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WAR IN UKRAINE

Search on for bombing survivors

Theater left in ruins by airstrike; scores are killed nationwide

By Andrea Rosa Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Rescue workers searched for survivors Thursday in the ruins of a theater blown apart by a Russian airstrike in the

besieged city of Mariupol, while scores of Ukrainians across the country were killed in ferocious urban attacks on a school, a hostel and other sites.

Hundreds of civilians had been taking shelter in the grand, columned theater in central Mariupol after their homes were destroyed in three weeks of fighting in the southern port city of 430,000.

More than a day after the airstrike, there were no reports of deaths. With communications disrupted across the city and movement difficult because of shelling and other fighting, there were conflicting reports on whether anyone had emerged from the rubble.

“We hope and we think that some people who stayed in the shelter under the theater could

survive,” said Petro Andrushchenko, an official with the mayor’s office. He said the building had a relatively modern basement bomb shelter designed to withstand airstrikes.

Other officials had said earlier that some people had gotten out. Ukraine’s ombudswoman, Ludmyla Denisova, said on the Telegram messaging app that the shelter had held up.

Satellite imagery on Monday from Maxar Technologies showed huge white letters on the pavement in front of and behind the theater spelling out “CHILDREN” in Russian — “DETI” — to alert warplanes to those inside.

Russia’s military denied bombing the theater or anyplace else in Mariupol on Wednesday.

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‘The Artemis generation’

New NASA rocket rolls to launch pad at Kennedy Space Center

By Richard Tribou Orlando Sentinel

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER — The first trip to the moon for NASA’s new rocket has one more major hurdle, but it’s taking the jump nice and slow as Artemis I began its 4.4-mile journey with a top speed of 0.8 mph to the launch pad Thursday.

The 5.75-million-pound, 322-foot-tall combination of the Space Launch System, Orion capsule and mobile launcher were placed on NASA’s crawler-transporter 2 for the 11-hour trip that began just before 6 p.m. to Launch Pad 39-B, where mission managers plan on doing a wet dress rehearsal within the next month.

Thousands crowded the parking lots and open fields surrounding the Vehicle Assembly Building cheering as NASA Administrator Bill Nelson spoke with the towering hardware in the background.

“There’s no doubt that we are in a golden era of human space exploration, discovery and ingenuity in space, and it all begins with Artemis I,” he said, thanking the NASA employees and family members gathered for the event. “Our workforce has been a relentless spirit. We imagine. We build. We never stop pushing the envelope of what is possible.”

Also speaking was Kennedy Space Center director Janet Petro, who pointed out Artemis was following in the trail of 60 years



At Kennedy Space Center, NASA’s moon rocket for the Artemis I mission rolls to the launch pad Thursday. JOE BURBANK/ORLANDO SENTINEL

Sheriff to push for death penalty in killing

Man allegedly strangled his girlfriend’s mother on her 93rd birthday

By Lisa Maria Garza, Monivette Cordeiro and Cristóbal Reyes Orlando Sentinel

Orange County Sheriff John Mina said he hopes prosecutors consider pursuing the death penalty against the man accused of strangling his girlfriend’s mother on her 93rd birthday.

Javier Rosado Martínez, 54, was arrested Wednesday in Casselberry on a first-degree murder charge in the death of Dolores Padilla Marrero, whose body was found Monday evening at St. Joseph Garden Courts, a retirement community on North Alafaya Trail in Waterford Lakes.

He’s being held in the Orange County Jail with no bond.

Speaking with reporters on Thursday, Mina said he plans to meet with prosecutors “to make sure he’s prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, and maybe even see if there’s a possibility of the death penalty.”

Described as a kind person and a devout Catholic, Padilla Marrero was known for helping people around her, including Rosado Martínez. She is survived by four children, 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

“She’s 93 years old,” Mina said. “Yes, she had her wits about her, but you’re talking about someone who was defenseless, and that’s what makes this so heinous.”

Homicide Sgt. Joe Cavelli couldn’t say what the motive was for the killing, though investigators said it happened after a March 13 fight between Rosado Martínez and his girlfriend, Nilda Rodríguez, over his use of narcotics. Cavelli said Rosado Martínez claimed “he was on drugs and he blacked out,”

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Chef dishes on project to revitalize airport diner

By Austin Fuller Orlando Sentinel

Celebrity chef Art Smith wants to bring back the American diner with a new Orlando restaurant, and his plan calls for an eatery more in line with today’s trends and features dishes showing off Florida cuisine.

That means a full bar, fresh fruit and key lime pie will be among the things on the menu, he said.

Smith, 62, is known for being Oprah Winfrey’s former personal chef and competing on “Iron Chef America” and “Chopped All Stars.” He has cooked for politicians including President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle

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Obama, and Florida Govs. Bob Graham and Jeb Bush.

He revealed his Sunshine Diner at Orlando International Airport

in a Facebook post earlier this year.

“What’s different about a modern-day diner is that one, it will have a bar,” Smith told the Orlando Sentinel in a phone interview. “Diners of old were more meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and

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