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Duterte rallies support from business sector to fight corruption, red tape

MANILA -- President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has made a renewed call to the business sector to help his administration address corruption and red tape, which have been plaguing the country for decades and affecting its growth.

Fighting corruption, eliminating illegal narcotics trade, and criminality were President Duterte's major campaign pledges during the 2016 presidential election.

"I have tried my best day one of my administration to really do something about

corruption. Good that we have now the ease of doing business," he said in a speech during the 45th Philippine Business Conference and Expo held at the Manila Hotel on October 17.

"Sinabi ko na noon, I am bent to minimize if not totally eradicate. Ngayon, sinasabi ko sa inyo na katulong ko kayo. I cannot succeed no matter how, even if I fire or dismiss every day, as I did, as I've been doing for the last so many months, 'pag hindi kayo tumulong sa akin. I need badly the cooperation of the business sector."

He told the country's business leaders that he needs their input to better serve the country and "thereby fulfill what I promised to the people."

The President wants businessmen to be assertive and vigilant and inform him whenever they experience abuses in the government or any extortion attempt.

President Duterte also wants businesses in the country to become responsible players in waste management and environmental protection.

The Chief Executive, who urged businesses to adopt sound waste management practices, was delighted by the signing of partnership agreement between the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), the Department of Natural Resources (DENR) and Natural Resources Development Corp., noting environment protection is a priority under his administration and the business sector should also do its part.

"You can contribute by helping us build more disposal sites for our waste and treatment facilities. And for waste water and farms to produce food to nourish our people in the years to come," the President said.

President Duterte also highlighted the inevitable and increasing digitization and technological innovation in business and the need for the industries to cope with changes.



President Rodrigo Roa Duterte delivers his speech during the 45th Philippine Business Conference and Expo at The Manila Hotel on October 17, 2019. (Robinson Niñal Jr./Presidential Photo)

On the death of Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi

Statement from Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

This is a great day for United States, the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, and people all across the world who have suffered far too long from the cruelty of terrorism. ISIS's leader, Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi, met the fate that he long-deserved, taken down during a raid on his hideout by U.S. Special Forces in northwest Syria last night. While there is still work left to do to ensure ISIS's enduring defeat, Baghdadi's death follows the path of scores of other ISIS leaders that have been removed from the battlefield and can no longer commit heinous atrocities or spread their vile ideology of hatred to poison and recruit vulnerable minds. His evil acts of beheadings, enslavement of women, rape, torture, and pure brutality follows him to his grave.

This Administration came to Washington committed to applying relentless pressure on terrorists around the world. Working with the Global Coalition, we destroyed ISIS's so-called caliphate earlier this year. Baghdadi's demise is further evidence — available for all to see — that the United States will not stop in the pursuit of bringing evil to justice and delivering on our promise to do everything in our power to keep America safe and to bring this scourge to its knees.

This success underscores the importance of our continued D-ISIS mission in Syria and our determination to continue working with our partners in the Global Coalition to pursue ISIS wherever they may be, and ensuring its enduring defeat.



US Border Patrol agents disrupt human smuggling scheme

SIERRA BLANCA, Texas— Border Patrol Agents apprehended 13 subjects being smuggled in the sleeper cabin of a tractor-trailer.

"This smuggling attempt reflects what little regard for life these human smugglers have," Big Bend Sector Chief Patrol Agent Matthew Hudak said. "Our agents' vigilance, training, and experience were vital in detecting and apprehending these individuals and prosecuting the smuggler."

On October 22, at approximately 4:30 a.m., while agents were conducting an immigration inspection on the driver of a tractor-trailer at the Sierra Blanca Checkpoint, a canine alerted on the truck. Upon referral to a secondary inspection area, agents discovered 13 individuals attempting to conceal themselves

inside the sleeper cabin area of the truck.

It was determined that all of the subjects were illegally present in the United States and were citizens of Ecuador, Mexico, and Honduras. All of the smuggled aliens were processed according to applicable immigration laws. The case was turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) El Paso, Texas. The driver and passenger were determined to be United States citizens and are being charged with alien smuggling, a felony.

Big Bend Sector Border Patrol agents patrol 517 miles of the southwest border that extends from Sierra Blanca, Texas to Sanderson, Texas. The Sierra Blanca Station area of responsibility consists of more than half of Hudspeth



County or about 2500 square miles. The station is responsible for 73 border miles between the U.S. and Mexico. More than 10,000 vehicles travel through the Sierra Blanca checkpoint on a daily basis. - CBP

DOT celebrates PHL's ranking in CNT World Top Countries

MANILA—"Gaining yet another prestigious recognition as the 8th Favorite Country in the World speaks well of concerted efforts of the Philippine tourism industry stakeholders in nurturing the many natural wonders the country is blessed with," DOT Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said in gratitude to the readers of the Condé Nast Traveler (CNT) after the archipelago of 7,641 magnificent islands ranked among the 20 Most Favorite Countries in the World of the CNT Readers' Choice Awards 2019.

The Philippines scored 90.63 from the 600,000 readers of the New York-based luxury and travel magazine.

It can be recalled that three islands of the Philippines made a splash in the CNT's list with Boracay, topping the Top Island Destination in Asia category, along with Cebu and Visayas Islands, and Palawan placing second and fourth, respectively.

"All these accolades that the country and our other island destinations continue to receive bode well for the country's sustainable tourism



BORACAY is #1 island destination in the world.

development program as continuity is the very essence of sustainability," Secretary Puyat said.

Held at the One World Trade Center in New York City, DOT Attaché in New York Francisco M. Lardizabal received the awards on behalf of the Philippines.

News Briefs

FTC sends checks totaling more than \$31M to LifeLock customers

The Federal Trade Commission will begin sending refund checks totaling more than \$31 million as part of a previously announced settlement with LifeLock, Inc.

The refunds stem from a 2015 settlement LifeLock reached with the Commission, which alleged that from 2012 to 2014 LifeLock violated an FTC order that required the company to secure consumers' personal information and prohibited it from deceptive advertising. The FTC alleged that LifeLock failed to establish and maintain a comprehensive information security program to protect users' sensitive personal information, falsely advertised that it protected consumers' sensitive data with the same high-level safeguards used by financial institutions, and falsely claimed it provided 24/7/365 alerts "as soon as" it received any indication a consumer's identity was being used.

The FTC is mailing more than one million checks averaging about \$29. Recipients should deposit or cash checks within 60 days. Consumers who have questions about the refunds should contact the FTC's refund administrator, Rust Consulting, Inc., at 1-866-898-5106. To learn more about the FTC's refund programs, visit www.ftc.gov/refunds.

US Homeland Security agents and PNP-Transnational Criminal Investigative Unit agents rescue underage victims

MANILA — U.S. Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents and the Philippine National Police (PNP)-HSI Transnational Criminal Investigative Unit (TCIU) arrested two Philippine nationals and rescued seven minor victims during an anti-cybersex operation in Taguig, Philippines on October 21, 2019. The successful operation was the result of close cooperation between Philippine and U.S. authorities.

HSI Manila, the PNP-HSI TCIU, and HSI Boston coordinated a real-time surveillance operation in the U.S. and the Philippines, which led to two arrests and the rescue of seven trafficked minor victims, ranging from 2 to 14 years of age.

This operation was supported by the Philippine Department of Social Welfare and Development, and the International Justice Mission, a non-governmental organization. HSI TCIUs are a partnership between HSI and local law enforcement units around the world that enhance host countries' ability to investigate and prosecute individuals involved in transnational crime.



Southern California doctor found guilty in \$12M Medicare fraud

A federal jury found a southern California doctor guilty for his role in a \$12 million scheme to provide medically unnecessary procedures to Medicare beneficiaries, upcode claims submitted to Medicare, and re-package single-use catheters for reuse on patients.

After a six-day trial, Donald Woo Lee, 54, of Temecula, California, was found guilty of seven counts of health care fraud and one count of adulteration of a medical device. Sentencing has been scheduled for March 19, 2020, before U.S. District Judge George Wu of the Central District of California, who presided over the trial.

According to evidence presented at trial, from 2012 to 2015, Lee engaged in a scheme in which he recruited Medicare beneficiaries to his clinics, falsely diagnosed the beneficiaries with venous insufficiency and provided the beneficiaries with medically unnecessary vein ablation procedures. The evidence further established that Lee billed these unnecessary procedures to Medicare using an inappropriate code in order to obtain a higher reimbursement, a practice known as "upcoding." In addition, the evidence showed that Lee repackaged used, contaminated catheters for re-use on patients. These catheters had been cleared by the FDA for marketing as single-use only. Lee submitted claims of approximately \$12 million to Medicare for the vein ablation procedures he performed, and received \$4.5 million as a result, the evidence showed.

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Read the Exclusive Interview by AWEI ABAYARI with RETIRED FBI SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT CESAR C. OLEGARIO, JR. where he discusses issues such as racism, hate crime, immigration, and economy. Turn to Page 2/Beyond News.



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New Security-Enhanced U.S. Travel Documents



US Department of Homeland Security unveils a new security-enhanced travel document. Turn to Page 6/At your Service.

NASA astronauts wrap up historic all-woman spacewalk

On October 18, at 2:55 p.m. EDT, Expedition 61 Flight Engineers Christina Koch and Jessica Meir of NASA concluded their spacewalk, the first with only women. During the 7-hour, 17-minute spacewalk, the two NASA astronauts completed the replacement a failed power charging component, also known as a battery charge-discharge unit (BCDU). The BCDU regulates the charge to the batteries that collect and distribute solar power to the orbiting lab's systems. Mission control activated the newly installed BCDU and reported it is operating properly.



NASA spacewalkers Christina Koch (foreground, suit with red stripe) and Jessica Meir (suit with no stripes) replaced a failed battery charge-discharge unit with a new one during a 7-hour, 17-minute spacewalk. Credit: NASA TV

The astronauts were also able to accomplish some get-ahead tasks including installation of a stanchion on the Columbus module for support of a new external ESA (European Space Agency) payload platform called Bartolomeo scheduled for launch to the station in 2020.

Commander Luca Parmitano of ESA and NASA Flight Engineer Andrew Morgan assisted the spacewalkers. Parmitano operated the Canadarm2 robotics arm and Morgan provided airlock and spacesuit support.

It was the eighth spacewalk outside the station this year. Space station crew members have now conducted 221 spacewalks in support of assembly and maintenance of the orbiting laboratory. Spacewalkers have spent a total of 57 days, 20 hours, and 29 minutes working outside the station.

It was the first spacewalk for Meir and the fourth for Koch, who now has spent a total of 27 hours and 48 minutes spacewalking. It is the first spaceflight for both women, who were selected in the 2013 astronaut class that had equal numbers of women and men. Koch arrived to the orbiting

laboratory in March 2019 and will remain in space for an extended duration mission of 11 months to provide researchers the opportunity to observe effects of long-duration spaceflight on a woman to prepare for human missions to the Moon and Mars. Meir became the 15th woman to spacewalk, and the 14th U.S. woman. It was the 43rd spacewalk to include a woman. Women have been performing spacewalks since 1984, when Russian cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya spacewalked in July and NASA astronaut Kathryn Sullivan spacewalked in October.

The faulty BCDU is due to return to Earth on the next SpaceX Dragon resupply ship for inspection. Station managers will reschedule the three battery replacement spacewalks for a future date. In the meantime, the five planned spacewalks to repair a cosmic particle detector, the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, are still on the calendar for November and December. - NASA



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An Exclusive Interview by **AWE E ABAYARI** with **RETIRED FBI SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT and former LEGAL ATTACHÉ in the U.S. EMBASSY CESAR C. OLEGARIO, JR.**

For more of the interview: www.youtube.com/AweeAbayari

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“Racism is an unwillingness to see beyond racial stereotypes and the non-acceptance of inherent cultural differences. We must hold onto our instilled core values, strive to see beyond our differences, and effectively decode today’s surge of mass media encoders in efforts to clearly see what is in front of us and realize that we are truly all Americans.”

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-- Retired FBI Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr.

Awee Abayari: What is racism?

RETIRED FBI SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT CESAR C. OLEGARIO, JR.: Our long term professions, the institutions we represent, and those like-minded individuals within such organizations have all helped to shape our ideals and beliefs. I was fortunate in my life to have belonged to two organizations that instilled core values such as duty, courage, respect, honor and commitment. Racism is the antithesis of such positive core values and stems from one’s inability to process information clearly and independently. Undeniably, we all have our own constantly changing perceptions of how we see the world, which is increasingly impacted by current events and the media. Our ability to filter information and shape our own beliefs makes us the individuals we are in society. Racism is an unwillingness to see beyond racial stereotypes and the non-acceptance of inherent cultural differences. We must hold onto our instilled core values, strive to see beyond our differences, and effectively decode today’s surge of mass media encoders in efforts to clearly see what is in front of us and realize that we are truly all Americans.

Awee Abayari: What is a hate crime?

RETIRED FBI SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT CESAR C. OLEGARIO, JR.: A crime of hate is an overt act of violence or intimidation intent on physically or mentally harming a specific sect of persons within our population. The burning of a church and the spraying of hateful graffiti on religious walls, have mostly taken place in the dead of night committed by cowardly individuals afraid to display their acts of cowardice in the public light. Unfortunately, brazen mass shootings have also occurred during religious services committed by mentally deranged individuals filled with evil and rage. Hate crimes surface like festering boils in our society and I don’t have an answer re how best to address the social issue. Our best foreseeable measure as citizens is to act by rendering assistance to law enforcement in the prevention and/or investigation of heinous acts of hate and violence.

Awee Abayari: What can be done to prevent the spread of hate motivated behavior?

RETIRED FBI SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT CESAR C. OLEGARIO, JR.: I don’t profess to have the answer to this social dilemma. I may simply suggest we begin by addressing the issue in the home. Our children begin to build the foundations of their values by observing actions displayed by parents in the home. Schools and institutions later mold what our children initially learn but parents in the home maintain a major influence in shaping a child’s early development. A child’s mindset is what later develops into adolescence and finally shapes perception and behavior as an adult. I believe our society has beams of light out there shining messages of social equality and they are growing brighter each day. Meanwhile, we must hold onto each other and sometimes travel in-between the darkness in the hopes of one day walking in the light together.

Awee Abayari: Do you agree with the current immigration policy of the United States? Why?

RETIRED FBI SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT CESAR C. OLEGARIO, JR.: US immigration policies were relatively fine before the Trump administration. In my humble opinion, I feel there is a bit of a frenzy going on greatly influenced by issues such as mass migration on the southern border, international terrorism, and a strong push for border and do-

mestic security. Nonetheless, apparent loopholes do exist in the current immigration system which should be adjudicated systematically and fairly. We can address some of these issues later when we focus on the topic of merit based immigration.

Awee Abayari: What do you think about the plan to create a “merit based” U.S. immigration system?

RETIRED FBI SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT CESAR C. OLEGARIO, JR.: The idea of a merit-based immigration system would leave a good number of currently eligible immediate family petition applicants out in the cold. “Chain migration” currently approved under sponsorship by US citizens and legal permanent residents (LPR) would be overshadowed by a proposed merit-based system. The initiative places an unfair burden on families whom have legally earned legal status here in the United States, and closes the door on yet another legal venue to bring loved ones to the country as permanent residents. The family nucleus forms one of the major pillars which makes this country great and depriving the rights of “eligible Americans” from legally bringing other immediate family members from overseas is a travesty to “earned equal rights” of naturalized US citizens and LPRs. One issue I do have concern about as a side topic, is the milling of US citizens by foreigners who enter the United States for the sole purpose of having babies on US soil. Citizenship is undoubtedly a birthright if one is born in the United States, but it’s difficult to ignore the large number of Chinese nationals applying for US passports for new born babies at the Los Angeles Regional Passport Agency. The loophole should be closed or at least regulated to prevent foreigners from entering the United States just to give birth to babies, and then quickly returning overseas with their new born US citizens. Nonetheless, I can’t help but grin at my own comments, knowing that the parents of my childhood hero actively committed the same actions in San Francisco, California before they returned home to Hong Kong with their new born son Bruce Lee. In retrospect, Bruce Lee lived his life as a legendary American icon and was buried in Seattle, Washington.

Awee Abayari: ECONOMY/ TRADE: Do we have a strong economy now?

RETIRED FBI SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT CESAR C. OLEGARIO, JR.: I’m going to pass on this question Awee . . . I don’t feel comfortably qualified to render an opinion.

Awee Abayari: Are you in favor of the Trump administration imposing tariffs on imports involving many of the industries being developed under the Made in China 2025 program?

RETIRED FBI SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT CESAR C. OLEGARIO, JR.: I am in favor of President Trump imposing tariffs on China, but not necessarily in the manner being portrayed by the media. The Chinese are culturally different from Americans and it may be wise to approach the challenge accordingly. The US should stand its ground, but possibly impose tariffs and temper diplomacy based on a more Eastern philosophy. We approached the war in Vietnam all wrong without crediting the North Vietnamese for their resolve in the struggle, and we are still in Afghanistan refusing to accept the Afghans are committed to the conflict for hundreds of years. Maybe we should approach the Chinese differently, and not expect them to quickly capitulate to the abruptness of our demands and perceived strength of our US economy.

Awee Abayari: Thank you for your service.

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U.S. Embassy launches restoration of Bastogne's Mardasson Memorial

To mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, the sacrifices of American armed forces during World War II, and the generosity of the Belgian people, the U.S. Embassy to the Kingdom of Belgium announced the launch of a project to restore the Mardasson Memorial in Bastogne, Belgium.

U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium Ronald Gidwitz was joined by Minister of Justice Koen Geens, Bastogne Mayor Benoit Lutgen, and John Wessels of the American Battle Monuments Commission to announce the project.

The Mardasson Memorial was built to honor the sacrifices of American soldiers killed and wounded during the German Army's surprise Ardennes Offensive in December 1944 - January 1945. It is the only memorial that commemorates all American forces who fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Private Belgian citizens donated funds for its construction, which was inaugurated in 1950 in the presence of General Anthony McAuliffe, commander of the 101st Airborne Division during the defense of Bastogne.

"In my time as U.S. Ambassador, I have attended many commemorations throughout the country, and one thing always stands out. Belgium never forgets. The people of this country work tirelessly to keep the memory alive of



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those who fought and died for their freedom," said Ambassador Gidwitz. "This is our way of expressing our gratitude to the people of Belgium for their decades of unwavering support and commitment to honoring our soldiers."

The U.S. Embassy is working with several partners on the project, including the Ministry of Justice and Building Agency and the City of Bastogne. The American Overseas Memorial Day Association created the Bastogne

Memorial Fund to conduct fundraising in the United States. The American Battle Monuments Commission is managing the renovation project.

Koen Geens, Minister of Justice and Building Agency: "The commemoration of the Second World War and the honoring of victims who sacrificed their lives for the liberation of Belgium is close to your and my heart. I am grateful to the American government for

investing in the renovation and restoration of the magnificent Mardasson Memorial on the 75th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. It is important to preserve this monument and to keep the memory of the war victims alive."

The first phase of the project includes extensive cleaning of the monument and crypt, as well as minor restoration of pavement stones. Phase I is scheduled for completion ahead of commemorative events set for Decem-

ber. Fundraising for a second phase and a more thorough restoration is already underway. The Bastogne Memorial Fund has collected more than 525,000 euros to date.

The Battle of the Bulge was the largest and bloodiest single engagement fought by American forces during World War II. The United States suffered nearly 90,000 casualties while 2,500 Belgian civilians lost their lives. - U.S. Embassy in Belgium

US, PHL, and Japan kick-off maritime training activity 'Sama Sama'

This is the third iteration of MTA Sama Sama, a maritime exercise designed to promote regional security cooperation, maintain and strengthen maritime partnerships, and enhance interoperability. This is the first year the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force will be a participant.

U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Joey Tynch, commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific, who oversees security cooperation for the U.S. Navy in Southeast Asia, said that Maritime Training Activity Sama Sama showed the evolution toward multilateral training and networked security.

"We are strongest when we sail together," said Tynch. "MTA Sama Sama gives us a great chance to work shoulder-to-shoulder with our friends, partners, and allies, the Philippine Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force. We train together, so that together we can face threats to maritime security."

For more than 70 years, U.S. and Philippine forces have renewed our friendship, partnership and alliance through bilateral military exchanges and exercises.

World Peace Game inspires young Aussies to solve global challenges

Award-winning American school teacher John Hunter has brought his innovative World Peace Game program to Australia for the first time ever this month, inspiring Australian school students and teachers to take on the complex global problems of today.

Mr Hunter has worked with over 80 Australian primary school students and teachers from more than 20 schools across the country, running two separate World Peace Game programs - one hosted by Annesley Junior School in Adelaide, and another at Sydney's Claremont College.

He has also worked one-on-one with Australian school teachers in intensive master classes, training them to become local facilitators for the World Peace Game program, and providing them with new techniques to engage young Australians and prepare them as future leaders in participatory democracy.



He said working with Australian students and teachers for the first time had proven immensely rewarding and successful.

The World Peace Game is a hands-on political simulation that helps students explore the connectedness of the global community through the lens of the economic, social, and environmental crises and the imminent threat of war. Students wrestle with complex global problems - including war, famine, environmental catastrophe, resource shortages, and more - working together over the five-day program to negotiate innovative solutions and peaceful outcomes.

Regional Counterterrorism Training Center to boost US-Philippine and regional cooperation



U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Sung Y. Kim and Philippine Police Chief General Oscar Albayalde lead the groundbreaking of a new state-of-the-art Regional Counterterrorism Training Center at the PNPA. (Photo credit: US Embassy in the Philippines)

MANILA — As part of our deepening bilateral counterterrorism partnership, today, Philippine Police Chief General Oscar Albayalde and U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Sung Kim broke ground on a new state-of-the-art Regional Counterterrorism Training Center in the Philippines.

The U.S. and Philippine governments will 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.

Once constructed, the center will provide counterterrorism training for law enforcement units and personnel from the Philippines and regional partner nations. The initiative comes in response to a request from the PNP for a state-of-the-art facility to provide enhanced regional counterterrorism training. - U.S. Embassy in the Philippines

CHINA-SWITZERLAND FOREIGN MINISTERS' STRATEGIC DIALOGUE



On October 22, 2019 local time, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Member of the Swiss Federal Council and Switzerland's Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis co-chaired the second round of China-Switzerland Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue in Bern.

Wang Yi said, since the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Switzerland, the two countries have always upheld the spirit of equal treatment, mutual respect and win-win cooperation and established the China-Switzerland innovative strategic partnership, which has become a model of friendly exchanges between countries of different social systems, histories, cultures and sizes. Under the new circumstances, the two sides should sum up and cherish the experience in the development of bilateral relations, respect each other and accommodate each other's core interests and major concerns, and maintain the steady and sound development of bilateral relations. - Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the USA

Town Hall Meeting in Santa Cruz de Tenerife



The Consul General from the U.S. Embassy in Madrid, Liza Petrush, and the Consular Agent in the Canary Islands, Ana Maria Quintana, hosted a Town Hall Meeting in Santa Cruz de Tenerife where a group of US Citizens gathered to get the latest updates and information for American Citizens living or vacationing in Spain. - US Embassy & Consulate in Spain and Andorra

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Forum with BSP governor spotlights ph economy's resilience

WASHINGTON, D.C.—“The Philippines has come a long way but it is now recognized globally as among the fastest growing and most resilient economies in the world. Its future prospects are bright. However, the transformation was a product of a long list of structural reforms. It did not happen overnight,” declared Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Benjamin E. Diokno at a forum held at the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C. on 16 October 2019.

“The Bangko Sentral has always been the bulwark of continuity and stability. And we are honored to provide a platform in Washington DC for Governor Diokno to talk about the Philippine economy and our reform process. We are confident that with him guiding Philippine monetary policy, there will be continued business and investor confidence in the country,” Philippine Ambassador to the United States Jose Manuel G. Romualdez said in a statement.

In his remarks, Governor Diokno emphasized that Philippine economic performance

is exceptional and sustainable, and powered through transformative reforms and political will. All the reforms - those undertaken in the past as well as being pursued today - are expected to support and sustain the currently favorable conditions of the economy that the Governor summarized in four key observations.

Economic growth is solid and sustainable. The Philippines recorded its 82nd consecutive quarter of uninterrupted economic growth in the second quarter of 2019. Inflation has been reduced and within-target.

This is credited to a series of monetary actions by the BSP combined with administrative and legislative measures that addressed bottlenecks to food supply. Inflation fell to 0.9 percent in September 2019, and is expected to settle at 2.5 percent in 2019, and 2.9 percent for both 2020 and 2021.

The country's external position is also strong and is reflective of an economy driven by solid macroeconomic fundamentals and firm

growth prospects. This is on account mainly of the lower deficit in the trade-in-goods account; increased trade-in-services net receipts; and rising investor confidence resulting in higher foreign direct investments.

Finally, Governor Diokno noted that the robust and stable banking system likewise offers a sound basis for optimism. Banks remain sufficiently capitalized, and their past due ratios have consistently declined over the years.

Stability is also supported by financial sector reforms; cybersecurity and technology risk management; counter-terrorist financing; and capital market development.

Among the guests at the forum were Philippine Monetary Board Member Peter B. Favila, former US Ambassador to the Philippines Thomas Hubbard, BSP Deputy Governor Francis Dakila, other officials of the BSP, US government officials, US corporate executives, Embassy officers & staff, and some members of the Filipino-American community.



Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Benjamin E. Diokno delivers his keynote address in front of Washington DC community members at a forum held at the Philippine Embassy on 16 October 2019.



(L-R) US-Philippines Society Executive Director Hank Hendrickson; US-Philippines Society President Ambassador John Maisto; Bangko Sentral Governor Benjamin Diokno; Philippine Honorary Consul to Florida, Dr. Henry B. Howard; and former US Ambassador to the Philippines Thomas Hubbard at the conclusion of the forum.

Commission holds first meeting of the European universities in Brussels

On 7 November, the higher education institutions forming the initial European Universities will come together for the first time to explore the benefits and opportunities created by this new initiative. The event, organised by the European Commission, will also be open to other universities and provide an open forum for discussions about the higher education landscape of the future. Participants will hear representatives of the first European Universities alliances present their strategies, learn about the upcoming second call for proposals in this pilot phase and have an opportunity to share their thoughts on the future of the initiative.

The event: The first meeting of the European Universities will take place on 7 November 2019 at The Square, Glass Entrance, Mont des Arts, 1000 Brussel, Belgium. -- European Commission

World Tourism Organization discusses tourism sector trends and outlooks

MACAO, China – At the 2019 Global Tourism Economy Forum, the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has highlighted the importance of diversification, creativity and innovation for ensuring that the sector's unique potential as a driver of sustainable economic growth and social inclusivity is fully realized.

Government representatives and key public and private sector decision-makers met in Macao to explore the challenges and opportunities facing the global tourism sector today. The 2019 edition of the Global Tourism Economy Forum was held in line with the “Beautiful Life” initiative of Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili headed a group of UNWTO experts leading discussions over the course of the three days.

UNWTO announced the winner of the 1st UNWTO Sports Start-Up Competition,

in partnership with Football Club Barcelona Innovation Hub and the Qatar National Tourism Council. Five start-ups, chosen from a field of more than 300 entrants from around the world, were invited to Qatar to pitch their ideas to investors and tourism sector leaders. They were judged on their level of market disruption, investment potential and ability to contribute to the Sustainable Economic Goals from Belgium was named as the overall winner.

UNWTO Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili said: “Macao is leading the way, showing the world how the digital transformation of tourism can make the sector more sustainable and more accessible. Smart tourism is key to managing the ongoing growth in tourism numbers in a responsible and sustainable way and ensuring that the many and varied benefits that come with this are felt as widely as possible.” -- UNWTO

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS MEDIA NETWORK

DOE and USDA join forces to increase energy technology development in rural America

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Under Secretary of Energy Mark W. Menezes and Deputy Under Secretary Donald LaVoy today announced a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two departments to promote rural energy and the development of technologies that will support and advance rural and agricultural communities and domestic manufacturing.

The newly-signed MOU, which was required under section 6501 of the 2018 Farm Bill, will enhance collaboration and coordination between the Department of Energy (DOE) and USDA.

The areas covered by the MOU include facilitating energy-related investments in America's rural communities; streamlining, leveraging and optimizing program resources;

encouraging innovation; offering technical assistance to rural communities; strengthening energy-related infrastructure; ensuring affordable and reliable power; and helping rural businesses export energy products and manufactured goods around the world.

“Energy creates jobs, supports local infrastructure expansion and provides new opportunities to increase economic development in rural communities,” LaVoy said. “The bright and innovative minds in rural communities working to develop and utilize new energy technology should know that the Trump Administration supports their mission and efforts to increase prosperity in Rural America. I'm grateful that USDA is partnering with DOE to help farmers, ranchers, foresters and businesses in rural communities thrive.” -- DOE

Motoring

The 2020 Mercedes-Benz EQC

The automobile's future is electric. And now, a Mercedes-Benz leads the charge. The new EQC is the first vehicle produced under the product and technology brand “Mercedes-Benz EQ”. It is also the first in what will be a growing family of all-electric vehicles bearing the three-pointed star. With an uncompromising blend of comfort, performance, design, intelligence and technology, the EQC blazes a new path for electric driving — and for Mercedes-Benz.

To give the EQC a level of performance worthy of its name, we developed an all-new drive system. The vehicle features compact electric drivetrains at each axle, which give the EQC the confident and sporty characteristics of an all-wheel drive vehicle, delivering 402 hp and 564 lb-ft of torque*. With the ability to fast-charge from 10 to 80 percent in 40 minutes, the EQC is poised to conquer any highway.

While the new vehicle instantly registers as a Mercedes-Benz, it also forges a striking new path in design. Grille and headlights are combined in a sleek black-panel surface at front, an arrangement accentuated by an LED Light Band at the top. Within, an asymmetrical cockpit puts the driver in firm and intuitive control, while rose-gold accents give the electric vehicle its own clear aesthetic. Digital



and physical merge seamlessly to empower whoever takes the wheel.

And the vehicle's technology more than bears that out. Equipped with the all-new MBUX media system, the EQC responds to the driver's natural, conversational language.

The system helps to govern the car's functions and learns over time. Here, it's been engineered with additional EQ settings to help manage the vehicle's charge status, energy flow, range display and other features of electric driving.

Along with the ECO Assist system that helps maintain maximum efficiency, the EQC is more than just an electric vehicle: It's a bold statement about the future of driving.

Envelope-stuffing schemes

Sound familiar? Ads for envelope-stuffing “opportunities” can be anywhere — from your mailbox to your inbox, in the newspaper or on an online search. Promoters usually advertise that for a “small” fee, they’ll tell you how to

earn big money stuffing envelopes at home. They may say you will earn money for each envelope stuffed, making it possible for you to earn hundreds — or even thousands — of dollars each week.

But when it comes to offers promising quick and easy income stuffing envelopes at home, be skeptical — and check it out.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation’s consumer protection agency, ads like these don’t tell the whole story — namely, that the promoters aren’t really offering a job.

Promises of big earnings through an envelope-stuffing scheme are false. But if you are tempted to send any money or sign up to receive more information, ask the promoter:

- Who will pay me?
- Where is your business located?
- How long have you been in business?
- How and when will I get my first paycheck?
- Will I be paid a salary or will my pay be based on commission?
- What will I have to do?
- What is the total cost of the envelope-stuffing program?
- What will I get for my money?
- Will I have to pay for supplies, ads or postage?

The answers to these questions may help you determine whether an envelope-stuffing opportunity is appropriate for your circumstances.

It also may help to check out the company with your local consumer protection agency, state Attorney General and the Better Business Bureau in your community and the community where the company is located, which you can find at bbb.org. You can find out whether they’ve received complaints about the promotion that interests you, but remember — just because there aren’t complaints doesn’t mean the promotion is legitimate. Unscrupulous promoters may settle complaints, change their names or move to avoid getting caught.

If you’ve spent money and time on a work-at-home program and now believe it may be a scam, contact the company and ask for a refund. Let company representatives know that you plan to notify officials about your experience.

Breaking the Cycle: Ms Gigi’s Story

Shared from the Salvation Army

When Ms. Gigi and her two teenaged kids moved to Jacksonville from Louisiana, they came for a new beginning but quickly ran into trouble with rent she couldn’t afford. They moved around from place to place for a while, but what they really needed was a safe and stable place to land while they got on their feet and Ms. Gigi finished school. A licensed LPN, Ms. Gigi is in night school to get her RN license. But this makes it difficult to find a job flexible enough for her school schedule and childcare needs.

After coming to the end of her options, she realized she needed to seek help.

“So I prayed. I did some research looking at different places. I started calling around and The Salvation Army was recommended to me. At the time we were in a hotel, but I knew that couldn’t last long. When I got the word that a room was available at the Red Shield Lodge and we came here I didn’t have a clue what to expect. But when we got here I saw that it was clean! It wasn’t at all like what you see shelters looking like on T.V! I was shocked to see that we would have our own bathroom in the room, and we had a room, not a dormitory. We had privacy. I was like, ‘Wow, this is going to be good!’ I believe without a doubt that this is where the Lord really wanted us to be at this time to get some things together.”

“At first it was hard for my daughter. She didn’t want her friends to know that she was in a shelter. But I told them it’s temporary to help us get where we need to be. It was hard for me to see her cry. But then I prayed and a song came on her playlist. It said everything was going to be alright. From then on she was fine and started telling her friends, ‘I’m at The Salvation Army.’”

At The Salvation Army Ms. Gigi and her family are finding more than just a safe place to stay. They also feel great support and community from the other residents at the shelter.

“I like that The Salvation Army is based



on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That’s something that I really love. We have the opportunity — the ladies who want to — we get together and pray. And then we have Bible study. We started meeting after lunch in the family room and going over the Daily Bread and praying together. I’ve been looking at the different people here and, you know, all of us come from different backgrounds. Everybody has something different going on in our lives and we need different things. This place is about more than just having a place to live — we have inner things that need to be dealt with. If we get that taken care of, then once we leave we won’t have to come back. We won’t go thought that cycle over and over. This is about breaking the cycle.”

This time next year Ms. Gigi says her dream is to be graduated from her RN program and feeling settled in Jacksonville. She also wants to continue to help the women at the Red Shield Lodge shelter. “Even after I leave I want to come back and help minister to the people who are here to help move them along. And I believe my testimony will be all the stronger because I can say, ‘Oh no, I DO know. I was in room 116. I lived the story.’”

Nevada 155th Anniversary (36th state): October 31, 2019

The United States acquired the area of Nevada from Mexico in 1848. Nevada Territory was organized from the western part of Utah Territory on March 2, 1861. The territory added area along the eastern boundary from Utah Territory in 1862. Nevada was admitted to the Union on October 31, 1864, as the 36th state. In 1866, additional territory on the east and southeast was added from Utah and Arizona territories, and the state assumed generally the same boundary as the present state.

Although the territory had not yet been legally established, census data for Nevada are available beginning with the 1860 census. The 1860 census population is for the area of present-day Nevada formed from Utah Territory. (The portion of present-day Nevada, then in New Mexico Territory, was not enumerated in 1860.) The population of the entire legally established Utah Territory (of which the area of Nevada was a part) in 1860 was 47,130.

Data for the legally established state of Nevada are available beginning with the 1870 census. - From the U.S. Census

Good Books to Read

Daily Kindness: 365 Days of Compassion

By NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Overview

Lead your best year yet through 365 days of kindness.

With enriching quotes from celebrated luminaries and striking National Geographic photography, each page of this moving book will inspire you to live with sincerity, compassion, and benevolence. Each month, you’ll practice virtues like patience, respect, and generosity that will focus your mind and heart, creating fulfillment and contentment. Both inviting and motivating, Daily Kindness invites you to reflect on life’s big and small moments, providing a way to embrace new ideas—and enrich your life every day of the year.

Source: Barnes & Noble



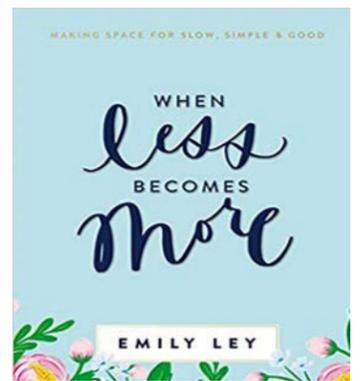
When Less Becomes More: Making Space for Slow, Simple, and Good

By EMILY LEY

Overview

In her newest book, bestselling author and founder of Simplified® Emily Ley brings a revolutionary exploration of how to live a life of more in a world that often overwhelms to the point of burnout. Emily empathizes with readers in the throes of exhaustion and provides tools for nourishing their spirits and achieving a life where less becomes more.

Statistics don’t lie. People today are more fatigued, burned out, and overwhelmed than ever. Smartphones constantly ping and alert and demand our attention. And social media can eat up hours of our days with mindless scrolling and tapping while leaving many feeling empty and lonely. Add to that family commitments, work that is accessible around the clock, and overscheduling, and you have a life that can feel unmanageable and



frantic . . . even running on empty.

In this book, Emily Ley takes readers on a journey out of that empty place and shows them how to fill their wells with the nourishment that only true connection can provide.

Source: Barnes & Noble

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US Department of Homeland Security unveils a new security-enhanced travel document

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has unveiled a new security-enhanced travel document that has looks similar to a US passport.

The agency says the new document, which went into production on October 24th, has more features to prevent tampering, counterfeiting and fraud.

USCIS, an agency within the Department of Homeland Security, says the new travel document can serve in place of:

- Form I-327, Permit to Reenter the United States: Lawful permanent residents use the Reentry Permit to return from temporary travel outside of the United States and, in some cases, may use a Reentry Permit for travel in place of a passport; and
- Form I-571, Refugee Travel Document:

New Security-Enhanced U.S. Travel Documents



Those with refugee or asylum status use a Refugee Travel Document if they wish to temporarily travel outside of the United States and, in some cases, may use a Refugee Travel Document for

travel in place of a passport. The new travel document contains the following features:

Redesigned booklet cover
Four montages containing three images, each of notable U.S. architecture, used throughout the booklet

A combination of first-, second- and third-level security features (overt, covert and forensic)

Overt is something you can see with the eye, such as the central image of the Statue of Liberty.

Covert is something that requires a tool, such as a magnifying glass, to see fine detail artwork.

Forensic is something that requires laboratory examination.

USCIS says previous versions of the travel document will remain valid until their expiration date.

FRAUD ALERT / LANDLINE SPAM SCAM

How to stop unwanted calls on a landline

A home phone ringing off the hook can be hard to ignore, but answering it could lead to trouble.

In the Landline Spam Scam, fraudsters hound people with automated robocalls on their home or office phones, often targeting seniors.

The scammers then get their victims to reveal confidential personal information, which can lead to identity and financial theft.

TIPS:

- Install a call-blocking device or use your carrier's call-blocking services.
- Sign up for the National Do Not Call Registry at www.donotcall.gov.
- If you answer a robocall, hang up and don't press any numbers.

Source: L.A. County District Attorney's Office

HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN A MASS ATTACK THREATENS

PREPARE NOW

Be alert to your surroundings.

If You See Something, Say Something®:

Observe warning signs:

- Unusual or threatening communications.
- Expressed grievances related to a workplace, personal, or other issues.
- Ideologies promoting violence.
- Suspicious behavior such as excessive questioning or attention to security details.
- Unusual items or packages.

Know exits and areas to cover and hide

- When visiting new places, take time to identify at least two nearby exits.
- Identify areas in familiar places, such as work, school, and outdoor events where you could hide and seek protective cover in case of attack.

Be ready to help

- Learn and practice skills such as casualty care, CPR, and first aid. Teach others.
- Organize and participate in safety drills in places where people gather like home, school, and work.

Survive DURING

Stay alert

- Pay attention to what is happening around you so that you can react quickly to attacks.

Run to safety

- If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the building or area, regardless of whether others agree to follow.

Cover and hide

- If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide out of view of the attacker and if possible, put a solid barrier between yourself and the threat.
- Keep silent.

Defend, disrupt, fight

- As a last resort, when you can't run or cover, attempt to disrupt the attack and/or incapacitate the attacker.
- Be aggressive and commit to your actions.

Help the wounded

- Take care of yourself first and then, if you are able, help the wounded get to safety

and provide immediate first care.

Be Safe AFTER

Call 9-1-1

- When you are safe, call 9-1-1 and be prepared to provide information to the operator including location of the incident, number of injured, and details about the attacker(s).

Continue lifesaving assistance

- If you are able, continue to provide care until first responders arrive.

When law enforcement arrives

- Remain calm and follow instructions.
- Keep hands visible and empty.
- Report to designated area to provide information and get help.

Monitor communications

- Listen to law enforcement's messages for information about the situation. Share updates with family and friends.

Consider seeking professional help

- Be mindful of your health. If needed, seek help for you and your family to cope with the trauma. - *Ready.gov*

Sleepiness and Driving Don't Mix

Feeling sleepy is especially dangerous when you are driving. Sleepiness slows your reaction time, decreases awareness and impairs your judgment, just like drugs or alcohol.

People who are very sleepy behave in similar ways to people who are drunk. The impact that this has on traffic safety should not be underestimated.

To remain alert and avoid drowsiness, AAA suggests:

- Getting plenty of sleep (at least six hours) the night before a long trip;
- Traveling at times when you are normally awake, and staying overnight rather than driving straight through;
- Scheduling a break every two hours or every 100 miles;
- Stop driving if you become sleepy; someone who is tired could fall asleep at any time – fatigue impacts reaction time, judgment and vision, causing people who are very sleepy to behave in similar ways to those who are drunk;
- Not planning to work all day and then drive all night;
- Drink a caffeinated beverage. Since it

takes about 30 minutes for caffeine to enter the bloodstream, find a safe place to take a 20-30 minute nap while you're waiting for the caffeine to take effect;

- Avoid sleepy times of day. Take a mid-afternoon nap and find a place to sleep between midnight and 6 a.m.; and
- Traveling with an awake passenger.

Symptoms of sleepiness include but are not limited to:

- Having trouble keeping your eyes open and focused;
- The inability to keep your head up;
- Daydreaming or having wandering, disconnected thoughts;
- Drifting from your lane or off the road, or tailgating;
- Yawning frequently or rubbing your eyes repeatedly;
- Missing signs or driving past your intended exit;
- Feeling irritable and restless; and
- Being unable to remember how far you have traveled or what you have recently passed.

Source: AAA

News Briefs

Border patrol seizes over \$850,000 of meth

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. – On October 19 U.S. Border Patrol agents at a checkpoint north of El Paso, seized narcotics worth more than \$800,000 from a single vehicle.

While conducting a routine immigration inspection, Border Patrol Agents stopped a gray Saturn Vue for further investigation. Agents interviewed the driver, a United States citizen.

Border Patrol agents then conducted a thorough search of the vehicle and found 17 bundles wrapped in clear cellophane and tin foil - a

type of concealment method often used by narcotics smugglers. The bundles contained over 25 pounds of methamphetamine. The street value of the meth is estimated at more than \$850,000. The vehicle was seized by the United States Border Patrol; the driver and narcotics were turned over to DEA.

Checkpoints located outside the El Paso area serve as a secondary line of defense. Drug seizures like this one keep these dangerous drugs from polluting communities in the interior of our nation. - *CBP*

Guam ambulance company executives plead guilty to Medicare and TRICARE fraud and money laundering scheme

Two former owners and an employee of an ambulance services provider headquartered in Guam pleaded guilty yesterday for their roles in a health care fraud and money laundering scheme that resulted in a loss to the United States of approximately \$10.8 million.

This is one of the largest single Medicare ambulance fraud cases prosecuted nationwide.

Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Shawn N. Anderson of the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, Special Agent in Charge Eli S. Miranda of the FBI's Honolulu Field Office, Special Agent in Charge Justin Campbell of IRS Criminal Investigation's (IRS-CI) Seattle Field Office

and Special Agent in Charge Timothy DeFrancesca of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General's (HHS-OIG) Los Angeles Regional Office made the announcement.

Clifford P. Shoemake, 63, of Guam, Casey C. Conner, 60, of Saipan, and Nicholas A. Shoemake, 31, of Guam, the former owners and an employee, respectively, of Guam Medical Transport (GMT), pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood of the District of Guam, to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and one count of conspiracy to engage in monetary transactions with the proceeds of specified unlawful activity. The defendants are scheduled to be sentenced on Jan. 29, 2020.

Man arrested for attempting to illegally export controlled items to Libya

Peter Sotis, 55, of Delray Beach, Florida, was arrested yesterday based on an indictment charging him with conspiracy to violate and attempted violation of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) and the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), as well as smuggling of goods.

John C. Demers, Assistant Attorney General for National Security; Ariana Fajardo Orshan, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida; Robert Luzzi, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Commerce's Office of Export Enforcement (DOC) Miami Field Office; and Anthony

Salisbury, Special Agent in Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations' (ICE-HSI) Miami Field Office, made the announcement.

The indictment alleges Sotis was the owner and principal of Add Helium, a Fort Lauderdale diving company. Sotis was charged with smuggling, conspiracy to violate and attempted violation of the IEEPA and the EAR by transferring dual-use goods, that is, articles that have both civilian and military application, for export to Libya without the required Department of Commerce license.

ClassifiedAds

Job Title : Assistant United States Attorney

Job Description: The U.S. Attorney's Office is currently interviewing for an Assistant United States Attorney to serve in the Civil Division. The attorney will represent the United States and its agencies and employees in civil cases across a very broad variety of practice areas, and also will represent the federal government in civil investigations of potential violations of law. The attorney will have responsibility for handling all aspects of civil cases in court. The attorney must have a very strong ability to analyze complex legal and factual issues, write clearly and persuasively, possess a strong work ethic, exhibit good organizational skills, exercise fair and sound judgment, pay careful attention to facts and details, work well both independently and on a team, be ready and willing to volunteer to help other attorneys, be able to negotiate effectively with opposing counsel, handle matters in court persuasively on behalf of the United States of America, and be devoted to justice, excellence, and representing the public.

The home page for the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Colorado, may be accessed at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/co/>.

Qualifications:

Required Qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. Degree, be an active member of the bar (any U.S. jurisdiction), and have at least 1* year post-J.D. legal or other relevant experience.

Preferred Qualifications: Highly desired are: excellent writing, speaking, and analytical skills; strong work ethic and character; interest in and dedication to public service; interest in handling a wide variety of challenging cases on behalf of the United States of America; and the ability to work well both independently and on teams on complex cases.

Salary: The range of basic pay is \$67,956 to \$166,400, including 26.30% locality pay.

Travel: Occasional travel within and outside the District will be required.

Application Process:

Applications must be submitted through the following link: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/549719000>

No telephone calls please. Applications must be submitted online. Each application must include a cover letter and one-page resume. The USAJobs resume will not substitute for this requirement.

Application Deadline: Thursday, November 14, 2019



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SPIRITUAL CORNER

FOR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

Psalm 46:1-3 -- God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Proverbs 18:10 -- The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe.

Nehemiah 8:10 -- Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Isaiah 41:10 -- So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Exodus 15:2 -- The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory. This is my God, and I will praise him -- my father's God, and I will exalt him!

Psalm 9:9-10 -- The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Psalm 34:10^b -- Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Isaiah 26:3-4 Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock.

1 Chronicles 16:11 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Psalm 32:7-8 You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Exodus 33:14 My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.

Deuteronomy 31:8 It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Deuteronomy 33:27 --The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

SKATE AMERICA DEBUTS IN LAS VEGAS

Nathan Chen of the US performs



LAS VEGAS -- Making its Las Vegas debut, U.S. Figure Skating's 2019 Skate America brought the world's top figure skaters to the Orleans Arena Oct. 18-20, 2019. The event featured three days of competition in the ladies, men's, pairs and ice dance disciplines. The field included 60 competitors, including Olympic- and World-level athletes, from 10 countries. The first of six stops of the International Skating Union Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series, skaters competing to qualify for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in December in Torino, Italy. Other series stops include Canada, France, China, Russia and Japan.

L.A. Convention Center unveils largest public art & civic project in the country by Portraits of Hope

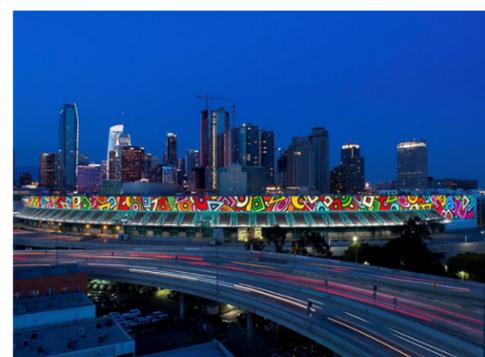
THE FOUR-FOOTBALL-FIELD LONG MURAL AND ACCOMPANYING ARTWORK WAS HAND-PAINTED BY MORE THAN 7,000 INDIVIDUALS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC), owned by the City of Los Angeles and managed by AEG Facilities, recently revealed a massive, hand-painted mural created by Portraits of Hope, titled Shaping LA. The mural, spanning the length of four football fields, and accompanying artwork will be displayed for approximately six months on the LACC's South Hall facing the 110 freeway and on the ground level of the facility in and around the West Hall parking garage and walkway facing STAPLES Center.

The vibrant project was conceived 13 years ago by Portraits of Hope founders and brothers Ed Massey and Bernie Massey. In 2018, the City of Los Angeles Department of Convention and Tourism Development (CTD) began working closely with Portraits of Hope to showcase an upbeat, identifiable mural to the LACC exterior. Geometric shapes are core design elements of the project, as the young participants are responsible for "shaping" the future.

"The Los Angeles Convention Center is the perfect canvas for this one-of-a-kind project," said Doane Liu, Executive Director, CTD. "Shaping LA has uniquely transformed the landscape of Downtown Los Angeles, proudly exemplifying the creativity of our great city."

Shaping LA is the largest public art and civic project in the country thanks to the efforts of thousands of Los



Angeles residents through civic education and public policy sessions in over 1,000 schools, creative therapy sessions for hospitalized children and persons with disabilities, social service programs and community operations for the public. Additionally, the project was made possible by partners, including AEG who donated \$10,000 toward the project, as well as GES and Freeman who donated labor to install the mural.

Portraits of Hope is a national non-profit organization committed to developing dynamic, public art projects that enrich the lives of children and adults.

SPORTS

Beijing 2022 shows positive impact of games



The fourth International Olympic Committee (IOC) Coordination Commission Meeting in July witnessed the significant positive impact made from creating opportunities for 300 million Chinese people to get involved in winter sport, as well as the benefits from the ongoing implementation of Olympic Agenda 2020.

"Beijing 2022 is delivering on its vision to engage 300 million people in winter sports, and we can see real benefits resulting from the various actions that are being undertaken across the country," IOC Coordination Commission Chair Juan Antonio Samaranch said. "We have heard about some impressive developments this week that exemplify the vision for winter sports in China in terms of mass participation, elite sport and tourism. This progress is very encouraging for the long-term future of winter sport, both in China and internationally."

Boxing Road to Tokyo 2020

The Olympic Boxing Task Force has confirmed the names of the cities to host the five qualification events to be held on the Boxing Road to Tokyo 2020. The task force also announced the creation of an Athlete Ambassador Group, as well as the collaboration with Pricewaterhousecoopers on the refereeing and judging process.

QUALIFICATION EVENTS

Four Continental Events and a final World Qualification Event will be held between February and May 2020 to give boxers the opportunity to seal their places at the Tokyo 2020 boxing tournament.

The World Qualification Event will give athletes a second chance to qualify and will therefore be open only to those boxers who have not yet qualified for the Games.

"The Qualification Events represent a fair and transparent pathway to the Olympic Games with equal opportunities for all National Olympic Committees," said



Boxing Task Force Chair and IOC Member Mr Morinari Watanabe. "Everything is being done to provide world-class Qualification Events and to ensure the best possible conditions for the athletes."

The qualifying schedule features a strong emphasis on legacy, with all five events hosted by former or future Olympic Games or Youth Olympic Games host cities or countries. -- IOC

Final preparations underway as Olympic flame fuels excitement across Switzerland

The Lausanne 2020 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Organising Committee outlined, at its last meeting with the International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s Coordination Commission, the final preparations for the 3rd Winter YOG, just days after the Youth Olympic Flame was lit and as it now starts its journey nationwide.

Undoubtedly one of the pre-YOG highlights, the 110-day Torch Tour now begins its journey through the 26 Swiss cantons and into Les Tuffes on the French border. The Tour will take the flame to 45 city centres and iconic Swiss locations to engage all corners of the country, and will promote the free access to venues to watch



the best young athletes in the world. In addition to the sporting action, the ground-breaking "En Jeux!" festivals will allow spectators to try out the Youth Olympic sports.



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Ready

FOR DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES

• BUILD A KIT

Make sure your emergency kit is stocked with the items on the checklist below. Most of the items are inexpensive and easy to find, and any one of them could save your life. Headed to the store? Download a printable version to take with you. Once you take a look at the basic items, consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets, or seniors.

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

• BASIC DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

• ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

Consider adding the following items to your emergency supply kit based on your individual needs:

- Prescription medications
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Glasses and contact lense solution
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper to disinfect water
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

• MAINTAINING YOUR KIT

After assembling your kit remember to maintain it so it's ready when needed:

- Keep canned food in a cool, dry place
- Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers
- Replace expired items as needed
- Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.

• KIT STORAGE LOCATIONS

Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for home, work and vehicles.

Home: Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept.

Work: Be prepared to shelter at work for at least 24 hours. Your work kit should include food, water and other necessities like medicines, as well as comfortable walking shoes, stored in a "grab and go" case.

Vehicle: In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car.



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