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Audit: DOD paid $116M for burn pit, toxic smoke

By Chad Garland
Stars and Stripes

While Katyusha rockets have been the deadliest thing flying over Camp Taji in recent weeks, officials have long been concerned about the threat of potentially toxic burn pit smoke, a government watchdog has found.

“If this project is not funded, solid waste will continue to be dumped in an area ... that is not designed to be a landfill; refuse will continue to be set on fire with fumes drifting over Taji Military Complex,” a base official wrote in a February 2018 memo requesting funds to purchase and install incinerators.

The request was repeated in two other memos in 2019, the Defense Department Inspector General said Friday in an audit of the Army’s contract for the base’s dining facilities, housing, electricity and other services, which found that the government “paid $116 million more than necessary” to Reston, Va.-based SoS International LLC, or SOSi, and failed to prevent the contractor from dumping garbage at a site where Iraqis later burned it.

“This solid waste disposal method may have contributed to the exposure of U.S. and Coalition personnel to potential long-term health effects from the burn pit smoke,” the IG said.

Located about 15 miles north

Extremely light traffic moves along the 110 Harbor Freeway toward downtown during midafternoon on Friday in Los Angeles.

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Charities face big challenges due to outbreak

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With its global scope and its staying power, the coronavirus outbreak poses unprecedented challenges for charities and nonprofit groups that rely on donations.

The American Red Cross faces a severe blood shortage due to the cancellation of nearly 2,700 blood drives. The Girl Scouts’ cookie sale has been disrupted by a top-drawer pandemic. The overall total, including donations from individuals, is surely far higher. Yet nonprofit leaders fear that the needs arising from the outbreak will outstrip even the possibility of massive future giving, let alone a possible drop in giving if a recession takes hold.

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Congress has allocated $60 billion so charities can keep their staff on the job and ramp up assistance programs.

Already, foundations and other major donors have contributed more than $1.9 billion to combat the outbreak, according to Candid, a New York-based nonprofit that tracks philanthropic giving.

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| British pounds | $1.21 |
| Japanese yen (March 23) | $110.96 |
| South Korean won (March 23) | 1,228.00 |

Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies represented in dollars-to-euro (i.e., the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

EXCHANGE RATES

| EUR | 1.0693/0.9352 |
| SGD | 1.4499 |
| SAR | 3.7573 |
| THB | 32.60 |
| JPY | 105.00 |
| GBP | 1.21 |
| KRW | 11.2831 |
| USD | 1.0693/0.9352 |
| HKD | 7.7589 |
| SEK | 110.96 |
| ILS | 3.6117 |

INTEREST RATES

| Prime rate | 3.25 |
| Discount rate | 0.75 |
| Federal funds market rate | 0.03 |
| 3-month bill | 1.50 |
| 5-year bond | 1.75 |

The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
Chinese military expert advocates using lasers to paralyze US warships

By Wyatt Olson
Stars and Stripes

The Chinese military should consider using non-lethal lasers on U.S. Navy warships to discourage their transits through the South China Sea, a star-条daily newspaper in China said Tuesday.

Chinese military expert Song Zhongping told Military Times that the use of electromagnetic weapons, such as low-energy laser devices, could “send a strong warning” by temporarily paralyzing weapon and control systems on U.S. ships — all done “without the use of force.”

Song’s recommendation came just days after U.S. Navy and Marine units arrived Sunday in the South China Sea for an expeditionary strike force drills.

Participating in the four-day exercise were ships and fighters of the U.S. 3rd Fleet and the Royal Navy, as well as aircraft from the Royal Australian Air Force.

In a tweet, Song said, “The use of non-lethal electromagnetic weapon on U.S. warships in the South China Sea is reasonable. It is a kind of warning and showing ‘the tactical and powerful’ nature of our weapon system.”

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military training exercise this month.

China has been engaged in an intense battle with COVID-19, though it hasn’t officially reported any cases of infection.

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36 million spent on services no one used between July 2015 and December 2018, the audit said, though the latest version of the contract has been changed to prevent per-person pricing.

Still, the government “wasted more than $80 million in tax-
payer funds” by failing to require the contractor to purchase food and drinking water from the Defense Logistics Agency, as regulations require, resulting in poor food quality, the IG said, citing an inspection of the contractor’s warehouse in February 2019 that found foods like ice cream, yogurt and sour cream that were expired by five months to a year.

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**Hospitals scramble as global death tolls rise**

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SOAVE, Italy — Italy, Iran and the United States reported soaring new death tolls as the coronavirus pandemic marched relentlessly across the globe Sunday, prompting a scramble in hard-hit regions to set up more hospital beds and replenish the dwindling medical supplies needed to keep health workers safe.

Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte went on live TV to announce that he was tightening the country’s lockdown and shuttering down all production facilities except those providing essential goods and services.

Thousands piled up in Italian hospitals, morgues and churches, and as medical workers pleaded for more help, there was no sign that Italy was yet taming its arc of contagion. Italy now has 53,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 4,825 deaths — more than all of China, where the virus first emerged late last year.

The U.S. government’s top infectious disease expert said he remains hopeful the U.S. is not on the same trajectory as Italy in the coronavirus struggle.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told CBS’ “Face the Nation” the stringent measures being put in place in the U.S., including travel restrictions, the closing of schools and many businesses and other social distancing, will go “a long way.”

Several U.S. states have ordered residents to stay indoors. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the government was “literally scouring the globe looking for medical supplies.” Health care workers from Oklahoma City to Minneapolis sought donations of protective equipment. Staff at a Detroit hospital began creating homemade face masks for workers.

Nationwide, there were at least 26,747 cases and 374 deaths as the U.S. overtook Germany as the country with the fourth-highest number of cases.

During his weekly Sunday blessing, Pope Francis urged all Christians to join in reciting the Lord’s Prayer on Wednesday at noon. “To the virus pandemic, we want to respond with the universality of prayer, of compassion, of tenderness,” the pope said.

In Britain, staff at some hospitals have complained about shortages of ventilators and protective equipment like face masks, safety glasses, gloves and protective suits.

Almost 4,000 medical workers signed a letter to the Sun Times warning that doctors and nurses in the National Health Service would die if they did not receive better equipment and said they felt like “cannon fodder.”

“NHS staff are putting their lives on the line every day they turn up to work. The reality is that many of us will get sick. Doctors are all too aware of the possibility that they will lose colleagues, as has happened in outbreaks around the world,” the letter said.

In Spain, Europe’s hardest-hit country after Italy, intensive care units in some areas were close to their limits even before Sunday’s new tally of 28,572 infections and 1,720 deaths.

And in Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel is now in quarantine, the doctor who gave her a vaccine tested positive for coronavirus.

**Outdoor exercise banned in Italy, more restrictions in Germany**

**By Erik Slavin**  
Stars and Stripes

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DOD has tentative restart date in S. Korea

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By Kim Gamel
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — U.S. Defense Department schools in South Korea tentatively reopened on April 13, after safety measures were put in place to protect students from coronavirus, officials said Friday.

The announcement underscored a growing sense of caution optimism in South Korea, where the pace of confirmed infections has slowed in contrast to the United States, Italy and other countries that have seen sharp increases.

The eight schools on Camp Humphreys, Army Garrison Daegu and Osan Air Base closed and began online classes in late February to avoid close contact for students and staff. The respiratory virus, which first appeared late last year in China, surfaced in South Korea in late January and spread nationwide.

Jeff Arrington, the regional superintendent for the Department of Defense Education Activity, said the agency had worked with the military to develop mitigation measures that will keep the children safe even as the coronavirus threat remains.

The tentative reopen date is April 13 following spring break with all schools," he said during a Facebook live update with the Camp Humphreys garrison command team.

"We feel like we have the measures in place now, but we've got to do the preparation," he said, adding that the schools will reopen "assuming that nothing else changes."

Officials stressed the need to maintain caution as the coronavirus risk remains. "We've got to open 'assuming that nothing else changes,"" Arrington said.

Schofield Barracks-based soldier tests positive

By Wyatt Olson
Stars and Stripes

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — A 25th Infantry Division soldier stationed at Schofield Barracks tested positive for coronavirus, making him the first U.S. service member to test positive in Hawaii, the Army said in a statement Saturday.

The soldier is in isolation at his off-base residence, the statement said. He traveled to Las Vegas on March 13 and returned to Oahu two days later.

The soldier was then placed under command-directed restriction of movement at his off-base residence and became symptomatic Wednesday night, the Army said.

The soldier was tested for COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, on Thursday and results came back positive the next day.

This is the second case of a positive test result announced by the Army in Hawaii in a week.

The Army announced Hawaii’s first military-related coronavirus infection Thursday after an employee at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu tested positive.

The civilian employee, who was not identified, had recently traveled to New York and began developing symptoms after returning to Oahu, the Army said in a statement Thursday.

"The employee was in self-isolation and being monitored by personnel from the medical center. Tests from the medical center and Army Public Health Nursing are working with Hawaii’s Department of Public Health to determine whether any other individuals may have been exposed. As of Sunday, Hawaii had 48 confirmed cases."

By Caitlin Doornbos and Seth Roberts
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A child and a staff member at Yokosuka’s Child Development Center tested positive for coronavirus, the base’s official Facebook page announced Thursday.

The child and staff member from Yokosuka’s CDC were tested Wednesday, the main center was cleared late Thursday to readmit children again Friday, according to the base’s Facebook post. A second child development center at Iwakuni Housing Area was unaffected by the temporary shutdown.

Navy Installations Command on Thursday announced new protocols for child care programs that halt new enrollments and suspend hourly child care programs. Teacher in-service days were also canceled, and all training requirements have been postponed.

The protocols apply to all Navy child care programs.

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Three other schools have been closed in the past week in Oahu and a school in Camp Humphreys, Army Garrison Daegu and Osan Air Base closed and began online classes in late February to avoid close contact for students and staff.

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AAFES sees gas prices plummet

BY SETH ROBSON  
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Fuel prices at overseas military bases are feeling the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, though they haven’t dropped as much as they have in Kentucky, where one gas station made news for selling out of 99-cents-a-gallon gasoline.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service cut gas prices by 13 cents a gallon Friday at its station in Yokota, Japan, Okinawa and South Korea.

On mainland Japan and Okinawa, a gallon of regular gasoline dropped 29 cents to $3.46 for a gallon.

Elsewhere, gas got about 11 cents cheaper per gallon in Germany, Netherlands, England, Turkey and the Azores, where Super and Super Plus grades cost between $2.86 and $3.20 per gallon.

The price in the Netherlands dropped 29 cents to $3.46 for a gallon of Super grade gas.

Falling demand due to the economic shock over the global pandemic has combined with surging output by Saudi Arabia to push down prices, CBS News reported March 8.

‘The Wall Street Journal website showed crude oil trading at $25.78 per barrel Friday, less than half of what the commodity sold for in January.

The national average price of a gallon of gas was $2.22 on Wednesday, Houston CBS affiliate television station KHOU11 reported in a story predicting that prices could fall much further.

A BP station in Kentucky sold out of its supply Wednesday after lowering the price to 99 cents a gallon, Fox News reported Thursday.

At Yokota, home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo, Petty Officer 3rd Class Philip Choi, of Baltimore, was gassing up at an exchange station Friday afternoon.

“I don’t think it’s much of a change but it’s good enough to be able to still get around,” he said of the price drop.

Nearby, Airman 1st Class Sam-Goo Kim of Anaheim, Calif., fueled up his Subaru Legacy.

“I’m from California so I used to get gas at $4.80, so I’m enjoying this,” he said.

The bulk of those have been in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

There have been 13 deaths state-wide.

To stem the tide of infections, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has banned all onsite dining at restaurants statewide and the Seminole Tribe has closed its casinos.

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DeSantis began producing test kits in early March and is working with its supplier to increase its shipments to outlets military medical clinics in the region.

The stocks are, of course, very hard to come by just due to the short stockage everywhere, Freeman said. “The amount that any given area has waxes and wanes depending on how many get used and how soon they get replaced.

“We’re competing with everyone else in the world,” he said.

That includes hospitals in the United States, where there have been reports of severe shortages of testing materials. The CDC’s recommended test for coronavirus is a special nasal swab that has a synthetic fiber tip — no cotton — and either a metal or plastic shaft, said Col. Pete Bowden, deputy commander for patients services at LRMC.

The swabs are then stored in a vial of solution at a certain temperature that keeps the virus testable.

For those from outfits clinics in the region, the samples are usually shipped out the same day and overhaul on ice.

The lab runs the tests in batch and turnaround for results has been less than 24 hours, Bowden said.

LRMC obtains its diagnostic test kits for the virus from Integrated DNA Technologies, a biotech company in the U.S. which began producing test kits in early March after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended rules to allow private labs to create products to detect the virus.

LANDSTUHL INCREASES TESTING CAPACITY FOR CORONAVIRUS

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

KAIERSLAUTERN, Germany — The Pentagon’s largest hospital overseas recently ramped up its testing capacity to process hundreds of coronavirus tests per day instead of need be, officials said, as the number of confirmed cases continued to climb in the U.S. military community in Europe.

So far, the lab at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, the only military facility in Europe currently able to test for the virus, is performing only a fraction of that, as military health officials balance the need for testing with limited resources.

“We don’t have sufficient resources to test everybody who requests testing,” said Col. Randall Freeman, the hospital’s COVID-19 operations planning team lead and deputy commander for health readiness. “We’re trying to maximize our resources for those that are most likely to be positive.”

Patients generally must have a fever of at least 100.4, a cough or shortness of breath to qualify for testing, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention criteria. Medical providers may rule out influenza before testing for coronavirus since symptoms between the two viruses can be similar.

Landstuhl lab has performed more than 550 coronavirus tests, Freeman said Thursday, and is currently running about 40 tests per day on average. It recently added more equipment to be able to process up to 435 tests daily. One batch usually takes five to six hours to perform, he said, and turnaround for results is about 24 hours.

LRMC officials could not immediately say how many positive tests have come from its lab.

U.S. European Command said last week about 60 U.S. service members, military civilians and family members in Europe have tested positive for coronavirus.

The latest include two Air Force Dependents at Ramstein Air Base, according to a statement posted on the base’s website Friday.

In the weeks since the virus has spread across Europe, LRMC and other base medical facilities have improved their screening, setting up separate COVID-19 clinics to evaluate patients more quickly and isolate those who might be infected. Some Army bases have set up drive-thru screening sites and are asking soldiers at the gate if they’re sick.

Health officials are discussing expanding testing labs to other military medical clinics in Europe, which can test for the virus but must use host-nation labs and LRMC for processing, Freeman said.

More testing facilities would speed up turnaround time, but it’s not known how soon that could happen, he said. Base officials at Aviano in Italy said they hope to have the ability to perform tests by mid-April.

“Our number one priority right now is keeping our servicemembers and their families safe,” Freeman said.

There’s a huge demand worldwide for the specialized nasal swabs used to test for coronavirus, but Freeman said LRMC has enough to meet the current testing demand and is working with its supplier to increase its shipments to outlying military medical clinics in the region.

“The stocks are, of course, very hard to come by just due to the short stockage everywhere,” Freeman said. “The amount that any given area has waxes and wanes depending on how many get used and how soon they get replaced.

“We’re competing with everyone else in the world,” he said.

That includes hospitals in the United States, where there have been reports of severe shortages of testing materials.

The CDC’s recommended test for coronavirus is a special nasal swab that has a synthetic fiber tip — no cotton — and either a metal or plastic shaft, said Col. Pete Bowden, deputy commander for patient services at LRMC.

The swabs are then stored in a vial of solution at a certain temperature that keeps the virus testable.

For those from outfits clinics in the region, the samples are usually shipped out the same day and overnight on ice.

The lab runs the tests in batch and turnaround for results has been less than 24 hours, Bowden said.

LRMC obtains its diagnostic test kits for the virus from Integrated DNA Technologies, a biotech company in the U.S. which began producing test kits in early March after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended rules to allow private labs to create products to detect the virus.
Aid package teeters as crisis escalates

By Andrew Taylor, Jonathan Lemire and Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Top-level negotiations between Congress and the White House teetered Sunday on a ballooning nearly $1.4 trillion economic rescue package, as President Donald Trump called for a deal to steady a nation shuttered by the coronavirus pandemic. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin indicated an agreement was within reach, but congressional Democratic leaders raised concerns ahead of a meeting at the Capitol.

With a population on edge, societal norms rewritten and financial markets teetering, all sides were hoping for an agreement that would provide some relief to the pandemic’s twin health and economic crises, now believed likely to stretch for several months.

In the hours before the closed-door talks were to convene in an otherwise empty Capitol, President Donald Trump’s lead negotiator said the plan was meant to prop up the nation’s weakened economy for the next 10 to 12 weeks.

“I think the president has every expectation that this is going to look a lot better four or eight weeks from now,” Mnuchin said.

Yet while the congressional leaders believed help would soon be on the way, alarms were being sounded from coast to coast about the wave of coronavirus cases that have crashed onto the nation’s health system. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio had dire, urgent news from the pandemic’s U.S. epicenter: “It’s bad and only getting worse.

“April and May are going to be a lot worse,” de Blasio said on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” begging for help to procure ventilators and other medical supplies.

Trump has defiantly pushed back against criticism he was slow to respond to the crisis, though he continues to send mixed messages as to what, exactly, the federal government is doing. In recent days, he invoked the Defense Protection Act, a rarely used, decades-old measure that allows the president to marshal the private sector, but officials said Sunday that it has not actually been used to compel the private sector to manufacture supplies like masks and ventilators.

Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Peter Gaynor said on ABC’s “This Week” that masks are being shipped from the national stockpile but he could not provide details on a concrete timeline. Gaynor could not say, despite being pressed repeatedly, how many masks would be shipped and when they would arrive.

The top four leaders of Congress were set to meet with Mnuchin just hours before a procedural vote in the Senate to advance the massive stimulus bill. The urgency to act is mounting, as jobless claims skyrocket, businesses shutter and the financial markets are set to re-open Monday eager for signs that Washington can soften the blow of the healthcare crisis and what experts say is a looming recession.

At issue is how best to keep paychecks flowing for millions of workers abruptly sidelined by the crisis. Talks also narrowed on a so-called Marshall Plan for hospitals as well as industry loans to airlines and others all but ground- ed by the virus outbreak and national shutdown. The post-World War II Marshall Plan helped to rebuild Western Europe.

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Mnuchin said Sunday that workers and businesses will get assistance “as fast as possible” for the next 10 weeks, spanning small business loans for reten- tion of workers; unemployment insurance; added liquidity into the economy; and a “bridge pay- ment” of about $3,000 for a family of four.

Also Sunday, Sen. Rand Paul tested positive for the coronavirus, his office announced in a tweet.

Paul, R-Ky., is the third member of Congress to test positive for the virus. Last week, Reps. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., and Ben McAdams, D-Utah, announced they had tested positive.

“Senator Rand Paul has tested positive for COVID-19,” Paul’s office said. “He is feeling fine and is in quarantine.”

Paul’s office added that the senator “expects to be back in the Senate after his quarantine period ends.”

NYC jails hit hard as at least 38 test positive

By Robin McDowell and Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

New York City was hit by the nation’s largest coronavirus jail outbreak to date, with at least 38 people testing positive at the notorious Rikers Island complex and nearby facilities — more than half of them incarcerated men, the board that oversees the city’s jail system said Saturday.

Another inmate, meanwhile, became the first in the country to test positive in a federal jail.

In a letter to New York’s criminal justice leaders, Board of Correction interim chairwoman Jacqueline Sherman described a jail system in crisis.

She said in the last week, board members learned that 12 Depart- ment of Correction and 600 Correctional Health Services employees, and 21 people in custody at Rikers and city jails had tested positive for the coronavirus.

And at least another 58 were being monitored in the prison’s contagious disease and quarant- ine units, she said.

The Associated Press has found in conversations with current and former inmates.

The city’s jail agency and its city-run healthcare provider did not respond to messages seeking comment on the letter. On Friday, the city’s Department of Correc- tion said just one inmate had been diagnosed with coronavirus, along with seven jail staff members. Late Saturday, the depart- ment acknowledged 19 inmates had tested positive — two fewer than in the board’s letter — and 12 staff members.

More than 2.2 million people are incarcerated in the United States — more than anywhere in the world — and there are grow- ing fears that an outbreak could spread rapidly through a vast network of federal and state pris- ons, county jails and detention centers.

It’s a tightly packed, fluid population that is already grappling with high rates of health problems. With limited capacity, officials are quickly testing 1,500 men and women inside for COVID-19.

Sherman wrote to Commission- er of New York City’s Department of Correction, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, New York’s Acting Commissioner, and dis- trict attorney asserting that those who are at higher risk from in- fection, including people over 50 or with underlying health condi- tions, should be considered for early release. So should people detained for administrative rea- sons, like parole violations, she wrote.

Mayor Bill de Blasio’s last week said prosecutors were working to identify candidates and by Friday night, prosecutors in New York City agreed to re- lease 56 Rikers inmates on their own recognizance.

In this image from video, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., center, and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., left, laugh during a Senate floor session on Capitol Hill in Washington. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell instructed commit- tee chairmen to assemble draft legislation. Officials put the price tag at nearly $1.4 trillion and said that with other measures from the Federal Reserve it could pump $2 trillion into the U.S. economy. It is not clear if it will pass.

In this image from video, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., speaks on the Senate floor at the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Saturday. Top-level negotiations between Congress and the White House are teetering on a nearly $1.4 trillion economic rescue package.
School closures thrust parents into role of primary educators

By Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press
BUFFALO, N.Y. — After her sixth-grade son's school in Buf-

falo was closed amid the coronavirus outbreak, Roxanne Ojeda-Valen-
tin returned to campus with shopping bags to take home textbooks and
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VIRUS OUTBREAK

Calif. governor calls on youth to stay home

BY DAISY NGUYEN
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Most Californians stayed at home on a Saturday that was unlike any its 40 million residents had ever seen before.

Less than 48 hours after Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an unprecedented stay-at-home order to help curb the coronavirus spread, shopping centers and streets were empty. Churches were closed. Playgrounds deserted.

However, stores and farmer markets were bustling, and many people took advantage of the beautiful spring weather and rushed to the outdoors. At beaches and parks, not everyone heeded calls to practice social distancing, prompting Newsom to call them out.

“Young people are still out there on the beaches thinking it’s time to party. It’s time to grow up, time to wake up,” he said at an evening news conference.

“Time to recognize that it’s not just about the old folks, it’s about your impact on their lives. Don’t be selfish.”

The governor’s effort to curb the pandemic in the nation’s most populous state was by far the most sweeping and was followed Friday by similar announcements in sweeping and was followed Friday by similar announcements in

“We have to do better,” Newsom said.

Newsom has said infection rates of the COVID-19 virus are doubling every four days in some areas and projected that 56% of the state’s population — about 22 million people — could contract the virus in the next two months if aggressive prevention isn’t taken.

On Saturday night, the Los Angeles County Public Health Department announced two deaths from coronavirus and 59 new cases.

Residents have been told to stay 6 feet away from others, not gather in groups and wash their hands frequently. They can go out to get food, fill prescriptions, seek medical care, care for vulnerable relatives or neighbors and get exercise but not walking.

In general, people seemed to be heeding state and local orders to stay home as much as possible. Normally congested freeways were still mostly empty in areas of rowdy spring break college crowds appeared on TV for days amid the rising global death toll, which surpassed 13,000 on Sunday.

A man wears a mask while walking in front of closed businesses on Grant Avenue in Chinatown in San Francisco, on Saturday.

A ban on congregating in groups was announced by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s office.

Rebels from France to Florida flout lockdown practices

BY ELAINE GANLEY
Associated Press

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Las Vegas mayor opposes closing down city's casinos

By Ken Ritter
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — While Nevada's governor and other U.S. officials are urging states to impose restrictions to slow the spread of the coronavirus, Mayor Carolyn Goodman said she’s not going to close Las Vegas.

“I know we, they, cannot survive a total shutdown of the economy … beyond the immediate week or two,” Goodman said.

Sisolak responded strongly Friday, while adding enforcement measures to his closure of businesses such as bars, restaurants, salons and gyms.

“Your life and the life of your neighbors and family members will always be more valuable to me than the perceived and mistaken economic gain we have been able to cut into by cutting this period short or by waiting one more day to get serious,” Sisolak said. “I am not asking anyone anymore. I am telling them they must close their doors or they will face the consequences.

“Elected officials,” he added, “should understand the severity of the situation they are facing and become part of the solution.”

Meanwhile, COVID-19 infections and deaths are spiking around the country. New Jersey on Thursday became one of the nation’s hot spots for the virus, home to the vast majority of the more than 760 deaths recorded as of Saturday.

Two new testing centers for COVID-19 are also being opened in New Jersey in the coming days as officials invoke extraordinary measures to his closure of businesses such as bars, restaurants, salons and gyms.

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Neighbors pull off big surprise for veteran's 90th birthday party

By Chad Garland
Stars and Stripes

Milton Eatchel, a 90-year-old Korean War veteran, couldn’t celebrate his birthday with a party because of coronavirus social distancing, so neighbors threw him a kind of reverse parade.

Instead of putting together floats for a stationary audience, they gathered outside their homes to cheer on Eatchel as he was driven through the neighborhood in Orem, Utah, which was also decorated with signs and balloons.

A minute-long video of the event that his granddaughter, Sarah Allen, posted to Reddit caught the wider internet’s attention after news site Goodable tweeted it on Friday and the Twitter account of Canadian Forces in the U.S. shared it later.

The Canadian military’s tweet garnered over 500 retweets and 2,000 likes in a few hours on Saturday.

“Today is my grandpa’s 90th birthday,” Allen said in the original post Thursday. “He was bummed nobody could make it due to the outbreak, so his neighborhood threw him a surprise!”

In the video, a neighbor rushes out to the car with a gift of “a little chocolate during this crisis,” which she said always helps. Still days we were together, and take off confetti streamers.

“Guys you are awesome,” said Eatchel’s daughter, Jane Hayashu, who was driving the car. To others: “You’re the best.”

More than 50 households put out signs and came to celebrate, according to the You Tube channel Happily, which licensed a longer version of the video from the family. One of Eatchel’s other daughters, who planned to fly to Minnesota for the party, had canceled plans after an outbreak of the illness at her husband’s workplace, it said.

Last week, President Donald Trump called for limiting gatherings to no more than 10 people, as states and other localities have imposed restrictions to slow the spread of the virus, which some fear could overwhelm health care facilities.

On Wednesday, Utah ordered a two-week closure of dine-in services at bars and restaurants in the state, which had more than 110 cases of the virus as of Friday.

The virus has been especially dangerous for the elderly, health officials have said. But in a forum on social media, Eatchel’s granddaughter said that he initially was unaffected by reports of the spread of the coronavirus until just a few days ago.

Born in 1930 in Murray, Utah, Eatchel joined the Air Force in 1950 during World War II after a friend suggested enlisting before being drafted and having no choice, he said in a video shared on Facebook by the Provo City Government last November, ahead of a tribute to him and other veterans at a local high school.

“We enlisted the last part of December of ’50,” he said. “I got married in (June 1951) and in 10 days we were together and then I had to go to Korea,” he said. “I was in Korea in August of 1951.

As a 22-year-old private, he helped determine what missions were flown by the air groups in Korea, he said, recalling a huge airstrike that he said involved some 400 B-29 Stratofortress bombers escorted by 350 fighters.

After a year in Korea, he returned to the U.S. and all he wanted to do was get home to spend time with his wife, he said. He served at Edwards Air Force Base in California after the war, the Provo Daily Herald reported in November.

The couple had six children — three born in California and three in Utah — according to an obituary for Marian Eatchel, who died in 2012 after a lengthy illness.

Eatchel remains active for his health and often walks around the small Orem community where he lives, known as Meadowlark, Hayashu told The Associated Press.

“The hour after the video, Eatchel thanked his neighbors repeatedly and expressed surprise over their birthday wishes.

“‘How’d they know to be out here?’ he asked at the end.

“Well... Hayashu replied before the video cuts off.

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The party is over in New Orleans

A week after St. Patrick’s Day revelry, city is now filled with virus dread

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A week ago, revelers jammed bars in the French Quarter and New Orleans’ Irish Channel neighborhood ahead of St. Patrick’s Day while hotels, taverns and restaurants looked ahead to what is usually a lucrative festival season.

Now, the party is suddenly and decisively over. Coronavirus credentials have settled uncomfortably over this most social of cities, where public gatherings are banned and 15 of Louisiana’s COVID-19 deaths had been recorded as of Saturday.

During Mardi Gras, people — the ones that stay open — are packed close together, especially for some of the food service operations and really all along the route. There are a lot of opportunities for close contact and transmission,” Oberhelman said.

“During Mardi Gras, people were not thinking about social distancing or hand-washing,” Oberhelman added.

Celebrated hometown chef and restaurateur Frank Brigsten told his Facebook followers Friday that, for now, he was shutting down the restaurant that bears his name in New Orleans’ Carrollton neighborhood.

Tourists are still around, said Evangeline Turner, who went to see a Mardi Gras parade this week on Bourbon Street.

“A tourist asked me where they should go,” she said. “I told them everything’s closed.”

Turner has lost both her job — bartending at a restaurant in New Orleans’ Mid City neighborhood and acting as a “master of ceremonies” at a Bourbon Street bar.

“I worked two jobs because I had to,” said Turner, who is worried about the rent and buy the insulin she needs to deal with her diabetes.

The Mardi Gras celebration was the last of a likely breeding ground for COVID-19, said Dr. Richard Oberhelman. He is the chairman of the Department of Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

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**Iran leader refuses US help, citing conspiracy theory**

By Jon Gambrell

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran’s supreme leader refused U.S. assistance Sunday to fight the new coronavirus, citing an unfounded conspiracy theory that the virus could be man-made by America.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei’s comments come as Iran faces crushing U.S. sanctions blocking the country from selling its crude oil and accessing international financial markets.

But while Iranian civilian officials have increasingly criticized those sanctions, the 80-year-old Khamenei instead chose to traffic in the same conspiracy theory increasingly used by Chinese officials about the new virus to deflect blame for the pandemic.

“I do not know how real this accusation is but when it exists, who in their right mind would trust you to bring them medication?” Khamenei said. “Possibly your medicine is a way to spread the virus more.”

He also alleged without offering any evidence that the virus “is specifically built for Iran using the genetic data of Iranians which they have obtained through different means.”

Iranian officials have criticized U.S. offers of aid during the virus crisis as being disingenuous. They have accused the Trump administration of seeking to shift the blame for the pandemic.

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An article published last week in the peer-reviewed scientific journal Nature Medicine similarly said it was “improbable” that the virus “emerged through laboratory manipulation.”

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California town embraces rising sea levels

By Rosanna Xia
Los Angeles Times

Marina, Calif., ten miles north of Monterey and a world away from Santa Cruz, Bruce Delgado gazed up a towering sand dune. Careful not to step on the beach buckwheat that protects rare butterflies or the sea lettuce that survives only in stable habitats, he wound his way toward the ocean.

At the top, slightly out of breath, he marveled at the sandy beach that stretched for miles along the bay. Big surf broke into rhythmic cusps by the shore. A red-tailed hawk soared over his town of Marina, where despite its name, no dock or pier exists to interrupt this view.

“Not much of the California coast feels like this anymore, with no pavement or harbors or parking lots right up to high tide. Home to sharks and coyotes, shorebirds and butterflies, this little town far from Silicon Valley is a reminder that the beach itself used to be wild. It’s the best-kept secret. Living in Marina is a choice,” said Delgado, a botanist for the Bureau of Land Management, moved here in 1996 to more than 1,000 acres on the inland side of Marina, which is different, a city report declared, and instead will show the state and country how to adapt to a changing planet.

And there is plenty of making room for the ocean and turning the mineral and surface finishing. Other operations along Monterey Bay have shut down over the years, but Marina continues to watch in horror the massive hole in its beach, where machines roar all day as they suck away sand.

Stopping this mine would dramatically slow down the impacts of sea level rise — giving everyone more time to adapt, said Layne Long, the city manager. Marina’s dunes, even at 100 feet tall, are noticeably shrinking from a net loss of sand each year.

After years of controversy, Cemex will phase out operations by the end of this year. The company has three years to move out and sell the land to a nonprofit or government agency that would preserve the property in perpetuity and provide public access.

Residents are now fighting California American Water’s proposal to use part of this site for a desalination project. The water wouldn’t even serve Marina, they said, and building new infrastructure on an eroding coast just doesn’t sound like smart planning.

Marina has long understood the consequences of coastal erosion, unlike other towns that are just starting to debate the trade-offs. As more than 35 coastal cities and counties struggle with the difficult costs and choices, Marina stands out as a community enthusiastic about choosing managed retreat.

Years of fighting corporate interests, Long said, has unified the town on how to plan for sea level rise.

The city’s plan, now in its final stages, has received little resistance. In a town where one-third of the community is low income and more than 60% are not white, maintaining a coastline that can be enjoyed by all is top priority. In meetings and surveys, residents urged city leaders to protect their beach before pressure from private property owners or business interests takes hold.

At a recent public workshop, officials realized that many residents thought sea walls and were wary of any suggestions that sounded unnatural. They talked about their vision to protect the city from “the neighborhood or section when evert...
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N.’s internal oversight body says in a report on U.N. peace operations that the number of fraud cases it decided to investigate last year increased nearly 80% from 2018, while the number of sexual exploitation and abuse cases rose 40%.

The 2019 report by the Office of Internal Oversight Services, which was circulated Friday, said the highest number of cases it investigated were in the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Central African Republic, followed by the peacekeeping operations in Mali, Congo, Western Sahara and South Sudan.

Of the 241 cases investigated, 77 related to fraud, a 79% increase from the previous year, and 73 cases related to sexual exploitation and abuse, a 40% rise.

In Central African Republic, investigations included excessive use of force by peacekeepers and by an international police officer, sexual exploitation and abuse by peacekeepers and an officer, and “disrespectful handling of the remains of deceased persons by peacekeepers.”

In the Mali mission, the report said investigations included sexual exploitation and fuel fraud by staff members, serious misconduct by a battalion commander and fuel theft by peacekeepers. For Congo, investigations included recruitment irregularities, fraud by a staff member, sexual exploitation and abuse, fraud by peacekeepers and bribery by a military staff officer.

It said the investigation, conducted with an officer from the nation that provided the peacekeepers, identified 57 victims of sexual exploitation. It said 66 peacekeepers were implicated, of whom 38 were identified.

Early morning quake shakes Croatia

A man inspects the damage caused by an earthquake in Zagreb, Croatia, on Sunday. Several people were injured in the 5.3 magnitude quake which caused panic, the evacuation of hospitals and widespread damage including to the capital’s iconic cathedral — all amid a partial coronavirus lockdown. Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic said the earthquake was the biggest in Zagreb in the last 140 years.


SHIFTING GEARS

A class of their own

Extra-small crossover SUVs are the fastest-growing type of vehicles in the US

BY RYAN ZUMMallen

Edmunds

Extra-small crossover SUVs make up the fastest-growing class in the automotive industry over the past five years, according to Edmunds data. The segment surpassed the 1 million mark in number of vehicles sold for the first time in 2019.

Consumers are increasingly attracted to these models because they’re less expensive than popular small crossover SUVs such as the Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV4 but still offer drivers more cargo storage space and a higher seating height than a typical sedan.

Buying an extra-small crossover SUV is not without drawbacks. They typically cost a few thousand dollars more than similarly sized sedans and get lower fuel economy on average. They also sometimes lack features found on bigger crossover SUVs, such as all-wheel drive or power rear lift-gates. Still, if you’re going the SUV route, these smaller models can be an appealing choice.

These are five worthy picks for an extra-small crossover SUV, as selected by the experts at Edmunds. All prices include the destination charge.

**2020 Hyundai Kona**

Starting manufacturer’s suggested retail price: $21,420

EPA-estimated fuel economy: 37-30 mpg combined

The best extra-small crossover SUVs take the sharper driving characteristics of a sedan and add utility. Hyundai Kona is a prime example of this formula done right. Fitted with its optional turbocharged engine, the Kona is surprisingly quick to accelerate. It’s also nimble when going around turns.

Every Kona comes with features that aren’t always standard for this class, such as Apple CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone integration. The Kona doesn’t have as much rear legroom or cargo room as some of its rivals, but on the whole it’s a great choice.

**2020 Buick Encore**

Starting MSRP: $24,195

EPA-estimated fuel economy: 26-31 mpg combined

The Buick Encore is a slightly altered version of the Chevrolet Trax. The two vehicles share their engine and most of their underpinnings. The Encore has several key features that set it apart, though, and commands a small price premium. That upscale yet affordable feel is enough to earn a recommendation from our experts.

The biggest difference is the enhanced interior. The Encore uses higher-quality cabin materials and more sound-deadening techniques to block out wind and road noise. You’ll have to accept sluggish acceleration and limited cargo space, but otherwise the Encore is a smart small SUV choice.

**2020 Honda HR-V**

Starting MSRP: $21,940

EPA-estimated fuel economy: 28-30 mpg combined

If you’re finding that other extra-small crossover SUVs don’t provide enough room for passengers and cargo, the Honda HR-V could be the way to go. Its back seat is roomier than the norm, and we’ve found that adults can be fairly comfortable when seated there. It also has special folding seats that allow you to carry long or oddly shaped items that wouldn’t fit in one of its rival crossovers.

Downsides include a somewhat loud and underpowered engine and a touchscreen infotainment system that can be overly distracting to use while driving. But overall the HR-V is priced right, and it’s practi-
Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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8. Junk email
12. Jazzy Fitzgerald
13. Peyton’s brother
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15. Caesar’s “vidi”
16. Some hosery
18. Fix
20. Volkswagen model
21. Egyptian deity
23. “—!-hawl!” (oater cry)
24. Kitchen storage areas
28. Nest setting
31. Web address
32. Govt. security
34. Actor Kilmer
35. Honey
37. Some police tactics
39. R-V link
41. Thus
42. Soak up
45. 1935 Astaire/Rogers film
49. Rite attachments
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Saturday’s Cryptquip: RESPONSE FROM A FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT ACCUSED OF MAKING REALLY COSTLY MEALS: “I’M NOT A COOK.”
Today’s Cryptquip Clue: A equals Q
Preschool teacher whacks child with ruler

VA

DANVILLE—A Virginia teacher was accused of striking a student with a ruler at an early childhood education center for low-income children, court records show.

Karen Tucker, 54, was charged with misdemeanor assault and battery in Danville Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, The Danville Register & Bee reported.

Video of the encounter showed Tucker going into a classroom, retrieving a ruler and speaking with a child before striking the student on the hands and head with it, the complaint alleged.

Woman saves daughter from carjackers

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CHICAGO — A Chicago woman pulled her 6-month-old daughter out of a sport-utility vehicle to safety after a gun-wielding man tried to carjack it with the infant inside, police said.

The woman, 22, was outside the SUV in Chicago's River North neighborhood when the man pointed a gun at her, took her belongings and ran toward the parked SUV.

As the man climbed inside the SUV, police said the woman opened the rear door and scooped up her daughter from the back seat, the Chicago Tribune reported.

The armed man then exited the SUV, which still had the woman's items inside, and fled in a dark sedan, police said.

Man sings to girlfriend in assisted living

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BOSTON — A man got permission to serenade his girlfriend who lives in a Boston assisted living facility.

Ed Bohld has visited his girlfriend, Mary Lou, at Compass on the Bay assisted living facility every day for nearly five years, WCVB-TV reported.

But then Bohld was allowed to sing “You Are My Sunshine” to Lou through a window that was open and they decided his request to abide by state restrictions.

But then Bohld was allowed to sing “You Are My Sunshine” to Lou through a partially opened window in the rain.

Funeral home sells bodies, body parts

CO

GRAND JUNCTION — Federal authorities arrested the operators of a Colorado funeral home accused of selling body parts or entire bodies without consent of the families.

Megan Hess, 43, and her mother, Shirley Koch, 66, were arrested and charged with six counts of mail fraud and three counts of illegal transportation of hazardous materials, The Daily Sentinel reported. Hess and Koch appeared in court in Grand Junction and entered not guilty pleas, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

A grand jury indictment said that from 2010 through 2018, Hess and Koch purported to provide burial and cremation services, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a statement.

“In at least dozens of instances, Hess and Koch did not follow family wishes,” the justice department said.

Hess and Koch shipped bodies and body parts that tested positive for, or belonged to people who died from, infectious diseases after certifying to buyers the remains were disease-free, authorities said.

Man found guilty of throwing fatal punch

FL

BARTOW — A Florida man faces up to 15 years in prison for fatally punching another man in the face.

Travis Brian Barlow, 37, was found guilty of manslaughter in Polk County, the Ledger reported. His sentencing is scheduled for April 30.

Barlow went to the Lakeland home of Adam Frank Hoffman, 38, in June 2018, the sheriff's office said. Barlow was apparently angry that Hoffman had disrespected Barlow's girlfriend earlier.

Barlow acknowledged that he hit Hoffman once, though other witnesses said Barlow hit the man twice, officials said. The blows triggered a hemorrhage in Hoffman's brain that led to his death.

Man sentenced for upskirting, child porn

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WICHITA — A former Wichita State University student was sentenced to close to five years in prison for taking lewd photos of children and up-the-skirt videos of women, the Sedgwick County prosecutor announced.

James Dayvault, 30, was sentenced to four years and eight months behind bars.

A judge found Dayvault guilty of one count of sexual exploitation of a child, one count of lewd and lascivious behavior, one count of breach of privacy and one count of attempted breach of privacy in November.

A police investigation found pornographic images of children and images taken up women's skirts at locations throughout Wichita.

Police: Man entered school, tried to kiss girl

MD

COLUMBIA — Police charged a 20-year-old Maryland man with entering a high school and trying to grab and kiss a 14-year-old student there, authorities said.

Colby Christopher Johnson fled from Hammond High School in Columbia after approaching an underage female student, grabbing her and attempting to kiss her, the Howard County Police Department said.

Flower power

MJ Javan prepares bouquets of flowers at “She Loves Me DC” after the flower shop received an influx of orders during the coronavirus epidemic in Washington. Owner Holley Simmons said she has received over 300 orders, which is more than four times the number of orders they received for Valentine's Day.

THE CENSUS

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The approximate amount that two men scammed out of a Kentucky woman in an online dating scheme. Kahad A. Waupiri, of Seattle, Wash., and Thomas D. Inkoom, of Newark, N.J., each pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, The Livingston Herald-Leader reported.

Court records said the two men led the woman to believe she was dating an Army sergeant named James Nehrer. The men convinced the woman to send them cash and checks for an investment that didn’t exist, records said.

Man sentenced for juvenile crime spree

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CLEVELAND — A man who sexually assaulted a woman and committed many thefts during a crime spree that occurred when he was a juvenile was sentenced to 33 years in prison.

Michael Hutchins, 18, of Cleveland had pleaded guilty to numerous charges after his case was moved to adult court.

Hutchins' crime spree began when he was 16 years old. Authorities said he escaped from the Cleveland Christian Home in October 2018 and stole a woman's cellphone the next month. He also committed many thefts during the next several months.

The sexual assault occurred in February 2019 in a parking garage. Authorities said he tried to drive away in the victim's car after the attack, but crashed the vehicle into a wall in the garage.

From wire reports
Crossover country superstar Kenny Rogers dies at 81

By KRISTIN M. HALL
Associated Press

Kenny Rogers, the smooth, Grammy-winning balladeer who spanned jazz, folk, country and pop with such hits as “Lucille,” “Lady” and “Islands in the Stream” and embraced his persona as “The Gambler,” has come up through the ranks to a tip to a connection at Epic Records. Unlike peers Britney Spears or Jessica Simpson, Moore had a few modest hit singles circa 2009 but otherwise didn’t spend much time on the road. She was so bad at dancing, her label actually suggested she stop.

On her new single, “Fifteen,” she faces her past head ("She thought she was making music / But she was only filling seats") for the first time, without judgment.

It’s a common theme threading through the album, the idea of making peace with the person you are and the person were. "I love her," says Moore of her teen-ager self. "I want to come to find affection for her and recognize that I carry her around with me, and she’s the reason I’m here, and not just admonish her for the position she was in at 15, singing those songs that she didn’t necessarily love."

Moore diversified early. She was, briefly, a songwriter and producer, forged a similarly close bond with Moore. They collaborated on Moore’s next album, “Amanda Leigh.” It had a memorable single (“I Could Break Your Heart Any Day of the Week”), but, like “Wild Hope,” it underperformed.

The slowdown in Moore’s music career happened to roughly coincide with her own marriage to singer-songwriter Ryan Adams, from whom she was separated in 2015, and divorced the following year.

After she and Adams separated, Moore’s luck began to turn. She landed a role on the TV drama “This Is Us.” It led me to ‘This Is Us,’ it led me to knowing who I am, what I want, what I deserve. And on the opposite end, what I don’t want, what I don’t desire. I never have to learn those lessons again.”

Mandy Moore, shown Sept. 22 at the Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles, revisits and finds love for her teen self on the introspective, optimistic new album “Silver Landings.”

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Living out her music dreams

Actress Mandy Moore revisits teen calling with album ‘Silver Landings’

By ALLISON STEWART
Special to The Washington Post

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There was no one beating down my door, saying, ‘Where’s the record?’

It’s been 11 years. The last few records I had out were not successful. But it’s in me. Music is in me. I have to sing; I have to be onstage. Mandy Moore

The Gambler, a song about a gambler who is in love with a woman named Connie, was a hit for Rogers in 1977, which crossed over to the pop charts and earned Rogers his first Grammy. Suddenly the star, Rogers added hit after hit for more than a decade: “The Gambler,” the Grammy-winning story song penned by Don Schlitz, came out in 1978 and became his signature song with a signature refrain: “You gotta know when to hold ‘em, know when to fold ‘em.” The song spawned a hit TV movie of the same name and several more sequels featuring Rogers as professional gambler Brady Hawkes.

A Vietnam veteran begging his girlfriend to stay. After the group broke up in 1974, Rogers started his solo career and found a big hit with the sad country ballad “Lucille,” in 1977, which crossed over to the pop charts and earned Rogers his first Grammy. Suddenly the star, Rogers added hit after hit for more than a decade: “The Gambler,” the Grammy-winning story song penned by Don Schlitz, came out in 1978 and became his signature song with a signature refrain: “You gotta know when to hold ‘em, know when to fold ‘em.” The song spawned a hit TV movie of the same name and several more sequels featuring Rogers as professional gambler Brady Hawkes.

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When toilet paper and disinfectant wipes were still plentiful in stores, I was preparing for a COVID-19 apocalypse. That was last month, while the new virus in China still seemed like a distant news story, I started preparing. I bought Preppers.com and am scrounging Amazon for a bushcraft knife. I loaded shipping carts not only with rice and beans but with duct tape, dried peanut butter and flashlight batteries. I certainly wasn’t alone. I told myself, I was just being smart.

It was during a late-night run to Lowe’s for any remaining N95 masks that I began to suspect I was propelled by something more than common sense. Perhaps, I told myself, the threat of a pandemic had trickled down to the base. A couple of my colleagues lived in a middle-class Connecticut suburb, after growing up poor. “These wealthy so-and-sos will just close their gates and shoot the dogs on me,” I texted my siblings. Or maybe I was anxious about living on the crowded East Coast, where I could literally head for the hills at the first sign of trouble, as I could on the Ozark farm where I grew up.

My blustery childhood friend Krystal diagnosed a different cause for my anxiety: “You were raised in a bit of a doomsday cult,” she said, after I confessed I’d been binge-shopping. “It’s natural your brain would go to the worst-case scenario.” It’s been 27 years since I left the Jehovah’s Witnesses, and I’ve never been so sure it was the right choice. I always attended graduate school, built a writing career and married a man as irreligious as I am. It’s easy to forget that I was born again by my formative years, when I believed that Armageddon could arrive any day. The coronavirus crisis has redrawn feelings I hadn’t experienced since.

By now, of course, as alarm about the virus has ratcheted up around the world, my survivalist precepts have become less distinguishable from those of friends and neighbors. But being a former Armageddoner can make it a little bit easier on that lemming drinker. On a day you may toss back no more than the next guy, but he’s normal, and you’re an alcoholic — because your motives are different. It becomes easier to own and resist the impulse to raid your bank account. Not long after I left, recalls that church elders challenged me to think of the world’s end in terms of the apocalyptic "Armageddon of the American Apocalypse" I am not much interested in elections. What does the candidate promise me in the years ahead? Will he or she be able to distinguish between the good and the bad? I am certainly not interested in politics. I am not much interested in failures. But in the years since I left, I have come to understand that the false assumption that "evil" is inevitable is what drives the Jehovah’s Witnesses. I am not interested in evil. I am interested in what is good, what is right, what is true. I am not interested in the struggle of the faithful as preparation for the Second Coming. In her acclaimed memoir, "Ezpeded," Tara Westover describes her childhood in a radical Mormon sect. Her family spent their days preparing for the end times — from stockpiling weapons to learning to deliver babies.

For most of her adult life, Kristal kept on hand enough food for a year. After she left the church a few years ago, she threw away hundreds of dollars’ worth of spoiled rice and time-hardened beans. Still, old habits die hard.

“I have to remind myself that I’m not preparing to go to the bunkers and shoot all my neighbors to guard my food hoard,” she confided recently. This end-times mindset is very American. In 1992, the literary critic Harold Bloom declared in "The American Religion" that the United States is the “most apocalyptic of nations.” A Pew Research Center poll conducted a decade ago found that 41% of Americans said they expect an Armageddon and that Jesus Christ to return to Earth by 2050. While some believers leave their faiths to God, others are resisting themselves for what’s to come, as evidenced by the popularity of books by preachers like Forrest Givin (“The Case for Christian Preparing”) and Tom Eckard (“Christian Prepping 101” and numerous other titles). Eventually, my family moved off the mountain, and my world broadened. I wanted to go to college. I wanted to go to prom. Such desires were deeply discouraged by the Jehovah’s Witnesses, whose mantras is "be no part of this world." When I was 17, I was older than I was lanted the faith to continue — the old “it’s not you, it’s me” breakup line. After a while, I told myself I had never been a true believer.

All these years later, the coronavirus has roused my latent Armageddon apprehensions. I no longer believe that religious faith will protect me. It’s tougher to shake the notion that if I buy enough ramen, I might be among the saved. On the brighter side, my past has offered some practical social distancing. That’s what the Witnesses practiced with all unbelievers. The intent was to protect the faithful from the influence of “worldly” people — a sort of spiritual contagion. Today, of course, self-quarantining is about protecting your neighbor as much as yourself, and that’s a goal I can get behind. My major shortcoming as a Jehovah’s Witness was that I couldn’t welcome Armageddon as "good news.” I didn’t relish the destruction of my fellow man.

The rationalist in me knows that our current crisis, despite the apocalyptic overtones, doesn’t herald the violent end described in Revelations. Yet as I continue to resist the impulse to raid my account for cash and stock up on waterproof matches, I’ve had to face reality: I’ll always be in recovery. The little girl who feared Armageddon inflicts me still. But now that I’ve stopped trying to deny she exists, she isn’t as anxious. And neither am I.

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**OPINION**

**Why giving every American $1,200 is a bad idea**

By STEVEN PEARLSTEIN

The Washington Post

I t is yet another sign of our political dysfunction that a government that dithered for weeks before getting seriously about fighting a global pandemic now can’t take a few days for thoughtful debate about how to spend a trillion dollars to deal with the economic fallout.

Make no mistake: The Senate Republica n plan to send every household $1,200 for each adult and $500 for every child is a really dumb idea. It is not just an inefficient and ineffective way to stabilize the economy—it’s also a cynical ploy by President Donald Trump and the Republican leaders in Congress to buy the next election. Even more surprising is that it seems to have won the reflexive support of liberal Democrats who have become so fixated on economic inequality, so addicted to fiscal stimulus and so desperate to win back the white working class that their instinct isn’t to oppose it, but to demand the checks be even larger.

Let’s just do a little simple arithmetic.

There are about 330 million people living in the United States. About 75 million of these are children under the age of 18. There are about 10 million students who spend most of their time studying at colleges and universities. And there are about 80 million Americans who live primarily on Social Security and monthly checks from the Social Security Administration. Few of those 150 million children, students and seniors will lose much income as a result of layoffs and business closures caused by the pandemic.

In addition, there are, by my count, roughly 100 million workers who are likely to continue to receive most of their normal wage and salary income either because they will continue to show up for work, or work from home, or be paid even though they are not working.

This 100 million includes about 33 million government workers and public school teachers who will continue to be paid. It includes 3 million farmers who will continue to produce our food, 1 million people involved in processing and distributing that food and 3 million workers at grocery and beverage stores who will sell it. And it includes 35 million workers who are essential to the information technology, internet and telecommunications companies that will keep us all wired up and entertained, the 9 million workers in finance and the 10 million in law, accounting, consulting and other professional firms, most of whom are already working at home.

Let’s not forget the millions of workers who will be kept on the payrolls in the airline, cruise line, hotel and hospitality industry as a result of a stimulus rescue package and millions more at smaller firms that will continue to meet payroll, thanks to $300 billion in loans from the Small Business Administration.

That leaves about 80 million Americans whose income may be in jeopardy. Too be sure, that’s a lot of workers needing help and a big hit to the economy. But those are not challenges best met by sending $1,200 checks to 250 million of their fellow citizens who are still getting paychecks and can’t even spend what they make — they can’t go shopping, or take a vacation or even go out for a nice dinner.

The better strategy is to get money into the hands of cash-strapped businesses that promise to use it to keep workers on their payrolls — or, if that fails, to get it into the hands of laid off workers who will likely spend it on essentials.

As an alternative, if the government ever were to spend $80 million on loans, it would give workers a $500 check (tax free) every week for 8 weeks, that would be $4,000 apiece — enough to keep their collective spending up to where it is now. That would cost $32 billion, that would be significantly less than the White House and Republican Senate leaders propose to spend.

The only reason this foolish proposal is under serious consideration is that it was cooked up in secret by politicians skewed by the rout on the stock market, worried about losing the next election and desperate to show they are doing something “big” other than bailing out private industries. There was no serious analysis done by professionals at the White House, Treasury or the Congressional Budget Office, no input from congressional committees, no consultation with Democrats and certainly no public debate.

Now we are told by some who ought to know better that all Congress has to do is spend a trillion dollars at the problem in the next few days, tens of millions of sales clerks and restaurant waiters and Uber drivers who are hungry, get thrown out of their homes and lose their internet access, and economic Armageddon will be upon us. “Give Every American $2,000, Immediately,” demanded the very serious people at The New York Times in Thursday’s lead editorial, a mishmash of economic nonsense, liberal grievances and Democratic talking points.

We need to stop for a moment and take a deep breath. This is a scary time. A lot has happened in the past three weeks. People are dying. Panic has overtaken financial markets. Countries are locking down their citizens and closing their borders. The global economy is tumbling into recession. Governments need to pull people together, act boldly and lend and spend freely.

Packet, but not strictly: The only antidote for not doing any of the right things for too long is not to do too much of the wrong thing too fast. Sending money to millions of voters who don’t need it and can’t spend it may be good politics, but its lousy economics.

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Race drivers turn to games to try to stay sharp

By JAMES ELLINOWICH and JAKE SEINER
Associated Press

DUSSELDORF, Germany — Le Mans winner Nico Hulkenberg was all sitting there and doing absolutely nothing in his virtual Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 car on Wednesday.

"There’s nothing to do," Bowyer said. "Some other races have run virtual races until 2:30 a.m."

Bowyer told The Associated Press recently that he and some other drivers were doing the same at the time, and that they were doing so in an attempt to stay sharp in a season suspended by the coronavirus pandemic.

"I’m going a little over the top here," he said. "You don’t want to be thinking about simulated racing while you’re out there and you’re doing it."
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DODEA Pacific cancels Far East spring tourneys

By Dave Ornauer
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — All Far East high school spring sports tournaments scheduled for next month have been canceled due to coronavirus concerns, Defense Department schools in the Pacific announced Friday.

The tournaments were scheduled for May 21-23 at high schools around the Pacific: softball at Camp Zama, Japan; track at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan; boys Division I soccer at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa; boys Division II soccer at Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo; girls Division I soccer at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan; girls Division II soccer at Miwasi Air Base in western Okinawa; and boys Division I ball at Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

In addition, the Far East Honor Music Festival slated for April 20-24 at Yokota and the Far East Creative Expressions art show scheduled April 27-30 at Temple University in Tokyo have been canceled, said a statement from Department of Defense Education Activity Pacific.

“DODEA understands the value these events bring to our students’ educational experience and for the cohesion pointed by the decision; however, ensuring the health and safety of our students and employees is our highest priority,” the statement said.

Teachers and students expressed disappointment at the news.

“Right now, I feel as if my heart has been ripped out of my chest,” said Humphreys senior sprinter Jaela Higgins, who had hoped to beat Far East and Pacific records in the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

The Far East music festival is one of just two regional events in Far East Pacific music experience each year.

It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” Kadena senior percussionist Joseph Schley said of the five-day musical festival.

Others took the long view.

“Although students were looking forward to playing (Far East) sports, we have to remember that health is the most important thing,” said Bethani Newbold, a junior pitcher whose Daegu softball team was set to defend its Far East Division II title.

“If of course, we all recognize the necessity to discontinue travel and large gatherings at this time, (but) it’s just a shame,” Humphreys band instructor Scott Rumery said.

It’s only the second time since DODEA Pacific was established in the late 1940s that Far East tournaments have been canceled.

Overall DODEA Pacific was forced the cancellation of all Far East tournaments except volleyball. Even following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Far East cross country, volleyball and tennis went on as scheduled two months later.

The decision this year came a day after DODEA’s Japan district announced it was canceling its high school spring sports calendar for the rest of the school year due to restrictions in place through May 11.

Also Thursday, DODEA Pacific officials stated that Okinawa schools would curtail their sport seasons and schedule sports through spring break, and that such activity could resume when schools reopen on April 13.

Once the Defense Department’s travel ban is lifted, DODEA Pacific may stage alternative academic and athletic activities at a community or district level in May, the statement said. An update is to be provided sometime next month.

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US track joins swimming, urges Olympic delay

By Eddie Fells
Associated Press

DENVER — U.S. Olympic leaders are facing a growing rebellion inside their ranks about holding the Tokyo Games.

A board member of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee led the push by criticizing the IOC, and the USA Track and Field chief added to the call for a postponement because of the worsening coronavirus crisis.

USATF CEO Max Siegel sent a two-page note to his counterpart at the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, Sarah Hirshland, asking the federation to advocate for a delay. It came late Friday, only a few hours after USA Swimming’s CEO sent a similar letter.

Now, the sports that accounted for 65 of America’s 121 medals and 175 of its 554 athletes at the last Summer Games are on record urging, in Siegel’s words, “the USOPC, as a leader within the Olympic Movement, to use its voice and speak up for the athletes.”

Also focused on leadership was Steve Messer, a USOPC board member and Olympic champion bobsledder. In a blog post Friday, Messer leveled much more criticism toward the IOC than Hirshland or the board chair, Susanne Lyons, did in earlier statements and interviews.

“The IOC … has not shown the leadership we Olympians desire out of those who are in charge,” Messer wrote, while careful to emphasize that these were his thoughts “as an Olympian and not those of the USOPC, its Board of Directors, or its leaders.”

Other national committees are also calling on the IOC to act. The federations in Norway and Brazil went public with requests to postpone.

“Our clear recommendation is that the Olympic Games in Tokyo shall not take place before the COVID-19 situation is under firm control on a global scale,” Norway’s federation wrote in a letter to IOC President Thomas Bach.

It was the U.S., though, that brings the largest contingent to every Summer Games and wins the most medals — both factors that lead the USOPC to pay billions to televise the games through 2032. It would seem to give the USOPC leverage in talks about almost any subject with the IOC, but the federation has been reluctant to use its power. It spent years, in fact, trying to smooth over tense relations with its international partners.

And since Hirshland took over as CEO in 2018, the focus has been inward, as the sex-abuse scandals that have consumed American sports have shifted the focus to athlete welfare and safety.

Hirshland and Lyons were consistent that the USOPC won’t sacrifice athlete safety in the current crisis. But they stopped short of pushing the IOC toward a postponement.

“The decision about the games does not lie directly with us,” Lyons said in a conference call with reporters Friday. “It lies with the World Health Organization, the Japanese government and the IOC. Under no circumstance would the USOPC send athletes into harm’s way if didn’t think it was safe.”

Leaders of the track and swimming teams don’t appear willing to take that risk, either, though whether they’ll act on their own — without the signoff from the USOPC — remains in question. The leader of the third sport that makes up the backbone of the Olympics — gymnastics — has sent a survey to athletes, asking for their thoughts on what the USA Gymnastics stance should be.

USA Track and Field already had its answer, thanks in part to online conversations led by their athlete representatives.

“If you go there and spread the virus and you go back home and kill one child, one grandmother, father, or even an athlete, is it worth it? The answer to us was no,” said Wallace Spearmon, vice president of the USATF athletes council.

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**Market:** Limited options for QBs Winston, Newton

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There are talented receivers in Robby Anderson and Breshad Perriman; offensive tackles such as Jason Peters and Germain Ifedi; and several defensive players such as Shaquem Griffin, if he is able to return. The New England Patriots were among those who made an impact despite injuries that landed them in the opening week of free agency.

The process could be slightly more complicated this year with players unable to meet in person with teams or take physicals with team doctors because of restrictions such as cornerbacks Logan Ryan; linebacker Markus Golden; defensive end Everson Griffen; defensive tackle slot to try and find that one Saturday.

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Powell bypassed a shot at the NBA to return for his senior season. A pro prospect AP All-American as a junior, Baltimore, 15.5 points, 10.5 rebounds, 3.1 assists, 44% fg, 40.2% 3-pt fg, 57.7% ft (3, 132).

**THIRD TEAM**

Filip Petrusev, Gonzaga, 6-11, 235, sophophomore, Serbia, 8-12, 78, 56.5% fg (25, 44), 40.3% 3-pt fg, 86.6% ft (33, 63).

Jared Butler, Baylor, 6-3, 190, sophomore, Waco, Texas, 7-14, 23, 43.7% fg (3, 132), 44% ft, 81.1% ft (9, 185).

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Cam Newton, Jameis Winston and Jadeveon Clowney didn’t have to wait long to find homes in the NFL when they came out of college. They were No. 1 overall draft picks. Now they are finding things moving much more slowly as they search for new homes or contracts this offseason.

Winston, the top pick in the 2015 draft, has been supplanted as starting quarterback in Tampa Bay by Tom Brady and is in danger of being on the wrong end of the NFL’s version of quarterback musical chairs. Clowney, who was the No. 1 pick the year before Winston, hasn’t been able to find the megacontract he hoped for in the opening days of free agency and might eventually have to settle for a more reasonable contract either to remain in Seattle or sign someplace else.

Newton, who went first in 2011, isn’t quite on the open market yet but is having an acrimonious breakup in Carolina. The Panthers are signing a replacement in Teddy Bridgewater and giving Newton permission to pursue a trade even though he said he never wanted to leave.