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SURGEONS SUCCESSFULLY PERFORM UK'S 1ST WOMB TRANSPLANT

LONDON – In a groundbreaking medical milestone, a surgical team in Oxford successfully performed UK's first womb transplant on Wednesday, August 23. This procedure offers a glimmer of hope to women who, like the patient in this case, were born without a functioning womb, granting them the possibility of experiencing pregnancy and childbirth.

According to a statement by Oxford University Hospitals, both a 34-year-old woman recipient and the donor, her sister, have emerged from the procedure in good health. The recipient now intends to undergo in vitro fertilization (IVF) later this autumn, utilizing embryos stored with her husband.

The surgical team behind this historic operation was co-led by highly skilled

surgeons from Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and Oxford University Hospitals (OUH) NHS Foundation Trust.

"This is a first for the UK, following over 25 years of research, and is only possible thanks to the recipient's sister who came forward and was willing to donate," said Professor Richard Smith, founder and chair of the charity Womb Transplant UK.

"It is still very early days, but if all continues to go well, we hope the recipient will continue to progress, and be in a position to have a baby in the coming years. We are grateful to the charity Womb Transplant UK for funding the transplant and to our highly talented colleagues for their time and expertise over many years.

"Any further transplants will depend

on the willingness of suitable donors and funding for the operations, which comes through Womb Transplant UK. However, we very much hope we will be able to help other women born without or with underdeveloped wombs in the near future."

Approximately one out of every 5,000 women in the United Kingdom is born without a functional womb. Additionally, numerous women have had to undergo womb removal surgeries due to various health issues, including cancer and endometriosis.

While this marks the UK's inaugural womb transplant, there have been around 100 such procedures conducted worldwide, resulting in approximately 50 babies born from these transplants. (Anadolu)



FIRST WOMB TRANSPLANT. A surgical team in Oxford successfully performed first UK's first womb transplant on Wednesday (Aug. 23, 2023). This brings a glimmer of hope to women, who were born without a functioning womb. (Anadolu)

MAUI WILDFIRE DISASTER UPDATES, AUG. 26

8 fire victims publicly identified; 99% of burned area searched



Recovery efforts continue on Maui where wildfires decimated the Historic Lahaina Town in West Maui, leaving a path of destruction spanning an estimated 3.5 square miles. Multiple fires on the island were sparked on Aug. 8, and were fueled by strong winds and dry air as a hurricane passed well south of the islands. The wildfire is described as the nation's deadliest in 100 years.

Maui County reports that 99% of the Lahaina disaster area has been searched for remains. The number of confirmed fatalities has remained at 115 for several days.

But on Thursday evening (Aug. 24), county officials released a list of 388 people who have been reported as unaccounted for from the Aug. 8 Lahaina wildfire disaster. There will continue to be work done to try to locate those people, but Maui Police Chief John Pelletier said there will ultimately be people "presumed" dead.

An additional FEMA Disaster Recovery Center opened at the Hannibal Tavares Community Center, 91 Pukalani St. To date, more than 10,000 FEMA assistance registrations have been received, with nearly \$13.2 million in federal housing and individual assistance provided.

MIGRANT DEATHS AT SEA 'OPEN WOUND ON HUMANITY', SAYS POPE

ROME – The death at sea of migrants and refugees crossing the Mediterranean in search of safety and a better life in Europe is an "open wound on our humanity", Pope Francis said on Sunday, August 13.

"Another tragic shipwreck happened a few days ago in the Mediterranean: 41 people lost their lives, I prayed for them," the Pope told crowds of faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus prayer and blessing.

"With pain and shame we must say that already almost 2,000 men, women and children have died in this sea trying to reach Europe since the beginning of the year. It is an open wound on our humanity," he added.

"I encourage the political and diplomatic forces that seek to heal it in a spirit of solidarity and fraternity," the pope continued, also recalling "the commitment of all those who work to prevent shipwrecks and rescue people at sea".

On Wednesday, survivors of a shipwreck that occurred in the Central Mediterranean between Aug. 3 and 4 were rescued by a merchant ship and brought to safety in Lampedusa by the Italian Coast Guard. As of Aug. 13, 2,175 people were reported dead or missing in the Mediterranean since the start of 2023, according to UNHCR figures. - (ANSA)

Prigozhin passenger of plane that crashed in Russia's Tver region

MOSCOW – Russia's Federal Agency for Air Transport has launched an investigation into the crash of the Embraer plane in the Tver Region on Wednesday (Aug. 23), the agency said noting that Yevgeny Prigozhin was among the passengers.

According to preliminary data, all 10 people on board the plane have died. The plane was en route from Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport to St. Petersburg.

"An investigation into the Embraer plane crash that occurred in the Tver Region this evening has been launched. According to the passenger list, the first and last name of Yevgeny Prigozhin was included in this list," the agency noted.

The Embraer business jet crashed in the Tver Region near the settlement of Ku-



Yevgeny Prigozhin (TASS photo)

zhenkino. Prigozhin, Wagner paramilitary group head, made headlines in June when he launched an "armed rebellion" against the Russian leadership before quickly aborting. (TASS)

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HUD announces waiver package to help Hawaii communities recover from fires

WASHINGTON - Today, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced a package of regulatory and administrative waivers to allow the use of HUD funding to help communities in Maui and the island of Hawaii accelerate their recovery from the wildfire.

"We're committed to supporting Hawaii communities. Our deepest condolences go to those who have lost loved ones. HUD is doing everything in our power to ensure that survivors of these devastating fires have a safe place to call home," said HUD Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development Marion McFadden.

US, Arab League Launch an entrepreneurship development program to help students across Egypt

CAIRO – The United States Government, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), launched the RIPPLE Entrepreneurship Centers Development Program in partnership with the Arab League and the Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and Maritime Transport.

The RIPPLE program will work with ten Egyptian universities to establish and upgrade entrepreneurship centers for university students. These centers will encourage and foster innovative business ideas, which will help stimulate job creation.

FBI-led sweep targeting sex traffickers recovers victims

More than 200 victims of sex trafficking were rescued during a nationwide enforcement campaign last month that also included the identification or arrest of more than five dozen suspected human traffickers and 126 individuals accused of child sexual exploitation and trafficking offenses. The FBI-led "Operation Cross Country," which involved nearly every FBI field office and their respective state and local partners, also located 59 minor victims of child sex trafficking and sexual exploitation, and another 59 children who had been reported missing.

US imposes sanctions against human rights violators

On August 24, on Ukrainian Independence Day, the United States is taking additional actions against entities and individuals, including those connected to human rights violations and abuses committed since Russia's invasion.

The Department of State is imposing sanctions on two entities and 11 individuals for their roles in the forcible transfer and deportation of Ukraine's children to camps promoting indoctrination in Russia and Russia-occupied Crimea and who have imposed Russian indoctrination curriculums in those regions of Ukraine.

Additionally, the Department of State is taking steps to impose visa restrictions on three Russia-installed officials for their involvement in human rights abuses of Ukrainian civilian minors, in connection with the forced deportation, transfer, and confinement of Ukraine's children.

Virgin Galactic completes first private astronaut spaceflight 'Galactic 02'

• Third Successful Spaceflight in Just Over Three Months

• Historic Mission Flew First Olympian, First Female Astronauts from Caribbean and Most Women Flown in a Single Mission to Space

• 'Galactic 03,' the Company's Third Commercial Spaceflight, Planned for September Tune Back in For the Press Conference at 12PM Mountain Time

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. – Virgin Galactic Holdings, Inc. announced the completion of its first private astronaut flight, 'Galactic 02.' The mission achieved multiple historic milestones, showcasing how Virgin Galactic spaceflights are broadening access to space for a diverse, global community of astronauts.

Flying private astronauts Jon Goodwin from the United Kingdom, and Keisha Schahaff and Anastatia Mayers from Antigua and Barbuda, 'Galactic 02' achieved the following 1:

- First female astronauts from the Caribbean
- First mother-daughter duo to go to space
- Most women flown in a single space mission
- Youngest person to go to space
- First Olympian to go to space
- First majority female spaceflight
- The sixth and seventh Black women to go to space

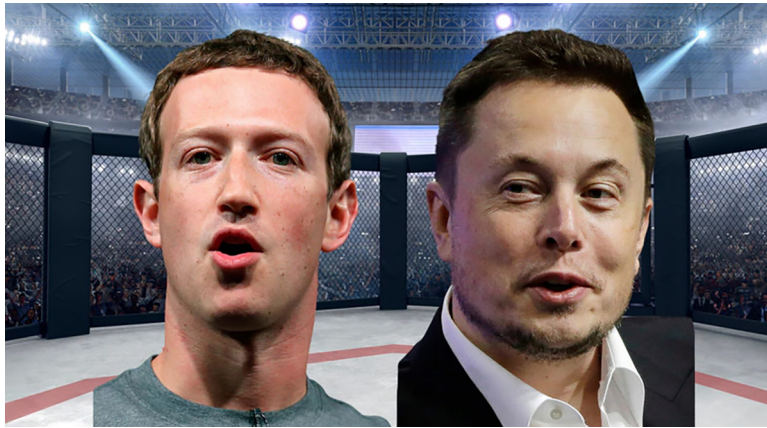


The crew of Galactic 02 in space on August 10

- Second person with Parkinson's to go to space
- Third oldest person to go to space
- 'Galactic 02' in-flight facts are as follows:
 - Take-off Time
 - Altitude at Release
 - Apogee
 - Top Speed
 - Landing Time
- 8:30am MDT
- 44,300 feet 55 miles Mach 3 9:30am MDT

MUSK-ZUCKERBERG FIGHT CONFIRMED PROCEEDS TO GO TO VETERANS

By JON SIMKINS, *Marine Corps Times*



An MMA fight between Mark Zuckerberg and Elon Musk is confirmed. (Manu Fernandez, Stephan Savoia/AP/Getty via Canva)

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and Twitter (X) owner Elon Musk have formally agreed to a mixed martial arts fight in the ancient city of Rome, with all proceeds going to veterans charities, Musk tweeted Friday, August 11.

The yet-to-be scheduled billionaire beatdown, which will be streamed on both Twitter and Meta, has been approved by Italy's minister of culture to take place in an "epic location" that will "pay respect to the past and present of Italy," Musk wrote. Musk did not specify exactly what charities will benefit from the Thrilla of Vanilla.

Rumblings of a techie tussle between the two social media magnates first began circulating in June along with the development of Zuckerberg's Twitter competitor app, Threads, TMZ Sports reported.

"I'm up for a cage match if he is lol," Musk tweeted in June.

"Send me the location," the 39-year-old Facebook founder responded

Musk, 52, noted there would be a "chance [the] fight happens in [the] Colosseum," hallowed grounds that once played host to songs of steel and fury authored by decidedly non-techie gladiators.

As the Silicon Valley Skirmish has continued to gain steam, multiple UFC icons have volunteered their services to train the tech bosses.

In the training corner of the shockingly shredded, 5'7, 155-pound Mark "Better off Threads" Zuckerberg are UFC middleweight champion Israel Adesanya and UFC featherweight champion Alexander Volkanovski.

Training the 6'2, 187-pound Elon "The Bird Killer" Musk, meanwhile, is none other than UFC legend Georges St-Pierre, who offered to train Musk in June, which Musk accepted.

Massive size difference aside, the fight would inevitably have the chance to be one of the most-viewed bouts in the history of combat sports. The May 2015 Floyd Mayweather-Manny Pacquiao boxing match in Las Vegas is currently ranked as the highest-grossing fight, with 4.6 million Pay-Per-View purchases and \$410 million in revenue.

Dallas/Fort Worth builders unite to construct 5 homes benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®

SOUTHLAKE, TEXAS - Five new homes will make up the first ever St. Jude Dream Home Showplace Community in the Carillon Parc neighborhood of Southlake in late 2024. This pilot project, aimed at raising one million dollars for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®, brings together an extraordinary collaboration of builders, each renowned for their craftsmanship and commitment to philanthropy.

Participating builders include Atwood Custom Homes, Beckett Graham, Heritage Homes, Kensington Custom Homes, WillowTree Custom Homes, who will each donate \$200,000 to St. Jude. These donations will help support the cutting edge research and treatment by the institution, where families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food—so they can focus on helping their child live.

These builders broke ground on the Carillon Parc development in May 2023 and aim to have the homes ready for purchase in October 2024. Prospective homeowners will have the chance to purchase these remarkable homes, with the proceeds benefiting St. Jude families. This homebuilding project marks an exciting opportunity for potential homeowners to acquire a stunning residence while simultaneously contributing to the mission of St. Jude: Finding cures. Saving children®.



(L-R:) Jody Alumbaugh, WillowTree Custom Homes; Nicholas Smith, Kensington Custom Homes; John Webb, Heritage Homes; Paul Moss, Beckett Graham Luxury Homes Builders; Brandon Tatta, Heritage Homes; Jon Atwood, Atwood Custom Homes

Space Station assignments out for NASA's SpaceX Crew-8 mission



NASA's SpaceX Crew-8 Crew Portrait (Photo Credit: NASA)

Four crew members now are assigned to launch on NASA's SpaceX Crew-8 mission for a long-duration stay aboard the International Space Station.

NASA astronauts Commander Matthew Dominick, Pilot Michael Barratt, and Mission Specialist Jeanette Epps, along with Roscosmos cosmonaut Mission Specialist Alexander Grebenkin, will join Expedition 70 and 71 crew members aboard the station in early 2024 to conduct a wide-ranging set of operational and research activities. - NASA

KIDNAPPINGS OF CHILDREN AND WOMEN SPIKING IN HAITI

PORT-AU-PRINCE/PANAMA CITY/NEW YORK, 7 August 2023 –The ongoing violence in Haiti continues to threaten the well-being of children and women. The latest reports received by UNICEF reveal an alarming spike in kidnappings, with nearly 300 cases confirmed in the first six months of 2023.

In most instances, children and women are forcefully taken by armed groups and used for financial or tactical gains. The victims who manage to return home grapple with deep physical and psychological scars, possibly for many years.

The overall situation in Haiti is catastrophic. Today, an estimated 5.2 million people, or close to half of the entire population, require humanitarian assistance, including almost three million children.

Reports also indicate that local healthcare systems are teetering on the brink of collapse and schools are under attack, keeping civilians under constant terror.

Diet with more fish fats, less vegetable oils can reduce migraine headaches

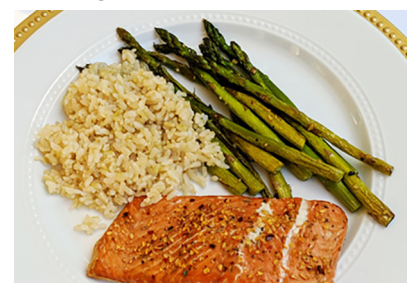
A diet higher in fatty fish helped frequent migraine sufferers reduce their monthly number of headaches and intensity of pain compared to participants on a diet higher in vegetable-based fats and oils, according to a new study by a team of researchers from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), parts of the National Institutes of Health (NIH); and the University of North Carolina (UNC), Chapel Hill.

The NIH team was led by Chris Ramsden, a clinical investigator in the

NIA and NIAAA intramural research programs, and a UNC adjunct faculty member.

Migraine, a neurological disease, ranks among the most common causes of chronic pain, lost work time, and lowered quality of life. More than 4 million people worldwide have chronic migraine (at least 15 migraine days per month) and more than 90% of sufferers are unable to work or function normally during an attack, which can last anywhere from four hours to three days.

Current medications for migraine



usually offer only partial relief and can have negative side effects including sedation, and the possibility of dependence or addiction.

New Red Cross course empowers bystanders to "Be the help until help arrives"

Online course from American Red Cross and American College of Emergency Physicians teaches what to do if first on the scene of an emergency



In an emergency, bystanders can be a critical lifeline until professionals arrive, yet nearly half of U.S. adults are unprepared to help in a medical crisis, according to a recent survey from the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). However, four in five adults (81%) said they would be willing to help in an emergency if they took a training course.

Given their ongoing commitment to providing lifesaving education, the American Red Cross and ACEP released a course called "Until Help Arrives" designed to educate and empower bystanders to take action and provide lifesaving care if they are first on the scene during an emergency.

The 90-minute online course covers five fundamental actions that can be taken during a life-threatening emergency that can help sustain or save a life until EMS arrives:

- Hands-only CPR (no breaths)
- Automated external defibrillator (AED) education
- Choking education
- Severe bleeding control, including use of a tourniquet
- Administering naloxone for an opioid overdose.

"This course is designed to offer bystanders basic information that gives them confidence to take immediate action when minutes matter," said Dominick Tolle, senior vice president of Training Services for the Red Cross. "These five foundational skills, taken together, address the most pressing emergency needs someone is likely to be called upon for help."

Training is strongly correlated to taking action. Nine-in-ten adults trained in any form of emergency response skill (91 percent) are willing to take action in an emergency, according to the ACEP survey.

"We are very proud to collaborate with the American Red Cross on this important program," said Christopher S. Kang, MD, FACEP, president of ACEP. "With the right knowledge, anyone can respond if a medical emergency occurs. This course can educate millions of potential lifesavers with basic, easy-to-remember training, empowering them to be the help, until help arrives."

The course is available on redcross.org/UntilHelpArrives. Because it is online only, it does not meet OSHA requirements for First Aid/CPR/AED training with psychomotor skills practice. - American Red Cross

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BATANES ISLANDS IN THE PHILIPPINES JOINS THE UNWTO NETWORK OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM OBSERVATORIES

UNWTO has welcomed Batanes in the Philippines as the latest addition to its International Network of Sustainable Tourism Observatories (INSTO).

Led by the Batanes Tourism and Hospitality Monitoring Centre (BTHMC), in collaboration with the province and its local stakeholders, this observatory is committed to supporting the sustainable development of tourism based on evidence and a participatory approach. These commitments are instrumental in building a sustainable and resilient tourism sector that benefits the local people, the Ivatans, as well as visitors, while ensuring environmental and cultural conservation. The observatory joins UNWTO's growing international network of observatories, all of which are dedicated to creating inclusive and healthy spaces for both visitors and host communities, while promoting the responsible management of tourism.

For a destination like the Batanes Islands, such measurement work is even more relevant as it will help to preserve the uniqueness of the islands and build a responsible sector that benefits the local people and visitors alike.

Through a participatory process, the Observatory has gained detailed insights into the key sustainability issues identified by the indigenous Ivatans and will continue to expand its measurement focus towards environmental and social areas in line with the INSTO Framework. This approach will help the Batanes Islands in managing tourism



Batanes (Photo credit: UNWTO)

development responsibly and sustainably, by taking a holistic view and developing adequate, innovative strategies.

UNWTO Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili said: "For any destination, measurement is important as it provides a better understanding of where a destination stands and where it wants to go. For a destination like the Batanes Islands, such measurement work is even more relevant as it will help to preserve the uniqueness of the islands and build a responsible sector that benefits the local people and visitors alike. We are very pleased to welcome the Batanes Observatory as a new member of the INSTO network."

World Youth Day Lisbon 2023

The city of Lisbon hosted World Youth Day from August 1 through August 6, 2023, including a visit by Pope Francis, which attracted more than one million people to Lisbon and surrounding areas.



People gather outside the Belém Cultural Center to welcome Pope Francis to Lisbon, Portugal, Aug. 2, 2023. The pope began a five-day trip to Portugal to participate in World Youth Day. (CNS photo/Lola Gomez)

Sweden to join NATO Innovation Fund following accession to NATO

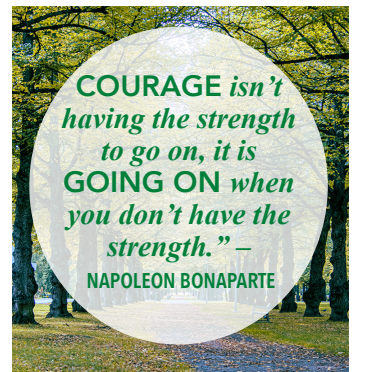
Twenty-three NATO Allies have officially become Limited Partners of the NATO Innovation Fund (NIF), which is preparing to make its initial investments later this year. The Participating Allies have also welcomed Sweden's interest to join the NIF. Sweden's participation will take effect upon its accession to the North Atlantic Treaty.

Sweden's contribution will add to the current EUR 1 billion venture capital fund, boosting the investible capital of the NATO Innovation Fund and bolstering innovative capacity across the Alliance.

"As a member of NATO, Sweden will contribute to the strength of the Alliance, not only through our geo-strategic location and military capabilities, but also through a vibrant security and defence industry that promotes innovation and development of cutting-edge technology. This is further enabled through participation in the NATO Innovation Fund," says Swedish Minister for Defence Mr Pål Jonson.

The NATO Innovation Fund is the world's first multi-sovereign venture capital fund and will invest in start-ups developing cutting-edge technological solutions, leveraging the potential for commercial innovation to address critical defence and security challenges.

The Fund's Limited Partners include 23 NATO Allies at the highest levels of government, venture capital, innovation and defence.

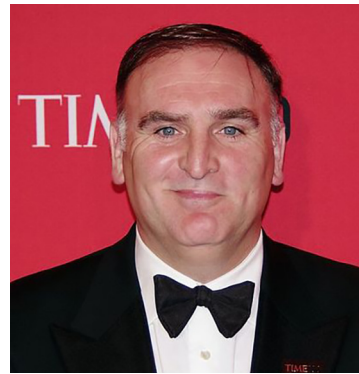


FIESTA DE LA VIRGEN DE LA PALOMA Y PATRONA DE LOS BOMBEROS



La Virgen de la Paloma es una de las fiestas de agosto en La Latina, uno de los barrios más castizos de la ciudad. Esta festividad se celebra el 15 de agosto, y es una de las más populares y de mayor afluencia de público. (Madrid, Spain)

CHEF JOSE ANDRES' WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN PROVIDES AID MAUI WILDFIRE VICTIMS



Washington, D.C.-based chef Jose Andres' World Central Kitchen (WCK) arrived in Maui late on the night of August 10th to help those suffering from the deadly wildfires. The team led by Jose Andres is handed out meals to those being forced to evacuate as well as the emergency first responders.

Biomass firm building Thailand's largest private floating solar farm



A company that specializes in biomass energy production announced last week that it will build Thailand's largest floating solar farm to supply power to industrial estates as part of the Kingdom's adoption of the bio-, circular- and green (BCG) economy.

National Power Supply Company, a private-sector firm that owns and operates 11 biomass power plants in the Kingdom, said that it will build a floating solar power farm with a capacity of 150 megawatts.

Thailand made headlines last year when its state-run electricity agency built what at the time was the world's largest floating solar farm atop a reservoir already used to produce hydropower. The government has plans to build several more of those dual-source facilities.

"STEM FOR SUSTAINABILITY" YOUTH PROGRAM LAUNCHES IN MOROCCO

Rabat, Amideast, Boeing and the Ministry of Youth, Culture and Communications has launched an innovative STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education and training program that will deepen awareness of environmental sustainability among Moroccan youth and provide them with skills they will need to address these challenges.

Sixty young men and women, aged 18-25, are participating in the STEM for Sustainability Youth Program that began in April and lasted four months.

The training provided immersion in activities that develop skills in STEM fields as well as the integration of problem-based learning focused on local environmental challenges. The program also raised their awareness of career

opportunities in the STEM fields through classroom presentations as well as field trips to sites where environmental challenges are addressed through STEM-based solutions.

"The programs developed by Amideast and Boeing provide a great opportunity to prepare young people for exciting careers in the aerospace industry, which is crucial for the future growth of the industry. As we are all experiencing the global challenge of climate change, our sector strives for innovation and sustainable development. Through programs like these, we can inspire and equip the next generation of aerospace professionals to drive progress and create a brighter future for all" said Kuljit Ghata-Aura, President of Boeing Middle East, Turkey and Africa.



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AFRIMS celebrates 62 years of pioneering medical research to Thailand

The Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences (AFRIMS) proudly commemorates its 62nd anniversary, highlighting its remarkable achievements in medical research and profound impact on public health in Thailand. Celebratory ceremonies held at the Phya Thai Palace and AFRIMS Headquarters brought together distinguished guests, including the Director of The U.S. Army Medical Directorate (USAMD)-AFRIMS and the Director General of Royal Thai Army AFRIMS.

Since 1961, the AFRIMS Thai-U.S. partnership has spearheaded

groundbreaking research initiatives and fostered international medical collaboration that has directly benefited the people of Thailand and saved hundreds of millions of global lives. Over the course of the past six decades, AFRIMS has achieved remarkable breakthroughs in infectious disease research, contributing to the prevention and control of diseases that pose significant threats to public health. AFRIMS has played a pivotal role in developing innovative diagnostics, treatments, and prevention strategies for diseases such as dengue fever, malaria, Japanese encephalitis, HIV/AIDS,

COVID-19, and other emerging threats.

AFRIMS has consistently been committed to addressing global health challenges without a profit motive. AFRIMS significantly contributed to the development and integration of the Japanese encephalitis vaccine into the Thai national immunization program, demonstrating its safety and effectiveness through a large-scale efficacy trial involving 65,000 participants. This achievement has significantly reduced Japanese encephalitis cases, preventing countless infections in Thailand and global communities.



Bulgaria leads eastern Europe in Google tech in education



Meeting of Education Minister Tsokov (left) and William Florence, Head of Google Workspace for Education in Central and Eastern Europe (right) (BTA photo)

SOFIA, Bulgaria – Bulgaria is the leading country in Central and Eastern Europe in the use of technology solutions provided by the Google platform for education, the Ministry Education said Wednesday after a meeting between Minister of Education and Science Prof. Galin Tsokov and William Florence, Head of Google Workspace for Education in Central and Eastern Europe.

The technology company's analysis is based on various indicators such as the number of certified teachers and trainers, the use of apps such as Google Classroom, etc.

Bulgaria also ranks first in the number of teachers per capita with globally recognized digital skills certificates from the technology company, it became clear during the meeting.

Data show that about 500 schools and a total of over 200 thousand users in Bulgaria are actively using the opportunities provided by the company's cloud platform. Participants at the meeting commented on how the active use of technology promotes innovation in teaching methods. (BTA)

The Netherlands and UNDP strengthen collaboration to accelerate Circular Economy in Viet Nam

HA NOI – The Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have reinforced their partnership with a shared commitment to driving the acceleration of the circular economy in Viet Nam's private sector.

The signing ceremony signifies the launching of an innovative project entitled "Accelerate Circular Economy for Business" (ACE-Biz).

The ACE-Biz project aims to contribute to Viet Nam's low-carbon and circular development, by transforming business, through formulating circular guidelines, delivering capacity-building program and fostering technology transfer, and demonstrating the certification scheme to promote exchanges of

secondary materials and reusable goods through an online marketplace.

The project will be jointly implemented by government bodies, including the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the private sector partners and academia, from both Viet Nam and the Netherlands, Nam Cau Kien Industrial Park, NX Filtration Company and Saxion University of Applied Sciences.

The new project will facilitate the development of comprehensive technical guidelines, enabling enterprises to integrate circular design principles and adopt circular industrial wastewater model to ensure sustainable and efficient recycling activities within businesses.

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United States donates \$100,000 for Canadian communities affected by wildland fire

The U.S. Government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development, donated \$100,000 (USD) to ADRA International. This funding will support relief, recovery, risk reduction, and resilience efforts for communities affected by wildland fires in Canada, with a specific focus on the most vulnerable populations.

"The United States and Canada have a long history of having each other's backs in instances such as this. Today's donation demonstrates the United States's continued commitment to our longstanding cooperation to combat wildland fires and protect communities in the face of this climate change-driven threat," said U.S. Ambassador to Canada David L. Cohen.

Treasury sanctions entities tied to arms deals between North Korea and Russia

WASHINGTON — The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has imposed sanctions on three entities tied to a sanctions evasion network attempting to support arms deals between Russia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). The entities are Limited Liability Company Verus (Verus), Defense Engineering Limited Liability Partnership (Defense Engineering), and Versor S.R.O. (Versor).

This action is part of the continuing U.S. strategy to identify, expose, and disrupt third-country actors seeking to support Russia's brutal war against Ukraine. To date, Treasury has sanctioned hundreds of individuals and entities involved in circumventing the international sanctions regime on Russia.

Texas arrests MS-13 gang members, smugglers known for sexual abuse

Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Texas National Guard are continuing to work together to secure the border; stop the smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people into Texas; and prevent, detect, and interdict transnational criminal behavior between ports of entry.

Since the launch of Operation Lone Star, the multi-agency effort has led to over 406,500 illegal immigrant apprehensions and more than 32,700 criminal arrests, with more than 29,900 felony charges reported. In the fight against fentanyl, Texas law enforcement has seized over 422 million lethal doses of fentanyl during this border mission.

Fraudster sentenced to 13+ years in \$1.9M scheme

The mastermind behind a \$1.9 million bank fraud was sentenced today to more than 13 years in federal prison, announced U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas Leigha Simonton.

Nohmaan Malik, 30, pleaded guilty in November 2022 to conspiracy to commit bank fraud, passport fraud, and aggravated identity theft. He was sentenced Thursday by U.S. District Judge Mark Pittman. The Court ordered restitution in the amount of \$1.9 million, the amount of loss the victims suffered.

According to plea papers, Mr. Malik admitted he and coconspirators defrauded Chase Bank customers.

EU, PHL START SCOPING EXERCISE FOR A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

On July 31st, the European Commission and the Philippines announced their intention to explore the relaunch of negotiations for an ambitious, modern, and balanced free trade agreement (FTA) – with sustainability at its core. The EU and the Philippines will shortly kick off a bilateral 'scoping process' to assess to which extent they share a mutual understanding on the future FTA.

Ursula von der Leyen, Commission President, said: "The Philippines is a key partner for us in the Indo-Pacific region, and with the launch of this scoping process we are paving the way to taking our partnership to the next level. Together, we will realise the full potential of our relationship, creating new opportunities for our companies and consumers while also supporting the green transition and fostering a just economy."

The EU aims for a comprehensive FTA with the Philippines that includes ambitious market access commitments, swift and effective sanitary and phytosanitary procedures, as well as the protection of intellectual property rights, including Geographical Indications.

Exchanging ideas to expand vocational education worldwide



Jean Thomas of Beni Suef Technological University in Egypt (Courtesy of Jean Thomas)

When he returned to Egypt after visiting community colleges in the United States, Jean Thomas implemented several new ideas on the campus where he works.

Thomas wanted to expand student services at Beni Suef Technological University, make the curriculum more flexible and consult with local employers about their workforce needs.

"By updating our curriculum with help from experts, we can determine what knowledge our graduates should



Nouran Abd El Hamid Ibrahim, left, of Mansoura University, and Ibrahim Abdel-Maged Saleh, of Cairo University, attend a 2017 seminar of the U.S. State Department's Community College Administrator Program at Florida State University in Tallahassee. (© Clay Smith/Sante Fe College)

have and what skills they should acquire," Thomas, the university's vice president for academic affairs, told ShareAmerica. "This will help our students to obtain desirable jobs."

He also plans to offer courses in agriculture, health care and tourism.

UN: 6.3M people in Sudan 'one step away from famine'

GENEVA – The Sudan conflict has pushed over 20 million people into severe acute hunger, with 6.3 million of them "one step away from famine," the United Nation's World Food Programme (WFP) said on.

"Around 42 percent of Sudan's population had now been pushed into hunger; 6.3 million of those were classified as experiencing IPC (Integrated Food Security Phase Classification) 3 or 4 categories of hunger, just one step away from famine," Eddie Rowe, WFP country director for Sudan, said at a UN virtual press briefing.

"Since mid-April, the conflict has continued to spread, and gaining access to people in need of life-saving food assistance has also become more challenging and increasingly urgent," Rowe added.

Sudan has been ravaged by clashes between the army and the Rapid Support Forces since mid-April, in a conflict that killed



more than 3,000 civilians and injured thousands, according to local medics.

Since the conflict began, over four million people have been displaced by the crisis, according to the latest data from the UN refugee agency UNHCR. (Anadolu)

INM Book Choice

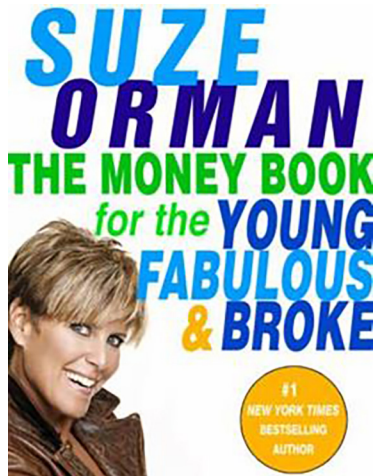
THE MONEY BOOK FOR THE YOUNG, FABULOUS & BROKE

By Suze Orman

The New York Times bestselling financial guide aimed squarely at "Generation Debt"—and their parents—from the country's most trusted and dynamic source on money matters.

The Money Book for the Young, Fabulous & Broke is financial expert Suze Orman's answer to a generation's cry for help. They're called "Generation Debt" and "Generation Broke" by the media — people in their twenties and thirties who graduate college with a mountain of student loan debt and are stuck with one of the weakest job markets in recent history. The goals of their parents' generation — buy a house, support a family, send kids to college, retire in style — seem absurdly, depressingly out of reach. They live off their credit cards, may or may not have health insurance, and come up so far short at the end of the month that the idea of saving money is a joke. This generation has it tough, without a doubt, but they're also painfully aware of the urgent need to take matters into their own hands.

The Money Book was written to address the specific financial reality that faces young people today and offers a set of real, not impossible solutions to the problems at hand and the problems ahead. Concisely, pragmatically, and without a whiff of condescension, Suze Orman tells



her young, fabulous & broke readers precisely what actions to take and why.

Her advice at times bucks conventional wisdom (did she just say use your credit card?) and may even seem counter-intuitive (pay into a retirement fund even though your credit card debt is killing you?), but it's her honesty, understanding, and uncanny ability to anticipate the needs of her readers that has made her the most trusted financial expert of her day.

Suze takes the reader past broke to a secure place where they'll never have to worry about revisiting broke again. And she begins the journey with a bit of overwhelmingly good news (yes, there really is good news): Young people have the greatest asset of all on their side — time.

Traditional medicine has a long history of contributing to conventional medicine and continues to hold promise

For centuries across countries, people have turned to traditional healers, home remedies and ancient medicinal knowledge to address their health and well-being needs.

According to the WHO Global Report on Traditional and Complementary Medicine (2019), various systems of traditional medicine being used around the world include acupuncture, herbal medicines, indigenous traditional medicine, homoeopathy, traditional Chinese medicine, naturopathy, chiropractic, osteopathy, ayurvedic and Unani medicine. And one hundred and seventy WHO Member States have reported on the use of traditional medicine by their populations.

Traditional medicine is sometimes seen as pre-scientific,

its practices and treatments to be replaced by modern, better, more efficient science-based medicine. What is less known, however, is its contribution to modern science and medicine, and a long history of traditional products and practices being translated into effective treatments for health conditions.

Around 40% of pharmaceutical products today draw from nature and traditional knowledge, including landmark drugs: aspirin, artemisinin, and childhood cancer treatments.

A closer look at these drugs reveals that the scientists behind them built off traditional knowledge to achieve their breakthrough discoveries.

RECIPE

SUNSHINE SALAD



Oranges help to brighten up this tasty veggie salad. It is quick and easy to make. Top it off with your favorite vinaigrette.

Makes 5 servings.

Ingredients:

- 5 cups spinach leaves (packed, washed, and dried well)
- 1/2 red onion (sliced thin)
- 1/2 red pepper (sliced)
- 1 cucumber (whole, sliced)
- 2 orange (peeled and chopped into bite-size pieces)
- 1/3 cup vinaigrette dressing ("lite", around 15 calories per tablespoon or less)

Directions

1. Toss all ingredients together in a large bowl. Add dressing and toss again. Serve immediately.

Source: USDA

Your Health

WOMEN FACE UNIQUE RISKS FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE & STROKE

Women have a lot on their plates, and sometimes important self-care can take a back seat to work, family and other obligations.

In fact, nearly 50% of adult women have high blood pressure, and nearly three-quarters of those with high blood pressure don't have it under control. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can significantly increase a woman's risk for a stroke, but a few important steps can help reduce that risk and give women one less thing to worry about.

Doctors and researchers have found a link between birth control pills and an increase in blood pressure

among some women. They say that it is more likely to occur in women who are already overweight, have kidney disease or have a family history of high blood pressure. A combination of birth control pills and smoking can be very dangerous to women and is not recommended. A woman's health during pregnancy can be a preview of her health in the future. Women who had high blood pressure during pregnancy are at an increased risk for developing high blood pressure and having a stroke later in life. The physical changes associated with menopause also increase a woman's risk of developing high blood pressure. - NewsUSA

ARE CUCUMBERS GOOD FOR YOU?

Yes, cucumbers are a great part of a healthy diet! This low-calorie fruit is chock-full of water and other nutrients, including fiber, vitamins A, K and C, potassium and calcium.

A serving of raw cucumber, eaten with the peel, has:

- 15 calories.
- 0.1 grams of fat.
- 3.6 grams of carbohydrates.
- 0.5 grams of dietary fiber.
- 1.7 grams of sugar.
- 0.7 grams of protein.

Cucumbers offer essential nutrients, too. One serving of cucumber delivers:

- 16.4 micrograms of vitamin K (14% daily value).
- 147 milligrams of potassium (3% daily value).
- 2.8 milligrams of vitamin C (3% daily value).
- 16 milligrams of calcium (1%



daily value).

Health benefits of cucumbers

Cucumbers are rich in antioxidants that can protect your cells and reduce the risk of chronic disease. Here are six ways eating cucumbers improves your health:

1. Increases hydration
 2. It helps with:
 - Digestion.
 - Joint pain.
 - Kidney function.
 - Memory and cognition.
 - Regulating body temperature.
- Source : Cleveland Clinic

EMAIL ETIQUETTE

THINK TWICE BEFORE HITTING 'REPLY ALL'

By CHARLOTTE HILTON ANDERSEN, Reader's Digest

Email is often used as a way to deliver information to a large group of people at once. However, not everyone in the group will need to read every reply or question, and using the "reply all" feature unnecessarily can clog up inboxes.

Before you reply to a mass email, consider who you are talking to and address the message only to them—more often than not, it's just the person who sent the original email. If you're worried about people missing vital information, a better solution is to gather it in a shared document that anyone can access and update.



Environment

Livable planet possible with more efficient use of natural resources, report says

Global challenges such as climate change, economic productivity, food and water security, and health could be overcome if countries use their natural resources more efficiently, and this is possible without sacrificing the environment or human prosperity, a new report says.

Combining innovative science, data sources, and biophysical and economic models, the Nature's Frontiers: Achieving Sustainability, Efficiency, and Prosperity with Natural Capital report offers a novel way to address the fundamental challenge of sustainability. It identifies how and where countries can use natural resources more efficiently so they can

prosper without damaging the planet — or going beyond their natural efficiency frontiers.

"This work is helping us understand what is happening at a country level and how countries can achieve their development goals without sacrificing biodiversity or climate change targets," said Richard Damania, World Bank Chief Economist for Sustainable Development.

The report, prepared by the World Bank, the Natural Capital Project, and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), concludes that major efficiency gaps exist in nearly every country in how they use their natural resources. - The World Bank

TECH TALK

ROBOTS, AI PROGRAMS MAY UNDERMINE CREDIBILITY OF RELIGIOUS GROUPS, STUDY FINDS

As artificial intelligence expands across more professions, robot preachers and AI programs offer new means of sharing religious beliefs, but they may undermine credibility and reduce donations for religious groups that rely on them, according to research published by the American Psychological Association.

"It seems like robots take over more occupations every year, but I wouldn't be so sure that religious leaders will ever be fully automated because religious leaders need credibility, and robots aren't credible," said lead researcher Joshua Conrad Jackson, PhD, an assistant professor at the University of Chicago in the Booth School of Business.

The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the broken places." - ERNEST HEMINGWAY



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CDC to launch “Bridge Access Program” in Fall 2023

TO PROVIDE FREE COVID-19 VACCINES TO UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED ADULTS

To help ensure that millions of uninsured and underinsured American adults continue to have access to no-cost COVID-19 vaccinations, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is launching the Bridge Access Program for COVID-19 Vaccines this fall.

There are an estimated 25-30 million adults without insurance in the U.S., and there are additional adults whose insurance will not provide free coverage for COVID-19 vaccines after these products transition to the commercial market for procurement, distribution,

and pricing, later this fall. The pandemic highlighted longstanding barriers to adult vaccination, including lack of accessibility, lack of availability, and lack of confidence. Under the management and oversight of CDC, the Bridge Access Program – for a limited time – will allow adults who are uninsured or underinsured to receive free COVID-19 vaccinations.

“Protecting people from COVID-19 remains a top priority for CDC,” CDC Director Dr. Mandy Cohen said. “CDC is partnering with state and local public health agencies, health centers, and

pharmacies to ensure that all adults nationwide maintain access to lifesaving COVID-19 vaccines.

CDC will purchase COVID-19 vaccines and allocate them, along with the funding needed to implement this new program, through CDC’s established network of state and local immunization programs. To broaden access, CDC is also working closely with select national pharmacy chains and vaccine manufacturers, to enable uninsured adults to receive free COVID-19 vaccines at participating retail pharmacy locations.



Hawaii wildfire victims qualify for tax relief; Oct. 16 deadline, other dates postponed to Feb. 15

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced expansive tax relief for Hawaii wildfire victims in Maui and Hawaii counties. These taxpayers now have until Feb. 15, 2024, to file various federal individual and business tax returns and make tax payments.

The IRS is offering relief to any area designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This means that individuals and households that reside or have a business in these counties qualify for tax relief. The current list of eligible localities is always available on the disaster relief page on IRS.gov.

The tax relief postpones various tax filing and payment deadlines that occurred from Aug. 8, 2023, through Feb. 15, 2024 (postponement period). As a result, affected individuals and businesses will have until Feb. 15, 2024, to file returns and pay any taxes that were originally due during this period. - IRS

DHS issues guidance for stateless noncitizens in the United States

WASHINGTON – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), issued new guidance to assist stateless noncitizens in the United States who wish to obtain immigration benefits or have submitted other requests to USCIS.

Stateless individuals are those who are not legally considered a citizen of any country, and therefore may be denied legal identity, and struggle to access education, healthcare, marriage, and job opportunities. Individuals can be born stateless or become stateless because of discrimination, war and conflict, or changing borders and laws.

The new guidance clarifies when and how USCIS may consider a noncitizen stateless for the purpose of adjudicating immigration benefits or other requests. - DHS

Indian government warns against using dating websites & apps

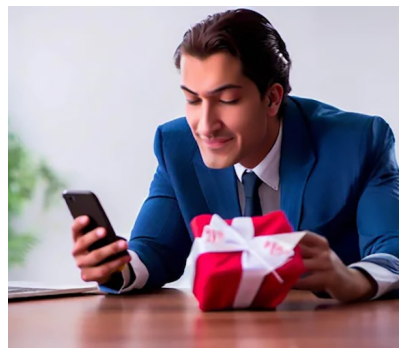
Government warns dating and matrimonial app users against taking any expensive gifts from online lovers.

The Indian government has warned users of dating and matrimonial websites and apps. The officials have requested citizens to be cautious of scammers who pose as their online lovers or matches to trick them into paying customs duty.

In Short

- Scammers in India are now using dating and matrimonial websites to target victims.
- They are tricking victims into paying money under the pretext of sending expensive gifts.
- Around two-thirds of Indian adults have fallen victim to online dating/romance scams, losing an average of Rs 7,966.

In the past few months, India has witnessed a rapid rise in cases of online scams. Scammers are using new ways to trick people and are using almost every online platform to bait innocent individuals. Be it UPI apps, YouTube, Instagram, Telegram, travel websites, and more. But that’s not it. Now, these scammers are using dating and

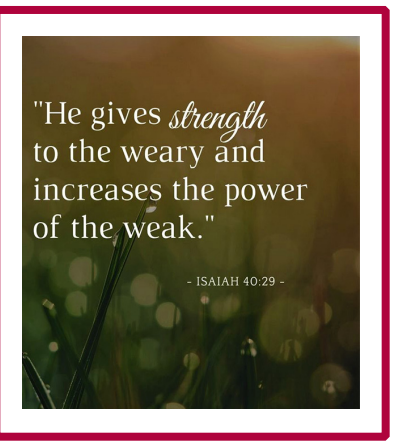


Representative image created using AI

matrimonial websites to target victims, and this time their net is more than just asking for clicking a link or giving online tasks.

Scammers are reportedly using dating and matrimonial sites to trick innocent victims into their love trap and then make them pay money under the pretext of sending expensive gifts.

Reportedly, around two-thirds of Indian adults (66 per cent) have fallen victim to an online dating/romance scam, and victims have lost an average of Rs 7,966. - Source: India Today



IRS warns against new scam

The IRS warns taxpayers to be on the lookout for a new scam mailing that tries to mislead people into believing they are owed a refund. The new scheme involves a mailing coming in a cardboard envelope from a delivery service. The enclosed letter includes the IRS masthead with contact information and a phone number that do not belong to the IRS and wording that the notice is “in relation to your unclaimed refund”.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

LAW STUDENT INTERN

Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)
Baltimore Immigration Court
Baltimore, Maryland

Application Deadline: September 29, 2023

The U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, is seeking law student interns to participate in a substantive and rewarding internship opportunity at the Baltimore Immigration Court during the Spring of 2024. The internship will be in-person at the Baltimore Immigration Court; telework is not available for interns.

Real Estate

NAR survey finds Americans prefer walkable communities

The National Association of Realtors® released a new survey revealing that Americans living in walkable communities report a higher quality of life. The 2023 Community & Transportation Preferences Survey is a national poll taken every three years to gauge people’s partialities regarding their home’s location or potential location as well as community attributes they find desirable.

“With COVID in our rearview mirror, this study shows that a substantial demand for walkability persists for Americans of all ages,” said NAR President Kenny Parcel.

Among noteworthy findings of the survey:

If deciding today where to live:

- 79% said being within an easy walk of other places and things, such as shops and parks, is very/somewhat important. 78% of those indicated that they would be willing to pay more to live in a walkable community.
- 85% said sidewalks and places to walk are very/somewhat important.
- 65% said having public transport nearby is very/somewhat important.
- 56% said they would prefer a house with a small yard and be able to walk to places.
- 53% would prefer an attached dwelling (own or rent a townhouse/condo/apartment) and be able to walk to shops, restaurants, and a short commute to work.

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The Children's Place and Jonas Brothers announce Top 10 Finalists for Best School Day Ever Contest



The Children's Place and Jonas Brothers Announce Top 10 Finalists for Best School Day Ever Contest & Host Hundreds of Children to an Afternoon of Fashion, Philanthropy and a Special Performance

SECAUCUS, N.J.,-- The Children's Place, Inc., the largest pure-play children's specialty retailer in North America, today announced that on August 10th, together with talented partners and global pop superstars, Jonas Brothers, hosted hundreds of children and their families to an afternoon of celebrating back-to-school fashion, giving back to communities in need, engaging in interactive kid-friendly activities, as well as a performance



of a special set by Kevin, Joe, and Nick Jonas. Supporting the Company's mission in giving back to children and empowering them to reach their full potential through continued education, The Children's Place has partnered with Boys & Girls Clubs of America by providing much-needed resources and monetary contributions to the organization. - PRNewswire

Slovenia is safe and open for tourists

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia, -- Slovenia's peak tourist season is in full swing despite the floods last weekend, which hit certain destinations and impacted travel. Nevertheless, most of Slovenia remains fully functional, assuring a pleasant getaway. Destinations and tourism providers are doing their best to offer guests a safe and comfortable stay, and the best travel experience, which Slovenians known for. - PRNewswire



Piran, Slovenia

Universal Pictures re-release 'Jurassic Park' in RealD 3D theaters to celebrate the sci-fi classic's 30th anniversary

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. -- Beginning on August 25th, moviegoers can celebrate the 30th anniversary of Steven Spielberg's sci-fi classic, Jurassic Park, with a re-release of the film in RealD 3D-equipped theaters across North America. Jurassic Park was converted to 3D in 2013 for the film's 20th anniversary. The original 1993 release of the film shattered box office records, setting a new benchmark at the time for the highest-grossing film in history. Its 2013 re-release garnered an additional \$45 million. - PRNewswire

Sports

Spain makes history beating England in Women's World Cup final

SYDNEY — Spain won its first Women's World Cup title Sunday less than a year after a player rebellion, holding off England 1-0 after Olga Carmona's first-half goal. The victory made La Roja the first team to hold the under-17, under-20 and senior world titles at the same time. Spain is the fifth winner in nine editions of the Women's World Cup and joins Germany as the only two nations to win both the men's and women's tournament.



Spain's players celebrate with the trophy after winning the Australia and New Zealand 2023 Women's World Cup final football match between Spain and England at Stadium Australia in Sydney, Aug. 20, 2023.

Tokyo Olympics Bronze Medalist Eumir Felix Marcial set to join Philippine National Boxing Team in pursuit of gold at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (-- "IT'S AMATEUR HOUR!" Eumir Felix Marcial, the Philippines' 2020 middleweight Olympic bronze medalist, declared today. Marcial, 27, announced that he would be putting his burgeoning professional career on temporary hold to join the Philippine National Boxing Team training camp in Canberra, Australia and focus fulltime on pursuing his dream of winning a gold medal at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

A native of Zamboanga City, Marcial (4-0, 2 KOs) plans to compete in the Hangzhou Asian Games, a Paris Olympics qualifier, Sept. 23 through Oct. 8. It's going to be a challenge since he'll be fighting at light heavyweight because the middleweight division, where he won the bronze in Tokyo, was eliminated from the Hangzhou competition.

Marcial will also have to reach the final now that only the finalists in Hangzhou will qualify for the Paris games -- a departure from the traditional semifinals cutoff.

Be joyful in hope
patient in affliction
faithful in prayer
- Romans 12:12

Events

VICTOR GRUEN AND THE AMERICAN CENTURY EXHIBIT OPENS SEPTEMBER 14

On the occasion of its 75th anniversary, the Austrian Press & Information Service in the United States is proud to present Victor Gruen and the American Century. We invite you to the grand opening of this exhibit by the President of the Austrian National Council, Wolfgang Sobotka. at 6:30 PM, September 14, Embassy of Austria

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION: Victor Gruen (1903–1980) was an Austrian-born architect and urban planner, who significantly influenced the development of modern retail spaces and shopping centers. He is often referred to as the "father of the modern shopping mall" - a paternity he later rejected.

The exhibition is curated by Hannes Richter and Joshua Seale for the Austrian Press and Information Service in the United States.

FILMS ON THE GREEN 2023 - NY CITY

Films on the Green 2023 - New York City

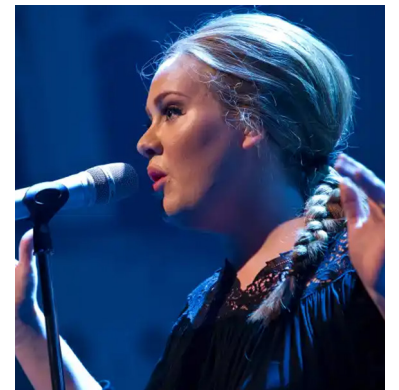
Get ready to experience the beauty and passion of dance on the big screen with Films on the Green 2023, New York City's free outdoor French film festival. Produced in partnership with NYC Parks and the FACE Foundation, this annual festival returns to Manhattan and Brooklyn's parks from June 2 to September 8, showcasing 12 features that will transport you into a world of rhythm and emotion.

From the French Cancan to the flamenco of La Femme et le Pantin and the hip hop of Casablanca Beats, this year's festival presents a variety of styles and settings that will captivate audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Films on the Green 2023 also features a record number of new releases and international co-productions, providing access to a wide range of directorial voices and subject matter.

LAS VEGAS' END-OF-SUMMER CONCERTS



LADY GAGA



ADELE

LAS VEGAS – Long considered the unofficial end to the summer season, Labor Day Weekend always promises an exciting lineup of entertainment and activities in Las Vegas. From headlining residencies to superstar-studded concerts, there's a show for everyone in Las Vegas this Labor Day Weekend. Here are some top highlights:

Soulful songstress Adele continues her residency at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace on Friday, Sept. 1 and Saturday, Sept. 2.

R&B artist Brent Faiyaz takes the stage at The Chelsea at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas on Sunday, Sept. 3.

DJ and producer Wooli plays a set at the Downtown Las Vegas Events Center on Friday, Sept. 1.

Pop diva Lady Gaga kicks off another run of her Jazz & Piano residency at Dolby Live at Park MGM on Thursday, Aug. 31, with additional shows on Saturday, Sept. 2 and Sunday, Sept. 3.

Alternative rock band Young the Giant plays an installment of the Downtown Rocks Concert Series at Fremont Street Experience on Saturday, Sept. 2.

Brooklyn Bowl Las Vegas at The LINQ Promenade presents a weekend of concerts during the holiday weekend, with shows from emo rockers Senses Fail (Friday, Sept. 1), rock band Puddle of Mudd (Saturday, Sept. 2) and rapper Scarface (Sunday, Sept. 3).



GREECE

Greece is a famous country, popular for its clean beaches and rich history.

Hundreds of archaeological and historical sites gloriously depict the country's past - besides, there is a reason why Athens is called an open-air museum!

The landscape is mainly mountainous and the terrain is very fertile in the valleys that are scattered along the Greek mainland.

Greece is also surrounded by water - by the Aegean and the Ionian Sea in particular.

The country features around



6000 islands and islets, but only 227 of them are inhabited. They are the most popular Greek destinations, especially in summer. Big or tiny, green or arid, ideal

for cosmopolitan or relaxing vacations, one thing is for sure: all have the requirements and facilities to offer you memorable and safe vacations!

Hawai'i Wildfires

RED CROSS HELPING AS SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS CONTINUE



Wildfires in Hawaii destroyed the historic town of Lahaina. Hundreds of homes and businesses are destroyed and the American Red Cross is working around the clock to help and support people impacted by some of the deadliest U.S. wildfires in recent history. (Photo by PATRICK T. FALLON/AFP via Getty Images)

YOU CAN HELP

Lives have been forever changed and you can help people affected by the Hawaii wildfires by making a financial donation today. Every single gift will make a difference in someone's life. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from this disaster. Visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org), call 1-800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767), or text the word HAWAII to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.