## Fox News settles sexual harassment suit for \$20M

BY DANIEL WIESSNER **REUTERS** 

Fox News will pay \$20 million to settle a sexual harassment lawsuit by former anchor Gretchen Carlson against the network's ousted chief Roger Ailes, a source familiar with the agreement said on Tuesday.

The Fox News parent company, 21st Century Fox, offered a public apology to Carlson, who filed suit against Ailes in July, saying he took her off a popular show and cut her pay because she refused to have a sexual relationship with him.

Ailes, a former political consultant who founded the conservative news operation in 1996, left Fox less than three weeks after Carlson filed suit, taking a \$40 million severance package. Other women who had worked for him then came forward with allegations of harassment, leading to another lawsuit by a former on-air staffer.

Ailes was the only defendant in Carlson's lawsuit. The source, speaking on condition of anonymity having not been authorized to discuss the matter, said Ailes' contract indemnified him from employmentrelated claims, which is why the company was settling on his behalf.

A court filing showed Carlson, 50, had voluntarily dismissed her federal lawsuit in New Jersey against Miss America beauty pag-



Gretchen Carlson participates in a book launch event in New York City in 2015.

Ailes. In a statement she said she was grateful Fox took swift action.

A statement from 21st Century Fox said, "We sincerely regret and apologize for the fact that Gretchen was not treated with the respect and dignity that she and all of our colleagues deserve."

Carlson, who won the

eant in 1989, was a longtime co-host on the "Fox and Friends" morning program before getting her own show in 2013.

In a statement in July, Ailes had said Carlson's suit was in retaliation for the network's decision not to renew her contract after disappointing ratings for her



Television Stations, answers questions during a panel discussion at the Television Critics Association summer press tour in Pasadena, California, in 2006.

Attorneys for Ailes did "a sex-fueled, Playboy Mannot immediately return calls for comment on the settle-

Fox News, which Nielsen ratings data show is the most watched channel in basic cable television this year, still is fighting sexual harassment claims in New York state court. Andrea Tantaros claims she was taken off the air in April in retaliation for rebuffing Ailes' advances and complaining to top officials at Fox News.

Behind the scenes, her lawsuit said, Fox News was of Republican presidential

sion-like cult, steeped in intimidation, indecency and misogyny." Fox News characterized Tantaros as an "opportunist" who was taken off the air for writing a book without permission.

Ailes, 76, who worked on the presidential campaigns of Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush before Fox News, became one of the most powerful forces in journalism and politics as the founder of the network. He reportedly has been advising the campaign

candidate Donald Trump since leaving and continues as an informal adviser to Rupert Murdoch, executive chairman of 21st Century

In his resignation letter, Ailes did not indicate he had done anything wrong. He previously denied Carlson's allegations, as well as those

of star anchor Megyn Kelly. New York magazine reported in July that Kelly had told investigators hired by Fox to investigate the claims that Ailes "made unwanted sexual advances toward her" about 10 years ago.

Fox News also announced on Tuesday that Greta Van Susteren, host of the "On the Record," was leaving the network after 14 years.

Van Susteren's departure was related to a financial disagreement with her employer, according to a separate source familiar with the situation, who requested anonymity because discussions were confidential. The source declined to say if her departure was connected to Ailes' resignation.

Fox News has been a ratings juggernaut for 21st Century Fox, contributing \$1.35 billion in earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization, or 20 percent of parent Twenty-First Century Fox's total in fiscal 2016, according to estimates by Anthony DiClemente, an analyst with Nomura.

## Things to Do

AUGUSTA - United Bikers of Maine 35th annual Toy Run, noon Sunday, Sept. 11, Meet at Augusta Civic Center. Ends at Windsor Fairgrounds. Bring a new unwrapped toy for donation to a child up to the age of 18. Vendors, T-shirts and pins. UBM-USA.org or the United Bikers of Maine Annual Toy Run Page on Facebook for meeting places and times for your county.

BANGOR — September workshops at Bangor Public Library: Ann Joles, "The Truth About College: Sink or Swim," 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14; "Understanding the Role Essays, SATs, Interviews, Extracurricular Activities, Sports and Other Factors Play in Admissions Decisions colleges Make," Wendy Thompson, 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, Cartooning Workshop with George Danby, Friday, Sept. 23, paper and pencils provided, walk away with your very own cartoon. bangorpubliclibrary. org or 947-8336.

BANGOR — Penobscot Valley Kennel Club's American Kennel Clubsanctioned breed, obedience and rally obedience dog match, 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, Hayford Park, 155 13th St. \$8 for the first entry, \$5 for each additional entry of same dog. Junior showmanship free as additional entry. Breed classes divided by sex. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Obedience and rally-O judging, 10 a.m.; junior and adult handling judging, 11 a.m.; breed judging, noon. 948-5678 or looney@uninets.net.

BANGOR — Maine Outdoor Film Festival features "Chasing Niagara," 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, John Bapst Memorial High School, 100 Broad-

BANGOR — Eastern Maine Community College Fall Art Show "C'est La Vie" featuring oil paintings by Maine artist Kathi Smith, Sept. 20-Dec. 1, John Rohman Art Gallery, EMCC Library, 354 Hogan Road. Artist reception and fall show launch, 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the gallery.

BANGOR — Vigil and speakout for fifth anniversary of the Occupy Movement, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, Peirce Park, next to Bangor

Public Library, followed by potluck lunch at Peace and Justice Center, 96 Harlow St., No. 100. Participants encouraged to attend End Violence Together rally and march, 1 p.m., West Market Square, downtown Bangor. 942-9343 or larryd@myfairpoint.

BAR HARBOR — Inaugural Backyard Bash, 3-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, Abbe Museum, 26 Mount Desert St., featuring dozens of organizations and artists celebrating and showcasing creative work, Wabanaki artists and the Bar Harbor community. Silent auction. Heather Anderson, heather@abbemuseum.org or 288-3519 to become a sponsor. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at door, \$5 students and ages 8-18, free children 7 and under, family of four \$22, family of six \$32. abbebash.org. Rain date Sunday, Sept. 11. Abbebash.org.

BELFAST — Annual Waldo County Triad Auction, Friday, Sept. 9, Redman's Hall, 153 Main St. Preview, 5 p.m.; auction, 5:45 p.m. Free admission. Food concessions available. 866-426-7555.

BELFAST — Midcoast Actors' Studio production of "Arms and the Man," 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 9-18, Troy Howard Stage, 173 Lincolnville Ave. Tickets \$15, \$10 students and seniors. 370-7592.

BELFAST — Maine Wienerfest celebration of dachshunds and the people who love them, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, Steamboat Landing Park. Gates open 10:30 a.m. Benefits Belfast Dog Park and **PAWS Animal Adoption** Center. Parade, races, costume contest, raffles, booths, vendors and hot dog cooking competition. Rain or shine. \$2, free for children under 10 and dogs. Friendsofbelfastparks.org, pawsadoption. org, 338-2160.

BLUE HILL — The Verona String Quartet: Jonathon Ong, violin; Dorothy Ro, violin; Abigail Rojansky, viola; Warren Hagerty, cello, performing Haydn, Bartok and Mendelssohn, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, Kneisel Hall. Open rehearsal, 9 a.m. kneisel.org, 374-2203 or festival@kneisel.org.

BREWER — Brewer Public Library co-hosts Scan-a-Thon with Maine State Library as part of Brewer

Days, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, Brewer Auditorium, 318 Wilson St. Bring historic photos and documents to be scanned and preserved in Digital Maine Repository. 989-7943.

GREENVILLE - Greenville Masonic Association Fly-In public breakfast, 7-9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, Masonic Temple, Pritham Avenue. Egg casserole, plain and blueberry pancakes, sausage patties, beans, biscuits, doughnuts, juice and coffee. Suggested donation of \$8.

HAMPDEN — Hampden Historical Society Heritage Day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, Kinsley House, 83 Main Road South. Exhibits, demonstrations, museum tours, more. Free though donations accepted. Lunch available. 862-3463.

HERMON — Hermon Recreation Department Harvest and Homecoming Celebration breakfast, 7-9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, Hermon Rescue Squad building, Billings Road. Pancakes, sausage, beans, coffee, milk and juice. \$5, \$3 children under 12, free to law enforcement officers. Benefits American Legion Post 200.

JONESPORT — Craft fair featuring BikeMe, several vendors, organ music and refreshments, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, Sawyer Congregational Church, Sawyer Square. Benefits church's steeple

LIVERMORE — Pie and Fashion fundraiser, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Road. Whole pies \$12 or by donation for a slice of pie. "Under the Dress: Victorian Secrets" talk, 1:30 p.m. "Hats to Hoops: What the Washburn Women Wore" talk, 2:30 p.m. Event admission \$5, includes tours and fashion shows. 897-4366 or norlands@norlands.org.

LUBEC — Retro-Spective-Market, work by artist Sheryl Denbo, through Wednesday, Sept. 14, Mulholland Gallery, 50 Water St.

MONSON — American Legion Towne-Holmbom Post 116 annual yard sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9-10; 8 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Sept. 11, Community Center, 35 Greenville Road, Route 15. Benefits Post 116 to support vet-

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NEWPORT — Newport Cultural Center 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Run, Saturday, Sept. 10. Race day registration, 8 a.m. 5K race and Fun Run, 9 a.m. Course will follow gentle, shaded course through neighborhood near Lake Sebasticook. Advance registration fee \$20, race day \$25. Families \$30. Children 12 and under \$5 each. Newport Cultural Center, newportculturalcenter.org/5krace/ or atdirector@newportculturalcenter.org.

ORONO — Photographs by Heath Paley of Portland, "Picturing Downtown Maine," through Sept. 23, Lord Hall Gallery, University of Maine. Artist's reception, 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9. Free and open to all. Gallery hours, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SURRY — Nationally recognized singers/songwriters Caroline Cotter and Michael Howard perform folk music, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, Surry Arts at the Barn, 8

Cross Road. \$15. 667-1308 or surryartsatthebarn.com.

WASHINGTON — Washington Historical Society open house, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 264 Razorville Road. Pie baking contest, 12:30 p.m. Antique appraisal. 2017 historical society calendars available for purchase. 407-222-6620 or washingtonhistorical@ gmail.com.

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