

USCIS announces final rule enforcing public charge inadmissibility law

New Regional Counterterrorism Training Tenter to boost US-PHL regional cooperation



Previous Deputy Chief of Mission John Law signs a Memorandum of Understanding with PNP Chief Oscar Albayalde to establish a new Regional Counterterrorism Training Center in the Philippines.

MANILA — As part of our deepening bilateral counterterrorism partnership, the U.S. and Philippine governments have agreed to establish a new state of the art Regional Counterterrorism Training Center in the Philippines. Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief Police General Oscar D. Albayalde and Deputy Chief of Mission John C. Law on August 15 signed a Memorandum of Understanding to construct and operate the center on the grounds of the PNP Academy in Silang, Cavite. The U.S. Department of State has secured Php 520 million (\$10 million) in counterterrorism partnership funds to establish and jointly operate the center with the PNP. The center will provide counterterrorism training for law enforcement units and personnel from the Philippines and regional partner nations. The establishment of this center reflects the U.S.' enduring commitment to support Philippine counterterrorism efforts to address threats to peace and security in the region.

MASSIVE INTERNATIONAL FRAUD AND MONEY LAUNDERING CONSPIRACY DETAILED IN FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENT VS. 80 DEFENDANTS

LOS ANGELES — A 252-count federal grand jury indictment unsealed today charges 80 defendants, most of whom are Nigerian nationals, with participating in a massive conspiracy to steal millions of dollars through a variety of fraud schemes and launder the funds through a Los Angeles-based money laundering network. The indictment alleges that the 80 defendants and others used various online fraud schemes — including business email compromise (BEC) frauds, romance scams, and schemes targeting the elderly — to defraud victims out of millions of dollars. According to an unsealed criminal complaint, co-conspirators based in Nigeria, the United States and other countries contacted the lead defendants in the indictment — Valentine Iro, 31, of Carson, and Chukwudi Christogunus Igbokwe, 38, of Gardena, both Nigerian citizens — for bank and money-service accounts that could receive funds fraudulently obtained from victims. Once members of the conspiracy convinced victims to send money under false pretenses, Iro and Igbokwe coordinated the receipt of funds and oversaw an extensive money-laundering network according to the indictment.

FTC sending refunds to victims of tech support scam

The Federal Trade Commission is sending refund checks and PayPal payments totaling more than \$802,000 to 12,140 consumers as part of a settlement with the operators of a St. Louis-based scam that tricked consumers into buying unnecessary technical support services. Eligible consumers paid for tech support products and services from Global Access Technical Support, which also used the names Global sMind, Global S Connect, Yubdata Tech, and Technolive. The FTC alleged the defendants worked with affiliate marketers to place pop-up ads that falsely claimed the consumer's computer was infected with viruses or malware. Consumers who receive a check from the FTC should deposit or cash the checks within 60 days, as indicated on the check.

Labor Day: September 2, 2019

From the U.S. Department of Labor, History of Labor Day:

// Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

"The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887 four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories."

Regulation promotes self-sufficiency and immigrant success

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced a final rule that clearly defines long-standing law to better ensure that aliens seeking to enter and remain in the United States — either temporarily or permanently — are self-sufficient and rely on their own capabilities and the resources of family members, sponsors, and private organizations rather than on public resources.

This final rule amends DHS regulations by prescribing how DHS will determine whether an alien is inadmissible to the United States based on his or her likelihood of becoming a public charge at any time in the future, as set forth in the Immigration and Nationality Act. The final rule addresses U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) authority to permit an alien to submit a public charge bond in the context of adjustment of status applications. The rule also makes nonimmigrant aliens who

have received certain public benefits above a specific threshold generally ineligible for extension of stay and change of status.

DHS has revised the definition of "public charge" to incorporate consideration of more kinds of public benefits received, which the Department believes will better ensure that applicants subject to the public charge inadmissibility ground are self-sufficient.

The rule defines the term "public charge" to mean an individual who receives one or more designated public benefits for more than 12 months, in the aggregate, within any 36-month period (such that, for instance, receipt of two benefits in one month counts as two months). The rule further defines the term "public benefit" to include any cash benefits for income maintenance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), most forms of Medicaid, and

certain housing programs.

The regulation also excludes from the public benefits definition: public benefits received by individuals who are serving in active duty or in the Ready Reserve component of the U.S. armed forces, and their spouses and children; public benefits received by certain international adoptees and children acquiring U.S. citizenship; Medicaid for aliens under 21 and pregnant women; Medicaid for school-based services (including services provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act); and Medicaid benefits for emergency medical services. This rule also makes certain nonimmigrant aliens in the United States who have received designated public benefits above the designated threshold ineligible for change of status and extension of stay if they received the benefits after obtaining the nonimmigrant status they seek to extend or from which they seek to change. — USCIS

HHS awards \$107 million to support health center quality improvement

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced nearly \$107 million in Quality Improvement Awards to 1,273 health centers across nearly all U.S. states, territories and the District of Columbia. Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), health centers will use these awards to improve the quality, efficiency, and value of the health care they provide.

By providing patients access to high quality, value-based care, health centers are uniquely positioned to meet the nation's most pressing health care needs. HRSA-funded health centers are the first line of care in combatting the nation's opioid crisis. In 2018, health centers screened nearly 1.1 million people for substance use disorder and ultimately provided medication-assisted treatment to nearly 95,000 patients nationwide.

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Illegal alien with active warrant arrested smuggling over 820 pounds of marijuana

TUCSON, Ariz. — U.S. Border Patrol agents seized over 820 pounds of marijuana and arrested 11 illegal aliens in a remote, mountainous canyon southeast of Arivaca recently.

Tucson Sector Border Patrol agents were alerted to a group wearing camouflage and carrying bundles of marijuana in the mountains west of Nogales. Assisted by an Air and Marine Operations helicopter, Tucson Sector Border Patrol agents located and arrested 11 men. Agents discovered 36 bundles of marijuana hidden nearby, weighing approximately 820 pounds.

The Honduran, Guatemalan, and Mexican nationals, ranging in age from 15 to 38 years old, are facing federal immigration and drug smuggling charges.

Records checks revealed that a 25-year-old Guatemalan in the group, Mario Felipe-Perez, has an active warrant in Marion County, Oregon, for burglary, domestic violence assault, and contempt of court. The warrant issuing agency was notified Perez was in federal custody, and he is awaiting extradition to Marion County.



Eleven foreign nationals were found carrying backpacks loaded with marijuana.

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Sixth-generation Dutch seedsman wins World Food Prize



*Simon N. Groot speaking before
Class of 2019 at UP-Los Banos.*

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Simon – N. Groot



Simon N. Groot of the Netherlands has been named the 2019 World Food Prize Laureate for his transformative role in empowering millions of smallholder farmers in more than 60 countries to earn greater incomes through enhanced vegetable production, benefitting hundreds of millions of consumers with greater access to nutritious vegetables for healthy diets.

The announcement was made during a ceremony in the US Department of State hosted and presided over by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Acting Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Manisha Singh gave remarks, and Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn, president of the World Food Prize Foundation, made Mr. Groot's award public.

"Like Dr. Norman Borlaug before him, Simon N. Groot has dedicated his life to improving the livelihoods of millions around the world," said Ambassador Quinn. "With his partner in the Philippines, he began developing vegetable varieties with enhanced disease resistance and significantly higher yields. As the use of his seeds spread throughout the Philippines and to Thailand, Indonesia and across Southeast Asia, farmers' daily lives were uplifted and consumers benefited from greater access to nutritious vegetables. Mr. Groot in effect developed a stunningly impactful global network of seed producers who are transforming the lives of 20 million farmers every year. For this extraordinary accomplishment, he truly deserves to be named

the 2019 World Food Prize Laureate.”

Unparalleled achievements

Awarded by the World Food Prize Foundation, this \$250,000 prize honors Mr. Groot's unparalleled achievements as the founder and leader of East-West Seed. His initiative over the past four decades has developed a dynamic, smallholder-centric tropical vegetable seed industry, starting in Southeast Asia and spreading through Asia, Africa and Latin America. Today East-West Seed serves over 20 million smallholder farmers in more than 60 tropical countries. Mr. Groot has led the transition of millions of subsistence farmers, many of them women, to horticulture entrepreneurs, thereby greatly enhancing their livelihoods and income. *(Embassy of Holland)*

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AWEE ABAYARI: *Knowing Mueller as the former FBI Director who has testified many times in the past, what can you say about his recent appearance and his testimony before the House Judiciary and Intelligence Committees?*

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr.: Honestly, I was disappointed because I have vivid memories of the former FBI Director from when he visited the Newark Division of the FBI soon after the tragic events of September 11, 2001. He had a strong command presence back in the day, and I fully expected him to display the same swagger when he faced the politicians on Capitol Hill. Director Mueller commanded with authority and was well respected within the organization back when I was just five years into my career with the FBI. The reality of how he fairly recently projected himself during the committee hearings hit me like a ton of bricks, as I watched a much older man, who seemed to have lost that sense of “command presence” he once touted in the past. It is inevitable we are all going to grow old as the years pass. Director Mueller reached the pinnacle of his career when I met him and I consider myself fortunate to have witnessed such a strong leader. He once led the premier law enforcement organization of the world into the fires of 9/11, and tempered the foundation of a national agency to adapt to the modern threats of international terrorism.

AWEE ABAYARI: Was he clear on stating that he did not exonerate President Donald Trump on the question of obstruction of justice and that Russia interfered in the 2016 election thinking it would benefit from a Trump win? Why?

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr.: The former Director of the FBI answered questions by staying within parameters as outlined by the United States Attorney General (USAG). The FBI is renowned for the way it methodically gathers information during the course of an investigation and then painstakingly generates reports based on facts. The reality of the situation is that former Director Mueller was not at liberty to “interpret” facts based on gathered evidence. I realize the American public expected stronger statements as to whether or not President Trump was guilty of allegations you mentioned as they relate to the 2016 election. Nonetheless, former Director Mueller was not in a position to provide such opinions and was further directed by the USAG to remain within the guidelines of his investigative position. I have served a combined total of almost 30 years in federal government service and one skill I have mastered is to “never say anything that will later bite you in the ass.” His words were truthful and chosen wisely, but not decisive in rendering a verdict because that was not his purpose.

AWEE ABAYARI: You have worked with former FBI Director Mueller, why do you think he sometimes struggled to hear the questions from the lawmakers? There were moments when he could not even recall or remember some aspects of the investigation. Was this surprising? Or was it intentional?

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr.: It's very difficult to answer questions knowing that political bombshells can be unleashed based on your words, while everyone is waiting for you to trip and fall. I'm sure former Director Mueller was balancing facts in his mind, and was foreshadowing how his answers may be interpreted, while still striving to answer the merits of pointed questions as best he could. Additionally, former Director Mueller is a detailed man and I am sure he wanted to get the facts straight in his head before he engaged his mouth. Unfortunately, his acquired skills were honed throughout a lifetime of dedication and yet subject to fade as the twilight years approach. I've witnessed similar conditions (better or worse) in other individuals, and we should be cognizant of the possibility of such degradations in our own abilities. I am far from diagnosing and providing a professional geriatric medical opinion re: former Director Mueller, but the performance in his ability

to quickly process and present information seemed out of par for the man I remember.

AWEE ABAYARI: In his first public statement in May, Mueller said he would not provide new information to Congress if he was called to testify and he followed that strategy. Do you think that was the best thing to do and why?

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr.: He "stuck to his guns" because that was his only course of action. The former Director of the FBI knows the political game and more importantly, stayed within his legal lane. The document he generated was based on facts and expectedly subject to interpretation by legal authorities and political party leaders. He was not going to be used as a political mouthpiece to be wielded one way or the other to apply pressure on the Presidency of the United States.

AWEE ABAYARI: Mueller declined to answer some questions because he said they related to ongoing investigations and in other cases, he cited classified information. Were you surprised that he also did not answer any questions about the so-called Steele dossier?

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr.: It's fair to accept former Director Mueller's inability and unwillingness to address questions tied to ongoing investigative cases and/or classified information. The release of such information may rapidly jeopardize ongoing investigative and intelligence efforts by multiple government agencies. The revelation of seemingly simple facts may potentially jeopardize sources, methods and techniques involved in other multiple domestic and international cases. The Steele dossier is a simple matter in that former Director Mueller did not wish to lend credence to so called "private intelligence." The dossier was largely made up of non-vetted information disseminated outside of the intelligence community. Christopher Steele's title as a former head of the Russia Desk for British Intelligence may indeed lend credibility as to the source of the Steele dossier. Nonetheless, his character to willingly release supposedly "sensitive classified information" quickly diminishes the value of his information. I would not expect obviously selfish behavior from an individual who was sworn to protect such a cache of alleged intelligence. Christopher Steele rather used it as an opportunity for his own gain and fortune. Additionally, answering such questions would only contribute to confirming or denying Christopher Steele's alleged information, and increase value to the unsubstantiated dossier much to the satisfaction of conspiracy theorists.

AWEE ABAYARI: Since Mueller hardly offered any new information, was it a mistake to have called him to testify? Or do you think it encouraged the Democrats to pursue impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump? Will it succeed?

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr.: I would not call it a mistake, rather than a waste of time. He knew what was expected of him from the start of the inquiry, and what he was supposed to produce in the course of the investigation. In fact, everyone in the Justice Department who participated in the investigation realized what was expected and they succeeded in fulfilling the needs of the American people. The obvious intent to use former Director Mueller as a pawn, and demonstrated political efforts to extract an "opinion" from the former head of the FBI failed miserably. I'm sure Democrats involved within the party will not feign from their efforts, and will look for other venues in their attempts to impeach President Trump. In my humble opinion, they have played their hand by attempting to manipulate the investigative outcome generated by former Director Mueller. Nonetheless, the Democrats will continue to shuffle the deck looking for something else to discredit President Trump in efforts to support impeachment proceedings in the future. Unless of course, President Trump is successful in winning a second term and the convoluted process can start all over again during his next four years as President of the United States.

(To Be Continued)

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Fil-Am kids in Metro DC learn more about PH culture, language thru "Silid Aralan sa Embahada 2019"

WASHINGTON, D.C. – After three consecutive Saturday classes this month, the Philippine Embassy and the United Federation of Fil-Am Educators DC and Maryland chapters held the commencement program of "Silid Aralan sa Embahada 2019" at the Philippine Chancery Annex Building on 19 August 2019.

UNIFFIED MD President Malou Cadacio delivered the opening remarks and introduced the guest speaker, Philippine Ambassador to the United States Jose Manuel G. Romualdez.

The Ambassador, in his remarks, reiterated the importance of education and of inculcating to the young Fil-Am kids their Filipino values, language, and heritage.

August is also celebrated in the Philippines as *Buwan ng Wika* (Language month).



Ambassador Jose Manuel G. Romualdez with the teachers and volunteers of United Federation of Fil-Am Educators (UNIFFIED) DC and Maryland Chapters and the students of "Silid Aralan sa Embahada" batch 2019 during the commencement ceremony held at the Philippine Chancery Annex on 19 August 2019.

Meet the 8 Space Camp Winners

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of NASA's Apollo 11, the first manned mission to land on the Moon, the U.S. Embassy in Madrid sought out eight Spanish students passionate about STEM subjects and space exploration to attend the NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama.

This one-week camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center provides students the opportunity to learn about space and flight history, to complete simulated space missions, and understand the skillset of a NASA astronaut.

More than 800 students applied for this once-in-a-lifetime experience by creating a one-minute YouTube video and an essay in English on the importance of the Apollo 11 mission and space exploration. On August 2, the eight winners traveled from their homes in Vera (Almería), Ripoll (Girona), Madrid, Pinto (Madrid), Betera (Valencia), Burgos, Puerto del Rosario (Fuerteventura), and Santpedor (Barcelona) to the U.S. Embassy in Madrid for a pre-departure briefing. To mark the occasion, the Embassy team



created a highlight video of the eight winners' application videos. The students arrived safely in the United States on August 3 and started Space Camp, along with students from the United States and 150 countries, on August 5. - (U.S. Embassy in Spain)

WHO Director-General underscores commitment to strengthening health in Pacific Islands

World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has completed a two-week mission to Pacific Island countries and reiterated WHO's unflagging commitment to supporting their efforts to advance health and well being.

At the opening session of the Pacific Health Ministers' Meeting, Dr Tedros told Pacific Island Leaders that "WHO is committed to you and the people of the Pacific," adding that, "in the Sustainable Development Goals we have committed to leave no one behind. That is a promise that I take very seriously."

He noted the importance of ensuring that the voices of the Pacific are heard on the global stage, including at the UN General Assembly high-level meetings on universal health coverage and the Climate Action Summit next month. Pressing issues include: strengthening primary health care; develop the health workforce; prevent and treat noncommunicable diseases; improving health security; and, tackling the health impacts of climate change. (WHO)

UK and Norway reinforce North Atlantic security

The United Kingdom and Norway reinforced their commitment to joint anti-submarine operations in the North Atlantic at RAF Lossiemouth on August 15, where Defence Minister Anne-Marie Trevelyan hosted Norwegian State Secretary Tone Skogen to discuss NATO and the UK's role in the North Atlantic.

The UK is investing £3 billion in nine new Boeing Poseidon P-8A maritime patrol aircraft, with Norway committing to a further five. The aircraft are sophisticated submarine-hunters designed to scout complex undersea threats. The aircraft will work together, and with NATO allies, to combat a range of intensifying threats in the North Atlantic, including increased hostile submarine activity.



Defence Minister Anne-Marie Trevelyan and Norwegian State Secretary Tone Skogen (Photo: UK MOD)

Canadian govt invests to create economic roadmap for the community

Township of Ignace, ON - Families and businesses in the Township of Ignace will benefit from future job creation, long-term growth and a strong economic outlook, thanks to a Government of Canada investment of \$94,500. This FedNor (Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario) funding will enable the community to develop a long-term investment and capacity-building master plan.

The Honourable Bob Nault, Member of Parliament for Kenora, made the announcement on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, and Minister responsible for FedNor.

Specifically, FedNor funding will support the three key components of the master plan, which include developing and implementing economic development and tourism strategies, as well as completing a community capacity study.

The initiative will provide the township with the planning tools and tactics needed to attract private sector investments and businesses to the area, while creating jobs, enhancing tourism and maximizing social, economic and growth opportunities in the community. - FedNor

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Statement of China's Foreign Minister regarding the situation in Hong Kong

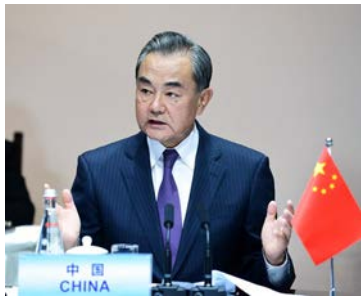
Wang Yi: "All parties should take an objective and fair stance on the situation in Hong Kong"

During the ninth Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting among China, the Republic of Korea (ROK) and Japan, Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha of the ROK and Foreign Minister Taro Kono of Japan respectively asked State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi about the current situation in Hong Kong, and expressed their concerns on the safety of the ROK and Japanese enterprises and nationals in Hong Kong.

Wang Yi briefed on the evolution of the current situation in Hong Kong and the essence of foreign interference.

Wang Yi noted, "A small number of violent radicals have broken through the legal bottom line by vandalizing the Legislative Council and injuring the police, trampled on the bottom line of morality by blocking and beating innocent people and restricting the personal freedom of mainland reporters and passengers. They challenged the bottom line of the 'one country, two systems' principle by swaggering through the street with foreign national flags and defacing the Chinese national flag and emblem. No responsible government or rule-of-law society will tolerate these acts."

Wang Yi stressed, "Hong Kong affairs are China's internal affairs and brook no foreign interference. The central government



FOREIGN MINISTER WANG YI

of China firmly supports the government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in administering the HKSAR in accordance with the law, supports the Hong Kong police in strictly enforcing the law and supports the HKSAR judiciary in punishing violent criminals in accordance with the law. The central government will continue to earnestly implement the 'one country, two systems' policy and safeguard the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong."

Wang Yi expressed, "We understand some countries' concerns over the safety of their companies and nationals in Hong Kong due to the extreme violent behaviors. We are confident that the HKSAR government will act to protect their legitimate rights and interests in accordance with the law. All parties should understand and support the HKSAR government in stopping violence and ending chaos, and take an objective and fair stance on this issue." - *Embassy of the People's Republic of China*

EU and IOM support gives hope to vulnerable migrants

The EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration has proven fundamental to provide Sudanese migrant returnees with access to health insurance, to give shelter to elderly migrant returnees in Ad-

dis Ababa as well as to help victims of trafficking. EU High Representative Federica Mogherini stressed the EU's "valuable partnership" with the IOM and other UN agencies during her visit to Niger in July.

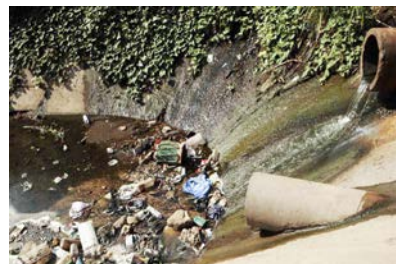
Since the start of the Joint Initiative, over 72,700 vulnerable migrants have been provided with post-arrival reception and reintegration assistance. Thanks to last month's agreement signed between Sudan's National Health Insurance Fund and the EU-IOM Joint Initiative, Sudanese returnees will soon have access to healthcare. Before the agreement was signed, the EU and IOM have been funding

medical screenings and covering medical fees. A systematic access however to primary healthcare has not been possible.

Said El Moghira Al Amin, the head of the NHIF's Directorate of Population Coverage, welcomed the initiative, saying: "NHIF considers this a giant leap towards covering all migrants under its umbrella as well as achieving universal health coverage (UHC) in Sudan."

This collaboration marks a very important step as next to unemployment and access to housing, lack of access to healthcare is among the main issues migrants face who voluntarily return to Sudan.

'INVISIBLE CRISIS OF WATER QUALITY' THREATENS HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING: WORLD BANK REPORT



Deteriorating water quality worldwide is slashing the economic potential of heavily polluted areas, according to a new World Bank report, released recently.

It also warns that the "invisible crisis of water quality" is threatening human and environmental well-being.

In some regions, rivers and lakes are so polluted that they are literally catching fire. Prime examples include the Bellandur Lake in Bangalore, India, which has carried ash onto buildings up to six miles away.

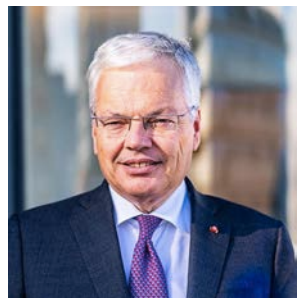
Many other bodies of water, however, are polluting less dramatically, but just as dangerously, with a toxic cocktail of bacteria, sewage, chemicals and plastics, sucking oxygen out of water supplies, and in effect, poisoning them.

Didier Reynders regrets demise of the INF Treaty, milestone of nuclear disarmament and Euro-Atlantic security

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Didier Reynders regrets the demise of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. The signature of the INF in 1987 was a milestone in nuclear disarmament. For more than thirty years, this treaty contributed to Euro-Atlantic security through the verifiable destruction of nearly 3,000 conventional and nuclear missiles.

Unfortunately, Russia did not respond to the repeated international calls to resume the execution of its obligations under the treaty. This is what eventually led to the dissolution of the treaty.

As a NATO member, Belgium emphasizes the great importance of nuclear arms control and disarmament as essential elements to our international security. Indeed, no one's interests are served by a new arms race. This is why Minister Reynders believes it is crucial the US and Russia conduct a constructive dialogue and agree on stabilising measures. Didier Reynders urges both countries to take initiatives toward the reduction of their nuclear arsenals, irrespective of the weapons system type. As to deployed strategic nuclear weapons, it is important to extend the New START Treaty beyond its current expiry date of 2021. The US and Russia must engage in an active dialogue on this issue.



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DOT rallies support for UNWTO hosting bid

Filipino hospitality like no other took center stage as the Philippine Department of Tourism (DOT) hosted lunch in honor of the Diplomatic Corps, representing member STATES of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) at the historic Marble Hall, Ayuntamiento de Manila, Intramuros.

Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat, in her keynote speech, enjoined Foreign Missions present to support the Philippines' sustainable tourism development program by hosting the 24th Session of the UNWTO General Assembly in 2021.

"Taking the lead at the UNWTO General Assembly is consistent with the Department of Tourism's advocacy to promote awareness for responsible travel and tourism that is meaningful not only for the traveler but more so for the communities whose quality of life is uplifted by tourism. The Philippines wants to hold itself accountable and committed to building a tourism sector that takes full account of its current and future economic, social and environmental impact,"



said Secretary Puyat during her speech.

The country's bid is timed with the celebration of the quinquennial anniversary of the world's first circumnavigation in 1521 which was completed when Ferdinand Magellan's Spanish expedition arrived in Cebu.

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Hispanic Heritage Month 2019

In September 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week to recognize the rich culture and contributions of Americans who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean. Just two decades later, lawmakers expanded the observance to a monthlong celebration, stretching from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

The timing is key. Hispanic Heritage Month – like its shorter precursor – always starts on Sept. 15, a historically significant day that marks the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

gua. The designated period is also a nod to those from Mexico and Chile, which celebrate their independence on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

The following facts are available thanks to the public's invaluable cooperation and participation in U.S. Census Bureau surveys. We appreciate the information shared by each respondent as we continuously count and measure America's people, places and economy.

Did You Know?
59.9 million The Hispanic population of the United States as of July 1, 2018, making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic or racial minority. Hispanics constituted 18.3% of the nation's total population. Source:

Vintage 2018 Population Estimates
10 The number of states with a population of 1 million or more Hispanic residents in 2018 — Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York and Texas. Source: Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

34,395 The increase from 2017 to 2018 in the number of Hispanics in Maricopa, Arizona, the biggest jump in this population during this period. Source: Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

29.5 years of age The median age of the Hispanic (any race) population, an increase of 0.3 years since 2017. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau)

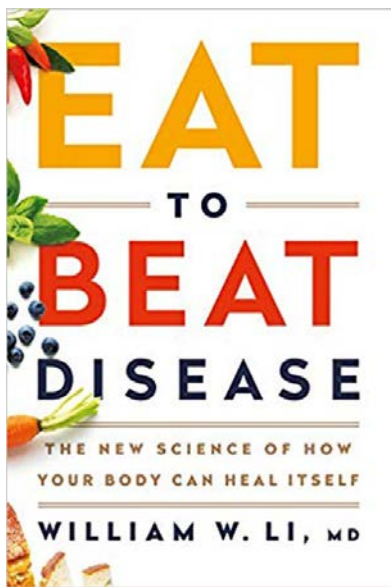
EARTH TEAM VOLUNTEERS



Since 1985, Earth Team volunteers have provided a valued source of talent and enthusiasm to the USDA/NRCS. Every day, these dedicated volunteers work with conservation professionals on private lands to improve soil quality, conserve water, improve air quality and enhance wildlife habitat.

Available to anyone 14 and older, the Earth Team provides a variety of opportunities: full- or part-time; outdoor or indoor activities; and as an individual or part of a group. There is something for everyone. (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service)

Book Worth Reading



Eat to Beat Disease: The New Science of How Your Body Can Heal Itself

By WILLIAM W LI
Discover the new science of how eating can enable your body to heal itself from cancer, dementia, and dozens of avoidable diseases. Eat your way to better health with this New York Times bestseller.

We have long underestimated our body's power to transform and restore our health. Pioneering physician scientist, Dr. William Li, empowers readers by showing them the evidence behind over 200 health-boosting foods that can starve cancer, reduce your risk of dementia, and beat dozens of avoidable diseases. This book isn't about what foods to avoid, but rather is a life-changing guide detailing the

hundreds of healing foods you can add to your meals that support the body's defense systems. With Dr. Li's plan, the foods you already love can be optimized to activate your body's five natural health defense systems—Angiogenesis, Regeneration, Microbiome, DNA Protection, and Immunity—to fight cancer; diabetes; cardiovascular, neurodegenerative, and autoimmune diseases; and other debilitating conditions. Both informative and practical, Eat to Beat Disease explains the science of healing and prevention, strategies for using food to actively boost health, and points the study of well-being and disease recovery in an exhilarating new direction.



ON THE ROAD TO TOKYO

STAR ARCHER CHANG AND THE TEAM GOING FOR NINE SUCCESSIVE GOLDS



As two-time Olympic archery gold medalist Chang Hye-jin (Kor) aims to make history at Tokyo 2020, her biggest challenge could be getting through the Republic of Korea's tough national team selections. The Republic of Korea women's archery team is going for a ninth consecutive Olympic title at Tokyo 2020, and two-time champion Chang Hye-jin is aiming to play a key part in that push for glory. But first Chang, who won gold in the women's individual and team events at Rio 2016, must successfully navigate Korean archery's notoriously tough national selection process.

SWEDEN'S SARAH SJÖSTRÖM ON THE ROAD TO TOKYO 2020



At the Olympic Games Rio 2016, Sarah Sjöström became the first Swedish woman to win an Olympic gold medal in swimming when she set a new world record in the 100m butterfly, with a time of 55.48 Seconds. Will she be able to maintain her reign in the lead-up to Tokyo 2020? This question was answered after the 2019 world championships in Gwangju, where the 25-year-old returned to the podium for the 200m freestyle behind Francesca Pellegrini and Ariarne Titmus, and finishing third in the 100m freestyle. It wasn't until the 50m butterfly that she finally took the gold medal. It was her eighth World Championship win, but in a non-Olympic distance. On the final day, Sjöström finished the competition with a silver medal in the 50m freestyle.

CHINESE DIVERS SOAR EN ROUTE TO TOKYO



At the 2019 world championships in Gwangju, which were also the qualifiers for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, China overwhelmingly dominated the diving events, taking home 12 gold medals out of 13. It completed its plunder with nine silver medals and one bronze. Australia won the 3m mixed duo event, taking advantage of the last-minute forfeit by China's Yang Hao, who preferred to focus on the 10m final scheduled for the same day. China has never dominated the World Diving Championships to such an extent. Its medal haul highlights the country's wealth of talent, especially the immense ability of its individual divers.



Piano Magic With Gale

Half of the most-sought after Ultimate Musical Duo Gale Stoddard is presenting her one of a kind "PIANO MAGIC WITH GALE" show after the passing of her talented musical partner singer recording artist, Roland Valentino, Spring 2019. The unique show highlights her pianistic virtuosity as a Philippine child prodigy at 3 ,Pianist of the year at 13, TV pianist at 15 and at 25, Entertainer of the year in this fast-paced show of piano classics and popular songs ala Eddie Duchin. A nightclub veteran (piano bar artist for 30 years) she was dubbed the most successful female piano bar artist and the most accomplished pianist/ musical entertainer by music critics. Her 5,000 song repertoire keeps residents spellbound with her ever-constant smile and sparkling personality. Her instant audience rapport, friendly persona and versatility on the piano never cease to amaze the thousands of Southland Retirement Communities residents in her over 200 shows all year. Her personal thank you to each resident after a show is her signature act of gratitude. She is the favorite entertainer in most of the Southland's retirement communities. She credits her success to God and the music radiating from her magical fingers is a gift from above.

**Please Contact Gale @ 714-523-4545
or galestoddard@aol.com**



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How to about rental listing scams

Moving to a new city? Planning a vacation? As you consider issues like size, cost, and location of the rental, also consider this: that rental listing could be a scam. Scammers often advertise rentals that don't exist or aren't available to trick people into sending money before they find out the truth.

How Rental Scams Work. Scammers know that finding the right apartment or vacation rental can be hard work, and a seemingly good deal is hard to pass up. They've been known to game some vacation rental websites and bulletin boards. The take-away: when you're looking for a rental, it's caveat renter — renter beware.

Hijacked Ads. Some scammers hijack a real rental or real estate listing by changing the email address or other contact information, and placing the modified ad on another site. The altered ad may even use the name of the person who posted the original ad. In other cases, scammers have hijacked the email accounts of property owners on reputable vacation rental websites.

Phantom Rentals. Other rip-off artists make up listings for places that aren't for rent or don't exist, and try to lure you in with the promise of low rent, or great amenities. Their goal is to get your money before you find out.

Signs of a Scam. Being savvy when you're in search of a rental is well worth the effort. Here are some signs you may be dealing with a scam:

- *They tell you to wire money.* This is the surest sign of a scam. There's never a good reason to wire money to pay a security deposit, application fee, first month's rent, or vacation rental fee. That's true even if they send you a contract first. Wiring money is the same as sending cash — once you send it, you have no way to get it back.
- *They want a security deposit or first month's rent before you've*



met or signed a lease. It's never a good idea to send money to someone you've never met in person for an apartment you haven't seen. If you can't visit an apartment or house yourself, ask someone you trust to go and confirm that it's for rent, and that it is what was advertised. In addition to setting up a meeting, do a search on the owner and listing. If you find the same ad listed under a different name, that's a clue it may be a scam.

• *They say they're out of the country.* But they have a plan to get the keys into your hands. It might involve a lawyer or an "agent" working on their behalf. Some scammers even create fake keys. Don't send money to them overseas. Paying with a credit card or through a reputable vacation rental website with its own payment system are your safest bets.

How to Report Scams. If you find yourself the target of a rental scam, report it to your local law enforcement agency and to the FTC. Contact the website where the ad was posted, too.

Credit, debit, and charge cards

Credit, charge, or debit? Each lets you pay for products and services. Each also has unique characteristics. And if you're shopping for a credit card, it's important to compare fees, interest rates, finance charges, and benefits.

Plastic 101

Credit card — You can use a credit card to buy things and pay for them over time. Buying with credit is a loan — you have to pay the money back. Some issuers charge an annual fee for their cards. Some credit card issuers also provide "courtesy" checks to their customers. You can use these checks in place of your card, but they're not a gift — they're also a loan that you must pay back. If you don't pay your bill on time, you will owe a finance charge, which depends in part on your outstanding balance and the annual percentage rate (APR).
Charge card — If you use a charge card, you must pay the balance in full each time you get your statement.

Debit card — This card allows you to make purchases in real-time by accessing the money in your checking or savings account electronically.

The Fine Print

When you're trying to find the credit card that's right for you, look at the:

Annual percentage rate (APR) — The APR is a measure of the cost of credit, expressed as a yearly interest rate. It must be disclosed before your account can be activated, and it must appear on your account statements. The card issuer also must disclose the "periodic rate" — the rate applied to your outstanding balance to figure the finance charge for each billing period.

Grace period — The grace period is the number of days you have to pay your bill in full without triggering a finance charge. For



example, the credit card company may say that you have 25 days from the statement date, provided you paid your previous balance in full by the due date. The statement date is on the bill.

The grace period usually applies only to new purchases. Most credit cards do not give a grace period for cash advances and balance transfers.

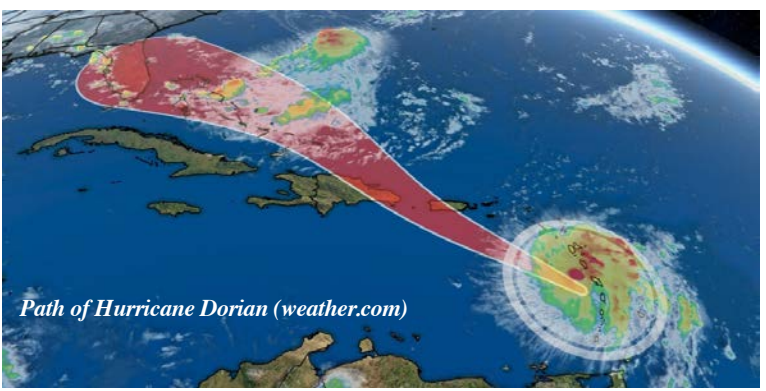
Annual fees — Many issuers charge annual membership or participation fees. Some card issuers assess the fee in monthly installments.

Transaction fees and other charges — Some issuers charge a fee if you use the card to get a cash advance, make a late payment, or exceed your credit limit. Some charge a monthly fee if you use the card — or if you don't.

Customer service — Customer service is something most people don't consider, or appreciate, until there's a problem. Look for a 24-hour toll-free telephone number.

Unauthorized charges — If your card is used without your permission, you can be held responsible for up to \$50 per card. If you report the loss before the card is used, you can't be held responsible for any unauthorized charges. To minimize your liability, report the loss as soon as possible. Keep a record — in a safe place separate from your cards — of your account numbers, expiration dates, and the telephone numbers of each card issuer so you can report a loss quickly. - *FTC*

As Hurricane Dorian gains strength, IRS encourages preparation for natural disasters



Path of Hurricane Dorian (weather.com)

WASHINGTON — As Dorian threatens and with the peak of hurricane season just ahead, the Internal Revenue Service reminds everyone to develop an emergency preparedness plan. Taxpayers, whether individuals, organizations or businesses, should take time now to create or update their emergency plans.

Taxpayers can begin getting ready for a disaster with a preparedness plan that includes securing and duplicating essential documents, creating lists of property and knowing where to find information once a disaster has occurred.

Secure key documents and make copies. Taxpayers should place original documents such as tax returns, birth certificates, deeds, titles and insurance policies inside waterproof containers in a secure space. Duplicates of these documents should be kept with a trusted person outside the area a natural disaster may affect. Scanning them for backup storage on electronic media

such as a flash drive is another option.

Document valuables and equipment. Taking photographs or videos of a home or business's contents can help support claims for insurance or tax benefits after a disaster strikes. All property, especially expensive and high value items, should be recorded.

Employers should check fiduciary bonds. Employers who use payroll service providers should ask the provider if it has a fiduciary bond in place. The bond could protect the employer in the event of default by the payroll service provider.

Rebuilding documents. Reconstructing records after a disaster may be required for tax purposes, getting federal assistance or insurance reimbursement.

IRS stands ready. In the case of a federally-declared disaster, taxpayers can visit the IRS webpage for information or call 866-562-5227 to speak with an IRS specialist trained to handle disaster-related issues.

MOST TELEMARKETER TO PAY HIGHER FEES TO ACCESS THE FTC'S NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTRY FY 2020

The Federal Trade Commission has announced FY 2020 fees for telemarketers accessing phone numbers on the National Do Not Call (DNC) Registry. Most of the annual fees will increase slightly from FY 2019, and are set forth in a Federal Register notice.

All telemarketers calling consumers in the United States are required to download the numbers on the National DNC Registry to ensure they do not call consumers who have registered their phone numbers. The first five area codes are free to download, and organizations that are exempt, such as some charitable organizations, may obtain the entire list for free. Telemarketers must subscribe each year for access to the Registry numbers.

Most FY 2020 Registry access fees will increase slightly based on the re-evaluation required by the Do Not Call Registry Fee Extension Act of 2007. Under the Act's provisions, in FY 2020 telemarketers will now pay \$65 for yearly access to Registry phone numbers in a single area code, which is an increase of \$2 from FY 2019.

The maximum charge to any single entity for accessing all area codes nationwide is now \$17,765 (up from \$17,406 in FY 2019). The fee for accessing an additional area code for a half year will remain the same as in FY 2019, at \$32.

The Commission vote authorizing publication of the Federal Register notice announcing the new fees was 5-0. (The staff contact is Ami Dziekan, Bureau of Consumer Protection, 202 326 2648.)

BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

Personal Needs

Personal needs include provisions, supplies, and equipment necessary to protect the health and safety of your family in an emergency.

The Basics

- Water
 - Non-perishable to ready to eat foods
 - Prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and contact lens solution.
 - Assistive technologies, such as hearing aids and picture boards.
 - Medical alert identification bracelet or necklace
 - Health protection supplies, including insect repellentexternal icon, water purification tablets, and sunscreen.
 - A change of clothes
 - Medical equipmentpdf iconexternal icon, including:
 - Canes, crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs
 - Nebulizers
 - Oxygen equipment
 - Blood sugar monitors
 - Medical supplies, including:
 - Antibacterial wipes



- Catheters
- Syringes
- Nasal cannulas
- Blood test strips
- First aid supplies, including:
 - First aid referencepdf iconexternal icon
- Non-latex gloves
- Digital thermometer
- Waterproof bandages and gauze
- Tweezers and scissors
- A Stop the Bleedexternal icon kit, including a tourniquet
- Sanitation and hygiene items, including:
 - Soap
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Sanitizing wipes
 - Garbage bags and plastic ties
 - Toilet paper
 - Feminine hygiene supplies



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LA Harbor Boat Show docks at Cabrillo Way Marina

LOS ANGELES – San Pedro will again host the LA Harbor Boat Show, the annual in-water maritime celebration of the Southern California boating lifestyle.

Taking place Thursday, Sept. 19 through Sunday, Sept. 22 at Cabrillo Way Marina (2845 Miner St., Berth 43, San Pedro, CA 90731), the LA Harbor Boat Show will showcase scores of dealers, vessel types, new and brokerage models, marine exhibitors and live entertainment.

Trawlers, cruisers, sportfishers, sailboats, catamarans, motoryachts, tenders and paddle craft such as kayaks

and paddleboards are highlights of the LA Harbor Boat Show, which will host more than 60 exhibitors whose specialties include sailing lessons, guided cruising trips to Mexico, outboard motors, onboard accessories, marine financing, yacht brokerage services and more.

According to Port of Los Angeles, the Port is “one of the world’s busiest seaports and leading gateway for international trade in North America. It has ranked as the number one container port in the U.S. since the year 2000.”

A central point in the Los An-

geles coastline, LA Harbor is the closest point to Catalina and is easily accessible from throughout the Southland.

“Whether you’re coming from Inland Empire, Ventura County or Orange County, reaching LA Harbor is about an hour’s drive,” says Show Manager Tim Baker.

During the weekend, Cabrillo Way Marina doubles in size, its docks filled with boats at various price points and tailored toward every boater’s experience level.

“Dealers are on deck and are ready to play matchmaker between boat and buyer,” says Baker. “Plus,

expanding from 2018, we have more than 32,000 square feet of dock space, shuttle service and ample parking for our guests.”

More than 60 dealers will be participating in the four-day event, including Naos Yachts, California Yacht Company, Denison Yachting, Canadian Electric Boat Company, Hampton Yacht Group of California, Newport Yachts Inc., Long Beach Yacht Sales, Silver Seas Yachts, South Coast Yachts, West Coast Yachts and many more.

For the latest in show features and dealer information, visit www.LAHarborBoatShow.com.

The latest Sesame Street Live! production is coming to your neighborhood... and it's magical!

Tickets now on sale for Sesame Street Live! Make your magic performances in Ontario & Long Beach



Everyone's invited on an amazing journey with Elmo to discover the “power of yet” in Sesame Street Live! Make Your Magic when it comes to Ontario and Long Beach this Fall! Building on a successful tour with Feld Entertainment’s inaugural Sesame Street Live! show last season in partnership with the non-profit educational organization Sesame Workshop, this production features favorite Sesame Street pals Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Cookie, Monster, Big Bird and more in a brand-new, magical adventure live on stage.

Elmo is inspired to learn a magic trick when he meets magician extraordinaire Justin, who has come to Sesame Street to perform a magic show. But there's one problem... Elmo doesn't know how to do magic! Through Justin's encouragement to practice, work hard and never give up, Elmo embarks on an extraordinary journey. He learns that it's okay to make mistakes and that magic can be found anywhere when you believe in yourself and the power of what's yet to be. Cookie Monster and Gonger uncover the science and fun of baking while Abby Cadabby experiences the transformative abilities of caterpillars. Big Bird learns about the magnifying magic of shadow puppetry while Rosita orchestrates a rhythmic beat using everyday objects around her. And artist Grover mixes up the pigment power of the three primary colors. With high-energy dance numbers and a soundtrack that's sure to get everyone out of their seats, Sesame Street Live! Make Your Magic is an inspirational introduction to live theater and the art of illusion that the entire family will enjoy.

During the Sesame Street Live! pre-show experience, you'll have the opportunity to meet and take photos with Elmo and two of his furry friends before the show right in their own neighborhood!

ONTARIO

WHEN: Tuesday, November 5, 2019 & Wednesday, November 6, 2010

Parkway, Ontario, CA 91764

TICKETS: Tickets start at just \$20 each!

Pre-Show Meet & Greet Experience Pass available for \$25 per person (*pre-show pass must be accompanied by same day show ticket)

Tickets now available for purchase online at Ticketmaster.com or visit the venue Box Office; all seats are reserved.

LONG BEACH

WHEN: Friday - Sunday, November 8 - 10, 2019

WHERE: Terrace Theater – 300 E. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90802

TICKETS: Tickets start at just \$20 each!

Pre-Show Meet & Greet Experience Pass available for \$30 per person Tickets now available for purchase online at Ticketmaster.com

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Dragon splashes down in Pacific Ocean packed with science and cargo

SpaceX's Dragon cargo spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific Ocean at 4:21 p.m. EDT (1:21 p.m. PDT), approximately 300 miles southwest of Long Beach, California, marking the end of the company's 18th contracted cargo resupply mission to the International Space Station for NASA. The spacecraft returned more than 2,700 pounds of valuable scientific experiments and other cargo.

Some of the scientific investigations Dragon will return to Earth include: Bio-mining in microgravity,

Mechanisms of moss in microgravit, Improving tire manufacturing from orbit

These are just a few of the hundreds of investigations aimed at keeping astronauts healthy during space travel and demonstrating technologies for future human and robotic exploration beyond low-Earth orbit, including missions to the Moon by 2024 and on to Mars. Space station research also provides opportunities for research institutions to conduct microgravity research.



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IOC AND DOW TO ACCELERATE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT’S CLIMATE ACTION. In a joint initiative, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and its official Carbon Partner, DOW, will incentivise and support the International Sports Federations (IFS) and the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in recognition of their tangible climate action.



TOKYO 2020 BASKETBALL TEST EVENT AT SAITAMA SUPER ARENA. Tokyo 2020’s array of fantastic, modern venues should generate some extraordinary atmosphere next summer – but few will rival the Saitama Super Arena. Already one of Japan’s most famous venues for major sporting events and concerts, at the Games it will host the men’s and women’s basketball tournaments (together with the Aomi Urban Sports Park).



KAORI ICHO ON COURSE TO MAKE HISTORY WITH FIVE IN A ROW AT TOKYO 2020. Japanese wrestler Kaori Icho is the only woman to have won four consecutive individual Olympic gold medals in the same discipline. A superstar in Japan, she remains undefeated at the Games since women’s freestyle wrestling was included on the programme at Athens 2004, and she intends to continue this run by doing everything she can to rise to challenge number five: victory on home soil at the Tokyo Games!



FROM THE OLYMPIC GAMES BEIJING 2008 TO TOKYO 2020, THE FRENCH HANDBALL TEAM CONTINUE TO MAKE HISTORY. With two Olympic gold medals, three European championship titles and six world championship titles, the Men’s French Handball Team have the best track record in the world. Nicknamed “Les Experts”, they reached the sport’s summit by winning the Olympic gold medal in Beijing on 24 August 2008, and have remained there ever since. Their sights are currently set on qualifying for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, as they continue down the path to victory.



JAPANESE BASEBALL STAR KOJI UEHARA ON THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF HIS SPORT. Over the course of a stellar career that spanned 20 years and took in both his native Japan and the United States, two-time Olympian Koji Uehara won just about every title there is to win. But, with his sport back on the Olympic programme at Tokyo 2020, Uehara has just one regret...



CAELEB DRESSEL: SIGHTS SET ON TOKYO. Born in August 1996, a few days after the closing ceremony of the Atlanta Games, American Caeleb Dressel seems poised for Olympic glory in Tokyo in 2020. At the Gwangju World Championships in Korea, he once again demonstrated the extent of his talent by winning six gold medals. He has undoubtedly become the swimming world’s new leading talent.



USAIN BOLT’S TITLE IS UP FOR GRABS AT TOKYO 2020! Eleven years ago, on 20 August 2008, Usain Bolt became a two-time Olympic champion in the 100m and 200m, setting two world records in the process. He achieved this feat twice, with victories for Jamaica in the 4x100m relay, bringing his total to eight gold medals, an all-time record in sprinting. Today, hopefuls are preparing themselves and queuing up to follow in his footsteps in the 100m and 200m races at Tokyo 2020.



WATER POLO: ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES AT THE TOP OF THEIR GAME ON THE ROAD TO TOKYO 2020. A well-established hierarchy was maintained in water polo at the 2019 World Aquatics Championships held in Gwangju, Republic of Korea. In the men’s competition, European teams continued to dominate, with Italy taking the gold by beating Spain 10-5 in the final. In the women’s division, the United States, who won gold medals at the Olympic Games London 2012 and Rio 2016, maintained their rule by taking a third consecutive world title.

