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Credit Suisse's Investment Bank in HK to pay \$47-M criminal penalty for corrupt hiring scheme

Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Limited (CSHK), a Hong Kong-based subsidiary of Credit Suisse Group AG (CSAG), a Swiss-based issuer of publicly traded securities in the United States, reached a resolution with the Department of Justice and agreed to pay a \$47 million criminal penalty for its role in a scheme to corruptly win banking business by awarding employment to friends and family of Chinese officials, the Justice Department announced.

The employment of these "relationship hires" or "referral hires" was part of a quid pro quo with the officials who referred the candidates for employment, whereby CSHK bankers sought to and did win business from the referral sources.

Large groups of family units and unaccompanied children continue to cross the border



Border Patrol agents continue to encounter family units

HIDALGO, Texas – U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Weslaco station encountered a group of 31 illegal aliens along the riverbank of the Rio Grande near Hidalgo, Texas.

The illegal aliens were comprised of family units and unaccompanied children from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

All subjects were offered medical assistance and will be processed accordingly.

The Rio Grande Valley Sector currently has multiple campaigns focused on rescues and danger awareness, such as "Operation Big Rig" and "No Se Arriesgue" to combat smuggling and ultimately save lives. Call 911 to report suspicious activity; "They're humans, not cargo!"

USCIS recalls incorrectly printed employment authorization documents

On June 21, 2018, USCIS began recalling approximately 800 Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) that were issued in conjunction with Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal, which were granted by USCIS asylum officers. The cards contain a production error that transposed the first and last names of the individuals receiving the EADs. These cards were mailed to recipients in April and May 2018.

Affected individuals should return their incorrect EADs to USCIS within 20 days of receiving the notice. Replacement EADs will be sent within 15 days of receiving the incorrect card.

USCIS Celebrates Independence Day by welcoming 14,000 new citizens

WASHINGTON—This year, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will celebrate the 242nd anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and our nation's birthday, by welcoming more than 14,000 new citizens in nearly 175 naturalization ceremonies between June 28 and July 10.

The Independence Day activities will kick off with a naturalization ceremony at the Bexar County Courthouse in San Antonio, Texas on June 28. During this event, USCIS Director L. Francis Cissna will deliver congratulatory remarks to 37

new Americans.

"The naturalization ceremony marks the end of the journey toward citizenship, just as it marks the start of new lives as American citizens," said Director Cissna. "We are humbled to be able to share in this moment of pride, joy, and personal triumph."

USCIS is committed to promoting awareness and understanding of citizenship by offering a variety of free citizenship preparation resources for applicants and teachers, including materials like the Establishing Independence (PDF, 2.41 MB)

lesson plan in the Citizenship Resource Center. Immigrant-serving organizations can register to receive a free Civics and Citizenship Toolkit to help lawful permanent residents prepare for naturalization.

The importance of the Declaration of Independence and Independence Day in the United States is reflected in several places on the naturalization test.

Prospective citizens may see them in six different questions on the civics test, including, "What did the Declaration of Independence do?"

and "When do we celebrate Independence Day?"

To help applicants practice for the civics test, download the USCIS mobile app, USCIS: Civics Test Study Tools, which is currently available for download in the Google Play and iTunes stores.

In addition to being the only official USCIS Civics Test application, the app keeps old tests for review, has a game to challenge your civics knowledge, and lists all 100 questions and answers that could be asked in the actual civics test.



President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, in his speech during the oath-taking ceremony of the newly-elected barangay chairpersons in the Zamboanga Peninsula held at the Municipal Gymnasium in Molave, Zamboanga del Sur on June 26, 2018, announces that he has asked the Department of Interior and Local Government to conduct audits on the anti-illegal drugs, anti-terrorism and peace and order operations of the barangays. He then added that he would file charges against barangay officials who are deemed incompetent in keeping their barangays safe and free from illegal drugs. (Valerie Escalera/Presidential Photo)

Duterte's 3rd SONA not limited to accomplishments, Roque says

MANILA -- President Rodrigo R. Duterte's third State of the Nation Address (SONA) will not be limited to a report on the achievements done during his administration, his spokesperson said.

Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque reiterated that Duterte's next SONA scheduled on July 23 (Monday) will be delivered "straight from the heart."

"I think they want it to be a message straight from the heart of the President not hindered by the need to report on the different achievements," Roque said in a Palace briefing.

Roque said the public will get a preview of

the policies, programs and projects implemented during Duterte's second year in office through a series of pre-SONA forums.

"One difference is magkakaroon po ng (there will be) pre-SONA briefings iyong mga (in) economic clusters that will be held in PICC. That's to give the President latitude to say whatever he wants during the SONA, because he has already laid out his achievements in the different clusters," Roque said.

"The different achievements will be reported by the different clusters in the different pre-SONA briefings that will be conducted," he added.

CAYETANO, POMPEO MEET; VOW TO REINFORCE PH-US TIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Peter S. Cayetano and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met for the first time on 21 June 2018, and both diplomats agreed to work closely together to further reinforce the partnership between the Philippines and the United States.

"Secretary Cayetano and Secretary Pompeo had an open and cordial interaction at the State Department today and we are optimistic this would reinforce the ties that bind the relations between our two countries and peoples," Ambassador to Washington Jose Manuel Romualdez said.

During the meeting that was also participated in by National Security Adviser H. R. McMaster, Secretary Cayetano and Secretary Pompeo underscored the importance both the Philippines and the United States place on their shared historical and people-to-people

ties and the strength of their defense alliance.

Ambassador Romualdez said the meeting also allowed Secretary Cayetano the opportunity to share with his counterpart the independent foreign policy of the Duterte Administration and its positions on such issues as the South China Sea and the Korean Peninsula.

During the meeting, both Secretary Cayetano and Secretary Esperon conveyed to Secretary Pompeo Manila's appreciation for the assistance and cooperation extended by the US in various areas, including counterterrorism and the rehabilitation of Marawi.

Ambassador Romualdez said Secretary Pompeo expressed hope for another meeting between President Duterte and President Trump as a follow up to the productive and warm friendship that the two leaders developed during the Philippine hosting of the ASEAN Summit in Manila last November.

Secretary of Foreign Affairs Alan Peter S. Cayetano and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo greet members of the press prior to their first meeting on 21 June 2018 at the US Department of State, Washington D.C.



National health care fraud takedown

601 defendants charged, more than \$2 billion in fraud losses recorded

FBI Deputy Director David Bowdich took part in a press conference with U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar III, and other federal officials to announce a nationwide health care fraud and opioid takedown that has resulted in charges against 601 defendants around the country, along with a total of more than \$2 billion in fraud losses.

This takedown, the largest health care enforcement action taken to date by the joint Department of Justice and HHS Medicare Fraud Strike Force, involved numerous federal and state agencies working together on the front lines in the fight against health care fraud. "But our work is not finished—we are just getting started," said Sessions. "We will continue to find, arrest, prosecute, convict, and incarcerate fraudsters and drug dealers, wherever they are."

The charges announced aggressively targeted schemes billing Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE (a health insurance program for members and veterans of the armed forces and family members), and private insurance companies.

Some of these schemes involved medically unnecessary prescription drugs and compounded medications that were often never even purchased and/or distributed to beneficiaries. In other cases, patient recruiters, beneficiaries, and other co-conspirators were allegedly paid cash kickbacks



FBI Deputy Director David Bowdich speaks during a press conference with other federal officials to announce the results of this year's national health care fraud and opioid takedown by the Medicare Fraud Strike Force. Shown behind Bowdich is Department of Health and Human Services Deputy Inspector General for Investigations Gary Cantrell.

in return for supplying beneficiary information to providers, so that the providers could then submit fraudulent bills for services that were medically unnecessary or never performed. Another focus of the operation was medical professionals allegedly involved in the unlawful distribution of opioids and other prescription narcotics.

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr., in an exclusive interview by INM's Awee Abayari discusses wide-ranging issues that affect the country today. Read it on BEYOND NEWS, Page 2.



In her article, Gale Stoddard expounds on how FAITH helps her refocus her life. Read more on ACROSS THE WORLD, Page 3.

FBI warns of health-care-related schemes attempt to defraud private or government health care programs. Read it on Page 6 – AT YOUR SERVICE and learn how to avoid becoming a victim.



Catch Jennifer Lopez's critically-acclaimed show in Las Vegas "Jennifer Lopez: All I Have". Read the details on Page 7, LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL.

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New data shows criminal arrest histories of DACA requestors

WASHINGTON—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released new data regarding arrests and apprehensions among the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) requestor population.

The data contains both criminal and civil information of those approved and denied under DACA.

The findings are part of a continuous release of information by the agency to its website on both the DACA policy and its requestor population. The new data relates to arrests and apprehensions, which do not necessarily result in actual convictions.

Among the findings of the release:

- Almost 8-percent of total DACA requestors (59,786

individuals) had arrest records as of the date the systems were queried, which included offenses such as assault and battery, rape, murder, and drunk driving, among others. "Requestors" includes individuals approved and denied DACA.

- Of those individuals whose DACA requests were approved and had one or more arrests or apprehensions, 53,792 were arrested or apprehended prior to their most recent approval.

- Approximately 13-percent (7,814) of approved DACA requestors with an arrest had an arrest after their grant was approved and prior to renewal.

- 54.8-percent of DACA requestors with more than one arrest (17,079) most recently had a DACA case status of "approved" as of the date the systems were queried.

- 199 individuals who requested DACA had 10 or more arrests. Of those, 51 most recently had DACA case status of "approved," as of the date the systems were queried.

- Of the total 888,765 DACA requestors, 797,297 had no arrests or apprehensions, and 710,842 were approved.

Under current DACA policy, an individual may be considered for DACA if he or she has not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more "non-significant" misdemeanors not arising out of the same act, omission, or scheme of misconduct, or does not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety. Numbers of arrests alone do not necessarily disqualify a person from receiving DACA as a matter of discretion.

AIR FORCE AIR SHOW



Members of the Thunderbirds, the Air Force's flight demonstration team, perform precision aerial maneuvers during the Arctic Thunder Open House at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, June 30, 2018. (Air Force photo by Alejandro Peña)



The Blue Angels, the Navy's flight demonstration squadron, perform during the Vectren Dayton Air Show in Dayton, Ohio, June 23, 2018. (Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Timothy Schumaker)

Statement from DHS Press Secretary on June border numbers

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Press Secretary Tyler Q. Houlton released the following statement on U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Southwest Border Migration numbers for June:

"Following the implementation of the Administration's zero-tolerance policy, the June 2018 Southwest Border Migration numbers declined by 18 percent when compared to the previous month.

"DHS will continue to enforce the rule of law and uphold our nation's immigration laws as passed by Congress. As we have said before, the journey north is dangerous and puts individuals in the hands of smugglers and traffickers. We continue to call on Congress to address the crisis at the border by closing legal loopholes that drive illegal immigration."



Awee Abayari : How would you assess the June 12 US- North Korea Summit?

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr. : The summit between POTUS and the Supreme Leader of North Korea went very well. I feel that President Trump made a positive impact and the initial way forward for both leaders was established. It seems as though both leaders had managed to reveal goals for both countries and discuss their general expectations. What the public must realize is that resolutions to major issues such as nuclear weapons and international sanctions will not be achieved as result of the historic first meeting in Singapore. Senior members of both governments will continue to work diligently to resolute matters as a precursor to detailed and actionable peace agreements. I might add that I was somewhat disappointed by how the media downplayed the impact of the meeting by focusing on the perception nothing was resolved.

On the contrary, POTUS going through with the meeting signified the United States was taking the Supreme Leader seriously. What better way to make progress towards peace, than to show mutual respect and understanding for the head of an Asian country by taking him seriously? We all know how important respect is heavily weighed in Asia and Asian society.

Awee Abayari : Please comment on the new travel ban that "indefinitely limits travel from Iran, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Somalia, Chad and North Korea". Certain government officials from Venezuela were also barred.

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr. : The travel ban is restricted to tourists and other types of lower tier visas. Persons who are legally already in the U.S. are still afforded with the opportunity to petition immediate family members and submit other like applications.

The applicants for more permanent types of visas directly impacting documented families are subjected to different levels of screenings in the application process. The travel ban prevents the likelihood of individuals wishing to do harm to the United States, will be able to do so by traveling and entering the country. The United State government has selected such mentioned countries for inclusion in the travel ban based on intelligence and threat matrices inherent to potential threats and risks posed to the United States.

Awee Abayari : "Opponents say the ban violates the U.S. Constitution because it discriminates against Muslims while overstepping the bounds of U.S. immigration law by discriminating by nationality. Trump has said the restrictions are needed to tighten security and prevent terrorist attacks".

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr. : The travel ban does not discriminate against

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WITH RETIRED FBI SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT
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Muslims. It just so happens that a majority of the population from those countries are Muslims. Of course, with the exception of North Korea. President Trump has endorsed the travel ban under the banner of national security. Individuals and groups from those countries wish to do harm to the United States and the President of the United States has not "made up" the short list based on casual dinner conversation. The countries have been selected based on a clear and present danger presented by the general populace whom largely happen to be Muslim. We must never forget that "All men are created equal" but yet come to the realization that some countries have a larger population with people who seem to hate us more than others. Additionally, I'm sure the Trump administration has taken into consideration efforts (or lack thereof) by such respective governments to curb insurgency and international terrorism threats potentially impacting the United States.

Awee Abayari : Should the probe of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election by the former FBI Director Robert Mueller continue? Why?

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr. : Former FBI Director Robert M. Mueller III is a man of strong integrity and even stronger conviction. The probe must continue if the American people are to learn the truth behind allegations of Russian interference with U.S. elections in 2016. Several significant indictments and outcomes have already resulted from such efforts and I am confident resolution to the sensitive matter will be forthcoming in the investigation. The former FBI Director is a no nonsense man who is more than capable of revealing the truth no matter the political obstacles which may stand in his way.

Awee Abayari : President Trump has denied any collusion by his campaign and has long denounced the Mueller probe as a witch hunt. Do you believe him?

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr. : It's possible President Trump may not have taken direct action in the alleged presidential elections scandal of 2016. It's also possible persons on his staff may have been closely involved in the scandal. Nonetheless, a leader is also responsible for actions taken by those persons whom he has placed in authority, such as selected senior members authorized to help win the presidential election. Candidate Trump of 2016 was involved in a myriad of details focused on the election. I believe President Trump may possibly not have knowledge to sustain allegations of Russian interference in the 2016 elections, but senior members previously involved in his election campaign may not come out as unscathed from the investigative probe.

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Holly Ham receives the George H.W. Bush Award for Outstanding Achievement

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Association (APAHA) Board of Directors presented the President George H.W. Bush award for outstanding achievement to Holly Ham on May 19, 2018 at its 26th Anniversary Gala in Houston, Texas. Ms. Ham was recognized for her outstanding accomplishments in her career and commitment to the Asian Pacific American community.

Other award recipients included American First National Bank for the Corporate Achievement Award and Dr. Feng Jianwei for the Community Service Award.

Ms. Ham thanked her parents for daring to dream of a better life for their family after immigrating to Texas in 1980. Her parents and other family members, close friends, and acquaintances joined her at the awards gala. The Honorable Dr. Martha Wong, the Honorable Gordon Quan, State Representative Gene Wu, and Congressman Al Green were also present among the community leaders and guests that numbered over 500 at the event.

APAHA was formed in Houston in 1992 with a mission to recognize the accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans, promote awareness and increase understanding of the Asian American and Pacific Islander cultures and its diversity through education and celebration. The month of May is celebrated nationally as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.



Stephen Le, Jr., President of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Association, with Holly Ham, the recipient of the President George H.W. Bush award for outstanding achievement

EU Trust Fund for Africa: Additional €90.5 million to strengthen border management and protection of migrants in North Africa

BRUSSELS - The European Commission has approved 3 new migration-related programmes in Northern Africa totalling more than €90 million. This follows last week's European Council's conclusions in which leaders committed to stepping up support along the Central Mediterranean route. The new programmes under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa will increase EU assistance to refugees and vulnerable migrants and improve partner countries' ability to better manage their borders.

The newly adopted €90.5 million in assistance will fund 3 programmes, which will complement ongoing EU efforts in the region:



- Through the programme on border Management for the Maghreb region worth €55 million, the EU will support efforts of national institutions in Morocco and Tunisia to save lives at

sea, improve maritime border management and fight against smugglers operating in the region. This programme, implemented by the Italian Ministry of Interior, together with the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), will focus on capacity building and providing and maintaining equipment;

- Building on existing programmes, the EU will reinforce its support to the protection of refugees and migrants in Libya at disembarkation points, in detention centres, in remote southern desert areas and urban settings. The "Integrated approach to protection and emergency assistance to vulnerable and stranded migrants in Libya" programme, worth €29 million, will be implemented together with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR);

- With an additional €6.5 million, the EU will reinforce its assistance to vulnerable migrants, supporting the 2014 Moroccan National Strategy on migration. It will facilitate access to basic services for vulnerable migrants and improve local associations' and organisations' capacity to effectively deliver those services.

Chinese Premier arrives in Bulgaria for official visit, China-CEEC meeting

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang arrives in Bulgaria on July 5, 2018, for an official visit to the country and the seventh meeting of heads of government of China and 16 Central and Eastern European Countries (CEEC) in Sofia. Li's visit is being made at the invitation of Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borissov.

It marks Li's first tour to Bulgaria after taking office, and also the first visit to Bulgaria paid by a Chinese premier in 18 years.

Bulgaria was one of the first countries to forge diplomatic ties with the People's Republic of China, and the bilateral relations have always enjoyed a sound and stable development momentum.

Li expressed the expectation to consolidate China-Bulgaria traditional friendship and promote practical cooperation in various fields through this visit, so as to elevate China-Bulgaria comprehensive friendly cooperative partnership to a new level.

China-CEEC cooperation has played a



constructive role in enhancing China-CEEC ties and promoting the process of European integration, said Li.

The Chinese premier voiced the hope to maintain multilateralism and economic globalization, and promote trade and investment liberalization and facilitation.

Li will meet with Bulgarian President Rumen Radev, and hold talks with Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borissov.

EU adopts rebalancing measures in reaction to U.S. tariffs

The European Commission adopted rebalancing measures in response to U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum. Taking effect last June 22nd, the measures target U.S. products worth \$3.3 billion.

Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmström said: "We did not want to be in this position. However, the unilateral and unjustified decision of the US to impose steel and aluminium tariffs on the EU means that we are left with no other choice. The rules of international trade, which we have developed over the years hand in hand with our American partners, cannot be violated without a reaction from our side. Our response is measured, proportionate and fully in line with WTO rules. Needless to say, if the US removes its tariffs, our measures will also be removed."

The EU rebalancing measures will be



Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmström

effective for as long as the US measures are in place, in line with the WTO Safeguards Agreement and EU legislation.

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Puerto Rico to pilot new student-centered funding system

WASHINGTON—U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recently announced that the Puerto Rico Department of Education (PRDE) will be the first to pilot new flexibility under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to create a student-centered funding system. The model is designed to equitably allocate local, state and federal resources based on student needs.

"Puerto Rico's use of a student-centered funding system will help to ensure those with the greatest need receive the most support" said Secretary DeVos. "Amid the hardships and challenges following Hurricane Maria, I am pleased to see Puerto Rico rethinking school and putting students' needs above all else."

Added Puerto Rico Secretary of Education Julia Keleher, "Puerto Rico's ability to provide a quality education for its youth depends on how we fund K-12 education and the way funds are allocated. This pilot allows us to take a more scientific approach and track the relationship between strategic investments and future learning gains. We are committed to implementing effective solutions that benefit our students and ensure accountability to our families."

ESSA provides for 50 school districts to pilot a new student-centered funding system

that combines local, state and federal dollars. This innovative approach allows maximal resources to be allocated to schools based on quantifiable student need, directing the most resources to support students who need them most.

ESSA specifically requires that pilot districts allocate substantially more funding to support students from low-income families, English learners, and any other educationally disadvantaged group as chosen by the school

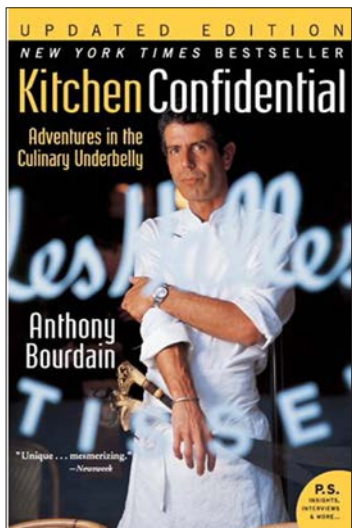
district. Puerto Rico designed its system to allocate additional funds to support students from low-income families, language learners and students in rural schools.

Any other interested school district can apply to participate in the pilot program by July 15, 2018, for implementation beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. For questions about how to apply, please contact WeightedFundingPilot@ed.gov.

BOOK REVIEW

**KITCHEN CONFIDENTIAL:
Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly**
By Anthony Bourdain

Not for the faint of heart. A raucous and raw trip inside the restaurant biz. From nuts and bolts to totally obscure characters, and sometimes disturbing anecdotes, Bourdain delights the senses and the mind with his hilarious and detailed tales of the dark side of the industry. With his own brand of smarts and charm he takes you through his childhood adventures in France up to owning his own successful restaurant in New York. He touches on Universal truths throughout the business as well as his own sometimes touching and oftentimes unreal personal experiences. For anyone who loves to dine, who works in restaurants or has thought about it, this is a must read. Never a dull moment.



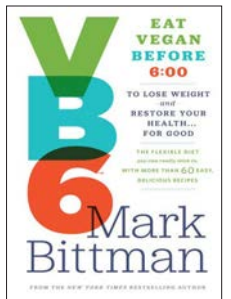
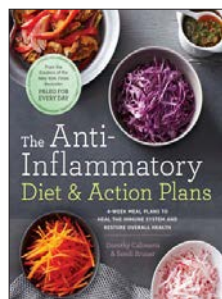
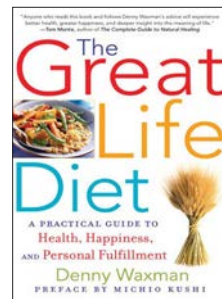
Eating Healthy

Eating plenty of fruits and veggies may help reduce the risk of many diseases, including heart disease, high blood pressure, and some

cancers. Vitamins & Minerals. Fruits and veggies are rich in vitamins and minerals that help you feel healthy and energized.



BOOKS TO READ FROM BARNES & NOBLE



Consequences of reckless driving

Reckless driving citation and conviction can result in severe penalties. In some states, it may qualify as a misdemeanor offense and stay on your permanent criminal record.

While it depends upon your state, a few of the consequences you could face if convicted of a reckless driving citation include:

Fines. Can range from hundreds to thousands of dollars.

Jail time. While most states qualify reckless driving as a misdemeanor, other states have more severe penalties resulting in felony charges.

License suspension. The length of suspension will vary according to state.

• Any other traffic violations or suspensions could affect the duration, and may even result in a permanent revocation.

Points on your driving record.

• Will vary according to your state.
• A conviction usually carries the maximum number of demerit points. For more information, review the DMV points system in your state.

Increase in your insurance premium. Premiums can raise over twice the amount you would see with a common speeding violation.

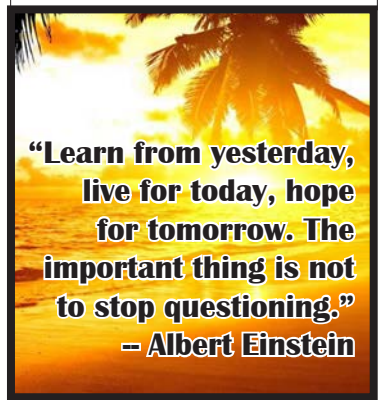
Loss of a job. A concern for individuals required to drive as part of their occupation.

Denial of security clearance. Can be



an issue with military service members or for other government jobs.

If you commit a second or subsequent offense, punishments will become more severe.
Source: DMV



How music majors can become more competitive in the job market

Dr. Deborah Sheldon, Music Education chair at Temple University Boyer College of Music and Dance, stresses that to be successful in finding a job in music education, candidates must:

- Show respect for students, parents, colleagues, administration, and the community.
- Learn all about and become an active member of the community in which you want to work.
- Be willing to take chances.
- Be open to guidance. Seek advice from seasoned colleagues.
- Know where to go to find the information you need.

Federal Student Aid

If you are employed by a government or not-for-profit organization, you may be able to receive loan forgiveness under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

Alert! You may still be eligible for loan forgiveness if your Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) application is denied because some or all of your pay-

ments were not made under a qualifying repayment plan for PSLF.

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program forgives the remaining balance on your Direct Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while working full-time for a qualifying employer.

If you want to qualify for Public Service Loan Forgiveness now or in the future, complete and submit the Employment Certification form as soon as possible. In order to ensure you're on track to receive forgiveness, you should continue to submit this form both annually and every time you switch employers.

Source: Department of Education

Appeal for Donations HOSPICIO DE SAN JOSE

Since its foundation in 1810, Hospicio de San Jose has stood as a beacon of hope and succor for persons in poverty situations. It is the first charitable institution in the Philippines, a forerunner of social work and have been an exemplar of compassion and charity, demonstrating the Filipino people's boundless capacity for extending a helping hand to those in need. It has been managed by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul since 1865.

In 2017, Hospicio has



launched to better the lives of the people under their care and to achieve financial and food sustainability:

- Sponsorship of a child or an elderly: A donation of \$100. on a monthly basis can already provide education, food, etc. to a child and medicines and food to a special child or elderly, psycho-therapy and healing sessions for the abused children. The sponsor may choose a particular category he/she wishes to provide for.
- Sponsor a house for a homeless family. Hospicio has finished 10 housing units which have been occupied and have 24 units more waiting for sponsors.
- Food Sustainability: through

organic hog-raising, organic vegetable gardening, chickens, ducks, turkeys, goats (all in Bulacan property).

• A Multi-purpose pavilion for the Street People – to provide a place for the feeding, formation sessions and emergency "night shelter" for the homeless.

• A Livelihood and Skills Training Center which will provide short courses in Baking, Cooking, Housekeeping and other skills to equip the unemployed heads of families, especially women, with skills for income generation activities.

For the readers whose hearts have been touched by our appeal and desires to sponsor a particular project, you may contact us through this email address: mospj.evidente@gmail.com or call (063-2-7342366)

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FROM THE FBI



HEALTH CARE FRAUD OR HEALTH INSURANCE FRAUD

Health care-related schemes attempt to defraud private or government health care programs, which usually involve health care providers, companies, or individuals. These schemes may include offers for (fake) insurance cards; health insurance marketplace assistance; stolen health information; or medications, supplements, weight loss products, or pill mill practices.

The FBI seeks to identify and pursue investigations against the most egregious offenders involved in health care fraud through its investigative partnerships with federal, state, and local agencies, as well as its relationships with private insurance national groups, associations, and investigative units.

Common Fraud Schemes

Medical Equipment Fraud: Equipment manufacturers offer “free” products to individuals. Insurers are then charged for products that were not needed and/or may not have been delivered.

“Rolling Lab” Schemes: Unnecessary and sometimes fake tests are given to individuals at health clubs, retirement homes, or shopping malls and billed to insurance companies or Medicare.

Services Not Performed: Customers or providers bill insurers for services never rendered by changing bills or submitting fake ones.



Medicare Fraud: Medicare fraud can take the form of any of the health insurance frauds described above. Senior citizens are frequent targets of Medicare schemes. Because a physician has to sign a form certifying that equipment or testing is needed before Medicare pays for it, con artists fake signatures or bribe corrupt doctors to sign the forms. Once a signature is in place, the manufacturers bill Medicare for merchandise or service that was not needed or was not ordered.

Tips for Avoiding Health Care Fraud or Health Insurance Fraud

- Never sign blank insurance claim forms.
- Never give blanket authorization to a medical provider to bill for services rendered.
- Ask your medical providers what they will charge and what you will be expected to pay out-of-pocket.

- Carefully review your insurer’s explanation of the benefits statement. Call your insurer and provider if you have questions.
- Do not do business with door-to-door or telephone salespeople who tell you that medical services or equipment are free.
- Give your insurance/Medicare identification only to those who have provided you with medical services.

- Keep accurate records of all health care appointments.
- Know if your physician ordered equipment for you.

- Do not open spam e-mail, Internet advertisements, links in forums or social media, and questionable websites that promise health care-related goods or services that seem too good to be true, as they likely are fraudulent.



Avoiding World Cup scams

by **ANDREW JOHNSON**
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The long-awaited 2018 World Cup is under-way. Fans from across the world have flocked to Russia in support of their favorite teams. Though most have already bought their tickets, many are still hoping to come across an unbeatable deal that will get them to the Cup.

While fans hope for a good deal, scammers hope for ticket-hungry fans. Here are a few tips for avoiding World Cup-related scams:

- Ignore any email that claims you’ve won World Cup tickets or a lottery prize to attend the Cup. The offer may seem promising, but the truth is, scammers are simply phishing for your personal information. Never open files or click on links sent by strangers. And never pay a fee to

claim a prize.

- FIFA.com is the official source for tickets. If you choose to buy tickets from a reseller or ticket broker, you run the risk of your tickets not arriving in time for the match, not arriving at all, or being invalid. Paying by credit card gives you protections, such as the right to dispute charges for items that you paid for, but never received.
- Buying team apparel? Scammers often create fake online stores. Read reviews to see what people are saying about the seller or the website. Search online using the seller’s name or website with terms like “reviews,” “scam” or “complaint.”

If you or someone you know has encountered or lost money to a World Cup related scam, report it to the FTC at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint).

Source: Federal Trade Commission

FTC warns consumers about vacation rental scams

The FTC is warning consumers to watch out for vacation rental scams. The agency has published a blog post, *Getting a vacation rental? Watch out for scams*, with a message for consumers who are looking to book a summer rental: Scammers are ready with fake vacation rental ads, and their plan is to take your money and leave you with no place to stay.

The blog post explains how vacation rental scams operate and includes a list of tips on how to avoid them. The blog also encourages consumers who come across any scam rental ads to report them to the FTC.



FTC sends refund checks totaling more than \$214,000 to people who bought deceptively marketed bed bug treatment

The Federal Trade Commission is mailing 852 refund checks, totaling more than \$214,000, to consumers nationwide who bought bed bug treatments that claimed to use cedar oil to stop

and prevent bed bug infestations. Each check recipient is receiving 95% of the amount they spent on these treatments. The average check amount is \$251. These checks must be cashed within 60 days of the date they are issued or they will become void.

The refunds stem from a January 2018 complaint against Chemical Free Solutions LLC (CFS), the seller of Cedaricide Original, a line of products deceptively marketed as effective at stopping and preventing bed bug infestations. In its complaint, the FTC alleged that the company violated a 2013 Commission order barring it from making scientifically unsupported claims.

Rust Consulting, Inc., the refund administrator for this matter, will mail refund checks to eligible consumers starting today. The checks must be cashed by August 31, 2018 or they become void. Consumers with questions about this refund program can call Rust Consulting at 1-877-906-1610.



Fraudulent cosmetics and “anti-aging” products

The volume of counterfeit cosmetics arriving in the U.S. is on the rise. The Internet has given consumers widespread access to health and beauty products—some labeled with “anti-aging” properties—that they don’t know are fake.

Government and industry studies and testing have discovered dangerous ingredients within counterfeit “anti-aging” products. Fraudulent cosmetics may contain arsenic, beryllium, and cadmium—all known carcinogens—along with high levels of aluminum and dangerous levels of bacteria from sources such as urine. Some of these products have caused conditions like acne, psoriasis, rashes, and eye infections.

Tips for Avoiding Fraudulent “Anti-Aging” Products:

- Watch out for “secret formulas” or “breakthroughs.”
- Find out exactly what it should and should not do for you.
- Research a product thoroughly before buying it.
- Be wary of products that claim to cure a wide variety of illnesses—particularly serious ones—that don’t appear to be related.
- Be aware that testimonials are often misleading.
- Be very careful of products that are marketed as having no side effects.
- Question products that are advertised as making visits to a physician unnecessary.
- Always consult your doctor before taking any dietary or nutritional supplement.



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EXPERIENCE THE KING OF POP

Hailed by Rolling Stone as “A virtual parade of ‘wow’ moments,” Michael Jackson ONE by Cirque du Soleil is an electrifying fusion of acrobatics, dance and visuals that reflects the dynamic showmanship of the King of Pop, immersing the audience into the world of Michael’s music. Driven by his biggest hits heard like never before in a riveting, state-of-the-art surround-sound environment – ONE takes the audience through a seamless visual and musical montage, at the heart of a world that is in turn majestic, playful, magical and heart-warming. In Michael Jackson ONE, Michael’s spirit is channeled through the vibrant energy of the cast of 63 dancers and performers,



underscored by aerial performance, driving acrobatics, and vivid choreographies that use the urban/hip hop idiom as a springboard for exploration. ONE is heartfelt tribute to the work, innovative spirit, and legacy of Michael Jackson – the King of Pop, the genius, the visionary, the ONE.

Getty Center’s evolving work of art



The Central Garden at the Getty Center in Los Angeles is an evolving work of art, with tree-lined walkways that lead visitors through extraordinary sights, sounds, and scents. More than 500 varieties of plant material are used in the landscaping of the Central Garden. The Getty Center features several gardens and fountains, and landscaping for public enjoyment, including a cactus garden at the South Promontory, fountains in the Museum Courtyard and the Tram Arrival Plaza, shaded hideaways, and spectacular views of the Santa Monica Mountains, the Pacific Ocean, and Los Angeles.

Ode to Filipino cuisine

Charles Olalia of Rice Bar has debuted his ode to Filipino cuisine at this bright, high-ceiling Silver Lake restaurant. Employing traditional flavors but serving plates with a modern twist, Olalia plays the hits with sisig, lumpia shanghai (topped with uni), and longganisa. Ma’am Sir is the latest installment of modern Filipino cuisine in Los Angeles, and that alone should make it a destination. Ma’am Sir is located at 4330 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, 90029.



Lumpia with uni at Ma’am Sir. (Photo by)

MGM Resorts International named to the Civic 50 list as one of the most community minded companies in the country by Points of Light

LAS VEGAS – MGM Resorts International has been named one of the top companies for volunteerism in our nation – The Civic 50 – by Points of Light, the world’s largest organization dedicated to volunteer service. The award recognizes MGM Resorts International as one of the 50 most community-minded companies in the United States. The Civic 50 provides a national standard for superior corporate citizenship and showcases how companies can use their time, skills and other resources to improve the communities in which they do business.

“We are extremely proud to receive this recognition. At MGM Resorts we believe that every individual has the power to make our communities stronger and impact positive social change through volunteerism. This spirit of service is deeply embedded in our Company culture,” said Phyllis A. James, MGM Resorts’ Executive Vice President and Chief Diversity & Corporate Responsibility Officer.

“The Civic 50 truly highlights the commitment of community and civic engagement of America’s leading brands,” said Natalie Paquin, president and CEO, Points of Light. “Points of Light believes that people drive change in addressing society’s growing and most profound challenges. The business community plays an important role in creating and delivering innovative solutions that drive social good in the communities where they live and work.”

MGM Resorts has a long history of supporting the communities in which it operates. Since 2002, MGM Resorts employees have raised more than \$75 million and supported thousands of charitable organizations through the non-profit MGM Resorts Foundation. In 2017, MGM Resorts’



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employees volunteered nearly 115,000 hours with nonprofit organizations and charities in Nevada, Maryland, Michigan, Massachusetts, Mississippi and New Jersey.



FILMS ON THE LAKE



Films on the Lake is a free outdoor French film festival produced annually in Chicago parks by the Cultural Service at the Consulate General of France in Chicago as part of the Chicago Park District’s Movies in the Parks. There is music and song in the air this summer through a selection of five classic and contemporary French movies presented in various parks and neighborhoods, with a concert or DJ set prior to each screening. Movies in the Parks is presented by Bank of America. Films on the Lake is made possible thanks to the generous support of our official sponsors Kids Trail, TV5MONDE, and Blue Foundation with additional support from local community partners.

Jennifer Lopez: All I Have

After dazzling the Las Vegas Strip night after night since Jan. 2016, global superstar Jennifer Lopez has announced final shows of her critically-acclaimed headlining residency, “JENNIFER LOPEZ: ALL I HAVE.”

As one of the hottest residencies on the Strip, “JENNIFER LOPEZ: ALL I HAVE” has all the glitz and glamour of a Las Vegas production with none other than real-life showgirl Jennifer Lopez at the forefront. With seven total costume changes, the production includes Jennifer descending a Swarovski crystal staircase, catching the 6 Train and paying homage to her Latin roots all while singing and dancing for over 90 minutes. Every performance has audiences on their feet dancing as Jennifer performs her impressive catalog of hits. The record-setting residency has earned over \$60 million in ticket revenue and has been seen by over 300,000 guests.

Jennifer Lopez has performed to sold-out crowds of adoring fans and some of Hollywood’s biggest celebrity names since the show’s premiere.

Produced by Jennifer Lopez and Benny Medina and directed by Nappytabs, the husband and wife team of Napoleon and Tabitha Dumo, the spectacular show features Lopez’s hit songs including “On The Floor,” “Jenny From The Block,” “Get Right” and “Love Don’t Cost A Thing.”



Recently named “Best Production Show” by the Las Vegas Review-Journal in 2016, “JENNIFER LOPEZ: ALL I HAVE” is a truly unique production supported by a five-piece live band and 14 dancers, showcasing extravagant costumes and state-of-the-art technology in sets, lighting, video and special effects, the audience experiences Lopez up close and personal, yet larger than life.

Seamlessly interweaving different parts of the life of Jennifer Lopez – the Actress, the Dancer, the Pop Star – Lopez’s Las Vegas show truly portrays who she is, where she’s been and where she’s going.

Final shows on sale now through September 29, 2018! Source: Planet Hollywood

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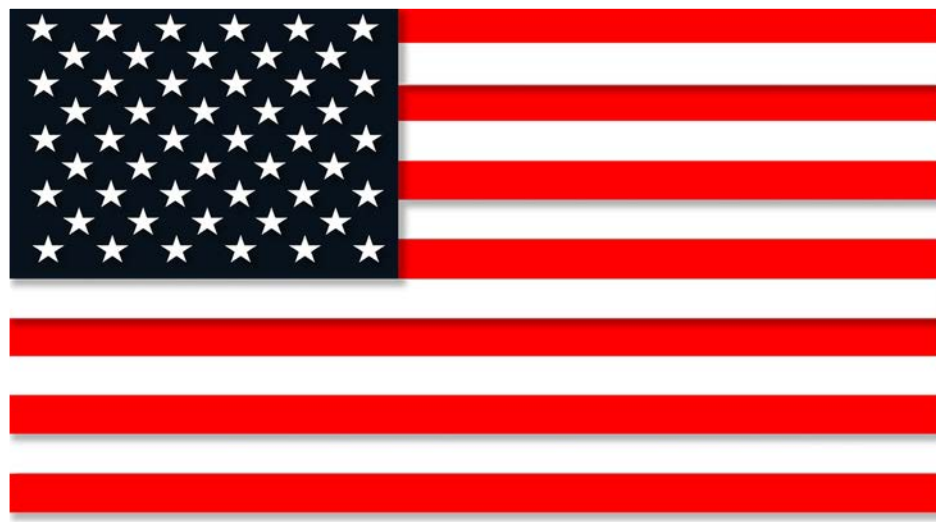


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