in a video posted to Facebook on Friday.

"So, like it or not, the COVID-19 pandemic is no longer a distant news story," said Capt. Brad Stallings, using the new coronavirus' official name. "It is here now in the Sasebo community."

The person who contracted the virus has been in quarantine "since they arrived in Sasebo" and is receiving medical care, he added.

Stallings said he could provide no further information on the individual. "I can't tell you whether the individual is assigned to the base, one of our tenant commands or one of the ships here," he said.

The Defense Department on March 27 ordered base commanders to refrain from reporting case-by-case coronavirus updates, citing a security con-



JASMINE KRUSEBIALA/U.S. Navy

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Nicholas Bond, left, questions Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Darien Huggins outside the health clinic at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, on Thursday.

cern. The Pentagon instead plans a "daily public update" on reporting totals of cases among service members, civilian employees and contractors.

DOD on Thursday reported 893 cases among service mem-

bers and one death. The number of cases, including uniformed personnel, civilian employees, contractors and family members, was 1,550 that day. An updated figure was unavailable Friday.

The base on Kyushu island is

shared with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force. It is home to a group led by the amphibious assault ship USS America, which was at sea with the amphibious transport dock USS Green Bay and the Okinawa-based 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, according to the U.S. Naval Institute Fleet and Marine Tracker on March 30. The America alone carries 1,000 sailors and can embark about 1,700 Marines. Stallings said the city of Sasebo reported three cases of its own.

Stallings said the person sickened at Sasebo may interact only with caregivers. The risk of transmission from that person is low; a team is tracing the individual's previous contacts to identify any possible exposure, he said.

"Please believe me when I say the health and safety of the [Sasebo] community is my absolute priority," he said.

"It is critical that each of you practice strict personal hygiene, social distancing and follow the preventative measures we've directed so far," he added. "I need

you right now to be all in for this fight. I hope I can count on your support."

The Navy in the western Pacific has its share of coronavirus cases. Yokosuka Naval Base, home of the U.S. 7th Fleet, reported the first case among the U.S. military in Japan. It announced three cases total before the Pentagon policy muffled further reports.

On Thursday, acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly said 114 sailors on the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt had tested positive for the virus. The carrier had diverted to Guam and its commander, Capt. Brett Crozier, was relieved Thursday after his email plea to higher ups for urgent action was leaked to the media.

Crozier in his letter warned the outbreak could kill some sailors, and "if we do not act now, we are falling to properly take care of our most trusted asset — our sailors."

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VIRUS OUTBREAKS

Clear skies tempt Europe; UK queen urges restraint

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LONDON — As warm, sunny weather beckoned across Europe, Queen Elizabeth II appealed to Britons on Sunday to exercise self-discipline in “an increasingly challenging time” as the country saw a record 24-hour jump in coronavirus deaths that even outpaced the daily toll in hard-hit Italy.

As of Sunday, Britain has recorded 4,934 virus deaths overall among more than 47,000 cases. Those coming down with the virus in the U.K. include Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the health secretary, England’s chief medical official and Prince Charles, heir to the throne.

There are wide fears that Johnson’s Conservative government did not take the virus seriously enough at first and that beautiful spring weather will tempt Britons and others to break social distancing rules.

In an address to the nation to be televised later Sunday, the 93-year-old queen said that the pandemic had caused enormous disruptions, bringing grief, financial difficulties and daunting challenges to everybody. It is only the fourth time since her reign began in 1953 that she has given such an address.

“I hope in the years to come everyone will be able to take pride in how they responded to this challenge,” she said in pre-released remarks. “And those who come after us will say that the Britons of this generation were as strong as any.”

The queen’s son, Charles, on Friday remotely opened a vast temporary hospital for corona patients in a London convention center after completing a week of isolation. Johnson still had a fever Friday, but his infected pregnant fiancée, Carrie Symonds, tweeted that she is “on the mend” after a week in bed.

As the sun shone and the temperatures rose toward 68 degrees Fahrenheit, Health Secretary Matt Hancock said that sunbathing in public places was not allowed, and the U.K. might even ban outdoor exercise if people still “flout the rules.”

“The vast majority of people are following the public health



People observe social distancing as they pass by the locked gates to Brockwell Park in London after it was closed overnight to help stop the spread of the coronavirus. MATT DUNHAM/AP

advice, which is absolutely critical, and staying at home,” Hancock told Sky TV. “But there are a small minority of people who are still not doing that — it’s quite unbelievable, frankly, to see that.”

As the numbers of infections rose, the deputy head of Britain’s National Health Service Providers said that the agency needs to focus on quickly increasing ventilator capacity and getting more protective equipment for health care workers.

“I think that we are just a week away from the surge of this,” Saf-

ron Cordery told Sky TV.

Restrictions on movement vary from country to country. In Germany and Britain, residents can get out to exercise and walk their dogs, as well as go to the supermarket, the post office and other essential tasks. Yet in Serbia and South Africa, dog walking is not allowed.

In France, heat-seeking drones have been whizzing over Fontainebleau forest to identify rule-breakers after the former royal estate in the Paris suburbs was closed to the public. That high-

tech measure has been coupled with more traditional police patrols on horseback and roadblocks that turn back the cars of those seeking to escape urban areas.

In Sweden, authorities have advised the public to practice social distancing, but schools, bars and restaurants are still open.

Italians have not been immune to lure of the good weather either, even though the country has the world’s highest coronavirus death toll at more than 15,000.

Top Italian officials took to national television after photos were

published showing huge crowds out shopping in Naples, Rome, Genoa and even the hard-hit Veneto city of Padua. Lombardy vice governor Fabrizio Sala said that cellphone data showed that 38% of the region’s people were out and about — the highest figure since March 20.

Health Minister Roberto Speranza told RAI state television that all the sacrifices Italians have made since the nationwide lockdown began on March 10 risked being reversed.

Worst: Coming week of cases will be ‘shocking to some’ says Fauci

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distancing. But the Trump administration is also emphasizing that the worst is yet to come for many communities.

“This is going to be our Pearl Harbor moment, our 9/11 moment, only it’s not going to be localized,” Surgeon General Jerome Adams said on “Fox News Sunday.” He added: “It’s going to be happening all over the country. And I want America to understand that.”

For most people, the virus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, and death.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the coming week is “going to be shocking to some.

“But that’s what is going to happen if it turns around, so just buckle down,” Fauci said on CBS’s “Face the Nation.”

Fauci said that the rate of new cases will determine whether the U.S. is putting the worst behind it.

“We’ve seen that in Italy,” Fauci said. “We’re going to hopefully be seeing that in New York very soon, and that’s the first sign of that plateau and coming down.”

Fauci also warned that unless

the world gets the virus under control, it will “assume a seasonal nature.”

“We need to be prepared that, since it unlikely will be completely eradicated from the planet, that as we get into next season, we may see the beginning of a resurgence,” Fauci said. “That’s the reason why we’re pushing so hard in getting our preparedness much better than it was.”

While most states have adopted restrictions on people’s move-

ment, a few states have declined to order residents to stay home. Adams was asked on NBC’s “Meet the Press” if they should join the rest of the country.

“Ninety percent of Americans are doing their part, even in the states where they haven’t had a shelter in place,” Adams said. “But if you can’t give us 30 days, governors, give us, give us a week, give us what you can, so that we don’t overwhelm our health care systems over this next week.”

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KATHY WILLEMS/AP

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, left, said the state has secured a plane-load of ventilators from China on Saturday, and Oregon was sending his state a shipment of its own to help treat coronavirus patients.

Cuomo: NY gets 1,100 ventilators with help from China, Oregon

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NEW YORK — New York secured a plane-load of ventilators from China on Saturday, and Oregon was sending a shipment of its own to battle the coronavirus pandemic at its U.S. core, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said. But the governor's startling plan to force hospitals elsewhere in the state to give spare ventilators to the fight in New York City apparently hadn't yet materialized a day after he ordered them to surrender 20% of any unused supply to the National Guard for temporary redistribution. The state got 1,000 ventilators after the Chinese government facilitated a donation from billionaires Jack Ma and Joseph Tsai, the co-founders of the Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba, Cuomo said. He added that the state of Oregon had volunteered to send 140 more breathing machines.

The influx offered some hope after the governor repeatedly warned that the state's supply of the vital machines would be exhausted in days if the number of critically ill coronavirus patients kept growing at the current rate.

"It's going to make a significant difference for us," Cuomo said.

New York is the pandemic's U.S. epicenter, with more than 122,031 confirmed cases as of Sunday morning. More than 3,500 people statewide have died, and about 15,000 coronavirus patients are hospitalized. More than 4,100 are in intensive care — many, if not all, of them needing ventilators.

The outbreak is heavily concentrated in the New York City metropolitan area.

Cuomo's announcement came a day after he said he would have the National Guard collect and



JOHN MINICELLO/AP

Stacks of medical supplies on March 24 are housed at the Jacob Javits Center that became a temporary hospital in response to the coronavirus outbreak in New York.

"redeploy" ventilators that some hospitals weren't using.

He alluded Saturday to the plan, but details were unclear.

"We find what equipment we have, we use it the best we can," the Democrat said Saturday, saying he'd seek 20% of "unused and available" ventilators, a number he pegged at 500 in all.

The idea has alarmed Republican politicians and some hospital leaders upstate. They said it would leave people in their areas vulnerable and pit the state's regions against one another.

But two hospital umbrella groups didn't protest. The Greater New York Hospital Association portrayed the idea as ongoing reciprocity among medical centers as the outbreak's hotspots shift, while the Healthcare Association of New York State noted that some hospitals have already, voluntarily sent staff and equipment to harder-hit institutions or accepted patients from them.

Both groups, and several upstate hospitals, said Saturday they had gotten no further information on the governor's plan. The state Health Department said no information was available beyond the governor's remarks.

National Guard spokesman Eric Durr said Saturday that the collection had not yet begun.

Governors around the U.S. have been pleading, competing and scouring the global marketplace for needed supplies, especially ventilators, to treat the sick. Cuomo said Saturday that New York at one point made purchase orders for 17,000 of the devices, but only 2,500 came through.

"You get a call that says, 'We can't fill that order,'" he said.

Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, also a Democrat, said last week that the federal government agreed to send about 2,400 ventilators to the city and another 2,000 to the state.

Same NY attitude? No, fuggedaboutit

New Yorkers anxiously wait out coronavirus pandemic with surprisingly gentler approach

BY JAKE SEINER
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NEW YORK — To a casting director, he might have seemed the perfect impatient New Yorker — broad, bald and with a booming voice, tattoos on his neck and hands visible under his construction jacket. Justin Hunter stood in line outside the Park Slope Food Coop, one of several dozen shoppers spaced 6 feet apart in a queue that stretched around the corner.

Hunter's attitude, though, was all wrong for the post. No griping about store management, no shoving ahead toward entrance — not even a hint of annoyance. "That's your normal, is people being on top of you," Hunter said about New York. "Now that people are not on top of you, it's become, 'Well this is what we're doing now.'"

Forget the old New Yorker's refrain of "I'm walking here!" Big Apple citizens are taking a more tentative tack since the city became a hot zone for the novel coronavirus pandemic that has sickened at least 480,000 and killed 21,000 worldwide.

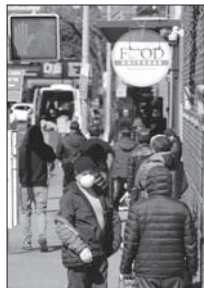
No pushing forward in lines. No irritably dodging slow-walking pedestrians. No swearing at yellow cabs for cutting into crosswalks. Moms with strollers are leaving wide berths for texting teens and slow-moving seniors. Supermarket shoppers are anxiously and awkwardly sidestepping each other, trying their best to keep six feet away.

Under threat amid a global outbreak, New Yorkers have become downright polite. Invading someone else's personal space? Fuggedaboutit.

"Our closeness makes us vulnerable," New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Wednesday. "But it's true that your greatest weakness is also your greatest strength. And our closeness is what makes us who we are. That is what New York is."

New York City's 8.6 million inhabitants have largely been ordered to stay home, with most of the state's 122,031 cases coming from the city, including 2,624 deaths as of early Sunday in NYC from the virus. A makeshift morgue has been set up outside Bellevue Hospital, and authorities are hunting down beds, medical equipment, doctors and nurses for fear the number of sick people will explode in the coming weeks, overwhelming hospitals the way the virus did in Italy and Spain.

While public health officials grapple with the growing emergency, most New Yorkers have been left in an uncertain limbo — unable to help in any way but



FRANK FRANKLIN/AP

Patrons wait in line to enter a supermarket in the Elmhurst section of the Queens borough of New York.

to stay at home.

Exceptions have been made for essential employees — health care workers, grocery clerks, restaurant chefs preparing gourmet for GrubHub. But most are working from home and going out only for essentials, giving the city that never sleeps a most glum feel.

In Times Square, a custodian idled Wednesday morning with a broom and dustpan, waiting for messes unlikely to appear with no tourists wandering under the bright billboards. Playgrounds and ball fields in Central Park were left empty, as were the stairs in front of the shuttered Metropolitan Museum of Art. Shops along 5th Ave — from Bergdorf Goodman down to Saks and Louis Vuitton — remained locked and unvisited, and sidewalks around Manhattan were mostly uninhabited except for a few construction workers and deliverymen from local grocers.

Rush-hour subways are running with two or three riders per car, and bus riders are being kept socially distant from the driver by yellow chains draped across the front seats. Many grocers have placed tape marking six feet of space for checkout lines, and clerks are wearing gloves, masks and riot gear-like helmets to quell the spread.

Lines at the Park Slope Coop, Hunter's regular market, have routinely swapt around the block. When first faced with the prospect of an hourlong grocery ordeal, Hunter decided to drive to New Jersey. He found the lines shorter but the crowds unnerving.

"There was less social distancing and less safety with knowledge of like, people use gloves but then they also touch everything and touch their face," he said.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Puerto Rico has found cache of medical supplies

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The suspected mismanagement of essential supplies during Hurricane Maria turned out to be a boon for Puerto Rico as it fights a rise in coronavirus cases.

Health Secretary Lorenzo Gonzalez said Saturday that officials discovered a cache of urgently needed personal protective equipment at a hospital in the nearby island of Vieques that remains closed since the Category 4 storm hit the U.S. territory in September 2017.

He said the equipment includes face masks, gloves, gowns and face shields that were in good condition and would be distributed to health institutions.

"They're very useful at this moment," said Gonzalez, who became the island's newest health secretary this week, the third in the span of two weeks.

He also said officials recently located a warehouse with medicine and medical equipment worth \$4 million donated during Hurricane Maria, and that nearly all of it had expired. He did not provide details about what specific items were found.

Puerto Rico has reported 18 deaths related to COVID-19, including that of a nurse, and more than 450 confirmed cases, including several police officers who join health workers in demanding more personal protective equipment.

"Police are going the extra mile

right now, and the government is not protecting us like it should," said Gregorio Matias, vice president of a police union.

The discovery in Vieques outraged many on an island still struggling to recover from Maria and from a series of strong earthquakes that hit Puerto Rico's southern region in recent months.

Gonzalez said he has ordered an investigation into why those supplies were abandoned in Vieques. The announcement comes two months after a group of Puerto Ricans discovered and broke into a warehouse filled with emergency supplies in southern Puerto Rico at a time local officials sought urgent help for those affected by a string of earthquakes. Other similar discoveries have been made since Maria hit.

Gonzalez said the government still needs other equipment including testing kits and ventilators, noting that there are only 500 available for an island of 3.2 million people with high rates of asthma.

"If that's going to be the difference between life and death, people are going to die," he said. "Don't take this lightly."

A doctor who leads a COVID-19 government task force has said the U.S. territory needs at least 3,000 ventilators with the anticipated peak in cases expected in early May. Puerto Rico is in the middle of a month long curfew that is one of the strictest in any U.S. jurisdiction.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Medical technicians handle a vial containing a nasal swab at a drive-thru testing site in Wheat Ridge, Colo., on Tuesday. Home testing for coronavirus may sound like a good idea, but as of early April, U.S. regulators say it's still too risky.

No at home testing available yet

By MATTHEW PERRONE
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WASHINGTON — Home testing for the new coronavirus may sound like a good idea, but U.S. regulators say it's still too risky.

They've stopped companies that quickly launched home-testing kits until they can show their products can accurately detect the virus.

For now, the only way Americans can get tested is at hospitals, clinics or drive-thru sites, with a doctor's order.

After a botched rollout, testing in the U.S. has ramped up thanks to high-volume testing machines and new rapid tests. Last week, federal officials said total tests topped 1.4 million, and labs are processing nearly 100,000 tests daily. That's the threshold many experts say is needed to track the virus.

Still, testing continues to be constrained by shortages of medical supplies like gloves, masks and swabs. And the widespread drive-thru testing proposed for parking lots at chains like Walmart, Walgreens and Target has barely gotten off the ground.

Meanwhile, the Food and Drug Administration is aggressively

pushing new options onto the market.

Genetic tests are the gold standard for detecting COVID-19 infections. New, quicker ones are replacing the original laboratory tests that have to be manually mixed and developed.

The idea behind both tests is the same: chemical solutions are used to isolate the virus from the patient sample, grab its genetic material and then reproduce it millions of times until it's detectable with a computer.

New rapid tests such as the one by Abbott Laboratories automate the process, cutting the time from four to six hours to about 15 minutes.

Abbott said it plans to begin shipping 50,000 tests per day this month. U.S. officials said they'd go first to remote areas with less access to labs.

For now, only a health care professional can order a coronavirus test.

"If you're not sick, you don't need to be tested," has been the mantra for weeks.

Accurately testing for coronavirus involves several steps, including carefully swabbing the nose or throat to collect a sample, placing it in a sterile tube, storing

it below 46 degrees Fahrenheit and then shipping it to a lab within three days.

Health officials warn a number of things could go wrong if consumers try to swab, store and ship their own samples, potentially resulting in testing errors and undetected infections.

The FDA is talking to companies working on at-home kits, but they'll be required to show that their results are comparable to those of people under professional care, agency spokesman Jeremy Kahn said in a statement.

Many of the proposed at-home tests aren't like home pregnancy tests — they won't provide instant results. The samples still need to go to a lab.

Simpler, cheaper blood tests could also have a role in tracking the virus — and possibly expanding testing to the home.

The FDA is permitting companies to launch certain types of finger-prick tests that can detect whether people may have recently been infected.

Instead of detecting the virus itself, these tests detect proteins called antibodies that the immune system generates to fight COVID-19.

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Trump, Dems clash on boosting mail-in voting during pandemic

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While Wisconsin struggles to hold its primary on Tuesday, President Donald Trump and Democrats are bickering over how to provide voters with safe and secure access to a ballot as the coronavirus pandemic rages in the U.S. and threatens to extend into the fall, affecting the general election.

With another economic rescue package in the works, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi says she wants money to give more voters the chance to cast their ballot by mail, an option that would allow people to vote without the concern over the safety of polling places.

But Trump opposes voting by mail and is leading Republicans in a battle to limit its use, arguing that it would encourage fraud and lead to so many people voting that his party could not win.

But the 2020 presidential election is creeping ever closer, and there are no signs yet of the pandemic abating, nor any word on when Americans on orders to stay home can resume normal life, so lawmakers are trying to figure out how to allow for voting in a world where face-to-face contact causes anxiety at the least and possibly sickness and death.

The debate is playing out now in Wisconsin. It stands apart from other states

that have delayed primaries because of the virus, though Democratic Gov. Tony Evers has issued a statewide stay-at-home order.

Evers initially joined Republican leaders in seeking to hold the primary as planned on Tuesday, but he now favors an all-mail election with absentee voting well into May. Republicans maintain that in-person voting should go on as planned and have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to block extended absentee voting.

In recent weeks, as Democrats nationwide have argued the country must prepare for voting largely by mail, Republicans have objected to or blocked expansions of such voting in Arizona, Georgia

and Pennsylvania.

"It shouldn't be mail-in voting. It should be you go to a booth and you proudly display yourself," Trump told reporters on Friday evening. Earlier this week on Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends," he claimed the Democrats had a plan "that if you ever agreed to it you'd never have a Republican elected in this country again."

Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington already provide registered voters with a ballot in the mail for all their elections, according to a Congressional Research Service report. California and Utah are among the states that give counties the option of mail-in voting.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Restrictions bring new religious freedom tension

By ELANA SCHOR

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Despite state and local limits on public gatherings, some faith leaders have persisted in holding in-person services — a matter of religious freedom, they say, as the nation approached its fourth Sunday battling the coronavirus pandemic.

The most high-profile clash over in-person worship — and crowd limits designed to stop the virus' spread — came in Florida, where Pastor Rodney Howard-Browne was arrested last month for violating a county order by hosting a large number of congregants at his Tampa church.

Howard-Browne said after his release he would move future worship online, but the county later ended its effort to apply limits on large gatherings to religious services after a statewide order described religious gatherings as essential.

Pastor Alvin Gwynn Sr., of Baltimore's Friendship Baptist Church, said that police tried to halt services at his church Sunday even though he had limited in-person attendance to 10 people.

Gwynn said in an interview that he still plans to hold in-person Easter services, citing the First Amendment's protections for freedom of worship and assembly. Baltimore has "been through a lot" in recent years, said Gwynn, who leads a local ministers' group that criticized

the city's police department leadership in 2015 following the death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray.

"Which is safer, in the church with potential virus, or go out the door and catch a bullet?" Gwynn said.

In Florida, attorneys at the Christian legal nonprofit representing Howard-Browne tabled their plans to file a federal lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the county order used against him after the county reversed course.

"Instead of using a scalpel to address this, they're using a chainsaw," said Liberty Counsel founder Mathew Staver, who added that executive orders designed to limit gatherings during the pandemic were "flying off printers and being signed by government officials with no constitutional readiness."

Elsewhere, Texas GOP Gov. Greg Abbott also described religious services as essential in his order to limit gatherings during the pandemic. In Georgia, where some of the state's worst virus outbreaks have been linked to large religious services, GOP Gov. Brian Kemp on Thursday issued a stay-at-home order that states no faith-based gathering can occur with more than 10 people unless they keep a six-foot distance.

While some faith leaders who continue to hold in-person services have pointed to their First Amendment rights, including Ohio's Solid Rock megachurch,



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

Pastor Rodney Howard-Browne of the River Church in Tampa, Fla was arrested March 30 for violating a county order by hosting a large number of congregants at the church. The county later ended its effort to apply limits on large gatherings to religious services after a statewide order described religious gatherings as essential.

it's not clear that their activity during the pandemic would be legally protected.

State or local governments would be "constitutionally justified" in including houses of worship in their closure orders during a public health emergency as long as those orders are "generally applicable," said John Inazu, a law professor at Washington University in St. Louis who studies the

First Amendment.

Before issuing his order, Kemp held two calls with hundreds of clergy from across Georgia, urging houses of worship to stream services online or implement other social distancing measures, like holding drive-up services where people listen from their cars.

Most religious services across the country have already moved

online.

"We're making the best of a bad situation. It's going to be devastating in the short term," said Todd Gaddis, senior pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, Georgia, referring to the loss of donations from in-person services. "But I'm confident there will be spiritual dividends in the long run."

Mormon leaders adhere to social distancing guidelines at conference

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Leaders from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints sat 6 feet apart inside an empty room as the faith carried out its signature conference Saturday by adhering to social distancing guidelines that offered a stark reminder of how the global coronavirus pandemic is affecting religious practices.

Their livestreamed speeches didn't dwell heavily on the pandemic as they instead stuck to plans made last year to make the conference a commemoration of the 200th anniversary of events that led to the creation of the church by founder Joseph Smith. Speakers spoke at length about the tenets he established, including why men have priesthood powers but not women.

Church President Russell M. Nelson also unveiled a new church logo that continued his push to rebrand how the faith is known and recognized around the world. The new symbol features a drawing of Thorvaldsen's marble Christus statue under an arch and on top of the church name with the words "Jesus Christ" larger than the rest.

Nelson, who took the helm in 2018, has made a concerted ef-



THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS/AP

Left to right, Neil L. Andersen, M. Russell Ballard, both members of a top governing board called the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles; church President Russell M. Nelson, and counselor Henry B. Eyring sit six feet apart during The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' church conference Saturday.

fort to get the world to use the full church name rather than shorthand monikers such as "Mormon church" and "LDS church" that previous presidents embraced and promoted. He has renamed the choir and changed names of websites and social media accounts to show he's serious.

"When we remove the Lord's name from the name of his church, we inadvertently remove him as the central focus of our

worship and our lives," said Nelson, explaining the logo.

Church leaders gave their speeches from inside a small auditorium in Salt Lake City with fewer than 10 people in the room. Normally, top leaders sit side-by-side on stage with the religion's well-known choir behind them and about 20,000 people attending each of the five sessions over two days in a cavernous conference center.

Passover celebrations altered for Jewish families

Associated Press

Passover and its epic story — how the Jewish people escaped to freedom after plagues struck their oppressors — are uniquely resonant this year, as Jews find ways to honor the holiday amid the outbreak of what feels like a real-life plague.

The coronavirus has forced Jewish families to limit the celebratory Passover meals known as seders from extended families and friends to small, one-household affairs.

But the pandemic hasn't cut the connection that Jews from all backgrounds feel to one of their calendar's most important holidays — and, for many, the global crisis has deepened its meaning.

Rabbi Noam Marans, director of interreligious relations at the American Jewish Committee, described the gravity of Passover during the coronavirus by reciting a key portion of the Haggadah, the sacred text Jews use on the holiday.

"This year we are enslaved — next year we will be free." That aspiration is very real this year," Marans said, looking ahead to a future victory over the disease.

As the all-are-welcome spirit of seders is constrained by public health rules set up to help stop the

virus, more liberal Jewish communities are embracing digital connections with socially distant family and friends.

Jews in all branches of the faith are also taking the opportunity to ensure those in high-risk populations have enough of the food, including the unleavened bread known as matzo, which represents their ancestors' exodus from bondage in Egypt.

The Chabad-Lubavitch movement of Hasidism has expanded its annual distribution of "seder-to-go" kits, which had typically been prepared for hospitalized or otherwise housebound Jews, to help serve families and individuals confined to their homes during a quarantine. Chabad projects it will distribute 250,000 seder kits throughout North America.

Steve Weinstein, 62, is preparing for a seder for two this year — just Weinstein and his wife, without the extended family they typically host in Milwaukee.

"Although he's only started to think about the broader message of this more somber Passover, Weinstein said, "we'll find ways to be able to equate" the holiday's biblical narrative with the outbreak. The virus could be viewed in one sense, he said, as the oppressive rule that Jews eventually overcame.

VIRUS OUTBREAK ROUNDUP

Hawaii forced to change its customs

Associated Press

WAIANAĒ — Glen Kila has long greeted people in the traditional Native Hawaiian way. Foreheads touching, he breathes in the person's ha, or breath.

That stopped, and he began adopting the bow used in some Asian cultures, when a new term emerged: social distancing.

The 6-feet-away rule used to curb the transmission of the coronavirus is the antithesis of tradition in Hawaii, where cultural norms revolve around intimacy — greetings with hugs, kisses and lei — and families are close-knit, Kila said.

"It's really taking away that aloha from our culture," said Kila, a Hawaiian cultural practitioner in Waianae, a coastal Oahu town home to one of the largest concentrations of Native Hawaiians. "It's really sad, but we must abide by these safety rules."

Alabama

MONTGOMERY — COVID-19 infections continue to climb in Alabama as residents are now under an emergency order to stay home as much as possible.

More than 40 deaths have been reported as of Sunday among more than 1,600 cases in the state.

Gov. Kay Ivey's order took effect at 5 p.m. Saturday and is scheduled to last until at least April 30.

Ivey said that she felt compelled to require people across Alabama to shelter at home as cases of the new virus continued to rise and too many people ignored calls to isolate voluntarily.

The emergency order allows people to leave home to get medicine, health care, food and other essentials. It also allows church services, weddings and funerals as long as fewer than 10 people are present and they stay at least 6 feet apart.

Alaska

JUNEAU — The state's chief medical officer, Dr. Anne Zink, has become the explainer-in-chief for Alaskans during the coronavirus outbreak, a regular at news conferences who has become known for providing information in a straightforward, easy-to-understand manner.

She's gotten praise from residents for her approach and inspired a poem from a Juneau city official. U.S. Rep. Don Young, who was criticized last month for downplaying the seriousness of the virus in a speech to fellow senators, has jumped on the bandwagon with a website where people can submit thank-you notes to Zink.

Colleagues of the emergency medicine physician aren't surprised. Dr. Jay Butler, a former chief medical officer for Alaska who now works for the U.S. Cen-

ters for Disease Control and Prevention, said that Zink can translate data for others, "always with an eye to the humanity in health care and public health."

State health Commissioner Adam Crum said that Butler was among those who suggested Zink for her current role, which she started last year. Crum said that he thinks Zink's emergency medicine experience — "where your normal is chaos" — helped prepare her for this time.

California

SACRAMENTO — California has cut its COVID-19 testing backlog by more than two-thirds, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Saturday, but has still managed to test less than one half of the state's nearly 40 million residents.

"I own that," Newsom said during his daily press briefing. "I have a responsibility as your governor to do better."

California has tested 126,000 people. Of those, 13,000 test results are still pending as of Friday. That's down from the 59,500 pending results that were reported Thursday. As of Friday, the state reported 12,026 confirmed COVID-19 cases, a 12.4% increase from the previous day, plus 276 deaths.

Colorado

CENTENNIAL — A member of Colorado's Unified Command Group at the State Emergency Operations Center in Centennial just outside of Denver has tested positive for the coronavirus, officials said.

The Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management said that the worker tested positive Saturday.

Spokeswoman Micki Trost said that staffers who determined they worked in the same area in the last 48 hours are being told to self-quarantine.

Trost said that medical screenings of staff are being increased from once daily to twice a day. A decontamination service cleans the facility daily.

Illinois

JOLIET — The bodies of a suburban Chicago man and woman were found inside a residence in what authorities say was a murder-suicide that was apparently prompted by the man's concern that the two of them had contracted the coronavirus.

In a news release, the Will County Sheriff's Office said that deputies who were dispatched to a home in Lockport Township to conduct a welfare check discovered the bodies of Patrick Jesernik, 54, and Cheryl Schriefer, 59. The two, whose bodies were found in separate rooms in the residence, had each been shot



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Glen Kila, left, and Brad Suzuki, right, flash the Hawaii "shaka" signs with their hands and give slight bows, demonstrating how they greet people using social distancing to curb the spread of coronavirus in Waianae, Hawaii.

once and a gun was near Jesernik's body.

The investigation determined that Jesernik had shot Schriefer in the back of the head before shooting himself.

According to the release, relatives told detectives Jesernik had been frightened he and Schriefer had contracted the COVID-19 virus and that Schriefer was having difficulty breathing.

The relatives told investigators that Schriefer had been tested earlier in the week, but they did not believe she'd received the results. According to the release, an autopsy revealed determined that Jesernik and Schriefer tested negative for the virus.

Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS — State health officials reported 11 more deaths from COVID-19 on Sunday, bringing the statewide total to 127.

The Indiana State Department of Health announced 464 additional cases with the most in Marion County, which had 191. Overall, there have been more than 4,400 cases.

Officials in a Wells County community offered "isolation packets" for elderly residents who fear leaving home during the pandemic and need help. The packets that Ossian officials and police made available contained a colored-coded paper system residents can hang on windows to communicate. Green signals that the person is fine, yellow means help is needed for everyday errands like shopping and red means urgent errands like prescription pickup, according to WANE-TV.

"We know a lot of our residents are just worried about leaving

their homes at all and so we completely understand that," said Ossian Sergeant Stephanie Tucker. "The isolation communication packet kind of gives them a way to let the community know or friends and neighbors know that they have a need in their home."

Maine

PORTLAND — The seafood industry has been upended by the spread of the coronavirus, which has halted sales in restaurants and sent fishermen and dealers scrambling for new markets.

Seafood is a global industry that relies on a complex network of fishermen, processors, buyers and distributors, all of which have been affected by the virus. A lack of demand has sent prices tumbling and led some fishermen to tie up their boats until the outbreak subsides.

Members of the U.S. seafood industry are calling on the Trump administration and Congress to help them weather the uncertain time. But for now, the market for big-meat items such as scallops and lobster is "pretty much non-existent," said Bert Jongerden, general manager of the Portland Fish Exchange, a Maine auction house.

The auction house usually moves up to 60,000 pounds of fish in a week but is down to less than a third of that, Jongerden said.

Pennsylvania

GREENSBURG — Charges are planned against two people accused in separate incidents of purposely coughing on a fast-food restaurant worker and staff members at a doctor's office while saying that they have the coronavirus, state police in western

Pennsylvania said.

Police in Westmoreland County said that a 48-year-old North Huntingdon woman became upset at a drive-thru window of a Route 30 fast-food restaurant in Hempfield. Trooper Anthony Dizenzo alleged that she "began purposely coughing at the staff member as well as stating 'I hope you get COVID-19 and die.'"

Disorderly conduct, reckless endangerment and simple assault charges are planned, Dizenzo said.

At a doctor's office in Latrobe, police alleged that a 53-year-old Cherry Tree man saw a staff member wearing a protective mask and said "That mask is not going to help you." Police alleged that he then coughed repeatedly on her and said "I guess we'll find out."

West Virginia

CHARLESTON — A nursing home patient with underlying health conditions became the third person to die from the coronavirus in West Virginia, health officials said Sunday.

The Department of Health and Human Resources said that the 76-year-old man was a resident of the Sundale nursing home in Morgantown, where 21 residents and eight staff members tested positive for the virus.

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice has tightened restrictions on people in Monongalia County and five other counties in the state to try to curb coronavirus hotspots. Three of those counties are in the eastern panhandle.

Statewide totals Saturday showed 54 positive cases in Berkeley County, 51 in Kanawha, 49 in Monongalia, 24 in Harrison, 21 in Jefferson and three in Morgan.

NATION

Divers search for Kennedy Townsend's daughter, grandson

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Divers and boats on Saturday resumed searching the Chesapeake Bay for the bodies of the daughter and a grandson of former Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Maryland police said.

The search began Thursday afternoon after a report of a canoe in the bay that didn't return to shore and appeared to be overtaken by strong winds. The search was suspended Saturday night and was to resume Sunday morning, a Maryland Natural Resources Police news release said.

The missing canoeists were identified as Maeve Kennedy Townsend McKean, 40, and McKean's 8-year-old son, Gideon Joseph Kennedy McKean.

"With profound sadness, I share the news that the search for my beloved daughter Maeve and grandson Gideon has turned from rescue to recovery," Kathleen Kennedy Townsend said in a statement Friday night.

Kennedy Townsend, who served two terms as Maryland's lieutenant governor, is the eldest daughter of the late U.S. Attorney General and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and niece of the late President John F. Kennedy.

Vessels on Saturday conducted sonar operations around the area where the two were last seen and where their overturned canoe was recovered, according to police.

The mother and son may have been paddling the canoe from a home in Shady Side, Md., to retrieve a ball and couldn't paddle back to shore, police said earlier.

Maeve McKean, a public health and human rights lawyer, served as executive director of the Georgetown University Global Health Initiative. She graduated from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service and law school.

"Maeve was a master connector who brought together faculty and students across disciplines and schools in order to advance our shared mission for improv-



TWITTER/AP

Maeve Kennedy Townsend McKean, left, with her family, including her son Gideon Joseph Kennedy McKean, bottom.

ing health and advancing justice, particularly for those left out or left behind," John Monahan, an adviser to Georgetown's president, said in a news release Saturday. Monahan said the university community is "heart sick" about what happened.

Trump hints that IG firing was payback for impeachment

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump suggested that he fired the inspector general for the intelligence community in retaliation for his impeachment, saying the official was wrong to provide an anonymous whistleblower complaint to Congress as the law requires.

Trump called Michael Atkinson a "disgrace" after informing Congress late Friday night that he intended to fire him. In letters to the House and Senate intelligence committees, Trump wrote that he had lost confidence in Atkinson but gave little detail.

A day later, Trump was more blunt, telling reporters at the White House: "I thought he did a terrible job, absolutely terrible." The president added: "He took a fake report and he took it to Congress with an emergency, OK?"

Not a big Trump fan, that I can tell you."

The whistleblower report was not fake, but a detailed complaint written by an anonymous intelligence official who described Trump's pressure on Ukraine to investigate Democrat Joe Biden and his son. Atkinson determined that the complaint was urgent and credible, and he was therefore required by law to disclose it to Congress, but he was overruled for weeks by the acting director of national intelligence, Joseph Maguire.

On Saturday, Trump questioned why Atkinson didn't speak to him about the complaint, though Atkinson's role is to provide independent oversight.

"Never came in to see me, never requested to see me," Trump said. He added: "That man is a disgrace to IGs."

Top Sanders advisers urge him to consider ending presidential run

By SEAN SULLIVAN
The Washington Post

A small group of Bernie Sanders' top aides and allies — including his campaign manager and his longtime strategist — have encouraged the independent senator from Vermont to consider withdrawing from the presidential race, according to two people

with knowledge of the situation. The group includes campaign manager Faiz Shakir and Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., a top Sanders surrogate and ally, according to the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe sensitive private discussions.

Sanders himself has become

more open to the prospect of dropping out, according to one of the people with knowledge of the situation and another close ally, especially if he suffers a significant defeat in Tuesday's Wisconsin primary, which polls suggest Joe Biden will win handily.

Longtime strategist Jeff Weaver has also privately argued that

exiting the race quickly and on good terms with Biden would give Sanders more leverage in the long run, according to one of the people; the other said Weaver has used a light touch in presenting his case.

Sanders has not a made a final decision, the people said, and other close allies have privately

urged him to keep running, such as national campaign co-chair Nina Turner, while Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., is also said to favor him remaining in the race. Larry Cohen, a longtime ally who chairs a nonprofit aligned with Sanders, is waging a public campaign for him to stay in until the Democratic National Convention.

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WORLD

Pope celebrates Palm Sunday without public

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis celebrated Palm Sunday Mass without the public, since the traditional ceremony in St. Peter's Square was scrapped because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Normally, tens of thousands of Romans, tourists and pilgrims, clutching olive tree branches or palm fronds would have flocked to an outdoor Mass led by the pontiff. Instead, Francis was leading the ceremony inside St. Peter's Basilica, which seemed even more cavernous than usual because it was so empty.

Besides his aides, a few invited prelates, nuns and laypeople were present, sitting solo in the first pews and staggered yards apart to reduce the risks of contagion.

Looking pensive, Francis

blessed braided palms held by the others, then held one himself.

Palm Sunday solemnly opens Holy Week leading up to Easter, which on this year falls on April 12. The Vatican announced Francis will preside over all the traditional ceremonies without the public in keeping with lockdown measures in Italy and at the Vatican to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Among the usual events is the Good Friday Way of the Cross procession. This year, instead of the customary candlelit procession at Rome's Colosseum, the Way of the Cross will be presided over by Francis in St. Peter's Square.

The Vatican said there are seven cases of COVID-19 among the residents or employees of the tiny independent city state.



ALBERTO PIZZOLI/AP

Pope Francis, left, holds a palm branch as he celebrates Palm Sunday Mass behind closed doors in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on Sunday. The traditional ceremony opening Holy Week was scrapped to help contain the coronavirus.

Terrorism inquiry opened after knife attack in France

By THOMAS ADAMSON
Associated Press

PARIS — A man wielding a knife attacked residents of a French town while they ventured out to shop amid a nationwide coronavirus lockdown Saturday, killing two people and wounding five others in an act that led authorities to open a terrorism inquiry.

France's counterterrorism prosecutor's office said the assailant was arrested near the scene of the attack in the town of Romans-sur-Isere, south of Lyon, as he was kneeling on the side-walk praying in Arabic. It said

one of his acquaintances also was detained.

Prosecutors did not identify the suspect. They said he had no identifying documents but claimed to be Sudanese and to have been born in 1987.

During a subsequent search of his home, authorities found handwritten documents that included arguments about religion and a complaint about living in a "country of unbelievers," officials said.

The prosecutor's office did not confirm reports that the man shouted "Allahu akbar" (God is great) as he stabbed and slashed people.

Like the entire population of France, Romans-sur-Isere's residents have been ordered to stay home except for a few exceptions. The victims were doing their food shopping, one of the permitted outside activities, on the street that has bakeries and grocery stores, the prosecutor's office said.

French media reported that the knifeman first attacked a man who had just left home for a daily walk — slitting his throat in front of the victim's girlfriend and son.

Next, the assailant went into a tobacco shop, stabbed the tobacconist and two customers, and

then went into the local butcher's shop, according to French news reports. He grabbed another knife and attacked a customer with the blunt end before entering a supermarket, the media said.

Some shoppers took refuge in a nearby bakery.

French Interior Minister Christophe Castaner arrived at the scene in the town south of Lyon within hours and thanked shopkeepers for their help.

Some 100 police and 45 firefighters were involved in the operation and securing the area, authorities said.

There have been a number

of knife attacks in France in recent months. In January, French police shot and injured a man in Metz who was waving a knife and shouting "Allahu akbar."

Two days earlier, another man was shot dead by police after he stabbed one person fatally and wounded two others in a Paris suburb.

It is unclear whether the suspect in Saturday's attack had psychological problems or any links to extremism. Analysts say some extremist groups see the upheaval from the virus pandemic as an opportunity to win over more supporters.

Pakistan to challenge acquittal of man accused in 2002 killing of US journalist

Tribune News Service

ISLAMABAD — The Pakistani foreign minister said Saturday that the government will file an appeal against a court decision acquitting the man accused of the 2002 murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl.

"It has been decided to file an appeal against the decision in the Supreme Court," Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said in a statement.

The U.S. had expressed concerns over the decision, which Qureshi said were "natural."

"It is now up to the court either

to dismiss or (uphold) the appeal," he said.

Sindh High Court on Thursday overturned the death sentence on Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, a British Pakistani man accused of killing and kidnapping the US journalist.

Three of his co-defendants who were handed life prison terms in 2002 were also acquitted.

The four men were supposed to walk free, but they were rearrested after one day under a law that allows Pakistani authorities to keep people in detention for up to three months without any charge.

Pearl, a New Delhi-based South Asia correspondent for the Wall Street Journal, was kidnapped and killed in the southern Pakistani city of Karachi in February 2002.

Pearl disappeared Jan. 23, 2002, in Karachi while researching links between Pakistani militants and Richard C. Reid, who became known as the "shoe bomber" after he was arrested on a flight from Paris to Miami with explosives in his shoes.

The Associated Press contributed to this report

19 dead in clash between rival Mexican drug gangs

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A big shootout between rival drug gangs killed 19 people in the northern Mexico border state of Chihuahua, state prosecutors' office said Saturday.

A total of 18 corpses, two grenades, vehicles and guns were found at the scene of the clash in the hamlet of Chuichuchupa the township of Madera.

Two other men were found armed and wounded on the dirt road where the confrontation occurred late Friday. One died later at a hospital, and the other is in

custody.

The office said police and soldiers had been sent to secure the area, where groups allied with the Sinaloa cartel have been fighting other gangs, including a remnant of the Beltran Leyva gang and others aligned with the Juarez cartel.

In an area about 60 miles to the north of Friday's clash, nine U.S.-Mexican dual citizens were ambushed and slain Nov. 4 by suspected drug gang assassins along a remote road.

It was not clear if any of the same groups were involved in the two sets of killings.

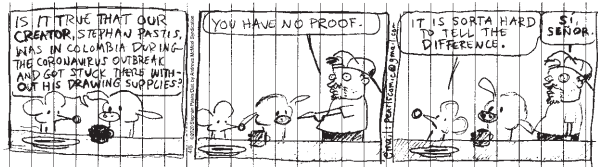
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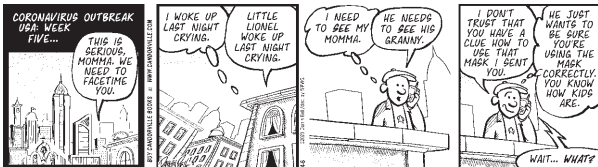
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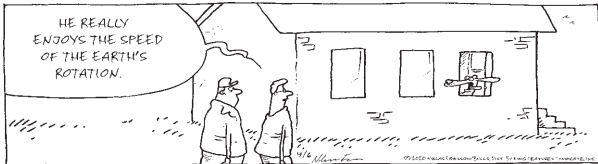
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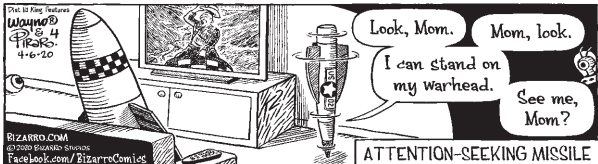
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Ashley McBryde's new album, "Never Will," tells sordid, entertaining stories about family and friends.

Her family's business

Ashley McBryde not afraid to dish dirt on 'Never Will'

BY KRISTIN M. HALL
Associated Press

Ashley McBryde doesn't have any problem with using real people to inspire her country songs and revealing the sordid details of their lives, even if she's dishing dirt about her own family and friends.

Her new album "Never Will," out on Friday, is full of songs about opinionated women, small-town secrets, motel trysts and revenge fantasies. One of those is "Martha Divine": The name may not be real, but the person behind the song is.

"Maybe I'm gonna piss my father off by saying this, but I don't care," McBryde said. "The song, and what I did to that person in the song, was based off one of my dad's girlfriends. I really wanted to hit her in the head with a shovel."

The Mammoth Spring, Ark.-native is just at home in a biker bar as on a red carpet. She carved her own path in country music after her 2018 major label debut earned her a string of new artist awards from the CMAs, ACMs and CMT and multiple Grammy nominations.

But country radio has still not embraced what critics have praised. Her song, "Girl Goin' Nowhere," is nominated for song of the year at this year's Academy of Country Music Awards, which were delayed until September, but none of her singles have ever gotten into the Top 20 of the country airplay charts. McBryde is among many female country singers who struggle to get heard on country radio.

"I don't think I can do anything that will cater to radio," said McBryde. "We have to figure out how to get along."

The album title song "Never Will" reminds everyone that she's not willing to change now that she's achieved success on her own terms. She notes in the song that she could name the people in this industry who still downplay her accomplishments, but she's not going to give them the satisfaction. "You're getting nominations and you're winning awards and playing arenas," said McBryde. "You're

just like, 'Do you not see that this is working?'"

The new album doubles down on the rock and bluegrass influences on songs like "Voodoo Doll," in which she turns her powerful vocals to 11 while merging mandolin licks with electric guitar solos. And in a song that would make Patty Loveless proud, she does an acoustic bluegrass turn on "Velvet Red" as her voice warbles with that high lonesome twang.

But she mixes the tender with the tough. Just as she's not afraid to tell other people's stories, she opens up about her own painful truths. McBryde and her cowriter, Nicolette Hayford, share common tragic experience. Both their brothers, who were military veterans, died young and left behind sisters who were struggling to wade through the pain, anger, grief and questions.

The song they wrote, "Stone," started with McBryde ranting about how angry her brother's death made her.

"In my brother's suicide, in the wake of that, he has left me my nephew, who is 26 years old," said McBryde. "When he gets married, I gotta be there because you won't be there. When he has a baby, I've got to be there because you left me this huge mess."

But then she realized that she had no idea how alike they were until he was gone. And that was the story she wanted to tell.

"When Nicolette and I find a nerve, we will chew on it until both of us are in therapy the next day," said McBryde.

"The whole writing process she went through so many stages of grief, but it was such a release for her," said Hayford, who has helped McBryde write several songs on her two albums. "Every emotion you feel in that song happened that day in that room."

On the record, McBryde's sadness is audible as she slows down and sighs with the weight of her pain. She recorded it on her brother's birthday.

"This song isn't on the record to hurt anybody," McBryde said. "It's on there in case you're hurt and you need to know you're not alone."

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Ashley McBryde

'Top Gun Maverick' joins summer movie graveyard

Associated Press

Hollywood's summer movie season is all but finished. "Top Gun Maverick" became the latest would-be blockbuster to be rescheduled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

On April 2, Paramount Pictures announced that the sequel to the 1986 original will now open Dec. 23 instead of June 24. "Top Gun Maverick" starring Tom Cruise, follows an exodus of the big-budget spectacles that annually land in theaters in summertime.

Most of the season's top movies have in the past week departed the summer. With the pandemic's quickening spread, it remains uncertain when movie theaters will reopen.

Summer is typically Hollywood's most lucrative time of year, when the studios unleash a barrage of sequels, superhero films and action movies. Last year, summer ticket sales accounted for \$4.3 billion in U.S. and Canadian theaters. "Ghostbusters: Afterlife," "Wonder Woman 1984," "Black Widow," "Morbis" and "In the Heights" have all been delayed or taken off the schedule, along with major spring releases including "No Time to Die" and "Mulan."

Some films have also been postponed because of halted post production, leading to reshuffling of next year's schedule, too.

'Lean On Me,' 'Lovely Day' singer Withers dies

Bill Withers, who wrote and sang a string of soulful songs in the 1970s that have stood the test of time, including "Lean on Me," "Lovely Day" and "Ain't No Sunshine," has died from heart complications, his family said in a statement to The Associated Press. He was 73.

The three-time Grammy Award winner, who withdrew from making music in the mid-1980s, died on Monday in Los Angeles, the statement said.

Withers' songs during his brief career have become the soundtracks of countless engagements, weddings and backyard parties. They have powerful melodies and perfect grooves melded with a smooth voice that conveys honesty and complex emotions without vocal acrobatics.

"Lean on Me," a paean to friendship, was performed at the inaugurations of both Barack Obama and Bill Clinton. "Ain't No Sunshine" and "Lean on Me" are among Rolling Stone's list of the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.

DiCaprio, others launch \$12M relief food fund

Leonardo DiCaprio will help launch America's Food Fund, which has already raised \$12 million to help communities impacted by the coronavirus.

The organization said April 2 that the funds will be aimed to help low-income families, the elderly, individuals facing job disruptions and children who rely

on school lunch programs.

The food fund will work with hunger relief organizations World Central Kitchen and Feeding America.

On April 2, Oprah Winfrey announced a \$1 million donation to the fund and \$10 million to total to feed the hungry during the crisis.

Patterson sets up fund for indie booksellers

James Patterson has a history of helping independent bookstores.

The best-selling novelist has donated millions in recent years to booksellers, while also giving millions to schools and libraries and literacy programs. Now, with stores closed or closing nationwide because of the coronavirus outbreak, Patterson has launched a new initiative.

On April 2, he announced #SaveIndieBookstores, a partnership with the American Booksellers Association and the Book Industry Charitable Foundation.

Patterson is contributing \$500,000 and is urging others to contribute this month.

"I'm concerned about the survival of independent bookstores, which are the heart of main streets across the country," Patterson said. "I believe that books are essential. They make us kinder, more empathetic human beings. And they have the power to take us away — even momentarily — from feeling overwhelmed, anxious, and scared."

ABA member bookstores can apply for a grant on SaveIndieBookstores.com.

Taylor Swift donation helps Nashville store

Pop superstar Taylor Swift is helping out a Nashville record store closed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grimey's co-owner Doyle Davis said the store got a call a week ago from Swift's publicist asking how Swift could help. It was just after Nashville's mayor issued a stay-at-home order, and Davis was sending all the employees home.

The store, which also serves as a small concert venue, has been a Nashville fixture for 20 years, working closely with local record labels and many up-and-coming artists.

Swift's donation will provide direct relief to the store's 10 full time employees and the costs of the health care costs for the store's group insurance plan.

Other news

■ Films that were slated for this year's cancelled South by Southwest festival will appear exclusively on Amazon Prime Video for 10 days this spring. The films will be available for free to consumers, but they will need to sign up for a free Amazon account. Both Amazon and SXSW are targeting a launch date for the streaming event for later this month.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Thieves steal another Red Cross supply trailer

CA RIVERSIDE — A second Red Cross trailer loaded with emergency supplies was stolen from a Southern California office of the organization, police said.

Two men in a pickup drove into a Red Cross parking lot in Riverside, pried a lock, connected the trailer to their truck and left, a police statement said.

The trailer was used for establishing emergency shelters and was filled with cots, blankets and some masks worth about \$4,000.

Red Cross spokeswoman Brianna Kelly told The Press-Enterprise the supplies were not related to the coronavirus.

The first trailer was stolen several weeks ago, The Press-Enterprise said.

Man tries to set wife on fire over stimulus check

NM ALBUQUERQUE — A New Mexico man faces charges after police said he became enraged because he didn't qualify for a COVID-19-related stimulus check and tried to set his wife on fire.

The Albuquerque Journal reported Joe Macias was arrested following an argument with his disabled wife, where he allegedly doused her with gasoline.

The wife told police Macias was "upset because he did not qualify for the stimulus check."

According to police, Macias, 63, threw gas on his wife and their mobile home.

The wife told officers Macias then pulled out a cigarette and attempted to light it several times, but was unsuccessful due to the lighter having gasoline on it.

Exotic animals seized during narcotics search

TX MERCEDES — Authorities seized animals including a white Bengal tiger, bobcat, kinkajou, porcupines, llama, emus and deer after finding them at a South Texas residence while executing a search warrant.

Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Sammy Parks said that the search warrant served at the home in Mercedes was related to a narcotics investigation.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said that game wardens had to euthanize the bobcat and two deer because they were being held illegally without permits, and their origin was unknown. The statement said it wouldn't have been safe to reintroduce them into the native population.

Parks said the other animals were taken to the Austin Zoo for medical evaluation and rehabilitation if needed.

Miles of herring spawn measured in survey

AK SITKA — The Alaska Department of Fish and Game measured miles of herring spawn in Sitka Sound, an official said.



DAVID CRIGGER, BRISTOL (TENN.) HERALD COURIER/AP

Humming along

Artist Kris Comors, owner of Custom Sculpture & Sign Co. in Nicklesville, Va., works on a sculpture at a home Friday in Bristol, Tenn. The hummingbird and flowers are being carved from a pin oak tree that had to be taken down for safety reasons. A seven-foot base was left for the sculpture when the tree was removed.

A fish and game official said more than 4 million of spawn was measured in an aerial survey of the Kruzof Island shoreline, The Daily Sitka Sentinel reported.

The fish and game department was collecting data that biologists say is important in the ongoing management of the state's herring stocks.

About 83% of the herring returning this year are expected to be age 4, which is generally considered below marketable size.

But the returning biomass is expected to be one of the largest in the fishery's history, the department said.

Eggs from invasive moths found on ship

MD BALTIMORE — Agriculture specialists discovered eggs from a nonnative species of moth known to harm plant life onboard a cargo ship that docked at the Port of Baltimore last month, U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced.

U.S. Department of Agriculture experts determined the eggs were laid by an Asian gypsy moth, a "voracious pest" that can pose a "major threat" to forests in North America, according to the department's Invasive Species Information Center. Inspectors found the eggs under a hatch door on a coal freighter,

THE CENSUS

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The amount in fines the town of Farmington, Maine, must pay for failing to ensure that its firefighters had the proper training and equipment when they investigated a propane leak that caused a deadly explosion last year. The Farmington explosion destroyed the nonprofit group LEAP Inc., killed Farmington fire Capt. Michael Bell and injured seven other people. Farmington Town Manager Richard Davis told the Daily News the town does not dispute the citations, has corrected the violations and plans to ask for lesser fines.

Customs and Border Protection said in a statement. The ship was confirmed to have made trips in China and Japan during the summer of 2019 and had arrived in Baltimore from the United Kingdom, the agency said.

The species is known to attack more than 500 types of trees and plants in the U.S., the statement said.

SEC orders fraudulent concert promoter to pay

ME FREEPORT — The Securities and Exchange Commission said it has obtained a judgment against a Maine concert promoter who is charged with operating a financial fraud related to Christian music events.

The commission charged Jeffrey Wall of Freeport and his business, The Lighthouse Events,

a year ago. The judgment against Wall finds that he and Lighthouse are liable for fraudulently raising more than \$3 million in unregistered offerings from some 145 investors, the commission said.

Wall promised the investors their money would go toward the promotion of and hosting of Christian music events, but he used the money for other purposes, such as to pay his own debts, the commission said.

A court has ordered Wall and Lighthouse to pay disgorgement of ill-gotten gains as well as interest and civil penalties, the commission said.

Church removes statue during restoration work

UT SALT LAKE CITY — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints plans to temporarily remove the Angel

Moroni statue from its Salt Lake Temple during restoration work.

The work will include the removal of stones on temple spires that were displaced during a March 18 earthquake, church spokesman Daniel Woodruff said.

The Angel Moroni statue on top of the temple lost its trumpet in the 5.7 magnitude earthquake that struck west of Salt Lake City last month.

Feds: Glider in crash was lacking equipment

VT MORRISTOWN — A glider that crashed in a heavily wooded section of Vermont's Sterling Mountain in 2018, killing the pilot and two passengers aboard, was overloaded and under-equipped, according to federal investigators.

The plane showed no signs of mechanical failure in other parts of the aircraft, according to a report released last week by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Investigators note in the report that the glider weighed around 50 pounds over the plane's allowable maximum, the Burlington Free Press reported.

The plane apparently stalled and spun out of control during what was supposed to be a 30-minute sightseeing tour.

From wire reports

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OPINION

Anti-pandemic rules don't threaten religious liberty

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Perhaps the question most asked of either of us lately — whether as a theologian or a religious liberty attorney — is whether religious liberty is imperiled by government officials responding responsibly to the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. We do not think so. Americans treasure not only the “free exercise” of religion but also the “right of the people peaceably to assemble” as articulated in the First Amendment and practiced with minimal interruption since our nation’s founding. When asked to curtail any part of it — even temporarily — Americans’ skepticism reveals just how treasured religious freedom remains and the enduring vigilance with which they maintain it.

Most people are willing to tolerate temporary restrictions on even our most treasured liberties if it means demonstrating love for neighbor in a time of crisis. Of course, the key to that tolerance is that the restrictions be both temporary and necessary.

Careless comments by New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, for instance, threatening the permanent closure of houses of worship, do little to help. Neither do reports of pastors facing arrest for dogmatically defying health officials’ repeated requests to temporarily suspend their meetings. Like-wisely unhelpful are imprecisely drafted orders that leave religious leaders wondering whether and how they can serve their congregations.

Still, it is government’s responsibility, in the defense of public health, to respect those rights articulated in the Constitution. The corresponding role of the church is to demonstrate love for God and neighbor by respecting the authority of the state when it requests we forgo, just temporarily, the

assembly of the saints until it is once more safe to gather again.

Religious liberty faces genuine challenges and threats from the secularization of our culture and the hostility toward religion often expressed by political elites. That some have reacted with skepticism toward such requests reveals an understandable apprehension that, because of the increased hostility toward religion in recent years, relaying even for a pandemic might sacrifice such a precious freedom permanently. On the other side of this pandemic, governments will bear the responsibility to respect and protect all of our cherished rights in full — as quickly as possible.

Still, asking houses of worship to briefly suspend large gatherings is neither hostile toward religion nor unreasonable in light of the threat. Rather, this is a time for all of us to exercise prudence over defiance. Love for God and neighbor demands nothing less.

Nonetheless, the authority of the state cannot escape the thoughtful limitations of the Constitution. As the courts have explained, when the interest is sufficiently compelling, government may temporarily curb the free exercise of religion. Every court in the country would agree that curbing the spread of a worldwide pandemic is sufficiently compelling to merit government orders limiting the gathering of Americans in large groups. So long as those restrictions are applied temporarily and fairly, we see no reason, morally or legally, that Americans should balk. But churches and religious institutions cannot be singled out.

Of course, some difficulty comes in application. For instance, if officials in McKinney, Texas, imposed restrictions last month that allowed restaurants to remain open, serving patrons through pick-up and drive-through service, while

churches were limited to 10 or fewer staffers. Such imprecision could have prevented local churches from distributing food to the needy, using the same methods of a restaurant’s pick-up service, though staff at any organization could be at risk for infection. After First Liberty Institute sent a letter pointing out the inequity, city officials quickly made adjustments.

To those anxious about the future of religious liberty, such stories ought to lend encouragement. Mistakes will be made. Overreach must be addressed. But the ideal will hold on the other side of this crisis.

Let us also remember the example of history. In 1918, the Rev. I. Cochrane Hunt, a Presbyterian minister facing public condemnation to stay home during the flu pandemic, told The Cincinnati Enquirer: “I believe the action of the authorities in prohibiting public gatherings was a wise move, and they should be indorsed [sic] and assisted by the entire public in stamping out [this] disease.” Bishop Henry H. Bressart informed his diocese by letter that they ought to strictly comply and “pray that the impending plague may be averted.”

Let us do likewise. Church and state should work together to exercise prudence in the face of this contagion. At a time when people are scared to the point of hoarding, let our churches be known for the ministry and support they uniquely provide: care, comfort and calm. And may the government continue to protect the health and safety of citizens. May it do that well.

At this crucial moment, the issues we face are not merely constitutional. They are matters of life and death.

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Maybe a love for teaching will prove to be infectious

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Special to The Washington Post

Everyone’s looking for a silver lining to this quasi-medieval nightmare we’re living through. Here are some candidates: plummeting air pollution. Phones ringing again as people call their relatives and longtime friends to check on their well-being — and everybody is always home! Facebook redeeming itself. Nonagerians learning to Zoom. Joy in the blond, — and black and brown. Long-shelved cookbooks being cracked open. Walking and stretching are the new sitting ... and the new gym class, March Madness and NBA playoffs.

Another candidate might be added to the list: Could this virus inspire new commitment to our education system, much as the 1918 influenza pandemic galvanized the science of vaccine research? Think of all the parents now home-schooling their children, helping more with homework, creating resources to assist them, setting up classrooms in their homes and apartments. A New York friend sent me a video clip of his daughter-in-law showing off her home-school setup like a real estate agent pointing out the features of an in-home movie theater.

And I can relate. After all, it was motherhood that prompted me to become a teacher after years of searching for “the real me.”

I never considered teaching when I was in college; and before I had children, I worked briefly as a copy editor, a translator and an actor. It was when our younger daughter, Natalie, started sec-

ond grade that my future career was born. Seeing her blossom under the inspiration of Helene Granof, an award-winning teacher at our local public school, I became as motivated as Natalie was. When I learned that this devoted, energetic educator had become a teacher only in middle age, as a second career, I decided I wanted to be just like her.

So I enrolled in a master’s program in teaching elementary school. It was geared toward older students like me, with classes scheduled mostly in the afternoons and evenings. While my two children did their homework, I sat right beside them with my books and notes spread out on the carpet next to theirs. Alongside their book reports and science fair displays, I created some projects of my own.

And after graduating, I loved every minute of my new career (OK, maybe not the bus duty on rainy mornings): I loved the students, each one an individual puzzle to be unlocked; I loved crafting lessons to bring a subject to life; I loved finding resources to supplement the county’s curriculum. And then there was my all-time favorite challenge as a teacher: how to keep learning going during the Washington area’s 2010 “snowpocalypse” — a week-long snow day. We didn’t have video conferencing then, but we kept in touch over the internet, with my first-graders writing vivid stories about their snow-stopped experiences to share when they returned. That “disaster” lasted only one week, and I was responsible for teaching only language arts at that time, but I think it’s at least partly analo-

gous to what’s going on in nearly every home in America with school-age children now.

And just like we dug out of that snowstorm, we will eventually make our way out of this, and reclaim and rebuild our lives, and let’s hope we will take a lot of lessons from our experience.

That silver lining, the one I’m especially hoping for after all this is over, is this: If you found it rewarding to be home with your kids, if you found stores of patience that you didn’t know you had, if you loved reading “Hatchet” with your boys and girls, if you demonstrated a math concept with the candy hoarded in your cupboard or exploded a papier-mâché volcano on the kitchen counter, think about a career in teaching. If you already have a career, maybe you’ll switch like Mrs. Granof and I did.

If we can take from this awful period a new appreciation of the importance of schools and teachers, of critical thinking and literacy — including media literacy — then we will have learned incredibly valuable lessons. We should now recognize that teaching has to rank among the nation’s highest-valued endeavors. We need knowledge to guide us through crises like this one, and we need to learn from history and the experience of others. Education is key. Let’s turn this cloud-covered period inside-out and embroder on that silver lining.

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OPINION

Feds clumsily link coronavirus to terrorism

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The Department of Justice recently sent out a memo with this arresting detail: Prosecutors around the country should consider coronavirus as a “biological agent,” and therefore charge certain acts related to COVID-19 as federal crimes of terrorism.

As a former U.S. prosecutor, I have no quarrel with the department’s being able to “make a federal crime” of the worst conduct that we may see with the virus. Among other things, it gives the country a hook to bring federal resources to bear on cases that for whatever reason may be difficult for states to bring.

But the general idea of viewing the coronavirus as a “biological agent” akin to anthrax or botulism, and its “possession” or transmission as a crime of terrorism, is as novel as the virus and it carries its own exponential danger.

Until now, the core concept of a biological agent in terrorism law is an engineered or synthesized toxin, like anthrax. Shifting that definition to a naturally occurring virus we all can catch and carry, and one we so far know so little about, is not just inapt, it’s overkill. We should confine terrorism crimes to offenses involving violence and intimidation against a large body of civilians in pursuit of political aims.

There are legitimate applications of the DOJ’s definition. The paradigm for federal jurisdiction would be cases we’ve recently heard about that the FBI is investigating: Neo-Nazi and white supremacists encouraging members who become infected to spread the disease to police officers and to Jews, whom they view, in the time-honored irrational fashion of anti-Semites, as responsible for the virus.

Life in prison — the sentence for federal crimes of terrorism — seems like fitting punishment for such heinous conduct.

But for many other potential coronavirus crimes or civil offenses, what could follow from the “biological agent” rubric is just not right.

There already have been reported instances of people threatening others with the virus. A New Jersey man breathed on someone and then said he had the virus. A woman in a supermarket in Pennsylvania coughed on fresh produce and announced: “I have coronavirus and you are all going to get sick.” She next tried to shoplift a 12-pack of Coors Light. State authorities charged her with two felony counts of terrorism threats and, perhaps with the DOJ in mind, one count of threats to use a “biological agent.”

Antisocial, sad sack criminal conduct? Yes. But domestic terrorism akin to building a bomb and trying to set it off in Times Square?

Or imagine what lawyers would consider the potential “reckless” transmission of the disease. Last Monday, Florida authorities arrested the pastor of a local church who held services in contravention of stay-at-home orders.

He was charged with unlawful assembly and violation of public health emergency rules, both second-degree misdemeanors. But combine his recalcitrance with the DOJ’s definition of the virus as a biological agent, and the possible end result is a range of federal felony charges, including, if a parishioner contracts the disease and dies, reckless homicide.

Most panoramically, there could be “negligent” transmission of the virus, not with the intent to harm or even done recklessly, but done without taking proper care nonetheless. This kind of transmission will most certainly occur, tragically, in thousands of cases.

For example, the Los Angeles Times recently reported on a choral group in Washington state that decided to go forward with practice notwithstanding the then-



rapid spread of the virus in Seattle. Today, 45 members are infected, three have been hospitalized and two have died. The DOJ’s definition increases the prospects for recovery in a civil case associated with such conduct, along with the likely amounts. It might also push local authorities, who are eager to appear aggressive in combating the coronavirus, toward a charge of criminal liability.

The memorandum from the department doesn’t quite seal the deal on how the law will view coronavirus, but because the department is the agency tasked with administering the criminal code, the courts usually defer to its interpretations. Unfortunately, the memo may serve as a giant step toward making transmission of a disease into chemical warfare and suicide bombs.

There will have to be some reckoning

down the line related to COVID-19, some assignment of fault for at least the most culpable transmitters of the disease. The courts might attempt to look to normal principles of everyday liability, including for negligence, as they have done (with notably inconsistent results), in cases of transmission of AIDS. More likely, the imensity and unprecedented nature of the coronavirus threat will require a legislative solution from Congress, involving partial compensation and rough justice.

But it would be a mistake to rely generally on a body of law developed for acts of terrorism to account for the spread of the coronavirus. Confronting the legion problems of the pandemic is daunting enough without reconceptualizing disease as a massive terrorist attack within.

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Crisis often inspires a collectivist temptation

BY GEORGE F. WILL
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WASHINGTON Today’s pandemic has simultaneously inflicted the isolation of “social distancing” and the social solidarity of shared anxiety. In tandem, these have exacerbated a tendency that was already infecting America’s body politic before the virus insinuated itself into many bodies as every consensus.

It is the recurring longing for escape from individualism, with its burden of personal responsibility. It includes a concomitant desire for immersive politics, whereby people infuse their lives with synthetic meaning by enlisting in mass movements or collective efforts. These usually derive their energy from a clear and present danger or, when that is lacking, from national, ethnic, racial or class resentments (e.g., President Donald Trump’s and Sen. Bernie Sanders’ not-so-very-different populisms of those who feel victimized).

Not all recalls against individualism are progressive, but progressivism always encourages such a turn. After World War I’s solidarity, which had been enforced by public bullying and minatory government, a progressive philosopher, Mary Pollett, hoped that in peacetime America would abandon the idea of “the particularist individual” and natural rights belonging to each, in order to emancipate government from limits.

Nostalgia for a time when society was fused by the heat of war or some other crisis is not a permanent basis for a free and open society.

Until a taste of the real thing arrived with the coronavirus, there was, in societies perhaps bored by their comforts, a hunger for apocalypse. A great threat can infuse excitement into bourgeois dullness and can justify a flight into exciting collective undertakings. Hence the thrill many people recently derived from being exorciated by a Swedish teenager for abusing the planet. Earth’s supposedly mortal perils late in this century, still over the horizon, suddenly seems a comparatively manageable menace for a world that, when it will need mitigation measures, will be at least five times wealthier than it was in 2000.

Political leaders frequently declare war, or its “moral equivalent,” on this or that (cancer, drugs, poverty, climate change, etc.) because they justify muscular measures. In his first inaugural address, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said that in order for him “to wage a war against the emergency” of the Depression, “we must move as a trained and loyal army” wielding “broad executive power” that should be “as great as the power that would be given to us, if we were in fact invaded by a foreign foe.” This was understandable,

given the severity of pains and the public’s panic. Never mind that the result — unconstrained government meddlesomeness — probably prolonged the 12-year Depression, until rearmament ended it.

Today’s pandemic is an even more valid justification for sweeping exercises of executive powers by governors wielding states’ police powers. Governors know that to the axiom “to govern is to choose” there should be added seven words: “always on the basis of imperfect information.” What is not justified are attempts to use today’s real emergency as an excuse to rewrite the nation’s social contract in order to accuse Americans in life suited to a permanent emergency.

Progressives’ flirtation with the preposterous Green New Deal (the end of beef, and of airplanes, etc.) is so revealing because it envisions federal micromanagement of the economy and individual choices forever. Consider also the somewhat successful attempt by the House Democratic caucus to land the current economic rescue legislation with innumerable extraneous extensions of federal power over society. This illustrates progressivism’s eager embrace

of temporary crises as hammers to pound Americans into the permanent solidarity that socialism promises — until it produces permanent cynicism and bitterness about the inevitably political allocation of wealth and opportunity.

Inconveniently for progressives, every war must end, no crisis is forever, and individualism — the American idea: the pursuit of happiness as each defines it — reemerges through fissures in the solidarity produced by transient crises. The British poet, under the name of Marjorie Spack’s 1963 novel “The Girls of Slender Means,” members of a women’s club go to Buckingham Palace to celebrate V-E Day, relishing “the huge organic murmur of the crowd” in this culmination of wartime solidarity. “The next day everyone began to consider where they personally stood in the new order of things.” Yes, personally. After wartime’s necessary collective exertions, a solidarity that had been obligatory during danger was undesirable as normality.

After World War II, A. J. Liebling, a war correspondent for The New Yorker, wrote that “you can feel [war’s] pull on men’s memories at the madman reunions of war divisions. They mourn for their dead, but also for war.” Understandably so. Their nostalgia is for a temporary solidarity — aka regimentation — that was crowned by the glory of victory. But nostalgia for a time when society was fused by the heat of war or some other crisis is not a permanent basis for a free and open society.



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BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME



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The Spurs' Tim Duncan defends the Miami Heat's Udonis Haslem during Game 5 of the NBA Finals at the AT&T Center in San Antonio, Texas, Sunday, June 15, 2014.

Elite: Duncan calls group elected Saturday 'an amazing class'

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a nine-person group announced Saturday as this year's class of enshrinees into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.



Tomjanovich

"An amazing class," Duncan said. "They all got into the Hall in their first year as finalists, as did WNBA great Tamika Catchings. Others had to wait a bit longer for the good news: Two-time NBA champion coach Rudy Tomjanovich finally got his call, as did longtime

Baylor women's coach Kim Mulkey, 1,000-game winner Barbara Stevens of Bentley and three-time Final Four coach Eddie Sutton.

They were the eight finalists who were announced in February, and the panel of 24 voters who were tasked to decide who merited selection wound up choosing them all. Also headed to the Hall this year: former FIBA Secretary General Patrick Baumann, selected as a direct-elect by the international committee.

"He was the head of FIBA and this was a way to honor him," Hall of Fame Chairman and enshrinee Jerry Colangelo said. "It was a special thing done through that committee."

Bryant died about three weeks before the Hall of Fame said — as if there was going to be any doubt — that he was a finalist. Duncan and Garnett were also widely perceived to be locks to be part of this class;

they were both 15-time NBA All-Stars, and Bryant was an 18-time selection.

Bryant's death has been part of a jarring start of the year for basketball: Commissioner Emeritus David Stern died on Jan. 1, Bryant and his daughter Gianna were among nine who died in the crash in late January, and the

NBA shut down March 11 as the coronavirus pandemic began to grip the U.S.

"Obviously, we wish that he was here with us to celebrate," Vanessa Bryant, Kobe's wife, said on the ESPN broadcast of the class announcement. "But it's definitely the peak of his NBA career and every accomplishment that he had as an athlete was a steppingstone to be here. So we're



TNS photos

Above: Lakers guard Kobe Bryant looks at the camera after dunking. Left: Forward Kevin Garnett catches a pass during a workout with the Boston Celtics.

Duncan spent the entirety of his career with the Spurs, and is now back with the team as an assistant coach under Gregg Popovich.

"It's kind of the end of the journey here," Duncan, on the broadcast, said of his enshrinement. "It was an incredible career that I enjoyed so much. To call it a dream come true isn't even doing any justice to it. I never dream I'd be at this point."

Duncan, Garnett and Bryant were similar in many ways as players: The longevity of their careers, the eye-popping numbers, almost perennial inclusion on award lists. They also shared a dislike for tooting personal accomplishments. But even the Hall would have touched Bryant, those closest to him said.

"No one deserves it more," Lakers Governor Jeanie Buss said. Added Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka, Bryant's former agent: "All of us can trust that this Basketball Hall of Fame honor is one Kobe would, and will, deeply appreciate."

Catchings was a 10-time WNBA All-Star and four-time Olympic gold medal-

ist. Tomjanovich, who had overwhelming support from NBA peers who couldn't understand why it took so long for his selection, was a five-time All-Star as a player, guided Houston to back-to-back titles and took the 2000 U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal.

"It's a scary time and families are being shattered by the pandemic. To get something positive right now is so wonderful," Tomjanovich said.

Mulkey has three NCAA titles as a coach, won two others as a player and had Baylor in position to vie for another championship this season had the global coronavirus pandemic not forced the shutdown of virtually every sport around the globe. Stevens has coached for 43 years and is a five-time Division II coach of the year. Sutton won more than 800 games in nearly four decades, and Baumann was one of the most powerful voices in international basketball until his death in 2018.

"The incredible emotions that I felt after receiving the call from the Hall of Fame Friday afternoon, I can't even put into words," Stevens said.

The enshrinement ceremony in Springfield, Mass., is scheduled for Aug. 29. Should the pandemic force a delay, there is a tentative plan for an October ceremony as well.

For this year, largely because of the star power of this class, the Hall chose to enact a one-year suspension of direct elections from the Veteran's, Women's Veteran's, Early African-American Pioneers and Contributors categories.

With Bryant, Duncan and Garnett as perhaps the top NBA trio to ever enter simultaneously, the Hall wanted to make sure that no enshrinee would be overlooked.

"We didn't need to water it down," Colangelo said. "Next year is another year for many."



incredibly proud of him."

Bryant was also a five-time champion with the Los Angeles Lakers, just as Duncan was with the San Antonio Spurs.

"This is an incredibly special class, for many reasons," Colangelo said.

Garnett is the only player in NBA history with at least 25,000 points, 10,000 rebounds, 5,000 assists, 1,500 blocks and 1,500 steals. He also was part of Boston's 2008 NBA title.

"This is the culmination," Garnett said. "All those hours... this is what you do it for, right here. To be able to be called 'Hall of Famer' is everything."



Sutton



Stevens



Mulkey



Catchings



Baumann

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Trump pushes for the quick return of pro sports leagues

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
Associated Press

President Donald Trump met by phone with many U.S. pro sports leaders Saturday to discuss how that industry has been affected by the global coronavirus pandemic, saying he was looking forward to the resumption of competitions "as soon as we can."

The NBA, NHL, NFL and Major League Baseball were all represented on the call by their commissioners — Adam Silver, Gary Bettman, Roger Goodell and Rob Manfred, respectively.

"I want fans back in the arenas," Trump said later in a briefing at the White House. "I think it's ... whenever we're ready. As soon as we can, obviously, and the fans want to be back, too. They want to see basketball and baseball and football and hockey. They want to go to their sports. They want to go out onto the golf courses and breathe nice, clean, beautiful fresh air."

A person with direct knowledge of what was discussed on the call said Trump believes the NFL season — scheduled to begin Sept. 10 — will start on time with fans in seats.

A second person with knowledge of the call said that some commissioners, Silver among them, stressed to Trump that they are working on multiple plans to resume their seasons but cautioned that none of those plans can be enacted without clearance from public health officials. The person spoke to AP on the condition of anonymity because no discussion points from the call were to be revealed publicly.

Others on the call included PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan, Indianapolis Motor Speedway owner Roger Penske, UFC President Dana White, World Wrestling Entertainment's Vince

‘We have to get back and we have to get back soon.’

President Donald Trump

On the return of pro sports

McMahon, MLS Commissioner Don Garber, WNBA Commissioner Cathy Englebert, LPGA Commissioner Mike Whan and Breeders' Cup president Drew Fleming.

The NBA was the first of the major U.S. sports leagues to shut down on March 11, doing so after Utah Jazz center Rudy Gobert tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Other leagues quickly followed, and hundreds of games have already been lost.

NASCAR gave teams a tentative schedule to resume racing on May 24 with the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. North Carolina's stay-at-home order is through April 30. Penske has rescheduled the Indianapolis 500 to Aug. 23.

Trump even addressed Little League players on Saturday, tweeting to tell them, "hang in there! We will get you back out on the fields, and know that you will be playing baseball soon. We will get through this together, and bats will be swinging before you know it. In the meantime, take care of mom and dad, and know that this will not be forever!"

Trump even said the need for social distancing is affecting his 14-year-old son Barron. The president described his son as a good athlete and soccer fan.

Trump said his son is happy, but would be happier if he were able to enjoy sports again.

"We have to get back," Trump said. "We have to get back. Remember that. We have to get back and we have to get back soon."



VASHA HUNT, AL.COM/AP

Alabama coach Nick Saban said he doesn't believe extending preseason camp for college football teams is necessarily the best way to get them ready. Saban said Thursday that he'd prefer some "teaching sessions on the field" over the summer to prepare for camp, even if it is in shorts and T-shirts.

Saban: Extra teaching time better than longer fall camp

By **JOHN ZENOR**
Associated Press

Alabama coach Nick Saban doesn't believe extending preseason camp for college football teams around the country is necessarily the best way to get them ready for the season.

Saban said Thursday that he'd prefer some "teaching sessions on the field" over the summer to prepare for camp, even if it is in shorts and T-shirts. The coronavirus pandemic led to the cancellation of spring sports, including football practices, across the nation.

"Saban isn't sold on the idea of extending fall camp.

"If you look at statistics histori-

cally on concussions, injuries, the most concentrated time that you practice and not play is in fall camp," Saban said on a conference call with reporters. "You have more practices, you have to spend more time on the field. So I don't know that increasing that is going to be beneficial in getting people ready to play.

"I think if you could do simulated training programs in the summertime that wouldn't involve that much contact, or even any contact, that would be just as beneficial at that point."

In the meantime, he's still doing the 7:30 a.m. meetings with staff — just online instead of in person. Parts of the afternoon are devoted to video conferences and

phone calls with recruits. They work on specific techniques in video sessions with players.

Saban made it clear he didn't want to address speculation about whether there would be a football season.

"I never really answer hypothetical questions," he said. "I'm sure that everybody's going to want me to speculate on what's going to happen in the future, and nobody really knows. It's very uncertain. It's uncertain times.

"I think we have to fight through the process of what we need to do on a day-to-day basis to make good choices and decisions, to the right thing at the right time regardless of the circumstance."

Athletes Village could house virus patients

By **YURI KAGEYAMA AND STEPHEN WADE**
Associated Press

TOKYO — The under-construction Athletes Village for the Tokyo Olympics could be used as a temporary hospital for coronavirus patients.

Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike has been talking about the possibility of occupying the massive development on Tokyo Bay, which is to house up to 11,000 Olympic and 4,400 Paralympic athletes and staff during the games.

The complex, which will eventually include 24 buildings, is expected to remain unoccupied with the Olympics delayed for 16 months.

Koike said the Athletes Village was "one of the options, but the village is not finished yet. We

are talking about places that are available even today or tomorrow and checking a possibility one by one."

As another alternative, Koike said on Friday that the Tokyo city government would buy a hotel to house patients.

Through Thursday, Japan had reported about 3,300 cases of coronavirus with 74 deaths, according to the health ministry. Tokyo reported 97 new cases on Thursday with officials looking for more beds in the capital as totals rise.

The coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms for most people and can include a fever, coughing and mild pneumonia. The risk of death is greater for older adults and people with other health problems.

The 5,600 units in the Athletes Village will be renovated after the

Olympics and sold. Almost 1,000 are now for sale, or have been sold. Occupancy was supposed to begin in 2023, and apartment prices are listed between \$500,000 and \$2 million.

The Athletes Village is a joint venture involving 10 major companies and the city of Tokyo. The complex will be known as Harumi Flag and the developers include Mitsui Fudosan Residential Co., Nomura Real Estate Development Co., and Sumitomo Realty & Development Co.

The group running Harumi Flag said the proposal to use the property for coronavirus beds was speculation and added the developers had not heard from the city. The group also said Harumi Flag had not decided on its plans for the development in light of the 16-month Olympic postponement.



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

President Donald Trump spoke with various pro sports leaders Saturday regarding the global coronavirus pandemic.

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 March 28, 1992, was voted No. 2.

No. 2

‘The shot’ lifts Duke past Kentucky

Blue Devils reach Final Four on Laettner's OT jumper

By JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

CHRISTIAN Laettner has made the shots of two lifetimes. The All-American ended one of the greatest college basketball games ever with a turnaround jumper at the overtime buzzer, giving defending national champion Duke a 104-103 victory over Kentucky and a fifth straight trip to the Final Four. It was the second time that Laettner had made a last-second shot in overtime to send Duke to the Final Four.

‘After I shot it, I didn't see it go in, but I knew it did.’
Christian Laettner
Duke center

‘I can't believe it happened to me twice in a career,’ Laettner yelled as he was pounded by teammates and fans.

‘We beat a very determined and great basketball team,’ Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. ‘It was an unbelievable game where kids made great plays.’

The victory means a fourth Final Four appearance in as many years for Laettner and fellow senior Brian Davis. It means the top-ranked Blue Devils, who now face Indiana, a 106-79 winner over UCLA on Saturday, have a chance to become the first repeat national champions in 19 years.

And it also means Laettner has earned a niche in history as the man who hits the biggest of the big shots.

‘It was a designed play. We had a few different options, but I was the first option,’ Laettner said, sounding as if he were describing a regular-season shot.

Maybe it does come easy for the 6-foot-11 center who beat Connecticut in 1990 with a jumper at the buzzer on an inbound play that also gave the Blue Devils a regional championship. He is also the NCAA Tournament's career scoring leader, as his 10th point of the game was the 359th of his career to surpass Elvin Hayes of Houston.

Duke (31-2) had the ball and a one-point deficit with 2.1 seconds left. Sean Woods had given Kentucky a 103-102 lead with 2.5 seconds left on a one-handed drive he banked in from just inside the foul line.

Laettner took a length-of-the-court pass from Grant Hill, faked right, spun to his left, and his 15-footer hit nothing but net as the Spectrum exploded with joy and relief as the game ended.

‘I was just trying to catch the ball,’ said Laettner, who didn't miss a shot — 10 from the field, 10 from the free throw line — and finished with 31 points. ‘This seemed to take a lot longer than the Connecticut shot. After I shot it, I didn't see it go in, but I knew it did. There can't be a better feeling than this.’

Duke's Final Four run seemed at an end against team that hadn't been to the NCAA Tournament for three years, the last two because of probation. The Wildcats (29-7) had played the best game of a season few had expected three years ago when Rick Pitino took over the program.

‘I told the guys, ‘Don't let two seconds determine your basketball life because it's worth a lot more than that.’ Pitino said. ‘He made a great shot with a man on him. Two seconds is a long time. But he's a great player, and he made the shot so we have to give him credit.’

Woods' shot was the fourth lead change in the final 30 seconds. It had seemed to be one of the best ever made to win a regional championship — until Laettner's.

‘We were probably a little disappointed, As lucky as my shot was, he made an incredible shot because he shot it over Bobby (Hurley) and me,’ Laettner said. ‘Obviously, it would have been disappointing not to go back to the Final Four. We just feel very lucky and very happy we're able to go to Minneapolis.’

Duke has looked to be taking Easy Street to the Twin Cities when the Blue Devils took a 79-69 lead with 7:40 left on two free throws by Laettner.

However, things unraveled quickly for the team that never gets rattled.

Laettner had been assessed a technical



AMY SANCETTA/AP

Duke's Christian Laettner runs down court after making the last-second winning shot in overtime to defeat Kentucky in the 1992 NCAA East Regional final in Philadelphia.

foul just 26 seconds earlier for stepping on Amini Timberlake when the Kentucky freshman had submarined the All-American on a drive to the basket.

‘It's just a case where I was a little off-balance, Laettner said. ‘The kid was undernourish me. I didn't even hit him hard. I didn't mean it.’

Kentucky turned on its vaunted press, which it had avoided most of the night in favor of a 2-3 zone, and it created turnovers as it had all season.

The Wildcats went on a 12-2 run over the next 2:01, and suddenly thoughts of great upsets filled the heads of everyone in the building. Woods hit a three-pointer with 5:28 left to tie the game 81-81, and neither team led by more than three points the rest of the way.

‘When you make a mistake you don't think you'll be punished for it every time, but we were,’ Laettner said of Kentucky's game-tying run.

The intensity was there, even if the style of play people have come to expect from Duke wasn't.

Deron Feldhaus, one of four Kentucky seniors who stayed in the program rather than leave when the probation was announced, tied the game 93-93 with 38 seconds left in regulation on a rebound.

Duke ran the clock down without calling a timeout, but Hurley's jumper with four seconds left missed.



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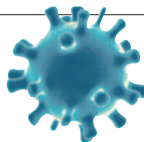
Duke's Christian Laettner takes the winning shot in overtime over Kentucky's Deron Feldhaus.



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Kentucky head coach Rick Pitino reacts at a press conference after Duke beat Kentucky 104-103 in overtime in a 1992 East Regional Final.

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BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME



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Kobe Bryant, above, who died in a helicopter crash on Jan. 26, and fellow NBA greats Kevin Garnett and Tim Duncan, below, headline the nine-person 2020 Hall of Fame class.

Elite company

Kobe, Duncan, Garnett headline glitzy 2020 enshrinement class

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
Associated Press

Kobe Bryant's resume has yet another entry to validate his greatness: He's now, officially, a Hall of Famer.

And he's got plenty of elite company in the 2020 class, one that may be as glitzy as any.

Bryant, who died in a helicopter crash on Jan. 26, and fellow NBA greats Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett headlined

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'It's definitely the peak of his NBA career and every accomplishment that he had as an athlete was a steppingstone to be here.'

Vanessa Bryant

Kobe Bryant's widow, on his enshrinement in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame

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.

