

A concert and 30 new homes mark Jimmy Carter's 100th birthday and long legacy of giving

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A benefit concert and the construction of 30 new homes are among the many events marking President Jimmy Carter's 100th birthday on Oct. 1. Considering the former president's long legacy as a philanthropist, it's no surprise that he wants any gift-giving to go to other people. The star-studded concert at Atlanta's Fox Theatre earlier in September has raised \$1.2 million so far to support the international programs of The Carter Center, which Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter founded in 1982 with the mission to "wage peace, fight disease, and build hope." The concert airs on Georgia Public Broadcasting on Oct. 1. Meanwhile, thousands of Habitat for Humanity volunteers gathered Monday to build 30 homes in St. Paul, Minnesota, over five days, led by country music giants Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood, who worked alongside the Carters for years, beginning with projects in Hurricane Katrina's disaster area. The Carters' relationship with Habitat for Humanity stretches back 40 years, to when the couple went to New York City on a build in 1984.

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In this Aug. 27, 2018 file photo, former President Jimmy Carter works with other volunteers on site during the first day of the weeklong Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, their 35th work project with Habitat for Humanity, in Mishawaka, Ind. Carter turns 95 on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019.

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"The image of a president of the United States sleeping in a church basement and physically helping rehab a tenement building captured the world," said Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International. The Carters went on to build homes annually for 35 years. Carter repeatedly said that working with the organization was a way he put his Christian faith into action, Reckford recalled. Cleora Taylor, a medical assistant, met the Carters in August 2018 when they helped build 41 new homes in South Bend and Mishawaka, Indiana. Years later, Taylor recalled how the former president greeted her by name and knew about her children, including her daughter, who was 11 at the time and has autism.

"It means so much to me that he knew me," said Taylor, speaking from her living room in the home The Carters helped her build, on a street named Carter Court. "He's just such a good, welcoming, humble guy. I'm just glad to be a part of a legacy that he's leaving behind."

Presidential historian Cassandra Newby-Alexander, professor of Virginia Black history and culture at Norfolk State University, said the strength of Carter's legacy is in his morality. Unlike many who claim to care about the disadvantaged, Carter has shown that they — and not power or money — are his main concern, Newby-Alexander said.

"I think he has probably done more personally in his post-presidency than anyone else because he's not out there looking for attention," she said. "He's looking to change things. He's not out there trying to make money for himself. He's out there trying to live the life of a Christian — a true Christian, one who cares about the poor and the homeless and the children."

While leadership in philanthropy is often gauged



Former President Jimmy Carter and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter answer questions during a news conference at a Habitat for Humanity project Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, in Nashville, Tenn.

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by the size of donations or the heft of assets under management, Carter's giving came in the form of his seemingly ceaseless personal effort.

From building homes to monitoring elections and pursuing the elimination of a painful but neglected disease, Carter used his stature and presence to rally resources and attention to his causes.

"In so many ways, he set the standard for how presidents should be in their post-presidency, as someone who is going to continue to do good, someone who's going to continue to positively impact society," Newby-Alexander said.

Carter's legacy of giving back also includes working to eradicate Guinea worm, a commitment The Carter Center has made since 1986.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had identified the disease as a candidate for eradication after smallpox. Cart-

er took up the mantle, vowing to outlive the last such parasite.

"To the demise of the worm" is the catchphrase, according to Dr. Jordan Tappero, deputy director for neglected tropical diseases at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which has given \$263 million to The Carter Center since 2000, mostly to support its work on Guinea worm.

The number of cases has fallen from 3.5 million when the center started to only 13 known cases in humans in 2022, and now focuses on closing the "last mile" of infections in several African countries. Even after Carter entered hospice in February 2023, Tappero said, Carter was still contacting his team.

"He still wants updates and wants to know what's going on because his mind will never stop until the last heartbeat," Tappero said, speaking in March 2023.

Carter engaged directly with health ministries and

heads of state to muster their commitment to public health interventions, said Steven M. Hilton of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. Since 1991, the foundation said it has committed nearly \$50 million to The Carter Center for eradicating Guinea worm and to support its work treating and controlling trachoma, a disease that can cause irreversible blindness.

Hilton considers Carter to be "a remarkable man with a deeply compassionate heart."

"I feel fortunate to have witnessed firsthand the strength of his character, including his dedication to seeing enormous humanitarian challenges through to the end," Hilton said in a statement.

Tappero draws inspiration from the Carters' humility, energy and dedication. "If we all had one-fifth of his energy, commitment and passion," he said, "the world would be a much better place."

Taylor, who lives near South Bend, Indiana, said she saw that commitment firsthand as Carter, 93 at the time, helped her put up a kitchen wall in her four-bedroom home.

"It was just so amazing that he still was out here, outside at that age, working with us," she said. "It made us want to work harder."

She still gets emotional thinking about that week, an incredible opportunity for her and her four kids.

"Not only did I get to meet Jimmy Carter and his wife and his children and hundreds of volunteers, other celebrities, I get to own a piece of the world. I get to own a piece of land," she said.

"I never thought that I would be able to do something like that, being a single mother. And for them to have to put so much into it, the volunteers and for Jimmy Carter to actually be here? It was amazing for people to care like he cares." □

Biden administration doubles down on tough asylum restrictions at border

By REBECCA SANTANA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration said Monday it is making asylum restrictions at the southern border even tougher, as it's increasingly eager to show voters uneasy over immigration that it is taking a hard stance on border security.

The new rules, which toughen restrictions announced in June, bar migrants from being granted asylum when U.S. officials deem that the southern border is overwhelmed.

Under the previous rules, the U.S. could restrict asylum access when the number of migrants trying to enter the country between the official border crossings hit 2,500 per day. The daily numbers had to average below 1,500 per day for a week in order for the restrictions to be lifted.

The version rolled out Monday says the daily numbers will have to be below 1,500 for nearly a month before the restrictions can be lifted. And the administration is now counting all children toward that number, whereas previously only migrant children from Mexico were counted.

These changes, which go



Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris talks with John Modlin, the chief patrol agent for the Tucson Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol, right, and Blaine Bennett, the U.S. Border Patrol Douglas Station border patrol agent in charge, as she visits the U.S. border with Mexico in Douglas, Ariz., Friday, Sept. 27, 2024.

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into effect on Tuesday, will make it much more difficult to lift the restrictions and allow people entering the country between the official border crossings eventually to apply for asylum in the U.S.

But the restrictions implemented in June have never been lifted because the numbers of border encounters have never gotten low enough for long enough,

raising the question of why the administration felt the need to make them even tougher now. The seven-day average has gotten down to about 1,800 migrant encounters per day, the Department of Homeland Security said.

A senior administration official said Monday that the longer timeline was necessary to make sure that drops in immigration are

sustained and not due to a one-time event. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to brief reporters about the tighter restrictions before they were made public.

Immigration advocates already had harshly criticized the restrictions announced in June, saying the administration was slashing away at vital protections for people fleeing persecution.

The administration has touted its asylum restrictions, saying they have led to serious drops in the number of migrants coming to the southern border. The Department of Homeland Security said Monday that since the changes were announced in June, the daily number of people encountered by Border Patrol between the legal border crossings has fallen over 50%.

In a statement announcing the new rules, DHS called on Congress to do more to solve immigration problems.

Border security and immigration are a key weakness for the Biden administration and Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee.

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and others from his party have hammered away at the high numbers of migrants who've come to the southern border under the Biden administration, saying the White House and Harris haven't done enough to restrict migration and secure the border. Harris visited a border region of Arizona on Friday, her first visit as the Democratic nominee. □

The U.S. is sending a few thousand more troops to the Middle East to boost security

By TARA COPP and LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. is sending a "few thousand" troops to the Middle East to bolster security and to defend Israel if necessary, the Pentagon said Monday. The announcement follows word that Israel has already launched limited raids across the border into Lebanon.

The additional forces would raise the total number of troops in the region to as many as 43,000.

The increased presence will involve multiple fighter jet and attack aircraft squadrons, Pentagon spokeswoman Sabrina Singh told reporters. U.S. officials said the total includes small numbers of other troops to augment the presence as well. It follows recent strikes in Lebanon and the assassination of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, a significant escalation in the war in the Middle East, this time between

Israel and Hezbollah.

The additional personnel includes squadrons of F-15E, F-16, and F-22 fighter jets and A-10 attack aircraft, and the personnel needed to support them.

The jets were supposed to rotate in and replace the squadrons already there. Instead, both the existing and new squadrons will remain in place to double the airpower on hand.

On Sunday, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin announced that he was temporarily extending the USS Abraham Lincoln carrier strike group and its embarked air wing in the region. A U.S. official said the extension will be for about a month. A second carrier, the USS Harry S. Truman, departed Virginia last week and is enroute to Europe. It will head to the Mediterranean Sea and will again provide a two-carrier presence in the broader region. It's not expected to arrive for at least another week. □



Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin speaks in Greenwich, London, Sept. 26, 2024.

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Montana man to be sentenced for cloning giant sheep to breed large sheep for captive trophy hunts

By **AMY BETH HANSON**
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — An 81-year-old Montana man faces sentencing in federal court Monday in Great Falls for illegally using tissue and testicles from large sheep hunted in Central Asia and the U.S. to illegally create hybrid sheep for captive trophy hunting in Texas and Minnesota.

Prosecutors are not seeking prison time for Arthur "Jack" Schubarth of Vaughn, Montana, according to court records. He is asking for a one-year probationary sentence for violating the federal wildlife trafficking laws. The maximum punishment for the two Lacey Act violations is five years in prison. The fine can be up to \$250,000 or twice the defendant's financial gain.

In his request for the probationary sentence, Schubarth's attorney said cloning the giant Marco Polo sheep hunted in Kyrgyzstan has ruined his client's "life, reputation and family." However, the sentencing memorandum also congratulates Schubarth for successfully cloning the endangered sheep, which he named Montana Mountain King. The animal has been confiscated by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. "Jack did something no one else could, or has ever



This undated handout photo provided by the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, shows a sheep nicknamed Montana Mountain King that was part of unlawful scheme to create large, hybrid species of wild sheep for sale to hunting preserves in Texas.

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done," the memo said. "On a ranch, in a barn in Montana, he created Montana Mountain King.

MMK is an extraordinary animal, born of science, and from a man who, if he could re-write history, would have left the challenge of cloning a Marco Polo only to the imagination of Michael Crichton," who is the author of the science fiction novel Jurassic Park.

Schubarth owns Sun River Enterprises LLC, a 215-acre (87-hectare) alternative

livestock ranch, which buys, sells and breeds "alternative livestock" such as mountain sheep, mountain goats and ungulates, primarily for private hunting preserves, where people shoot captive trophy game animals for a fee, prosecutors said.

He had been in the game farm business since 1987, Schubarth said.

Schubarth pleaded guilty in March to charges that he and five other people conspired to use tissue from a Marco Polo sheep ille-

gally brought into the U.S. to clone that animal and then use the clone and its descendants to create a larger, hybrid species of sheep that would be more valuable for captive hunting operations.

Marco Polo sheep are the largest in the world, can weigh 300 pounds (136 kilograms) and have curled horns up to 5 feet (1.5 meters) long, court records said.

Schubarth sold semen from MMK along with hybrid sheep to three people in

Texas, while a Minnesota resident brought 74 sheep to Schubarth's ranch for them to be inseminated at various times during the conspiracy, court records said. Schubarth sold one direct offspring from MMK for \$10,000 and other sheep with lesser MMK genetics for smaller amounts.

In October 2019, court records said, Schubarth paid a hunting guide \$400 for the testicles of a trophy-sized Rocky Mountain big-horn sheep that had been harvested in Montana and then extracted and sold the semen, court records said.

Sheep breeds that are not allowed in Montana were brought into the state as part of the conspiracy, including 43 sheep from Texas, prosecutors said.

The five co-conspirators were not named in court records, but Schubarth's plea agreement requires him to cooperate fully with prosecutors and testify if called to do so. The case is still being investigated, Montana wildlife officials said.

Schubarth, in a letter attached to the sentencing memo, said he becomes extremely passionate about any project he takes on, including his "sheep project," and is ashamed of his actions. □

Ancestral land returned to Onondaga Nation in upstate New York

ONONDAGA NATION TERRITORY (AP) — The Onondaga Nation has regained 1,000 acres (405 hectares) of its ancestral land in upstate New York, a tiny portion of the land members say was unjustly taken by the state beginning in the 18th century.

The heavily forested land is south of Syracuse and near the Onondaga's federally recognized territory. The land, which includes headwaters of Onondaga Creek, was transferred by Honeywell International on Friday under a federal Superfund settlement related to the contamination of the

environment, according to the Onondaga Nation.

The land is part of an expanse of 2.5 million acres

(1 million hectares) in central New York the Onondagas say was taken over decades by New York beginning in 1788 through deceitful maneuvers that violated treaties and federal law.

Sid Hill, the Tadodaho, or chief, of the Onondaga Nation, said Monday they were grateful to federal and state officials for working with them to return "the first 1,000 acres of the 2.5 million acres of treaty-guaranteed land taken from us over the centuries."

"This is a small but important step for us, and for the Indigenous land back

movement across the United States," Hill said in a prepared statement.

Rebuffed in U.S. courts, the Onondagas are now pursuing their claim before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, which is part of the Organization of American States.

The nation's case involves a roughly 40-mile-wide (65-kilometer-wide) strip of land running down the center of upstate New York from Canada to Pennsylvania. The Onondagas hope the case spurs negotiations that could lead to the return of some land. □



A sign informs drivers of the Onondaga Nation Territory's boundaries, Aug. 3, 2023, in central New York.

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Top Hamas commander killed in Lebanon was UNRWA employee placed on administrative leave

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — The UN agency for Palestinian refugees said a top Hamas commander killed in Lebanon Monday was one of its employees but had been suspended since allegations of his ties to the militant group emerged in March.

Fatah Sharif's connection to Hamas appeared set to ratchet up pressure on UNRWA, already facing a \$80 million funding shortfall this year. Critics have repeatedly blasted the agency, saying it wasn't doing enough to root out Hamas militants from its ranks.

The U.N.'s internal watchdog has been investigating UNRWA since Israel in January accused 12 of its staffers of being involved in the Oct. 7 attack on Israel, in which armed militants killed 1,200 people and abducted some 250 others. The allegations led more than a dozen donor countries to suspend their funding, causing an initial cash crunch of about \$450 million dollars. Since then, all donor countries except for the United States have decided to resume funding the agency.

Hamas said Sharif was



Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), speaks during a press conference at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Monday, Sept. 30, 2024.

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killed with his wife, son and daughter in an airstrike on Al-Buss refugee camp, one of 12 dedicated to Palestinian refugees in the country, in the southern port city of Tyre. The Israeli military confirmed it had targeted him. Sharif was not open about his affiliation with the group and its armed wing.

Israel has previously alleged the UNRWA has been infiltrated by the Palestinian militant group.

Israel's diplomatic mis-

sion in Geneva posted on X saying that Hamas announced Sharif's death, "And guess what was the second job of Mr Sharif? He was a principal, head of @UNRWA teachers association in Lebanon."

The mission added: "This case proves that there is a deep problem in @UNRWA, the way they do due diligence about who they are hiring."

UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini

said he learned in March of allegations that Sharif had been a "member of the political party of Hamas" and decided to suspend him and launch an investigation "from day one." Lazzarini said he hadn't heard Sharif might be a Hamas "commander" until Monday.

"So he was suspended, had no function, was not paid and was under investigation," Lazzarini told reporters in Geneva. "We

are still an agency with due process. I mean, respecting due process and the principle of rule of law. So the investigation was ongoing." Lazzarini said he had received a letter from Israeli authorities listing the names of some 100 people allegedly linked to Hamas, and he took it "very seriously." But he said Israeli authorities never responded to UNRWA requests for more information so that it might launch investigations into those cases.

"A list is not proof of anything," he said.

A Hamas statement praised Sharif for his "educational and jihadist work" and called him "a successful teacher and an outstanding principal" for generations of Palestinian refugees.

The UNRWA teachers' union and other Palestinian groups had periodically staged protests in front of the U.N. agency's office in Beirut since Sharif's suspension, alleging it targeted him for his political stances. Earlier this month, the union staged a sit-in during a visit to Lebanon by Lazzarini, saying it awaited "positive and fair outcomes" in the case of his suspension. □

Italian police arrest 19 people in massive probe targeting mafia links to Milan soccer 'ultra' fans

ROME (AP) — Italian police arrested 19 people, accused of criminal ties with the powerful 'Ndrangheta mafia group, in a move that decimated the fan clubs backing Serie A teams Inter Milan and AC Milan.

Prosecutors said at a press conference on Monday that possible charges include criminal association, with the use of "mafia methods," extortion, assault and other serious offenses.

According to the wide investigation, the criminal ring was linked to 'Ndrangheta the Italian mafia organization that has emerged in recent years as one of the most powerful crime

syndicates in the world, rivaling the better-known Sicilian mob.

Prosecutors allege that the suspects have attempted to take control of all the lucrative business activities around Milan's Giuseppe Meazza stadium also known as San Siro including parking, food, tickets and souvenir sales. Investigators said that some of the suspects might also have been involved in drug trafficking.

Police searched the houses of over 50 people, including Giancarlo Lombardi, a once top AC Milan fan known as "The Baron," as well as that of Antonio Bellocco, a former local

'Ndrangheta boss who was killed a few weeks ago.

Among those arrested were Luca Lucci and Renato Bosetti, leaders of the AC Milan and Inter Milan "ultras" fan groups respectively. Lucci had been previously convicted for drug-related charges.

Christian Rosiello, described by local media as the bodyguard of popular Italian rapper Fedez, was also among the detained.

"This investigation shows the risks of infiltration creeping into professional and non-professional soccer by organized crime," said Italy's anti-mafia prosecutor Giovanni Melillo. "We need to stop pretending not to

see these risks."

Milan prosecutor Marcello Viola clarified that Milan's two soccer clubs are "of-

fended parties" in the investigation, having put in place rules to prevent wrongdoing. □



From left, National Anti-Mafia Prosecutor Giovanni Milillo, Milan's Prosecutor Marcello Viola and Milan's Police commissioner Bruno Maria Megale attend a news conference at the Milan's court, in Milan, Italy, Monday, Sept. 30, 2024.

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A Cambodian reporter who investigated online scam centers has been arrested

By **GRANT PECK** and
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Associated Press

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) —

Cambodian freelance reporter Mech Dara, noted for investigative reporting in a country with limited press freedom, was arrested Monday, a leading local human rights organization and a journalists association said.

Known especially for investigating online scam centers, Mech Dara's arrest followed posts he made about a rock quarry that local officials denounced Monday as an attempt to foment dissent.

Mech Dara managed to send an SMS message to the rights group Licadho saying he was being arrested by military police before his phone was seized, said Am Sam Ath, a Licadho spokesperson.

The Associated Press was not immediately able to confirm the arrest, news of which circulated Monday night after government offices were closed. However, CamboJA News, a project run by the independent Cambodian Journalists Alliance Association, published details of the incident, citing unnamed



Cambodian freelance journalist Mech Dara in Siem Reap, Cambodia on Feb. 21, 2021.

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members of Mech Dara's family.

CamboJA on its Facebook page also reported that military police spokesperson Eng Hy confirmed the arrest, saying it had been carried out with a warrant, but did not give the cause or say where Mech Dara had been taken.

A family member whom CamboJA did not name said Mech Dara's car was stopped at a toll booth at the entrance to the ex-

pressway to Phnom Penh when police arrived in a military vehicle and five other cars. The relative said the authorities cited an arrest warrant, but did not show the document.

The relative said Mech Dara's phone was seized and that his family members were asked to stay in their car and remain silent.

The police action may have been related to two images Mech Dara posted on his Facebook page of

a quarry operation and of the revered mountain Ba Phnom, which has a Buddhist pagoda, in the southeastern province of Prey Veng. His post may have implied that the sacred mountain wastatephotos@ap.org's being destroyed, which appears not to be the case.

On Monday, the Prey Veng provincial administration issued a statement rejecting his post, and accused him of "wanting to cause so-

cial disorder or confusion," which can be prosecuted as a criminal offense. The province also called on the Information Ministry to take legal action against him.

Mech Dara previously worked as a journalist for the Cambodia Daily and the Phnom Penh Post, two once-vibrant English-language newspapers forced to shut down under government pressure, and the Voice of Democracy radio and website, which was closed by the government last year. Mech Dara is best known for his reports in the past few years about human trafficking connected to online scam operations. The activity involves tricking people into signing up for what they believe are legitimate jobs in Cambodia, only to then keep them in virtual slavery in compounds often housing casinos as well, where they go online to target people around the world. In a scam known as "pig butchering," scam operators slowly build up a relationship of trust with their targets, often involving romance, before convincing them to hand over large amounts of money for fake investments. □

U.N. extends Kenya-led force to tackle gangs in Haiti, but sidelines call for U.N. peacekeepers

By **EDITH M. LEDERER**

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Monday to extend the mandate of

the Kenya-led multinational force helping to tackle gang violence in Haiti, after brushing off a call from Haiti to start talks on transforming it into a U.N. peacekeeping mission.

According to the final draft obtained by The Associated Press, China and Russia succeeded in eliminating the paragraph in the resolution that acknowledged the call by the president of Haiti's transitional presidential council at the U.N. General Assembly "to start a discussion" on moving to a U.N. peacekeeping force. Last Thursday's call by Edgar Leblanc Fils was the first public announcement of support by a govern-

ment official since the United States proposed a U.N. peacekeeping mission in early September as a way to secure more resources for the Kenya-led mission.

Nearly 400 Kenyan officers are now in Haiti, joined by nearly two dozen police officers and soldiers from Jamaica. The officers fall significantly short of the 2,500 pledged by various countries, including Chad, Benin, Bangladesh and Barbados for the mission. It is also seriously short of funding.

U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield told the Security Council that the 15-0 vote "sends a strong message to the people of Haiti: The world is standing

with you. And we are unwavering in our efforts to help restore security and stability and put the country on the path to peace and stability."

She said additional financial contributions are urgently needed for the multinational force and also called on council members to heed Haiti's call for a U.N.-funded peacekeeping operation.

China's deputy U.N. ambassador Geng Shuang countered that "The U.N. has sent multiple peacekeeping operations in Haiti, but the results have never been satisfactory, and the lessons learned have been extremely profound." □



Kenyan police officers, part of a UN-backed multinational force, stand next to armored vehicles on their base during a visit by Kenya's President William Ruto, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024.

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Adriaan Laclé

One of Aruba's richest men in the twentieth century

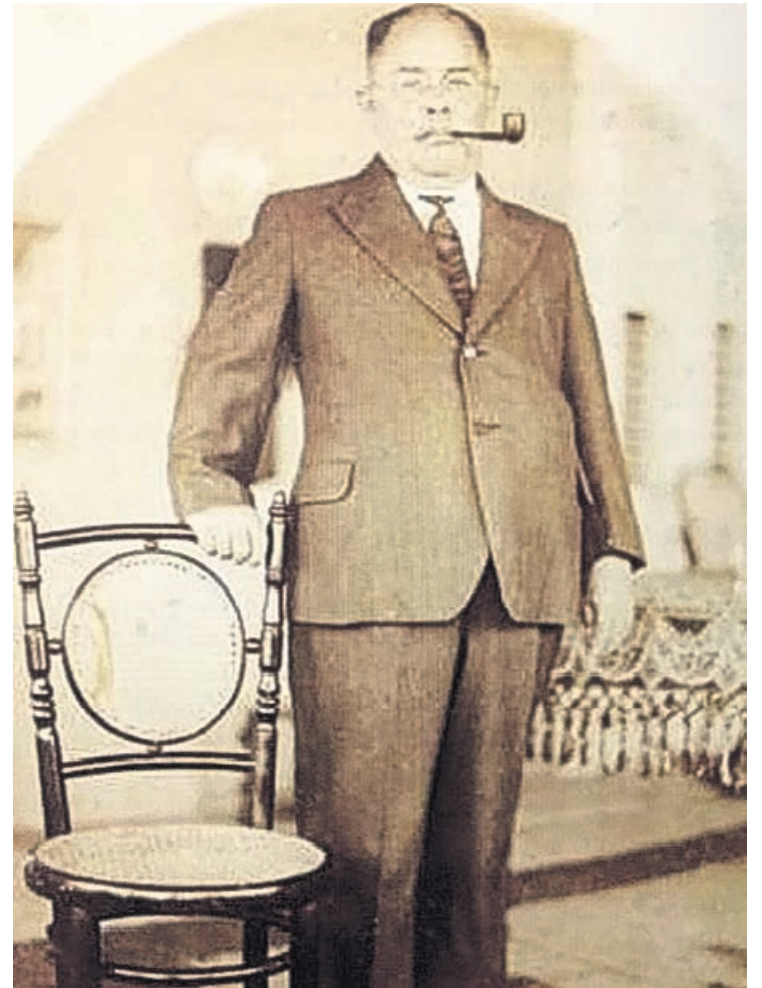


(Oranjestad)—The name Adriaan Laclé may ring a bell to locals as one of the bigger roads on the island, but about a century ago, Adriaan Laclé was a rich businessman, well-known for his generosity, wealth, and taste.

Adriaan was born in 1866 and was the eldest of six children. Not much is known about his childhood upbringing or

any of his earlier business or deals, but during his hey day he often helped people get loans, was a well-established trader, and owned several plots of land. In fact, he commissioned the construction of the famous La Quinta Carmen manor—now a restaurant. Though he himself never lived in the beautiful manor, his own house also reflected his success and good taste. Today his house still stands in

good condition and can be found in the back streets of main street Oranjestad. Regarding his personal life, it has been said that he was married twice during his lifetime. He had his first daughter during his first marriage but lost his wife soon after her birth. During his second marriage, he fathered 16 children. However, it has been said that only 11 of those 17 made it past 18 years of age. Perhaps two of his most well-known daughters are Maria Monica Laclé and Maria Veneranda Laclé, who went on to marry successful brothers Eloy Arends and Maximilian Arends, respectively. Their houses are still standing; Eloy and Maria Monica's mansion functions as a townhall, used to host civil marriages, while Maximilian and Maria Veneranda's house stands on the opposite side of the road to them—



though currently under renovation after years left in ruin. □

Source: De Kolibrie op de Rots (en meer over de geschiedenis van Aruba) by Evert Bongers.

Another Treasure of Aruba's Beaches: Sea Glass!

NOORD - It is hard to imagine this happening today, but years ago people dumped all kinds of refuse straight into the ocean, including old cars, and their household garbage, which of course included lots of glass. Over the next 30 years the pounding waves cleaned the beach, by breaking down everything but glass and pottery. The pounding waves washed the trash up and down, back and forth. Tons of polished, broken glass pieces were created by the pounding surf. These smoothened, colored glass particles then settled along the sea shore in millions, and that is why you can find these beautiful and colorful pieces on the north shore beaches of Aruba.

Especially on the strip on white sand between the famous Natural Bridge" and the huge red anchor close to "Grapefield" beach you will be able to find your own pieces



of sea glass. The sea glass that was created is the product of a very long and interesting process. It can take anywhere from 10 to 30 years to make sea glass. The name for any piece of glass that finds its way to the ocean and tumbles around in the water long enough is "Sea glass."

The colorful pieces of glass are being used for decoration, hand-crafts and jewelry!

Once glass makes its way into the ocean, the glass is broken up into shards and is tumbled around in the water, where sand and other rocks act like sandpaper to smooth out its rough edges. Sometimes as the sea glass is passed through fire, it becomes fire glass, the rarest of sea glass with certain inclusions, just like precious gems.

For years, the water beat against the different kinds of trash being dumped. Glass, household appliances and even motor parts were discarded on the beach.



The waves and weather conditions wore down the overwhelming amount of garbage in the water, creating millions of beautiful smooth rocks.

It's hard to believe the short-sighted mistakes we were making that could have potentially ruined these beautiful beaches. But thanks to natural processes, the ocean transformed the trash into the sea glass. Each colored gem on the beach has its own story.

The ruby red glass stones are typically from old car tail-lights.

Then, the sapphire rocks are the remnants of broken apothecary bottles. The most common and the easiest to find are the brown (Amstel & Polar beer), green (Heineken & Balashi beer) and clear glass which are the soft much loved "soft drink" bottles.

If you like to see the sea glass for yourself, and be in awe of the power of nature, rent a car or jeep and go explore our deserted beaches on the north side of the island. Make it a fun family day! Even if we didn't mean to pollute the Beaches how we did, it is inspiring to see just how the earth can correct our mistakes.

Funny, how trash can change into treasures!

Everybody knows that you are not allowed to take local shells home, but the people working at the airport have no problem you taking sea glass home. A few of those pieces make great souvenirs. You can place them in a wine glass or large bottle for decoration and every time you look at it a smile will light up your face thinking back of your unforgettable Aruba vacation! □



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The honorees were:

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Mr. William & Mrs. Lori Schroeder from Dumont New Jersey United States.

Mr. Jorgino Willems representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Tamarijn Aruba

All Inclusive Resort bestowed the certificate upon the honorees, presented them with gifts, and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, as their home away from home.

The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honorees were:

- Aruba's people.
- Aruba's beaches.
- Aruba's weather.
- Aruba is safe.
- "Tamarijn is like home"

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island".

Papiamento words and phrases you may want to know!

(Oranjestad)—Aruba is a melting pot of different nationalities, cultures and languages. Primarily for this reason, the average Aruban can understand and speak Dutch, English and Spanish relatively well. However, as much as we pride ourselves in being able to communicate with almost everyone, we cherish our native tongue Papiamento above all else. Want to learn some common words in our language? Here are a few basic words and phrases that can get you a hat tip from an Aruban.

When you arrive at the airport in Aruba, one of the first words in Papiamento you may encounter is "Bon bini." Bon bini in Papiamento means welcome, and is

probably the most famous Papiamento word for tourists.

Hi! Bye!

To be fair, there is no unique way to say "hello" in Papiamento. At least, not officially. We often just use the English "hello" or "hey", or Dutch "hallo" to greet someone. We do however, always follow it up with "con bay?" or "con ta?" Con bay is a shortened version of "con ta bay?", which essentially means "how are you?" The word "con" in Papiamento means "how?" and is pronounced with a rounder "o" sounds, like in the English word "cone". "Ta bay" refers to how you are doing. When we say goodbye, we use the word "ayo" (not like the Ayo Rock Formation, but

also...kinda?). We may also use "te oro", which means "see you later".

Greetings during the day

Most, if not all, languages have different ways to greet according to the time of day, and Papiamento is no different. Since Papiamento is heavily influenced from Portuguese and Spanish, some of these phrases may look very familiar.

1. Bon dia is used in the morning, up to about noon. Bon dia essentially means good morning. The word "bon" means "good", and while "dia" does not directly mean "morning" in English, it is used often to refer to the morning time.

2. Bon tardi. In the afternoon to early evening

hours, we use "bon tardi" to greet people, which means "good afternoon". "Tardi" actually comes from the word "atardi", which directly translates to "afternoon". However, the shortened "tardi" is used to keep the rhythm on the phrase. And the same could be said for our last greeting of the day. 3. Bon nochi. You guessed it, "bon nochi" means "good night". Just like "tardi", "nochi" is actually the shortened version of the word "anochi".

Yes...no...maybe?

The affirmative and negative expression is very simple in Papiamento. Just like Spanish, our yeses are "si" and our no's are "no". Pretty easy right? If you want to gain some extra points

from younger locals, you can also say "se", which is a more casual affirmative used mostly by the younger generation. However, do note: some older generations may find this improper and not respectful, so keep that in mind.

Thanks man...

Lastly, a word that we can also say more often is "danki", which means literally "thank you". "Danki" is derived from the Dutch word "bedankt". Though we don't really have a translation for "I appreciate it" in English, we do use "masha danki" to convey the message. "Masha" means "a lot" or "very", so "masha danki" means "thank you very much".

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- Aruba's restaurants.
- "Ease of getting around"
- "Night life choices"

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Aruba's neighborhoods; the meaning behind their names

Just like any other country, Aruba has unique and beautifully named neighborhoods that all form a part of its culture and development. Many of these names have a historical background and meaning that teaches us about the island and its rich culture every day.

With this series, we want to take you on a journey of discovery, where you'll learn not only the beautiful names but the history behind it that gives it life and meaning.

Ayo



Ajo, or Ayo, is a word with Arawak-Indian origin. A (or Ha) is an Indo-Antillean generalizing word. If you were to change a part of the word "Ayo", namely 'Yo', to 'Yu' and make 'Ayu', it would mean "white."

However, as we now know, the name of the neighborhood is 'Ayo'. The word 'Yo' stands for Yocahu, which is another word for 'creator' in Arawak/Taino and in the Papiamentu spoken today, 'Ayo' means 'bye'.



At Ayo, you can find some of the most well known rock formations. These formations became a well loved and visited attraction at Aruba that is held in high regards by both tourists and locals alike.

If you'd like to know more about the rock formations at Ayo, stay tuned for our article where we tell you all about its location and history.

This neighborhood's abbreviation is; A.

Alto Vista

This word combination can be roughly translated to a 'high point of view' and the neighborhood received this name from the Hill.

In the surrounding areas, Domingo Antonia Silvestre built his by his own means the very first chapel or church of Aruba. The walls of this church were made with rocks but the roof was made of dry corn stalks. The church was inaugurated by father Pablo Algemesi

If you'd like to know more about the Alto Vista Church's beautiful history, stay tuned for our article where we tell you all you need to know about it for when you visit it.

This neighborhood's abbreviation is; AV.

Did you know about...

Basic driving rules on Aruba (part 2)

(Oranjestad)—In Yesterday's issue, we've provided some basic rules when driving on the four-lane highways and roundabouts on the island. Today, we want to offer you more tips and tricks when it comes to driving on the roads and highways of Aruba.

Speed limit in certain areas

As mentioned in yesterday's issue, the legal minimum and maximum speed limit on the island is 50 and 80 km/h respectively. However, there are some areas where it is mandated to drive up to a certain speed. This is always indicated by a circular traffic sign with red border and the number 50 on it. Signs like these are always paired

by a similar sign with the number crossed out further down the road. This means that the mandate for this speed is now over; you may increase your velocity. Red borders on traffic sign—whether it's a circle or triangle—usually signal a warning, prohibition or preference.

Besides the "50" sign, you may also

encounter a traffic sign that says "bebouwde kom". These can be found in San Nicolas and Oranjestad. Bebouwde kom signs are rectangular and blue, and essentially tell you that you are in a heavily inhabited area. The maximum speed limit in a bebouwde kom is 50 km/h. Just like the previous pair, bebouwde kom signs are also paired with a similar sign crossed out.

Priority signs

On the main roads of Aruba (not the highways), you may see a yellow, squared sign with a white border. This sign tells you that on this road, you have priority and all other traffic should yield to you. This sign can be seen in Savaneta for example. So, if you are driving on the main road in Savaneta going to San Nicolas, you are driving on a single long road, and other cars that want to get on this main road or cross it, either from an intersection or from a dirt road, must all wait until traffic on the main road is clear. In other words, you do not have to stop for them. This sign too has a counter part that indicates that your priority is over.

Another priority sign you may encounter is a triangle sign with a red border and something that looks like a cross. You'll see this sign in an intersection. The general rule of thumb for crossing an intersection that do not contain traffic lights, roundabouts, sign or arrows on the road, is to always yield for traffic on your right. However, if you encounter this sign on your side of the intersection, you have priority over the other cars, even the one on your right.

However, be careful not to confuse this sign with a similar up-side down triangle, also found on intersections. This sign is a prohibition sign, telling you that you have to stop and give other cars priority. Of course you also have a "stop" sign that mean the same thing. The stop sign is generally used for tricky intersections with minimal view of opposite incoming traffic.

These are some of the basic rules that you would have to know if you decide to drive on the island. These are of course other traffic signs, and we recommend you visit aruba-travelguide.com for an extensive overview of all traffic signs used on Aruba. □

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bebouwde kom



end bebouwde kom



end priority



end speed limit



intersection priority



priority



speed limit



stop sign



triangle stop sign

Visit the island's popular cave sites!

(Oranjestad)—Among the endless sea of dark brown sand and cacti, there are two caves hidden in the outskirts of San Nicolas, in the north-eastern area of the island. These caves, The Quadiriki cave and The Fontein Cave are open to visitors of the Arikok National Park, so if you ever decide to take an “off-road” tour in the park, be sure to visit these prehistoric caves...and be sure to bring a flashlight!

Quadirikiri Cave

Known for its two chambers accompanied by a skylight, the Quadiriki Cave is the most popular cave among locals and tourists, as it is easy to walk through and provides great lighting for pictures.

As with all prehistoric or ancient sites, there is always a folk legend that adds to the lore and mystery of the site. The Quadirikiri cave is no different. The most well-known legend behind the cave could be considered as Aruba's first love story, as it tells the tale of the undying love between the chief's daughter and her beloved. As legend



would have it, the chief disapproved of his daughter's choice of lover, as he thought him unworthy. Stubborn and filled with anger, the daughter refused to turn away her beloved.

So, the chief decided to lock her up in the Quadirikiri Cave, in hopes that she would soon calm down and turn away her lover. Her beloved, in turn, was locked away in the Tunnel of Love (Now known as the Huliba Cave).

Through the pathways underneath the Tunnel of Love running up to the Quadiriki cave, the two love birds found each other, and refused to let each other go. Because of their

stubbornness, they both died in the Quadiriki Cave, their ascending spirits burning two holes in the ceiling of the cave. This is why the cave has two holes through which sunlight passes through to illuminate the chamber.

Though there have been discoveries of Amerindian drawing on the wall, these have mostly been ruined by vandalism. However, the Fontein Cave further up north, provides a better glimpse in prehistoric Amerindian paintings.

Fontein Cave

Longer than the Quadirikiri Cave, the Fontein Cave contains pathways that stretch to the limestone walls further down. Here is also where prehistoric drawings can be seen. Though this cave does not have its own legend, this was speculated to have been occupied—or at least used by prehistoric Arawak settlers on the island for rituals and other spiritual ceremonies.



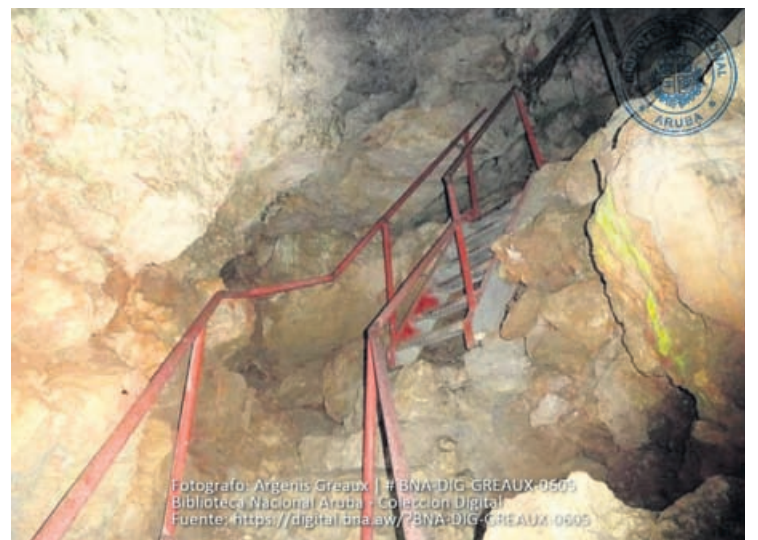
The Huliba Cave/ Tunnel of Love

The Huliba Cave, formerly known as the Tunnel of Love, was once open to the public, and was the biggest and most accessible of all three caves. This cave had five chambers, including one that is heart-shaped. This cave had narrow stairs that led to long pathways deep into the cave, with a staircase leading to the exit on the other side. In one of the chambers, there used to be the carving of the Virgin Mary, put there for the protection of the cave.

However, the Huliba Cave has been permanently

closed for a few years now, as a way to preserve the bat population that lives in the cave. These Long Tongue Fruit Bats and Insect Eater Bats are very important to the ecosystem of the island. Though this cave is no longer accessible to the public, it surely is interesting to learn more about the history of these caves and the Awarak tribes that resided or utilized them.

Do note that these caves are very dark, humid, hot, and are inhabited by bats. Do wear comfortable clothing and shoes, as the pathways in these caves may be rough and bumpy, and don't forget to bring a flashlight! □



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

3-7 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

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UAUUODB, GEX GVTZPB BGYZC

OTWD BGXZD: WTZCZDBB TZ

YZXGVDQ'B GQXAUODB;

LXAQYPD TZ XAQ XEZ. — YCYK

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE REGRET OF MY LIFE IS THAT I HAVE NOT SAID "I LOVE YOU" OFTEN ENOUGH. — YOKO ONO

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		CARNIVAL VISTA	13.00	23.00	I	1
		FREEWINDS	06.00	****	E	1
SUN	13	FREEWINDS - DEPT.	****	22.15	E	-

Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

Supermarket hours



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

Electrical power



Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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'I love you but I hate you.' What to do when you can't stand your long-term partner

By **ALBERT STUMM**
Associated Press

It's often said there is a thin line between love and hate, but is it OK to sometimes hate your long-term partner? If you ask actress Jamie Lee Curtis, it's practically necessary.

Asked about the secret to her 40-year marriage to actor Christopher Guest, she recently said the key includes patience, perseverance and "a really good dose of hatred."

"All of a sudden you literally want to hate each other. And then the next day, it's a pretty, sunny day, and the dog does something cute or your child does something cute, and you look at each other and you're like, 'Aw, gosh,'" Curtis told Entertainment Tonight after picking up an Emmy Award for her role in "The Bear."

"And you're on another track."

Relationship experts say it's normal for couples to experience moments of what feels like genuine hatred. The difference between couples who last and those who don't can lie in how they handle their emotions in those moments.



(Associated Press Illustration/
Annie Ng)

"Hating the person you love is the most common thing in the world," said Jane Greer, a marriage and family therapist and author of "Am I Lying to Myself? How to Overcome Denial and See the Truth." "We think we're supposed to love our partner all the time unconditionally, but that's not the way it works." Yes, you should 'sweat the small stuff' Stereotypical annoyances, like leaving the toilet seat up or cluttering the floor with shoes, accumulate when left unaddressed, said Terri Orbuch, a sociology professor at Oakland University and author of "Five Simple Steps to Take Your Marriage from Good to Great." □

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Satellite service DirecTV buys rival Dish as it fights the onslaught of streaming services

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AP Business Writer

DirecTV is buying Dish and Sling, a deal it has sought to complete for years, as the company seeks to better compete against streaming services that have become dominant.

DirecTV said Monday that it will acquire Dish TV and Sling TV from its owner EchoStar in a debt exchange transaction that includes a payment of \$1, plus the assumption of approximately \$9.8 billion in debt.

The prospect of a DirecTV-Dish combo has long been rumored, with headlines about reported talks popping up over the years. And the two almost merged more than two decades ago but the Federal Communications Commission blocked their owners' then-\$18.5 billion deal, citing antitrust concerns.

The pay-for-TV market has shifted significantly since. As more and more consumers tune into online streaming giants, demand for more traditional satellite continues to shrink. And, although high-profile acquisitions have proven to be particularly tough under the Biden-Harris administration, that may make regulators more inclined to approve DirecTV and Dish's



In this Feb. 23, 2011, file photo, Dish Network satellite dishes are shown at an apartment complex in Palo Alto, Calif.

pairing this time around. DirecTV said Monday that the transaction will help it bring smaller content packages to consumer at lower prices and essentially provide a one-stop shopping experience for entertainment programming. It's hoping this will appeal to those who have left satellite video services for streaming. The company said that combined, DirecTV and Dish have collectively lost 63% of their satel-

lite customers since 2016. "DirecTV operates in a highly competitive video distribution industry," DirecTV CEO Bill Morrow said in a statement. "With greater scale, we expect a combined DirecTV and Dish will be better able to work with programmers to realize our vision for the future of tv, which is to aggregate, curate, and distribute content tailored to customers' interests, and to be better positioned to realize oper-

ating efficiencies while creating value for customers through additional investment." The current deal could provide a key lifeline for EchoStar. The Colorado-based telecommunications company has reportedly faced the prospect of bankruptcy as it continues to burn through cash and see losses pile up. In a recent securities filing, EchoStar disclosed that it had just \$521 million in "cash

on hand." And the company forecast negative cash flows for the remainder of the year while also pointing to major looming debt payments, with more than \$1.98 billion of debt set to mature in November.

"With an improved financial profile, we will be better positioned to continue enhancing and deploying our nationwide 5G Open RAN wireless network," EchoStar President and CEO Hamid Akhavan said. "This will provide U.S. wireless consumers with more choices and help to drive innovation at a faster pace."

By shedding Dish, EchoStar will be able to focus its efforts elsewhere, like its wireless carrier Boost Mobile.

"We are playing to win in the wireless business, there's no doubt about it," Akhavan said during a conference call, adding that the company may need to seek additional funding and financing in the future to achieve its goals.

Shares of EchoStar fell more than 14% in Monday midday trading.

The DirecTV and Dish deal is targeted to close in 2025's fourth quarter.

But it is contingent on several factors, including regulatory approvals and bondholders writing off nearly \$1.6 billion in debt related to Dish. □

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Epic Games sues Google and Samsung over phone settings, accusing them of violating antitrust laws



The Google building is seen in New York, Feb. 26, 2024.

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By **SARAH PARVINI**
AP Technology Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Video game maker Epic Games sued Google and Samsung on Monday, accusing the tech companies of coordinating to block third-party competition in application distribution on Samsung devices.

At issue is Samsung's "Auto Blocker" feature, which only allows for apps from authorized sources, such as the Samsung Galaxy Store or Google Play Store, to be installed. The feature is turned on by default but can be changed in a phone's settings. The tool prevents the installation of applications from unauthorized sources and blocks "malicious activity," according to Samsung.

In a lawsuit filed in San Francisco federal court Epic's second against Google the company said Auto Blocker "is virtually guaranteed to entrench Google's dominance over Android app distribution." Epic, developer of the popular game "Fortnite," filed the suit to prevent Google from "negating the long overdue promise of competition in the Android App Distribution Market," according to the complaint.

"Allowing this coordinated illegal anti-competitive dealing to proceed hurts developers and consumers and undermines both the jury's verdict and regulatory and legislative progress around the world," Epic Games said in a post on its website. □

Americans get biggest road win and capture the Presidents Cup for the 10th straight time

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
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MONTREAL (AP) — U.S. captain Jim Furyk raised the gold trophy before a team that dressed in red shirts that filled the scoreboard early with red scores. The Presidents Cup is one trophy the Americans own, for two decades and counting. It didn't feel like another rout at Royal Montreal, not with 20 of the 30 matches nine of them Sunday not decided until at least the 17th hole.

The score suggested otherwise: United States 18 1/2, International 11 1/2.

It was the largest margin of victory on the road for the Americans in the Presidents Cup even if it was just north of the border and they won for the 10th straight time. Xander Schauffele, a double major this year, was tapped to lead the way and delivered four straight birdies to set the tone in a 4-and-3 victory over Jason Day. Patrick Cantlay was bogey-free with seven birdies, three on his last four holes for 3-and-1 win over Taylor Pendrith.

Perhaps fittingly the clinching point came from Keegan Bradley, who had gone 10 years without competing for the U.S. team and already has been appointed the Ryder



United States team captain Jim Furyk hoist the Presidents Cup as Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau looks on at Royal Montreal Golf Club on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024, in Montreal.

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Cup captain for next year. He thought he might never play in another cup, and he was mobbed when he won over Si Woo Kim on the 18th hole.

"We talked about taking care of business today, and we all went out there and did it. I was just lucky enough to be in that spot in the day, but really a meaningful moment in my life," Bradley said. "The last time I played in one of these I was the clinching point for the Europeans in the Ryder Cup. Fast forward 10 years

later, and I got to do that today.

"Really something I'll remember the rest of my life." For the Americans, it was old hat. Max Homa finished the scoring with his first point of the week, a 2-and-1 victory over Mackenzie Hughes. They won four of the five sessions, with the Internationals picking up most of their points in a 5-0 shutout Friday in the four-somes matches.

"These guys get along so well, but as you know, they can flat play," Furyk said.

"When it got tough, anytime the Internationals put some pressure on us, they played their (tails) off for us. I'm just so proud to be a part of it."

The Internationals needed everything to go right at Royal Montreal. All they could manage was a good fight, more tight matches, but still no cup.

Their only victory since these matches for players from everywhere but Europe came in 1998 at Royal Melbourne, so long ago that Tiger Woods was mak-

ing his Presidents Cup debut. The U.S. winning streak dates to 2005.

"A lot of these matches were so close," International captain Mike Weir said. "It's disappointing not to get a win. We put our team together to win this thing, and when you don't get a win, it's disappointing, but a lot of great things to take away." The Americans made a winner out of Furyk, the captain in France five years ago when Europe won the Ryder Cup. This is a new team a young team free of distraction, filled with confidence from having won every Presidents Cup since 2005.

"Really the matches come down to just some special moments," Furyk said. "For one reason or another, these guys usually play loose in the Presidents Cup, they let it fly, and we've been able to win some crucial points, make some crucial putts."

Furyk sent out Schauffele in the opening match, and the cool Californian made five birdies in eight holes to seize control early.

He holed a 45-foot birdie putt on the opening hole with Day in close birdie range, took his first lead with a 25-foot birdie putt on the par-3 fifth and never let his foot off the gas. □

Dodgers home run star Shohei Ohtani tops MLB jersey sales for 2nd straight season

NEW YORK (AP) — Shohei Ohtani topped Major League Baseball jersey sales for the second straight season while becoming the first player to reach 50 homers and 50 stolen bases in the same year.

The Los Angeles Dodgers star was followed by Philadelphia's Bryce Harper, the New York Yankees' Aaron Judge and the Dodgers' Mookie Betts, said Major League Baseball and the players' association subsidiary MLB Players Inc., on Monday. The top four was unchanged from the list announced at the All-Star break. Ohtani was seventh in 2022, when Betts topped the list.

Francisco Lindor of the New York Mets moved up two spots to fifth, dropping injured Atlanta outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. and the Yankees' Juan Soto one place each.

Houston's Jose Altuve moved up two spots to eighth, and San Diego's Fernando Tatis Jr. fell to ninth. Nolan Arenado of the St. Louis Cardinals moved up one to 10th.

Texas' Corey Seager dropped two spots to 11th and Toronto's Vladimir Guerrero moved up two to 12th. Philadelphia's Trea Turner remained 13th, Cincinnati's Elly De La Cruz moved up one to 14th and the Mets' Pete Alonso fell three to 15th.

San Diego's Manny Machado rose two to 16th, Cleveland's José Ramírez was new to the top 20 at 17th and the Dodgers' Freddie Freeman rose two to 18th.

Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw joined the list at 19th, after making his season debut on July 25 following shoulder surgery. Baltimore's Adley Rutschman fell four slots to 20th. Atlanta's Matt Olson and Toronto's Bo Bichette dropped from the list. □



Los Angeles Dodgers' Shohei Ohtani smiles after reaching first base on a single off Colorado Rockies relief pitcher Seth Halvorsen in the eighth inning of a baseball game Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024, in Denver.

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Vikings, Ravens, Buccaneers and Commanders were up for the challenge in a prove-it week

By **ROB MAADDI**
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Sam Darnold and the Minnesota Vikings were the biggest surprise in September. Trevor Lawrence and the Jacksonville Jaguars were the top disappointment.

NFL teams spend the first month of the season establishing their identity. Some figure it out faster than others.

Week 4 was filled with prove-it opportunities for many across the league. The Vikings, Ravens, Buccaneers and Commanders were among the teams up for the challenge. The Jaguars, Eagles, Jets and Browns were on the opposite end of that.

After leading the Vikings to consecutive wins at home against San Francisco and Houston, Darnold threw three touchdown passes to help Minnesota build an early 28-point lead in a 31-29 road victory over Green Bay.

The Vikings, a consensus pick to finish last in the NFC North, are off to a 4-0 start and Darnold is playing like an MVP candidate. Coach Kevin O'Connell's club is leading a tough a division but they've got a long way to go, especially after nearly blowing a big lead.

"Lot of things still to clean up," O'Connell said. "Starts with me. We'll make sure we keep refining this football team. ... What happened today means absolutely nothing moving forward, other than we've gotta go back to work and continue to improve as a football team because I absolutely love this team." The Ravens made a statement in a prime-time matchup, routing previously unbeaten Buffalo 35-10 to even their record. Balti-



Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson (8) scores a touchdown against the Buffalo Bills during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024, in Baltimore.

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more saved its season with a hard-fought win at Dallas last week and followed up with a convincing performance against Josh Allen and the Bills.

Lamar Jackson and Derrick Henry are unstoppable when they both get going and the Ravens clearly aren't finished. That 0-2 start is a memory now and they'll be in the mix in a competitive AFC North.

A week after no-showing in a 26-7 home loss to Denver, the Buccaneers showed out in a 33-16 victory against Philadelphia that wasn't as close as the final score.

Baker Mayfield picked apart the Eagles' secondary and Tampa Bay's defense dominated Jalen Hurts.

The Buccaneers are 3-1 with two wins over 2023 playoff teams.

"We came out (with) a

'hair on fire' mentality," Mayfield said. "Everybody was locked into what the plan was and that's why we executed that quickly, but that needs to be the case every week."

The Commanders, who lost their season opener in Tampa Bay, cruised to a 42-14 victory in Arizona to improve to 3-1. Rookie Jayden Daniels has been outstanding and Washington had no trouble playing on a short week six days after beating Cincinnati also on the road.

With Daniels leading a high-powered offense, the Commanders should compete for an NFC East title in a season that began with low expectations.

Jacksonville entered this year with championship aspirations but instead is off to an 0-4 start. The Jaguars blew a fourth-quarter lead and wasted several op-

portunities in a 24-20 loss at Houston.

Even though they're a couple plays away from being 2-2, the reality is they face an uphill climb. Lawrence, who got a \$275 million contract, has been inconsistent and criticism of coach Doug Pederson is intensifying.

"As coaches, we can't go out there and make the plays, right?" Pederson said. "It's a two-way street, so you guys can sit here and point the finger all you want, and that's fine. Point it right at me. I can take it, OK? I can take it."

The coach who replaced Pederson in Philadelphia also pointed the finger at himself after the Eagles (2-2) took a major step backward against the Buccaneers.

They haven't solved the problems that led to a late-season collapse and have

now lost eight of 11 games since opening 10-1 last year.

Coach Nick Sirianni stressed improving the team's fundamentals over the bye week. If not, his seat will only get hotter in a city where fans and media have been calling for his job since a playoff loss to the Buccaneers in January.

"We didn't coach well enough and we didn't play well enough - and that's always going to start with me," Sirianni said.

"If we go out there, lay an egg, and we're down 24-0, that's going to start on me. I didn't have the guys ready to start. But, our fundamentals weren't what we needed it to be. We'll make sure we're working hard on that - (the) bye week is coming at a good time."

Aaron Rodgers and the Jets are heading to London on a sour note after a lackluster effort in a 10-9 loss at home to Denver. Greg Zuerlein missed a potential winning 50-yard field goal in the final minute but it shouldn't have been that close.

Rodgers struggled on a rainy, sloppy field and the offense was out of synch. The road doesn't get easier for the Jets (2-2).

They face the Vikings next Sunday.

Deshaun Watson and the Browns fell short in a comeback bid at Las Vegas, losing 20-16 to fall to 1-3. A year after Joe Flacco led Cleveland to the playoffs, the Browns are back in a familiar spot at the bottom of the standings. Watson hasn't resembled the player he was in Houston and he's willing to accept the blame.

"We're not doing enough. It starts with me," Watson said. □