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DONALD TRUMP SWORN IN AS THE 47TH U.S. PRESIDENT



Donald Trump takes the oath of office to become the 47th president of the United States.



President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump at the Liberty Ball during the 60th Presidential Inauguration, January 20, 2025. (Photo credit: AP)

On January 20, 2025, the inauguration of Donald Trump as the 47th president of the United States took place inside the United States Capitol in Washington, DC due to freezing temperatures and high winds. This was the second inauguration of Trump which is the beginning of his second final non-consecutive term as U.S. President.

JD Vance was sworn in as the Vice-President. This is the first inauguration to take place indoors since Ronald Reagan's inauguration in 1985.

Among those present during the Presidential Inauguration

were world leaders: Javier Milei from Argentina, Giorgia Meloni from Italy and the Vice-President from China representing Xi Jinping. Several tech billionaires with prime seats were Elon Musk, owner of Space X and CEO of Tesla, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg, Google CEO Sundar Pichai, Apple CEO Tim Cook and Tik Tok CEO Shou Zi Chew.

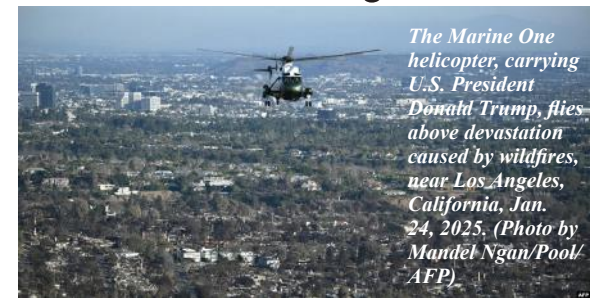
The Inaugural event included a procession and parade at Capital One Arena and Inaugural Balls: Commander-in-Chief Ball, the Liberty Hall and the Starlight Ball all attended by President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump.

Trump visits fire-stricken California, vows 'to get it fixed'

President Donald Trump toured parts of California damaged by wildfire as firefighters in the Los Angeles area continued to confront multiple blazes amid high winds and dry conditions.

Trump surveyed recovery efforts from a helicopter on Friday, including flying over the Pacific Palisades neighborhood where a fire left rows of homes in ashes.

The Palisades Fire is about 77% contained and has burned through nearly 9,500 hectares of land, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.



The Marine One helicopter, carrying U.S. President Donald Trump, flies above devastation caused by wildfires, near Los Angeles, California, Jan. 24, 2025. (Photo by Mandel Ngan/Pool/AFP)

PENTAGON SENDS 1,500 ACTIVE DUTY TROOPS TO HELP SECURE THE US-MEXICO BORDER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon said it has begun deploying 1,500 active duty troops to help secure the southern border, putting in motion plans President Donald Trump laid out in executive orders shortly after he took office to crack down on immigration.

Acting Defense Secretary Robert Salesses said the troops will fly helicopters to assist Border Patrol agents and help in the construction of barriers. The Pentagon also will provide military aircraft for Department of Homeland Security deportation flights for more than 5,000 detained migrants.

The number of troops and their mission may soon change, Salesses said in a statement. "This is just the beginning," he said.

"In short order, the department will develop and execute additional missions in cooperation with DHS, federal agencies, and state partners to address the full range of threats outlined by the President at our nation's borders," Salesses said.

Defense officials added that the department is prepared to provide many more troops if asked, including up to 2,000 more Marines.

The widely expected deployment, coming in Trump's first week in office, was an early step in his long-touted plan to expand the use of the military along the border.-AP

Breaking News

No Survivors after regional jet, US military helicopter collide at Washington airport

Dozens of people were feared dead after a passenger jet and a U.S. military helicopter collided as the jet approached to land at Ronald Reagan National Airport near Washington.

Emergency crews including boats and divers worked through the night in the murky, frigid water of the Potomac River adjacent to the airport where the wreckage fell after the collision around 9 p.m. Wednesday, January 29.

Officials said three U.S. Army soldiers were on the helicopter, which was conducting a training flight. American Airlines, which operated the flight traveling from Wichita, Kansas, to Washington, said in a statement there were 60 passengers and four crew members on the plane. - VOA



Rescuers are seen next to the wreckage of a Black Hawk helicopter crashed into the Potomac River, after it collided with the American Eagle flight 5342, which was approaching Reagan Washington National Airport, outside Washington, Jan. 30, 2025.

Yoon indicted over insurrection charges

SEOUL — Prosecutors indicted detained President Yoon Suk Yeol on Sunday, January 26, on charges of leading an insurrection with his short-lived imposition of martial law last month.

With the indictment, Yoon, who is also facing an impeachment trial, has become the first sitting president in South Korea's history to be indicted under detention.

Yoon faces allegations of conspiring with former Defense Minister Kim Yong-hyun and others to incite an insurrection on Dec. 3 by declaring an unconstitutional and illegal state of emergency, despite the absence of any signs of war, armed



South Korea President Yoon Suk Yeol (Yonhap)

conflict or a comparable national crisis. He is also alleged to have deployed military forces to parliament in an attempt to prevent lawmakers from voting down the martial law declaration. - Yonhap

L.A. fires have scorched largest urban area in California in at least 40 years



FILE - Smoke lingers over a neighborhood devastated by the Eaton fire, Jan. 9, 2025, in Altadena, Calif.

Two wildfires in Los Angeles have torched more urban area than any other fire in the state since at least the mid-1980s, an Associated Press analysis shows.

The Eaton and Palisades fires that erupted on January 7 have collectively burned almost 4 square miles of highly dense parts of Los Angeles, more than double the urban acreage consumed by the region's Woolsey fire in 2018, according to the AP's analysis of data from the Silvis Lab at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Experts say several factors could lead to wildfires reaching cities more often. Urban areas continue to sprawl into wildland. Climate change is raising global temperatures that lead to more severe weather, including droughts, especially in the western United States.

The Eaton and Palisades fires' rampage through Los Angeles has killed at least 27 people, destroyed more than 12,000 structures and put more than 80,000 under evacuation orders. The fires are likely to be among the most destructive in California history, according to the state agency CalFire.

The Woolsey fire eventually grew to about twice the current size of the Eaton and Palisades fires but most of the area it burned was uninhabited. Besides burning the most urban area, the Eaton and Palisades fires are the largest ever for California and have no precedent in history." - AP

200 Palestinian prisoners freed for 4 Israeli female soldiers

GAZA — Some 200 Palestinian prisoners were released from Israeli prisons 25th January, as part of the second batch of the first phase of the ceasefire agreement in the Gaza Strip, which began on 19th January.

According to the Palestinian Commission for Prisoners and Ex-Prisoners Affairs, the release took place from the Negev desert prison and 70 prisoners were transferred to the Kerem Shalom Border Crossing in the southern Gaza Strip in preparation for deportation outside the Palestinian territories.

This came as part of a prisoner swap deal that included the handover of four Israeli female soldiers who had been held in Gaza since the beginning of the war last October. The female soldiers were handed over to the International Red Cross before being transferred to Israel. - WAM

NewsBriefs

UN says seven staff detained in Houthi-controlled Yemen

DUBAI - The United Nations said on Friday, January 25 that the Houthis who control northern Yemen had detained seven U.N. personnel, and it was suspending all UN staff movement in Houthi-held areas while seeking the detainees' immediate release. U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the move and demanded the immediate release of the detainees. - Reuters

Federal and local law enforcement officials form Task Force to combat crimes related to Los Angeles-Area wildfires

LOS ANGELES — The leaders of federal and local law enforcement agencies have joined together to create the Joint Regional Fire Crimes Task Force to investigate and prosecute fire-related crimes as Los Angeles County recovers from devastating wildfires. The Task Force will focus on investigating and prosecuting criminal actors seeking to exploit the wildfire crisis. The Task Force will primarily focus on four areas: looting, burglary and impersonation offenses; crimes related to arson; illegal drone activity; and financial fraud targeting both disaster victims and those wishing to make charitable donations.

Mexican involved in human smuggling extradited to the US

Monica Hernandez-Palma, also known as Moni, 32, a Mexican national, was arrested in Mexico pursuant to a U.S. request for her extradition and surrendered by Mexico to U.S. authorities, to face charges previously filed in the Western District of Texas. Hernandez-Palma made her initial appearance on Friday, January 17, in the Western District of Texas, where an indictment against her was unsealed. According to the indictment, from November 2020 through September 2023, Hernandez-Palma participated in an international human smuggling conspiracy and conspired with others to bring and attempt to bring migrants to the United States illegally. -DOJ

FTC sues PepsiCo for rigging soft drink competition

The Federal Trade Commission sued PepsiCo, Inc. (Pepsi) alleging that the second-largest food company in the world has engaged in illegal price discrimination by providing one customer—a large, big box retailer—with unfair pricing advantages, while raising prices for competing retailers and customers.

Pepsi's unfair practices have led to inflated prices for American families, while denying competing retailers the ability to fairly compete. Pepsi's illegal conduct violates the Robinson-Patman Act (RPA), the FTC's complaint alleges.

L.A. STRONG RETURN & REBUILD

Newsom mobilizes L.A. debris removal teams to begin work immediately

LOS ANGELES, California – Building on Governor Gavin Newsom’s executive order to direct fast action to clear debris, federal and state debris removal teams are pre-positioned on standby to immediately move into Los Angeles areas devastated by the hurricane-force firestorm, once deemed safe by emergency officials.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), working with the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), has mission-tasked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to safely remove and dispose of hazardous waste from homes and structures impacted by the Los Angeles fires, as soon as it is safe to enter the affected areas.

Debris removal teams will clean up household hazardous waste, including paint, ammunition, pesticides, propane tanks, and batteries in both conventional and electric vehicles. This is the first — and the most complex — phase of debris removal, which clears the way for the next phase focusing on remaining structural debris, clearing trees at risk of falling and testing the soil for contaminants.

FREDDIE FREEMAN & HIS WIFE DONATE \$300,000 TO HELP L.A. FIRE RELIEF

Los Angeles Dodgers All-Star first baseman Freddie Freeman and his wife, Chelsea, are donating \$300,000 — \$100,000 to each of the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation, the Pasadena Fire Department, and the Salvation Army — for wildfire relief efforts in Los Angeles.

Mayor Bass appoints Steve Soboroff as Chief Recovery Officer To kick off the city’s massive rebuild effort

Urgent Work to Rebuild Our Communities



LOS ANGELES – Mayor Karen Bass on January 17 announced that she has appointed Steve Soboroff to serve as the Chief Recovery Officer for the City of Los Angeles to kickoff the City’s massive rebuild and recovery effort, which was initiated by her Emergency Executive Order earlier in the week.

Working directly with her and with the assistance of the full breadth of her Administration and City Departments, Soboroff is charged with recommending a comprehensive City strategy for rebuilding and expediting the safe return of residents, workers, businesses, schools, nonprofits, libraries and parks in areas devastated by the fires that started on January 7.

This effort’s top priority is to clear

the way for Los Angeles residents to rapidly rebuild the homes and community they lost.

“Our absolute priority is to return Angelenos to their homes and rebuild,” said Mayor Bass.

“Steve knows our communities, he knows how to activate City Hall, he knows how to engage the public, business, non profit and philanthropic resources needed for this massive effort. There is no one better equipped to create our rebuilding plan. We will work closely together to move a strategy forward to rebuild neighborhoods that are stronger, more resilient and more united than ever before. I am enormously grateful that Steve Soboroff agreed to give himself to Los Angeles once again,” the mayor added.

Fires scorched campuses across Los Angeles NOW MANY SCHOOLS SEEK PLACES TO HOLD CLASSES

LOS ANGELES — Days after losing her home in the same fire that destroyed her Los Angeles elementary school, third-grader Gabriela Chevez-Munoz resumed classes the following week at another campus, Brentwood Science Magnet, about 5 miles (8 kilometers) away, temporarily hosting children from her school.

She is among thousands of students whose schooling was turned upside down by wildfires that ravaged the

city, destroying several schools and leaving many others in off-limits evacuation zones.

Educators across the city are scrambling to find new locations for their students, develop ways to keep up learning, and return a sense of normalcy as the city grieves at least 27 deaths and thousands of destroyed homes from blazes that scorched 63 square miles (163 square kilometers) of land. - Associated Press



Los Angeles Unified Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho greets students from Palisades Charter Elementary School upon their arrival at the Brentwood Elementary Science Magnet school in the Brentwood section of Los Angeles, Jan. 15, 2025.

Mayor Bass extends business tax filing deadline for businesses impacted by wildfires

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass announced that the deadline to file City business taxes has been extended for businesses directly impacted by the wildfires. The due date for those businesses impacted has been extended from February 28, 2025 to April 14, 2025.

Support for Businesses is Available Now
 The Small Business Administration is in-person at the City’s Disaster Recovery Center 7 days a week to assist business owners. Home disaster loans,



business disaster loans, and economic injury disaster loans through the SBA can be applied for at lending.sba.gov are available more information on the City’s unified information hub lacity.gov

FIRES HAVE DESTROYED MORE THAN 15,000 STRUCTURES

As dangerous fire weather conditions once again blanket southern California, thousands are struggling after losing everything. The American Red Cross is there, providing help and hope with necessities like food, shelter, emotional care, recovery planning and financial assistance.

More than 15,000 structures have



already been destroyed and more could be threatened this week. People should remain vigilant, be prepared to evacuate

and follow instructions from local authorities.

American Red Cross services, including food and shelter, are always provided at no cost – a gift of the American people.

TO DONATE :

Main Phone Number: 1 800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Find Open Shelters and Disaster Relief Services

If an emergency has forced you to evacuate your home, or disrupted your access to essential services, the Red Cross may be able to help.

What services are offered at Red Cross Shelters?

During a disaster or emergency, you can rely on Red Cross shelters for:

- A safe place to sleep
- Meals, snacks and water
- Health services (for disaster-related conditions), such as first aid, refilling lost prescriptions or replacing lost eyeglasses
- Emotional support and mental health services
- Spiritual care
- Help reconnecting with loved ones
- Information about disaster-related resources in the community
- During some emergencies, we may also be able to provide other important services, such as:
 - o Access to case workers to help you with disaster recovery
 - o Childcare
 - o Laundry
 - o Direct access to services provided by our partners

You can access these services even if you don’t need a place to sleep: anyone with a disaster-related need can visit the shelter to be directed to the appropriate resources.

Who can stay at a Red Cross Shelter?

Everyone is welcome at a Red Cross shelter and all disaster assistance is free. We provide aid to all those in need, regardless of race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation or citizenship status.

We don’t require people to show any kind of identification to enter a Red Cross shelter, just their name and where they were living before the disaster. The Red Cross is also committed to helping

What should I pack when coming to a Red Cross Shelter?

What to pack (if you have time):
 Emergencies can happen suddenly and you may not have time to pack. Your safety is most important – grab your loved ones and get out of harm’s way! However if you do have time to pack, please consider these tips.

- Do Bring:**
- Bedding
 - Clothing
 - Medications
 - Your child’s stuffed animal, blanket or other “lovey”
 - Your emergency kit

- Don’t Bring:**
- Alcoholic beverages
 - Illegal drugs
 - Weapons

people with a wide range of needs, including people with disabilities and mental illnesses, whether they are children or seniors.

If you need to leave your home due to a disaster or emergency, you are welcome to come to a Red Cross shelter.

All Red Cross shelters are accessible to people with disabilities. Your service animal is also welcome. Please speak with a shelter worker if your service animal is in need of food or supplies.

Can I bring my pets to a Red Cross shelter?

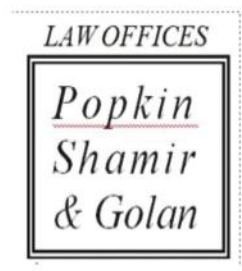
If it’s not safe for you to stay home, it’s not safe for your pet either. When possible, Red Cross shelter workers will do all they can to accommodate domesticated pets comfortably, however, depending on the situation, pets may need to be housed in a different location with support from animal welfare groups.

Pet shelters are intended to accommodate animals that live in your home, such as dogs and cats, as well as small birds, rodents, fish, amphibians, and reptiles in enclosures. Please bring your pet(s) with you and a shelter worker will help you when you arrive.

Service animals are always welcome in Red Cross emergency shelters and are not considered pets.

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Donald J. Trump: America's new president

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP returns to the White House as the 47th president to build upon his previous successes, unleash the American economy, and afford all Americans the opportunity to pursue their versions of the American dream.



President Donald J. Trump, seen in a 2019 portrait for *Time Magazine* by Pari Dukovic, is a successful businessman who won a second term as president. (© Pari Dukovic/National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution)

In his first administration, as America's 45th president, Trump achieved U.S. energy independence, launched the Space Force, achieved a major breakthrough for Middle East peace and secured U.S. borders.

Trump won the presidency following his first campaign for any public office, and his public service builds on his successes in private life.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance, Trump followed in his father's footsteps into real estate development, making his mark in New York City. He believes in the exceptionalism of the American spirit and wants to see the United States succeed.

An accomplished author, Trump has written numerous bestsellers. His first book, *The Art of the Deal*, is considered a business classic.

He has five children: Barron, Don Jr., Ivanka, Eric and Tiffany, as well as 10 grandchildren. - Share America

First Lady Melania Trump

First lady Melania Trump, wife of President Trump and mother of their son Barron, is a successful model, businesswoman, author and children's advocate.

Born in Slovenia, she moved to New York in 1996 and became a U.S. citizen 10 years later. Trump is the second U.S. first lady born outside of the United States and the first U.S. first lady to become a naturalized citizen.

At a young age, Trump began a successful modeling career that would include appearances in many high-profile ad campaigns. As a businesswoman, she launched the Melania Trump Timepieces and Jewelry collection. And her philanthropic work includes serving as a goodwill ambassador for the American Red Cross.

As first lady from 2017-2021, Trump focused on issues affecting children. Her BE BEST initiative, established in 2018, promotes the well-being of children and highlights programs dedi-



First lady Melania Trump attends the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee July 18, 2024. (© Tom Williams/CQ-Roll Call/Getty Images)

cated to a better future for the next generation. She also engaged with the U.S. military and their families, traveling to U.S. military bases domestically and overseas. Her 2024 memoir, *MELANIA*, reached number one on the *New York Times*' best sellers list. - Share America

UN Tourism strengthens collaboration with Austria to advance sustainable tourism

UN Tourism and Austria have discussed opportunities for further collaboration and for strengthening partnerships in the areas of sustainability, statistics and development.

In Vienna, UN Tourism Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili held high-level meetings, reaffirming Austria's important role in advancing sustainable tourism, including through having six of its villages as members of UN Tourism's Best Tourism Village Programme and the region of Tyrol as one of the latest members of the International Network of Sustainable Tourism Observatories (INSTO).

In a meeting with Susanne Kraus-

Winkler, State Secretary for Tourism (Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy), discussions highlighted Austria's critical leadership as Co-Chair of the Committee on Statistics. The focus was on implementing the Statistical Framework for Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism (MST), endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission earlier this year. Austria's leadership has been instrumental in developing this internationally agreed framework, which provides essential concepts, definitions, and structures to measure tourism's economic, social, and environmental impacts and dependencies.

Senate confirms Rubio as Secretary of State, Trump's first Cabinet member



Florida Sen. Marco Rubio was confirmed unanimously by the Senate to be the next secretary of state, making him the first of President Trump's Cabinet picks to receive congressional approval.

Rubio, a senator since 2011, was confirmed during a floor vote by the full Senate Monday night, January 20, several hours after Trump took his oath of office earlier in the day. The full Senate floor vote occurred following a separate vote by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which also voted unanimously in favor of Rubio's nomination Monday.

Marco Rubio is sworn in as secretary of state by Vice President JD Vance at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington on Jan. 21, 2025. Photo by Kevin Lamarque/Reuters

SPAIN SETS A NEW RECORD WITH 94M INTERNATIONAL TOURISTS IN 2024

MADRID — A record 94 million international travelers visited Spain in 2024, the tourism minister said.

It was Spain's second record-breaking year since 2019, the year before the COVID-19 pandemic that paralyzed international leisure travel, as tourism has rebounded globally. The surge in arrivals comes at a time when a housing crisis in Spain has put tourist accommodation in the spotlight.

Spain ranks as the second most popular destination globally, after France, on the U.N. World Tourism Barometer. - AP

CBP announces Global Entry partnership with Australia

WASHINGTON — U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced on Friday, January 17 that Australia is now an official Global Entry partner country, marking a significant step in strengthening travel and security collaboration between the two nations, and making Australia one of 19 partner countries whose citizens can apply for Global Entry membership.

"With over 1 million travelers entering the United States each day, this agreement reflects our shared commitment to safe and efficient travel for both of our countries," said Pete Flores, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Commissioner. "This partnership with Australia will enhance the speed and accuracy of the arrival process, while protecting national security at the same time."

Global Entry partnerships enhance security and promote bilateral trade, tourism, and cultural exchange by allowing pre-vetted, low-risk Australian citizens expedited customs and immigration processing upon arrival to the United States. Australian Global Entry applicants will undergo rigorous and recurring vetting by both the U.S. and Australian authorities, including an in-person interview before initial enrollment.

United States welcomes Finland's signing of the Artemis Accord

Office of the Spokesperson
DEPARTMENT OF STATE



Finland became the 53rd signatory of the Artemis Accords at a ceremony at Aalto University's Winter Satellite Workshop today. Minister of Economic Affairs Wille Rydman signed the Artemis Accords on behalf of the Government of Finland in the presence of U.S. Embassy Helsinki Chargé d'Affaires Christopher Krafft.

The United States and Finland enjoy an enduring partnership, rooted in our shared democratic values and longstanding commitment to space research and innovation. Finland's signing of the Artemis Accords demonstrates a shared vision of peaceful, responsible space exploration and a willingness to work hand-in-hand with the international community toward a brighter future.

The United States and seven other countries established the Artemis Accords in 2020 to serve as a set of practical principles to guide responsible space exploration.

Finland joins the United States and 51 other nations — Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria,

Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and Uruguay — in affirming the Accords' principles for sustainable civil space activity. The Department of State and NASA lead the United States' outreach and implementation of the Accords.

Sled with monuments and historic landmarks as your backdrop



When the snow comes down, take to the District's most well-known hill — yes, Capitol Hill — for a once-in-a-lifetime, congressionally backed sledding experience. Kids and thrill-seekers can continue down different slopes in DC at Rock Creek Park. Bring your sled to the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Calvert Street, where steep hills descend from the nearby Omni Shoreham Hotel all the way down to the park.

Great views of the Taft Bridge add to a majestic wintery scene. Georgetown's Book Hill also pairs your need for speed with stunning views of the city's oldest neighborhood.

Winter tourism destination

St. Moritz, Switzerland

The birthplace of Alpine winter sports, this destination is known for its outdoor sports and sunny days.

St. Moritz, Switzerland - Vacation Guide

St. Moritz is an ultimate ski resort as the birthplace of Alpine winter tourism located in eastern Switzerland. It attracts guests from all over the world who enjoy a modern Alpine lifestyle, top-class restaurants and hotels.

The city lies in the Engadin Valley of canton Graubünden at a sunny lakeside location. St. Moritz' fascinating cultural heritage is influenced by German, Romansch and nearby Italian speaking populations.

St. Moritz's was originally famous for the discovery of mineral springs 3,000 years ago. It was known as a summer spa resort prior to the development of alpine tourism. Today the city is often referred to as the "festival hall of the

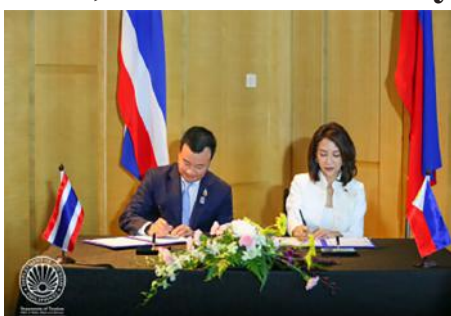


Alps" due to harmonious lake scenery and frequent events.

St. Moritz's region offers visitors endless opportunities during the summer and winter months.

Source: magic.Switzerland.com

PH, Thailand ink 5-year tourism deal



Thailand Minister of Tourism and Sports Sorawong Thienthong (left) and Tourism Secretary Chritina sign the Implementation Program of the Agreement on Cooperation on Tourism at the Double Tree Hotel in Johor Bahru, Malaysia on Sunday (Jan. 19, 2025). The program aims to drive mutual growth within both nations' tourism sectors. (Photo courtesy of Department of Tourism) PNA

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

- Proverbs 3:5-6 -

NATO, European leaders congratulate Trump

LONDON – The chief of the NATO military alliance and European leaders on January 20 congratulated US President Donald Trump on his return to the White House, as he officially took office at his inauguration ceremony.

NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte said that with Trump back in office, “we will turbo-charge” defense spending and production.

“My warm congratulations to @realDonaldTrump on his inauguration as 47th President of the USA, and to @JDVance as Vice President Together we can achieve peace through strength - through @NATO,” he wrote on X.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen offered her best wishes for Trump’s tenure as 47th US president. “Together, our societies can achieve greater prosperity and strengthen their common security. This is the enduring strength of the transatlantic

partnership,” she said on X.

European Council President Antonio Costa also expressed best wishes to Trump, and reiterated the EU’s desire to work closely with him to tackle global challenges.

European Parliament President Roberto Metsola expressed her “very best wishes” to the American people on the start of a new chapter. “Europe stands ready to work together as friends and partners, to shape a world of stability, opportunity and hope,” she said.

EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas congratulated Trump. She wrote on X: “The transatlantic bond has brought prosperity and strength to both sides of the Atlantic. Together, we are stronger and safer to tackle global challenges.”

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz congratulated Trump, saying the US is Germany’s closest ally and the aim of their policy is “always a good transatlan-

tic relationship.”

“The EU, with 27 members and more than 400 million people, is a strong union,” he wrote on X.

“On behalf of the United Kingdom, I send my warmest congratulations to President @realDonaldTrump on his inauguration as the forty-seventh President of the United States,” British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said in a video message.

“This is a very important moment for President Trump personally and for the United States. As the torch of democracy passes peacefully from one leader to the next, I send him, and the people of the United States, my very best wishes,” Simon Harris, the Irish taoiseach (prime minister) said in a statement.

Romanian President Klaus Iohannis also congratulated Trump, saying that Romania, “a close Strategic Partner of the US,” wishes him the best of suc-

cess for this important new mandate.

Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof congratulated Trump and Vice President JD Vance, touching on the “long-standing historic ties” between the US and the Netherlands.

“We’re strong allies and work together closely, both bilaterally and in international forums like NATO. I look forward to continuing this partnership with President @realDonaldTrump and Vice President @JDVance,” he wrote on X.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez congratulated Trump, adding: “We look forward to working with the new US Administration to strengthen the strategic relationship between our countries and address common global challenges.”

On X, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni said she is certain that the friendship between the two nations and the values that unite them will continue to strengthen the collaboration between

Italy and the US, facing global challenges together.

“Congratulations Donald Trump on being sworn in as 47th President of the United States. All the best from Poland and EU Presidency,” Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said on X.

In his congratulatory message, Slovenia’s Prime Minister Robert Golob pointed to the long-lasting friendship and rich bilateral relations between Slovenia and the US.

“Only together can the European Union and US make a great impact in addressing global challenges of today’s international community,” he added.

During his first term as president in 2017-2021, Trump’s relations with long-standing European allies tended to be less than warm, but Monday’s messages from continental leaders clearly voiced hope that his return to the White House would see friendlier ties. (Anadolu)

The Louvre will be renovated and the ‘Mona Lisa’ will have her own room

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron on January 28 presented renovation plans for the Louvre, the world’s most-visited museum, which has fallen into disrepair and suffers from overcrowding. The renovations are expected to take nearly a decade to complete and will include a new entrance and a dedicated room displaying the Mona Lisa. The aims: to bring the museum up to modern standards in a time of international mass tourism, heightened security requirements and climate change.

“In an era where immediacy and forceful rhetoric hold hypnotic power over so many, speaking about the long term, about culture and art, is, I believe, one of the messages that France must convey to the world. It is also a political battle,” Macron said in a speech he delivered from a podium beside Leonardo da Vinci’s masterpiece. He unveiled the project’s name: Louvre Nouvelle Renaissance, “Louvre New Renaissance” — a Louvre, he said, “reimagined, restored and expanded.” - NPR

RELEASE OF GALAXY LEADER CREW MEMBERS

January 23, 2025

Today, we welcome the long-overdue release of 25 crew members of the MV Galaxy Leader hailing from Bulgaria, Mexico, the Philippines, Romania, and Ukraine. The United States is deeply grateful to the Sultanate of Oman for its essential and timely efforts to secure the release of the crew.

The Houthis had unlawfully detained the crew since violently seizing their vessel over a year ago. The Houthis have still not released the MV Galaxy Leader itself, which is stolen property. Houthi attacks have endangered the lives of seafarers, hindered the delivery of essential humanitarian assistance, and harmed economies across the region.

We must not be distracted by this insufficient action by the Houthis. Within Yemen, the Houthis continue to round up and detain hundreds of local staff members of the UN, NGOs, and diplomatic missions under abysmal conditions, including dozens of current and former Yemeni staff of the United States government unlawfully held based on false accusations. The Houthis have also stated that they will continue their unlawful attacks in the Red Sea against certain vessels associated with Israel. The Houthis must permanently cease all attacks in the Red Sea and surrounding waterways without exception and immediately release all of the hundreds of detainees.

Secretary Rubio’s Call with Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs Manalo

Office of the Spokesperson
January 22, 2025

The below is attributable to Spokesperson Tammy Bruce:

Secretary of State Marco Rubio spoke today with Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs Enrique A. Manalo about issues of mutual concern, including the PRC’s dangerous and destabilizing actions in the South China Sea. Secretary Rubio conveyed that the PRC’s behavior undermines regional peace and stability and is inconsistent with international law. The Secretary underscored the United States’ ironclad commitments to the Philippines under our Mutual Defense Treaty. The Secretaries also exchanged views on ways to advance security cooperation, expand economic ties for shared prosperity, and deepen avenues for further regional cooperation.

Trump says Microsoft is in talks to acquire TikTok

BAKU – US President Donald Trump told reporters on January 27 that Microsoft is in talks to acquire TikTok and that he would like to see a bidding war over the app, according to Arab News.

Microsoft and TikTok did not immediately respond to Reuters’ requests for comment outside regular business hours.

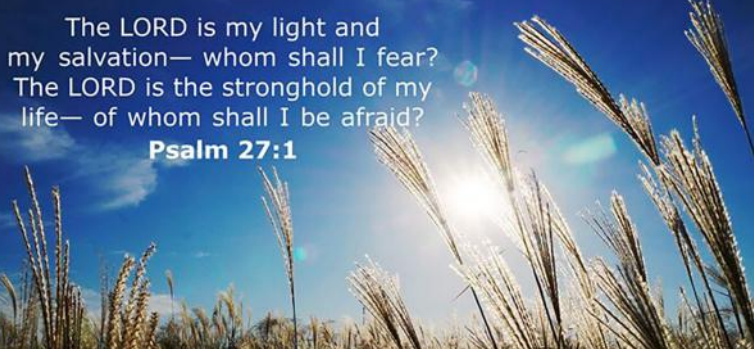
Trump has previously said that he was in discussions with several parties about purchasing TikTok and expects to make a decision on the app’s future within the next 30 days.

The app, which has about 170 million American users, was briefly taken offline just before a law requiring ByteDance to either sell it on national security grounds or face a ban took effect on Jan.



Photo by AZERTAC

19. Trump, after taking office on Jan. 20, signed an executive order seeking to delay by 75 days the enforcement of the law that was put in place after US officials warned that there was a risk of Americans’ data being misused under ByteDance. (AZERTAC)



The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?
Psalm 27:1

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS MEDIA

US honors Indonesian officials for excellence in combating money laundering

JAKARTA – The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) held a ceremony on January 15 to recognize members of the Indonesian National Narcotics Board (BNN) and the Indonesian Financial Transaction Reports and Analysis Center (PPATK) for outstanding contributions to the fight against international money laundering and counter-narcotics law enforcement. U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia Kamala Shirin Lakhdir hosted the event at her Jakarta residence and presented awards to the three officials.

BNN Head Marthinus Hukom received a Superior Honor and Career Achievement Award in recognition of honorable career achievements in the fight against transnational narcotics trafficking and terrorism. PPATK Head Dr. Ivan Yustiavandana received a Superior Performance Award in recognition of outstanding contributions in the fields of international cooperation



Photo: U.S. Embassy Jakarta / Budi Sudarmo

and combatting money laundering. Indonesian Police Grand Commissioner Satria Oktoreza received a Superior Performance Award in recognition of outstanding contributions and dedication in the fields of international cooperation and counter-narcotics law enforcement.

US tech firm Salesforce investing in PH

MANILA – California-based technology firm Salesforce, Inc. will launch its operations in the Philippines this year, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) said.

The DTI reported that Secretary Cristina Roque met with Salesforce executive vice president and general man-

ager Adam Evans and executive vice president for global government affairs Eric Loeb on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland on January 20.

Salesforce is a cloud-based software company providing applications focusing on sales, customer service,

marketing automation, e-commerce, analytics, artificial intelligence, and application development. The DTI said the US-based customer relationship management (CRM) firm’s decision to invest in the Philippines was influenced by the positive feedback from its business clients. (PNA)

INM Book Choice

DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU THINK (Expanded Edition): Why Your Thinking is the Beginning & End of Suffering
 By JOSEPH NGUYEN

Learn how to overcome anxiety, self-doubt, and self-sabotage without needing to rely on motivation or will-power.

"An essential first step to letting go of that suffering." —Simon Sinek

"An inspirational guide." —Deepak Chopra

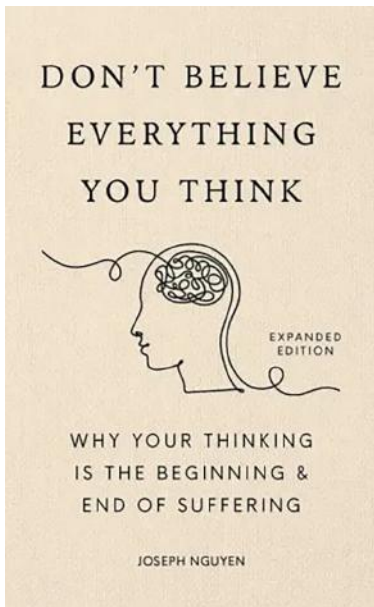
"The tools necessary to rediscover our intuition and to create a future aligned with our individual goals and inspiration." —Dr. Nicole LePera

"A relatable guide that shows all of us how to free ourselves from toxic overthinking and replace it with inner peace." —Lori Gottlieb

In this book, you'll discover the root cause of all psychological and emotional suffering and how to achieve freedom of mind to effortlessly create the life you've always wanted to live.

This book offers a completely new paradigm and understanding of where our human experience comes from, allowing us to end our own suffering and create how we want to feel at any moment.

No matter what has happened to you, where you are from, or what you have done, you can still find total peace, unconditional love, complete fulfillment, and an abundance of joy in your life. No person is an exception to this. Darkness only exists because



of the light, which means even in our darkest hour, light must exist.

Don't Believe Everything You Think is not about rewiring your brain, rewriting your past, or positive thinking. We cannot solve our problems with the same level of consciousness that created them. Tactics are temporary. An expansion of consciousness is permanent.

This book was written to help you go beyond your thinking and discover the truth of what you already intuitively know deep inside your soul.

WELCOME TO VIRTUAL JUNGLE THAILAND



This first-of-its-kind initiative from the U.S. Mission to Thailand supports the development of technology-mediated education tools to promote wildlife preservation. Called "Virtual Jungle Thailand," this innovative digital campaign aims to promote U.S.-Thai wildlife conservation efforts and raise awareness about the threats facing endangered species in Thailand.

Using extended reality (XR) and augmented reality (AR) technology, this initiative brings digital and physical engagement together, highlighting the efforts of the United States and Thailand as partners in wildlife preservation. This campaign combines hands-on workshops with youth and the public to teach them how to use technology to help protect wildlife.

TECHNOLOGY



Here are some recent updates on artificial intelligence (AI):

- **MatterGen:** Microsoft is using MatterGen to advance materials discovery.
- **L'Oréal:** L'Oréal is using generative AI to make cosmetics more sustainable.
- **U.S. AI curbs:** The U.S. has imposed new AI curbs on China to limit its advances in the field.
- **MIT AI model:** MIT developed an AI model that can produce and understand vocal imitations of everyday sounds.
- **OpenAI's Operator:** OpenAI released a new AI agent called "Operator".
- **Apple's Siri:** Apple has updated Siri with new AI capabilities to help users manage their schedules, send messages, and retrieve information.
- **MetaMativo:** Meta's new AI model, MetaMativo, is making digital avatars more realistic.

Sports

SUPER BOWL 2025

The Eagles and Chiefs will meet at Super Bowl 2025, a repeat of 2023. It will take place on Sunday, February 9 at Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana. The official kickoff time is 6:30 pm ET. Kendrick Lamar will perform at the Super Bowl with his collaborator SZA.



People • Events

Josh Groban brings exclusive Las Vegas engagement to the Colosseum at Caesars Palace May 2025

Tony, EMMY, and five-time GRAMMY Award-nominated singer, songwriter, actor, and philanthropist Josh Groban is heading to Las Vegas next May for a five-night run at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace. Performances of Josh Groban: Gems — Exclusive Las Vegas Engagement are scheduled for May 9, 10, 14, 16-17, 2025.



CES® 2025: Where technology meets humanity

LAS VEGAS, NV – On January 7-10, CES® 2025, the most powerful tech event in the world, welcomed over 141,000 attendees from around the globe. With more than 4500 exhibitors, including 1400 startups, and more than 6000 media attendees, CES highlights the innovation and technology trends addressing global challenges and shaping the future.

"CES is where innovation comes to life," said Gary Shapiro, CEO and Vice Chair, Consumer Technology Association (CTA)®, owner and producer of CES. "From the largest companies to trailblazing startups, the entire tech ecosystem is at the show. CES is the stage for groundbreaking product launches, transformative partnerships, and serendipitous business moments that define the future of technology."

Washington DC Auto Show

The Washington, D.C. Auto Show heads back to the Walter E. Washington Convention Center January 31 - February 9, 2025. Growing and adapting with the time, we remain true to our humble beginnings by bringing consumers both near and far the best that the automotive industry has to offer.

Top manufacturers are excited to showcase their latest models, industry leaders prepare to share their knowledge to awaiting consumers, and a special spotlight is placed on the variety of mobility choices that consumers are able to adopt based on their specific lifestyle. From outdoor enthusiasts to environmentally conscious individuals and families on the go, the show caters to each and every need of our consumers.



"Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

— Isaiah 41:10



Recipe

LENTIL SOUP

This vegetarian soup is perfect for a cool fall or winter day.

Yield: 11 servings

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium carrots (diced)
- 2 medium celery (stalks, chopped)
- 1 small onion (yellow, chopped)
- 2 cloves garlic (minced)
- 1 teaspoon oregano (dried)
- 1 teaspoon basil (dried)
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper (ground)
- 2 cups lentils (dry)
- 1 can tomatoes (crushed, 14.5 ounces)

- 2 cups vegetable broth
- 6 1/2 cups water

Directions:

1. In a large soup pot, heat oil over medium heat. Add carrots, celery, and onions; cook and stir until the onion is tender.
2. Stir in garlic, oregano, basil, and pepper. Cook for 2 minutes.



3. Stir in lentils and tomatoes, then add the vegetable broth and water. Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for at least 1 hour or until lentils are tender.

4. Store leftovers in the refrigerator and reheat on the stove or in the microwave. The soup will taste better the next day!

Meal Type: Lunch
 Food group: Vegetables, Protein
 Season: Winter, Fall
 Source: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; National Institutes of Health; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Your Health

How can you find healthy foods and recipe ingredients at the grocery store?

In today's busy world, making healthy choices can feel overwhelming. Every trip to the grocery store is filled with endless options and confusing labels. That's where the American Heart Association Heart-Check mark comes in. It's a symbol you can trust to guide you to heart-healthy options quickly and

easily. No more second-guessing or translating the nutrition facts. It's like your own personal nutrition expert. So, look for that checkmark and simplify your path to healthier eating. Your heart will thank you.

Put your heart first. Spot the American Heart Association's Heart-Check on your favorite foods and drinks. Don't guess. Heart-Check

HEART-HEALTHY VEGETABLES

BROCCOLI

A cruciferous vegetable that contains glucosinolates, which have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties



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High in fiber, vitamin C, and vitamin K, which can promote tissue repair, immune function, and bone health



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California wildfire victims qualify for tax relief; various deadlines postponed to Oct. 15

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service announced tax relief for individuals and businesses in southern California affected by wildfires and straight-line winds that began on Jan. 7, 2025.

These taxpayers now have until Oct. 15, 2025, 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). Currently, individuals and households that reside or have a business in Los Angeles County qualify for tax relief.

The same relief will be available to any other counties added later to the disaster area. The current list of eligible localities is always available on the Tax relief in disaster situations page on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

CHARITY AND DISASTER FRAUD

Charity fraud schemes seek donations for organizations that do little or no work—instead, the money goes to the fake charity's creator.

While these scams can happen at any time, they are especially prevalent after high-profile disasters. Criminals often use tragedies to exploit you and others who want to help.

Charity fraud scams can come to you in many forms: emails, social media posts, crowdfunding platforms, cold calls, etc. Always use caution and do your research when you're looking to donate to charitable causes.

Protect Yourself

The following tips can help you avoid these schemes:

- Give to established charities or groups whose work you know and trust.
- Be aware of organizations with copycat names or names similar to reputable organizations.
- Be wary of new organizations that claim to aid victims of recent high-profile disasters.
- Do your research. Use the Federal Trade Commission's resources to examine the track record of a charity.
- Give using a check or credit card. If a charity or organization asks you to donate through cash, gift card, virtual currency, or wire transfer, it's probably a scam.

Practice good cyber hygiene:

- Don't click links or open email attachments from someone you don't know.
- Manually type out links instead of clicking on them.

- Don't provide any personal information in response to an email, robocall, or robotext.

- Check the website's address—most legitimate charity organization websites use .org, not .com.

- After a natural disaster or other emergency, carefully vet any contractors before hiring them to work on your home or business

Source: FBI

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IMPERSONATORS

Know how and when the IRS contacts you so you can protect yourself from impersonators.

Ways we contact you

We typically contact you the first time through regular U.S. mail delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. To verify the IRS sent the letter or notice, you can search for it on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

Other ways we may contact you:

- Email - We email you only with your permission, with a few exceptions like criminal investigations.
- Text message - We text you only with your permission.
- Phone - We might call to discuss your case, verify information or set up a meeting.
- Fax - We might send a fax to verify or request employment information.
- In-person visit - These are rare. We generally send a letter before we visit.

We don't:

- Contact you or take payment on social media. Get trusted tax information on our official social media accounts.
- Accept gift cards or prepaid debit cards as payment
- Threaten to call law enforcement or immigration officials
- Take your citizenship status, driver's license or business license
- Leave pre-recorded voice-mails (robocalls)
- Mail tax debt resolution advertisements

If we visit you

Unannounced visits are rare. Only 4 types of IRS employees may visit your home or business. Each contacts you in specific ways and carries official identification (ID).

After a disaster, scam artists, identity thieves and other criminals often attempt to take advantage of disaster survivors. We encourage survivors to watch for and report any suspicious activity.

BEWARE OF FRAUD AND SCAMS

FEMA Housing Inspectors

An inspector will:

- Never ask for your nine-digit registration number.
- Always wear an official government badge to identify themselves.
- Not ask for bank information. FEMA never charges a fee for an inspection.
- Not climb on roofs or enter crawl spaces.



USCIS waives COVID-19 vaccination requirement for adjustment of status applicants

Effective Jan. 22, 2025, USCIS is waiving any and all requirements that applicants for adjustment of status to that of a lawful permanent resident present documentation on their Form I-693, Report of Immigration Medical Examination and Vaccination Record, that they received the COVID-19 vaccination. USCIS will not issue any Request for Evidence or Notice of Intent to Deny related to proving a COVID-19 vaccination. USCIS will not deny any adjustment of status application based on the applicant's failure to present documentation that they received the COVID-19 vaccination.

Catholic Charities accepting fire relief for Los Angeles

The devastating wildfires burning out of control in the greater Los Angeles area have forced nearly 180,000 people to evacuate, leaving their homes just carrying whatever belongings they could.

The rapid, raging fires, sparked by dry conditions and powerful winds, in Pacific Palisades, Pasadena, Sylmar, and Hollywood Hills have destroyed countless homes and businesses and caused thousands of men, women, and children to be displaced and in need. Many Angelenos are without shelter, food, and critical necessities, leaving communities in desperate need of support.

Disaster Relief funds directly help support displaced residents. During this trying time, Catholic Charities' Disaster Relief Fund provides clients with essential needs, such as food, water, toiletries, and hotel vouchers.

To donate, <https://catholiccharities-la.org/disaster-relief-donation-page/> and, from the designation dropdown menu, select Disaster Relief Fund—Wildfires 2025.

DISASTER FRAUD

Fake Offers of Local or Federal Aid

• Don't trust someone who asks for money. DHS, FEMA, SBA, and other federal agencies will never charge applicants for disaster assistance or help in filling out applications.

• Don't believe anyone who promises a disaster grant and asks for large cash deposits or advance payments in full.

Fraudulent Building Contractors

• Use licensed or verified local contractors backed by reliable references.

• Don't pay more than half the costs of repairs in advance.

• Demand that contractors detail the job to be done with guarantees in writing.



Identity Theft

• Disaster survivors should be aware con artists and criminals may try to apply for FEMA assistance using names, addresses and Social Security numbers they have stolen from survivors.

• If a FEMA inspector comes to your home and you have not filed a FEMA application, your information may have been used without your knowledge.

• If you receive a letter from FEMA but did not apply for assistance, please call our Helpline at 800-621-3362 between 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET daily.

Source: FEMA

DHS strengthens H-1B program, allowing US employers to more quickly fill critical jobs

WASHINGTON – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced a final rule that will significantly enhance U.S. companies' ability to fill job vacancies in critical fields, strengthening our economy.

The new rule modernizes the H-1B program by streamlining the approvals process, increasing its flexibility to better allow employers to retain talented workers, and improving the integrity and oversight of the program.

The rule builds on previous efforts by the Administration to ensure the labor needs of American businesses are met, while reducing undue burdens on employers and adhering to all U.S. worker protections under the law. - DHS

HHS provides \$590 Million to accelerate pandemic influenza mRNA-based vaccine development

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will provide approximately \$590 million to Moderna to accelerate the development of mRNA-based pandemic influenza vaccines and enhance mRNA platform capabilities so that the U.S. is better prepared to respond to other emerging infectious diseases.

The award was made through the Rapid Response Partnership Vehicle (RRPV) Consortium with funding from

the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), part of the HHS Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR).

This funding allows Moderna to accelerate development of an H5N1 mRNA influenza vaccine that is well matched to strains currently circulating in cows and birds and expands the clinical data supporting the use of mRNA vaccines that may be needed if other influenza strains emerge with pandemic potential.



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Driving Tips

COLD WEATHER DRIVING TIPS

TIPS FOR DRIVING IN THE SNOW

- Stay home. Only go out if necessary. Even if you can drive well in bad weather, it's better to avoid taking unnecessary risks by venturing out.
- Drive slowly. Always adjust your speed down to account for lower traction when driving on snow or ice.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Increase your following distance to five to six seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.
- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads will just make your wheels spin. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill slowly.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.

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Trump wins 2024 New Hampshire primary; Holy sees to continue fight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — Donald Trump won the New Hampshire primary on Tuesday, securing a crucial victory in his quest to become the Republican nominee for the 2024 presidential election. His opponent, Nikki Haley, finished second, while Joe Biden and Kamala Harris trailed significantly.

POPE FRANCIS CALLS FOR RELEASE OF NUNS, HOSTAGES KIDNAPPED IN HAITI

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 20 (AP) — Pope Francis has called for the immediate release of nuns and other hostages kidnapped in Haiti, expressing deep concern for their safety and the stability of the country.

UK bids to reduce number of migrants arriving legally

LONDON, Feb. 20 (AP) — The British government has announced a new strategy to reduce the number of migrants arriving in the country, focusing on border control and legal pathways.

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US CHIEF CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH OF INMIGRANT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — The US Attorney General has called for a thorough investigation into the death of an immigrant, highlighting concerns about border security and the treatment of migrants.

G7 urges suspension of hostilities in Gaza for hostages, aid

BRUSSELS, Feb. 20 (AP) — The G7 nations have urged Israel to suspend hostilities in Gaza to allow for the safe return of hostages and the delivery of humanitarian aid.

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1st US MOON LANDING IN MORE THAN 50 YEARS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — The United States has successfully landed its first lunar lander on the moon in over 50 years, marking a historic milestone in space exploration.

Neuroscientists announce first human implant

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — Researchers have announced the successful implantation of a neurostimulator in a human patient, a breakthrough in treating neurological disorders.

US, UK spar over London railroads' security

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — The US and UK are in a dispute over the security of London's railroads, with the US expressing concerns about potential espionage and sabotage.

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BOSTON HOSPITAL PERFORMS FIRST PIG KIDNEY TRANSPLANT TO HUMAN

BOSTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — A Boston hospital has performed the world's first pig kidney transplant to a human patient, a groundbreaking medical achievement.

DOJ sues Apple for monopolizing smartphone markets

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — The Department of Justice has filed a lawsuit against Apple, accusing it of monopolizing the smartphone market and stifling competition.

Hong Kong passes own national security law

HONG KONG, Feb. 20 (AP) — Hong Kong has passed its own national security law, a move that has raised concerns about the city's autonomy and freedoms.

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ISRAEL-GAZA WAR PROTESTS SPREAD ACROSS U.S. UNIVERSITIES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — Protests against the Israel-Gaza war have spread across numerous US universities, with students demanding an end to military aid to Israel.

THE APRIL 8 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE: Through the Eyes of NASA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — NASA is preparing for the total solar eclipse on April 8, promising a spectacular view of the sun being completely obscured by the moon.

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POTENTIALLY HABITABLE EARTH-LIKE EXOPLANET FOUND 40 LIGHT-YEARS AWAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — Astronomers have discovered a potentially habitable exoplanet located 40 light-years from Earth, raising hopes for the search for life in the universe.

US maintains opposition to unilateral recognition of Palestinian state

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — The US has reaffirmed its opposition to the unilateral recognition of a Palestinian state, emphasizing the need for a negotiated two-state solution.

Japan eyes diplomatic efforts to ensure peace, stability of Taiwan Strait

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (AP) — Japan is looking to take diplomatic steps to ensure peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, amid growing tensions between the US and China.

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DEATH TOLL AT HAJJ PILGRIMAGE TOPS 1,300

RIYADH, Feb. 20 (AP) — The death toll from the Hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia has surpassed 1,300, with many deaths attributed to overcrowding and poor weather conditions.

US northeast may get relief from heat wave

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — A cold front is expected to bring relief to the US northeast, ending a period of extreme heat and high humidity.

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PARIS OLYMPICS BEGINS WITH AMBITIOUS OPENING CEREMONIES

PARIS, Feb. 20 (AP) — The Paris 2024 Olympic Games have begun with ambitious opening ceremonies, showcasing the city's culture and heritage.

TRUMP ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT: WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — A detailed report on the assassination attempt on Donald Trump, including the suspect's motives and the current status of the investigation.

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MAYOR BRING ISRAELI OLYMPIC FLAG BACK TO I.A.

PARIS, Feb. 20 (AP) — The mayor of Paris has announced plans to bring the Israeli Olympic flag back to the International Olympic Committee, a move that has sparked controversy.

World's 1st mRNA lung cancer vaccine trial launched

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — A clinical trial for the world's first mRNA lung cancer vaccine has been launched, offering hope for a new treatment option.

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RYAN WESLEY ROUTH INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — Ryan Wesley Routh has been indicted for the attempted assassination of Donald Trump, a case that has drawn significant national attention.

Women's rights activists at UN call for inclusion in negotiations with Taliban

GENEVA, Feb. 20 (AP) — Women's rights activists at the UN have called for the inclusion of women in negotiations with the Taliban in Afghanistan.

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HURRICANE MILTON CHURNS ACROSS FLORIDA

MIAMI, Feb. 20 (AP) — Hurricane Milton is churning across Florida, with heavy rain and strong winds causing significant damage and power outages.

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HISTORIC POLITICAL COMEBACK OF DONALD J. TRUMP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) — Donald Trump's political comeback is historic, as he has secured a significant victory in the 2024 primary elections.

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POPE TO MAKE CARLO ACUTIS THE FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 20 (AP) — Pope Francis is expected to canonize Carlo Acutis as the first saint of the millennium, recognizing his work in the digital age.

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We have only today
LET US BEGIN.”
- Mother Teresa**



St. Teresa of Calcutta
*Mother Teresa was beatified
in 2003 and was canonized as
St. Teresa of Calcutta in 2016.*

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