

Other organizations also covered up the outbreak. On Jan. 1, the Hubei Provincial Health Commission notified gene-sequencing companies not to take the Wuhan pneumonia samples, not to test the samples, not to submit scientific papers, and not to reveal the results to the public. It also was ordered that all samples must be destroyed.

On Jan. 3, the National Health Commission formally banned all non-governmental facilities from testing samples related to the Wuhan pneumonia case, which the Beijing financial magazine *Caixin* recounted, in the report "Tracing the Novel Coronavirus Gene Sequencing: When Did the Alarm Sound." The *Caixin* article was taken down several hours after being published.

HUMAN-TO-HUMAN TRANSMISSION

An esteemed, senior doctor named Zhong Nanshan was used to manage part of another coverup. Zhong went to Wuhan on Jan. 19. Before he left Wuhan to go to Beijing the next day, he announced that the virus was capable of human-to-human transmission, which authorities at different levels had denied.

Before Zhong, two groups of experts had been sent to Wuhan by the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC). Why is it that Zhong would find something within one day while so many experts visiting Wuhan couldn't? Caijing, another Beijing-based financial magazine, interviewed an expert from the second group, and asked those in the group whether hospital staff had been infected—the key evidence for human-to-human transmission. The experts never got an answer.

Zhong had earned a good reputation for fighting SARS and is the leading Chinese official for fighting respiratory infectious diseases. An outsider to Wuhan, he hadn't been involved in the previous coverup. He had the authority to change the status of the epidemic disease, and could change the tone without exposing government wrongdoing.

Zhong, then, was just another tool of the Party. During this outbreak, even partial "truth" from the CCP becomes part of the lies.

From day one, every Party and government organization—and the hospitals and individuals inside the system—has been involved in weaving a web of lies. Anyone who intentionally or unintentionally exposed the lies was immediately silenced, by different organizations, at different levels, and by different authorities.

'DISASTERS MAKE THE NATION STRONG'

The CCP's institutions are designed for keeping its power, not for preventing and handling natural disasters, especially not for something like the novel coronavirus.

The pattern is usually like this. When a large-scale natural disaster such as an earthquake or flood occurs, the CCP doesn't need to do much for the victims and survivors. Digging up survivors is for taking photos or videos—saving lives is the least concern.

During the Sichuan earthquake in 2008, classrooms collapsed, killing schoolchildren, while government buildings remained standing. But officials were never held accountable for the corruption that caused the shoddy school construction. The CCP's "solution" was to jail parents and activists who sought the truth and justice.

In fighting disasters, the most important work is to brag about how great the CCP is. The people can only see the gratitude of the survivors to the Party, the red-flag-waving rescue teams, the award and victory celebration ceremonies, and other similar actions. As time goes by, people who have no direct experience of the suffering can only remember—the propaganda, while totally forgetting the victims and the officials responsible for the disaster.

This pattern is captured in the CCP slogan, "disasters make the nation strong." It might be difficult to understand that natural or even man-made disasters can be transformed into a "good thing" to enhance the CCP's power. After the victims, the survivors, and the activists are silenced, CCP can easily generate the support of those who haven't suffered personally.

The disasters don't make the nation strong. They make the CCP strong.

SCAPEGOTS

During this virus outbreak, the CCP has gone even further. "Disasters make the nation strong" has become "CCP saves the world." The CCP has claimed that China bought time for the world, a boast that has been echoed by some Western media.

But if the CCP didn't cover things up, there was not need to "buy time." The CCP is very good at allowing a small problem to grow, then using all resources to fight the "big problem." People see the CCP fighting the big problem so efficiently that they tend to forget the problem was originally created by the CCP. This is part of the Party's information war.

From the beginning, Chinese authorities have sought to pass the blame for the outbreak. The first scapegoat was Huanan Seafood Market (HSM). HSM was formally mentioned as the source by Chinese authorities on Dec. 30, 2019, on Jan. 11 by the Wuhan Health Commission, and on Jan. 22 by Gao Fu, the director of China CDC.

However, three papers, including two from *Lancet* and one from the *New England Journal of Medicine*, and all by Chinese doctors and scientists, published between Jan. 24 and 30, tell a different story.

In the first 41 cases, 13 of them had no HSM contact history, and the first case, and two of three subsequent cases, had no HSM history. Since those cases were all confirmed before Jan. 11, the Wuhan Health Commission was aware that HSM could only be the first cluster, and not the original source. Denial of human-to-human transmission is one thing, while intentionally misleading about the origin of the disease is a totally different issue. What did they want to hide?

The second scapegoat is the pangolin, the odd mammal with scales whose meat is considered a delicacy. On Feb. 7, a research group at South China Agriculture University announced that they had found a virus in the pangolin that has a 99 percent similarity to the coronavirus causing the Wuhan pneumonia.

However, one of the researchers, Shen Yongyi, pointed out in an interview with *Nanfeng Daily* that the pangolin sample wasn't from the university's collection but from a certain specific government unit. Shen said that under heavy pressure, results were revealed to the public, rather than publishing them in a scientific journal first.

Since these two scapegoats didn't work well, the United States has become the new target.

Zhao Lijian, the spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry Department, has claimed that a U.S. military team brought the coronavirus to Wuhan. This was not Zhao's personal mistake. Before Zhao's accusation, the SARS-fighting Dr. Zhong said that because the coronavirus outbreak appeared in China doesn't mean it originated in China. Since then, Zhao's accusation and similar finger-pointing have flooded China's social media.

If the HSM and pangolin were put forward to find someone, anyone, to blame, out of a spontaneous response, the decision to point at the United States is an equally well-orchestrated strategy from the top circle of the leadership. Why does the CCP want to do

something so obviously wrong that nobody around the world would believe? The CCP is trying to turn the coronavirus controversy to its advantage, especially in China.

What else could be more effective and convenient than blaming the United States? The United States has been the No. 1 scapegoat for all the CCP's own problems for the past 70 years.

Did the CCP lie about the Wuhan outbreak at the early stage? Yes. Is the CCP still lying now? No doubt. Will the CCP lie in the future? Definitely. What should we do? Don't trust anything from the CCP. That's what Taiwan has been doing, and doing so well.

During the SARS outbreak in 2003, Taiwan was abandoned by the World Health Organization (WHO), which favors the CCP. Facing the coronavirus, Taiwan can only rely on itself. The most important lesson the rest of the world can learn from Taiwan is not to trust the CCP or WHO.

While some countries believe that Taiwan should be accepted by WHO, it turns out that it's not Taiwan that needs WHO, but the whole world needs Taiwan.

The *Epoch Times* refers to the novel coronavirus, which causes the disease COVID-19, as the CCP virus because the Chinese Communist Party's coverup and mismanagement allowed the virus to spread throughout China and create a global pandemic.

IN HONOR OF BOBBY DUKE RORER

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bobby Duke Rorer. Mr. Rorer was born in Cynthiana, Kentucky, lived for many years in Lawrenceburg, and currently resides at the Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore, Kentucky. He celebrates his 96th birthday on May 29th.

Mr. Rorer volunteered to serve his country during World War II. He enlisted in the United States Army on July 3, 1942, soon after turning 17. He served as a Technician Fifth Grade with the 871st Airborne Engineers Company C. His company was shipped to the South Pacific, where they moved through the islands building airstrips. They were under constant attack by the Japanese. Mr. Rorer suffered twice from malaria.

During a time that his company was a Tsili Tsili, a Japanese bomber crashed and exploded. The explosion was massive and Rorer was buried alive. Fortunately, he was dug out but lost his hearing. He encountered heavy fighting, illness, a typhoon, and many other difficulties as his company continued building airstrips throughout the islands.

After serving for more than 3 years. Mr. Rorer was honorably discharged on January 3rd, 1946. For his service, he was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon with 2 Bronze Service Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 1 Bronze Service Star, the American Theater Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Award, and the World War II Victory Medal. He returned home and became a heavy equipment operator. In his own words, "I am proud to have served my country in its greatest time of need."

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Rorer, celebrate his 96th birthday and thank him for his service and sacrifice to our nation during

World War II. As a part of "The Greatest Generation", Mr. Rorer and his fellow soldiers fought to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today, and we can never thank them enough. I am forever grateful for Americans like Bobby Duke Rorer.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
MORRIS HOOD, III

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late former-Michigan State Legislator Morris Hood, III, whose life was tragically cut short by COVID-19.

Morris Hood was born and raised in Detroit. His roots ran deep in Detroit and Wayne County. Mr. Hood was elected to Michigan's House of Representatives, where he served the maximum three terms before he went on to be elected to Michigan's State Senate, where he served the maximum two terms. He cared deeply for the people he represented and prioritized his time connecting with them, whether it was hosting meetings about important issues or attending community gatherings. His easygoing nature and innate leadership abilities afforded him respect from his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Morris Hood leaves a legacy of advocacy for policy initiatives to uplift the communities he served. He was a champion for education and remained committed to improving our public schools.

Morris Hood was a true public servant and more than that, a friend. Please join me in honoring his legacy.

CONGRATULATING CYNTHIA WIL-
LIAMS AND THE AUSTIN PEOPLES
ACTION CENTER ON ITS
40TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, May 10th marked the 40th Year Anniversary of the Austin Peoples Action Center which was organized by a teenager/young adult, her parents and members of the Third Unitarian Church of Chicago in the Austin Community. Austin at the time was the largest community area in the City of Chicago and was still under-going a serious population change from being predominately white to becoming majority black. There was wholesale migration, racial animosity, blockbusting, panic peddling and mistrust. Cynthia Williams, a feisty teenage/young adult emerged as a leader of a group and the Austin Peoples Action Center was born, with support of the Williams family, the Mayfield Block Club and the Third Unitarian Church. The group took off with neighborhood programs, help for teenagers, block club organizing and other self-help activities, e.g. community festivals and the Taste of Austin which has occurred for more than thirty-five years in succession. Help for teenagers and young adults has evolved into Ma-

ternal and Child Health Programs and the largest WIC Program in the State of Illinois, Parenting Skills Development, Technology Training and other activities for youth.

I take this opportunity to commend and congratulate Ms. Cynthia Williams and the Austin Peoples Action Center on 40 Years of Productive Service.

LORRAINE MADDEN

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the life and legacy of the late Gloucester County, New Jersey resident Mrs. Lorraine Madden.

Born in 1933, in the mining town Shamokin, Pennsylvania, Lorraine Madden was the third born child of Clarence and Marie Greager. In the 1940's the family moved to South West Philadelphia where she attended catholic school and began working at the age of fifteen to contribute to her family.

Mrs. Lorraine Madden married Fred Madden, Sr. and had two sons, Fred Jr. and Thomas. She worked at a local hospital, Bell Telephone, Harleco Company, A.E. Price Importers and lastly in human resources for Johns Manville. After retirement, Lorraine and Fred relocated to Surfside Beach, South Carolina for the next twenty years. After being many miles away from their family and friends they decided to move back to New Jersey.

The residents of Gloucester County, New Jersey greatly adored and appreciated Mrs. Madden. Her passing is a great loss for our entire community. She is the beloved wife of Fred H. Madden, Sr., devoted mother of the Honorable Fred. H. Madden, Jr. (Patricia) and Thomas Madden, Sr. (Margaret). Loving grandmother of Patricia, Maureen, Thomas, Hillary, Tara, Frederick, III, Catherine and Margaret. Proud great-grandmother of Jace, Kaylee-Jo, Alyssa, Ava-Jo, Jeffrey, Declan, Everly and William.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the late Lorraine Madden, of Gloucester County, New Jersey, a loved wife, mother and grandmother.

NORTH AUGUSTA BUSINESSES GET
CREATIVE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, it was heartwarming that on May 7th, during National Small Business Week, The Augusta Chronicle identified North Augusta businesses, getting creative. As we all work together to defeat the Wuhan Virus, it is inspiring to see small businesses working together.

I include in RECORD the following article developed by Staff Writer Miguel Legoa.

With a tent, a couple tables, and a dedicated staff, The Purple Hull restaurant made a DIY drive-through that has done so well owner Ray Henderson said they may make a more permanent version.

"I think it's developed some business that we didn't have, so I think we may go and actually build off the back-end and put us a drive through there," he said.

Henderson said the pandemic dealt a serious blow to the business, as it has done with many other small businesses, which is why they had to get creative in order to persevere.

Jenny and Jesse Elliot, of Shoppe313, have flexed those same creative muscles with their online sales and by creating kits for parents so they can build their own teddy bears from home.

Suzanne Fanning, of the Pink Dipper ice cream ship, also reiterated Henderson's point, and since re-opening her store has adjusted hours, put up a partition between the customers and employees, updated their delivery service, and has done more with curbside pickup.

"Every day is a learning process being open during the pandemic," Fanning said. "What we learned and what we're trying to teach our staff is that, in this craziness, we're having to be really flexible. . . (and) most customers have been really pretty understanding of the changes."

But some of the customers in the North Augusta area have done much more than be courteous. Parks Pharmacy store manager Karen Powell said some customers, in their own time and with their own money, surprised the pharmacy with handmade masks for the entire staff.

"It was very touching, it spoke very loudly that someone cared," Powell said.

"We've got a little GroupMe chat, we've got emails shooting back and forth when all this was kicking up, the Chamber and North Augusta Forward were super, super helpful in just educating us all about the resources that are available," Fanning said.

Henderson said they have tried to help other businesses, ones that could be considered competitors. When Wife Saver said it would be closing, they offered encouragement and help, and did the same with a nearby Mexican establishment. They even provided DeShawn's Seafood and Chicken Restaurant with some much-needed supplies.

"We all kinda doing our own thing and not really focused on each other," Henderson said. "I think it made it where we were more willing to open up and say 'Hey, I need your help.'"

CONGRATULATING EMMALINE
LANDES ON SELECTION AS AN
ARKANSAS STATE HONOREE FOR
PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMU-
NITY AWARDS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Emmaline Landes on her selection as Arkansas' state honoree with the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. As one of only 102 students chosen nationwide, Emmaline was recognized for her outstanding service to her peers. Sponsored by Prudential Financial and partnered with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), this award honors the top youth volunteers of the year.

A senior at El Dorado High School, Emmaline has raised over \$16,000 since 2013 for various nonprofits and causes by selling more than 300 pieces of original artwork. Some of these causes include child abuse, homelessness, animal adoption, hunger,