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TAIWAN DEVELOPS WORLD'S 'SMALLEST' QUANTUM COMPUTER



The National Tsing Hua University research team, including Professor Chuu Chih-sung (second right) and university President Kao Wei-yuan (center), pose with the world's smallest quantum computer at a Wednesday press conference in the Hsinchu City-based university. Photo courtesy of National Tsing Hua University Oct. 16, 2024

ISTANBUL – Taiwan researchers claimed to have developed the world's smallest quantum computer, marking the first use of a single photon to execute quantum algorithms.

The team of researchers led by Prof. Chuu Chih-sung at Taiwan's National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) has demonstrated the box-sized computer's ability, Focus Taiwan reported on Thursday.

Chuu explained that his team's

small quantum computer encodes information into "32 time-bins or dimensions" within the wave packet of a single high-dimensional photon, a fundamental particle in electromagnetic interactions.

Photons not only maintain stable quantum states at room temperature, reducing energy costs compared to quantum computers requiring cooling, but also enable long-distance information transmission with minimal interference, providing significant advantages

for commercial applications, he added.

Chuu's colleague Mou Chung-yu, director of NTHU's College of Science, said that photonic quantum computing will "eventually be applied across various fields, including drug development, logistics optimization, data security, and artificial intelligence."

Taiwan, an island nation of about 24 million people, is a leading manufacturer of high-tech items, including computers and semiconductor items. - Anadolu

Canada, India expel each other's diplomats

TORONTO — Canada and India each expelled six diplomats on October 14 in tit-for-tat moves as part of an escalating dispute over the June 2023 assassination of a Sikh activist in Canada.

Foreign Minister Melanie Joly said that Canada was expelling six Indian diplomats, including the high commissioner, after police uncovered evidence of a targeted campaign against Canadian citizens by agents of the Indian government. Shortly afterward, the Indian foreign ministry said that it was expelling six Canadian diplomats, including the acting high commissioner and the deputy high commissioner. It said in a statement that the diplomats were told to leave India by the end of Saturday, October 19.

The ministry had said earlier on October 14 that India was withdrawing its diplomats, after rejecting Canada's diplomatic communication on October 13 that said the Indian ambassador was a "person of interest" in the assassination. -AP



File photo shows demonstrators protest outside India's consulate, a week after Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau raised the prospect of New Delhi's involvement in the murder of Sikh separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Sept. 25, 2023.

Bonta leads coalition suing TikTok for exploiting young users, deceiving public

SAN FRANCISCO — California Attorney General Rob Bonta and New York Attorney General Letitia James on October 10 co-lead a bipartisan coalition of 14 attorneys general in filing separate enforcement actions against TikTok for violations of state consumer protection laws. Filed in Santa Clara County Superior Court, Attorney General Bonta's action alleges that TikTok exploits and harms young users and deceives the public about the social media platform's dangers. The action seeks significant penalties, as well as injunctive and monetary relief, to address TikTok's misconduct.

"Our investigation has revealed that TikTok cultivates social media addiction to boost corporate profits. TikTok intentionally targets children because they know kids do not yet have the defenses or capacity to create healthy boundaries around addictive content," said Attorney General Rob Bonta.

"Young people are struggling with their mental health because of addictive social media platforms like TikTok," said New York Attorney General Letitia James.

Drone attack hits Netanyahu's residence

ANKARA – A drone launched from Lebanon on October 19 struck the residence of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in northern Israel, his office said.

The prime minister's office in a statement said the drone launched from Lebanon targeted Netanyahu's private home in Caesarea, northern Israel. It added that the premier and his family were not at home at the time of the attack.

Israeli media outlets have labeled the attempted drone strike on Netanyahu's private residence in Caesarea a "severe security failure."

The Israeli Air Force has reportedly launched an investigation into how the drone was able to enter Caesarea's airspace without being intercepted.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (Anadolu)

Earlier, the Israeli army said three drones were fired from Lebanon, two of which were successfully intercepted, while the third crashed into a building in Caesarea, northern Israel. There were no reported casualties. - Anadolu

German police arrest Libyan suspected of planning attack on Israeli embassy

German police have arrested a Libyan suspected of belonging to the Islamic State group and of having planned an attack on the Israeli embassy, federal prosecutors told Agence France-Presse on October 19.

"There is some suggestion he had planned an attack on the Israeli embassy in Berlin," said a spokesman for the prosecutor's office, adding that the suspect was also thought to be affiliated with the Islamic State group.

Bild daily reported that police commandoes had stormed a flat in Bernau, north of Berlin, in the evening and arrested the 28-year-old man.

The newspaper said German authorities had acted on a tip-off from a foreign intelligence agency.

Israel's ambassador to Berlin, Ron Prosor, thanked German authorities for "ensuring the security of our embassy" in a message on the social media platform X.

Since the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, which triggered the war in the Gaza Strip, German authorities have increased their vigilance against Islamist militant threats and the resurgence of anti-Semitism, like in many countries



Police stand near the Israeli embassy after a suspected shooting nearby in Stockholm, Oct. 1, 2024. German police have arrested a Libyan suspected of planning an attack on the Israeli embassy in Berlin, prosecutors said. (TT News Agency/Anders Wiklund via Reuters)

around the world.

In early September, Munich police shot dead a young Austrian man known for his links to radical Islamism after he opened fire at the Israeli consulate. - VOA News

CDC FOOD SAFETY ALERT

Severe E. coli outbreak in Mountain West states linked to McDonald's Quarter Pounders; McDonald's removes suspect ingredients temporarily

Key Points:

49 people from 10 states have gotten sick from the same strain of E. coli O157:H7. Most sick people are from Colorado (27) or Nebraska (9).

10 people have been hospitalized. One older person in Colorado has died. Additionally, one child is hospitalized with complications of hemolytic uremic syndrome, or HUS.

Everyone interviewed has reported eating at McDonald's before their illness started, and most specifically mentioned eating a Quarter Pounder hamburger.

The specific ingredient linked to illness has not yet been identified, but investigators are focused on two ingredients in particular: fresh sliced onions, and fresh beef patties. McDonald's reported that they proactively removed the sliced onions and beef patties used for the Quarter Pounder hamburgers from stores in the affected states while the investigation continues.

Death of Pinay nurse in Abu Dhabi under investigation

MANILA – The investigation into the death of 32-year-old Filipino nurse Reyna Jane Ancheta, who was found dead on a highway in Abu Dhabi after going missing for three days, is still ongoing, the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) said.

DMW Secretary Hans Leo Caddac said the Philippine government will sponsor the flight of her husband, Kenneth Paul, to the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

so that he could personally observe the probe until her remains can be repatriated.

She left behind a 12-year-old son and a seven-year-old daughter. She would have turned 33 on Dec. 11.

UAE news outlet Khaleej Times reported that Reyna arrived in August and started her job at Al Raiaa Home Health Care. She used to work in Saudi Arabia. - PNA

News Breakers

Former Abercrombie & Fitch chief arrested

NEW YORK — Former Abercrombie & Fitch CEO Michael Jeffries and two other men have been arrested on sex trafficking and interstate prostitution charges, a spokesperson for federal prosecutors said Tuesday, October 22.

Details of the criminal charges weren't immediately available. They come after years of sexual misconduct allegations, made in civil lawsuits and the media, from young people who said Jeffries lured them with promises of modeling work and then pressed them into sex acts. - Reuters

Peru's ex-president Toledo gets more than 20 years in prison in case linked to corruption scandal

LIMA — Peru's former President Alejandro Toledo on Monday was sentenced to 20 years and six months in prison in a case involving Brazilian construction giant Odebrecht, which became synonymous with corruption across Latin America, where it paid millions of dollars in bribes to government officials and others. Authorities accused Toledo of accepting \$35 million in bribes from Odebrecht in exchange for allowing the construction of a highway in the South American country. Toledo governed Peru from 2001 to 2006 - AP

Boeing to cut 10% of workforce amid labor strikes

ISTANBUL – US-based aerospace giant Boeing plans to reduce its workforce by approximately 10 percent as the company grapples with program delays and ongoing labor strikes, CEO Kelly Ortberg announced in a message to employees.

He indicated that the company must make "tough decisions" and implement structural changes to maintain its competitive edge and fulfill long-term commitments to customers.

Ortberg's statement did not specify the exact number of job cuts, but with Boeing employing 171,000 people worldwide at the start of the year -- 147,000 of them based in the US -- the planned reduction could affect thousands.

Xi, Putin embrace growing cooperation

Russian President Vladimir Putin called Chinese President Xi Jinping his "dear friend," amid growing cooperation between Moscow and Beijing, as the leaders met at the BRICS summit in Kazan.

Xi also expressed his gratitude at the meeting regarding the increasing partnership between Russia and China, saying the "profound relationship" between the two countries has "continuously deepened and expanded comprehensive strategic coordination and practical cooperation." - VOA News

Philippines marks 80th anniversary of Battle of Leyte



The Philippines held a ceremony to mark the 80th anniversary of the start of a fierce battle on its Leyte island during World War Two. Participants renewed their pledge to never wage war again.

The Battle of Leyte broke out on October

Commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Leyte Gulf Landings at MacArthur Landing Memorial National Park in Candahug, Palo, Leyte on Sunday (Oct. 20, 2024), led by House of Representatives Speaker Martin Romualdez and Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. (DND photo)

20, 1944. US General Douglas MacArthur led a massive Allied force of around 200,000 troops and landed on the central Philippine island. The forces clashed with the now-defunct Imperial Japanese military, in a conflict which lasted for more than two months.

More than 700 people took part in the ceremony on Sunday to remember the victims. Attendees included officials from the US and Japanese embassies in the Philippines, as well as local residents.

Japanese Ambassador Endo Kazuya offered a wreath and delivered a speech. He

said, "We, the Japanese people, are determined to never allow the devastation of war to be repeated ever again for the sake of present and future generations."

In the Battle of Leyte, around 80,000 Japanese soldiers lost their lives in ground combat alone. Many residents of the island were also caught in the fighting and killed. The exact number of victims remains unclear.

A local man, who said he was 100 years old, laid flowers at a tomb of the Philippine war dead. He said he was sad, as his father was killed by Japanese soldiers. - NHK

NYC to send youth delegates to ASEAN exchange program

MALASIQUI, Pangasinan – Fifteen Filipino youth leaders, five each from the Philippines' three main islands, will represent the country in the 48th Ship for the Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program (SSEAYP).

Scheduled Nov. 4 to Dec. 11, the youth leaders screened by the National Youth Commission (NYC) will join their counterparts from other Asian countries in the discussions on global environment and climate change, disaster risk reduction and recovery, good health and well-being, digital society economic growth, and sustainable community.

The youth leaders, not older than 30 years, will mingle with those from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Japan.

The delegates will stay in a ship and will stay with host families living near the ports of Indonesia, Vietnam and Japan.

The SSEAYP program, established in 1974, is dedicated to promoting



Photo courtesy of SSEAYP

goodwill, friendship and mutual understanding among the youth of Japan and the 10 Southeast Asian countries.

It aims to broaden their global perspectives, strengthen their spirit of international cooperation, and develop practical skills for international collaboration. The annual program is under the sponsorship of the Japan government through the Office for International Youth Exchange of the Cabinet Office and in coordination with the 10 ASEAN governments. - PNA

China sends 2 giant pandas to Washington

ISTANBUL – China has reignited its "panda diplomacy" by sending two giant pandas to the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, marking a new phase in Sino-US wildlife conservation cooperation.

The China Wildlife Conservation Association announced Monday that Baoli, a male panda born in August 2021, and Qingbao, a female born in September 2021, have embarked on a 10-year stay in the US capital as part of a Cooperative Research Agreement signed in April.

The agreement continues a decades-long partnership between the two nations focused on panda conservation.

In preparation for the pandas' journey, both countries worked meticulously to ensure a smooth transition.

The collaboration aims to advance research on disease prevention, epidemic control, and scientific exchanges related to giant panda conservation, while also promoting global biodiversity and enhancing goodwill between the Chinese and



American people.

"Panda diplomacy," a practice that dates back to 1941, involves China sending pandas to other countries as a symbol of goodwill and conservation partnership.

The arrival of Baoli and Qingbao is expected to serve as a soft-power tool for China, showcasing its commitment to international collaboration and wildlife conservation. - Anadolu

DIOCESE OF ORANGE TO HOST TOUR OF MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



GARDEN GROVE, Calif. -- Starting on Nov. 1, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange will be hosting a tour of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a historic apparition of the Virgin Mary that is deeply symbolic and significant to Southern California's Catholic faithful, particularly those of Hispanic heritage.

The Missionary Image is a Catholic Church-authorized digital image of the original Guadalupe tilma image, which dates to 1531 and is above the main altar at the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

The Missionary Image tour begins on Nov. 1 at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove and ends at St. Vincent de Paul in Huntington Beach on Nov. 24. The public is invited to venerate the Image at host parishes and sites throughout the Diocese of Orange. For a complete list of sites hosting the image, visit www.rcbo.org/tilma

Wise words from Sister Rosita, age 79: A math lover wins U.N. prize for refugee relief

When she was a student, Rosita Milesi wanted to become a math teacher — she was always good at the subject, she remembers.

It didn't turn out that way — for which refugees are eternally grateful. At age 19, she became a Catholic nun. Now, at age 79, she is being recognized as one of Brazil's most influential refugee advocates.

On October 15, she was honored with the U.N. Refugee Agency's Nansen Refugee Award for 40 years of activism. The U.N. calls her a "formidable refugee champion." Venezuelan refugee, Elizabeth Tanare, described her to the U.N. as the "piece of the puzzle that brings everything together." - NPR



Sister Rosita Milesi is the global laureate of the 2024 Nansen Refugee Award. She calls the honor "a recognition of all the people who helped me, who participated in my journey." - Marina Calderon/ UNHCR

Elderly population worldwide to surpass youth by 2030

ANKARA – By 2030, the global population aged 65 and older is expected to outnumber the youth, with the elderly projected to double the number of children under five.

Recent UN forecasts project the global population to reach about 8.5 billion by 2030, 9.7 billion by 2050, and 10.4 billion by 2100.

By 2030, the number of individuals aged 65 and older is expected to surpass that of the youth population, with the elderly projected to double the number of children under five.

The UN defines the youth population as those aged 15 to 24.

The global population aged 65 and older is projected to more than double, reaching 1.6 billion by 2050. If this forecast holds true, the elderly will comprise over 16 percent of the world's population.

In 1950, individuals aged 65 and older represented one in 20 people globally. By 2021, this ratio had changed to one in 10, and it is projected that by 2050, this age group will account for one in six people worldwide. - Anadolu

MISINFORMATION ABOUT AMERICAN RED CROSS

Misinformation can spread quickly after a disaster, causing confusion and distrust within communities struggling to recover. It can also have very real consequences on the ability of the American Red Cross to deliver critical services — services that thousands are counting on to get through these difficult days.

Let's set the record straight —

Claim: "The Red Cross is confiscating or throwing out donated items."

The Red Cross does not confiscate or discard donated items, and we have received no evidence to back these unsubstantiated claims. Our focus continues to be providing shelter, food and comfort for those affected by this massive disaster.

Claim: "The Red Cross is taking over local efforts."

Responding to disasters is a team effort, and the Red Cross works closely with community partners to meet the needs of those affected.

Claim: "The Red Cross isn't here."

The Red Cross is a proud member of these communities in which our staff live and work — it's where we respond to home fires, hold blood drives and provide lifesaving classes.

Amid devastation emotions run high but the American Red Cross asks that you please be thoughtful in what you share online. Sharing rumors without first vetting the source and verifying facts ultimately hurts people.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:6-7*

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Known for the best in Filipino-Chinese dishes, Little Ongpin located in the heart of Eagle Rock has been in the restaurant business for over 20 years making it one of the landmarks in the Philippine Village community.

Miki Bihon, Lumpiang Shanghai, Kare-kare, Adobo, Crispy Pata, Lechon Kawali, Pinakbet, Kaldereta, Sisig, Adobo etc. are just some of the most popular Filipino dishes representing the different regions of the Philippines served daily at this family restaurant. For desserts, customers can always order Leche flan, Turrón, Ginataan, and special native cakes like cassava cake and sapin-sapin etc.

The reason behind the longevity and success of Little Ongpin is Owner, Jeanne Tan. Her business acumen and natural ability to relate with her continually growing customer base make her unbeatable in the food and hospitality industry. Through the years, Jeanne had gained the respect and trust of the community. With her commitment to service, Little Ongpin is now another “home away from home”.

Japanese atomic bomb survivor wins 2024 Nobel Peace Prize

LONDON – This year’s Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Nihon Hidankyo, a grassroots movement representing the survivors of the 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, known as Hibakusha.

The announcement was made by the Norwegian Nobel Committee, with chair Jorgen Watne Frydnes highlighting the organization’s efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.

Nihon Hidankyo, founded in 1956, has long been a voice for atomic bomb survivors, providing testimony of the horrors of nuclear warfare and advocating for the total abolition of nuclear weapons. - *Anadolu*



U.S. Embassy seeks proposals from Brazilian non-profit for English Teacher Training Program

BRASILIA -- The U.S. Embassy’s Regional English Language Office (RELO) is inviting Brazilian non-profit organizations to submit proposals for the Access for Teachers Program. This initiative aims to enhance the English proficiency of public-school English teachers in Brazil through an engaging learning program tailored to meet their specific needs. The selected implementing partner will collaborate closely with the RELO Office to deliver

a minimum of 120 hours of instruction and support a minimum group of 200 public school teachers of English. The program will target Beginner levels (A1 and A2) and emphasize project-based approaches.

Proposals should include detail budget administration, participant selection, training of trainers, monitoring evaluation, and learning activities. For more information, <https://br.usembassy.gov>



FORMER SENATOR MANNY PACQUIAO FILES HIS CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR SENATOR AT THE MANILA HOTEL TENT CITY
Photo credit: Wendell Alinea



EU Foreign Affairs Council to discuss Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and situation in Middle East

The EU foreign ministers convened in Luxembourg on 14 October. Minister for Foreign Affairs Elina Valtonen represented Finland at the meeting.

The EU foreign ministers continued their discussion on Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. The ministers focused on the EU’s military support to Ukraine, situation of Ukraine’s energy infrastructure, sanctions and Ukraine’s peace plan. Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Andrii Sybiha will participate in the discussion remotely.

“Besides stronger military support, our key focus must be on helping Ukraine prepare for the winter now that Russia’s attacks have destroyed most of the country’s energy infrastructure. The EU must also continue its response to Russia’s hybrid influence activities and actions causing instability in Europe. The EU’s new sanctions regime is an important tool for this,” says Minister for Foreign Affairs Elina Valtonen.



Switzerland to take a seat on the UN Human Rights Council for the 2025–27 term

BERN -- On October 9, Switzerland was elected to the UN Human Rights Council by the UN General Assembly in New York with 175 votes. It will serve as a member of the UN’s most important intergovernmental human rights body for three years starting in early 2025.

Promoting and protecting human rights globally is a core objective of Swiss foreign policy. Respect for human rights is enshrined in the Swiss Federal Constitution and reflected in various international agreements to which Switzerland is a party. Switzerland is also the host state for the Human Rights Council and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. In 2006, it played a key role in the establishment of the Human Rights Council. Today, Switzerland was elected to the Human Rights Council for the fourth time and will serve from January 2025 until the end of 2027. Alongside Switzerland, 46 other states will serve on the UN’s most significant intergovernmental body in the field of human rights during this period.

WORLD TOURISM DAY 2024: A GLOBAL MESSAGE OF TOURISM FOR PEACE

Tourism has committed to embrace its unique role as a pillar of peace and understanding. On World Tourism Day 2024, UN Tourism brought sector leaders from every global region together around a common vision and commitment to building a “peace-sensitive sector”, recognizing its potential to build bridges and foster understanding.

The official celebrations in Tbilisi, Georgia, welcomed almost 500 participants from 51 different countries, including 13 Ministers of Tourism. Reflecting its firm commitment to the day and its theme of “Peace and Tourism”, the host country was represented by Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze as well as seven other Ministers, showcasing tourism’s cross-sectoral importance.

Welcoming delegates, UN Tourism



Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili, stressed that “without peace, there is no tourism”. He said: “I call on all of you to help build a ‘peace-sensitive tourism sector’, one that plays a key role in building peace and ending conflicts, provides tourism stakeholders with tools to realize this potential, promotes tourism education as peace education, and links tourism to other peace building initiatives”.

Manila hosts world's lone summit for investment policymakers



PH HOSTING. Delegates of the 16th Investment Policy Forum (IPF) from more than 40 countries attend the opening of the 16th Investment Policy Forum at Lanson Place in Pasay City on Wednesday (Oct. 16, 2024). (PNA photo by Kris M. Crismundo)

MANILA – For the first time, the Philippines is hosting the Investment Policy Forum (IPF), the world's only annual gathering of investment negotiators and policymakers from developing countries.

The 16th IPF, co-hosted by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and the Board of Investments (BOI), opened at Lanson Place in Pasay City on Wednesday.

IISD Director of Investment for the Economic Law and Policy Program Suzy Nikiema said on the sidelines of the forum that nearly 100 delegates from more than 40 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe attended the 2024 IPF. - PNA

Belgium continues to fight for a world without the death penalty

The death penalty does not protect anyone, let's abolish it!

October 10 is the 22nd European and International Day Against the Death Penalty. On this day, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade Hadja Lahbib reaffirms: "Efforts to abolish the death penalty remain more necessary than ever!"

The firm objective of Belgium and the European Union remains more than ever the complete and universal abolition of the death penalty. Indeed, the death penalty violates not only the right to life, but also other human rights, such as the right not to be subjected to torture or other forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

The International Day Against the Death Penalty helps to raise awareness of this and other human rights aspects related to the death penalty. Belgium therefore calls on all stakeholders to join the global abolitionist movement and to mobilise to support the call for the universal abolition of the death penalty.

CONGRESS CALLS FOR INVESTING IN MORE AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES



2024 will be the year when Europe will count more people aged over 65 years than those younger than 15 years, and most Council of Europe member states are affected by this trend.

These demographic changes are not without consequences, in particular for local and regional authorities, who face a growing need for the creation of more accessible public spaces, for more elaborate social services and for active ageing policies. To ensure older people's autonomy and quality of life in this context, multidimensional and multilevel responses are needed.

This was the conclusion of a Congress report presented by co-rapporteurs Carla Dejonghe (Belgium, ILDG) and Joanne Laban (United Kingdom, ECR) at a debate on "ageing communities" held during the 47th Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities on 16 October 2024. -- Council of Europe

EU supports Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, an opportunity to raise awareness of the disease, and to highlight how early detection can significantly improve the chances of a successful outcome. The EU contributes to this battle against breast cancer through its Beating Cancer

Federal Council proposes to allocate CHF7M in humanitarian aid for Lebanon and Syria

In view of the humanitarian impact of the escalating violence in the Middle East, the Federal Council decided at its meeting on 9 October 2024 to allocate an additional CHF 7 million in aid for Lebanon and Syria. This sum will be taken from the funds set aside for emergency aid by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). In line with Parliament's decision in December 2023, the foreign affairs committees will be consulted on this decision. These funds are in addition to the CHF 79 million allocated for humanitarian operations in the Middle East in 2024.

Violence in the Middle East has significantly intensified since last month. In Lebanon, more than 1,000 people have been killed and almost 10,000 injured. According to the United Nations, more than half a million people have been forcibly displaced within Lebanon, while 280,000 people left the country between 23 September and 3 October 2024, mainly for Syria.

MESSAGE FROM THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE ON SPAIN NATIONAL DAY

On behalf of the United States of America, I send my warmest congratulations to the people of Spain as you celebrate your National Day: The Fiesta Nacional de España.

Spain and the United States share a deep and enduring friendship rooted in our shared values of democracy, human rights, and the protection of global security. We work closely to address the challenges of our time including support for human rights in Venezuela and Nicaragua and promoting the defense of the stable and open international system.

The United States is especially grateful for Spain's leadership on the world stage, whether as a key member of NATO or the European Union, where it has consistently demonstrated a commitment to international cooperation, peace, and progress. Spain's steadfast support for Ukraine exemplifies its dedication to the principles of the United Nations Charter, and the global leadership it brings continues to be vital in our joint efforts.

Our close economic, cultural, and educational ties are flourishing, and our people-to-people connections have never been stronger. On this joyous occasion, the United States celebrates with you. Best wishes for a joyous Fiesta Nacional de España!



ANTONY J. BLINKEN
Secretary of State

Japan's oldest nuclear reactor approved to operate beyond 50 years

ISTANBUL – The Nuclear Regulation Authority on October 16 approved the aging Takahama nuclear power plant in central Japan to continue operations for the next 10 years, making it the country's first reactor to be endorsed to operate beyond 50 years. The move is part of Tokyo's push to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 while continuing to rely on atomic power, as Japan considers nuclear power vital in the resource-poor country's energy mix, according to a report by *Kyodo News*.

The regulatory authority confirmed the Kansai Electric Power Co.'s management assessment, stating that the pressure vessel can endure neu-



tron exposure and the concrete's durability remains intact even after prolonged heat and radiation.

The facility's No. 1 and 2 reactors, which were approved in June 2016 for extended operation beyond 40 years, were restarted in 2023 for the first time since the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster. - *Anadolu*

Prabowo sworn in as Indonesia's new president

Indonesia's newly elected president has pledged to promote economic growth by making use of the country's rich resources.

Prabowo Subianto took the oath as Indonesia's eighth president in the capital Jakarta on October 20. Gibran Rakabuming Raka, a son of former President Joko Widodo, was sworn in as vice president.

In his inauguration speech, Prabowo noted that many Indonesians are suffering from poverty. He said, "Our children must be able to eat nutritiously, at least once a day."

The Indonesian leader pledged to tackle the issue by providing free school lunches and other support. To promote growth, Prabowo said he will boost Indonesia's economic strength by adding value to its commodities, so that people can achieve a prosperous life.

Italian court rejects detention of migrants in Albania

Italian media say a court in Rome has ruled that 12 migrants should not be detained in asylum processing centers in neighboring Albania for their screenings.

The decision appears likely to deliver a blow to the Italian government, which is working to curtail an influx of illegal migration.

The news outlets say the court on October 18 handed down the ruling for the 12 migrants who had already been sent to the centers. The decision came only two days after authorities began moving migrants to the facilities.

The Italian government allows migrants to be transferred to the centers if, among other conditions, their countries of origin are safe enough for them to be sent back.

But the court determined that the 12 migrants' countries of origin -- Egypt and Bangladesh -- could not be deemed safe. The migrants were reportedly transferred to Italy one



day after the court ruling.

Waves of illegal migrants have been crossing the Mediterranean Sea from North Africa and elsewhere to seek asylum in EU nations. The International Organization for Migration says about 150,000 migrants arrived in Italy in 2023.

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INM Book Choice

THE PEACEMAKER: Ronald Reagan, the Cold War, and the World on the Brink By WILLIAM INBODEN

Winner of the Society of Presidential Descendants Book Award and the Age of Reagan Conference Book Prize

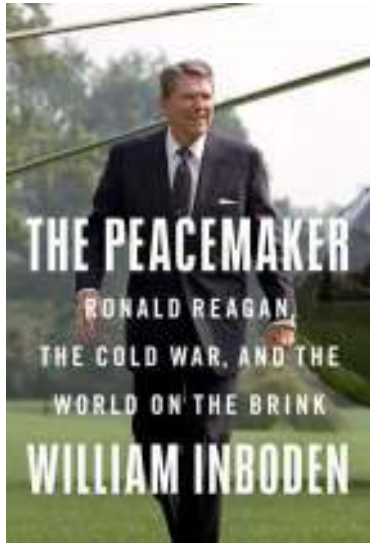
One of the Wall Street Journal's best political books of 2022

A masterful account of how Ronald Reagan and his national security team confronted the Soviets, reduced the nuclear threat, won the Cold War, and supported the spread of freedom around the world.

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With decades of hindsight, the peaceful end of the Cold War seems a foregone conclusion. But in the early 1980s, most experts believed the Soviet Union was strong, stable, and would last into the next century. Ronald Reagan entered the White House with no certainty of what would happen next, only an overriding faith in democracy and an abiding belief that Soviet communism—and the threat of nuclear war—must end.

The Peacemaker reveals how Reagan's White House waged the Cold War while managing multiple crises around the globe. From the emergence of global "terrorism" wars



in the Middle East, the rise of Japan, and the awakening of China to proxy conflicts in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, Reagan's team oversaw the worldwide expansion of democracy, globalization, free trade, and the information revolution. Yet no issue was greater than the Cold War standoff with the Soviet Union. As president, Reagan remade the four-decades-old policy of containment and challenged the Soviets in an arms race and ideological contest that pushed their toward economic and political collapse, all while extending an olive branch of diplomacy as he sought a peaceful end to the conflict.

Based on thousands of pages of newly-declassified documents and interviews with senior Reagan officials, The Peacemaker brims with fresh insights into one of America's most consequential presidents. Along the way, it shows how the pivotal decade of the 1980s shaped the world today.

RETRAIN YOUR EMOTIONAL BRAIN: A natural alternative to weight loss drugs

Weight loss drugs are proving to have serious side effects, and they are not a long-term solution. When the injections stop, the weight loss stops. But who wants to go back to dieting?

Laurel Mellin, PhD, a health psychologist, nutritionist, and New York Times bestselling author, is the founder of Emotional Brain Training (EBT). She has written a new book, 1-2-3 JOY! to show readers why the missing link in treating obesity is to switch off the stress causing the cascade of internal chemicals that increase appetite, causes cravings, and blocks weight loss. Using the skills of EBT, they can lose weight naturally.

Dr. Mellin says, "I wrote 1-2-3 JOY! because of the increased use of weight loss drugs, as they have serious side effects including nausea, muscle wasting,



stomach paralysis, and increased risk of kidney, pancreas, and thyroid problems. I wanted more people to have a healthy alternative to these weight loss drugs

and diets."

The effectiveness of EBT is backed by scientific research, with studies of the method's effectiveness published in peer-reviewed journals showing improvements in weight, blood pressure, anxiety, and depression.

The EBT tools are easily integrated into daily life. Use them before eating or when stressed to switch off those chemicals. Over time, they retrain the emotional brain's neural pathways to make peace with food and promote lasting weight loss.

Dr. Mellin states, "That freedom from eating and weight issues is life-changing, returning people to their natural state of joy so they can focus on living a life of joy and purpose. That is why I want everyone to have these skills." - NewsUSA

OCTOBER SAINT



St. Teresa of Ávila (born March 28, 1515, Ávila, Spain—died October 4, 1582, Alba de Tormes; canonized 1622; feast day October 15) was a Spanish nun, one of the great mystics and religious women of the Roman Catholic Church, and an author of spiritual classics. She was the originator of the Carmelite Reform, which restored and emphasized the austerity and contemplative character of Carmelite life. St. Teresa was elevated to doctor of the church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, the first woman to be so honored. - Encyclopedia Britannica

PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

National Estate Planning Awareness Week begins Monday, October 21 and runs through Sunday, October 27. This a reminder of why everyone needs a plan to:



- Protect the people they care about most

- Identify beneficiaries for their assets

- Create a lasting impact while leaving a legacy

Beginning the process now is easier than you think. Did you know that only 33% of American adults have a will? While a will is the most essential part of estate planning, there are other key points to consider:

- Do you review your will annually to include life event changes (births, marriages, etc.)?

- Have you named/updated beneficiary designations of your bank accounts, retirement accounts, or insurance policies?

- Does your loved one know where your will, advance directives, and other important documents are kept?

Recipe

BEETS, BEANS, AND GREENS

This salad is full of protein and nutrients thanks to its bright beets and cooked beans.

Yield: 6 servings

Ingredients:

1/4 cup lemon juice (or vinegar)

1 garlic clove, finely chopped

2 teaspoons mustard

salt and pepper (to taste, optional)

2 tablespoons vegetable oil (or cooking oil of your choice)

2 cups sliced cooked beets, fresh or low-sodium canned

1 head of lettuce, washed and torn into pieces

2 cups cooked beans, rinsed (any kind)

Directions:

1. To make dressing, combine



lemon juice, garlic, mustard, oil, salt and pepper (optional) in a large bowl.

2. Place the sliced beets in a small bowl. Toss 1 tablespoon of the dressing with the beets to coat.

3. Toss the greens and beans with the remaining dressing in the large bowl.

4. Place onto plates and top with beets.

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Sports

Philippines' strong performance at Asian Kickboxing Championship lauded

MANILA – Senate Majority Leader Francis Tolentino on Monday hailed the strong performance of the Philippines at the recently concluded Asian Kickboxing Championship held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

In a statement, Tolentino, the President of the Samahang Kickboxing ng Pilipinas (SKP), said the 16 medals won by the Filipino kickboxers in the regional competition "shows our athletes' skills, heart, and huge potential in the sport."

Jovan Medallo led the team by clinching two gold medals, while Hergie Bacayan, Gina Araos, and Carlo Von Buminaang won one gold medal each.

Tolentino cited Bacayan, who bagged the gold in the women's 70-kilogram K1 division, for displaying her versatility by excelling in four different combat sports.

He said Bacayan, who previously represented the country in boxing in the Paris Olympics, was also a former world



Hergie Bacayan (Photo courtesy of Samahang Kickboxing ng Pilipinas)

champion in vovinam, and world silver medalist in wushu.

Meanwhile, the country's silver medal was delivered by Honorio Banario, the former ONE Featherweight MMA World Champion who is making a comeback to active competition via kickboxing.

The Philippine team also clinched 10 bronze medals in the regional championships, a qualifying event for the 2025 World Games to be held in China.- PNA

DID YOU KNOW?

MOST POPULOUS COUNTRIES

The ten countries with the largest population are: India, China, United States, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nigeria, Brazil, Bangladesh, Russia and Mexico.-- World Data Info



SUNFLOWER

The common sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) is a species of large annual forb of the daisy family Asteraceae. The common sunflower is harvested for its edible oily seeds, which are used in the production of cooking oil, as well as other uses such as food for livestock, bird food, and planting in domestic gardens for aesthetics. Wild plants are known for their multiple flower heads, whereas the domestic sunflower often possesses a single large flower head atop an unbranched stem. - Wikipedia

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Learn how to register so you can vote in federal, state, and local elections

Don't miss your chance to vote. In some states, the registration deadline is as much as 30 days before Election Day. Don't wait. Register today.

Register through vote.gov

Visit vote.gov to begin the voter registration process. Select your state or territory. Depending on its rules, you will find instructions on how to register:

- Online
- By mail
- In person at your local election office

Other ways to register to vote

- Download the National Mail Voter Registration Form. You can fill it out onscreen and print the completed form. Or you can print the blank form and fill it

out by hand. Remember to sign the form before mailing it to the location listed for your state.

- Check with local government offices to see if you can register in person.
 - o Find your department of motor vehicles office.
 - o Locate a nearby armed forces recruitment center.
 - o Contact state and county public assistance offices such as SNAP/food stamps.

Abroad and military voters

The Federal Voting Assistance Program lets you register to vote and request an absentee ballot if you are a:

- U.S. citizen living outside the

U.S.

- Service member stationed abroad
- Spouse or eligible family member of a service member stationed abroad

What documents do you need to register to vote?

In most cases, you will need either a driver's license or a state ID to register to vote. If you do not have either of these, you may be able to provide other types of documentation, including a bank statement or utility bill. But the required documents you need to register vary by state. Check with your state's election office to find out what documentation they accept. - usa.gov

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

Your polling place is where you go to vote in local, state, and federal elections. Find out where yours is located, its hours, and if you can change your polling place.

Find out where to vote

To find your polling place and its hours, contact your state or territorial election office. Let them know if you need an accommodation for a disability.

You can also find your polling place by checking your voter registration.

Cast your vote at your assigned polling place or polling station

Your polling place is based on your residential address. Go to your assigned voting location. Your name will not be on the roster at any other location. Polling places are typically schools, community centers, and other public facilities. The site of your polling place may change from one election to the next, so check with your state's election office before Election Day.

Can you change your voting location?

You cannot change your polling location. Your state or local election office assigns your polling place, which is



where you must vote. If you try to vote somewhere other than your assigned location, you may have to cast a provisional ballot, and your vote may not count.

If you move, follow the instructions to update your address on your voter registration so you can be assigned a new polling place near your new home.

If you have a disability, you have the right to vote at an accessible polling place. But you may have to request it beforehand. Contact your state or election office to learn more about accommodations for voters with disabilities.

Johns Hopkins Medicine study finds commonly used arm positions can substantially overestimate blood pressure readings

A study led by Johns Hopkins Medicine researchers concludes that commonly used ways of positioning the patient's arm during blood pressure (BP) screenings can substantially overestimate test results and may lead to a misdiagnosis of hypertension.

In a report on the study, which was published Oct. 7 in *JAMA Internal Medicine*, investigators examined the effects of three different arm positions: an arm supported on a desk, arm supported on a lap, and an unsupported arm hanging at the patient's side. Researchers found that lap support overestimated systolic pressure (the top number in a BP reading) by nearly 4 mmHg, and an unsupported arm hanging at the side overestimated systolic pressure by nearly 7 mmHg.

The findings confirm that arm position makes a "huge difference" when it comes to an accurate blood pressure measurement, says Tammy Brady, M.D., Ph.D., vice chair for clinical research in the Department of Pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, medical director of the pediatric hypertension program at Johns Hopkins Children's



Researchers say their study findings underscore the importance of adhering to clinical guidelines calling for firm arm support on a desk or other surface when measuring blood pressure. Credit: Johns Hopkins Medicine

Center, deputy director of the Welch Center for Prevention, Epidemiology, and Clinical Research and senior author of the study. And they underscore the importance of adhering to clinical guidelines calling for firm support on a desk or other surface when measuring blood pressure, the investigators add.

Volunteers needed across the country to provide free tax services

WASHINGTON — The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs are currently recruiting volunteers for the upcoming filing season.

Each year, thousands of volunteers help their community and gain invaluable professional experience. Volunteers often include students, tax professionals, retirees and those looking to help their community.

No experience is necessary to become a VITA or TCE volunteer. Free specialized training is provided by the IRS. Available positions are not limited to tax preparation and can include interpreters, greeters and computer specialists.

Volunteers have the option to participate at both in-person and virtual sites. Hours are often flexible with many sites operating at night and on weekends.

To learn more about becoming a VITA/TCE volunteer, visit irs.gov.

FTC announces final "Click-to-Cancel" rule MAKING IT EASIER FOR CONSUMERS TO END RECURRING SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

The Federal Trade Commission announced on October 16 a final "click-to-cancel" rule that will require sellers to make it as easy for consumers to cancel their enrollment as it was to sign up. Most of the final rule's provisions will go into effect 180 days after it is published in the *Federal Register*.

The Commission's update rule will apply to almost all negative option programs in any media.

The rule also will prohibit sellers from misrepresenting any material facts while using negative option marketing; require sellers to provide important information before obtaining consumers' billing information and charging them;



and require sellers to get consumers' informed consent to the negative option features before charging them. - *FTC*

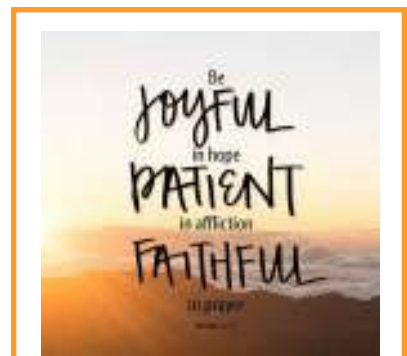
DC Health warns of health professional license scam

DC Health is warning the public of an ongoing scam in which scammers are impersonating DC Health representatives and other government officials in a phone, email and fax scam.

Scammers are contacting health professionals via phone, email, or fax by replicating government phone numbers and outdated letterhead to appear legitimate. If you happen to receive unsolicited phone calls, emails or faxes similar in nature:

- DC Health will never contact you with a request for money. Do not share your credit card number, personal information, or other financial information. Do not wire transfer money or transfer funds to anyone you do not know.

- Do not feel pressured to act. To confirm the identity of DC Health personnel or verify any suspicious requests, please contact ohplb@dc.gov or call (202) 724-8800.



JOB OPENING

The Austrian Cultural Forum New York is seeking to appoint a Communications, Media and Event Manager as of December 2024. This is a full-time staff position limited to 2 years. For details: <https://acfny.org/opportunities/>

FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS TIPS

Americans at all income levels have experienced the challenges of rebuilding their lives after a disaster or other emergency.

In these stressful times, having access to personal financial, insurance, medical and other records is crucial for starting the recovery process quickly and efficiently.

1. Gather financial and critical personal, household and medical information.

2. Consider saving money in an emergency savings account that could be used in any crisis. Keep a small amount of cash at home in a safe place. It is important to have small bills on hand because ATMs and credit cards may not work during a disaster when you need to purchase necessary supplies, fuel or food.

3. Obtain property (homeowners



or renters), health and life insurance if you do not have them. Not all insurance policies are the same.

Review your policy to make sure the amount and types of coverage you have meets the requirements for all possible hazards.

Homeowners insurance does not typically cover flooding, so you may need to purchase flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program.

Source: *Ready.gov*

USCIS EXTENDS GREEN CARD VALIDITY EXTENSION TO 36 MONTHS FOR GREEN CARD RENEWALS

Effective Sept. 10, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services automatically extended the validity of Permanent Resident Cards (also known as Green Cards) to 36 months for lawful permanent residents who file Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card.

Lawful permanent residents who properly file Form I-90 to renew an expiring or expired Green Card may receive this extension. Form I-90 receipt notices had previously provided a 24-month extension of the validity of a Green Card.

USCIS has updated the language on Form I-90 receipt notices to extend the validity of a Green Card for 36 months from the expiration date on the face on the face of the current Green Card for individuals with a newly filed Form I-90 renewal request.

On Sept. 10, USCIS began printing amended receipt notices for individuals with a pending Form I-90.

Source: *USCIS*

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Thank You, World: A New Children's Series Inspires Kids to Embrace Nature, Gratitude, and Mindfulness



LOS ANGELES, CA -- New series features lyrical stories about appreciating nature, connecting with our senses, and being present in the moment.

On October 15, Free Spirit Publishing launched a new series, *Thank You, Night* and *Thank You, Rain* to help children grow in their understanding of and appreciation for nature's many gifts.

Written by debut author Dan McCauley, a lifelong educator and learning advocate, and illustrated by Jo Loring-Fisher, an artist whose inspiration is the natural world, the *Thank You, World* series features calming storytelling, in-

trospective characters, nature-centered storylines, and peaceful illustrations. These books help young readers learn how to let go of stress, observe without judgment, and remain optimistic—even when the sun isn't shining.

Thank You, Night gives children ideas for quieting their worries and allowing their minds and bodies to wander in quiet contemplation.

Thank You, Rain helps children learn how to reduce stress by focusing on the beauty of nature and finding silver linings in less-than-ideal situations. - EINPresswire.com

Sierra Leone and UN Tourism join forces to host Women in Tourism Regional Congress

The Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs of the Republic of Sierra Leone, in collaboration with UN Tourism, proudly announces the Women in Tourism Regional Congress, a pivotal three-day event aimed at reshaping the tourism landscape and opportunities for African women through enhanced education, technological innovation, and improved finance access.

The Sierra Leone Ministry of Tourism & Cultural Affairs (MTCA) will host the inaugural Women in Tourism Regional Congress in Freetown, from 29 to 31 October 2024.

Under the visionary leadership of Hon. Minister Nabeela Farida Tunis, the event will go beyond empowerment to equip women with actionable insights, multi-faceted support, and equitable opportunities.

Siargao: One of Asia's top destinations

BUTUAN CITY – Siargao Island in Surigao del Norte has once again been recognized as one of Asia's top destinations by a prominent international lifestyle magazine.

Earlier this month, Condé Nast Traveler ranked Siargao 10th in its "Top Islands: Readers' Choice Awards 2024" in the Asia category. The survey, conducted among the magazine's global readers, also included other Philippine destinations: Boracay, Palawan, Cebu, and the Visayan Islands.

"This recognition underscores our continuous efforts to enhance the visitor experience while preserving the island's natural and cultural heritage," said Department of Tourism (DOT) Caraga Director Ivonnie Dumadag in a statement Wednesday.

Dumadag noted that Siargao has earned the same accolade from Condé Nast Traveler for two consecutive years, further solidifying its global appeal. Published on Oct. 1, the survey results placed Boracay third with 91.94% of the votes, Palawan sixth with 90.68%, Cebu and the Visayan Islands



eighth with 90.29%, and Siargao tenth with 89.2%.

Siargao first gained international attention in 2018 when it was named Asia's top destination by the same publication, cementing its status as a must-visit island in the Philippines. - PNA



VISIT NORWAY: HISTORIC BRYGGEN

Not only is Bryggen a UNESCO World Heritage Site, but it's also the iconic town center of Bergen. As far back as the Middle Ages, Bergen held important status as a trading and shipping town thanks to its coastal location.

After a 1955 fire devastated the city, Bergen came back better than ever.

Now, Bryggen's rows of trading houses along the harbor are postcard-perfect.

Walking along the wharf facing the sea and exploring the local boutiques, restaurants, and art galleries that have brought new life to the city are some of the best things to do in Norway.





Celebration — OF LIFE —



Adalia Abayari Biscocho
 Birth : November 20, 1936
 Laguna , Philippines
 Death : October 13, 2024

Devoted wife and mother, Caring grandmother and great grandmother,
 A dedicated civil servant , Active member of the religious community
 And a lover of nature and animals. An inspiring role model.

SHE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.

Her parents (both deceased), were Francisca Lagrada and Juan Abayari.
 She was married to Leonardo Biscocho (also deceased).
 Her siblings (brothers) Themistocles, Eufrosino, Eleuterio, (sisters) Aurora, and Azucena (all deceased).
 She is survived by Ma. Lourdes, Emmanuel, and Jonathan.

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+ Romans 14:8:
 "If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord.
 So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."+

Movie Review

SUMMER RAIN:

A timeless tale of family connection

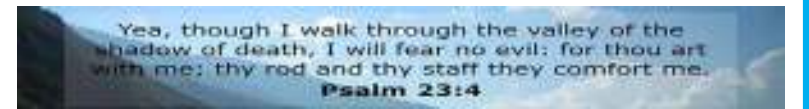
LOS ANGELES-- A timeless tale of family connection, SUMMER RAIN is an evocative new film exploring the enduring bonds of family. Written and produced by Sun Hui East and directed by Josiah David Warren, this touching story follows the journey of a father and daughter whose lives are pulled apart but whose connection remains unbroken and how the alluring sounds of violin music help them find their way back to each other.

At the heart of SUMMER RAIN is a poignant narrative about the passage of time and the power of promises. Though the father and daughter neither realized what had happened in the past, they were unmistakably drawn to each other when they did meet. The girl's mother had died shortly after giving birth, and in a crazy turn of events, the maid's daughter switched the child for her own—yet years of cover-up and deception were not enough to keep the father separated from the daughter.

SUMMER RAIN is a tribute to the resilience of the human spirit and the deep connections we form. It reminds us



that love can transcend time and circumstance. And as this father and daughter find their way back to each other through music, it showcases the divine help that guides us in our darkest moments. - EIN-Presswire.com





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HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Source: U.S.Department of Veterans Affairs
