

Trump eyes stimulus orders

It is unclear whether executive action on an evictions ban and \$600 weekly jobless benefits that bypass Congress would be legal.

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WASHINGTON – The White House is exploring whether President Donald Trump can act on his own to extend enhanced unemployment benefits and eviction protection if lawmakers fail to act.

Trump said Monday that he's looking at steps he can take with executive orders on issues like stopping evictions, saying Democrats aren't serious about negotiating a new coronavirus relief bill.

"A lot of people are going to be

evicted but I'm going to stop it because I'll do it myself if I have to," Trump told reporters at an event at the White House. "I have a lot of powers with respect to executive orders and we're looking at that very seriously right now."

He didn't specify what any of those powers were, though.

Trump's comments came after the *Washington Post* reported that his administration was eyeing steps it could take unilaterally if no deal is reached on Capitol Hill. It's not clear what steps the administration could take without the help of Con-

gress on issues such as lapsed enhanced unemployment benefits or the expired moratorium on evictions. Both of those programs were authorized by Congress earlier this year but were designed to be temporary.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Trump's chief of staff, Mark Meadows, wrapped up another meeting at the Capitol Monday with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer.

Pelosi called the session "productive," and Schumer said "there is a desire to get something done" quickly.

Earlier, Trump was asked why he wasn't taking part in the talks.

"I'm totally involved, I'm totally involved," Trump said, but he accused Democrats of "slow-rolling" the talks and said he might have to act on his own.

Congressional Democrats and Republicans are trying to close the gap between the \$3.5 trillion Democratic plan passed by the House in May and the \$1 trillion package of aid Senate Republicans introduced last week.

Talks to break an impasse have become increasingly urgent with millions of jobless Americans left

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President Donald Trump holds up an executive order on hiring American workers that he signed on Monday.

Spray okayed to halt suicides

The nasal antidepressant acts quicker than older drugs, studies found.

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Johnson & Johnson's Spravato has been approved as the first antidepressant for actively suicidal people, as doctors are becoming increasingly concerned about COVID-19's effects on the mental health of Americans.

The Food and Drug Administration approval means the quick-acting nasal spray will be available to people with suicidal thoughts and a plan to put them into action, said Michelle Kramer, vice president of J&J's U.S. neuroscience medical affairs unit. That constitutes 11 to 12 percent of as many as 17 million Americans who have major depressive disorder.

Spravato has been used by about 6,000 people for treatment-resistant depression since its approval in March 2019, Kramer said. J&J's decision to study it in depressed people actively contemplating suicide bucks a trend among drugmakers who routinely exclude such patients from trials.

Part of the thinking behind the decision was that Spravato's ability to act quickly could mean it works differently from older antidepressants that can take weeks to kick in, Kramer said. In its studies, J&J found those

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CASES, DEATHS DROP FOR A SECOND DAY

State health officials say 4,752 people tested positive for COVID-19, the lowest number of daily infections since mid-June, while 73 deaths are reported. **5A**

TAMPA GETS 'BACK THE BLUE' MURAL

Officials had yet to approve the city's newest public art project, but organizers went ahead and painted it outside Tampa Police Department headquarters. **3A**

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WINNING WAYS

Tampa Bay Lightning center Mitchell Stephens, right, celebrates his goal against the Washington Capitals with teammates defenseman Ryan McDonagh, left, and center Cedric Paquette during the second period Monday in Toronto. Later, the Lightning's Nikita Kucherov scored the winner in the shootout to help Tampa Bay beat Washington 3-2 in Eastern Conference round-robin play. Next up, the Lightning will face the Boston Bruins on Wednesday. **Sports, 1C**

Amid virus, moving home base is tougher

Military families, usually pros at relocating, now face new challenges.

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Senior Master Sgt. Harry Kibbe got the orders in March for his family's move from Joint Base Andrews in Maryland to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa. A week later, the Department of Defense announced a "stop-movement" order for servicemembers and their families in response to the coronavirus pandemic, throw-



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Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Bayes with daughters Kaylee and Olivia, wife Jennifer and twins Matthew and Jonathan.

ing into question the traditional summer moving season.

"We couldn't then schedule anything, couldn't do any appointments," said Kibbe, 43.

In June, as travel restrictions began to ease, he got an exception to the no-move policy. Two weeks later, on July 5, the Kibbe family arrived in Tampa.

The U.S. Transportation Command completed 67 per-

cent of its average number of domestic servicemember moves from March through July, according to Mike Walton, spokesman for the command, and 63 percent of its average number of international moves in the same period.

The Kibbes had a relatively seamless move, but the pandemic created new challenges

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Epilogue | Robert Jagger

Longtime protector of people's rights

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As a child, Ed Jagger knew that his dad, Robert, mentored the young lawyers who constantly circulated in and out of their home. They even, at times, vacationed with the family. And he knew that many of his dad's best friends were the retired police officers who came to work as his investigators.

But he didn't know much about what his dad actually did, except this: Every Christmas Day, after the family opened presents, his dad would change into a suit and excuse himself for a few hours, saying, "I'm going off to work to get people out of jail."

Later, after Ed Jagger became an attorney himself and, eventually, a Pinellas



Robert Jagger was a public defender for 35 years.

County judge, he realized what his dad was doing all those Christmases — volunteering to handle his clients' first appearances in court so his employees wouldn't have to.

Robert Jagger, the Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Court's first public defender, died July 28. He was 92. His son said the family did not know the specific cause of death, but that Mr. Jagger had experienced complications after cancer surgery earlier this year. **See JAGGER, 17A**