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Armed militia, clergy, more unite against white nationalists

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Clergy in robes. A woman handing out flowers. Black Lives Matter activists. Armed militia members. Students. Angry anti-fascist protesters.

The diverse group of people who came to oppose a weekend gathering of white nationalists in this Virginia college town seemed to outnumber the rally-goers. The counter-protesting groups didn't organize collectively. Instead, it was a largely organic effort among groups who shared the same mission: showing that hate wasn't welcome.

"They just wanted to come out and say no. They wanted to come out and show a robust love for community and what America is meant to stand for," said Lisa Woolfork, a University of Virginia professor and 17-year Charlottesville resident. "And I find that very heartening, very encouraging."

Officials have not provided a crowd estimate, but there appeared to be at least 500 people supporting the rally sparked by Charlottesville's decision to remove a Confederate monument. At least twice as many appeared to be there to oppose them.

The violence between the groups erupted well before the event was supposed to start.

Trump condemns KKK, neo-Nazis as 'thugs'

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Monday that "racism is evil" as he condemned the KKK, neo-Nazis and white supremacists as "criminals and thugs."

The president spoke in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House after meeting with Attorney General Jeff Sessions and FBI director Christopher Wray about the race-fueled violence Saturday in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Trump has come under fire for his comments Saturday that "many sides" are to blame for the violence. In those remarks, he did not single out white supremacists or any other hate group, even as Republican lawmakers and others in his White House did condemn them by name.

The White House tried to stem the damage on Sunday. Senior aides were dispatched to the morning news shows, yet they struggled at times to explain the president's position. A new White House statement on Sunday explicitly denounced the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazi groups, but it was attributed to an unnamed spokesperson and not the president himself.

Vice President Mike Pence, traveling in South America, condemned "these dangerous fringe groups" and said they "have no place in American public life and in the American debate."

Will NKorea's Kim pull the trigger? Possible signs to watch

SEOUL, South Korea — Tensions between the United States and North Korea tend to flare suddenly and fade almost as quickly — but the latest escalation won't likely go away quite so easily.

Events closer to home, including deadly violence at a white nationalist rally in Virginia, could demand more of President Donald Trump's attention in the days ahead and cut into the volume and frequency of his fiery North Korea rhetoric.

But North Korea has yet to back away from its biggest threat: a plan to lob missiles toward U.S. military bases on the island of Guam that Pyongyang says should be ready for leader Kim Jong Un to review anytime now.

Will it all stop there?

Or, despite the extremely high risks, will Kim really give the go order? And, regardless of what Kim does or doesn't do, will the tough-talking Trump feel compelled to take matters into his own hands?

Arctic voyage finds global



Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Dozens of people gathered Sunday night in downtown Astoria to show solidarity with Charlottesville, Va., after an act of domestic terrorism.

the Canadian Archipelago, creating a sea of rock-hard ice.

So as we packed our bags, in went the heavy jackets, insu-

lated trousers, hats, mittens, woolen sweaters and the heavy, furlined boots.

Global warming or not, it was best to come prepared.

More than spectacle: Eclipses create science and so can you

WASHINGTON — The sun is about to spill some of its secrets, maybe even reveal a few hidden truths of the cosmos. And you can get in on the act next week if you are in the right place for the best solar eclipse in the U.S. in nearly a century.

Astronomers are going full blast to pry even more science from the mysterious ball of gas that's vital to Earth. They'll look from the ground, using telescopes, cameras, binoculars and whatever else works. They'll look from the International Space Station and a fleet of 11 satellites in space. And in between, they'll fly three planes and launch more than 70 high-altitude balloons.

"We expect a boatload of science from this one," said Jay Pasachoff, a Williams College astronomer who has traveled to 65 eclipses of all kinds.

Scientists will focus on the sun, but they will also examine what happens to Earth's weather, to space weather, and to animals and plants on Earth as the moon totally blocks out the sun. The moon's shadow will sweep along a narrow path, from Oregon to South Carolina.

Between NASA and the National Science Foundation, the federal government is spending about \$7.7 million on next Monday's eclipse. One of the NASA projects has students launching the high-altitude balloons to provide "live footage from the edge of space" during the eclipse.

Critiques fly as Tillerson struggles to define his mission

MANILA, Philippines — In a wood-paneled stateroom in the Philippine presidential palace, Rex Tillerson sat across from a leader who boasts of hunting down drug dealers to personally kill. Whether he'd confront his host for letting police kill thousands — and how forcefully — was being closely scrutinized for proof the Trump administration has any commitment to human rights.

When the secretary of state ultimately broached it last week with President Rodrigo Duterte, he backed into it, rattling off U.S. death tolls and addiction rates that tell the story of America's opioid crisis. Then he noted matter-of-factly that Americans have voiced concern about Duterte's approach to his country's drug war. He offered U.S. help, two of the meeting's participants said. To Tillerson's critics, it was the latest underperformance by a secretary of state they see as abdicating traditional roles and aspirations of American diplomacy. To Tillerson, aides said, it was a concrete solution to a problem, rather than grandstanding for grandstanding's sake.

Hartman: 'We've been a lot of places, and it's time to relax'

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Neither Hartman nor his father were active in the underground, but his father knew people who were, people who arranged for young men to go into hiding. Hartman made his way to Friesland, in northern Holland.

"A lot of young men and Jewish people were living underground, working on farms," he remembers. Twice Hartman was almost caught when Nazis came by the farm where he was working, but he managed to hide in the nick of time. Labor was in short supply, and the farmers needed help, but many were understandably afraid to provide lodging.

"I worked on a dairy farm and then in a bakery," Hartman said, "and I slept in a chicken coop in a doctor's garden, with a Jewish boy, Karl, of about 15." Seventy years later, Karl found Hartman and called him; he had been the only one of his family to survive.

Most of the underground was in the hands of local people older than Hartman. "If you saw something unusual you didn't ask questions and you didn't mention it to anyone," Hartman said, "and there were creepy things going on. If at night you saw a car with only one headlight, that was a 'one-eyed car' of the underground. They were moving Jews. There were two girls who were always on the roads; they were couriers for the underground."

Despite the secrecy and insecurity, Hartman found something to brighten his life. Her name was Frances, an attractive and self-reliant young woman whose family farmed nearby. Today, she sits in a chair a few feet from her husband. She remembers the end of the war, when starving people left the ruined cities for the country, looking for "food, any food, and some of them died."

"After the war we wanted to get married, but Martin had to go to college to learn economics. There was no money and no homes." Hartman's mother died shortly after the war, and the young couple moved in with his father and sister.

Hartman got a job working for the Ministry of Economics and the couple married, but three months later, the poor economy led to his termination, with no hope for another job.

The Hartmans wanted to move to the United States but couldn't find a sponsor, so they made the long voyage to Australia instead. They picked fruit and did other farm work until Martin got a job demonstrating agricultural equipment. Finally, in 1957, they were able to move to the United States with their two young daughters. Here they would have another daughter and a son, and Martin would work a variety of jobs, from house painting to manufacturing. "I always had a job and the work was always interesting," Martin said. "I never had a job I didn't like, and I always gave them 110 percent."

Hartman retired in 1989, and in 2005 the couple moved to Hammond to be near two of their daughters. "We've been a lot of places," Frances said, "and it's time to relax."

Reid: Lifelong goal has been being a sailor

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Culver helped his crew keep nearby boats from coming loose from moorings and hit-

crediting his crew for making things easy.

Culver said a commander's job is that of an educator, getting the next generation ready, and above all,

warming impact on ice, animals

VICTORIA STRAIT, Nunavut — The email arrived in mid-June, seeking to explode any notion that global warming might turn our Arctic expedition into a summer cruise.

"The most important piece of clothing to pack is good, sturdy and warm boots. There is going to be snow and ice on the deck of the icebreaker," it read. "Quality boots are key."

The Associated Press was joining international researchers on a month-long, 6,200-mile journey to document the impact of climate change on the forbidding ice and frigid waters of the Far North. But once the ship entered the fabled Northwest Passage between the Atlantic and the Pacific, there would be nowhere to stop for supplies, no port to shelter in and no help for hundreds of miles if things went wrong. A change in the weather might cause the mercury to drop suddenly or push the polar pack into Since taking office in February, Tillerson has earned praise from President Donald Trump despite policy differences, top Cabinet members and even some Democrats, including those who take solace in the tempering role he plays in an otherwise frenetic and unpredictable administration.

Yet he's also stoked deep doubts about his leadership among many U.S. diplomats and the traditional foreign policy establishment, with a daily drumbeat of editorials like "Why Has Rex Tillerson Belly-Flopped as Secretary of State?" and "How Rex Tillerson is Wrecking the State Department."

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The Alert patrols for drugs, illegal migration and fisheries laws along the West Coast. During Culver's command, the Alert intercepted seven boats, more than 20 smugglers and more than 5,000 kilograms of cocaine. The crew also performed more than 1,200 hours of community service locally, a practice Culver called on to continue.

"The so-called burden of command, it didn't feel like a burden," Culver said,

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making sure everyone gets home safe. "Alert, your reputation

precedes you," Reid said of his new command. "Everywhere I turn for advice and information, after receiving orders, I learned very positive things about you and our ship."

Reid said his lifelong goal has been being a sailor, going to sea and being a better mariner, which he asked of his crew as well.

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