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Trump mocks Omar after death threat arrest

WASHINGTON (Tribune News Service) - President Donald Trump made a sarcastic reference to Rep. Ilhan Omar during a speech in Las Vegas, a day after prosecutors said a New York man was charged with threatening to murder the freshman Minnesota Democrat.

Trump snuck in the line about Omar minutes into a speech to the Republican Jewish Coalition as he ran through a list of Republican lawmakers and others supportive of Israel.

"Special thanks to Representative Omar," Trump said. "She doesn't like Israel, I forgot. I'm so sorry, no she doesn't like Israel, does she?"

Patrick Carlineo Jr., 55, of Addison, New York, was arrested and charged with threatening to assault and murder the Muslim lawmaker in a phone call with one of her staffers on March 21, the Justice Department said in a statement on Friday.

Carlineo allegedly asked, "Do you work for the Muslim Brotherhood? Why are you working for her, she's an (expletive) terrorist. I'll put a bullet in her (expletive) skull."

The FBI, which investigated the threat along with the U.S. Capitol Police, said in a criminal complaint that Carlineo sounded angry during the call but "spelled his name correctly and provided contact information," the Associated Press reported.

Omar, one of the first two Muslim congresswomen elected to the House, has faced a backlash from Republicans and many Democrats for comments this year on Israel, including a suggestion that support for the Jewish state was influenced by financial support by the pro-Israel lobby and in some cases amounted to "allegiance to a foreign country."



Ilhan Omar

Fight continues in college scandal

BOSTON (Tribune News Service) - In a busy week in the college admissions scandal, some accused parents have decided to cooperate with prosecutors.

One couple who balked, however, were indicted with an added charge of money laundering, indicating that the government is ready to wield more charges as leverage.

The question is how many will continue to fight - and whether those who cooperate are providing information that authorities could use to build more cases.

Some legal experts have said it makes sense to cut deals, giving the evidence prosecutors have amassed. They have laid out hundreds of pages of wiretapped phone conversations, emails, and bank and tax records in depicting a scheme that rigged college entrance exams and corrupted the athletic recruiting processes of at

least eight universities.

Still, other parents are fighting on, questioning the strength of the cases and assailing the credibility of the prosecution's star witnesses and the scheme's mastermind, William "Rick" Singer.

Attorney Gordon Caplan, who until last month led the private equity practice at the New York firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher, said Friday that he will plead guilty. He is among 33 parents charged by federal prosecutors in an alleged scheme to sneak the children of wealthy families into top universities with bribes, fake credentials and rigged college entrance exams.

Caplan, of Greenwich, Connecticut, was charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud and honest services mail fraud.

It was unclear to which charges Caplan will plead guilty. His attor-

neys did not respond to a request for comment.

Caplan said Friday that his daughter was devastated to learn what he had done: paid to have her ACT score rigged. A junior in high school, she "had no knowledge whatsoever about my actions," he said, and has not applied to any universities.

Caplan apologized to his family, his friends and his former colleagues at Willkie Farr. He also apologized to "students everywhere who have been accepted to college through their own hard work."

"The remorse and shame that I feel is more than I can convey," he said.

Attorneys for another parent, Peter Jan Sartorio, said in a court filing Wednesday that the frozen food entrepreneur will plead guilty to charges listed in a new document that prosecutors will file by the end of the month.

Florida teacher under fire for showing nude images

(Tribune News Service) - The pictures displayed by a high school art teacher showed nudity, for sure. The question is whether they were artistic or obscene.

Brenda Fischer, a veteran teacher at Western High School in Davie, Fla., faces a three-day suspension for showing her students a video with nude models in positions that some students described as suggestive.

Fischer, "by her own admission, had previewed the video before she played it" for students in two creative photography classes Aug. 23, according to a district administrative complaint. The Broward County School Board will consider Tuesday whether to take action against her.

The complaint doesn't name the video, but students say it featured a collection of images by a photographer.

"Fischer showed students ... images of a topless female holding the genitals of a male who was naked from the waist down," the

complaint says.

There were also "images of a male kneeling and appearing to stare into the naked genitals of a female standing in front him," the complaint says.

The complaint accuses Fischer of misconduct in office, incompetence and willful neglect of duty.

Fischer plans to fight the suspension before an administrative law judge. She couldn't be reached for comment.

The Broward Teachers Union is defending her.

"She teaches art. The video was art," Union President Anna Fusco said.

Fischer, who has worked for the district since 1992, has a long history of discipline issues.

The state Department of Education said that in March 2017, she "kissed students on the cheek and hugged students without their permission ... during class." She also "placed her arm around the waist of a 15-year old female student and held her for

approximately 90 seconds," making the student feel uncomfortable, a state complaint said. The state gave her a reprimand and fined her \$750 in October 2018.

In 2017, she also received a written directive from the district to "refrain from making physical contact with any student, refrain from screaming" at anyone affiliated with the school and treat people at the school in a "respectful manner."

She received a three-day suspension in 2009 for inappropriate language, and a reprimand in 2014 for "exposing a student to unnecessary embarrassment and disparagement."

But she also successfully fought a five-day suspension in 2014. A student alleged that she used profanity and improperly grabbed another student's arm in the Western High parking lot. An administrative law judge overturned the suspension, ordering the district to give her \$1,200 in back pay. The judge said the student's allegations couldn't be substantiated by anyone else, including the alleged victim.

This time, the district packed the complaint with statements from nine different students, who all gave consistent remarks attesting that the video contained graphic images.

One student described seeing a "male crouched on the floor being explained as submitting to a dominant sex partner." Another student reported seeing "a male and female, both nude, and the female's hand was on the male's groin area."

Some students said the teacher tried to fast forward through the inappropriate images after they appeared on the screen.

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35th Guam Legislature

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GovGuam opens proposals for health insurance contract

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Local health insurance companies that are interested in providing coverage for the thousands of government of Guam employees and retirees, and their family members, have until May 3 to submit their proposals.

The Department of Administration has published a request for proposals for fiscal year 2020 health insurance coverage. The new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Shortly after the bids are received, the Health Insurance Negotiating Team will begin negotiations, which DOA acting Director Edward Birn said is expected to conclude by the second week of June.

Those negotiations will determine whether the roughly 6,000 retirees or survivors and their families, as

well as the thousands of employees and their families, will have a choice in health insurance companies. It will also determine how much the health insurance contracts will cost employees and taxpayers.

It's unclear how much the final cost will be, as officials have said the true cost of a health insurance contract isn't known until after the fiscal year ends and all the premiums chosen by participants are tallied. There have been some members of the community who have said this upcoming year's contracts may increase by as much as \$20 million because of the passage of the controversial Public Law 35-2.

Cost

The negotiating team, according to Title 4 of Guam Code Annotated, is led by the DOA director and includes members of all three branches to ensure they all are aware of the costs

associated with the contract.

Birn said the request includes both exclusive and nonexclusive bids, which by law the negotiating team is required to consider, though for years there has been an ongoing debate on the financial cost of both options versus the benefits to participants.

In recent years, GovGuam has opted for nonexclusive or multiple providers. From fiscal 2014 to fiscal 2017, GovGuam's total medical health insurance premiums amounted to \$80 million a year, on average, according to an Office of Public Accountability audit published last year.

Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero signed Public Law 35-2 on March 7. The new law ensures that any health insurance business providing coverage to the GovGuam employees, retirees, and their dependents will be covered at GRMC, which is owned by Philip-

pine-based shareholders.

The Guam Regional Medical City announced it was pleased after the bill became law.

Local health insurance provider TakeCare and several of the island's independent doctors cautioned that the economic advantage this legislation gives to the private hospital would harm the financially struggling government-run Guam Memorial Hospital.

No cost estimate

There was no estimate for the financial impact the bill would have on the government or the taxpayers who fund the government's operations, to include salaries and benefits. Speaker Tina Muña Barnes, and Sens. Joe San Agustin, Régine Biscoe Lee, Wil Castro, Kelly Marsh, Louise Muna, Telena Nelson, Sabina Perez, Clynton Ridgell, Amanda Shelton, Telo Taitague, Jose Terlaje and Mary Torres voted to pass the bill.

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"They are well aware of it. They did pay us a visit," Ada said of senior Korean Air officials who flew to Guam from the airline's headquarters in Seoul and met with him to discuss the case.

GIAA's interest is administrative, he said. "We made it clear that as far as we're concerned that amount is owed."

Korean air has acknowledged that they owe the amount, but they have not paid any portion of it or given any indication of when they would, Ada said.

"At the end of that visit, we said, 'OK. Thank you, but you still owe us \$446,000.'"

If the delay drags on "we will be very forthright in demanding payment,"

Ada said.

Suspicious

The Office of Public Accountability stated a hotline tip reported on the alleged embezzlement of almost \$500,000 led the OPA to ask external auditors to review the passenger facility fee collections. The report found \$446,000 was unaccounted for.

The shortfall was first caught — not by the auditors — Ada said, but by the airport's comptroller, John Rios.

Ada said Rios "became suspicious" when he noticed that the "passenger facility charge" amount that Korean Air was paying was declining at a time when Korean arrivals were increasing.

The former Korean Air manager was paying the passenger facility charge with a personal check, according to the

audit report. No one questioned that practice, Ada said, because when the checks were deposited they cleared. The policy has now changed, he said, and only corporate checks are being accepted for payment of the fee.

Korean Air's Guam office hasn't responded to requests for comment.

Airline troubles

Parent company Korean Air Lines Co. Ltd. also has faced turmoil over embezzlement charges. In October 2018, Reuters reported Korean Air Chairman Cho Yang-ho was indicted on charges including embezzlement and breach of trust, adding to a string of woes at the country's biggest airline group.

A Seoul prosecutors office alleged in October that Cho took 19.6 billion won

(\$17 million) commission from 2003 through 2018 by setting up a trading company to broker aircraft equipment and in-flight duty-free goods purchase deals for Korean Air, causing the same amount of loss to the airline.

Also in 2018, Emily Cho, the chairman's youngest daughter, was cleared of all charges related to her allegedly throwing a drink at two business meeting attendees in April because the attendees did not want to press charges, the Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' office said, as Reuters reported.

Chairman Cho's oldest daughter, Heather Cho, was jailed in 2014 for demanding a Korean Air plane return to its gate at a New York airport due to the way she was served nuts in first class, Reuters reported.

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Program or suspension for subsequent offenses," Fernandez said. "GDOE also has policies regarding ethical conduct and responsibilities of teachers, which can be found in our personnel rules and regulations

and in board policies. Any violations of these policies may lead to disciplinary action."

The superintendent said GDOE can't comment on specific disciplinary action on individuals involved "due to confidentiality requirements." He did note that all individuals who were identified and determined by administrators to be involved have been addressed under disciplinary

rules and regulations.

Dangers of e-cigarettes

In late December 2018, the U.S. surgeon general issued an advisory raising alarm about the e-cigarette epidemic among the nation's youth. The advisory lays out why this is a public health concern: Vaping increases the possibility of addiction and long-term harm to brain development and respiratory health. E-cigarette use may also lead to the use of regular cigarettes that can do even more damage to the body.

These are significant — and avoidable — health risks to young people, the advisory states.

According to the advisory, current e-cigarette use increased 78 percent among U.S. high school students during the past year — from 11.7 percent in 2017 to 20.8 percent in 2018.

Data from the National Institutes of Health Monitoring the Future survey shows that America's teens reported a dramatic increase in their use of e-cigarettes in just a single year, with 37.3 percent of 12th-graders reporting use in the past 12 months, compared to 27.8 percent in 2017.

In comparison, Guam's 2018

Youth Risk Behavior Survey, or YRBS, reported 26.5 percent for use by high school students, which means at least 1 in 4 high school students is a current "vaper" — and that they have vaped in the past 30 days.

Parental guidance needed

The Guam Police Department has reached out to middle and high school students with presentations speaking of the dangers of illegal drugs, abuse of prescription drugs and the dangers of tobacco and e-cigarette use.

"We do these outreaches to arm the kids with knowledge ... and hopefully some of it sticks with them," GPD spokesman Sgt. Paul Tapao said. But he noted that much of the use of e-cigarettes by youth can be curbed with parents' guidance.

"It's up to us as adults to place boundaries for our children and to let them know why those boundaries exist," said Tapao, who is a veteran police officer and a dad. "We have to teach kids how to be responsible and to make sure they understand the laws. ... And then watch your kids also, make sure they're following the rules and boundaries that you set up. ... That's a part of our jobs as parents."

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