

Three men rescued from Pacific island thanks to “help” sign

HONOLULU (AP) — Officials say three men who had been missing for three days were rescued from a deserted Pacific island after a U.S. Navy plane spotted a gigantic “help” spelled out with palm leaves.

U.S. Coast Guard spokeswoman Melissa McKenzie said the men were reported missing by their families after they failed to show up at the island of Weno.

McKenzie said the men were travelling in a skiff between two Micronesian islands when they were overtaken by a wave. They were all wearing life jackets and were able to swim to the deserted island, she said.

Two hours after being located, the men were picked up by a local small boat and taken to a hospital.

Man accused of pushing wife’s hands into deep-fat fryer

OCEASIDE, N.Y. (AP) — A Long Island man is accused of pushing his wife’s hands into a boiling deep-fat fryer during an argument at their Chinese restaurant. Nassau County police said the couple’s two children, ages 12 and 14, were present during the incident in Oceanside.

Police reported that the couple was engaged in a verbal argument when the defendant grabbed his wife by the hair and pushed her toward the fryer. Authorities said the 39-year-old victim suffered second-degree burns to her hands. Police arrested the 39-year-old defendant on charges of assault and endangering the welfare of a child.

Authorities did not release the name of the restaurant.

11 accused of money laundering at Korean brothel ring near New York City

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal prosecutors have accused 11 people of money laundering following an investigation into a network of Korean brothels in the New York City area. A criminal complaint showed the defendants laundered more than \$1.4 million in illegal revenue from the businesses between 2011 and 2016.

Prosecutors said some of the brothels posed as legitimate businesses and kept lists of customers who had been vetted by other brothels and customers and would only do business with them. Authorities said they were independently owned but shared prostitutes and advertising outlets.

The complaint said police found a computer file containing more than 70,000 entries that appear to describe the customers. Nearly a dozen businesses in Manhattan were identified in the complaint as brothels. It’s unclear if they have been closed.

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by-case reviews. The protection from deportation also would be temporary, for three years.

“It’s not permanent status, not a green card, not a path to citizenship. It doesn’t get you a ticket into a voting booth. At best, it’s a tolerated presence,” said Angela Maria Kelley, an immigration expert at the Center for American Progress.

The programs also could be revoked by the next president, as the Republican contenders have promised. That might leave people who have provided the government with information about themselves in greater peril of being deported.

Immigration advocates acknowledged that some people might not be willing to raise their hands until they know the outcome of the election.

The Supreme Court case might not even address the issue of executive authority if the justices determine that Texas and the other states don’t have the right to challenge it in federal court. Such a resolution, which could attract

support from both liberal and conservative justices, could enable the court to sidestep the potentially divisive details over immigration and avoid a 4-4 tie following Justice Antonin Scalia’s death in February.

A decision in favor of the administration would allow the programs to take effect in the waning months of Obama’s presidency. A loss or even a tie vote would block them for the foreseeable future.

Garcia said she is eager to apply for the relief Obama offers if it’s made available.

Garcia said she volunteers in the local schools teaching Spanish to children, providing translation for interactions between parents and the schools, and working on the school district’s strategic planning effort. But she has had to turn down offers of a paying job with the school system.

Armed with the Social Security number she so desires, Garcia said, “I would work starting right now.”

A decision in *U.S. v. Texas*, 15-674, is expected by late June.

Japanese climber rescued from Alaska peak amid avalanche risk

TALKEETNA, Alaska (AP) — A helicopter recently rescued an experienced Japanese climber from an Alaska mountain where spring storms had created significant avalanche risks.

Masatoshi Kuriaki, a 42-year-old climber from Fukuoka, Japan, was rescued at the 8,600-foot level of 14,573-foot Mount Hunter, Denali National Park said in a news release.

Kuriaki was uninjured, but transmitted a signal for emergency help, the park said. He had two days of food and three to four days of water left.

An Alaska Air National Guard helicopter was initially unable to approach Mount Hunter because of bad weather, and storms prevented further attempts until two days later, the news release said.

As skies cleared, a high-altitude helicopter with two Denali mountaineering rangers reached Kahiltna Glacier at noon. They picked up Kuriaki from his camp on the mountain’s West Ridge climbing route and transported him in an external rescue basket to the glacier. From there, they flew back to Talkeetna.

Kuriaki was on day 75 of a solo expedition that had been planned for 65 days, according to the release.

Hideki Watanabe, director of a branch of the Japanese Alpine Club in Fukuoka who knows Kuriaki, said he was relieved the climber was safe, adding that he is not surprised that Kuriaki ditched his attempt and he must have had a reason, like weather or avalanche danger, to make that choice.

“Mr. Kuriaki has his own theory about mountaineering and safety, and he is extremely careful,” Watanabe told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. “He never pushes himself when he is not fully confident.”

Avalanche danger was high to extreme after a storm cycle brought unusually warm and wet weather conditions, Denali Park said.

The park described Kuriaki as very experienced in solo winter expeditions in Denali Park. It said this was his 19th expedition in the Alaska Range, 17 of which were solo winter climbs. He has attempted 20,310-foot Denali four times in winter, including a successful solo ascent in 1998.



HIGH-ALTITUDE HELP. Masatoshi Kuriaki describes, at a friend’s home in Peters Creek, Alaska, in this April 3, 2007 file photo, how he looked at the clouds over the summit of Mount Foraker to determine if the weather conditions were good for his final climb. Kuriaki, who became the first solo winter climber to conquer the 17,400-foot mountain, was rescued by helicopter this month at the 8,600-foot level of 14,573-foot Mount Hunter in Alaska. Kuriaki was uninjured, but transmitted a signal for emergency help, according to a news release from Denali National Park. He still had two days of food and three to four days of water left with him. (AP Photo/Michale Dinneen, File)

Kuriaki also made the first solo winter ascent of 17,400-foot Mount Foraker in 2007.