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News Briefs

Wells Fargo to pay \$2.09-B penalty under FIRREA

The Justice Department recently announced that Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and several of its affiliates (Wells Fargo) will pay a civil penalty of \$2.09 billion under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA) based on the bank's alleged origination and sale of residential mortgage loans that it knew contained misstated income information and did not meet the quality that Wells Fargo represented.

Investors, including federally insured financial institutions, suffered billions of dollars in losses from investing in residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) containing loans originated by Wells Fargo.

TSA unveils state-of-the-art 3-D checkpoint scanner

HOUSTON, Texas — The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) on August 28 unveiled a state-of-the-art advanced technology computed tomography (CT) checkpoint scanner for screening passengers and their belongings at the security checkpoint at William P. Hobby Airport (HOU). The unit, which provides 3-D imaging that enhances explosives detection capabilities, is being tested in one lane at the checkpoint.

CT is the latest checkpoint X-ray scanning equipment to enhance threat detection capabilities for carry-on baggage as TSA continues to raise the baseline for aviation security. The technology is similar to CT technology used in the medical field.

Google fined \$5 Billion for breaching EU Antitrust Rules



The European Commission has fined Google \$5 billion for breaching EU antitrust rules. Since 2011, Google has imposed illegal restrictions on Android device manufacturers and mobile network operators to cement its dominant position in general internet search. While market dominance is not illegal under EU antitrust rules, dominant companies have a special responsibility not to abuse their powerful market position by restricting competition. EU Commissioner Margrethe Vestager, in charge of competition policy, said: "These practices have denied rivals the chance to innovate and compete on the merits. They have denied European consumers the benefits of effective competition in the important mobile sphere. This is illegal under EU antitrust rules." Google has 90 days to comply or it will face penalty payments of up to 5% of the average daily worldwide turnover of Alphabet, Google's parent company.

Senator John McCain laid to rest

Senator John McCain was buried at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, after a small private ceremony on Sunday, September 2.

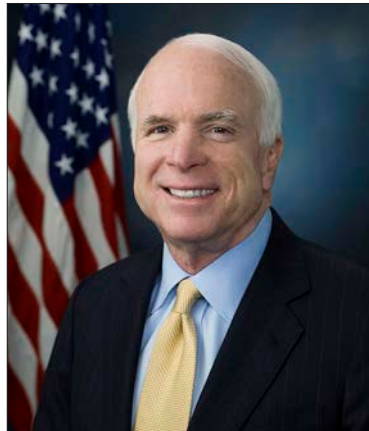
A military flypast was performed with the squadron one plane short, to symbolise the dead senator. Mr McCain graduated from the elite Naval Academy in 1958, later serving in Vietnam as a fighter jet pilot.

Family and friends were joined by his classmates and the current midshipmen for a service at the school's chapel. It caps a week of memorials for Senator McCain, who died on 25 August, aged 81, from the effects of brain cancer.

The day after he passed away, his office released the following statement:

"Senator John Sidney McCain III died at 4:28pm on August 25, 2018. With the Senator when he passed were his wife Cindy and their family. At his death, he had served the United States of America faithfully for sixty years."

On Saturday, heavyweights from across the political spectrum gathered at the Washington National Cathedral to remember the Arizona senator, who became one of America's most high-profile politicians.



John Sidney McCain III
1936 - 2018

Two former presidents - George W Bush and Barack Obama - paid tribute to Mr McCain's courage and sense of honour. The statesman's daughter Meghan, one of his seven children, delivered a eulogy.

Crowds lined the route as the senator's



The casket of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is carried out of the Washington National Cathedral in Washington after a memorial service. (Photo: AP)

final motorcade travelled to the academy in Annapolis.

Mr McCain was buried next to his classmate and friend, Admiral Chuck Larson, who reserved four plots in the idyllic cemetery for the pair and their wives before his death in 2014.

Former US Senator Joseph Lieberman, a friend and colleague of Mr McCain who also gave a eulogy at Saturday's service, said: "I say goodbye and my heart will be heavy. I'll shed a tear and yet I'll thank God that I knew a man like John McCain so well."

DHS hosts successful first-ever National Cybersecurity Summit

On July 31, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) hosted the first-of-its-kind National Cybersecurity Summit in New York City, bringing together industry partners and top federal officials with the goal of laying out a vision for a collective defense strategy to protect our nation's critical infrastructure. The summit brought together Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary Kirstjen M. Nielsen, Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Christopher Wray, and Commander, U.S. Cyber Command and Director, National Security Agency General Paul M. Nakasone, DHS Under Secretary Chris Krebs, U.S. Secret Service Director Randolph Alles, and DHS Assistant Secretary Jeanette Manfra, alongside top

CEOs from across industry including the telecom, financial, and energy sectors.

"We are not waiting for the next intrusion before we act," said DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen. "We are taking a clear-eyed look at the threat and taking action—and notably—collective action to combat them."

Throughout the Summit, DHS and its government and industry partners agreed on a series of concrete steps to better understand what is truly critical and work together to reduce strategic risk.

Secretary Nielsen announced the creation of the National Risk Management Center, which will coordinate national efforts to protect the nation's critical infrastructure.



Vice President Mike Pence speaks at the DHS Cybersecurity Summit on July 31, 2018. (DHS photo)

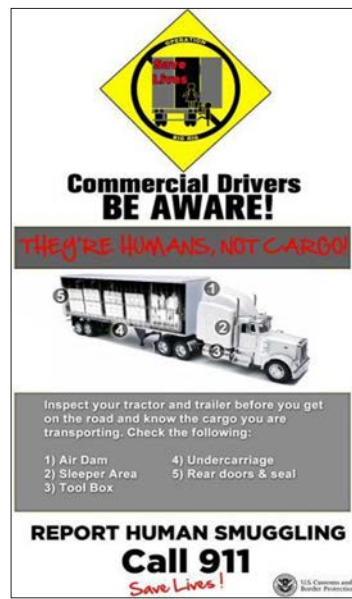
BORDER PATROL ENCOUNTERS ANOTHER FRAUD CASE

MALLEN, Texas — On August 1, agents assigned to the Centralized Processing Center discovered an adult man and woman using a fraudulent birth certificate in an attempt to pass as father and child.

"They're humans, not cargo!"

The man, a Honduran national, claimed he was the father of a 17-year-old female accompanying him. During an interview, the woman admitted to agents that the man was not her father and that the document in question was fraudulent. Subsequently, she provided her real name and date of birth. She is 18 years old and claims to be a friend of the male subject. Both subjects will be processed accordingly.

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



California man charged with making violent threats vs. Boston Globe employees

BOSTON — A California man has been arrested and charged with making violent threats against Boston Globe employees in retaliation for the newspaper's editorial response to political attacks on the media.

Robert D. Chain, 68, of Encino, California, is charged with one count of making threatening communications in interstate commerce. Chain will appear in federal court in Los Angeles this afternoon and be transferred to Boston at a later date.

"In the past few months, this office has charged people with threatening to bomb a minority commencement ceremony at Harvard, threatening to shoot people at a Second Amendment rally, offering money to anyone who kills a federal agent, and mailing white powder and threatening notes to certain public figures," said U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling. "Anyone — regardless of political affiliation — who puts others in fear for their lives will be prosecuted by this office. In a time of increasing political polarization, and amid the increasing incidence of mass shootings, members of the public must police their own political rhetoric. Or we will."

"Everyone has a right to express their opinion, but threatening to kill people, takes it

over the line and will not be tolerated," said Harold H. Shaw, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division. "Today's arrest of Robert Chain should serve a warning to others, that making threats is not a prank, it's a federal crime. All threats are taken seriously, as we never know if the subject behind the threat intends to follow through with their actions. Whether potentially hoax or not, each and every threat will be aggressively run to ground. These investigations are expensive and are costly to the taxpayers, can put innocent people at risk, divert law enforcement from responding to actual emergencies, and cause undue stress to victims."

On Aug. 10, 2018, the Boston Globe announced that it was requesting that other newspaper publications around the country publish a coordinated editorial response to political attacks on the media.

According to court documents, immediately following the announcement, Chain began making threatening calls to the Boston Globe's newsroom. In the calls, Chain referred to the Globe as "the enemy of the people" and threatened to kill newspaper employees.

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what's inside

INM's Awee Abayari's exclusive interview with Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr., focuses on issues that affect the country today. Read it on BEYOND NEWS, Page 2.

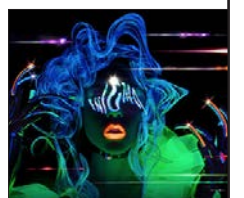


Read about Dr. Juan M. Montero II's his philanthropic and humanitarian work both in the USA and abroad on Page 3, ACROSS THE WORLD.

"Crazy Rich Asians", the acclaimed international bestseller is now a MAJOR MOTION PICTURE. Constance Wu and Henry Golding lead the movie's all-Asian cast. Read more about it on Page 5, R.E.A.D.



Six-time GRAMMY Award-winner, Lady Gaga will launch her exclusive residency at Park Theater at the new Park MGM resort, Dec. 28. Read more about it on Page 7, LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL.



A Hero Remembered

JOHN SIDNEY MCCAIN III
1936 - 2018

Senator John McCain's remarkable record of leadership embodies his unwavering lifetime commitment to service. The son and grandson of distinguished Navy Admirals, Senator McCain graduated from the Naval Academy in 1958, and served as a Naval aviator for 22 years, including in North Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

On October 26, 1967, during Senator McCain's 23rd bombing mission over North Vietnam, a missile struck his plane and forced him to eject, knocking him unconscious and breaking both his arms and his leg.

Senator McCain was taken as a prisoner of war into the now-infamous "Hanoi Hilton," where he was denied needed medical treatment and subjected to years of torture by the North Vietnamese. He spent much of his time as a prisoner of war in solitary confinement, aided by his faith and the friendships of his fellow POWs.

When he was finally released and able to return home years later, Senator McCain continued his service by regaining his naval flight status.

His last Navy duty assignment was to serve as the naval liaison to the United States Senate. He retired from the Navy in 1981. His naval honors include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

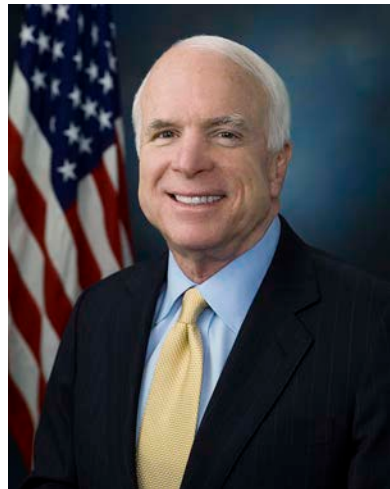
Senator McCain was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Arizona in 1982 and elected to the United States Senate in 1986. He was the Republican Party's nominee for president in the 2008 election.

Over the course of his career, Senator McCain served as Chairman of the Senate Committees on Indian Affairs, Commerce, Science and Transportation, and most recently, Armed Services.

Senator McCain is survived by his wife, Cindy, seven children and five grandchildren.

Memorials and Services

A memorial service for Sen. John McCain took place in



Washington Saturday, September 1. Former President George W. Bush and former President Barack Obama gave eulogies at the service at the Washington National Cathedral. Both men defeated McCain in his two campaigns to become president, in 2000 and 2008.

The "maverick" senator was previously honored at a memorial ceremony in his home state of Arizona Thursday, where he was eulogized by friend and luminaries such as former Vice President Joe Biden. Thousands of citizens paid respect as he lay in state at the Arizona Capitol.

Then on Friday, McCain lay in state at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, where top elected officials paid their respects. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, House Speaker Paul Ryan and Vice President Mike Pence all gave remarks honoring McCain at a morning ceremony. The public had the opportunity to pay respects on Friday afternoon.

McCain was buried with military honors following a private service at the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis, Maryland, on Sunday, September 2.

United States hosts first-ever Ministerial Forum to advance international religious freedom

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo gathered counterparts from 89 countries and International Organizations for the first ever Ministerial Meeting on Freedom of Religion and Belief (FORB) in Washington, DC on July 26, 2018.

The Ministerial convened leaders from around the world to discuss the challenges facing religious freedom, identify concrete means to address persecution of and discrimination against religious groups, and promote greater respect for religious liberty for all.

High-level speakers included Vice President Mike Pence, U.S. Ambassador to the UN in New York Nikki Haley and Senior Advisor to the President Jared Kushner. The Austrian delegation was headed by Susanne Raab, Undersecretary for Integration at the Austrian Foreign Ministry.

The International Religious Freedom Ministerial was the first-ever of its kind. This Ministerial demonstrates the Trump Ad-



Discussants at a panel discussion during the Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. on July 24, 2018.

ministration's unwavering commitment to religious freedom and its recognition that religious freedom is a fundamental American liberty. As Secretary Pompeo emphasized in his remarks, "When religious freedom flourishes, a country flourishes."

EU reinforces border security

Non-EU nationals exempt from visa requirements will have to get an authorisation before travelling to the EU, under new rules backed by Parliament.

The new European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS), which should be operational in 2021, will allow for advanced checks on visa-free travellers and those considered to pose a security, irregular migration or epidemic risk will be denied access.

Nationals of the more than 60 countries and territories exempt from visa requirements to enter the EU will have to fill in an electronic form prior to their intended travel with their personal data (including name, date and place of birth, sex and nationality), travel document information (validity, country of issue), home address and contact information, and the European country of first intended entry.

The travel authorisation will cost 7 euros - free for travellers under 18 and those over 70 years of age, and it will be valid

for three years, or until the travel document expires.

Questions on criminal record and trips to conflict zones

The applicant will also need to inform authorities of any convictions for serious criminal offenses (such as terrorism, sexual exploitation of children, trafficking in human beings or drugs, murder and rape), about stays in specific war or conflict zones and of any prior administrative decisions requiring them to leave a country, all over the last ten years.

In the case of terrorist offences, the period will extend to the previous twenty years, and additional clarification on the date and country of the conviction will be required.

Additional checks to assess potential risk

Each application will automatically be checked against all relevant databases to verify, among other issues, whether the travel document used has been reported lost or stolen and whether the person is wanted for arrest. The vast majority of applicants will get their authorisation almost immediately.



Exclusive Interview by AWEE ABAYARI

WITH RETIRED FBI SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT
CESAR C. OLEGARIO, JR.

FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO UNITED STATES EMBASSY, MANILA
(Continued from our July edition)

Awee Abayari: A former U.K. official said that the Trump Putin summit "makes the US a less reliable partner to its Western allies". Do you agree?

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr.:

The critics from Western allies are all senior politicians with a "political" response of outcry. Why shouldn't such senior leaders meet? The two of them seem to have similar traits and may surprise the world by bringing understanding to potential hot spots around the world. One is a seasoned intelligence officer and renowned manipulator, while the other is a savvy experienced businessman and wealthy real estate mogul. Everyone seems to forget about the Reykjavik, Iceland Summit attended by the late great former President of the United States Ronald Reagan and General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev. I won't dive into the success or failures of this past summit, but it obviously has been done before to great acclaim. So why not now?

Awee Abayari: How would you grade the 500 days of President Trump?

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr.:

President Trump has faced opposition in his presidency within his own Republican party, the Democratic party, and the media in general. I feel President Trump would have been able to accomplish more in his presidency were it not for his countless political battles on Capitol Hill and the media mocking his successes and enumerating on his failures. It is very difficult to make a successful impact amongst an audience of political opposition and cynicism. This is not the forum to list and evaluate the effective measures of his executive orders nor focus on the shortcomings of his presidency. The main issue I watched closely was his conflict with former FBI Director James B. Comey, Jr. I did not like the outcome of the controversy and it made a negative impact on me personally. Nonetheless, I won't let the issue influence my total grading scale even though it was a very unfortunate one and ingrained in my perception. I would personally grade the first 500 days of President Trump as an 85 given my understanding of what he is trying to accomplish and despite the clouds of perceived negativity surrounding his presidency.

Awee Abayari: Is President Trump treated fairly by the media?

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr.:

It seems the media is constantly focused on his controversial proposals and the impact of difficult decisions for the country. The highly controversial border wall with Mexico seems an impossibility, yet some developments have been made despite the forces of political opposition and negative perceptions by those in the growing left-wing of American society. The strict new U.S. immigration policies are being viewed as draconian yet are necessary to help ensure the national security of the United States. The historical summit between POTUS and the Supreme leader which took place has been downplayed as insignificant and with no tangible benefits to either countries. It's more sensational and easier to gain an audience by focusing on the controversy of any given issue than it is to provide positive feedback on a seemingly unpopular president.

Awee Abayari: Do you think President Trump will be re-elected in 2020?

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr.:

I highly doubt President Trump will be re-elected for another term in office. POTUS has tackled and taken action on major issues much too risky for other former presidents. Four years is a long time to develop an image based on perception, which is what American voters will base their support upon in the upcoming election of 2020. The media has continually defamed his character and a large majority of the public is unwilling to go through the difficulties of change in order to reap any possible rewards in the future. The now so called "trade war" has made a financially negative impact on parts of my retirement which is based on the U.S. stock market. The nexus of the conflict revolves around President Trump's initial salvo to reinvigorate the production of U.S. manufactured steel. Does anyone remember when the U.S. was so strong in the production and export of steel that the Japanese war machine relied heavily on U.S. steel imports to build their military forces preceding the attacks on Pearl Harbor and the Philippines? The U.S. steel industry eventually slid into decay and neglect over the decades. We started importing steel into the United States and stopped making it at home, which resulted in the loss of jobs and subsequent despair to areas where production was once mighty and bountiful. I am personally willing to log in every morning to watch the negative flux of the U.S. stock market, with the positive hope that it will once again make a strong positive recovery despite the initial impacts of the "trade war." Unless a larger percentage of the American public is willing to make immediate sacrifices for the future, and is able to see the trees beyond the forest by 2020, President Trump will unlikely

succeed in a running for re-election.

Awee Abayari: What do you think about the zero tolerance policy on immigration by President Trump? According to the Washington Times: "Illegal immigration on the southwest border appears to have dropped in June, according to new numbers reported Monday, suggesting President Trump's zero tolerance policy may have been successful in changing the calculations for would-be migrants". There are less arrests (34,057 illegal immigrants arrested last month, down from 40,344 people in May) by the Border Patrol.

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr.:

The logistical migrant problem in the Southwest border should be addressed as a refugee crisis. The United States faced a much more daunting challenge with the Mariel Cuban boat-lift in 1980. The large exodus of Cuban refugees landing in the Southeast were treated and processed as refugees. It seems the outcry of human rights issues committed by the U.S. were absent from the way Cuban refugees were treated when they entered the U.S. despite being mostly housed in open tents. The conditions may not have been the best but at least the benefit of keeping the proportional percentage of arriving families together were apparent. Although the logistical challenge may be addressed similarly, the refugee vs. illegal immigrant issue pose different struggles for the United States.

Today's crisis in the Southwest directly impacts upon President Trump's zero tolerance policy on immigration. The United States has established guidelines and procedures for travel and immigration to this country. The travel ban addressed earlier, provides waivers for restrictions imposed on those countries placed on the short list. Special situations for immediate family members and poor serious health conditions may be submitted in applications but are still subject to increased scrutiny and security protocols. Media coverage of the travel ban and the U.S. implementation of tougher immigration laws has more than likely provided some sort of reprieve from the high number of migrants in the Southwest attempting to enter the U.S.

I would take the stand that if someone enters the United States legally and decides to overstay then the consequences of such actions should be acted upon by U.S. law enforcement. Moreover, those entering the U.S. illegally should be punished accordingly. Children brought to the U.S. or babies born in America, who by default become U.S. citizens, are subject to the initial decisions made by their parents. Persons committed to the immigration journey must also commit to risks associated with such actions. The establishment of deep familial roots in the United States should not preclude you from the enforcement of U.S. law. It's sad and unfortunate that children may grow up to be adults reaping benefits of the American dream, only to wake up in the nightmare of family separation. The number of legal immigrants who are now in the U.S. and have even become naturalized United States citizens vastly outweigh those whom have placed themselves in such precarious predicaments. U.S. immigration laws have been written and there should be zero tolerance in their implementation. Persons out of status must take legal actions necessary to meet the criteria of staying in the U.S. legally no matter how convoluted their situations. *Kung gusto mo, gagawa ka ng paraan.*

Awee Abayari: In many immigration rallies, you hear many groups shouting "Abolish ICE". Most recently, during a rally in Boston last Saturday, the Senator Elizabeth Warren became the latest Democrat Senator to say "it was time to abolish or replace the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) with something that reflects the morality of the country". Do you agree?

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Cesar C. Olegario, Jr.:

The thought of abolishing ICE because the organization is enforcing the law is ludicrous. The U.S. should just as well abolish the FBI for catching too many bad guys and replace the agency with some sort of a feel good "Criminals Anonymous Bureau." Terrorists, drug dealers, murderers, kidnappers as well as other denizens can simply come to an office building and just talk about their problems. Seriously, American society has gotten too soft and apparently illegals in the U.S. should not be perceived as being here illegally? A good number of us have all waited in lines, filled out multiple packets of papers, and have undergone medical screenings to get and stay here in the United States. Not to mention, undergone the extreme stress of awaiting the results of that "final interview" with the consular officer, and praying that submitted papers are reviewed as being in order and all questions are answered clearly and succinctly. Why should illegals be exempt from such procedures and then punish ICE for enforcing the law? ICE should remain intact and granted a larger budget to enforce the law. If the American public thinks otherwise, then vote politicians in office and "change" the law. Don't throw out the baby with the bathwater.

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Montero Medical Missions



Juan M. Montero, II, MD, FACS founded Montero Medical Missions in July, 2011 after having had experience of international medical missions over three decades.

MMM provides medical missions and creates sustainable projects for physicians and allied health professionals with international roots. During this time he has developed vast contact through his philanthropic and humanitarian work both in the USA and abroad, receiving numerous awards and recognition.

A retired general and non-cardiac thoracic surgeon, Dr. Montero is an inaugural co-recipient of the American College of Surgeons' Surgical Volunteerism award in 2003. This event propelled the creation of ACS' Operation Giving Back project in 2004. His associate in practice, the late Dr. William S. Hotchkiss became president of the American Medical Association in 1987-88. He was President of the Association of Philippine Physicians in America, 1983-84 and President



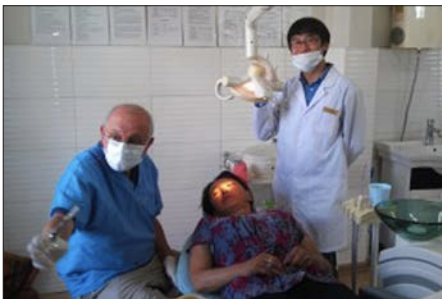
of the Society of Philippine Surgeons in America, 1986. His name was submitted by Cong. Norman Sisisky to President Bill Clinton in 1995 for nomination as U.S. Surgeon General.

At age 48, he was honored as Chesapeake's First Citizen in Virginia. He and his wife Mary Ann have four well accomplished sons and 'tenacious' ten grandchildren.

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For the exclusive interview about his work, go to: [YouTube.com/Awee Abayari](https://www.youtube.com/AweeAbayari)



Austrian company builds new hypercar

On July 26, 2018, Austrian company Milan Motorsport GmbH revealed its new hypercar, the MILAN RED. The car, named after the bird of prey red kite, is powered by a 6.2 liter quad-turbocharged V8 gasoline engine that produces 1,325 break horsepower and 1032.6 pound feet of torque. Power is directed at the rear wheels via a 7 gear dual clutch transmission. Its three selectable drive modes are Glide, Hunt and Attack. The car's maximum speed is expected to reach 400 km/h (246.5 mph), the sprint from zero to 100 km/h (62 mph) should take 2.47 seconds.

The car, designed to be a show-stopper according to CEO Markus Fux, is a showpiece of Austrian engineering, with many parts sourced from local companies, like the engine, which was developed by Graz-based AVL, the world's largest independent company for the development of powertrain systems with internal combustion engines. Kapfenberg-based Pankl Racing Systems provides wheel carriers made from titanium, while the carbon-made wishbones - a world premiere - are made by Peak Technologies in Upper Austria.

The car, set to cost around \$2 Million, will be available exclusively to 99 select customers.

The MILAN RED. Photo: Milan Automotive GmbH



EU and Japan sign landmark free trade deal



On July 17, the EU and Japan signed the largest ever bilateral free trade deal, creating an open trade zone covering over 600 million people and nearly a third of global GDP.

Removing the vast majority of the \$1.2 billion in duties paid annually by EU companies exporting to Japan, the agreement will open up the Japanese market of 127 million consumers to key EU agricultural exports.

This is the first trade deal negotiated by the EU to include a specific commitment to the Paris climate agreement and upholds the highest standards for labor, safety, the environment, and consumer protection.

EU Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmström said: "Together with Japan, we are sending a strong signal to the world that two of its biggest economies still believe in open trade, opposing both unilateralism and protectionism."

74th anniversary of the Warsaw Rising

On Wednesday, August 1, 2018, we mark the 74th anniversary of the Warsaw Rising. Every year, at 5 p.m. on this day, alarm sirens are heard on the streets of Warsaw. The city comes to a halt. In holding a minute of silence, Warsaw residents pay tribute to the fallen insurgents and those who survived.

Every year, events commemorating the rising are held in various parts of Poland, but the capital marks the beginning of the rising in the most unique way, through 'W-Hour' at 5 p.m. At this moment, alarm sirens are activated and a one-minute continuous signal is sounded. Public transport, cars and residents of Warsaw stop in their tracks to pay tribute to the insurgents and murdered residents of the city.

The Warsaw Rising broke out on August 1, 1944 and lasted 63 days until October 3, 1944. It was the biggest freedom surge in the history of World War II. Almost 50,000 Home Army insurgents faced the might of the German forces occupying the capital of Poland since 1939. Armed conflict spread to all districts of Warsaw.

The passivity of the Soviet Red Army units stationed



on the other side of the Vistula, and the degree to which the insurgents were outnumbered in their fight against the Nazis, led to death about 16,000 Home Army fighters and 150,000 Polish civilian victims. As a result, about 25 percent of Warsaw's left-bank part was destroyed. Combined with the demolition carried out by the Germans until January 16, 1945, the Nazis destroyed over 70 percent of residential buildings and 90 percent of historic buildings.



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EU says clock is running out on summer-winter time change

BERLIN/BRUSSELS (Reuters) - The European Union said on Friday it would propose a legal change that would end the ritual of switching between summer and winter time, leaving it up to governments across the bloc to agree on whether to permanently use summer time or winter time.

The proposal comes after a survey found 84 percent of 4.6 million citizens across the EU's 28 member states opposed changing the clocks ahead in the summer or back in the winter or just opposed switching either way.



In response, the EU's chief executive, Jean-Claude Juncker, said Brussels would propose scrapping an EU law requiring member states to change their clocks.

EU concludes agreement on €45 million macro-financial assistance package for Georgia

BRUSSELS - The European Commission has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Georgia for Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA) of up to €45 million to help Georgia cover part of its external financing needs and support economic reforms.

While Georgia has made significant progress, the country's economy faces regional economic risks, as well as its own economic imbalances. This context has formed the base for the proposal for the MFA programme.

The MFA programme is designed to help the country cover part of its financing needs and support the implementation of structural reforms.

It will complement Georgia's programme with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Up to €10 million will be provided in the form of grants and the remaining €35 million in medium-term loans, at favourable financing conditions.

Drought in Europe: Commission presents additional measures to support farmers

In light of the difficulties faced by European farmers affected by drought this summer, the European Commission continues acting to provide practical support to the sector. Additional flexibility will be granted to help farmers provide sufficient feed to their animals.

The European Commission presented an additional package of actions aimed at increasing the availability of fodder resources for livestock, one of the main challenges faced by farmers dealing with the impact of drought.

More specifically, the new derogations presented concern certain rules such as:

- Possibility to consider winter crops which are normally sown in autumn for



harvesting/grazing as catch crops if intended for grazing/fodder production;

- Possibility to sow catch crops as pure crops (and not a mixture of crops as currently prescribed) if intended for grazing/fodder production.

American Councils partners with Camões, Institute for Cooperation and Language, I.P. to strengthen Portuguese language study in the United States

American Councils for International Education and the Portugal-based, Camões, Institute for Cooperation and Language, I.P. are partnering to strengthen the study and teaching of Portuguese language and cultures in the United States of America, and to support world language education at large.

The partnership will directly promote the National Examinations in World Languages (NEWL®), a series of language assessments in critical and less-commonly taught languages, including Portuguese.

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NEWL assesses individual language proficiency, resulting in a language composite score that can be used to apply for college credit and/or placement in the targeted language. For more information, visit www.americancouncils.org/NEWL.

Through cultural and language programs and its website, Camões, Institute for Cooperation and Language, I.P. offers tools and resources for Portuguese language learners and educators, and supports youth engagement internationally.

TAKE PART IN THE DIPLOMACY CAMPAIGN "DEUTSCHLANDJAHR USA"!

From October 2018 until the end of 2019, Germany and its deep ties to the U.S. will be on display all across the United States. The campaign will travel across the entire U.S., bringing with it a collection of events and exhibits highlighting the unique importance of transatlantic relations.

Deutschlandjahr USA is a comprehensive and collaborative campaign of the German Federal Foreign Office, the Goethe-Institut, and with the support of the Federation of German Industries (BDI), with the goal of presenting today's Germany

to people across the entire U.S.

The public diplomacy campaign will showcase how closely the two countries are linked by heritage, common values, and shared interests, illustrating how a brighter future is possible if we tackle global challenges together through focusing on dialogue, exchange, and cooperation between people. The campaign aims to convey a multifaceted, modern image of Germany in the U.S. All areas relevant to society – from business and industry, politics, education, culture, science, civil society, to sports – will be explored. Significant

visibility will be achieved by consolidating activities and stakeholders, as well as through public, high-profile formats and targeted media efforts.

Germany and the U.S. are connected through a centuries-long common history. German immigrants have helped shape the development of the United States, while the successful development of post-war Germany is inextricably linked to US engagement.

The Deutschlandjahr USA 2018/19 campaign builds on this success story and aims to intensify the transatlantic dialogue.

Australian & United States service members mark 100 years of mateship

By JIM GARAMONE
U.S. Department of Defense News

FORT MYER, Va. — Being a "mate" in Australia has a whole different connotation than in the United States.

Australians trust a mate implicitly. A mate is a person who shares the last drink of water or the last bit of food or the last beer in the six-pack.

A mate is always ready to help.

A mate shares values, and that is why the United States and Australia celebrated 100 Years of "Mateship" Wednesday 27 June with services at the National Cathedral, followed by a special Twilight Tattoo at Fort Myer.

For the U.S. and Australian militaries, the idea of mateship reaches to a higher level. On July 4, 1918, U.S. and Australian soldiers went into combat together assaulting the German line on the Western Front. The Australian soldiers were battle-hardened. The Americans were green. In one of the few instances in World War I, American troops fought under the direct command of another country. Australian and American soldiers literally fought shoulder to shoulder at the Battle of Hamel. Platoons of Americans were attached to Australian companies.

At the end of the textbook combined arms effort, there were 1,062 Australian casualties and



176 American.

STRONG BONDS THROUGH VARIOUS CONFLICTS

Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that while mateship began at Le Hamel, it grew with each conflict. "That mateship – that partnership – continued through World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Somalia, and – most recently – in Afghanistan and Iraq," he said at a reception before the Twilight Tattoo. "I know that all of us assembled ... are proud of what our nations represent and the strategic significance of our relationship."

Dunford cited incidents from World War II, Vietnam and Afghanistan in which Australian soldiers worked with U.S. forces to uphold their mutual values. "That is what mateship means to me -- it is my pride in being associated with the Australian armed forces," he said. "I can speak on behalf of all Americans here in saying we are

deeply proud of our bond and look forward to the next 100 years of mateship."

Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick M. Shanahan spoke of the bond between the two nations at the memorial service earlier in the day. He said the United States and Australia built an edifice as impressive as the National Cathedral in their fight against tyranny in World War I and beyond. That edifice, he said, was in Northern France.

"Its walls were not made of stone or wood, but of flesh and blood," he said. "Its mortar was the mud of the trenches. Its foundation [was the] courage in young kids from Queens and Queensland, from Adelaide to Appalachia."

The bonds forged on the Western Front endured, and Australia and the United States stand together in an interesting and complex world, Shanahan said, adding that the relationship needs leaders who can deal with ambiguity, uncertainty and change.

"Today we are stewards of the bond," he said. "We live in an interesting world [with] so much potential and so much risk. We will always encounter challenges we cannot predict. But relationships like this help us get through them."



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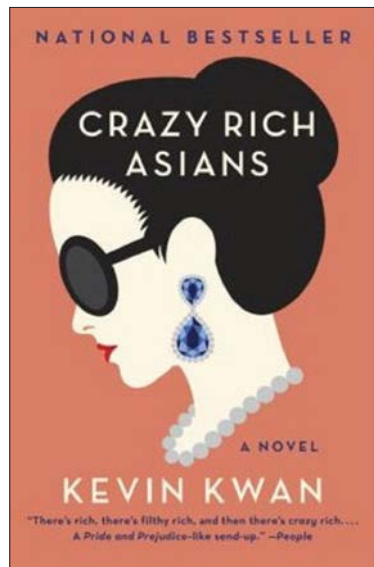
Book Worth Reading

CRAZY RICH ASIANS by Kevin Kwan

// Crazy Rich Asians is the outrageously funny debut novel about three super-rich, pedigreed Chinese families and the gossip, backbiting, and scheming that occurs when the heir to one of the most massive fortunes in Asia brings home his ABC (American-born Chinese) girlfriend to the wedding of the season.

When Rachel Chu agrees to spend the summer in Singapore with her boyfriend, Nicholas Young, she envisions a humble family home, long drives to explore the island, and quality time with the man she might one day marry. What she doesn't know is that Nick's family home happens to look like a palace, that she'll ride in more private planes than cars, and that with one of Asia's most eligible bachelors on her arm, Rachel might as well have a target on her back.

Initiated into a world of dynastic splendor beyond imagination, Rachel meets Astrid, the It Girl of Singapore society; Eddie, whose family practically lives in the pages of the Hong Kong socialite magazines; and Eleanor, Nick's formidable mother, a woman who has very strong feelings



"Crazy Rich Asians" directed by John M. Chu and stars Constance Wu and Henry Golding.

about who her son should—and should not—marry. Uproarious, addictive, and filled with jaw-dropping opulence, Crazy Rich Asians is an insider's look at the Asian JetSet; a perfect depiction of the clash between old money and new money; between Overseas Chinese and Mainland Chinese; and a fabulous novel about what it means to be young, in love, and gloriously, crazily rich.

("A dizzily shopaholic comedy." --The New York Times)

The acclaimed international bestseller is now a MAJOR MOTION PICTURE directed by John M. Chu. Constance Wu, Gemma Chan, Michelle Yeoh and Henry Golding lead the movie's all-Asian cast.

Filipino actress, TV host and entrepreneur Kris Aquino is also in the movie. She plays the role of Princess Intan, a Malay royalty. Aquino is one of the two Filipinos in the "Crazy Rich Asians" cast, the other being US-based Nico Santos.

Health tips from the American Health Association

1. Slow down on the sodium.

Americans eat more than double the daily amount of sodium recommended by the American Heart Association. Too much sodium increases the risk of heart disease, stroke and other health problems, but this excess isn't just from salting at the table.

Americans get most of their sodium — 77 percent — from processed foods. If you choose these foods, compare the labels and look for lower-sodium versions.

2. Pile on the fruits and vegetables.

Choose all kinds of fruits and vegetables — fresh, frozen, canned, juiced and dried. Fruits and vegetables contain vitamins, minerals and other nutrients. Look for fruits and vegetables of many different colors.

Then try a "healthy sauté" using a small amount of liquid to cook vegetables.

Need a quick, healthy weeknight dinner? Try a salad. The American Heart Association has tasty recipes packed with such items as tofu, broccoli, mushrooms and much more.

3. Get the skinny on fats.

Learn how to substitute good fats (mono and polyunsaturated fats) for bad fats (saturated and trans fats). For example, try canola oil or olive oil instead of butter.

Choose lean meats, poultry without skin and fish instead of fattier cuts of meats. Enjoy heart-healthy fats in moderation and remember this tip: 1 teaspoon equals 1 serving.

4. Cook at home.

Cooking at home is not only a great way to make sure the ingredients are healthy, but portions are correct. Try using a smaller salad-size plate instead of a big dinner plate, as well.



Choose poultry preferably without skin.



Choose fish instead of fattier cuts of meats.



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Olive oil for healthier cooking.

7 Good Reasons Teenagers Should Play Sports

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your time.

6. You'll strengthen your college resume.

7. You'll have an advantage in the workplace.

Pick a sport ... today! Whether or not you're a natural-born athlete, there's probably a sport that's just right for you. Whether it's basketball, swimming or karate, choose a sport that you are truly passionate about. This way, you will always enjoy it.

From: Marine Military Academy Blog (Blog by Maj Harold Compton & Andi Atkinson)

Run Fast. Cook Fast. Eat Slow.: Quick-Fix Recipes for Hangry Athletes

Overview

Run Fast. Cook Fast. Eat Slow.: Quick-Fix Recipes for Hangry Athletes

(Signed Book) by Shalane Flanagan, Elyse Kopecky

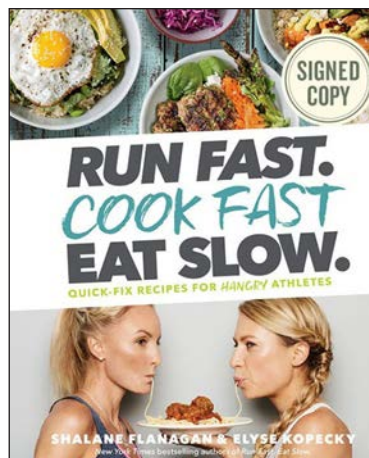
Cook the recipes that Shalane Flanagan ate while training for her 2017 TCS New York City Marathon historic win!

The New York Times bestseller *Run Fast. Eat Slow.* taught runners of all ages that healthy food could be both indulgent and incredibly nourishing. Now, Olympian Shalane Flanagan and chef Elyse Kopecky are back with a cookbook that's full of recipes that are fast and easy without sacrificing flavor.

Whether you are an athlete, training for a marathon, someone who barely has time to step in the kitchen, or feeding a hungry family, *Run Fast. Cook Fast. Eat Slow.* has wholesome meals to sustain you.

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- Sponsor a house for a homeless family. Hospicio has finished 10 housing units which have been occupied and have 24 units more waiting for sponsors.
- Food Sustainability: through organic hog-raising, organic vegetable gardening, chickens, ducks, turkeys, goats (all in Bulacan property).

- A Multi-purpose pavilion for the Street People – to provide a place for the feeding, formation sessions and emergency "night shelter" for the homeless.
- A Livelihood and Skills Training Center which will provide short courses in Baking, Cooking, Housekeeping and other skills to equip the unemployed heads of families, especially women, with skills for income generation activities.

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

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Watch out for card skimming at the gas pump

by COLLEEN TRESSLER
Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

With the summer travel season in high gear, the FTC is warning drivers about skimming scams at the pump.

Skimmers are illegal card readers attached to payment terminals. These card readers grab data off a credit or debit card's magnetic stripe without your knowledge. Criminals sell the stolen data or use it to buy things online. You won't know your information has been stolen until you get your

statement or an overdraft notice.

Here are a few tips to help you avoid a skimmer when you gas up:

- Make sure the gas pump panel is closed and doesn't show signs of tampering. Many stations now put security seals over the cabinet panel. If the pump panel is opened, the label will read "void."

- Look at the card reader itself. Does it look different than other readers at the station? For example, the card reader on the left has a skimmer attached; the reader on the right doesn't.

Try to wiggle the card reader before you put in your card. If it moves, report it to the attendant. Then use a different pump.

- If you use a debit card at the pump, run it as a credit card instead of entering a PIN. That way, the PIN is safe and the money isn't deducted immediately from your account.

- If you're really concerned about skimmers, pay inside rather than at the pump.
- Monitor your credit card and bank accounts regularly to spot unauthorized charges.

If your credit card has been compromised, report it to your bank or card issuer. Federal law limits your liability if your credit, ATM, or debit card is lost or stolen, but your liability may depend on how quickly you report the loss or theft. For more information, read Lost or Stolen Credit, ATM, and Debit Cards.



Photo credit: Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Kamloops, Canada



Photo credit: National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) and Con-exxus

Government imposter scams

By Carol Kando-Pineda, Attorney,
Division of Consumer and Business Education

You get a text, call, or email from someone who says they're with the government. They may claim to be a U.S. Marshal, saying you must pay a fine for missing jury duty. Or the IRS, saying that you owe thousands in back taxes. Some might threaten legal action, deportation, or arrest if you don't pay up or give them your financial information.

In other cases, it sounds less scary and more like your lucky day. The call, text, or email will say you've won a prize, the lottery, or a grant — but you need to pay some fees or taxes to get your winnings.

These are all scams. Scammers will try to make it seem legitimate. They might give you a badge number, or even know information like the last four digits of your Social Security number. A Washington, D.C. area code on your caller ID also might seem convincing. But caller ID can be faked.

If someone calls, texts, or emails saying they're with the government and you must pay, stop.

- Never send money — especially by gift card, cash reload card, or money transfer. No government agency will threaten you or demand payment this way.

- Don't give out your personal or financial information to anyone who calls, texts, or emails.

- If you sent money to a government imposter, contact the company you used to send the money (gift card company, cash reload card company, or wire transfer service) and tell them it was a fraudulent transaction. Ask to have the transaction reversed if possible.

- Report it to the FTC at FTC.gov/ complaint.

Source: Federal Trade Commission

Stop. Think. Connect. In your community

Emerging cyber threats require engagement from the entire nation to create a safe, secure, and resilient cyber environment. We must work together to secure our most critical infrastructures that power our hospitals, supply our water, support our national defense, and drive our country's economic engine.

The Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign encourages communities to embrace a more sustained, proactive approach towards online safety and directly engages communities to promote awareness and dialogue about the dangers Americans face online.

Community engagement focuses on dialogue on cybersecurity issues between diverse community members from government entities and industry to academia and non-profits, all of



whom would benefit from a collective, hands-on approach to online safety.

Source: Department of Homeland Security

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GRAMMY Award-winning Superstar Lady Gaga to launch exclusive Las Vegas residency at Park Theater Dec.28

Tickets for 27 Performances on Sale Monday, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. PT

Las Vegas, PRNewswire-- Six-time GRAMMY Award-winner, Golden Globe Award-winner and Academy Award-nominated superstar entertainer Lady Gaga will launch her exclusive residency at Park Theater at the new Park MGM resort Friday, Dec. 28. Citi is proud to join Lady Gaga and Park MGM as the official credit card of this residency, presented in partnership by Live Nation and MGM Resorts International.

Lady Gaga's Las Vegas residency will feature two unique shows in the intimate venue. LADY GAGA ENIGMA is a brand-new odyssey of her pop hits built as an experience unlike any other while LADY GAGA JAZZ & PIANO will feature stripped-down versions of her hits as well as music from the Great American Songbook.

Lady Gaga said, "I can't wait to share ENIGMA with all of my fans and with Las Vegas. We're creating a show unlike anything I've done before. It will be a celebration of all that is unique and different within us. The challenges of bravery can be overcome with creativity and courage that is grown out of adversity, love and music."

Bill Hornbuckle, President of MGM Resorts International, said, "Working with Lady Gaga and her team has been a career highlight for me. What she is planning for Las Vegas audiences is nothing short of spectacular. Welcoming her into our family will firmly position Park MGM as the city's most exciting new destination."

Members of Lady Gaga's Little Monsters fan community will receive access to an exclusive pre-sale beginning Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. PT to Sunday, Aug. 12 at 10 p.m. PT. For more information, visit GagaVegas.com.

Citi is the official presale credit card of Lady Gaga's residency at Park Theater. As such, Citi cardmembers will have access to purchase presale tickets from Thursday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. PT to Sunday, Aug. 12 at 10 p.m. PT thru Citi's Private Pass program. For complete pre-sale details, visit citiprivatepass.com.

M life Rewards loyalty members as well as Live Nation and Ticketmaster customers will receive access to a presale scheduled from Saturday, Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. PT to Sunday, Aug. 12 at 10 p.m. PT.

To join the M life Rewards program, or for more information, visit mlife.com.

Tickets starting at \$77.90 (not including applicable service charges or fees) go on sale Monday, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. PT. A limited number of VIP packages including meet and greets also will be available.

Tickets can be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets or online at Ticketmaster.com or GagaVegas.com. Tickets also can be purchased through the MGM Resorts International Call Center at (866) 740-7711.

2018 Performance Dates: LADY GAGA ENIGMA Shows

December 28; 30 – 31

2019 Performance Dates: LADY GAGA ENIGMA Shows

January 17; 19; 24; 26; 31

February 2

May 30

June 1; 6; 8; 12; 14

October 17; 19; 23; 25; 31

November 2; 6; 8



Philippine Scouts Heritage Society Reunion July 21, 2018, San Antonio

Dr. Raquel Ramsey, received the Congressional Gold Medal for Col. Ed Ramsey accompanied by Col. Ed Ramsey Jr. & family and Doug Ramsey.

It was well attended with 300 attendees and 40 awardees and their families.

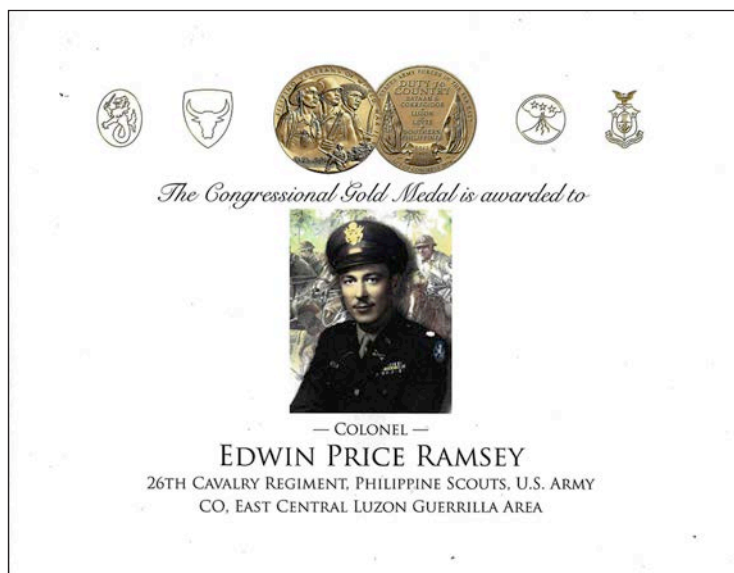
I just got back from the Philippine Scouts Heritage Society reunion in San Antonio where I received the Congressional Gold Medal for Ed. After 75 years, the Filipino Veterans were recognized which is what Ed advocated for three times in Congress when we went together in all the ice and cold weather.

Ed is finally resting in peace and applauding from above.

Alice Benitez who was 12 when they hid Ed in Pangasinan attended the reunion and spoke about her Dad, Judge Benitez and Ed. She lives in Vancouver. Here is a photo with her and Richard Foye, whose parents were also veterans.

I am now busy writing Ed's sister's book, *Taking Flight: The Nadine Ramsey Story* as I promised Ed when I retired. We are in communications with the University of Kansas Press as they feel it is a Kansas story and a Military one as well. She was a WASP and on the cover of Life Magazine.

Love from Dr. Raquel Ramsey



The Congressional Gold Medal for Col. Ed Ramsey.



The Col. Ed Ramsey Jr. Family



The awarding ceremony.



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Dr. Raquel Ramsey with Doug Ramsey.



Dr. Raquel Ramsey with Gen. Oscar Hilman, President of the PSHS and Marvin Dumlaog, 1st VP.

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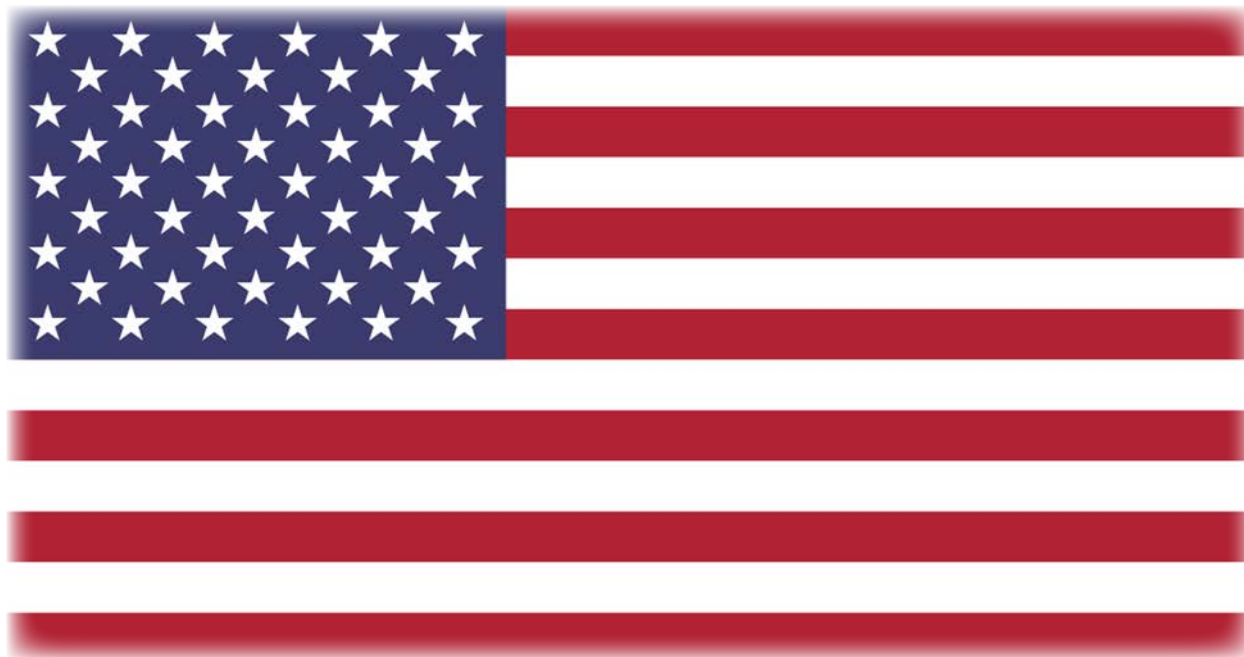
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LABOR DAY



History of Labor Day

LABOR DAY: WHAT IT MEANS

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

LABOR DAY LEGISLATION

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887 four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1884, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

FOUNDER OF LABOR DAY

More than a century after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those “who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold.”



But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

THE FIRST LABOR DAY

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a “workingmen's holiday” on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

A NATIONWIDE HOLIDAY

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public “the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations” of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.



U.S. Department of Labor