

MARCH FOR FREEDOM



"Free Burma" rally was held recently in Washington, DC, when about 100 demonstrators gathered and marched to show support for the cause of the Monks in Myanmar (formerly known as Burma). Photocredit : INM

Philippine Embassy in Washington reassures Filipino community of efforts for the early release and increase of vaccine supply in the Philippines

WASHINGTON, D.C., - The Philippine Humanitarian Coalition (PHC), Philippine Medical Association MDC, US Filipinos for Good Governance DC (USFGG) and US Medicare PH hosted a virtual community forum on 29 April 2021 where Deputy Chief of Mission Renato Villa reassured participants of the Embassy's continued efforts to engage and negotiate with the US Government and vaccine manufacturers to achieve the early release and increase of vaccine supply in the Philippines, regardless of the numerous challenges our country is currently facing.

DCM Villa also upraised the participants on the PH Government's vaccine procurement efforts in the United States and through other vaccine sources including the WHO COVAX Facility.



Renato Villa
Deputy Chief of Mission

NASA's Perseverance Mars Rover extracts first oxygen from red planet



Technicians at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory lower the Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilization Experiment (MOXIE) instrument into the belly of the Perseverance rover. (Photo: NASA/JPL-Caltech)

DHS announces extension of REAL ID full enforcement deadline

WASHINGTON - Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas has announced the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is extending the REAL ID full enforcement date by 19 months, from October 1, 2021 to May 3, 2023, due to circumstances resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has significantly impacted states' ability to issue REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and identification cards, with many driver's licensing agencies still operating at limited capacity.

"Protecting the health, safety, and security of our communities is our top priority," said Secretary Mayorkas. "As our country continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, extending the REAL ID full enforcement deadline will give states needed time to reopen their driver's licensing operations and ensure their residents can obtain a REAL ID-compliant license or identification card."

BONTA MAKES HISTORY AS CALIFORNIA'S FIRST FILIPINO AMERICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL

SACRAMENTO - On April 23rd, Governor Gavin Newsom swore in Assemblymember Rob Bonta as California's 34th Attorney General. A national leader in the fight to reform our justice system and stand up to the forces of hate, Bonta is the first Filipino American in the state's history to serve in the role.

"California and the nation need leaders like Rob Bonta to meet this pivotal moment in our history with the courage, energy and tenacity it will take to shape a society more reflective of our values," said Governor Newsom. "Carrying the lessons of his remarkable upbringing at the center of historic social justice movements, Rob has been at the forefront of courageous fights for racial, economic and environmental justice from day one. As Attorney General, Rob brings to bear the legal and moral authority to effectively

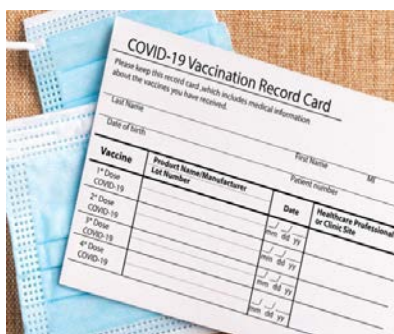


engage a broad array of groups - community leaders, law enforcement, the Legislature and more - in a meaningful dialogue, so that California continues to build bridges and advance together in a direction that does justice to all our communities."

Confirmed by the Legislature, Bonta was selected by Governor Newsom to fill the position vacated by

Xavier Becerra, who was recently sworn in as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Governor announced the nomination last month at the historic International Hotel in San Francisco, a site where Asian and Pacific Islander Californians famously rallied in 1977 to save the homes of elderly residents and preserve their community. **(Related story on Page 2)**

FIGHTING FAKE VACCINATION CARDS



SALT LAKE CITY - Utah Attorney General Sean D. Reyes has called on Twitter, eBay, and Shopify to act immediately to prevent people from selling fake CDC vaccination cards on their platforms. In a letter to the companies' CEOs, a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general raises concerns about the public health risks of this fraud.

"It's sad but not surprising that fraudsters continue to take advantage of people during the Pandemic, but we're fighting back to protect Utahns," said Attorney General Reyes. "Some of these fraudsters we can investigate but many use tactics that evade prosecution. So, we're asking social media platforms to help us crack down on ads and promotions designed to exploit vulnerable citizens."

Legitimate vaccination cards are given by providers when they administer the vaccine. People who buy fake cards can have their own information added to the card or add it in themselves, so it appears they have been vaccinated when they have not. These deceptive cards threaten the health of our communities, slow progress in getting people protected from the virus, and violate many state laws.

Celebrating OSCARS Winners



Peter Spears, Frances McDormand, Chloé Zhao, Mollye Asher, and Dan Janvey pose backstage with the Oscar® for Best Picture during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. credit: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Frances McDormand with the Oscar® for Actress and Yuh-Jung Youn with the Oscar® for Actress in a Supporting Role pose backstage during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. credit: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Daniel Kaluuya poses backstage with the Oscar® for Best Actor in a Supporting Role during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. credit: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Emerald Fennell poses backstage with the Oscar® for Original Screenplay during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. credit: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.

(To see more photos about the OSCARS, see the Back Page)

Teen sisters donate books that give voice to Muslim girls

By Noelani Kirschner

When Mena and Zena Nasiri were in elementary school, they wanted to do a class project on Muslim women in history, but soon ran into a roadblock. "We went to our local library and couldn't find any books on any Muslim women," said Zena. "That was the first time we realized there was a lack of diversity and representation in the books in our community."

The two sisters – who are now a junior and senior in secondary

school – approached the Parent Teacher Association at their school and asked for funds to buy books featuring Muslim women for all of the libraries in their school district in Michigan.

The association agreed, and with its help Mena and Zena donated 200 books to each of the 21 schools.

With that success, they started a nongovernmental organization, Girls of the Crescent, to find books about strong Muslim women and



Mena (left) and Zena Nasiri hold books that feature female Muslim main characters in front of the Blair Memorial Library in Clawson, Michigan, where they donated books in August 2019. (Courtesy of Deyar Nasiri)

donate them to public schools in the area. The sisters discovered these books

were not only in demand in their community but throughout the United States and the world. To date, the organization has donated more than 1,000 books to 66 schools, public libraries and mosques in the United States and seven international destinations, including France, Hong Kong, Morocco, Nigeria and the United Kingdom.

Mena and Zena have researched sites online to assemble a list of roughly 300 books portraying powerful Muslim women to donate or recommend to interested parties.

Zena discovered her now-favorite novel, *The Lines We Cross* by Randa Abdel-Fattah, through their research. The book explores the experiences of a young Muslim woman who has immigrated to the United States from Afghanistan.

Mena quickly read it, too. "It was such an amazing experience seeing a character like us in a book," said Mena. "It brought us back to that time in fourth grade when we couldn't find any books about Muslim women and felt like it was a pervasive issue."

Governor Newsom swears in Rob Bonta as Attorney General of California

"Thank you, Governor Newsom for the faith and trust you have placed in me. Serving as California's Attorney General is the honor of a lifetime," said Attorney General Rob Bonta after he was sworn in as the new Attorney General of California, assuming the position vacated by Xavier Becerra, who was recently sworn in as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"There are a lot of challenges we

face across America today. People see institutions that work well for those with wealth and power – at the expense of everyone else. We see hate on the rise. And too often, justice and accountability for those who harm others feel out of reach. As The People's Attorney, I won't back down when I see Californians hurt. Together, we will get justice for families cheated by multi-national corporations. We will defend communities ravaged by big polluters. We will work to repair

our justice system, and we will attack the forces of hate and white supremacy. I'm excited to get to work!" Bonta continued.

Labor, environmental and criminal justice reform advocates welcomed the appointment.

The son of activists, Bonta grew up in a trailer in La Paz, where his parents served at the headquarters of the United Farm Workers movement. Inspired to pursue justice through the law, Bonta studied at Yale Law School and went on to work pro-bono protecting vulnerable Californians from exploitation and racial profiling. He served nine years as a Deputy City Attorney in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office before running for local office in Alameda County. In 2012, Bonta became the first Filipino American in California history to win election to the Legislature, representing Assembly District 18 in the cities of Oakland, Alameda and San Leandro. Bonta has passed major reforms that reversed long-standing injustices.

Buckingham Palace mourns the passing of Prince Philip

The Buckingham Palace continues to mourn the passing of Prince Philip, Queen Elizabeth II's husband, on April 9 at the age of 99.

A statement issued by the palace just after his death on April 9 spoke of the Queen's "deep sorrow" following his death at Windsor Castle on Friday morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh, the longest-serving royal consort in British history, was at the Queen's side for more than her six decades of reign.

Boris Johnson said he "inspired the lives of countless young people." "It is with deep sorrow that Her Majesty The Queen announces the death of her beloved husband," the Palace said.

"The Royal Family join with people around the world in mourning his loss."

It is understood that the Prince of Wales travelled from his home in Gloucestershire to visit his mother at Windsor Castle on Friday afternoon. Speaking at Downing Street, the prime minister said that the duke had "earned the affection of generations here in the United Kingdom, across the Commonwealth, and around the world".

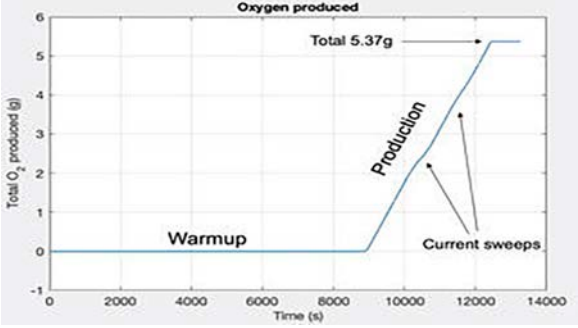


NASA's Perseverance Mars Rover extracts first oxygen from red planet

The growing list of "firsts" for Perseverance, NASA's newest six-wheeled robot on the Martian surface, includes converting some of the Red Planet's thin, carbon dioxide-rich atmosphere into oxygen. A toaster-size, experimental instrument aboard Perseverance called the Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilization Experiment (MOXIE) accomplished the task. The test took place April 20, the 60th Martian day, or sol, since the mission landed Feb. 18.

While the technology demonstration is just getting started, it could pave the way for science fiction to become science fact – isolating and storing oxygen on Mars to help power rockets that could lift astronauts off the planet's surface. Such devices also might one day provide breathable air for astronauts themselves. MOXIE is an exploration technology investigation – as is the Mars Environmental Dynamics Analyzer (MEDA) weather station – and is sponsored by NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD) and Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate.

"This is a critical first step at converting carbon dioxide to oxygen on Mars," said Jim Reuter, associate administrator for STMD. "MOXIE has more work to do, but the results from this technology demonstration are full of promise as we move toward our goal of one day seeing humans on Mars. Oxygen isn't just the stuff we breathe. Rocket propellant depends on oxygen, and future explorers will depend on producing propellant on



After a 2-hour warmup period MOXIE began producing oxygen at a rate of 6 grams per hour. The rate was reduced two times during the run (labeled as "current sweeps") in order to assess the status of the instrument. After an hour of operation, the total oxygen produced was about 5.4 grams, enough to keep an astronaut healthy for about 10 minutes of normal activity. (Credits: MIT Haystack Observatory)

Mars to make the trip home."

For rockets or astronauts, oxygen is key, said MOXIE's principal investigator, Michael Hecht of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Haystack Observatory.

To burn its fuel, a rocket must have more oxygen by weight. Getting four astronauts off the Martian surface on a future mission would require approximately 15,000 pounds (7 metric tons) of rocket fuel and 55,000 pounds (25 metric tons) of oxygen.

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Meet the Burmese American who led NASA's flight on Mars

By LEIGH HARTMAN

MiMi Aung is no stranger to historic firsts. She was raised in Burma, where her mother was the first woman in the country to earn a doctorate in mathematics. On April 19, Aung served as team lead for NASA's first helicopter flight on Mars.

It "was an incredible moment," Aung said of Ingenuity's 39-second flight, which is drawing comparisons to the Wright brothers' first flight on Earth in 1903 for its promise for future discovery and innovation. "This morning our dream came true."

Ingenuity arrived on Mars on March 18, as part of NASA's Perseverance rover's mission to search for signs of ancient life and collect rocks and sediment for future missions to return to Earth. The helicopter carries a small piece of material from the Wright brothers' plane on its mission.

It happened. Today our #MarsHelicopter proved that

powered, controlled flight from the surface of another planet is possible. It takes a little ingenuity, perseverance, and spirit to make that opportunity a reality: <https://t.co/oT3rrBm6wj> pic.twitter.com/u63GKshp0G

— NASA (@NASA) April 19, 2021

Aung came to the United States at 16 and studied engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her parents had met at the university and Aung was born in the United States, though her family returned to Burma when she was 2 years old.

Her mother taught her a love of math and a rigorous approach to problem solving. As a child, Aung asked her mother for the answer to a frustrating math problem, and her mother's response carried a lesson in self-reliance and determination: "Never, never ask me for a shortcut."

After earning a master's degree in electrical engineering,



NASA's Ingenuity Mars helicopter on April 5, seen through Perseverance rover's Mastcam-Z, a pair of zoomable cameras (NASA/JPL-Caltech/ASU)

Aung went to work for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, in Pasadena, California. She worked on the Deep Space Network for communicating with spacecraft and later on autonomous flight systems.

As project manager of NASA's Mars Helicopter Project, Aung oversees the diverse team that designed, built, tested and flew Ingenuity. She grew up in Burma, and other team members include chief engineer Bob Balaram, originally from India, and pilot Håvard Grip, originally from Norway.



MiMi Aung works with Teddy Tzanetos, left, and Bob Balaram, right, on a flight test for NASA's Mars helicopter in January 2019. (NASA/JPL-Caltech)

The team tackled complex challenges, such as how to fly in a Martian atmosphere that is so thin that Aung compares it to air on Earth at an "elevation three times the height of the Himalayas." So Ingenuity is light, a mere 1.8 kilograms, with blades that rotate more than 2,500 times per minute.

Ingenuity will make several more flights in the coming weeks to gather data and inform future helicopter missions to explore the red planet.

NASA Acting Administra-

tor Stephen G. Jurczyk credits Aung's leadership with making Ingenuity's mission possible. "Her excitement and enthusiasm for making this happen was infectious," he said.

Working at NASA is "a privilege and just an enormous opportunity I value every day," Aung says. "Being that little girl in Myanmar, I had no idea if I would ever be in another country, or let alone be a part of a community that's actively" exploring space.

First Thai-made satellite to launch in 2023

Thailand is taking a giant leap forward in technology by planning to launch the first of five domestically designed and built satellites in 2023, the government said last week.

The first satellite, named TSC-Pathfinder, will survey the Earth's natural resources. It is being developed by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation as part of its 2021-2027 space technology program.

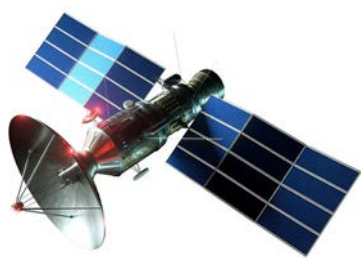
Thailand has owned and operated several communications satellites since 1991, but they have all been foreign-made, and some are owned by the private sector.

The Ministry signed an agreement with 12 partners last week for the project, including five universities and seven other government agencies with some role in space technology or science.

Minister Anek Laothamatas said that space technology would not only help the Kingdom advance in research and development and scientific fields, but would also hold appeal for future investors as the technology supports the IoT (Internet of Things).

After the launch of TSC-Pathfinder, a second satellite, TSC-1, will be sent skyward to survey the Earth in 2025. A third satellite, TSC-PFT1, will be launched in 2027 to test dual-system technology, and a fourth, TSC-PFT2, will test a system of receiving and sending signals in a low-frequency-X band.

The fifth and final satellite, TSC-2, is the most ambitious. It will be sent to orbit the Moon by 2027.



Streamed Live! SelectUSA Tech Korea 2021 Pitch Session

On Friday, April 16, 2021, the Embassy of the United States of America organized a pitch session for Korean startups.

The winner, in addition to being able to interact directly with a panel of judges that included potential North American investors, won a completely free ticket to participate in the 2021 SelectUSA Investment Summit & SelectUSA Tech between June 7 and 11, 2021. They will also have the opportunity to participate in a regional "Winners" pitch session during the 2021 SelectUSA Investment Summit.



UNWTO urges Europe to lead the way in tourism's restart

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has again stressed the importance of collaboration as it welcomed European Commission Vice-President Margaritis Schinas to Madrid for a high-level meeting focused on the joined-up response to the ongoing crisis, and on advancing plans for tourism's vital restart.



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American trainers lead English courses for Indian educators in support of new national education policy

Minister Counselor for Public Affairs David Kennedy congratulated over 650 pre-service teachers on April 12 on their graduation from two 10-week online courses the U.S. government designed, which leveraged the latest thinking in foreign-language acquisition and critical-thinking development.

The U.S. Mission to India implemented these courses in

partnership with nine prestigious women's teacher-training colleges of the University of Delhi in response to India's new National Education Policy (NEP).

Led by 19 U.S. government-funded American English Language Fellows, the innovative virtual courses incorporated hands-on experience with new classroom technologies, enhancing teachers' abilities to

support the development of their students' English language proficiency in all subject areas, as well as critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, digital literacy, and other 21st-century skills as directed by the NEP.

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KOREA, MEXICO ENGAGE IN DEFENSE AND PATRIOTS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS DIPLOMACY

During his visit to Mexico from April 23 to 24, Korean Vice Minister Choi Jong Kun attended the Independence Merit Award ceremony and the launch ceremony of the Korean War Veterans Association in Mexico.

Vice Minister Choi conveyed his gratitude to the spirit of patriotism of Independence Movement Patriots who devoted themselves in Mexico to the liberation of their home country during the Japanese colonial era. He also expressed the Korean government's interest and willingness to support overseas Korean people in Mexico. He also delivered government medals and commendations to the descendants of four Independence Movement Patriots who contributed to the liberation of Korea through fund-raising for the independence movement of the Korean community in Mexico during the Japanese colonial era.

Consul General Badajos congratulates newly-confirmed Atty Gen. Rob Bonta

On behalf of the women and men of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, I wish to extend warmest felicitations to California Attorney General Rob Bonta on his confirmation through the overwhelming majority by the State legislature on 22 April 2021.

Our community takes pride and inspiration in AG Bonta's historic appointment as the first Filipino-American to assume this high-level and very important executive position in America's richest and most populous state.

The new California AG has proven a track record during his time as Assemblymember for championing advocacies such as phrasing out the cash bail system, abolishing the death penalty, eradicating the use of private prisons and immigration detention centers, as well as protecting renters from wrongful evictions.

I am sure that AG Bonta's advocacies in his new position will enjoy widespread support from the good citizens of California and would best serve the needs and aspirations of a great majority of the populace.

Particularly, I look forward to his implementation of criminal justice reform, enhancing accountability of law enforcement, as well as addressing the continued upsurge of hate crimes targeting Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI), including our fellow Filipinos and Filipino-Americans.

I wish him all the best on this new chapter of his career as a fellow public servant.

Congratulations AG Rob and mabuhay!

EDGAR B. BADAJOS

Consul General (Los Angeles)

DPWH builds more modular hospitals for Lung Center PH

MANILA – Construction activities for additional modular hospital at the Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP) in Quezon City have started, aimed at serving moderate, severe, and critical Covid-19 patients.

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) will build five units of modular hospitals.

Three of five layouts were already established as of Saturday.

Undersecretary Emil K. Sadain, head of the DPWH Task Force to Facilitate Augmentation of Local and National Health Facilities, said in a news release that based on the design and build plan as agreed with LCP management, four typical designs with 88 beds and one intensive care unit (ICU)-type modular hospital with 22 beds, or a total of 110-bed capacity, will be constructed.

DPWH had earlier erected modular facilities at LCP composed of eight fully air-conditioned rooms with two beds per room to accommodate 16 moderate, severe and critical Covid-19 cases, and 16 rooms with double-decker beds as temporary shelter of health professionals.

Other DPWH-constructed modular facilities



RISING SOON. The layout of the proposed five modular hospitals being built inside the Lung Center of the Philippines compound in Quezon City. The project of the Department of Public Works and Highways will serve moderate, severe, and critical Covid-19 patients. (Photo courtesy of DPWH)

are one ICU type with 16 beds at LCP; four typically designed and one ICU type modular hospital at Quezon Institute-Philippine Tuberculosis Society Inc, Quezon City with 110 beds; one typically designed modular hospital with 22 beds at Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital and Sanitarium, Caloocan City; and another typical design with 21 beds and a 10-bed ICU type modular hospital at Batangas Medical Center in Batangas City. (PR)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS MEDIA

US- LED CLIMATE SUMMIT Finance Secretary Dominguez demands call to arms to address climate crisis

WASHINGTON D.C. – On April 22, Secretary of Finance Carlos Dominguez III participated in the two-day Climate Summit hosted by the United States to rally the international community in strengthening their climate ambition ahead of the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference in November.

"We cannot simply sound the alarm. We need a call to arms. Each person, each community, and each country must do what needs to be done to reverse the destructive course, we ourselves inflicted on our own planet," Secretary Dominguez said in a pre-recorded message during the breakout session on climate security that was chaired by Defense Secretary Lloyd J.



Austin III and participated in by Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines and U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield.

Secretary Dominguez laid down the measures the Philippines is taking to address the climate crisis which include pushing for the passage of a piece of legislation that will ban single-use plastics.

DHS to make additional 22,000 temporary, non-agricultural worker visas available

WASHINGTON – As the nation’s economy continues to reopen safely, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is taking action to ensure that American businesses are equipped with the resources needed to recover successfully and contribute to the economic health of local communities. In light of increased labor demands, DHS is announcing a supplemental increase of 22,000 visas for the H-2B Temporary Non-Agricultural Worker program. The additional visas will be made available in the coming months via a temporary final rule in the Federal Register. Furthermore, to expand lawful pathways for opportunity in the United States consistent with the President’s Executive Order 14010 on “Creating a Comprehensive Regional Framework to Address the Causes of Migration, to Manage Migration Throughout North and Central America, and to Provide Safe and Orderly Processing of Asylum Seekers at the United States Border,” 6,000 of these visas will be reserved for nationals of the Northern Triangle

countries of Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala. Employers seeking H-2B workers must test the U.S. labor market and certify in their petitions that there are not enough U.S. workers who are able, willing, qualified, and available to do the temporary work for which they seek a prospective foreign worker; and that employing H-2B workers will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of similarly employed U.S. workers. The supplemental increase will require businesses seeking H-2B workers to engage in additional recruitment efforts for U.S. workers. “The H-2B program is designed to help U.S. employers fill temporary seasonal jobs, while safeguarding the livelihoods of American workers,” said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas. “This supplemental increase also demonstrates DHS’s commitment to expanding lawful pathways for opportunity in the United States to individuals from the Northern Triangle.”



Coping with debt

The first step toward taking control of your financial situation is to do a realistic assessment of how much money you take in and how much money you spend. Start by listing your income from all sources. Then, list your “fixed” expenses – those that are the same each month – like mortgage payments or rent, car payments, and insurance premiums. Next, list the expenses that vary – like groceries, entertainment, and clothing. Writing down all your expenses, even those that seem insignificant, is a helpful way to track your spending patterns, identify necessary expenses, and prioritize the rest. The goal is to make sure you can make ends meet on the basics: housing, food, health care, insurance, and education. You can find information about budgeting and money management techniques online, at your public library, and in bookstores. Computer software programs can be useful tools for developing and maintaining a budget, balancing your checkbook, and creating plans to save money and pay down your debt. - *FTC*

COVID-19 What You Need to Know

- If you are fully vaccinated, you can start doing many things that you had stopped doing because of the pandemic.
- When choosing safer activities, consider how COVID-19 is spreading in your community, the number of people participating in the activity, and the location of the activity.
- Outdoor visits and activities are safer than indoor activities, and fully vaccinated people can participate in some indoor events safely, without much risk.
- If you haven’t been vaccinated yet, find a vaccine. - *Source: CDC*

FUNDS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) announced plans to distribute \$800 million to help support the needs of students experiencing homelessness under the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) fund. ED announced the state allocations for the \$800 million total allocated in the American Rescue Plan and will distribute \$200 million in funding. Alongside the announcement, the Department issued a letter to Chief State School Officers underscoring the urgent need to use this funding to identify homeless children and youth, provide wraparound services in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and provide assistance to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities, including in-person instruction this spring and upcoming summer learning and enrichment programs. The remaining funds will be allocated to states as soon as June.

WORDS OF THE WISE

“He who has never learned to obey cannot be a commander.” - *Aristotle*

Law enforcement grant programs

COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP)

The 2021 COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program is a competitive grant program that advances public safety by providing funds directly to state law enforcement agencies to investigate illicit activities related to the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine. Up to \$15 million is available for this program. Applications are due by June 10, 2021 at 7:59 PM EDT. Please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/camp> for more information on the 2021 COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program.

Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) Program

The 2021 Anti-Heroin Task Force program is a competitive grant program that assists state law enforcement agencies in states with high per capita levels of primary treatment admissions for both heroin and other opioids. AHTF funds must be used for investigative purposes to locate or investigate illicit activities related to the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, or other opioids, or the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids. Up to \$35 million is available for this program. Applications are due by June 10, 2021 at 7:59 PM EDT. Please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/ahtf> for more information on the 2021 Anti-Heroin Task Force program.

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program

The 2021 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act program is a competitive grant program that provides funding to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs. The LEMHWA solicitation is open to all public governmental agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, for-profit and nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations. Up to \$8 million is available for this program. For more information, visit, <https://cops.usdoj.gov/lemhwa>

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The District prosecutes a full range of federal criminal cases. Assistant United States Attorneys in the Criminal Division are responsible for the investigation and prosecution of cases that include drug crimes; violent crimes; firearms offenses; child exploitation crimes; human trafficking; organized crime; terrorism; white collar crime, including wire and mail fraud, healthcare fraud, and mortgage fraud; criminal immigration matters; and general crimes. The qualified applicant would be expected to (a) assist federal law enforcement agents in structuring and implementing criminal investigative plans and strategies; (b) actively participate in grand jury proceedings, including the presentation of witnesses before the grand jury; and (c) litigate cases of moderate to high complexity from start to finish with limited supervision.

Responsibilities will increase and assignments will become more complex as your training and experience progress.

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.

United States citizenship is required.

Preferred Qualifications: Hiring preferences include strong academics, outstanding organizational skills, superior legal writing and research ability, demonstrated analytical ability, good judgment and courtroom skills, and a commitment to professionalism, ethics, civility, and public service. You must meet all qualification requirements upon the closing date of this announcement.

Salary: Assistant United States Attorney pay is administratively determined based, in part, on the number of years of professional attorney experience. The range of basic pay is \$64,649 to \$169,097 per year which includes 15.95% locality pay.

Travel:

Occasional travel may be required to meet the mission of the office.

Application Process:

Applications must be submitted online through the following link: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/599660700You>

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS MEDIA

RESORTS WORLD LAS VEGAS TO OPEN JUNE 24, 2021

LAS VEGAS – Resorts World Las Vegas, the first ground-up resort development on the Las Vegas Strip in more than a decade, will officially open its doors on June 24, 2021. Guests can now book their stay at Las Vegas's highly anticipated resort by visiting www.rwlasvegas.com, or calling the contact center at 702-676-7000 or toll free at 844-436-8464.



Through a historic partnership with Hilton, Resorts World Las Vegas will offer 3,500 luxury guest rooms and suites from three premium Hilton brands – the largest multi-brand deal in Hilton's history – including the largest Conrad Hotels & Resorts property in the world, one of the first LXR Hotels & Resorts locations in the U.S., and a marquee Hilton Hotels & Resorts hotel.

"After years of planning and constructing this monumental property with some of the most innovative partners in the industry, Resorts World Las Vegas will redefine the hospitality standard in Las Vegas with unmatched dining and entertainment, more variety of hotel accommodations than anywhere else on the Strip, and the city's most progressive technology," said Scott Sibella, President of Resorts World Las Vegas.

Driving Tips

TIPS FOR SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Before you squeeze the cooler between the suit- cases and wedge Grandma between the kids, do two things that may keep you safer down the road.

First, take your vehicle to a AAA- Approved Auto Repair shop and ask for a complete inspection. Next, know where you're going and how you'll get there. Use AAA's TripTik Travel Planner at AAA.com to plan your route. You might also consider purchasing a GPS navigation system. By taking a few minutes before setting out, you're less likely to get lost or wind up sitting by the roadside for hours.

Other tips for traveling:

- Keep your gas tank at least 1/4 filled, doors locked, windows up, safety belts buckled and your children in properly installed safety seats.
- Stay on main roads and highways.
- Don't pick up hitchhikers.
- Pack a flashlight, first-aid kit, water and snacks.
- When you stop for breaks, go into the restroom with your kids.
- Carry a cell phone with you at all times.
- Don't stop to help someone with car trouble. Instead, use your cell phone to alert police.
- Always watch for suspicious characters and look for ways to avoid them.

Some people are concerned about carjackings, but the chances that you'll be a victim are slim. Here are a few things you can do to make that risk even slimmer:

- Whenever you need to stop at night, choose a well-lighted, populated facility. Try to park where your vehicle can be seen.
- If your vehicle is bumped by another, don't immediately jump out to check for damage. Watch the other driver. If you're uncomfortable, stay in your vehicle until police arrive.
- When stopping at a traffic light, try to leave space in front of your vehicle so you can pull away if necessary. -- Source: AAA



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TESLA

Travel & Leisure names Ilocos Norte's Saud Beach one of the 25 Most Beautiful Beaches in the World

The Department of Tourism (DOT) cheers with the world as Travel & Leisure (T+L) names Saud Beach in Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte among the 25 Most Beautiful Beaches in the World.

The inclusion of Saud Beach in the international travel site's A-list is a first for the coastal area of Pagudpud, also dubbed as 'Boracay of the North'. The T+L boasted of "its white sand pitches gradually into the clear-as-glass water, like a real-world example of a zero-entry swimming pool."

The DOT salutes the sole Philip-




Photo courtesy of Ilocos Norte Tourism Office

pine entry to the list, joining the ranks of other globally-recognized beaches such as the Copacabana in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Hanelei Bay in Kauai, Hawaii; Cape Le Grand National Park in Western Australia and others.

THE SUN RISES

Cirque du Soleil Group announces return to stage



MONTREAL, QUEBEC – Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group ("Cirque du Soleil"), the world's leading producer of high-quality live entertainment, marks a milestone moment in the company's history today.

The Cirque du Soleil sun is rising as the company proudly announces the reopening of four of its most iconic shows after being closed for more than a year due to the pandemic. "O" at Bellagio and Mystère at Treasure Island will reopen this summer in Las Vegas. For the touring show division, KOOZA will be presented in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, starting November 2021, while LUZIA will reopen at London's Royal Albert Hall in January 2022.

Additionally, the Group's affiliate show Blue Man Group will return to Luxor Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas this summer.

Beijing 2022 and Paris 2024 outline important year ahead




The Organising Committees for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 and the Olympic Games Paris 2024 both reported to the IOC Session earlier today, outlining their recent progress and focusing on important deliverables over the coming months.

Beijing 2022

Zhang Jiandong, Executive Vice-President of Beijing 2022, and the IOC's Beijing 2022 Coordination Commission Chair, Juan Antonio Samaranch, both updated the IOC Session on the progress being made in China as Beijing prepares to host next year's Olympic Winter Games. Executive Vice-President Zhang also highlighted Beijing 2022's focus on safety for next year's Olympic

Winter Games. The development of COVID-19 countermeasure planning remains a priority for Games delivery.

Paris 2024

Paris 2024 President Tony Estanguet and CEO Etienne Thobois provided an overview of their Organising Committee's recent successes and upcoming plans, supported by IOC Paris 2024 Coordination Commission Chair Pierre-Olivier Beckers-Vieujant.

Paris 2024 also provided an update on their engagement activities, which aim to capitalise on increased visibility during this year's Olympic and Paralympic Games and following the handover from Tokyo 2020. Another recent success highlighted by Paris 2024

GOOD MANNERS







THE
OSCARS

The 93rd Oscars were held on Sunday, April 25, 2021, at Union Station Los Angeles and the Dolby Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Center in Hollywood, and international locations via satellite. "Oscars: Into the Spotlight" aired live on Oscar Sunday, April 25, on ABC at 6:30 p.m. ET/3:30 p.m. PT. The Oscars was televised live on ABC at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT. and in more than 225 countries and territories worldwide. "Oscars: After Dark" immediately followed the Oscars show.



Peter Spears, Frances McDormand, Chloé Zhao, Mollye Asher, and Dan Janvey pose backstage with the Oscar® for Best Picture during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Frances McDormand with the Oscar® for Actress and Yuh-Jung Youn with the Oscar® for Actress in a Supporting Role pose backstage during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Chloé Zhao poses backstage with the Oscars® for Directing and Best Picture during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Florian Zeller smiles as he holds his Oscars statuette after winning the Best Adapted Screenplay for the 'The Father' at a screening of the Oscars on Monday April 26, 2021 in Paris, France. (AP Photo/Lewis Joly, Pool)credit: Lewis Joly / AP



Phillip Bladh, Carlos Cortés, Michelle Couttolenc and Jaime Baksht pose backstage with the Oscar® for Sound during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



MPTF President and CEO Bob Beitcher accepts the Dean Hersholt Humanitarian Award Directing during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Todd Wawrychuk / A.M.P.A.S.



Jon Batiste, Trent Reznor, and Atticus Ross accept the Oscar® for Original Score during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



H.E.R. poses backstage with the Oscar® for Original Song during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® 2021. credit: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Tyler Perry poses backstage with the Gene Hersholt Humanitarian Award during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Oscar® presenter Reese Witherspoon arrives on the red carpet of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Zendaya arrives on the red carpet of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.

Best Picture: "Nomadland"	Original Screenplay Emerald Fennell "Promising Young Woman"	Editing: "Sound of Metal"	International Feature Film "Another Round" Denmark	Short Film (Animated) "If Anything Happens I Love You"
Best Director Chloe Zhao "Nomadland"	Adapted Screenplay Christopher Hampton and Florian Zeller "The Father"	Makeup and Hairstyling "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"	Music (Original Score) "Soul" Trent Reznor Atticus Ross Jon Batiste	Short Film (Live Action) "Two Distant Strangers"
Best Actor Anthony Hopkins "The Father"	Animated Feature : "Soul"	Documentary (Feature) "My Octopus Winner" Pippa Ehrlich James Reed Craig Foster	Music (Original Song) "Fight for You" from Judas and the Black Messiah Music by H.E.R. and Dernst Emile II Lyric by H.E.R. and Tiara Thomas	Sound Winner: Sound Of Metal Nicolas Becker, Jaime Baksht, Michellee Couttolenc, Carlos Cortés and Phillip Bladh
Best Actress Frances McDormand "Nomadland"	Production Design: "Mank"	Documentary (Short Subject) "Colette" Anthony Giacchino and Alice Doyard		Visual Effects Winner: Tenet Andrew Jackson, David Lee, Andrew Lockley and Scott Fisher
Best Supporting Actor Daniel Kaluuya "Judas and the Black Messiah"	Costume Design "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"	Film Editing : "Sound of Metal" Mikkel E. G. Nielsen		
Best Supporting Actress Yuh-Jung Youn. "Minari"	Choreography Erik Messerschmidt "Mink"			



Jamika Wilson (Center), Sergio Lopez-Rivera and Mia Neal pose backstage with the Oscar® for Makeup and Hairstyling during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Daniel Kaluuya poses backstage with the Oscar® for Best Actor in a Supporting Role during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Emerald Fennell poses backstage with the Oscar® for Original Screenplay during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Pete Docter and Dana Murray pose backstage with the Oscar® for Animated Feature Film during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Michael Govier and Will McCormack pose backstage with the Oscar® for Animated Short Film during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Halle Berry (R) with Van Hunt on the red carpet of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. (Photo credit: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.)



On behalf of Denmark, Thomas Vinterberg poses backstage with the Oscar® for International Feature Film. (Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.)



Renée Zellweger presents the Oscar® for Actress in a Leading Role during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo credit: Todd Wawrychuk / A.M.P.A.S.



Alice Doyard and Anthony Giacchino pose backstage with the Oscar® for Documentary Short Subject during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in LA, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. (Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.)

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Mikkel E. G. Nielsen poses backstage with the Oscar® for Film Editing. (Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.)

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Angela Bassett arrives on the red carpet of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Rita Moreno on the red carpet of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA, Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.

Travon Free and Martin Desmond Roe pose backstage with the Oscar® for Live Action Short during the live ABC Telecast of The 93rd Oscars® at Union Station in Los Angeles, CA on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Photo: Todd Wawrychuk / A.M.P.A.S.



ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is a global community of more than 10,000 of the most accomplished artists, filmmakers and executives working in film. In addition to celebrating and recognizing excellence in filmmaking through the Oscars, the Academy supports a wide range of initiatives to promote the art and science of the movies, including public programming, educational outreach and the upcoming Academy Museum of Motion Pictures.