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## Pentagon to find places to potentially house up to 5,000 unaccompanied migrant children

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Acting U.S. Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan has approved a request to identify places to potentially house up to 5,000 unaccompanied migrant children, the Pentagon said on Wednesday.

In March, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) requested Pentagon support to identify locations to house unaccompanied migrant children through Sept. 30.

Migrant arrivals on the U.S. border with Mexico have been building steadily for months, driven by growing numbers of children and families, especially from Central America.

Pentagon spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Jamie Davis told Reuters Shanahan approved that request on Tuesday. Davis said HHS had made no request to actually house the children so far.

President Donald Trump on Tuesday said he was not reviving a policy of separating children from parents who had illegally crossed the U.S.-Mexico border, one day after media reports that his administration was considering putting it back in place.

In February Trump declared a national emergency to help build a border wall, which would allow him to spend money on it that Congress had appropriated for other purposes. Congress declined to fulfill his request for \$5.7 billion to help build the wall this year.

The Republican president's latest pronouncements, including a threat to impose auto tariffs on Mexico, are in response to the rising number of migrants.

Trump has previously turned to the military to help with his border crackdown

Last year, the U.S. military was asked to house up to 20,000 immigrant children but the space was never used.

Last month the Pentagon said it had shifted \$1 billion to plan and build a 57-mile section of "pedestrian fencing," roads and lighting along the border with Mexico.



FILE PHOTO: A man plays gives children rocks to play with inside an enclosure, where they are being held by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), after crossing the border between Mexico and the United States illegally and turning themselves in to request asylum, in El Paso, Texas, U.S., March 29, 2019. REUTERS/Lucas Jackson/File Photo

## Trump says he will not release his tax returns

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday held steady in his refusal to publicly release his tax returns, despite mounting pressure in Congress that is likely to spur a legal battle for the documents to be disclosed.

Speaking to reporters at the White House, Trump said Americans did not care about the issue and that his returns were being audited by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), which tax and legal experts have said does not prevent their release.

"I would love to give them, but I'm not going to do it while I'm under audit. It's very simple," Trump told reporters.

Last week, the Democratic head of a powerful U.S. House committee asked the IRS for six years of Trump's personal and business tax returns, a long-awaited request that was expected to lead to a lengthy court battle. Democrats say that a provision in the IRS service code enacted in 1924 requires the Treasury Department secretary to turn over returns to the chairmen of the congressional tax committees who ask for them for investigative purposes.

On Tuesday, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said that Treasury Department lawyers had held "informational" discussions with the White House about an expected request for the returns.



U.S. President Donald Trump talks about the U.S.-Mexico border during a fundraising roundtable with campaign donors in San Antonio, Texas, U.S. April 10, 2019. REUTERS/Carlos Barria



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# Preachers with Sneakers Instagram account features celeb pastors and their pricey kicks

Pastor Keion Henderson of Houston's The Light-house Church owns a pair of designer kicks that retail for more than \$600. Pastor Robert Madu of Dallas' City First Church has a pair of Balenciaga sneakers that sell for more than \$800.

Former Lakewood Church pastor John Gray, who continues to preach at the Houston mega-church, owns a pair of hot red Air Yeezy 2 kicks that retail for more than \$5,000.

Gray, who is the current head pastor at Relentless Church in Greenville, South Carolina, previously faced controversy after he purchased a \$200,000 Lamborghini for his wife in December.

Other celebrity pastors across the U.S. wearing blinged-out sneakers and pricey fashion items are the focus of a new Instagram feed, PreachersNSneakers.

"Bad and Boujee? More like God and Gucci ayyee 'The Lord works in mysterious colorways,'" reads the bio on the PreachersNSneakers social media account.

Although it launched less than a month ago, it's already amassed a following of more than 111,000.

PreachersNSneakers founder, who goes by the alias Tyler Jones, grew up in the church and is "still heavily involved in Evangelical Christianity," he told Chron.com on Wednesday. He also closely follows sneaker culture.

Jones was inspired to make his first sneakers post after seeing a music video of Christian singer Mack Brock and his band, Elevation Worship, on YouTube. In the video, Brock was wearing a pair of Yeezy 750 Boosts shoes.

"They're hard to find, so you have to pay a lot more money to buy them," Jones said. "To be funny, I posted an Instagram story on my own [personal] account, asking [the question], 'how much money does he make if he can buy this

level of sneaker?'" Further research revealed that a number of church leaders own expensive sneakers, Jones said.

"I started reposting photos from the pastor's accounts. People seemed to respond well, so I made a separate account called PreachersNSneakers."

It's since become a viral sensation, something Jones never expected.

"I expected my friends to follow it but that's about it," he said. "For some reason, it resonated with people and blew up."

While some people criticize church leaders who show off their riches, contending that the practice is unbecoming and out of step with the message they preach from the pulpit, others maintain they can spend their self-earned income however they'd like.

It makes sense, then, that the reaction to Jones' account has been mixed.

Some commenters have expressed worry that the social media account may be driving people away from the church, Jones said.

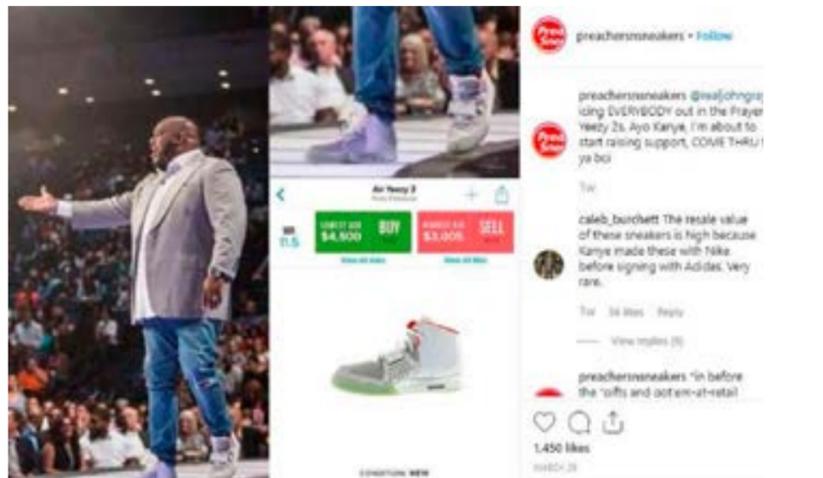
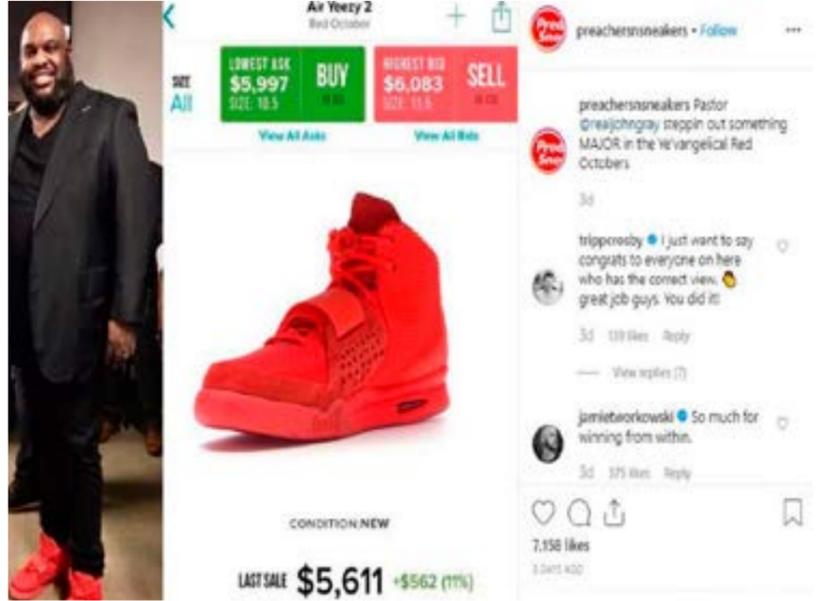
"They're concerned that I am causing division in the church and driving the narrative that all preachers are scammers or in it for personal gain," he said.

Jones, who says he started the account as a parody, is taking the remarks to heart.

"I never meant for it to be this massive church conversation, which it's now driving," he said.

"There's been some harassment of the preachers. I didn't mean for that to happen. I don't feel great about it. I feel bad about it every day."

On the bright side, Jones said the account has also brought about some positive conversations.



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Rep. Omar tears up as she speaks about Trump administration policies towards Muslim immigrants at a news conference outside the U.S. Capitol in Washington



A supporter of Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido, who many nations have recognized as the country's rightful interim ruler, takes part in a protest against Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro's government in Caracas, Venezuela, April 10, 2019. REUTERS/Carlos Garcia Rawlins



Soccer Football - Champions League Quarter Final First Leg - Ajax Amsterdam v Juventus - Johan Cruyff Arena, Amsterdam, Netherlands - April 10, 2019 Juventus' Cristiano Ronaldo before the match REUTERS/Wolfgang Rattay



Champions League Quarter Final First Leg - Ajax Amsterdam v Juventus



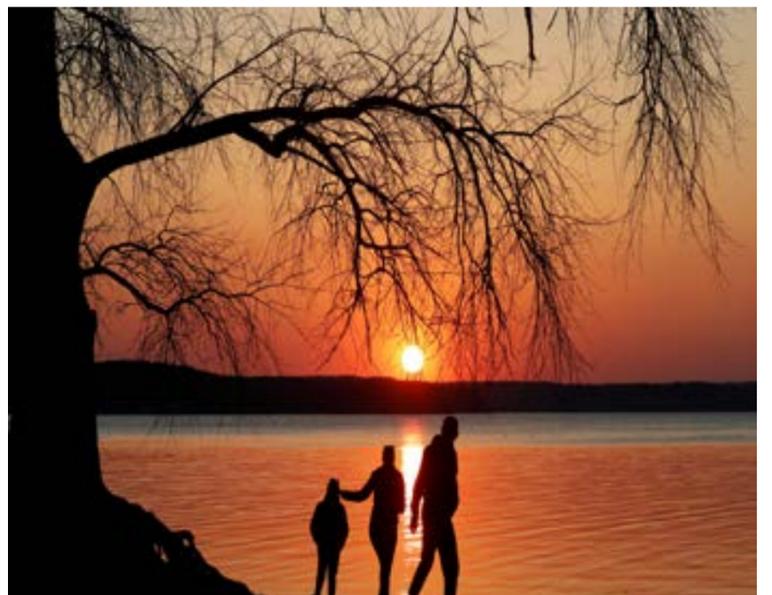
Poster showing late Cuban President Fidel Castro and his brother Raul hangs inside a subsidised state store, in Havana



Supporters of Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido, who many nations have recognized as the country's rightful interim ruler, take part in a protest against Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro's government in Caracas, Venezuela, April 10, 2019. REUTERS/Ivan Alvarado



Managua's Bishop Silvio Baez embraces Roman Catholic Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes after a news conference in Managua

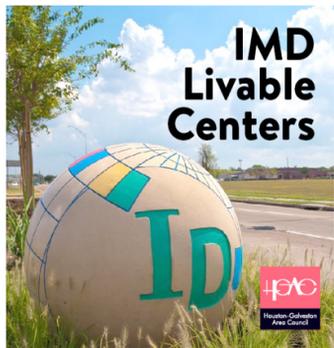


People enjoy sunset at a lake on the outskirts of Minsk, Belarus April 3, 2019. REUTERS/Vasily Fedosenko

The International District, in partnership with H-GAC, is conducting a Livable Centers Study.

Livable Centers are places where people can live, work, and play with less reliance on their cars. Livable Centers, with concentrations of residential and employment, support more trips by foot, bicycle, transit, or carpool. H-GAC's Livable Centers program works with local communities to identify specific recommendations, such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, that can help spark the creation of Livable Centers.

The IMD is home to almost 99,000 people in a district that is only 12 square miles, making it one of most densely populated areas in Houston. Not only is IMD unique for its density, but it is also one of the most culturally diverse areas in the city. There is a variety of strong cultural identities all within the district that have unique representation through local businesses and places of worship. Because of the growing population in this district and need for connectivity, IMD is conducting a livable centers study to determine how the area can be transformed into a community where people can live, work and play with less reliance on their car for transportation. The vision for transforming IMD is to increase walkability and connectivity in a way that embraces local culture to make this area a destination within Houston.



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Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



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**ENHANCING**-Enhancing streetscapes, sidewalks and overall community aesthetics.

**EXPANDING** -Expanding housing and employment opportunities.

**CREATING** -Creating a public engagement strategy that encourages stakeholder involvement in the formation of the plan.

**The 2019 International Management District Livable Centers Study**

The IMD livable centers study will combine knowledge from previous studies with community engagement to understand the needs of the District. Through this study, IMD will formulate strategies and identify necessary changes to the area that will transform it into a destination that embraces its international characteristics. (Courtesy International Management District)

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# The World Is Losing Edible Fish As Oceans Warm, Study Finds



A fresh catch at the port of Sakaiminato, on the west coast of Honshu, Japan's main island. (Photo/Getty Images)

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Fish populations are declining as oceans warm, putting a key source of food and income at risk for millions of people around the world, according to new research published Thursday.

The study found that the amount of seafood that humans could sustainably harvest from a wide range of species shrank by 4.1 percent from 1930 to 2010, a casualty of human-caused climate change.

"That 4 percent decline sounds small, but it's 1.4 million metric tons of fish from 1930 to 2010," said Chris Free, the lead author of the study, which appears in the journal *Science*.

Scientists have warned that global warming will put pressure on the world's food supplies in coming decades. But the new findings — which separate the effects of warming waters from other factors, like overfishing — suggest that climate change is already having a serious impact on seafood.

Fish make up 17 percent of the global population's intake of animal protein, and as much as 70 percent for people living in some coastal and island countries, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

"Fish provide a vital source of protein for over half of the global population, and some 56 million people worldwide are supported in some way by marine fisheries," Dr. Free said.



As the oceans have warmed, some regions have been particularly hard-hit. In the northeast Atlantic Ocean and the Sea of Japan, fish populations declined by as much as 35 percent over the period of the study. "The ecosystems in East Asia have seen some of the largest decline in fisheries productivity," Dr. Free said. "And that region is home to some of the largest growing human populations and populations that are highly dependent on seafood."

Now a postdoctoral researcher at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Dr. Free began the research while a Ph.D. student at Rutgers University. Marine life has been subjected to some of

the most drastic effects of climate change. The oceans have absorbed 93 percent of the heat that is trapped by the greenhouse gases that humans pump into the atmosphere.

A study published in January, also in *Science*, found that ocean temperatures were increasing far faster than previous estimates.

Amid these changing conditions, fish are shifting where they live, in search of their preferred temperatures. High ocean temperatures can kill off both the fish themselves and the sources of food they depend on.

"Fish are like Goldilocks: They don't like their water too hot or too cold," said Malin L. Pinsky, an associate professor in the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences at Rutgers University and a co-author of the new study.



Atlantic cod drying in the Lofoten Islands of Norway. (Photo/Getty Images)

In about a quarter of the regions studied, fish had expanded their range. Off the Atlantic coast of the United States, sustainable catches of black sea bass increased by 6 percent over the study period.

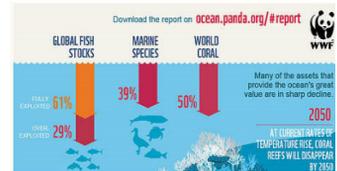
Another quarter of the regions saw no significant changes in fish populations, like the northwest Atlantic Ocean, where Atlantic herring are abundant.

But half the regions did not fare as well. The northeast Atlantic Ocean — home to Atlantic cod, the mainstay of fish and chips — saw a 34 percent decline in sustainable catches.

Over all, more populations of fish declined than increased over the eight decades in the study.

The researchers focused on sustainable catches, using a measure developed by the United Nations that quantifies the amount of food that can be repeatedly harvested from a base population of fish. "Fisheries are like a bank account, and we're trying to live off the interest," Dr. Pinsky said.

Several previous studies have predicted that climate change would lead to fewer ocean fish in the future, but the new research looked at historical data to determine that the declines had already begun.



"This is going to be one of those groundbreaking studies that gets cited over and over again," said Trevor Branch, an associate professor at the University of Washington's School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, who was not involved in the study. "Most of what I've seen before in terms of climate-change impacts have been speculative, in terms of, 'We think this is what's going to happen in the future.' This one's different."

The researchers used a data set of 235 fish populations located in 38 ecological regions around the globe. The detailed data told them not only where the fish were but also how they reacted to environmental effects like changing water temperatures. The team compared that data to records that showed how ocean temperatures had changed over time, broken down by the

various regions. These regional analyses were important, because some parts of the ocean have warmed faster than others.

"We then connected those to which populations responded positively, negatively, and which didn't respond at all," Dr. Pinsky said.

The data revealed some other trends. Fish populations in the colder parts of their ranges tended to fare better than those located in warmer areas — for those fish, the extra heat was too much. This was especially troubling to the researchers, because the data they used was less detailed in the tropics. Fish losses in those regions may have been higher than in the regions the study focused on, Dr. Pinsky said.



Warm areas fared even worse when they were overfished. The researchers suggested that overfishing made fish even more vulnerable to temperature changes by hurting their ability to reproduce and damaging the ecosystem.

Guarding against overfishing and improving the overall management of fisheries can help, the researchers said. But ultimately, they said, the solution lies in slowing or halting climate change.

A separate study, published Wednesday in the journal *Science Advances*, found that limiting warming to 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit, or 1.5 degrees Celsius, above pre-industrial levels — a goal of the Paris climate agreement — could result in billions of dollars in extra revenue for fisheries globally. Much of that would be in the developing world, where many people rely on fish for protein.

"We hope that this highlights the importance of accounting for the fact that climate change is driving shifts in productivity," Dr. Free said of his research.

"Fishery managers need to come up with new innovative ways of accounting for those shifts. That includes reducing catch limits in warm negative years, but it can also include increasing catch limits in cooler positive years. Having regulations that are adaptive to climate change is going to be really important for maximizing food potential." (Courtesy nytimes.com)

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