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# Arizona prosecutors ordered to send fake elector case back to grand jury

By JACQUES BILLEAUD

Associated Press

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Arizona prosecutors pressing the case against Republicans who are accused of trying to overturn the 2020 election results in President Donald Trump's favor were dealt a setback when a judge ordered the case be sent back to a grand jury. Arizona's fake elector case remains alive after Friday's ruling by Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Sam Myers, but it's being sent back to the grand jurors to determine whether there's probable cause that the defendants committed the crimes.

The decision, first reported by the Washington Post, centered on the Electoral Count Act, a law that governs the certification of a presidential contest and was part of the defendants' claims they were acting lawfully.

While the law was discussed when the case was presented to the grand jury and the panel asked a witness about the law's requirements, prosecutors didn't show the statute's language to the grand jury, Myers wrote. The judge



**Attorney John Eastman, the architect of a legal strategy aimed at keeping former President Donald Trump in power, talks to reporters after a hearing in Los Angeles, June 20, 2023.**

Associated Press

said a prosecutor has a duty to tell grand jurors all the applicable law and concluded the defendants were denied "a substantial procedural right as guaranteed by Arizona law."

Richie Taylor, a spokesperson for Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes, a Democrat whose office is pressing the case in court, said in a statement that prosecutors will appeal the

decision. "We vehemently disagree with the court," Taylor said.

Mel McDonald, a former county judge in metro Phoenix and former U.S. Attorney for Arizona, said courts send cases back to grand juries when prosecutors present misleading or incomplete evidence or didn't properly instruct panel members on the law. "They get granted at times.

It's not often," said McDonald, who isn't involved in the case.

In all, 18 Republicans were charged with forgery, fraud and conspiracy. The defendants consist of 11 Republicans who submitted a document falsely claiming Trump won Arizona, two former Trump aides and five lawyers connected to the former president, including Rudy Giuliani.

Two defendants have already resolved their cases, while the others have pleaded not guilty to the charges. Trump wasn't charged in Arizona, but the indictment refers to him as an unindicted coconspirator.

Most of the defendants in the case also are trying to get a court to dismiss their charges under an Arizona law that bars using baseless legal actions in a bid to silence critics.

They argued Mayes tried to use the charges to silence them for their constitutionally protected speech about the 2020 election and actions taken in response to the race's outcome. Prosecutors said the defendants didn't have evidence to back up their retaliation claim and that they crossed the line from protected speech to fraud. Eleven people who had been nominated to be Arizona's Republican electors met in Phoenix on Dec. 14, 2020, to sign a certificate saying they were "duly elected and qualified" electors and claimed Trump had carried the state in the 2020 election. □

# Trump, alongside the first lady, signs a bill to make posting 'revenge porn' a federal crime

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Donald Trump, alongside his wife, Melania, on

Monday signed the Take It Down Act, a measure the first lady helped usher through Congress to set stricter penalties for the dis-

tribution of non-consensual intimate imagery online, or "revenge porn."

In March, Melania Trump used her first public appearance since resuming the role of first lady to travel to Capitol Hill to lobby House members to pass the bill following its approval by the Senate.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt told reporters earlier Monday that the first lady was "instrumental in getting this important legislation passed."

The bill makes it a federal crime to "knowingly publish" or threaten to publish intimate images without a person's consent, including AI-created "deepfakes." Websites and social media companies will be

required to remove such material within 48 hours after a victim requests it. The platforms must also take steps to delete duplicate content. Many states have already banned the dissemination of sexually explicit deepfakes or revenge porn, but the Take It Down Act is a rare example of federal regulators imposing on internet companies.

The bill, sponsored by Sens. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., received overwhelming bipartisan support in Congress, passing the House in April by a 409-2 vote and clearing the Senate by unanimous consent.

But the measure isn't without critics. Free speech advocates and digital rights

groups say the bill is too broad and could lead to censorship of legitimate images, including legal pornography and LGBTQ content. Others say it could allow the government to monitor private communications and undermine due process.

The first lady appeared at a Capitol Hill roundtable with lawmakers and young women who had explicit images of them put online, saying it was "heartbreaking" to see what teenagers and especially girls go through after this happens to them. She also included a victim among her guests for the president's address to a joint session of Congress the day after that meeting. □



**President Donald Trump, with first lady Melania Trump and others, after signing the "Take It Down Act" during a ceremony in the Rose Garden at the White House, Monday, May 19, 2025.**

Associated Press



# After a political career shaped by cancer, Biden faces his own grim diagnosis

By **CHRIS MEGERIAN**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — In Joe Biden's family, there's a saying that the three worst words anyone can hear are "you have cancer."

One decade ago, his son Beau died from a brain tumor. Several years later, his wife Jill had two cancerous lesions removed in her own brush with the disease.

Now it is the former president's turn. Biden's office disclosed his prostate cancer diagnosis over the weekend, saying it has already spread to his bones. Although the cancer can possibly be controlled with treatment, it is no longer curable. The announcement is a bitter revelation that a disease that has brought so much tragedy to Biden's life could be what ends it.

"Cancer touches us all," Biden wrote on social media. "Like so many of you, Jill and I have learned that we are strongest in the broken places."

Even before the diagnosis, Biden's post-presidency was shadowed by questions about his health and whether he should have run for reelection. As questions about his fitness for office mounted, he abandoned the campaign and



**President Joe Biden speaks from the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Sept. 30, 2024.**  
**Associated Press**

Donald Trump retook the presidency by defeating Kamala Harris. As the 82-year-old Biden works to safeguard his damaged political legacy, he'll also be fighting a disease that shaped the final chapters of his decades-long career. Biden was serving as Barack Obama's vice president when Beau died in 2015. He decided not to seek the Democratic nomination the following year, which helped clear a path

for Hillary Clinton, who lost to Trump in 2016.

Valerie Jarrett, a longtime Obama adviser, said Biden wanted to "channel his grief into action and figure out how we can do better" on treating cancer to "make sure that other people didn't have to go through what he went through."

The effort was formalized as a White House task force, with Biden in charge. After a few years out of office,

Biden re-entered politics to campaign against Trump in 2020. The heartache from Beau's death was never far from the surface though. His eldest son had been Delaware's attorney general and often viewed as Biden's political successor. "Beau should be the one running for president, not me," Biden said, a thought he echoed on many occasions.

He made fighting cancer a focus for his presidency, res-

urrecting a "moonshot" initiative to increase funding for research and improve treatment. He unveiled the initiative at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in 2022, echoing the Democratic icon's famous speech declaring that "we will go to the moon" six decades earlier. "Beating cancer is something we can do together," Biden said.

By this point, he had already signed legislation known as the PACT Act to expand healthcare benefits for veterans. The law guarantees treatment for chronic illnesses blamed on burn pits, which were used to dispose of chemicals, tires, plastics, medical equipment and human waste on military bases.

Biden left no doubt that he believed Beau's death resulted from his service with the National Guard in Iraq. "When they came home, many of the fittest and best warriors that we sent to war were not the same headaches, numbness, dizziness, cancer," he said. "My son Beau was one of them."

Denis McDonough, who led the Veterans Affairs Department under Biden, said the president didn't talk about Beau's death during policy discussions. □

## Trump administration to pay nearly \$5M to settle suit over Ashli Babbitt's fatal shooting in Capitol

By **ERIC TUCKER and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Trump administration has agreed to pay just under \$5 million to settle a wrongful death lawsuit that Ashli Babbitt's family filed over her shooting by an officer during the U.S. Capitol riot, according to a person with knowledge of the settlement. The person insisted on anonymity to discuss with The Associated Press terms of a deal that have not been made public.

The settlement will resolve the \$30 million federal lawsuit that Babbitt's estate filed last year in Washington, D.C. On Jan. 6, 2021, a Capitol police officer shot Babbitt as she tried to climb through the broken window of a barricaded door leading to the Speaker's Lobby. The officer who shot her was cleared of

wrongdoing by the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Columbia, which concluded that he acted in self-defense and in the defense of members of Congress. The Capitol Police also cleared the officer.

Settlement terms haven't been disclosed in public court filings. On May 2, lawyers for Babbitt's estate and the Justice Department told a federal judge that they had reached a settlement in principle but were still working out the details before a final agreement could be signed.

Justice Department spokespeople and two attorneys for the Babbitt family didn't immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

Babbitt, a 35-year-old Air Force veteran from San Diego, was unarmed when she was shot by the officer. □



**Micki Witthoeff, center, mother of Ashli Babbitt, the woman fatally shot by police inside the U.S. Capitol during the Jan. 6, 2021, riot, joins protesters outside of the Supreme Court on the second anniversary of the Jan. 6, assault on the U.S. Capitol, in Washington, Jan. 6, 2023.**

**Associated Press**



# Couple on trial over staged cross burning in front of campaign sign for Black candidate

By COLLEEN SLEVIN

Associated Press

**DENVER (AP)**—In the run-up to the 2023 mayoral election in Colorado Springs, a racial slur was scrawled across a Black candidate's sign and a cross set on fire in front of it.

It was a stunt to generate sympathy and support for the Black candidate, Yemi Mobolade, prosecutors have said, and two people accused of staging it are on trial this week, charged with making a threat against him.

Jury selection began Monday and Mobolade, the city's first Black mayor, is scheduled to testify as a victim, according to court documents.

But one of the defendants claims Mobolade himself was a participant in the plan to help him win.

And the defendant's attorneys say their alleged actions were political theater free speech that is constitutionally protected and wasn't meant to cause



Colorado Springs, Colo., Mayor Yemi Mobolade considers a question during a news conference after a hearing for the suspect in a mass shooting at a gay nightclub Monday, June 26, 2023, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Associated Press

harm.

"This was a hoax in every sense of the word," defendant Ashley Blackcloud told The Associated Press. She said Mobolade knew in

advance about their plans to burn the cross, but would not comment further, citing a court order that bars discussing information gathered in the case before

the trial. Blackcloud, who is indigenous and Black, said the stunt was not intended to hurt anyone.

Mobolade has previously denied any involvement

emphatically. A city spokesperson, Vanessa Zink, said the mayor did not want to make any additional comment.

The second defendant Blackcloud's husband, Derrick Bernard, who jail records identify as Black is serving a life sentence after being convicted last year of ordering the killing of a rapper in Colorado Springs. The man charged with carrying out the killing was recently acquitted, and Bernard is appealing his conviction.

Messages left for Blackcloud's lawyer and Bernard's lawyer were not returned.

However, in motions to dismiss the case, they pointed out that the cross was set on fire in the middle of the night, which no one other than the defendants apparently saw.

They are, however, accused of spreading word about it in emails to the media and others that include images of the scene. □

# Shipment of thousands of chicks found abandoned in USPS truck now overwhelming an animal shelter

By MINGSON LAU

Associated Press

**CAMDEN, Delaware (AP)**—

A Delaware animal shelter is trying to care for and re-home thousands of chicks that survived being left in a postal service truck for three days. Trapped in a warm enclosure, without food and water, thousands died before they were dis-

covered.

Involved parties are still awaiting answers as to how 12,000 chicks were abandoned within the truck at a Delaware mail distribution center.

The United States Postal Service said in an email that it was aware of a process breakdown and was actively investigating what

occurred.

Pennsylvania-based Freedom Ranger Hatchery raised the chicks for their weekly distribution to clients across the country, said a spokesperson for the company. Due to biosecurity concerns, the hatchery cannot take the chicks back.

The spokesperson said it would have been best if USPS, after discovering the chicks, had completed delivery as the recipients would have been adequately equipped to handle the birds even malnourished ones.

For more than two weeks, the surviving chicks have been nursed and cared for at First State Animal Center and SPCA, said John Parana, executive director.

Last Tuesday, the shelter began offering the birds for adoption, but only a few hundred out of thousands have been picked up.

There is no complete count of the chicks, as the shelter has no feasible way to do so, but Parana estimates there to be more than two thousand available.

Some have inquired about buying the birds for meat, but, as a no-kill shelter and SPCA, those were refused. The strain has turned the animal care center into a 24/7 operation and necessitated a staffing increase, Parana said. Money remains the biggest concern for the donation-reliant nonprofit. Some employees have begun spending their money to support the operations, he added.

Among the birds were young turkeys, geese and quail, but the vast majority were Freedom Ranger chicks. One concern for the shelter, Parana explained, was the increasing demand for space and feed over time, as Freedom Rangers take about ten

weeks to reach maturity.

The Delaware Department of Agriculture, after a call from USPS, directed the animals to the shelter, which shares a memorandum of understanding with the animal center as a state vendor. The department said it is responsible for assisting the shelter with funds for chickens, the rate was \$5 each per day.

The department's chief of planning, Jimmy Kroon, said negotiations were ongoing, but Parana claims that the department communicated that they had no funds to allocate for the chicks.

Both acknowledged the original rate would be unreasonable in the current circumstances.

"They said that they're gonna try to go after the post office to get recoupment," Parana said.

"That doesn't help us in the meantime." □



Hundreds of chicks mill around a stall at First State Animal Center and SPCA on Friday, May 16, 2025, in Camden, Del.

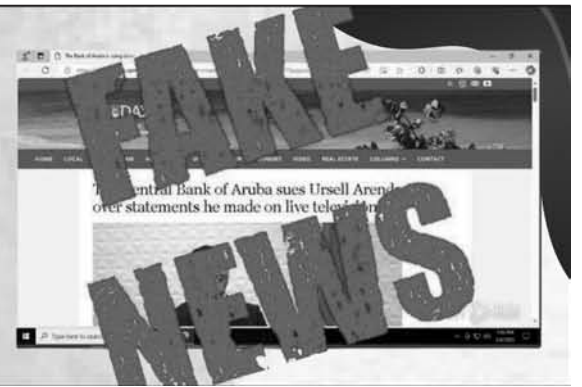
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## Russia outlaws Amnesty International in latest crackdown on dissent and activists

By The Associated Press

The Russian authorities on Monday outlawed Amnesty International as an "undesirable organization," a label that under a 2015 law makes involvement with such organizations a criminal offense.

The decision by the Russian Prosecutor General's office, announced in an on-line statement, is the latest in the unrelenting crackdown on Kremlin critics, journalists and activists that intensified to unprecedented levels after Moscow invaded Ukraine in February 2022.

The designation means the international human rights group must stop any work in Russia, and it subjects those who cooperate with it or support it to prosecution, including if anyone shares Amnesty International's reports on social media.

Agnès Callamard, Amnesty International's secretary general, said the move was part of the Russian government's efforts to silence dissent and isolate civil so-



Grigory Melkonyants, right, co-chair of Russia's leading independent election monitoring group Golos who faces up to 5 years in prison, looks at the media standing in a cage in a courtroom prior to a hearing as Lawyer Mikhail Biryukov, stands near in Basmanny district court in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

ciety. "The authorities are deeply mistaken if they believe that by labeling our organization 'undesirable,' we will stop our work documenting and exposing human rights violations quite the opposite," she said in

a statement. "We will not give in to the threats and will continue undeterred to work to ensure that people in Russia are able to enjoy their human rights without discrimination."

Callamard said Amnesty

International "will continue to work relentlessly to ensure that all those who are responsible for committing grave human rights violations, whether in Russia, Ukraine, or elsewhere, face justice."

Associated Press

Russia's list of "undesirable organizations" currently covers 223 entities, including prominent independent news outlets and rights groups. Among those are prominent news organizations like Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty or Russian independent outlet Meduza, think tanks like Chatham House, anti-corruption group Transparency International, and Open Russia, an opposition group founded by Mikhail Khodorkovsky, an exiled tycoon who became an opposition figure.

After Open Russia was declared undesirable in 2021 and disbanded to protect its members, its leader, Andrei Pivovarov, was arrested and convicted on charges of carrying out activities of an undesirable organization. He was sentenced to four years in prison and released in 2024 in the largest prisoner exchange with the West since Soviet times.

Amnesty International was launched in 1961. □

## Ecuador to host Indigenous summit seeking enforcement of court's human rights rulings

By STEVEN GRATAN

Associated Press

Indigenous leaders from across Latin America will meet this week for talks on how to enforce legal rulings designed to enforce their rights to justice and territorial protection.

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights, a regional tribunal that holds governments accountable for upholding human rights, has made decisions backing Indigenous peoples' rights including to their ancestral lands, which they consider essential to preserve their culture and way of life which are not being implemented by Latin America governments.

There is growing concern that without stronger legal protections, government

enforcement and adequate resources, the Costa Rica-based court's rulings will remain largely symbolic.

Leaders from across the region will gather for a summit from May 21-25 in Quito, Ecuador, to discuss the obstacles to enforcing Inter-American Court rulings.

The main aim will be to issue a collective statement calling on governments and institutions to ensure justice and territorial protection. "This is very important for us because there are constitutional guarantees that favor Indigenous peoples. Even so, there has not been full compliance with the rulings," Tulio Renato Viteri Gualinga, head of international relations for the Sarayaku Indigenous community, told The Associated Press. □



Waorani Indigenous people march to the Constitutional Court to protest for their right to consultation before the bidding for the exploration and exploitation of oil and gas on their territory in Quito, Ecuador, May 13, 2025.

Associated Press



# An inquiry says France's government covered up Nestle's illegal treatment of bottled water

By SYLVIE CORBET

Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — The government of French President Emmanuel Macron covered up decisions over the illegal treatment of mineral water by food industry giant Nestle, including the world-famous Perrier brand, a Senate inquiry commission said Monday.

Its report focused on Nestle's years of use of treatments to avoid bacterial or chemical contamination of water labeled as "natural mineral water" or "spring water" for brands also including Contrex, Vittel and Hépar.

Such treatments are prohibited under French and European regulations.

The report concluded that France's government had concealed "illegal practices."

"In addition to Nestle Waters' lack of transparency, the French government's lack of transparency must also be highlighted," it said. French media reported the banned treatments last year.

Nestle paid a fine to avoid legal action

The report noted a "delib-



Bottles of Perrier are pictured in a supermarket, as a French Senate inquiry commission said the government of President Emmanuel Macron covered up decisions over the illegal treatment of mineral water by food industry giant Nestle, Monday, May 19, 2025 in Paris.

Associated Press

erate strategy" of concealment since the first government meeting on the issue in October 2021. Months later, authorities agreed to a Nestle plan to replace the banned treatments with microfiltering.

Nestle did not immediately respond to a request for comment. France's government did not immedi-

ately comment.

Last year, the Swiss company publicly acknowledged having used treatments on mineral waters and agreed to pay a 2 million euro fine (\$2.2 million) to avoid legal action.

The inquiry commission interviewed more than 120 people including Nestle's CEO and top managers.

One refused to speak to it: Alexis Kohler, then-secretary general of the Elysee presidential palace, who the report said has spoken several times with Nestle executives by phone or in person.

The commission concluded "that the presidency of the republic had known, at least since 2022, that Nes-

tle had been cheating for years."

Asked about scandal in February, Macron said he was "not aware of these things ... There is no collusion with anyone."

Fraud estimated to be worth over \$3 billion

Alexandre Ouizille, the commission's rapporteur, said the total amount of the fraud has been estimated at over 3 billion euros (\$3.38 billion) by France's agency in charge of fraud control. Natural mineral water is sold about 100 to 400 times the price of tap water, he said, denouncing "misleading of consumers."

Ouizille described a Nestle plant in southern France the commission visited where there were "sliding cabinets behind which illegal treatments were carried out."

The report said Nestle argued there was a risk of job losses if the government did not authorize some kind of treatment or microfiltration, because its plants would have to close due to spring water being contaminated by bacteria like E. coli that can cause serious illness and death. □

## Venezuela bans arrival of flights from Colombia following arrests in an alleged anti-government plot

By REGINA GARCIA CANO

Associated Press

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— Venezuela on Monday banned the arrival of flights from neighboring

Colombia after authorities detained more than 30 people who were allegedly plotting activities to destabilize the country.

Interior Minister Diosdado

Cabello said the ban was "immediate" and would last beyond Sunday, when voters across the country are expected to elect governors and National Assembly members.

Cabello said the anti-government plans involved placing explosives at embassies and other facilities in Venezuela. He said authorities had detained 21 Venezuelans and 17 foreigners, some of whom hold Colombian, Mexican and Ukrainian citizenship. Cabello, without offering any evidence, said the group included experts in explosive devices, human smugglers and mercenaries, and was working with members of Venezuela's political opposition.

"The scenario they want to present is that there are no conditions in Venezuela for holding an election," Cabello said, referring to the opposition.

The offices of Colombia's foreign minister and President Gustavo Petro did not immediately respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press. Petro, Colombia's first leftist president, resumed his country's diplomatic relations with Venezuela after taking office in 2022 and becoming an ally of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro.

Maduro, during a televised meeting with leaders of the military and state security forces, alleged that members of an Albanian

crime organization involved in drug trafficking in Ecuador were also linked to the alleged plot and added that an investigation into the group's plans is ongoing.

The arrests come nearly two weeks after members of the opposition left the country after having lived at a diplomatic compound in Venezuela's capital, Caracas, for more than a year to avoid arrest. U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and the faction of the opposition led by María Corina Machado described the departure as an international rescue operation, but Cabello said they left Venezuela through a negotiation with Maduro's government. □



Venezuelan Interior Minister Diosdado Cabello speaks to the press during the arrival of Venezuelan migrants returning from Mexico, at the Simon Bolivar International Airport in Maiquetia, March 20, 2025.

Associated Press



## 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 Quadirikiri 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 Quadirikiri 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 Quadirikiri cave, the two love birds found each other, and refused to let each other go. Because of their

stubbornness, they both died in the Quadirikiri 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.



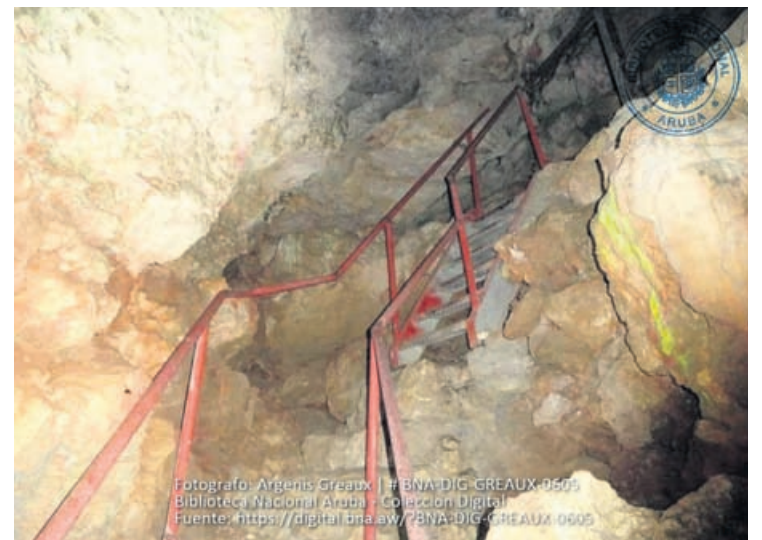
### The Huliba Cave/ Tunnel of Love

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!







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## 160 projects, 3,500 volunteers: Aruba Doet 2025 was a success!



**Another successful weekend where volunteerism shined across our island, showcasing the big heart of our community, as 3,500 volunteers came together to support 160 projects.**

Early Friday morning marked the start of another successful edition of Aruba Doet, with the presence of Acting Governor Mr. Agustin Vrolijk, the organizers of Aruba Doet, the press, and volunteers from Grupo Scout Sonrisa—a scouting group for individuals in Aruba with intellectual and/or physical disabilities.

The Director of CEDE ARUBA, Daniel Tecklenborg, highlighted the 13th edition of Aruba Doet, an initiative in partnership with the Oranje Fonds, which is also present in Curaçao, Bonaire, Saba, Statia, and Sint Maarten. He emphasized the importance of volunteers as the heart of our community and expressed gratitude to

all volunteers, participating organizations, and the Oranje Fonds for their continued dedication to the initiative, demonstrating that Aruba Doet is here to stay.

Acting Governor Mr. Agustin Vrolijk emphasized the value of Aruba Doet and the crucial role of volunteer work for the well-being of our community. He noted that this is a special day for all volunteers who have the opportunity to work for their community and expressed his gratitude for being part of it. He once again called on everyone to register, stating that there is work for everyone—and the more volunteers there are, the better the work that can be done, and the more complete Aruba's community will be.

Aruba Doet coordinator, Paulien ter Meulen, also took the opportunity to thank all volunteers, organizations, coordinators, companies,

and the Aruba Doet team for making everything possible.

The project was officially opened with the Acting Governor and Doeti (the mascot) placing the first coats of paint on the playground together with his colleagues, helping to beautify and renovate the playground for the children of Grupo Scout Sonrisa. The project at Grupo Scout Sonrisa is one of the many beautiful projects that took place over the weekend.

Aruba Doet sincerely thanks everyone who participated



in the 13th edition and hopes that the spirit of volunteer work continues throughout the entire year. Preparations

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## Create museum memories

**ORANJESTAD — Museums are an integral part of conserving and honoring cultures, and Aruba is no exception. Our Island has a wide selection of various museums for our locals and visitors to see. Take this opportunity to learn about our island and experience a different day beyond the beach. Let us introduce to you these museums.**

### Museum of Industry Aruba

The Museum of Industry is located in San Nicolas—better known as the art capital of Aruba. This museum exhibits the industrial history of gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and tourism through elaborated displays and multimedia installations.

The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history, which began in the 19th century. The Water Tower was built in 1939 and consists of three sections: the substructure, the high-rising vertical shaft, and the tank at the top. The Water Tower was purchased by the Monuments Fund in 2003 so it can be restored and preserved as one of Aruba's monuments. The Museum

of Industry is part of Aruba Museum Foundation (Fundacion Museo Aruban), which is a foundation set to maintain, preserve, and protect the Aruban cultural sector, history, and nature. The museum of Industry is open daily from 9 am till 6 pm.

For more information, check out their Facebook page Museum of Industry Aruba.

### Archaeological Museum of Aruba

The Archaeological Museum of Aruba is located at Schelpstraat 42 in downtown Oranjestad. The renovated historic Ecury complex in the area has been transformed from a family home to a modern museum that preserves Aruba's Amerindian cultural heritage. This 21st century museum is especially

designed to preserve valuable artifacts dating back to the Pre-Ceramic period of 2500 BC.

In the late 1980's, AMA identified its need for an adequate housing for its collection and activities. After studying various options, a project proposal was drawn up, including the acquisition and restoration of historical buildings in downtown Oranjestad.

These historical buildings were formerly the property of the Ecury family. The "Ecury Complex", is a cluster of single and two-story historic buildings, mainly Dutch colonial architecture from the late 19th and 20th century on a plot of approximately 1.700 m2.



In 1997, the Aruban Government bought the complex for the National Archaeological Museum project. In 2004, a financial agreement was signed with the European Development Fund and in 2006, restoration and construction work began on the monumental buildings and the soon-to-be exhibition space. In December 2007, the key to the complex was delivered and the museum's employees moved to the new location. The final design for the exhibit was completed in November 2007 and the permanent exhibit, financed by the Aruban Government and the Union of Cultural Organizations (UNOCA), opened in July 2009.

At the new location, the National Archaeological

Museum Aruba disposes of approximately 500 m2 for its permanent exhibit. This exhibit conveys information on the origin and culture of the first inhabitants of the island through archaeological objects and modern exhibition techniques. The new permanent exhibit gives the visitor an insight into the cultures that inhabited the island in Pre-Historical and Early Historical times. The museum also hosts attractive public programs, including lectures, educational projects, temporary exhibits and workshops.

The museum is open daily from 9:30 am till 4:30 pm. For more information check out the Facebook page Museo Arqueologico Nacional Aruba. □

## Visit the natural bridges of Aruba!

**(Oranjestad)—After you've visited the Alto Vista Church, the Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins and the mini natural pool that is located right next to it, you're next up around the northern coast line must be the Natural Bridge. Once the largest natural bridge in the Caribbean, this bridge has been a tourist attraction for many years.**

The bridge was formed during thousands of years, cut and crafted by the wild waves that crash into the coral stone walls of the coast. Before its collapse, this bridge measured 30 meters in length and 7 meters in height, making it the biggest natural bridge in the Caribbean at the time. For many years, this site was also a frequently visited beach, as the bridge had a small

opening through which the water would flow into the tiny beach.

Unfortunately in 2005, the bridge collapsed, and the little beach dried up. Despite this, this site remained a tourist attraction, with many visitors walking along the coral cliffs of the bridge to see the spectacular view of the northern

coastline and the Caribbean Sea. Visitors can also still visit the souvenir shop on the left of the bridge entrance.

While the natural bridge no longer is functional, there is now a smaller natural bridge very close. This bridge is often called the "Baby Bridge" or "Daughter Bridge". □





## The district of Savaneta: The capital before Oranjestad

**(Oranjestad)—Before Oranjestad became the island nation's capital, Aruba's first capital was the district of Savaneta. Here is where the cultural identity of Aruba was born, and from where the rest of the island developed into what it is today.**

Savaneta is said to have been the first place where the Caquetio inhabitants first stepped foot on the island. Though there isn't hard evidence to back this up, but considering the legend of the Cacique Arua, it is believed that there were already movements on Aruba—and Savaneta—around 88 AD.

The Caquetios probably made their way to the island either from Venezuela, Colombia or other Caribbean islands in the region, but with good weather it was relatively easy for them to travel back and forth in their canoes. So, since the Caquetios discovered the island, Aruba found her first form of civilization.

It wasn't until 1499 when Aruba met another group of people who set foot on the island: the Spanish explorer Alonso de Ojeda. De Ojeda first took notice of Aruba off the coast of Venezuela, during his exploration of the Latin American country. This was on August 9th, 1499. However, de Ojeda didn't actually sail to the island till 4 days later, on August 23rd, 1499. This was the beginning of the Spanish era on Aruba (1499-1636).

Alonso usually didn't stop at every island or land he saw, especially not in the Caribbean. He would often take notice of land from afar and continue sailing. However, Aruba was an exception. He had heard that there were "quebracho" trees on the island, which were commonly used to produce

dye or paint. But since these trees could not be found in Savaneta, he continued to search in the area of what is now known as Santa Cruz. The best way to transport the tree barks was via a route passing through Savaneta, and so the first road between Savaneta and Santa Cruz was made.

The Dutch colonial era (1636-1805) During the 80-year war between The Netherlands and Spain, Dutch explorers and merchants began to travel to the ABC islands. Once they landed in Aruba, they deported the small Arawakan and Spanish community that was living on the island. This was the beginning of colonization of the ABC islands by the Dutch empire. Around the same, the West Indian Company (WIC) was born. Bonaire and Curaçao were mostly used for plantations, where the Dutch had transported slaves from Africa. Aruba, on the other hand, was mostly used to raise cattle and to house the haring factory. The Dutch had often forced the indigenous community to work for them.

In 1636, when the Netherlands won the war against Spain, the country surrendered the islands to the Dutch.

The Dutch administration appointed the island's first commander, an Irish man named N. Williams. Because the Dutch were interested in other Caribbean islands and countries in South America, they imported Dutch merchants and businessmen, all of whom resided in Savaneta. This way, Savaneta officially



became the island's first capital.

However, at the end of the 18th century, the commander at the time, J.R. Lauffer, moved his office to what is now "Horse Bay" in Oranjestad. Because the highest office on the island moved away from Savaneta, the capital lost its title to what was called then Playa.

### How Savaneta got its name

The name Savaneta probably has a Spanish origin. It was said that when the Spanish climbed a hill called Yara, they saw that the area was mostly open and had no big trees. In Spanish, such a land area is called a "sabana".

Because of its land surface, Sava-

neta was a great place to construct cattle farms. From here, the farmer culture on Aruba was born. Before the Aruban Gold Rush and the construction of the Refinery in San Nicolas, most residents were farmers, and Savaneta had many inhabitants that farmed fruits and vegetables. They also continued the tradition of raising cattle, like goat, sheep, pigs and horses. Savaneta was one of the first places on the island to have a general farming culture. From this culture, many other traditions were born, like the Dera Gay Holiday that we celebrate every year on June 24th. □

**Source: Historia di Savaneta (History of Savaneta) by Adolf "Dufi" Kock.**





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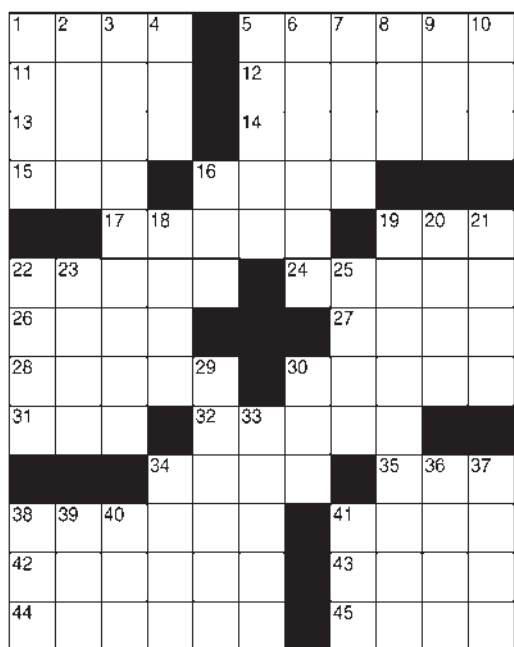
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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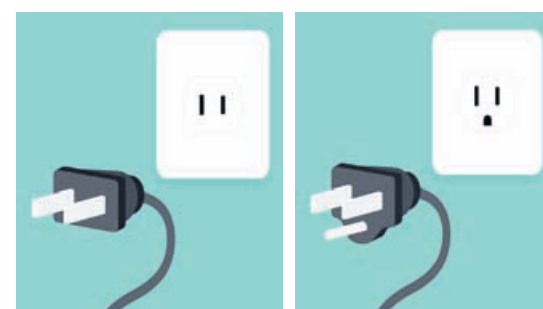
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# Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(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.

## Electrical power

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



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.





# Caught on camera, capuchin monkeys kidnap howler monkey babies

By **CHRISTINA LARSON**  
AP Science Writer  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A baby howler monkey clung to the back of an older male monkey, its tiny fingers grasping fur. But they're not related and not even the same species. Scientists spotted surprising evidence of what they describe as monkey kidnappings while reviewing video footage from a small island of Panama. The capuchin monkeys were seen carrying at least 11 howler babies between 2022 and 2023.

"This was very much a shocking finding," said Zoë Goldsborough, a behavioral ecologist at the Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior in Germany. "We've not seen anything like this in the animal kingdom."

The monkeys' motivations remain under investigation. Capuchins are house cat-size monkeys found in South America and Central America. They are long-lived, clever and learn new behaviors from each other. One group of capuchins in Panama has even learned to use stone tools to crack open nuts and seafood. Goldsborough and other researchers at Max Planck and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute had set up more than 80 cameras to study capuchin tool use, but were surprised to



This photo provided by researchers shows a baby howler monkey clinging onto a young adult male capuchin monkey on Jicarón Island, Panama in September 2022.  
(Brendan Barrett/Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior via Associated Press)

see the first howler babies appear in early 2022. The footage showed the capuchins walking and pounding their stone tools with baby howlers on their backs. But cameras did not capture the moments of abduction, which scientists said likely happened up in the trees, where howlers spend most of their time. "Our window into this story is constrained," said co-author Margaret Crofoot of Max Planck and the Smithsonian. The findings were published Monday in the journal Current Biology. In most or all cases, the baby howlers died, researchers said. Infant howler monkeys would normally be carried by their mothers while still nursing. All the babies in the video from a few weeks to a few months in age were too young to be weaned. "A hopeful

part of me wants to believe some escaped and went back to their mothers, but we don't know," said Crofoot. The videos recorded a few instances of young capuchin males still carrying howler babies that had died, likely from starvation. Many animals from gorillas to orcas have been observed carrying their own dead offspring, though scientists aren't sure the reasons. □

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# Curtain coming down after 30 years at 'Inside Edition' for Deborah Norville

By **DAVID BAUDER**  
AP Media Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — For a television news industry in a constant state of motion, Deborah Norville has been a model of stability. She began hosting the syndicated newsmagazine "Inside Edition" in 1995 and has remained there ever since.

Now that 30-year run is coming to a close.

Norville, 66, signs off on May 20. She's planning to celebrate with a long vacation through Europe with her husband, and try something new when she gets back. She will host "The Perfect Line," a trivia show that begins airing this fall. No successor has been named at "Inside Edition."

"I'm very excited about the game show," she said. "It's fun, and who doesn't want to give away somebody else's money to people who are happy to take it?" Three decades ago, Norville left CBS News for a genre largely dismissed as tabloid television. She's proud of telling stories that add value to the audience's lives: A company that makes a device to aid choking victims says it has traced a thousand uses to people who say they learned about it through an "Inside Edition" story.



NBC "Today" show anchor Deborah Norville visited with host David Letterman on "Late Night with David Letterman," September 5, 1990, in New York.

During COVID, the show began broadcasting from her kitchen almost immediately and never stopped, as she built a makeshift studio in her New York-area home. "We were a familiar presence during a time when everything else was topsy-turvy," she said, "and I think the bond with our audience was made even stronger then."

As she prepares to adjust to a life no longer governed by news cycles, Norville paused to reflect on her time with The Associated

Press.

**Q&A**

**ASSOCIATED PRESS:** You made the decision a while ago to leave "Inside Edition." Now that it's happening, how does it feel?

**NORVILLE:** It really hit me today. It's the same day my daughter and husband came over (to the studio) for an in-person interview for a piece they're doing a farewell Deb thing. My daughter was on "Inside Edition" the day she was born. Nine hours after I gave birth, the crew was

in my hospital room taping "Inside Edition" because they couldn't find anyone else to do the show, which was ridiculous. To see her, this beautiful, 27-year-old grown woman, so statuesque and wonderful and lovely and perfect, to do an interview about what it's like having her mom work at this place for literally her entire life, it was like, oh my gosh, there's something major about to happen.

**AP:** When you first joined, tabloid shows were considered less respectable than

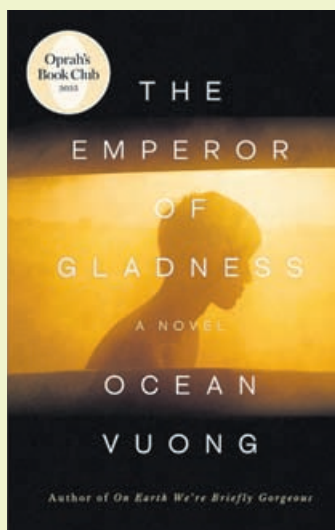
networks. How do you think that's changed?

**NORVILLE:** Remember Tom Shales of the Washington Post? Tom Shales actually put in the paper that I was selling my credibility. The old Deborah would have just gone into a fetal position and cried. The new me said, "Oh, I don't think so." I never knew my credibility had anything to do with the peacock or eyeball on my paycheck, because I had worked at NBC and CBS. My credibility had to do with the show that I stood in front of, the stories that I personally produced and reported on and what we put on television every day. All I was asking was that people watch.

**AP:** When you look back on it, what is the work you'll remember the most?

**NORVILLE:** "Inside Edition" has evolved a lot in the 30 years that I've been here. When I got here, it was still the hard-core, tabloid, beach blanket bingo a lot of girls on sandy beaches in tiny bikinis. We don't do that anymore. ... It has evolved in such a way that we as a program have become a companion to people not just on television, but we're a companion on the internet, on social media, on YouTube. □

## Book Review: Ocean Vuong takes existentialism to deeply intimate level in 'The Emperor of Gladness'



This cover image released by Penguin Press shows "The Emperor of Gladness" by Ocean Vuong.

Associated Press

By **DONNA EDWARDS**

Associated Press

Hai is 19 and suicidal. Grazina is 81 and living alone with dementia. So when she strikes a deal to house him so they can keep each other company in exchange for his help as a kind of unofficial live-in nurse, this could spell their mutual salvation or destruction.

Ocean Vuong's new novel follows Hai as he takes care of Grazina and works in a fast-casual restaurant to help support them. Told in moments, "The Emperor of Gladness" takes existentialism to a deeply intimate level, leaving the reader to contemplate what it is to live in a messy, complicated world of wars, addiction, class struggles and good people looking for second chances. The novel was immediately named Oprah Winfrey's latest book club pick.

The author draws heavily on his own life from Hai's family fleeing the Vietnam War to their jobs in the service industry that allow them to scrape by so "The Emperor of Gladness" is only a few degrees away from a memoir. And while it's told in prose, Vuong's penchant for poetry

shows in patches of colorful, visceral language strewn with metaphors that run through the whole book, all the way back to its title.

The novel opens with a movie-like sweep through East Gladness, a tiny town outside of Hartford, Connecticut. The omniscient narrator zooms in on various scenes of decay and neglect until we land on Hai, at possibly his lowest point.

There's not so much a plot as a gathering of people and experiences. We piece together the characters' stories the way you would with real people in real life; through snippets that build atop each other until you can patch together a narrative of the relationships that left the biggest scars and the events that had profound impacts. Vuong achieves more by writing beside his characters than one would by writing a straightforward story about them.

True and gritty, "The Emperor of Gladness" is almost voyeuristic in how it looks into the most intimate and human moments of people's lives, reflecting back on the reader and leaving plenty to ponder. □



# The Dodgers have younger stars now, but Clayton Kershaw reaching 18th season is still special

By NOAH TRISTER  
AP Baseball Writer

Clayton Kershaw made his season debut Saturday, and although his performance over four innings was forgettable, he still added another accomplishment to his illustrious career.

Kershaw has now played in 18 seasons for the Dodgers, tying the franchise record held by outfielder Zack Wheat and shortstop Bill Russell. Shohei Ohtani and Mookie Betts may have taken over as the team's big stars, but Kershaw's role in helping Los Angeles become a powerhouse should not be understated. And like Russell, Kershaw has never played for any other major league team. That makes his tenure in Los Angeles even more special.

Here's a list of each team's longest-tenured player who spent his whole career with that franchise in that city. Only current teams in their current locations are included. So the Athletics are left out, and so are stars like Mel Ott, who spent 22 seasons with the Giants before they moved to San Francisco.

Baltimore Orioles: Brooks Robinson (23 seasons)  
Boston Red Sox: Carl Yastrzemski (23)  
Chicago Cubs: Cap Anson (22)  
St. Louis Cardinals: Stan Musial (22)  
Detroit Tigers: Al Kaline (22)  
Chicago White Sox: Ted Lyons (21)  
Kansas City Royals: George Brett (21)  
Pittsburgh Pirates: Willie Stargell (21)  
Cleveland Guardians: Mel Harder (20)  
Milwaukee Brewers: Robin Yount (20)  
San Diego Padres: Tony Gwynn (20)  
Houston Astros: Craig Biggio (20)  
New York Yankees: Derek Jeter (20)  
Cincinnati Reds: Dave Concepcion and Barry Larkin (19)  
Atlanta Braves: Chipper Jones (19)  
New York Mets: Ed Kranepool (18)  
Los Angeles Dodgers: Bill Russell and Clayton Kershaw (18)  
Philadelphia Phillies: Mike Schmidt (18)  
Seattle Mariners: Edgar Martinez (18)  
Colorado Rockies: Todd Helton (17)  
Washington Nationals: Ryan Zimmerman (16)  
Minnesota Twins: Tony Oliva and Joe Mauer (15)  
Los Angeles Angels: Mike Trout (15)  
San Francisco Giants: Jim Davenport and Matt Cain (13)  
Toronto Blue Jays: Garth Iorg (nine)  
Texas Rangers: Rusty Greer (nine)  
Tampa Bay Rays: Brandon Lowe (eight)  
Arizona Diamondbacks: Brandon Webb, Kevin Ginkel and Merrill Kelly (seven)  
Miami Marlins: Jesús Sánchez (six)

## Feast or famine

There are three pitchers with 6-0 records in the major leagues right now. One is former Cy Young Award winner Robbie Ray of the Giants. Another is prized free agent acquisition Max

Fried of the Yankees.

The third? Reliever Jorge López of the Nationals, who is somehow 6-0 despite a 6.86 ERA.

This isn't a case of López constantly giving up leads and then having his team-



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw throws to the plate during the first inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels, Saturday, May 17, 2025, in Los Angeles.

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mates rescue him offensively.

In four of his six victories, he produced a scoreless outing, and he allowed one run in the other two. The reason his ERA is so high is because he's already had three outings allowing at least three runs and didn't pick up a decision in any of them. In the live ball era, the most wins a pitcher has received in a season with an ERA over 6.00 while pitching exclusively in relief is seven. Bob Kline went 7-2 with a 6.80 ERA for the Senators and A's in 1934, George Frazier went 7-8 with a 6.39 ERA for the

Cubs in 1985, and Curt Leskanic went 7-5 with a 6.23 ERA for the Rockies in 1996.

## Trivia time

Which two players spent their entire 21-year careers with one team, but did not make the list above? One of them played for a team that is no longer in that city. The other was with a franchise that had another player with an even longer tenure.

## Line of the week

Wilmer Flores homered three times and drove in eight runs to lead the San Francisco Giants to a 13-5 win over the Athletics on Friday night. □

# Alcaraz is the clear favorite for the French Open. But Sinner is building back to top form

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ROME (AP) — Carlos Alcaraz is the clear favorite for the French Open. Top-ranked Jannik Sinner is back from his doping ban, though, and building himself back up to full strength day by day.

Those were the verdicts after Alcaraz beat Sinner to win the Italian Open a week before Roland Garros starts on Sunday.

Alcaraz's title in Rome boosted his record on clay this season to 15-1.

"On clay right now, you're the best player," Sinner told Alcaraz during the trophy ceremony after the Spaniard's 7-6 (5), 6-1 win Sunday.

Sinner held two set points during the first set against Alcaraz in his first tournament following his three-month suspension.

"The level he has played in this tournament is insane after three months without playing," Alcaraz said. "He's going to be better and better. ... He's going to be a really dangerous player in Paris."

If Alcaraz and Sinner meet again in Paris, it will be in the final, because Alcaraz moved up to No. 2 in the rankings on Monday meaning they will be on opposite sides of the draw at Roland Garros.

Alcaraz beat Sinner over five sets in the French Open semifinals en route to the

title last year. Alcaraz then also defended his Wimbledon title for his fourth Grand Slam trophy.

"It was good to play him before two Grand Slams," Sinner said. "Certainly with my movement I need to understand better where to be at certain moments. That's different on clay from hard courts. There are small things I need to improve."

"Clay is the surface where I have the toughest time. There's no use hiding it," the Italian added.

Indeed, Sinner has won only one of his 19 career titles on clay, in Umag, Croatia, in 2022 when he beat Alcaraz in the final.

Sinner's three months away from the sport caught up

with him when he couldn't put up a fight in the second set against Alcaraz before his home fans at the Foro Italico.

"I certainly need to increase my intensity and hold it for a longer period of time," Sinner said. "I need to play more matches." □



Carlos Alcaraz of Spain, holds the trophy after winning the Italian Open tennis tournament next to Jannik Sinner of Italy at the Foro Italico in Rome, Sunday, May 18, 2025.

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# Scheffler's fiery celebration at PGA Championship shows desire that burns in world's No. 1 player

By STEVE REED  
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**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)** — Everything Scottie Scheffler did Sunday was expected. When the pressure was on, he hit the fairways he needed to hit. He landed the approach shots he needed to land. And, of course, he made clutch putts he needed to make. It's what everyone has come to depend on from the world's No. 1 player, a fine-tuned, almost mechanical approach to the game. It was all expected, even predictable right up until the celebration. That's when Scheffler, in a rare display of pure emotion, took off his hat and



Scottie Scheffler celebrates after winning the PGA Championship golf tournament at the Quail Hollow Club, Sunday, May 18, 2025, in Charlotte, N.C.

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Even when he was falsely arrested at last year's PGA Championship at Valhalla, he didn't lash out at the police. He accepted what happened as a misunderstanding in the heat of a very confusing moment in a situation in which other professional athletes might have fiercely sought to protect their image. That's why the ferocity with which he spiked his hat on 18, and the intense facial expressions in the moments afterward stood out. Maybe it was the culmination of battling back from puncturing the palm in his right hand while making ravioli last Christmas. One thing is for sure, Sunday wasn't par for the course for Scheffler.

"Just a lot of happiness," Scheffler said later of his reaction to the second straight victory. "I think, you know, just maybe thankful as well."

It was a long week. I felt like this was as hard as I battled for a tournament in my career. This was a pretty challenging week."

Scheffler didn't swing the club all that well for the first 2 1/2 days in Charlotte.

But he played the back nine on Saturday and Sunday just about as well as anyone has, with the possible exception of some of Rory McIlroy's exploits here at the Wells Fargo Championship.

On Saturday, Scheffler went 5-under par on the final five holes to take control of the tournament and carried a three-shot lead into the final round.

Most probably thought it was over.

But Scheffler struggled with his swing and made three uncharacteristic bogeys on the front nine Sunday, allowing two-time major champion Jon Rahm to pull into a tie at 9 under. It didn't last long.

Scheffler ate a sandwich as he made the turn at 2-over-par for the day, then proceeded to drill his drive down the middle of the fairway on the par-5 10th hole. □

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