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Lori Loughlin latest to surrender after \$25 million U.S. college cheat

BOSTON/LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - “Full House” actor Lori Loughlin and the former head of financial firm Pimco are due to face criminal charges on Wednesday related to a \$25 million scheme to help wealthy Americans secure places for their children in top U.S. colleges.

The two are among 50 people charged for taking part in the largest such scam in U.S. history, which steered students into elite universities including Yale, Georgetown and Stanford by cheating the admissions process. Advantage Lithium CEO charged in U.S. college admissions scandal Law firm Willkie places co-chairman on leave after U.S. college fraud bust Loughlin was taken into custody by FBI agents in Los Angeles on Wednesday morning, Laura Eimiller, a spokeswoman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said. Former Pimco Chief Executive Douglas Hodge is due to be arraigned in federal court in Boston, officials said. Another parent charged in the scheme, Manuel Henriquez, resigned as chief executive officer of the finance company Hercules Capital, the company said early on Wednesday. The mastermind of the scheme, William “Rick” Singer, on Tuesday pleaded guilty to racketeering charges. Prosecutors in the U.S. attorney’s office in Boston say his company, Edge College & Career Network, amassed \$25 million through the fraud. Singer ended up cooperating with investigators last year, helping them record incriminating conversations he had with Loughlin, Henriquez and other parents. The elaborate scheme involved bribing the administrators of college entrance tests to allow a child’s wrong answers to be corrected and bribing university athletic coaches to attest a child was a gifted athlete even if he or she was anything but. In some instances, Singer helped doctor photographs to make a child appear athletic. Parents made their payments to a sham charity that Singer ran, prosecutors said, which also allowed them to make a fraudulent tax write-off. The sham charity, the Key Worldwide Foundation, purported to help provide an education to “underprivileged students.”

It was unclear how many children benefited from the scheme, though investigators said more parents and coaches may yet be charged. In telephone conversations intercepted by investigators, Singer brags he helped 760 students in just the first few months of 2018 and 96 the year before, while in other conversations he reassures parents that he has helped more than 20 or 30 other students cheat in recent years.

Loughlin is accused of paying Singer \$500,000 to help cheat her daughters’ way into the University of Southern California (USC) by bribing rowing coaches at the school to pretend the girls were gifted rowers. Her husband, the designer Mossimo Gianulli, is also charged with fraud, and appeared in court in Los Angeles on Tuesday before being released on \$1 million bail.

One of the daughters, Olivia Gianulli, has become a prominent influencer on social media under the name “Olivia Jade.”

“Officially a college student!” she captioned an Instagram photograph she posted in September, which showed her in her USC dorm room decorated with items she had ordered from online retailer Amazon, which paid her for the post.

Other prominent parents charged by the Boston U.S. attorney’s office include Felicity Huffman, the actor who starred in “Desperate Housewives”; Gordon Caplan, the co-chairman of international law firm Willkie Farr & Gallagher; and Bill McGlashan Jr., who heads a buyout investment arm of private equity firm TPG Capital.



FILE PHOTO: Actress Lori Loughlin arrives at the People’s Choice Awards 2017 in Los Angeles



Actor Felicity Huffman departs an initial hearing for defendants in a racketeering case involving the allegedly fraudulent admission of children to elite universities, at the U.S. federal courthouse in downtown Los Angeles



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U.S. grounds 737 MAX jets, Boeing shares fall again

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donald Trump on Wednesday said the United States would ground Boeing Co's 737 MAX jets, following Europe and other nations that have already stopped the planes flying due to safety concerns after an Ethiopian Airlines crash on Sunday, the second such disaster in less than five months. It was the second time the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration has halted flights of a Boeing plane in six years. It had grounded the 787 Dreamliner due to problems with smoking batteries in 2013.

Shares of the world's biggest plane maker, which were up earlier in the session, fell 2 percent to \$370.48. The shares have fallen about 13 percent since Sunday's crash, losing about \$32 billion of market value.

Shares of Southwest Airlines Co, which has the largest fleet of 737 MAX aircraft, fell 0.4 percent.

"We're going to be issuing an emergency order of prohibition to ground all flights of the 737 MAX 8 and the 737 MAX 9 and planes associated with that line," Trump told reporters at the White House.

"The FAA is prepared to make an announcement very shortly regarding the new information and physical evidence that we have received from the site, and from other locations and through a couple of other complaints," he said.

Boeing said in a statement that it supported the move to temporarily ground 737 MAX operations.

FILE PHOTO: An American Airlines Boeing 737 Max 8, on a flight from Miami to New York City, comes in for landing at LaGuardia Airport in

New York, U.S., March 12, 2019. REUTERS/Shannon Stapleton/File Photo
Meanwhile, Germany's federal agency responsible for investigating air accidents will not analyze the black box from the Ethiopian Airlines plane that crashed, casting uncertainty over the process of finding out what may have caused the disaster.

"This is a new type of aircraft with a new black box, with new software. We can't do it," said Germout Freitag, a spokesman for Germany's Federal Bureau of Aircraft Accident Investigation (BFU).

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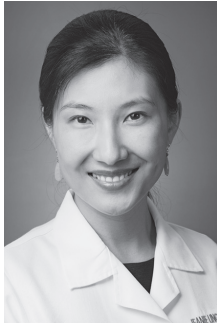


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Editor's Choice



A man shops in a plastic products store in the Central Market in San Jose



Democratic leaders gather to introduce the Equality Act in Washington, U.S.



An Air Canada Boeing 737 MAX 8 from San Francisco approaches for landing at Toronto Pearson International Airport over a parked Air Canada Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft in Toronto



Tellers announce the results of the vote on Brexit in Parliament in London



Two Air Canada Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircrafts are seen on the ground as Air Canada Embraer aircraft flies in the background at Toronto Pearson International Airport



Vehicle of the forensic team leaves the Raul Brasil school after a shooting in Suzano



U.S. President Donald Trump participates in briefing on southern U.S. border in the Roosevelt Room at the White House in Washington



Eleven-year-old LGBTQ activist Desmond Napoles poses for a portrait in New York

Sushi Made With 3D Printing Showcased
At SXSW Fest In Austin

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



What’s better than delicious sushi? How about 3D-printed sushi that looks like it belongs in an 8-bit video game? At SXSW this week in Austin, Open Meals showed off a “Pixel Food Printer” that 3D prints edible pixelated sushi. It’s some real next-level #foodstagram stuff. What’s better than delicious sushi? How about 3D-printed sushi that looks like it belongs in an 8-bit video game? At SXSW, Open Meals showed off a “Pixel Food Printer” that 3D prints edible pixelated sushi. It’s some real next-level #foodstagram stuff. The guys at Open Meals want to do for food what Apple did for digital music: make it easy to download — or in this case “teleport” —

food from anywhere in the world.



Food Base is basically the iTunes of 3D printable food. To achieve this, they’ve created two key components. The first is a patent-pending “Food Base” digital food platform that stores precise measurements (flavor, shape, color, nutrients, and texture) of different kinds of foods. Company reps told me this database is the “foundation for making authentic food reproduction”

possible. Like iTunes, they want Food Base to be a place for people to search, download, and upload food data.



The second component to “teleporting” food is the Pixel Food Printer, a custom-built robotic arm that prints out tiny little pixel cubes made from a type of edible gel. Each pixel is injected with different flavors, color, nutrients, etc. and combined together into the finished pixelated-looking food.



The robot that will replace real chefs (JK).



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Mmmm 8-bit pixelated sushi
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Ultimately, Open Meals wants to shrink the pixel blocks so that food looks more realistic when pieced together. But there’s no timeline for when they’ll be able to make that happen.

As for how it tastes... I’m told it’s not good. Coding the gel cubes with the right flavors is challenging and there’s still a lot of work to be done before it tastes like anything close to real food.



But who cares? They LOOK awesome. Besides, if Instagram has taught me anything, it’s that nobody cares how food tastes as long as it photographs well. And these pixel sushi will get you all the likes.



The eventual goal is to shrink the pixel blocks so that food looks more realistic when combined. Open Meals outlined several ways its Pixel Food Printer could be really useful. For example, we could teleport different dishes from Earth to astronauts living in space, or a cooking show chef could send meals to viewers’ homes. Like most tech at SXSW, the Pixel Food Printer is still a prototype concept so you won’t be able to get one just yet (it’d probably cost a small fortune, too). But if this ever makes it into production, you can be sure food photographers will be all over it. (Courtesy mashable.com)

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Politics Invades SXSW

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Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D) U.S. Representative for New York's 14th congressional district at Austin's SXSW Festival 2019. (Photo Getty Images)

Creatives in music, film and tech that have for decades been the center of attention at the annual SXSW (South by Southwest) festival in Austin, Texas, have been overshadowed this year by the arrival of rising political stars. **Why it matters:** The invasion of politicians, regulators and political reporters at the festival shows just how much politics has become entrenched in every aspect of our cultural lives.

Driving the news: For years, critics and investors came to SXSW mostly to scout hot trends, products and talents before they got big.

- This year, however, all eyes were on up-and-coming political stars like Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Beto O'Rourke, as well as presidential hopefuls like Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Howard Schultz, Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, who drew massive crowds.
- High-end cocktail parties hosted these figures as special guests. At one party Axios attended, Ocasio-Cortez received far more attention than the Hollywood celebrities in the room.
- Ocasio-Cortez was particularly busy. The freshman representative participated in on-stage interviews and attended events to promote the new Netflix documentary "Knock Down the House," which follows the 2018 political campaigns of four female progressive candidates, including AOC.

Street scene during the SXSW festival 2018.



Seizing on the moment, CNN aired a live presidential town hall

Sunday night from Austin in the middle of the festival, which brought well-known political journalists to the event.

- "We want to give every single candidate a platform. It seemed logical for CNN to come in and have a town hall at SXSW," CNN Digital executive vice president Andrew Morse told Axios on stage Saturday.

Between the lines: Part of the political blitz at SXSW relates to the rise of attention to the regulation of Big Tech companies, which have long-participated in the festival.

- Attendees at a Vox Media party were shouting "break them up!" during a panel discussion about antitrust policy in tech.
- The EU stepped up its presence at the event this year, flying its competition secretary Margrethe Vestager in for an interview with Kara Swisher.

Noticeably absent from the conversations, events and parties were conservative politicians and media outlets.

- House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) addressed one event.

- None of the major conservative news outlets threw big parties or set up exhibitions on Austin's famous Rainey Street, while CNN, NBC, the New York Times, BuzzFeed, Vox Media and others all had a big presence.

- **Be smart:** SXSW has progressive, indie-alternative roots, but the festival's

new political dimension makes the lack of ideological diversity more visible.

The big picture: Politics' entry into SXSW now becomes part of the history of the festival, which started in 1987 as a music showcase and has evolved over the years to include film, media and technology components. (Courtesy <https://www.axios.com>)

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What Is The South by Southwest Festival?



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South by Southwest (abbreviated as SXSW and colloquially referred to as **South By**) is an annual conglomerate of film, interactive media, and music festivals and conferences that take place in mid-March in Austin, Texas, United States. It began in 1987, and has continued to grow in both scope and size every year. In 2017, the conference lasted for 10 days with SXSW interactive lasting for five days, music for seven days and film running concurrently for nine days. SXSW is run by the company SXSW, LLC which organizes conferences, trade shows, festivals, and other events. In addition to the three main South by Southwest festivals, the company runs other conferences: SXSW EDU, a conference on educational innovation, held in Austin, and (beginning in 2017) the me Convention, held in Frankfurt, Germany, in collaboration with Mercedes-Benz. Former conferences run by the SXSW organization were SXSW Eco, an environmental conference held in Austin from 2011 to 2016; and one in Las Vegas: SXSW V2V, a conference focused on innovative startups which ran from 2013 to 2015.



A view of 6th Street in downtown Austin, Texas, during SXSW 2013

Music

SXSW Music is the largest music festival of its kind in the world, with more than 2,000 acts as of 2014. SXSW Music offers artist-provided music and video samples of featured artists at each festival via their official YouTube channel.

The music event has grown from 700 registrants in 1987 to over 28,000 registrants. SXSW Film and SXSW Interactive events have grown every year, bringing over 32,000 registrants to Austin in March 2013.

Bands must cover their own expenses for travel and lodging at the event. All performers are offered a cash payment or a wristband package that allows access to all music events.

Film

SXSW Film Conference spans five days of conference panels and sessions, and welcomes filmmakers of all levels. Programming consists of keynote speakers, panels, workshops, mentor sessions and more, with expert filmmakers and industry leaders.

In 2015, the SXSW Film Conference programmed over 250 sessions with 735 speakers. Past speakers include Jon Favreau, Mark Duplass, Ava DuVernay, Ryan Gosling, Nicolas Cage, Alejandro Jodorowsky, Tilda Swinton, Amy Schumacher, Sally Field, Joss Whedon, Christine Vachon, RZA, Matthew McConaughey, Danny Boyle, Seth MacFarlane, Catherine Hardwicke, Richard Linklater, David Gordon Green, Harmony Korine, Henry Rollins, Sarah Green and Robert Rodriguez.[13] Although the film festival often highlights independently produced films and emerging directing talent with unique visions, the festival has long served studios as a starting point for their comedies, using enthusiastic fans as a barometer of how they might play in wide release.

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The mobile app, Foursquare, was launched at SXSW 2009.

The SXSW Film Festival runs nine days, simultaneously with the SXSW Film Conference, and celebrates raw innovation and emerging talent both behind and in front of the camera.[16] Festival programming categories include: Special Events, Headliners, Narrative Spotlight, Docu-

mentary Spotlight, Narrative Competition, Documentary Competition, Visions, Midnighters, 24 Beats Per Second, SX-Global, Episodic, Festival Favorites and Short Film Programs. The SXSW Film Awards, which occur on the last day of the Film Conference, honor films selected by the Feature and Short Film Juries.

In 2015, the SXSW Film Festival programmed 150 feature films and 106 short films, selected from 7,361 submissions. [17] Past notable world premieres include Furious 7, Neighbors, Chef, 21 Jump Street, The Cabin in the Woods, Bridesmaids and Insidious, and the TV series Girls, Silicon Valley and Penny Dreadful.

Interactive

SXSW Interactive is focused on emerging technology.[19] The festival includes a trade show, speakers, parties, and a startup accelerator.



Conan O'Brien promoting Conan O'Brien Can't Stop at SXSW 2011

History

Inauguration – 1980s[edit]

In July 1986, the organizers of the New York City music festival New Music Seminar contacted Roland Swenson, a staffer at the alternative weekly The Austin Chronicle, about organizing an extension of that festival into Austin after having announced that they were going to hold a "New Music Seminar Southwest". The plans did not materialize, so Swenson decided to instead co-organize a local music festival, with the help of two other people at the Chronicle: editor and co-founder Louis Black, and publisher Nick Barbaro. Louis Meyers, a booking agent and musician, was also brought on board. Black came up with the name, as a play on the name of the Alfred Hitchcock film North by Northwest. The event was first held in March 1987. The organizers considered it a regional event and expected around 150 attendees to show up, but over 700 came, and according to Black "it was national almost immediately."

Meyers left Austin and the festival in the early 1990s, but Black, Barbaro and Swenson remained the festival's key organizers as of 2010. (Courtesy Wikipedia)

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