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New York Attorney General Letitia James speaks during a press conference, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, in New York.

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Trump accused of vast fraud in suit by N.Y. attorney general

By M. SISAK / L. NEUMEISTER
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NEW YORK (AP) — New York's attorney general sued former President Donald Trump and his company for fraud on Wednesday, alleging they padded his net worth by billions of dollars by lying about the value of prized assets including golf courses, hotels and his homes at Trump Tower and Mar-a-Lago.

Attorney General Letitia James dubbed it: "The art of the steal."

James' lawsuit, filed in state court in New York, is the culmination of a three-year civil investigation of Trump and the Trump Organization. Trump's three eldest children, Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric Trump, were also named as defendants, along with two longtime company executives, Allen Weisselberg and Jeffrey McConney.

The lawsuit strikes at the core of what made Trump famous, taking a blacklight to the image of wealth and opulence he's embraced throughout his career — first as a real estate developer, then as a reality TV host on "The Apprentice" and "Celebrity Apprentice," and later as president.

James wants Trump and the other defendants to pay at least \$250 million, which she said was the approximate worth of the benefits it got through fraudulent practices. James, a Democrat, announced details of the lawsuit at a news conference on Wednesday. She said her office filed the case — which is civil, not criminal in nature — after rejecting settlement offers made by lawyers for the defendants.

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The alleged scheme was intended to burnish Trump's billionaire image and the value of his properties when doing so gave him an advantage, such as in obtaining favorable loan terms, while playing down the value of assets at other times for tax purposes, James' office said.

"This investigation revealed that Donald Trump engaged in years of illegal conduct to inflate his net worth, to deceive banks and the people of the great state of New York," James said at the news conference. "Claiming you have money that you do not have does not amount to the art of the deal. It's the art of the steal."

James said her investigation uncovered potential criminal violations, including falsifying business records, issuing false financial statements, insurance fraud, conspiracy and bank fraud. She said her office is referring those findings to federal prosecutors and the Internal Revenue Service.

In a statement posted to his Truth Social platform, Trump called the lawsuit "Another Witch Hunt by a racist Attorney General" and called James, who is Black, "a fraud who campaigned on a 'get Trump' platform, despite the fact that the city is one of the crime and murder disasters of the world under her watch!"

Trump lawyer Alina Habba said the lawsuit "is neither focused on the facts nor the law — rather, it is solely focused on advancing the Attorney General's political agenda," accusing James of abusing her authority "by prying into transactions where absolutely no wrongdoing has taken place."

Habba said the allegations in the lawsuit are "meritless." James is seeking to remove the Trumps from businesses engaged in the alleged fraud and wants an independent monitor appointed for no less than five years to oversee the Trump Organization's compli-

ance, financial reporting, valuations and disclosures to lenders, insurers and tax authorities.

She is seeking to replace the current trustees of Trump's revocable trust, which controls his business interests, with independent

into his efforts to overturn the 2020 election.

The Trump Organization is set to go on trial in October in a criminal case alleging that it schemed to give untaxed perks to senior executives, including its longtime finance chief Weissel-

berg, who alone took more than \$1.7 million in extras. Weisselberg, 75, pleaded guilty Aug. 18. His plea agreement requires him to testify at the company's trial before he starts a five-month jail sentence. If convicted, the Trump Organization could face a fine of double the amount of unpaid taxes.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg has been conducting a parallel criminal investigation of the same business practices at the heart of James' civil lawsuit. That probe lost momentum earlier this year after Bragg raised questions internally about whether a criminal case was viable, but the Democrat has said it has not been abandoned.

At the same time, the FBI is continuing to investigate Trump's storage of sensitive government documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, and a special grand jury in Georgia is investigating whether Trump and others attempted to influence state election officials.

All of the legal drama is playing out ahead of the November midterm elections, where Republicans are trying to win control of one or both houses of Congress. Meanwhile, Trump has been laying the groundwork for a potential comeback campaign for president in 2024 and has accused President Joe Biden's administration of targeting him to hurt his political chances.

State law allows a broad range of civil remedies against companies committing commercial fraud, including revoking licenses to conduct business in the state, removing company officers and forcing the payment of restitution or disgorgement of ill-gotten gains. James' office could also seek to ban Trump from being involved in certain types of businesses, as happened in January when a judge barred ex-drug company CEO Martin Shkreli

from the pharmaceutical industry for life.

In a previous clash with Trump, James oversaw the closure of his charity, the Trump Foundation, after her predecessor in the attorney general's office, Barbara Underwood, filed a lawsuit alleging he misused its assets to resolve business disputes and boost his run for the White House. A judge ordered Trump to pay \$2 million to an array of charities to settle the matter.

James, who campaigned for office as a Trump critic and watchdog, started scrutinizing his business practices in March 2019 after his former personal lawyer Michael Cohen testified to Congress that Trump exaggerated his wealth on financial statements provided to Deutsche Bank when he was trying to obtain financing to buy the NFL's Buffalo Bills.

Since then, James' office and Trump's lawyers have repeatedly sparred over the direction of the investigation and Trump's unwillingness to comply with subpoenas for his testimony and records. Trump spent months fighting the subpoena that led to his August deposition, his lawyers unable to convince courts that he should be excused from testifying because his answers could be used in Bragg's criminal probe.

In May, Trump paid \$110,000 in fines after he was held in contempt of court for being slow to respond to a subpoena James' office issued seeking documents and other evidence. The contempt finding was lifted in June after Trump and his lawyers submitted paperwork showing they had made a good faith effort to find relevant documents. □



Donald Trump, right, sits with his children, from left, Eric Trump, Donald Trump Jr., and Ivanka Trump during a groundbreaking ceremony for the Trump International Hotel on July 23, 2014, in Washington.

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Bank CEOs warn of 'daunting' challenges from inflation

By KEN SWEET

AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CEOs of the nation's biggest banks appeared in front of Congress Wednesday and gave a dim view of the U.S. economy, reflecting the financial and economic distress many Americans are facing.

JPMorgan Chase's Jamie Dimon, Citigroup's Jane Fraser and other chief executives said the U.S. consumer is currently in good shape but faces threats from high inflation and rising interest rates.

The hearing happened on the same day the Federal Reserve announced a 3/4-point hike to its benchmark interest rate as the central bank tries to contain inflation. When asked by lawmakers, the Wall Street CEOs seemed increasingly skeptical that the Fed can achieve its goal of a "soft landing," where inflation is brought back down without causing widespread damage to the economy. "I'm keeping my fingers crossed," Dimon said.

"While COVID is behind us, the economic challenges we are now facing are no less daunting," Fraser said, in remarks prepared for the hearing.

The CEOs said the U.S. consumer is currently in good financial health. Bank of



From left; U.S. Bancorp Chairman, President, and CEO Andy Cecere; PNC Financial Services Group Chairman, President, and CEO William Demchak; JPMorgan Chase & Co. Chairman and CEO Jamie Dimon; Citigroup CEO Jane Fraser; Bank of America Chairman and CEO Brian Moynihan; Truist Financial Corporation Chairman and CEO William Rogers Jr.; and Wells Fargo President and CEO Charles Scharf appear before a House Committee on Financial Services Committee hearing on "Holding Megabanks Accountable: Oversight of America's Largest Consumer Facing Banks" on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022.

America's Brian Moynihan said the amount of money in customer's accounts has been stable. Dimon said wages are up while debt loads have dropped, and Fraser said consumers are spending at elevated levels.

All that could change as the Fed increases rates at an aggressive pace. With inflation rising as high as 9% this year, the Fed has aggressively raised rates from near zero to a range of 3%

to 3.25% in a few months. Fed Chair Jerome Powell acknowledged that households will feel an impact. "We have got to get inflation behind us. I wish there were a painless way to do that, there isn't," Powell said at a news conference following the announcement of the rate increase. "In this environment, the role that banks play to protect consumers and provide access to affordable credit is absolutely critical,"

said Rep. Maxine Waters, D-California and chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee. While billed as a hearing on everyday finances, the CEOs were also peppered with political questions with Washington in the midst of an election year. Democrats pushed the CEOs on issues like racial equity, the unionization efforts at banks, as well as evergreen financial topics like overdraft fees and fraud.

Republicans took the opportunity to both push back on the need for the hearing — this is the third time Democrats have brought Wall Street executives in front of this committee since taking control of the House in 2019 — as well as high inflation. One hot-button issue was gun store sales. Earlier this month the major payment networks — Visa, Mastercard and American Express — said they would start categorizing gun store sales as a separate merchant code. It's a decision gun control advocates have pushed for, potentially to help catch surges of gun sales ahead of a mass shooting.

Rep. Roger Williams, R-Texas, pushed the bank CEOs on whether they would follow the payment networks' decision. In response, all six CEOs said they would not stop legal gun sales and would protect consumers' privacy.

"We don't want to tell Americans what to do with their money," Dimon said. Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, which focus on investment banking, did not testify at Wednesday's hearing. Instead, the CEOs of three new banks were brought in: Andy Cecere of U.S. Bank, William Demchak of PNC Financial and Bill Rogers Jr. of Truist. □

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U.S. Embassy in Cuba to process full immigrant visas in 2023

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration said Wednesday that the U.S. Embassy in Cuba will begin processing full immigrant visas in early 2023, making it easier for Cubans to reunite with family members in the United States.

The embassy in Havana had last processed full immigrant visas in 2017. The U.S. government will also stop requiring Cubans seeking visas in family preference categories to travel to Georgetown, Guyana, for their interviews.

Additional government personnel will staff the em-

bassy to handle the visa requests. The added personnel are part of the commitment stemming from the resumption of the Cuban Family Reunification Parole program last month. The 2007 program enables U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents to apply for their family members in Cuba to come to the U.S. sooner than conventionally allowed.

Under accords with Cuba, the U.S. has committed to ensuring the legal migration of at least 20,000 Cubans annually, not including immediate relatives of

U.S. citizens. Attempted border crossings by Cubans has increased sharply over the past year, according to data issued Monday by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. U.S. officials stopped Cubans who were trying to enter the U.S. 19,057 times in August, a more than four-fold increase from August 2021. Border crossings have been fueled partly by repeat crossers because there are no legal consequences for getting expelled under a pandemic-era rule known as Title 42. That rule denies a right to seek asylum. □



Boys spend the afternoon jumping into the water from the sea wall or the Malecon in Havana, Cuba, Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022.

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Russian separatists release 10, including 2 U.S. veterans

By JAY REEVES

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) —

Two U.S. military veterans who disappeared three months ago while fighting Russia with Ukrainian forces were among 10 prisoners, including five British nationals, released by Russian-backed separatists as part of a prisoner exchange mediated by Saudi Arabia, officials said Wednesday.

Alex Druke, 40, and Andy Huynh, 27, went missing in the Kharkiv region of north-eastern Ukraine near the Russian border June 9. They had traveled to Ukraine on their own and became friends because both are from Alabama.

Their families announced their release in a joint statement from Dianna Shaw, an aunt of Druke.

"They are safely in the custody of the U.S. embassy in Saudi Arabia and after medical checks and debriefing they will return to the states," the statement said.

Shaw said both men have spoken with relatives and are in "pretty good shape," according to an official with the U.S. embassy.

President Joe Biden's national security adviser Jake Sullivan welcomed the re-



This combination file photo shows U.S. military veterans Andy Huynh, left, and Alexander Druke.

Associated Press

leases and thanked the governments of Ukraine and Saudi Arabia for their work to secure the detainees' freedom. "We look forward to our citizens being reunited with their families," he said in a tweet.

The Saudi embassy released a statement saying it helped secure the release of 10 prisoners from Morocco, the United States, the United Kingdom, Sweden and Croatia. Shaw confirmed that Druke and Huynh were part of the group.

The United Kingdom said five British nationals had been released, and lawmaker Robert Jenrick said

one of them was Aiden Aslin, 28, who had been sentenced to death after he was captured in eastern Ukraine.

"Aiden's return brings to an end months of agonising uncertainty for Aiden's loving family in Newark who suffered every day of Aiden's sham trial but never lost hope. As they are united as a family once more, they can finally be at peace," Jenrick tweeted. British Prime Minister Liz Truss heralded the news on social media.

"Hugely welcome news that five British nationals held by Russian-backed proxies in eastern Ukraine

are being safely returned, ending months of uncertainty and suffering for them and their families," she tweeted.

Moroccan media reported that the released prisoners included Brahim Saadoun, 21, who was sentenced to death in June after being accused of terrorism and trying to overturn the constitutional order. Captured by Russian-backed separatists in Ukraine, the court claimed he was a mercenary, while Saadoun's father said he had enlisted in Ukraine's regular army.

Russian state television had previously said Druke and Huynh were being held by Russian-backed separatists in the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine. The U.S. does not recognize the sovereignty of the Donetsk People's Republic and has no diplomatic relations with them, making it necessary for others to lead efforts to get the men released.

Druke joined the Army at age 19 after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and he believed he could help Ukrainian fighters because of his training and experience with weapons, Shaw said previously. Druke left in mid-April.

Druke's mother received a

call from Saudi Arabia on Wednesday morning and an embassy worker handed the phone to the man, Shaw said.

"He got on the phone and said, 'Hi mom, it's your favorite child,'" she said.

Huynh moved to north Alabama two years ago from his native California and lives about 120 miles (193 kilometers) from Druke. Before leaving for Europe, Huynh told his local newspaper, The Decatur Daily, he couldn't stop thinking about Russia's invasion.

"I know it wasn't my problem, but there was that gut feeling that I felt I had to do something," Huynh told the paper. "Two weeks after the war began, it kept eating me up inside and it just felt wrong. I was losing sleep. ... All I could think about was the situation in Ukraine."

Huynh told his fiancée he wants a meal from McDonald's and a Pepsi-Cola when he returns home, Shaw said.

The two men bonded over their home state and were together when their unit came under heavy fire. Relatives spoke with Druke several times by phone while the two were being held. □



MyPillow chief executive Mike Lindell speaks to reporters outside federal court in Washington, Thursday, June 24, 2021.

Associated Press

By STEVE KARNOWSKI

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — MyPillow chief executive Mike Lindell has sued the Department of Justice and the FBI, demanding the return of a cellphone agents seized from him outside a fast food restaurant in southern Minnesota last week, apparently as part of an in-

vestigation into an alleged scheme to breach voting system technology. Lindell alleges in the complaint, filed Tuesday in federal court in Minnesota, that the confiscation of his iPhone violated his constitutional rights against unlawful search and seizure and an attempt to chill his freedom of speech. Lindell,

Lindell sues to recover cellphone seized by FBI agents

a prominent promoter of false claims that voting machines were manipulated to steal the 2020 presidential election, asked the court to order the return of his phone and to prohibit federal authorities from using any data they've accessed from it or from his cellular service provider.

FBI agents stopped Lindell at the drive-through window of a Hardee's restaurant in Mankato on Sept. 13, when Lindell says he was on his way home from duck hunting with a friend in Iowa. They came with a search warrant, signed by U.S. Magistrate Judge Tony Leung on Sept. 7, that authorized them to seize his cellphone and data on

it pertaining to Dominion Voting Systems, as well as to a Colorado county clerk and other alleged co-conspirators.

The complaint also says Lindell has been served with a grand jury subpoena dated Sept. 7 that seeks similar information to what the search warrant covered.

The scope of the federal grand jury probe in Colorado isn't known, but local authorities there have charged Mesa County Clerk Tina Peters in what they've described as a "deceptive scheme, which was designed to influence public servants, breach security protocols, exceed permissible access to voting equipment and set in

motion the eventual distribution of confidential information to unauthorized people." She has pleaded not guilty.

Peters has appeared at several events with Lindell over the past year, including his "cybersymposium" in August 2021 in South Dakota at which a digital copy of Mesa County's election management system was distributed.

According to Lindell's complaint, the FBI agents boxed in his truck at the drive-through, then questioned him for 25 to 30 minutes about Dominion and Peters. It says the agents allowed Lindell to leave only after he handed over his phone. □

Russians rush for flights out amid partial reservist call-up

By **DUSAN STOJANOVIC Associated Press** **BELGRADE, Serbia (AP)** — Large numbers of Russians rushed to book one-way tickets out of the country while they still could Wednesday after Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a partial mobilization of military reservists for the war in Ukraine. Flights filled up quickly and the prices of tickets for remaining connections skyrocketed, apparently driven by fears that Russia's borders could soon close or that Putin could later announce a broader call-up that might send many Russian men of fighting age to the war's front lines. Tickets for the Moscow-Belgrade flights operated by Air Serbia, the only European carrier besides Turkish Airlines to maintain flights to Russia despite a European Union flight embargo, quickly sold out for the next several days. The price for flights from Moscow to Istanbul or Dubai increased within minutes before jumping again, reaching as high as 9,200 euros (\$9,119) for a one-way economy class fare. Putin's decree stipulates that the amount of people called to active duty will be determined by the Defense Ministry. Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said in a televised interview that 300,000 reservists with relevant combat and service experience initially would be mobilized. Russia has seen a marked exodus of citizens since Putin ordered his troops to invade Ukraine almost seven months ago. During Putin's address to the nation Wednesday in which he announced the partial mobilization of reservists, he also issued a veiled nuclear threat to Russia's enemies in the West. Reports of panic spreading among Russians soon flooded social networks. Anti-war groups said the limited airplane tickets out of Russia reached enormous prices due to high demand and

swiftly became unavailable. Social networks in Russia surged with advice on how to avoid the mobi-

viduals who could be eligible for the call-up against "traveling to resorts in Turkey." "Spend your vaca-

office yet" but he was still researching possible exemptions, "so we left." They declined to give their last



Russia's President Vladimir Putin and Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu attend the opening of the Army 2022 International Military and Technical Forum in the Patriot Park outside Moscow, Russia, Monday, Aug. 15, 2022. Associated Press

lization or leave the country. Some postings alleged people already had been turned back from Russia's land border with Georgia and that the website of the state Russian railway company had collapsed because too many people were checking for ways out of the country. The OVD-Info monitoring group said over 800 Russians were arrested Wednesday in anti-war protests in 37 Russian cities, including Moscow and St. Petersburg. Protesters in Moscow chanted "No to war!" and "Life to our children!" Russian officials sought to calm the public, stressing that the call-up would affect a limited number of people fitting certain criteria. However, conflicting statements and a lack of details helped fuel the panic. The head of the Duma's defense committee, Andrei Kartapolov, said there would be no additional restrictions on reservists leaving Russia based on this mobilization. But he also advised indi-

tion at the resorts of Crimea or (Russia's southern) Krasnodar region," Russian media quoted Kartapolov as saying. A group based in Serbia, called Russians, Belarussians, Ukrainians and Serbs Together Against War, tweeted that there were no available flights to Belgrade from Russia until mid-October. Flights to Turkey, Georgia or Armenia also sold out, according to the Belgrade-based group. "All the Russians who wanted to go to war already went," the group said. "No one else wants to go there!" One Russian man named Sergey said he had prepared for a Russian mobilization scenario and quickly brought his 17-year-old son out of Russia. "The tickets didn't cost too much, as I was probably quick enough. And we got through the border just fine," he said upon arriving Wednesday at the airport in the Armenian capital of Yerevan. His son, Nikolai, said, "I haven't gotten a letter from the recruitment

names. Serbia's capital of Belgrade has become a popular destination for Russians during the war. Up to 50,000 Russians have fled to Serbia since Russia invaded Ukraine in February and many have opened businesses, especially in the IT sector. Russians don't need visas to enter Serbia, which has not joined Western sanctions against Russia for its aggression in Ukraine. Allies such as Belarus and China also have not imposed sanctions on Russia. A Wednesday flight from Moscow to Belgrade was packed with young Russian men who said they could not speak to reporters because they feared negative repercussions for the families they left behind. A Russian woman, who identified herself as Yulia, said she, too, was afraid "my government and police" might see her remarks. "But I want to say, 'Freedom for Ukraine.' Please, somebody stop Putin," she said. □

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Man sets himself on fire in apparent protest of Abe funeral

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — A man set himself on fire near the Japanese prime minister's office in Tokyo on Wednesday in an apparent protest against the state funeral planned next week for former leader Shinzo Abe, officials and media reports said. The man, believed to be in his 70s, sustained burns on large parts of his body but was conscious and told police that he set himself on fire after pouring oil over himself, Kyodo News agency reported.

A note was found with him that said, "Personally, I am absolutely against" Abe's funeral, Kyodo reported.

A Tokyo Fire Department official confirmed that a man set himself afire on the street in Tokyo's Kasumigas-eki government district and that he was alive when he was taken to a hospital by ambulance, but declined to give further details, including the man's identity, motive or condition, citing the sensitivity of what was a police matter.

Police called it an attempted suicide and refused to give further details because the case involved no



Police and firefighters inspect the scene where a man is reported to set himself on fire, near the Prime Minister's Office in Tokyo, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022.

criminal intent.

Police also declined to comment on a report that a police officer was caught in the fire.

The incident underscores a growing wave of protests against the funeral for Abe, who was one of the most divisive leaders in postwar Japanese politics because of his revisionist view of war-time history, support for a

stronger military, and what critics call an autocratic approach and cronyism. More protests are expected in coming days, including the day of the funeral next week. It also is an embarrassment for police, who have stepped up security for an event expected to be attended by about 6,000 people, including U.S. Vice President Kamala

Harris and other dignitaries. Police were also partly blamed for insufficient protection of Abe, who was shot to death by a gunman who approached him from behind as he was giving an outdoor campaign speech in July.

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida is in New York for the annual U.N. General Assembly meeting of world leaders.

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He gave a speech Tuesday expressing disappointment over the Security Council's failure to respond to the Russian invasion of Ukraine because of Russia's permanent veto and called for reforms that would allow the U.N. to better defend global peace and order. The planned state funeral for Abe has become increasingly unpopular among Japanese as more details emerge about the governing Liberal Democratic Party's and Abe's links to the Unification Church, which built close ties with party lawmakers over their shared interests in conservative causes. The suspect in Abe's assassination reportedly believed his mother's large donations to the church ruined his family.

The LDP has said nearly half its lawmakers have ties to the church, but party officials have denied ties between the party as an organization and the church. Kishida has said Abe deserves the honor of a state funeral as Japan's longest-serving post-World War II leader and for his diplomatic and economic achievements. □

Inquests to be held into Canada stabbings and custody death

By ROB GILLIES

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Saskatchewan's chief coroner said Wednesday an inquest will determine the cause of death of the suspect who died in police custody after

a stabbing rampage in the Canadian province but said it wasn't due to blunt-force trauma after being arrested.

Chief Coroner Clive Weighill said two public inquests will be held. One will focus on

11 deaths on the the Indigenous reserve of James Smith Cree Nation and in the nearby village of Weldon. The other is to focus on the death of suspect Myles Sanderson, who was captured by police days later after they ran his car off the road.

Weighill said no information about how Sanderson died will be released before that inquest, which could happen in the spring or summer of next year. He said jury members in the inquest will determine the cause of death.

But Weighill later said at the press conference that the preliminary result of the autopsy found no blunt force trauma caused his death. "We still need the toxicology report," he said.

Authorities have not said how suspect Myles Sander-

son died. Police previously said Sanderson went into medical distress after he was arrested. Police have said CPR was attempted on him before an ambulance arrived. Emergency medical personnel then took him to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

But an official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Sanderson died of self-inflicted injuries, without giving any further details. Officers forced Sanderson's vehicle off a road and into a ditch. He was detained and a knife was found inside the stolen vehicle, police said.

Video and photos from the scene showed a white SUV off to the side of the road with police cars all around. Air bags had deployed in the SUV.

Some images taken from

a distance appeared to show Sanderson being frisked.

His death came two days after the body of his brother, 30-year-old Damien Sanderson, was found in a field near the scene of their rampage, which also wounded 18 people. Police are investigating whether Myles Sanderson killed his brother.

The stabbing rampage raised questions of why Myles Sanderson an ex-con with 59 convictions and a long history of shocking violence was out on the streets in the first place. Investigators have not given a motive for the bloodshed.

Weighill said the juries would be made of solely of Indigenous people. Only one victim was not Indigenous. □



A Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer speaks with a member of media on a road outside in Rosthern, Saskatchewan on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022.

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Aruba Port Development N.V. in charge of Port City project, was established this week

ORANJESTAD – This week the establishment of Aruba Port Development NV was established. Minister of Public Health and Tourism, Mr. Dangui Oduber; director of Aruba Ports Authority NV, Mr. Figaroa; and president of the Supervisory Board, Mr. Dubero were present for the occasion.

Aruba Port Development NV will be in charge of managing the entirety of the Port City project.

As was previously reported, the government of Aruba and Aruba Ports Authority (APA) recently held the official launch of the Port City project. This is to develop the entire area where before the container quay was in Oranjestad. This

area became available when the quay was moved to Barcadera.

Minister Oduber made it known that he has been working closely with APA since 2017 in order to carry out all the necessary work and preparations to realize the project.

According to a press release, the Port City Project is very ambitious and great for Aruba, and will generate many jobs during a period of 15 years. It will also generate income for APA and the Government, and will create an economic spinoff for the country of Aruba.

It is a project that has an investment of 1 billion florins from the private sector.

Income generated from the private sector, APA will invest back into infrastructure, roads, landscaping, boardwalk, public parks and maintenance during a period of 60 years.

Minister Oduber said that this is the financial model of Port City, and naturally to manage this important project, a new company needed to be established. This was a great moment for Aruba when finally, af-



ter a lot of preparation, the company Aruba Port Development NV was established at a notary together with the director of APA and the president of the Supervisory Board.

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NV will be the company in charge of managing the entire process of public tender which will begin soon. Right now, all the work can continue according to plan, so that the Port City project can begin in the second quarter of 2023. □



Talks and awareness contributing to reducing teenage pregnancy in Aruba

ORANJESTAD – Two years ago, we reported that there were around 72 cases of teenage pregnancy each year. Right now, this has reduced, closing the year 2021 with 45 cases.

Talks, and especially the use of visual material that children and youths can see and practice regarding the reality that they could confront if they get pregnant very young, is being extremely helpful to make our children and youths more aware of their actions.

Mrs. Monique Giel Labad, in charge of teenage pregnancy at Wit Gele Kruis, explains that the results of 2021 are very positive regarding the number of teenage pregnancies

which was below 100, closing the year at 45. The reason why the numbers are low is also related to the fact that there was no Carnival that year – and nine months after, in October/November, the numbers were also low. During the year there weren't a lot of activities compared to the years before, and this played a role in reducing the amount of teenage pregnancies recently.

"We are very happy with this, but aside from this, we evaluate the entire year and we notice what came additionally that kids are busy with. But they're still looking for help and asking questions", according to Labad. This is something that is expanding, she says, in the sense that the kids

are more open and more willing to ask for help currently.

In 2020, cases of teenage pregnancy were already considerably declining comparing to before. This was in great part because of awareness and prevention campaigns, which help keep the cases low among our kids and teens between 12 and 19 years old.

There can be complicated cases on which intensive work needs to be done, but compared to previous years, when kids were busy using various things to induce an abortion; this has also reduced considerably, according to Labad. The talks that they give at schools, the explanations of the consequences, these



play a big role in helping the children better understand the reality of their decisions and acts. "We focus more on the consequences", she said.

The main reason why a girl gets an unplanned pregnancy is the sexual act. If we look a few years back, kids of around 11 or 12 years

old already began experiencing the consequences of pregnancy. Right now, seeing the age that the kids begin being sexually active, it can be noted that the age began increasing, which is a very positive development. Older kids are more aware, they are better informed and seek more advice. □

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Elliott Loonstra PLY brings home medal to Aruba from Pan-Am series



Elliott Loonstra PLY attended the Para Pan-Am III series in Sao Paulo, Brazil on September 15, 2022. The venue for this event was the 'Centro Deportivo Paralympico Brasileiro' and was attended by 11 countries from the Pan-Am region, Europe, and Asia. The event was a success for Elliott Loonstra PLY as he achieved the bronze medal in this Pan-Am.

Loonstra's first match was against Colombia and took the lead early on. The match ended in favor of the Aruban team pushing them to the semifinals against Brazil. The semifinals

match had begun with Elliott Loonstra PLY in the lead but ended in favor of the Brazilian, who later went on to win the championship. Elliott Loonstra PLY achieved podium in this tournament making this the second bronze medal that he has received this year.

With this result, Elliott Loonstra's world ranking has gone up from 10th to 7th, placing him in a good position for next year's games in Santiago, Chile. The next upcoming competition for Elliott Loonstra PLY and his team will be at the World Para Grand Prix taking place in Manchester,

England in October. Elliott Loonstra PLY was invited by the ParaTaekwondo National Team of Mexico to train alongside them at CNAR (Centro Nacional de Desarrollo de Talentos Deportivos y Alto Rendimiento) in Mexico. Soon Loonstra PLY and his team will be off to train and are hoping to achieve podium in Manchester.

Elliott Loonstra PLY would like to acknowledge his family, CEMEDAR (Centro Medico Deportivo Aruba), BodyZone Fitness and Roro Fitness for all their support during his preparations. □

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Foreign Trade, Second Quarter 2022

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Foreign Trade of the 2nd quarter 2022.

Total Import

The total import, in terms of weight, registered a decrease of 31.7 mln. kg (-19.1%) in the second quarter of 2022 (134.0 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (165.7 mln. kg), while, in terms of value, the total import increased by Afl. 118.6 mln (24.4%), from Afl. 486.7 mln. to Afl. 605.2 mln.

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* (weight)

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered a decrease of 32.7 mln. kg (-20.0%) in the second quarter of 2022 (131.0 mln. kg), compared to the same period in 2021 (163.7 mln. kg). During this period, six (6) of the twenty-one (21) sections registered decreases in terms of weight in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The decrease in import to the free circulation area of Aruba (weight) was mainly due to a decrease of 38.2 mln. kg (-35.1%) in the section "Mineral products".

The largest increase was observed in the section "Food products", with an increase of 1.4 mln. kg (8.8%).

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* (value) Import to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of value, registered an increase of Afl. 109.2 mln. (23.7%) in the second quarter of 2022 (Afl. 570.1 mln.) compared to the same period in 2021 (Afl. 460.9 mln.). During this period, nineteen (19) sections registered increases in terms of value in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The increase in import to the free circulation area of Aruba (value) was mainly due to increases of Afl. 16.7 mln. (39.7%) and Afl. 15.1 (51.2%) mln. in the sections "Live animals and other animal products" and "Mineral products", respectively.

Table 1 Import by quarter, 2021-2022

In mln. kg	Q2 2021					Q2 2022					2021 - 2022		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	2021	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	2022	% change	in mln.	in mln.
To Aruba by Sea	96.8	163.1	113.0	158.2	529.0	156.1	130.4	0.0	0.0	286.4	-30.1	-32.8	
To Aruba by Air	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.8	3.1	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.4	8.5	0.1	
To Aruba	97.4	163.7	113.9	159.0	534.1	156.8	131.0	0.0	0.0	287.8	-20.0	-32.7	
To the Free Zone	1.6	2.0	2.6	2.2	8.4	2.1	3.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	50.2	1.0	
Total Import	99.0	165.7	116.5	161.2	542.4	158.9	134.0	0.0	0.0	292.9	-19.1	-31.7	
By Large companies	20.1	21.2	25.6	23.8	90.6	22.5	24.8	0.0	0.0	47.3	17.1	3.6	
By Other companies	77.3	142.6	88.4	135.2	443.4	134.2	106.2	0.0	0.0	245.5	-25.5	-36.4	
To Aruba	97.4	163.7	113.9	159.0	534.1	156.8	131.0	0.0	0.0	287.8	-20.0	-32.7	
in mln. Afl.													
To Aruba by Sea	312.6	369.2	458.8	477.6	1,618.3	436.5	462.8	0.0	0.0	899.4	25.4	93.6	
To Aruba by Air	68.7	91.7	90.8	113.5	364.7	99.2	107.3	0.0	0.0	206.5	17.0	15.6	
To Aruba	381.3	460.9	549.6	591.1	1,983.0	535.8	570.1	0.0	0.0	1,105.9	23.7	109.2	
To the Free Zone	16.4	25.8	37.2	30.7	110.1	29.3	35.1	0.0	0.0	64.4	36.3	9.3	
Total Import	397.7	486.7	586.8	621.9	2,093.0	565.1	605.2	0.0	0.0	1,170.3	24.4	118.6	
By Large companies	39.7	39.3	43.6	46.5	169.1	59.0	55.2	0.0	0.0	114.2	40.6	16.0	
By Other companies	341.6	421.6	506.0	544.6	1,813.9	476.8	514.9	0.0	0.0	991.7	22.1	93.3	
To Aruba	381.3	460.9	549.6	591.1	1,983.0	535.8	570.1	0.0	0.0	1,105.9	23.7	109.2	

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

The only two decreases were observed in the sections "Chemical products" and "Wood, charcoal and woodwork", with decreases of Afl. 0.4 mln. (-0.8%) and Afl. 0.3 mln. (-3.9%), respectively. Import to the free Zone of Aruba Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 1.0 mln. kg (55.2%) in the second quarter of 2022 (3.0 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (2.0 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of 1.0 mln. kg (55.2%) in the section "Food products".

In terms of value, the import to the free Zone of Aruba increased by Afl. 9.3 mln (36.3%) from Afl. 25.8 mln. To Afl. 35.1 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 10.5 mln. (43.6%) in the section "Food products".

The abovementioned Import (to the free calculation area of Aruba) is the result of Import by Sea and Import by Air, which had the following developments:

1. Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* by Sea Import by Sea to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered a decrease of 32.8 mln. Kg (20.1%) in the second quarter of 2022 (130.4 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (163.1 mln. kg) and was mainly due to a decrease of 38.2 mln. kg (-35.1%) in the section "Mineral products".

In terms of value, the import by Sea increased by Afl. 93.6 mln. (25.4%) from Afl. 369.2 mln. to Afl. 462.8 mln and was mainly due to increases of Afl. 16.3 mln. (40.7%) and Afl. 15.0 mln. (51.2%) in the sections "Live animals and other animal products" and "Mineral products", respectively.

2. Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* by Air

Import by Air to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, increased by 0.1 mln. kg (8.5%) from 0.6 mln. kg in the second quarter of 2021 to 0.7 mln. kg in the second quarter of 2022 and was mainly due to an increase of 0.04 mln. kg (31.7%) in the section "Vegetable products". In terms of value, the import by Air increased by Afl. 15.6 mln. (17.0%) from Afl. 91.7 mln. to Afl. 107.3 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 5.3 mln. (41.4%) in the section "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones".

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* by Large companies**

Import by "Large companies", in terms of weight, increased by 3.6 mln. kg (17.1%) from 21.2 mln. kg in the second quarter of 2021 to 24.8 mln. kg in the second quarter of 2022 and was mainly due to an increase of 3.7 mln. kg (18.2%) in the section "Mineral products". In terms of value, the import by "Large companies" increased by Afl. 16.0 mln. (40.6%) from

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2021-2022

In mln. kg	Q2 2021					Q2 2022					2021 - 2022		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	2021	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	2022	% change	in mln.	in mln.
From Aruba by Sea	3.85	4.70	8.03	4.83	21.41	5.17	4.64	0.00	0.00	9.82	-1.2	-0.06	
From Aruba by Air	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.16	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.07	-2.1	0.00	
From Aruba	3.88	4.74	8.07	4.89	21.57	5.21	4.68	0.00	0.00	9.89	-1.2	-0.06	
From the Free Zone	0.99	2.01	2.28	2.32	7.60	2.00	2.42	0.00	0.00	4.42	20.2	0.41	
Total Export	4.87	6.75	10.34	7.21	29.17	7.22	7.10	0.00	0.00	14.31	5.1	0.35	
By Large companies	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03	-79.2	-0.03	
By Other companies	3.87	4.69	8.07	4.86	21.50	5.19	4.67	0.00	0.00	9.86	-0.5	-0.02	
From Aruba	3.88	4.74	8.07	4.89	21.57	5.21	4.68	0.00	0.00	9.89	-1.2	-0.06	
in mln. Afl.													
From Aruba by Sea	6.59	9.00	8.25	6.78	30.62	8.14	10.45	0.00	0.00	18.59	16.1	1.45	
From Aruba by Air	5.22	11.06	6.15	5.73	28.16	5.23	8.27	0.00	0.00	13.50	-25.2	-2.78	
From Aruba	11.81	20.06	14.40	12.51	58.78	13.37	18.72	0.00	0.00	32.09	-6.7	-1.34	
From the Free Zone	9.75	26.51	30.99	31.76	99.00	25.17	31.78	0.00	0.00	56.95	19.9	5.27	
Total Export	21.56	46.57	45.39	44.27	157.78	38.54	50.50	0.00	0.00	89.04	8.4	3.93	
By Large companies	0.03	0.30	0.00	0.01	0.35	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.05	-88.6	-0.27	
By Other companies	11.78	19.76	14.40	12.50	58.43	13.36	18.68	0.00	0.00	32.04	-5.4	-1.07	
From Aruba	11.81	20.06	14.40	12.51	58.78	13.37	18.72	0.00	0.00	32.09	-6.7	-1.34	

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Afl. 39.3 mln. To Afl. 55.2 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 16.5 mln. (74.6%) in the section "Mineral products".

Total Export

The total export, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 0.35 mln. kg (5.1%) in the second quarter of 2022 (7.10 mln. kg) compared to the same period of 2021 (6.75 mln. kg), while, in terms of value, the total export increased by Afl. 3.93 mln. (8.4%) from Afl. 46.57 mln. to Afl. 50.50 mln.

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba* (weight)

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered a decrease of 0.06 mln. kg (-1.2%) in the second quarter of 2022 (4.68 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (4.74 mln. kg). Eleven (11) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered decreases in terms of weight in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The decrease in export from the free circulation area of Aruba (weight) was mainly due to a decrease of 0.65 mln. kg (-93.5%) in the section "Works of stone, gypsum, cement, asbestos". The largest increase was observed in the section "Base metals and derivated works", with an increase of 0.67 mln. kg (46.5%).

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba* (value) Export from the free cir-

culation area of Aruba, in terms of value, registered a decrease of 1.34 mln. kg (-6.7%) in the second quarter of 2022 (Afl. 18.72 mln.) compared to the same period in 2022 (Afl. 20.06 mln.). Nine (9) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered decreases in terms of value in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The decrease in export from the free circulation area of Aruba (value) was mainly due to decreases of Afl. 1.60 mln. (-86.6%) and Afl. 1.51 mln. (-94.3%) in the sections "Transport equipment" and "Skins, hides, leather and peltry", respectively. The largest increase was observed in the section "Base metals and derivated works", with an increase of Afl. 2.33 mln. (166.9%).

Export from the free Zone of Aruba

Export from the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 0.41 mln. kg (20.2%) in the second quarter of 2022 (2.42 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (2.01 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of 0.41 mln. kg (20.4%) in the section "Food products". In terms of value, the export from the free Zone of Aruba increased by Afl. 5.27 mln. (19.9%) from Afl. 26.51 mln. to Afl. 31.78 mln. and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 5.28 mln. (20.0%) in the section "Food products".

Alzheimer's Aruba Foundation: "Life after an Alzheimer's diagnosis is very important"

This week, Alzheimer's Aruba Foundation held a press conference to inform the community about the beginning of Alzheimer Teal Ribbon Awareness. This year marks 20 years of celebration.

This puts an emphasis on awareness in the community about the life of a person after they receive an Alzheimer's diagnosis. Melva Croes-Yanez, president of the foundation, explained about the developments they have been confronting, and said that the Covid-19 pandemic brought with it a lot more work than what they were expecting.

She also mentioned the challenge brought on by the uncertainty of a lot of their clients who got in touch with them during and after the pandemic. Sometimes, people approach them saying that they have dementia or Alzheimer's, which she considers very worrying because she notices that people themselves don't know what is going on and are looking for clarity, not knowing what comes next after they receive their diagnosis. "They can become more depressive and more uncertain", she says.

This is the reason why during this week they also want to pay attention to a lecture and cinema night that they are organizing to help the community to better understand what comes after a person receives a diagnosis of Alzheimer's.



Croes-Yanez says that in Aruba, once a person enters a hospice, "it seems like their life is over and that the family can't do anything more."

"Some of them die within a few months of arriving. These people suffer discrimination for having a neuro-cognitive degenerative condition like Alzheimer's. Life after diagnosis is very important, and the community needs to be aware of this", she says.

She said that more attention needs to be paid to this topic, because older persons – and sometimes younger – who are suffering from these types of conditions, oftentimes they don't know what is happening to them. The people around them don't know what to do either, and confusion can set, as she says. Many times, abuse is also taking place because people lose patience, or the person can be overly medicated to keep them calm. "That is not a quality of life. This is why the community needs to be made aware with valuable information, because there is no cure and it seems there will not be a cure", she said.

Croes-Yanez added that there is a tendency to refer to everything as dementia or Alzheimer's, which brings a lot of confusion, and can have as a consequence that the caretaker of the patient can make certain

mistakes. The community needs to be alert and needs to receive information. "If it happens that we find ourselves confronted with this, we know how we would want to be cared for, because more than 50 million people around the world are suffering from a neuro-cognitive disorder – which in the past was called dementia", she said.

This week, they have a schedule of activities during which they will publish information regarding worldwide data in order to inform the community about the state of affairs. Today, 22nd of September, they have a lecture at Savaneta Community Centre at 7pm, and on Saturday at 7pm there will be a mass at Sagrado Curason in Savaneta.

Croes-Yanez commented that mental health is a problem all around the world, and on Aruba, a

small country, this is magnified. "If we can all begin pooling our strength together, we don't need to have problems. In Aruba, often there are professionals that don't want to work together with others, or cannot, but our people deserve better. Our people deserve better care, not care which puts the safety of our people into question, the safety of the patients of Alzheimer's or other similar conditions, which often is insufficient and puts them in danger", she emphasizes.

For this reason, she finds that everyone over the age of 65 needs to join together and begin thinking about their safety and security, so that they can spend their last days with a high quality of life, not like right now, where she says, when a person reaches a certain age, society treats them like "they're good for nothing". □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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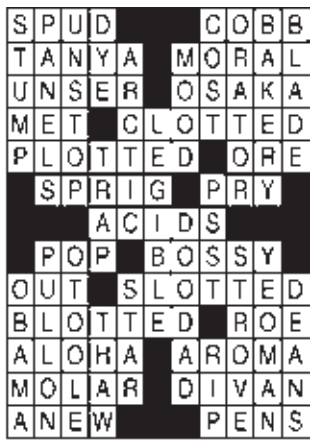
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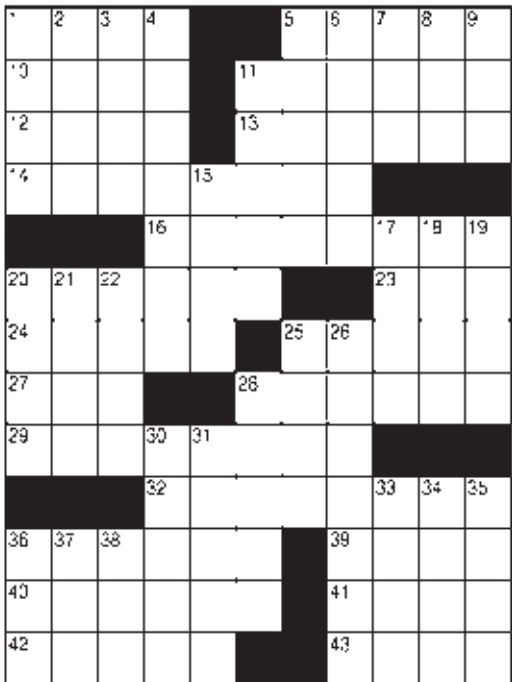
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U.S. gas prices tick up, ending 99-day streak of lower costs

By DAVID KOENIG and MICHELLE CHAPMAN
AP Business Writers

A 99-day run of falling gasoline prices — a streak that gave consumers a glimmer of hope that red-hot inflation might be cooling — has ended, with pump prices still much higher than a year ago.

The nationwide average price for a gallon ticked up less than a penny Wednesday, to \$3.68 a gallon, according to AAA. That's down from the record \$5.02 average in mid-June.

The question now is whether Wednesday's increase is just a blip or the precursor to the return of higher prices. The answer matters to motorists and to President Joe Biden, who has taken credit for driving prices lower by releasing millions of barrels of oil from the nation's reserves.

The 14-week decline in prices was the longest streak since 2015.

Gasoline prices mostly reflect trends in global oil prices, and crude both the



Jennifer Quinn fills her SUV at a gas station Monday, March 7, 2022, in Needham, Mass.

Associated Press

U.S. benchmark and the international Brent have been slumping since mid-June on growing fears of a global recession that would reduce demand for energy.

Many energy analysts believe that prices are more likely to rise than fall in the next few months. However, changes in sentiment about the economy, Russia's war against Ukraine, and even hurricane season always a threat to disrupt

refineries along the Gulf Coast make predictions uncertain.

"I suspect that we will see choppy prices for gasoline through year end, with some down days and up days," said Tom Kloza of the Oil Price Information Service. He predicted that the next streak will be a run of price increases early next year, driven by investors, speculators and "the fear that there won't be enough fuel to go around."

Long a haven for wealth, Dubai will enforce UK court rulings

By MALAK HARB

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The United Arab Emirates has called on its courts to begin enforcing the judgements of British courts, in a move that could affect the city of Dubai's status as a haven

for the world's wealthy.

The decision, which affects all noncriminal civil, financial and marital cases, is already in effect and does not need to be drafted into law. "After the new decision ... the UAE will not be a safe haven for anyone trying to smuggle their mon-

ey," said Hassan Elhais, legal consultant at Alrowad Advocates.

"If a person was sentenced in a civil case in the UK and they fled to the UAE, they were previously able to keep their money without it being confiscated, their money was protected," he added. The UAE had previously not enforced British rulings due to what it called a lack of reciprocity, as the UK courts were reluctant to enforce UAE-issued judgements. Earlier this month, the Ministry of Justice announced the principles of reciprocity had been met after British courts enforced a "bounced cheque" judgement of the Dubai Court of Cassation in the UK in the Lenkor Energy Trading DMCC v Puri (2020) EWHC 75 (QB) case.



The sun reflects on skyscrapers in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Feb. 27, 2021.

Associated Press

NASA tries fueling moon rocket in test, but leak reoccurs

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.
(AP) — NASA's new moon rocket sprouted another fuel leak Wednesday as engineers tested the plumbing ahead of a launch attempt as early as next week.

The daylong demo had barely begun when hazardous hydrogen fuel began escaping at the same place and same time as before, despite new seals and other repairs. Engineers halted the flow and warmed the lines in hopes of plugging the leak, and proceeded with the test. But the leak persisted.

Wednesday's results will determine whether the 322-foot (98-meter) rocket is ready for its first test flight, a lunar-orbiting mission with mannequins instead of astronauts.

Hydrogen leaks spoiled the first two launch attempts, as well as earlier countdown tests. So much hydrogen escaped during the countdown earlier this month that it exceeded NASA's limit by more than double. Wednesday's leak came close to the limit, but the launch team managed to get the leak down to acceptable levels as the test continued.

After the previous delay, NASA replaced two seals. One had a tiny indentation; it measured a mere



The NASA moon rocket for the Artemis mission stands on Pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Center Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022. A hydrogen leak was detected on the rocket during a tanking test this morning.

one-hundredth of an inch. "Now that doesn't sound like a lot, but again we're dealing with hydrogen," the smallest element on the periodic table, said mission manager Mike Sarafin. Wednesday's objective: pumping nearly 1 million gallons (4 million liters) into the rocket, with minimum leakage. That would put NASA on course for a possible launch attempt Tuesday, provided the U.S. Space Force extends the certification of batteries on board that are part of the flight safety system. Besides replacing seals, NASA altered the fueling process, easing more slowly into the loading of the super-cold liquid hydrogen and oxygen. After Wednesday's leak ap-

peared, the launch team moved even more slowly to subject the plumbing to even less stress. Once launched, the crew capsule atop the rocket will be the first to orbit the moon in 50 years. The \$4.1 billion mission should last more than five weeks, ending with a splashdown

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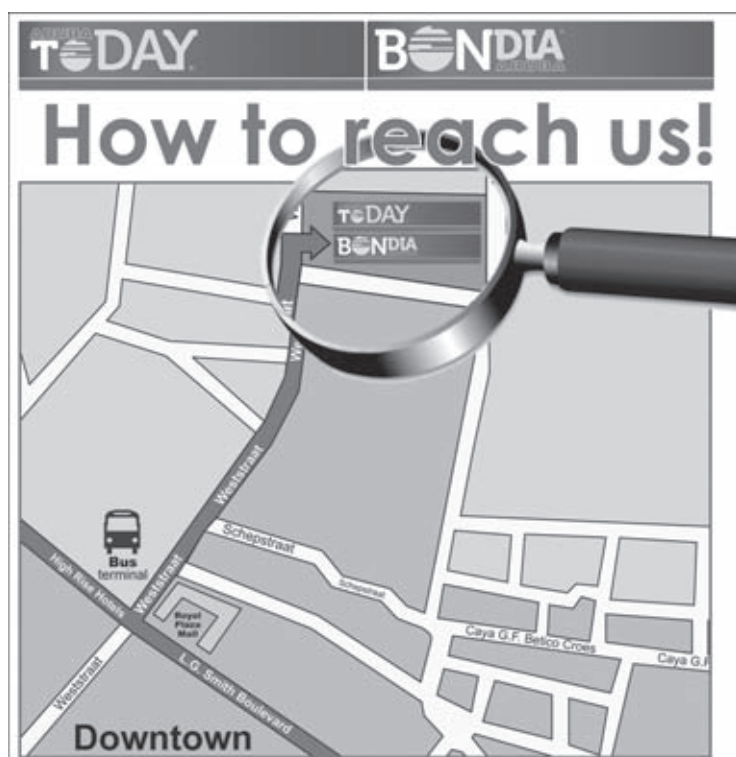
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Sidney Poitier documentary shows a constant striving

By **MARK KENNEDY**

AP Entertainment Writer

Sidney Poitier was not expected to live. He was born two months premature to uneducated tomato farmers in the Caribbean. His father planned to use a shoe box as a makeshift coffin. Poitier's rise from that humble origin to become an Oscar-winning box office draw and civil rights figure who remade Hollywood seems almost scripted, almost too good to be true, but such was Poitier, a life well lived.

The new documentary "Sidney" respectfully traces that life, delivering a portrait of a striver hoping to improve everything he did every day. "I truly, truly try to be better tomorrow than I was today," he says to the camera.

Written by Jesse James Miller and directed by Reginald Hudlin, "Sidney" is executive produced by Oprah Winfrey who lent several hours of her own interviews with Poitier and members of his family. It glows with respect for a man who earned it.

Poitier became the first Black actor to win an Academy Award for best lead performance and the first to be a top box-office draw. He died earlier this year at 94.

For much of the film, a grey-haired Poitier addresses the camera in a grey suit jacket with a pocket square and an white open-necked

button-down shirt flawlessly elegant, as always. Sometimes old interviews are added from a younger

reader he admired. The filmmakers have a charismatic change-maker as their focus, but credit

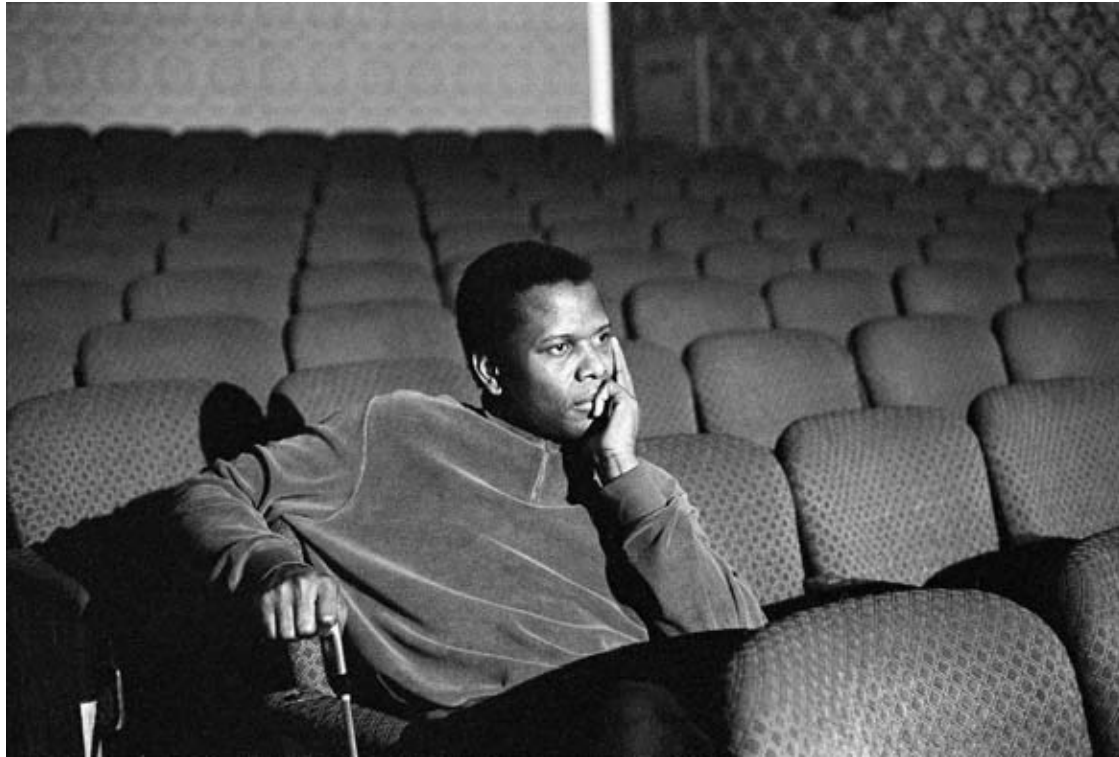
ing in "The Defiant Ones," chained and helping a white Tony Curtis, or for loving a white woman in

tive, showing a star-pulling flex but with little connection to the man. Barbra Streisand adds little "He was like, Wow!" Movie stars should be, "Wow!" and we learn that Halle Berry wanted to marry him.

Even Oprah seems a little suspect interviewing herself but she makes it count when she recalls meeting Poitier for the first time at her 42nd birthday, a time in her life when she was being criticized by the Black community for not doing enough, just as Poitier had been. For those unfamiliar with some of Poitier's more famous moments, news of a pivotal slap will come as a surprise. Fifty-five years before Will Smith smacked Chris Rock at the Oscars, Poitier's Detective Virgil Tibbs slapped an actor playing a white plantation owner onscreen in the film "In the Heat of the Night."

It was electrifying, coming in 1967 as the civil rights movement was reaching its heights. Listening to how it profoundly affected future Black stars is powerful.

Another rich vein is revealed in the relationship between Poitier and Bellafonte, which one of the former's child likens to having the dynamic of an old married couple. They bonded, they fought, they reconciled, they once even outran the KKK. There seems almost to be another film here about these two charismatic men. □



This image released by Apple shows actor Sidney Poitier from the documentary "Sidney." Associated Press

Poitier, making it seem as if he is in conversation with himself.

Highlights include the devastating confrontation with racism as a teen in Miami, the fun story of his first encounter with a subway and how a classified ad looking for actors changed his life. "I can be many things here," he thought. Tossed out of the American Negro Theater for being lousy, he took acting classes and lost his Caribbean accent by buying a radio for \$14 and learning to mimic a news-

to them for also exploring when he missed his high ethical standards, as when he had a long affair with Dihann Carroll, triggering a divorce that split the family. Poitier's moral compass was stronger than most. Early in his career, he turned down an exploitative part, an unheard of decision at the time. And then after he had made his way to the top and opened the door for other unrepresented actors, he was criticized. Some called him out for being too accommodat-

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" The pioneer became passe as Black militancy grew strength. So Poitier pivoted to directing and producing, still helping others up the ladder.

The film benefits from the candid memories of Poitier's children and ex-wife, as well as friends like Morgan Freeman, Harry Bellafonte, Quincy Jones, Andrew Young, Spike Lee, Denzel Washington, Louis Gosset Jr. and Robert Redford. Other voices are less effec-

Next Miss Universe pageant to be broadcast from New Orleans



Miss Universe 2020 Andrea Meza, right, crowns India's Harnaaz Sandhu as Miss Universe 2021 during the 70th Miss Universe pageant, Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, in Eilat, Israel.

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans will be the site of the 71st Miss Universe contest, bringing together nearly 90 women contestants from around the world in January, the Miss Universe Organization said. "The City of New Orleans and the Miss Universe Organization share common values of celebrating inclusion, culture and the empowerment of women," New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell said Monday.

She noted in a news release that former contestants and winners have gone on to become surgeons, diplomats, politicians and business leaders, adding "they all champion social causes that are important to them." The competition will be aired on Jan. 14, 2023 a Saturday at the city's convention center, according to the statement. The live broadcast will culminate with the 70th Miss Universe Bollywood actress Harnaaz

Sandhu of India crowning the winner.

"There is no place like New Orleans. This vibrant city has been at the top of our list to host for quite some time due to its rich cultural history, as well as its unique arts, entertainment, and culinary scene," said Paula Shugart, president of The Miss Universe Organization. Last year's pageant in Eilat, Israel, was held in the middle of the night to accommodate the U.S. primetime TV schedule. □

Federer's farewell to be in doubles; comeback? 'No, no, no'

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — Roger Federer leaned back on a couch, the picture of relaxation in a navy blue pullover, black jogger pants and white sneakers. He had just showered and changed after a practice session Wednesday at the arena that will be used for the final match of his career, grinning as he talked about getting into the flow with a racket in hand.

"It was funny, hitting on the court — nice lighting, nice everything — how your level starts going up, you know?" he said in an interview with The Associated Press, following a farewell news conference. "Whereas if you play at home, in like just a normal tennis hall, things are fast, the lights aren't great, advertising is all around you, you can never find this kind of rhythm."

So is it time to cancel his retirement?

"No," he said with a laugh. "No. No. No."

Federer is known for his elegant style of play, for his longevity, for his 20 Grand Slam titles — and for occasional tears in his most emotional post-match moments, whether after victory or defeat.

There was none of that sort of sadness Wednesday, just some chuckles at his own jokes, as Federer discussed his retirement from professional tennis at age 41 after a series of knee operations. He will close his playing days with a doubles match at the Laver Cup on Friday — perhaps alongside longtime rival Rafael Nadal.

Federer said he is at peace with the decision to walk away, which comes a few weeks after Serena Williams played what is expected to be her last match at the U.S. Open, and he wants this farewell to be a celebration.

"I really don't want it to be a funeral," Federer said. "I want it to be really happy and powerful and party mode."

Wearing a blue blazer with the sleeves rolled up to his elbows and a white polo

shirt, Federer took questions from various media outlets during the news conference ahead of the team

scan back, which wasn't what I wanted it to be," Federer explained.

"At some point, you sit

referred to retirement as a "bittersweet decision."

He was asked Wednesday at the news conference

will be missed — everything he brought to tennis on the court and off."

Those sentiments were echoed by other Laver Cup players, such as 2021 French Open runner-up Stefanos Tsitsipas ("My biggest memory of him is watching him lift trophies at almost every Grand Slam he played when I was a kid") or U.S. Open semifinalist Frances Tiafoe ("I don't think we'll see another guy like Roger — the way he played, and the grace he did it with, and who he is as an individual").

As for Federer's doubles partner for the last hurrah? Federer would not say definitively — he said that's up to Borg — but the not-so-hidden secret is that it is expected to be Nadal, who holds the men's record of 22 major championships.

While other contemporaries of Federer and stars of the sport are on Team Europe, such as 21-time Slam champ Novak Djokovic and three-time major winner Andy Murray, the Federer vs. Nadal matchup will go down in history as among the greatest rivalries in tennis or any other sport.

They played each other 40 times in all (Nadal won 26), with 14 Grand Slam matchups (Nadal won 10). Nadal came out on top in their classic 2008 Wimbledon final, considered by some the greatest match in history; Federer won their last showdown, in the 2019 semifinals at the All England Club.

"It could be quite, I don't know, a unique situation, if it were to happen," Federer said about the doubles pairing.

As for his future?

The father of two sets of twins — girls who are 13; boys who are 8 — wouldn't say exactly what he has planned, other than a vacation, but he did say he would remain connected to tennis in some capacity. Recalling the way Borg stayed away from the sport for years after retiring, Federer sought to reassure his own fans by saying: "I won't be a ghost." □



Switzerland's Roger Federer waves during a media conference ahead of the Laver Cup tennis tournament at the O2 in London, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022.

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competition founded by his management company.

"I'm nervous going in, because I haven't played in so long," he said. "I hope I can be somewhat competitive."

Federer, who announced last week via social media that he would be retiring after the Laver Cup, said it took him a bit to get used to the idea of stepping away from competition.

But it was something he understood he needed to do after running into setbacks in July during his rehabilitation from what was his third surgery on his right knee in about 1 1/2 years.

"You try to go to the next level in training, and I could feel it was getting difficult. ... Then, I guess, I was also getting more tired, because you have to put more effort into it to be able to sort of believe that it was going to turn around. You start getting too pessimistic. Then I also got a

down and go, 'OK, we are at an intersection here, at a crossroad, and you have to take a turn. Which way is it?' I was not willing to go into the direction of: 'Let's risk it all.' I'm not ready for that. I always said that was never my goal."

And the hardest part came when he knew he needed to stop.

"You're sad," Federer said, "in the very moment when you realize, 'OK, this is the end.'"

The last procedure on his knee came shortly after a quarterfinal loss to Hubert Hurkacz at Wimbledon in July 2021, which will go into the books as the last singles match of a superlative career that began in the 1990s and included 103 tournament titles, a Davis Cup championship for Switzerland, Olympic medals and hundreds of weeks at No. 1 in the ATP rankings.

In his online farewell message last week, Federer

what aspect was most bitter and what was most sweet.

"The bitterness: You always want to play forever," he said. "I love being out on court. I love playing against the guys. I love traveling. ... It was all perfect. I love my career from every angle." And then he added: "The sweet part was that I know everybody has to do it at one point; everybody has to leave the game. It's been a great, great journey. For that, I'm really grateful."

He will play doubles for Team Europe against Team World on Day 1 of the event, and then give way to 2021 Wimbledon runner-up Matteo Berrettini for singles over the weekend. That plan was run by the ATP and both team captains, John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg, Federer said.

"I grew up watching him, rooting for him, trying to learn from him," Berrettini said. "His charisma, his class

Meneses' 8th-inning HR snaps Braves' 5-game winning streak

By GEORGE HENRY
AP Sports Writer
ATLANTA (AP) — Joey Meneses hit a go-ahead, two-run homer off Jesse Chavez in the seventh inning, and the Washington Nationals stopped the Atlanta Braves' five-game winning streak with a 3-2 victory on Wednesday.

Ronald Acuña Jr. drove in an early run and scored another for playoff-bound Atlanta, which clinched its fifth straight postseason appearance a night earlier. Atlanta began the day one game behind the NL East-leading New York Mets, who played at Milwaukee. Atlanta had won 10 straight home games, outscoring opponents 47-16.

The Braves are 52-26 at Truist Park, with only one



Washington Nationals' Josh Palacios (68) slides safely home in the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, in Atlanta.

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remaining three-game series against the Mets from Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Atlanta is a big league-best 71-29 since May 31. Meneses put Washington up 3-2 with his 10th homer, a 420-foot drive to left for the 30-year-old rookie. He leads last-

place Washington with 57 hits, 10 homers and 25 RBIs since his major league debut on Aug. 2.

Andrés Machado (2-0) pitched a scoreless sixth, Carl Edwards Jr. escaped a jam with a runners on first and third in the eighth when Eddie Rosario lined out and Kyle Finnegan pitched a perfect ninth for his 11th save in 15 chances. A baserunning mistake cost the Braves in the eighth. Michael Harris II hit a one-out single to right with Austin Riley on second and William Contreras on first. Third base coach Ron Washington held up Riley, who had rounded third, but Contreras was nearly at third and was thrown out returning to second by catcher Tres Barrera, who had received the throw from right fielder Lane Thomas. Chavez (4-2) gave up one run and one in two-thirds of an inning.

Atlanta took advantage of Paolo Espino's erratic throws to first base to make it 1-0 in the first. Acuña led off with a single, advanced to second on a throwing error by Espino on a pickoff attempt and scored when Contreras reached on an infield single and Espino threw wildly to first again.

The Braves led 2-0 in the second when Robbie Grossman singled, advanced on a groundout and scored on Acuña's single into right-center.

Atlanta had won 11 of 12 against the Nationals and began the day 26-8 in the series since the start of last year. Bryce Elder gave up one run with two walks and six strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings for the Braves, throwing 93 pitches, 58 for strikes. He has allowed two runs in his last three starts and has posted a 0.96 ERA over 18 2/3 innings.

Elder stranded a runner in scoring position in the third. He hit Josh Palacios with a pitch in the fifth, and Palacios advanced to third on Barrera's single before Thomas' sacrifice fly trimmed the lead to 2-1. The bases were loaded for Luke Voit with two outs before Elder coaxed a grounder. □

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