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U.S. mother's child murder trial puts spotlight on postpartum psychosis

Plymouth, United States

The high-profile U.S. murder trial of Lindsay Clancy, a woman who says she suffered from postpartum psychosis before strangling her three young children, has sparked a debate in the United States over maternal mental health.

The 36-year-old nurse does not deny strangling Cora, 5, Dawson, 3, and Callan, eight months, with fitness bands in their home in Duxbury, Massachusetts in January 2023.

She then jumped out of a second-story window, leaving her paralyzed from the waist down and using a wheelchair.

Clancy however has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, saying she heard a voice ordering her to kill her children. Her lawyers say this was caused by postpartum psychosis.

Prosecutors have rejected her argument, saying she had planned to murder her children and was able to understand the consequences of her actions.

For the past several weeks, dozens of women dressed in pink have come to the court in Plymouth to show their support for Clancy and to make a statement



Paula and Michael Musgrove, Lindsay Clancy's parents, depart the courthouse during Lindsay Clancy's murder trial at the Plymouth County Superior Court in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on August 27, 2026.

about women's health more generally.

Kelly Woods, a lawyer from Chicago, said she was attending the trial as a "big advocate" for people who suffer from postpartum psychosis.

"That is a very under-considered element of this case," Woods told AFP on Thursday, when jury deliberations began.

"I certainly hope that the medical community can

learn from this," she said. "I ultimately hope that there is more advocacy for postpartum depression and psychosis."

Psychiatrists and people close to Clancy, as well as her estranged husband, described her distress during the five-week trial.

The nurse faces life in prison without the possibility of parole if found guilty.

- 'Slipped through the

cracks' -

Postpartum psychosis is a medical emergency that affects about one to two women in every 1,000 births, said Sally Wilson, national training coordinator at the UK-based charity Action on Postpartum Psychosis.

Clancy's case is "an incredibly distressing and rare outcome of postpartum psychosis," Wilson told AFP.

During closing arguments,

Clancy's lawyer Kevin Reddington recalled that the mother had made several pleas for help before the killings and received "lousy medical care" from the doctors she consulted.

"She was doing everything that she could to get help, and for whatever reason, she still slipped through the cracks," said Adrienne Griffen, executive director of the nonprofit Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance.

"That is the question that everybody is asking, is how do we prevent something like this from happening in the future," Griffen said, adding that mothers need to be connected with better resources.

The trial has revived memories of a similar case that also captivated the country 25 years ago: Andrea Yates, a Texas mother who drowned her five children in 2001.

Yates was initially convicted and sentenced to life in prison, but she was found not guilty by reason of insanity at a 2006 retrial and committed to a psychiatric hospital.

- Good mother vs bad mother -

Prosecutors acknowledged

that Clancy was "suffering from mental illness" and tried to kill herself, but they argued that the killings were planned and particularly cruel.

Right-wing political voices have condemned the level of violence in the killings and the supporters who have gathered outside the courthouse.

"Lindsay Clancy deserves to die for murdering her three children," Katie Miller, a podcaster and wife of President Donald Trump's senior aide Stephen Miller, wrote on social media.

Juliet Williams, a professor of gender studies at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), said the trial and debate around it shows "how profoundly invested Americans and the world remain in the figure of the mother." □

Trump announces new U.S. 'Space Academy'

Johnson Space Center, United States

President Donald Trump on Friday announced the creation of a "Space Academy" to train future civilian

and military recruits for an arena where the United States faces rivalry with China.

Speaking at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston,

Trump said the institution would be modeled on the famed US military academy at West Point.

"It's called the U.S. Space Academy. That's a big deal," Trump said as he signed an executive order creating the new school.

"It'll serve both the United States Space Force as well as NASA and the civilian spaceflight industry, and it'll attract, train, and graduate the very best of our nation."

Trump has credited the U.S. Space Force, the sixth branch of the US armed forces, with an important role in the recent American military operations in Venezuela and Iran.

He did not say where the new academy would be

built.

The U.S. president also presented the Congressional Space Medal of Honor to the crew of NASA's Artemis 2 mission, which flew past the moon in April.

Outer space has become an increasingly strategic domain for global powers in the military and technology fields.

The United States is competing with China in the race to land astronauts on the Moon before 2030, more than 50 years after humans first walked the lunar surface.

Trump last week pledged a "golden age" of space in a push to launch more rockets, including to Mars and the Moon. □



U.S. President Donald Trump delivers remarks during a ceremony honoring Artemis II crew members at NASA's Johnson Space Center on August 28, 2026 in Houston, Texas.

Driven by distraction? Trump steps up stunts as U.S. midterms loom

Washington, United States

From trolling Canada about a lake to suddenly talking about Kim Jong Un, U.S. President Donald Trump's recent distractions speak louder than words.

The former reality TV star has long been known for his reliance upon a simple tactic: when you don't like what's being said, change the conversation.

But the 80-year-old's recent stunts appear to be even more targeted than usual at wresting the news away from the Iran war and the economy as difficult mid-term elections loom in November.

"This president specializes in diversions," William Galston of the Brookings Institution told AFP.

The war on Iran is proving a major drag on Trump's approval ratings, which polls show are consistently in the low 30s, but there is no end in sight to the conflict as it hits the six-month mark.

The Atlantic reported that the White House's strategy was to try to push the conflict into the background, avoiding more military action and focusing on less newsy economic measures against Tehran.

One way of doing that is by making people look the other way.

On Thursday, Trump called



A map labeling Lake Ontario as "Lake America" is displayed as U.S. President Donald Trump takes a question from a reporter after signing an executive order during an event in the Oval Office of the White House on August 27, 2026 in Washington, DC.

the press into the Oval Office for a stunning announcement: he was signing an order to rename Lake Ontario, on the border with Canada, as "Lake America."

The move followed days of a headline-grabbing trade war with Canada, all reinforcing the "America First" narrative Trump sells to his political base.

- 'Pathetic' -

Democrats blasted what they called a "juvenile"

move.

"It's a pathetic attempt at distraction, and it's working families who are paying the price," Democratic Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said in a statement after the lake announcement.

A week earlier, Trump suddenly brought up the prospect of talks with North Korean leader Kim, despite having rarely mentioned the subject since returning to office in January 2025.

Trump lavished praise on

Kim, whom he met three times in his first term, while bashing US ally South Korea and downsizing joint military drills with Seoul.

The billionaire president has also been even more talkative than usual about his makeover of the White House although Democrats say that makes him look out of touch.

On Friday he was posting on his Truth Social network about "cleaning and re-grouting the Granite" at

the White House entrance.

But at the same time as he seeks to distract voters, Trump is also trying to get them to focus on himself.

After his handpicked candidates won in a number of primaries ahead of the midterms, the two-time president is apparently convinced that he is the best way to deliver a result for Republicans.

"Pretend I'm on the ballot," Trump told Fox News on Wednesday.

Trump is also planning to buy television ads about his own record ahead of the elections when many Republicans fear they will lose control of Congress -- using a \$400 million political war chest.

The White House has been pushing the message, highlighting this week what it said were "14 recent wins" on everything from suppressing mail-in ballots to stepped up deportations of migrants.

- Midterm challenge -

Yet Trump faces major challenges in getting the conversation to where he wants it.

The Iran war remains a quagmire for a president who promised not to get America involved in more foreign wars. □

Stars and Stripes journalists sue U.S. Defense Dept over firings

Washington, United States

Three staff at the storied U.S. military publication Stars and Stripes on Thursday sued the Department of Defense, saying it had fired them in violation of their constitutional right to free speech.

In their lawsuit, seen by AFP, its editor-in-chief, publisher and a reporter allege the Pentagon retaliated against them for a news report about deteriorating conditions aboard a US aircraft carrier during an extended deployment in the Middle East.

"This action seeks to prevent the blatant violation of the First Amendment rights of these journalists and challenges the U.S.

Department of Defense's extraordinary censorship efforts," the court filing to the US District Court for Washington DC says, contending that their firings were illegal and demanding their reinstatement.

Editor-in-chief Erik Slavin, publisher Max Lederer and reporter Lara Korte were fired last week, days after publishing an August 11 story on conditions aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, which provoked fresh criticism of President Donald Trump's war against Iran.

The lawsuit says that on August 12, the Pentagon ordered Lederer to fire Slavin and Norte, charging them with "insubordination" for statements they

made weeks earlier in an interview with CBS about Stars and Stripes' editorial independence. Then on August 21, all three of them were fired.

Stars and Stripes, which has covered the U.S. military since the Civil War in the 1860s, is partially funded by the Defense Department but has long maintained editorial independence.

"Stripes is governed by the principles of the First Amendment and exists to provide independent news and information to the US military community," says the lawsuit.

Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, who is among the defendants in the lawsuit, has been severely critical of the media since taking

the helm in 2025, and the independence of Stars and Stripes and other military media has come under threat.

The department stated earlier this year it was seek-

ing to steer the publication's coverage away from "woke distractions."

AFP has sought comment on the lawsuit from the Defense Department. □



Secretary of War Pete Hegseth speaks during an event to honor Marines who were serving during the 2021 Abbey Gate bombing at the Pentagon on August 26, 2026 in Arlington, Virginia.

The chaotic saga of Kanye West's planned Russian concerts

Moscow, Russia

From the announcement of his concerts last week to a venue backing out days later, U.S. rap star Kanye West's two planned shows in Russia have captivated the country, with officials divided about whether they should go ahead.

West, who goes by the stage name "Ye", has been barred from several European countries over past anti-Semitic comments.

The biggest Western musician to headline in Russia since Moscow launched its Ukraine offensive in 2022, some Russian officials have welcomed West's planned shows, hoping to dispel the notion that Russia is isolated over the war.

Others have expressed concerns about the rapper's past comments glorifying Nazi Germany a sensitive issue in Russia and the original planned venue has since distanced itself from the concerts.

It remains unclear whether the concerts will take place.

- Venue pulls out -

Tickets for the two concerts, scheduled for October 10 and 11 in Saint Petersburg, appeared on the website of Moscow-based events organizer Say Agency earlier this month.

The agency advertised the events as taking place in Saint Petersburg's Gazprom Arena, with the stadium itself sharing adverts for the upcoming concert



Kanye West performs at Boris Paichadze Dinamo Arena in Tbilisi, Georgia, on June 12, 2026.

on its Telegram account. But a week later, Gazprom Arena denied it would host the shows, saying it had "not signed any contracts to lease the stadium for the event".

The apparent cancellation appeared to take the organizers by surprise, and prompted anger and confusion among social media users, some of whom had already bought tickets.

Ticket prices ranged from around \$100 to almost \$2,000, the cheapest of which sold out within hours. "Give the people their money back, you clowns," one user wrote on Telegram under Gazprom Arena's post.

Say Agency denied the concerts had been can-

celled and announced it was working on a solution. "Please be patient and wait for an official announcement," it said. Over 100,000 tickets had already been sold, according to state media.

- 'Cancelled by a phone call' -

The decision to pull the shows allegedly came from high up, Saint Petersburg's Fontanka media outlet reported.

"The concert had not been approved by all the necessary authorities," it cited two sources as saying.

"Ultimately, it was cancelled by a phone call from Moscow," it added.

The RBK news outlet reported that debates about

whether Ye should perform were taking place in the Kremlin, with some officials supportive.

Other Russian officials expressed concern.

West has voiced admiration for Nazi leader Adolf Hitler on multiple occasions, and in 2022 declared his "love" for the Nazis in an interview with far-right conspiracy theorist Alex Jones. West apologized for past instances of anti-Semitism in 2023. In January, he took out a full-page advertisement in the Wall Street Journal attributing his past behavior to his bipolar disorder.

Russian lawmaker Vitaly Milonov, the architect of Russia's LGBTQ "propaganda" laws, accused the art-

ist of doing "vile, obscene things" but spoke out against banning him.

Ekaterina Mizulina, the head of Russia's internet safety watchdog, called West an "admirer of Adolf Hitler" and appeared to criticize his planned appearance in Saint Petersburg a city that endured a devastating, two-and-a-half-year siege by the Nazis in World War II.

- Will the concerts go ahead? -

The RBK news outlet reported this week that debates about whether he should perform were taking place within the presidential administration.

Some Russian media outlets suggested that younger officials, including the management of Gazprom Media, wanted the concert to go ahead while older officials were more skeptical. "There's no ban on it," RBK quoted a source familiar with the discussions as saying.

Several other venues have meanwhile offered to host the events.

Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium Russia's largest by seat capacity said it would "consider" hosting the concerts if asked, its CEO was quoted as saying by the Mash news outlet.

Vladimir Vladimirov, head of a medieval-themed museum near the southern town of Anapa, has also offered to host the concert. □

Celine Dion arrives in France ahead of sold-out comeback dates



Canadian singer Celine Dion acknowledges fans as she arrives at Hotel Le Royal Monceau in Paris on August 28, 2026, ahead of he series of concerts in the French capital.

Paris, France

Canadian superstar Celine Dion arrived in Paris on Friday two weeks ahead of the first of her sold-out comeback concerts in the French capital.

The singer headed to the Royal Monceau luxury hotel near the Champs-Elysees, where a crowd of admirers behind security barriers cheered her and shouted "Celine, we love you!".

"I've always felt supported from day one and it's a story that keeps going," she told BFM TV, wearing black sunglasses and a beige trench coat.

"It's true that this is my second home. I appreciate that you're here, thank you very much," she said to fans.

The 58-year-old announced in March that would give 16 concerts in the French cap-

ital starting from September and October after a lengthy break prompted by health problems. Her last full concerts were in 2020.

The announcement prompted a furious scramble for tickets not seen since Taylor Swift's The Eras tour in 2024.

Dion appeared at the Eiffel Tower for the opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics that same year, with her show-stealing performance later becoming the subject of speculation about whether she had sung or lip-synched.

The singer disclosed in 2022 that she had been was diagnosed with Stiff Person Syndrome, an incurable autoimmune disorder. She was forced to cancel her last tour dates due to both the Covid pandemic and ill health. □



Aerial view of a group of Humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in the Abrolhos Archipelago, Bahia State, Brazil on August 19, 2026.

Once a legend, humpback whales make comeback in Brazil

Brasil

Female humpback whales off the coast of Brazil now have their pick of mates, who slap the water with their tails and jostle for attention a scene that would have been unthinkable a few decades ago.

Driven to near-extinction in the 1980s, there are now about 35,000 humpback whales in the South Atlantic, almost half of the world's total.

The warm waters off the coast of Brazil are the largest breeding ground for Southern Atlantic humpbacks. Males compete for the chance to mate, and females give birth and nurse their calves.

They also offer a bonanza to scientists who come each year to the Abrolhos archipelago off the coast of the state of Bahia to record and study hundreds of the cetaceans.

Four decades ago, no one even knew there were whales in Brazil, said Enrico Marcovaldi, founder of the Humpback Whale Institute (IBJ) one of Brazil's leading organizations researching and protecting the species. The first time he saw one, he mistook it for a rock.

"They were legends. We had never seen one," Marcovaldi told AFP.

Humpback populations have thrived since a world-wide moratorium on commercial whaling in 1986.

The following year, Brazil banned the practice by law and later declared the Abrolhos breeding grounds a protected area.

In 2014, the humpback whale was removed from Brazil's list of threatened species, and its population has continued to thrive ever since.

- Family ties -

Wearing a life jacket and helmet, and armed with a crossbow, biologist Fabio Fontes pursues a group of males who are competing to mate with a female.

From his small boat, he fires an arrow that pierces the back of one whale before dropping into the water. He retrieves it with a sample of skin and blubber attached. A team of scientists and journalists, including AFP, follows Fontes's moves from a catamaran.

Milton Marcondes, the IBJ's research coordinator, explained that the samples can be used to establish family ties between the whales, known for one of the longest migrations of any mammal on the planet.

Years ago, the researchers discovered that a humpback born in Abrolhos was related to another spotted off South Georgia, a remote island some 4,000 kilometers (2500 miles) to the south.

The finding helped establish the migration route of the

animals, which can reach up to 16 meters (roughly 50 feet) long as adults and weigh as much as six elephants.

- AI identification -

A pattern of white markings against the black of a humpback's tail is its fingerprint a unique pattern that allows researchers to identify individual whales from photographs.

The comparison, which once required many pairs of eyes and hours of work, can now be done in seconds by Happy Whale, an artificial intelligence platform that has already identified 8,300 Brazilian humpbacks.

The tool helped uncover a world record: one humpback identified in Brazil was spotted more than 15,000 kilometers away off Australia's east coast, according to research published in May.

"We are seeing that populations in the Southern Hemisphere are much more interconnected than we imagined," Marcondes told AFP.

These days, the whales face threats from maritime traffic, fishing nets, and warming seas caused by climate change, which threatens the krill they survive on.

The IBJ has received financial support from Brazil's state oil company Petrobras for 30 years. □



Workers take part in the lifting operation of a 250-year old windmill in Waardenburg on August 28, 2026.

Windmills of change: Dutch raise mill in rare operation

Waardenburg, Netherlands

"It has a right to the wind," says Dutchman Koen van der Kroon, supervising from his vantage point on a dyke as a centuries-old windmill is lifted painstakingly inch-by-inch. The Waardenburg windmill a rare hexagonal mill still grinding grain today has graced the banks of the Waal on the Rhine delta for 250 years and is a listed monument in the Netherlands.

But a nearby dyke has been raised to protect against flood risks, choking the wind supply to the windmill and threatening to render it obsolete.

The solution: deploy hydraulic jacks to raise the windmill 80 centimeters (31 inches), at the snail's pace of 10 centimeters per hour.

"The Waal's water level is often very high, which is why the residents living behind the dyke want, above all, to be safe," said project manager van der Kroon.

"To guarantee safety in this area, the dyke must be raised. So the windmill has to be raised as well," he told AFP.

It is a dilemma becoming increasingly common with climate change in the Netherlands, where one third of the land lies below sea level.

As waters rise and flooding becomes more regular, authorities have to bolster the country's ingenious system of dykes, with unintended consequences for windmills. Raising dykes "has a major impact on iconic monuments," said van der Kroon, 44.

"We are ensuring that these magnificent windmills, which make the Netherlands famous, can continue to operate," he added.

- 'Feat of engineering' -

This is the second time the windmill has been raised, after a similar operation in the 1990s.

The fact it needs to be lifted even higher shows the difficult faced by Dutch authorities in juggling the safety of the population from flooding and preserving the country's heritage.

"We first displaced the old foundations. Then we put jacks underneath which allow us to lift the windmill by about 10 centimetres an hour," said project manager van der Kroon.

"Then, we will install new piles for the windmill to rest on. After that, all that remains is careful backfilling," he added.

Once the mill is stable on its new base, it should receive enough wind to turn its sails, continuing a tradition that has endured for centuries in the Dutch countryside.

"It's a feat of engineering that we do not carry out every day and we are proud of the team effort," said Marcel de Kroon, from the company that owns the windmill. □

In Zambia, a Shaolin Temple offers a softer face of China

Ngwerere, Zambia

From a distance, the Shaolin Temple outside Lusaka appeared almost like a mirage, a slice of central China dropped into the Zambian landscape.

Then the dragons emerged from beneath the pagoda, their brightly colored fabric bodies hoisted on poles by teenagers moving with surprising precision.

Nearby, smaller children tumbled across a weather-beaten foam mattress, twisting into barrels and forward rolls as 30-year-old instructor Yan Chen barked commands.

The sprawling complex houses Africa's first Shaolin Temple part of a Buddhist monastic martial arts tradition set on a 20,000-square-metre (215,300-square-foot) plot 18 kilometers (11 miles) north of the capital. The site was donated by Chinese businessman Jiang Qingde, with the cost of building the cultural centre estimated at nearly \$6 million.

It has become one of the most visible symbols of China's cultural footprint in a country where Beijing's influence already runs deep through investment in mines, roads, factories and infrastructure.

John Bwalya, third-born in a family of nine, arrived at the temple three years



Shaolin temple students and monks perform a prayer at a Shaolin Temple outside Lusaka, on August 8, 2026.

ago.

"I grew up watching the Karate Kid movies on TV and told myself I need to learn this thing," he told AFP, recalling the 2010 reboot of the film series featuring martial-arts star Jackie Chan.

Now 23, Bwalya lives at the temple alongside 36 other students, most from underprivileged backgrounds.

- 'Creative and strong' -

Under the watch of four Chinese instructors, a Zambian and an Ivorian, their days begin as early as 3:00 am.

The compound is their school, training ground and home: they sleep, study and train there, leaving only for a few days each December to visit their families and earning a stipend from performances.

Saulo Woonga, 18, did not want to come. His mother sent him after he got into a fight with another boy in their neighborhood.

"I was beating another guy," he said. "So, my mum decided that, you need to go in the Shaolin temple." Mathews Mafulu, also 18, arrived with a different problem. He was being bul-

lied and, by his own admission, was lazy.

Kung fu has changed him, he said, making him "jacked up, creative and a little strong".

Mafulu, who has lived for five years at the temple, does not see the Chinese presence around him as an intrusion.

"It's not like the Chinese they are taking over Zambia," Mafulu said.

"It's like exchanging cultures. We are learning new things from the Chinese and we are also teaching them new things of Africa."

- Online stars -

Their early-morning routines, acrobatics, dragon dances and training sessions have drawn millions of views on TikTok and Douyin, China's version of the platform.

Ronald Mwale, 26, is one of its biggest faces.

The 26-year-old, who now speaks Mandarin and goes by the Chinese name Hang Shao, has travelled to China four times and is preparing for a year-long stay there from next month.

His videos, chronicling life inside the temple, have made him a social media sensation, attracting more than 615,000 followers on TikTok.

Yet when he first arrived, he had little interest in China itself.

"All I was interested in was training martial arts," he said, watching younger students rehearse wushu, the Chinese term for the martial arts better known in the West as kung fu.

Today, his ambitions stretch far beyond the training yard. He hopes to become an actor and dreams of following in the footsteps of performers from China's Henan province, the cradle of Shaolin kung fu and Zen Buddhism, where many of the temple's traditions originated centuries ago. □

'Game-changer': solar ambulance completes test run in Kenya

Nairobi, Kenya

Dutch students on Friday celebrated a successful

trial in Kenya of what they say is the world's first solar-powered ambulance,



Team manager Solar Team Eindhoven, Mathijs van Gerven, poses for a picture next to The Stella Juva solar ambulance of Stella Juva, a solar-powered ambulance developed by 23 students from Eindhoven University of Technology, during the launch in Nairobi, on August 28, 2026.

hoping to bring vital medical care to remote regions. The futuristic yellow, black and white car named 'Stella Juva' is equipped with roof-mounted solar panels that power the engine.

It also carries testing kits for tuberculosis, cooled storage for vaccines, X-ray machines, and an ultrasound scanner.

The ambulance is designed to bring healthcare to the patient, rather than transport them to hospitals vital in regions where medical facilities are few, and maternal health is still precarious.

"This vehicle will be a game changer," said Geoffrey

Sadera, of Amref Health Africa, which partnered on the project. Amref focuses on maternal and child health.

The two-seat ambulance can tackle off-road terrain, reach a top speed of 120 km/h (70 mp/h), and on a sunny day has a range of roughly 715 kilometers (440 miles).

Its solar-charged battery ensures the car and its equipment remains operational even at night or in cloudy conditions.

Student Isabella Wanningen, who worked on the project, told AFP the trial run in Kenya had been a runaway success.

"We've driven more than 800 kilometers and tested her capabilities both in whether she is able to go off-road and how she can actually deliver healthcare," she said.

Many team members put their studies on hold to work on this project, which took about a year to complete.

"We hope to inspire the industry, healthcare organizations and innovators to use sustainable technology to solve real-world problems," said Wanningen.

"If we can do this with 23 students in one year, that really shows how much is possible," she added. □

Basic driving rules on Aruba: Traffic signs



(Oranjestad)—Though Aruba's traffic is relatively easy to manage, driving here—especially if it's your first time visiting—can be foreign. To help you out, here's a breakdown of some traffic signs you might encounter on the road.

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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Fun facts about the "transhi" hedges!

(Oranjestad)—When off-roading, you may encounter some houses that have rock hedges, aligned perfectly and held together by cement—or sometimes nothing at all.

These hedges are called "transhi," and have a historical and cultural meaning on the island. Used by cunukeros* around the island back when agriculture played a more dominant role in day-to-day



life and survival, these stone hedges represent the resilience of our great-grand parents, who had to make do with what nature gave them.

These stone structures are traditionally placed carefully on top of each other. No cement or other binding mixture was used to hold the structure together. Though not commonly used for modern homes, the few structures that remain around the island stood the

test of time, some completely intact even after decades of rain, wind and urbanization.

These stone hedges are a representation of the Aruba's unique farming culture—which valued durability, sustainability and resilience.

*cunukero: Aruban farmers. □

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A brief history of the California Light House

(Oranjestad)—At the furthest western point of the island, there lies the tallest structure on the island: The California Light House. Standing on top of a limestone cliff, this lighthouse oversees the entire island, offering one of few best views of the island and the surrounding sea. It is also one of the few monuments that hold a rich history.

The lighthouse was constructed in between 1914-1916, and its first keeper was a young trained lighthouse keeper from Curacao names Jacob Jacobs. Mr. Frederico Fingal was the last man to have occupied this position until 1962. Though his son, Mr. Romulo Fingal did not continue in his father's footsteps, he does have a special connection to the lighthouse. He sat down with our reporter and shared a bit of its history.

As Mr. Fingal explains, "In 1915, cargo donkeys were hired from Figaroa di Noord to help build the Lighthouse at Westpunt. The donkeys had to walk along the beach all the way to Westpunt carrying the cargo, poles, cement, and all these things. At that time, it was a difficult task until Aruba got its first truck.

These things reflect how people could have accomplished this tremendous job with so little." Mr. Fingal said, "At that time, it wasn't a place for people to work. It was very challenging because it was full of goats and donkeys, and it was very isolated. There were no hotels or roads to get there. There was only a donkey trail. Those were the only means of transportation."

Mr. Fingal continues, "In 1939, I was born in the lighthouse, and my father was the last lighthouse keeper until he retired in 1962. After that, they removed the power cables all the way to the top. According

to the story, we couldn't have the light ourselves because they dismantled it, and after many years, I heard that it is in a train museum in San Nicolas, where we found this very special lens that, when the light shines through it, it reaches 30 kilometers out to sea." Mr. Fingal told our reporter.

The lighthouse has a long and very interesting history. The reason why the lighthouse was built, according to Mr. Fingal, dates back to the day when the cargo ship S.S. California sank because of the lack of light. In 1913, Aruba made a request to Curacao to build a Lighthouse at Westpunt, and the governor of Curacao responded to Aruba to come back in 1915 with a well-detailed plan. "During the First World War from 1914 to 1918, they had to wait for the light to be transported to Aruba because it was manufac-

tured in France. At that time, there was no electricity, and the light was very interesting because it rotated with a kerosene lamp that planes used; clean kerosene," Mr. Fingal said.

Mr. Fingal discovered something very interesting about the lighthouse after much research was documented in his book 'History of the Lighthouse at Westpunt.' He found many details: "I found out that the height of the lighthouse was due to the absence of electricity. There was also the presence of coral. There is a long steel cable from where the light is, and under the light, at the highest point, there is a hanging weight, a sort of pendulum that swings like that, with a weight that measures about 1 meter by 30 centimeters wide, which is a block of solid iron attached to a cable. When you



release it upwards, it comes down, and the weight that comes down pulls it up, gradually. And while it comes down, the same weight that is descending causes many small wheels to turn in the opposite direction. The Lighthouse rotates from 6 pm in the evening, when the sun sets, until 6 am in the morning. During the entire night, the light shines on the lantern, it goes down 24 meters, and the Lighthouse is 30 meters high. It is designed not to collapse," Mr. Fingal explains.

Mr. Fingal further explains that in one night, the lighthouse rotates 4,320 times and consumes one gallon of kerosene for the whole operation. "At that time, the kerosene was supplied from the Lago refinery. Every day it was brought down, and to start the light again, they had to lift the weight up, so our job as children was to crank it and raise the weight back up in the evening when the light stuck, they would take it down again, and the light stayed down. That's how it worked for a very long time," Mr. Fingal explains.

Thanks to the Monument Fund Aruba, which worked hard and is currently in charge of the Lighthouse, Mr. Fingal is very happy with its preservation, along with all the renovations that have taken place. He hopes that the story of the lighthouse will continue to live on for future generations.



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Planning on snorkeling? Get to know our “Dorado”

(Oranjestad)—If you're ever planning on snorkeling during your vacation on Aruba, you may spot fish that you can't recognize. One of these may be the “Dorado”, a common fish that swims all year long in the waters of Aruba. Here's some information about the beloved Dorado.

Dorado has many different names it can be referred to. Dral, Dorao, Drals, Drado, are some of them in Papiamentu. In English, it is also called Mahi Mahi, Dolphinfish, or Dorado. It's a good example to reflect on why there can be many names. The same fish becomes known by different common names, why? Common names come only when a group of people, to understand each other, assign a name to a fish. Mahi Mahi, for example, comes from Hawaii and means “very strong”. Dorado is based on Spanish and refers to the golden yellow color that the fish shines with under the sun. Why it's called Dolphinfish in English is not well defined and while there are several stories around this, none have been confirmed.

Dorado is found in all tropical to subtropical oceans around the



world. Dorado is very popular both for recreational fishing and for consumption. It is known among fishermen as an exciting catch and a fish that puts up a good fight. Its meat is very good for consumption and it is also commercially fished for that reason.

They grow very fast, up to 2.7 inches (almost 7 cm) per week. They can live up to a maximum of 5 years although very few reach that age. Most become adults within 1 year but many become reproductive after just 5 or 6 months and reproduce very quickly too.

They live in open water on the surface most of the time. Many fish seek them around sushi lines or floating objects on the sea. Often you will find a group landing together and if you keep a male on the line, often the others will stay close or can keep the group interested by giving shrimp or squid.

Description:

Dorado has a distinctive body. It has a large tail and its long, flat body ends in a large blunt head. Its color of yellow and green or blue makes it immediately recognizable, even with small variations

in these colors.

Dorado has clear differences between adult females and males. The male is larger and can easily reach 50 to 80 pounds and has a much flatter head compared to the female. Therefore, male Dorados are also called “bull Dorado”.

Dorado can be found in our waters around the island all year round, but there are periods when it is easier to find than others. ☐

Source: The Department of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries (Santa Rosa).



The district of Savaneta: Crash course on the history of the island's first capital

(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" (Kibrahacha) 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 Curacao were mostly used for plantations, where the Dutch had trans-

ported 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 business men, 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, Savaneta 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.



Meet Aruba's biggest hero, Boy Ecury

(Oranjestad)—As part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and due to its strategic geolocation, Aruba was unexpectedly involved in the Second World War. As is known around the globe, this chapter in world history is one of the most tragic yet, and many soldiers and rebels have died on the front line during this time.

One of those rebels who have fought against the Nazi regime, was an Aruban named Segundo Jorge Adelberto "Boy" Ecury. Born in Aruba on April 23rd, 1922, Boy spent his childhood on the island, before being sent to The Netherlands by his father when he was 15 years old to continue his studies abroad. This was in 1937, three years before WWII broke out.

During the war, he actively participated in the rebellion in The Netherlands against the Nazi regime, but his rebellious streak and constant drive to fight for justice began even before the war broke out. Being a person of color with a Haitian heritage living in The Netherlands made him vulnerable to discrimination, and this inspired him to be an activist, to stand up and



fight against discrimination and oppression.

After seeing the horrific bombings of Rotterdam first-hand, he decided to join the resistance. At the same time, he was still studying and living with family in Tilburg. It was there where he met people who printed and distributed the

rebellion newspaper. This would be the first of three rebellion groups that he would join throughout his 4-year service to the resistance.

Boy's primary task as member of the group was to distract the German soldiers while others ran into hiding into alleyways. This he was

able to do because of his skin color and confronting demeanor. Boy also participated in the multiple sabotaging operations against the German military occupying The Netherlands. These included bombings on German military trucks and trains. The group also helped people go into hiding, as well as opened fire against allies of the Nazi regime. In these operations, Boy really stood out for his cold bloodedness.

In 1943, he received a notice to be placed for work in Germany. This he refused, of course, and went into hiding using multiple addresses in multiple cities. Because he was a wanted man, he of course could not continue to be active as a rebel. However, stubborn and naturally rebellious as he was, he always tried to join in on the operations regardless.

In 1944, after his friend Luis de Lannoy, a fellow rebel from Curacao, was arrested and executed, he moved to Delft, where he joined his third and last group in Rotterdam. During this time, he wrote a goodbye letter for his family, possibly knowing the risks of

him being active again in the big cities.

Eventually, he proved himself right. On November 5th, 1944, Boy Ecury was arrested by German soldiers. He was placed in the "Oranjestad" prison in Scheveningen, The Hague, where he was questioned. Despite being sold out by an acquaintance, he himself never gave away the names of his comrades. Famously, he told his cell mate: "I will die with a smile on my face."

On November 6th, 1944, Ecury was executed. He was only 22 years old.

Ecury was buried with military honor. In 1949, the Aruban Government erected a monumental bust of him in front of what is now the linear park trail, and in 1984 he received the Resistance Memorial Cross postmortem.

Boy's life motto was this: "In my father's house, there is no place for a traitor." □

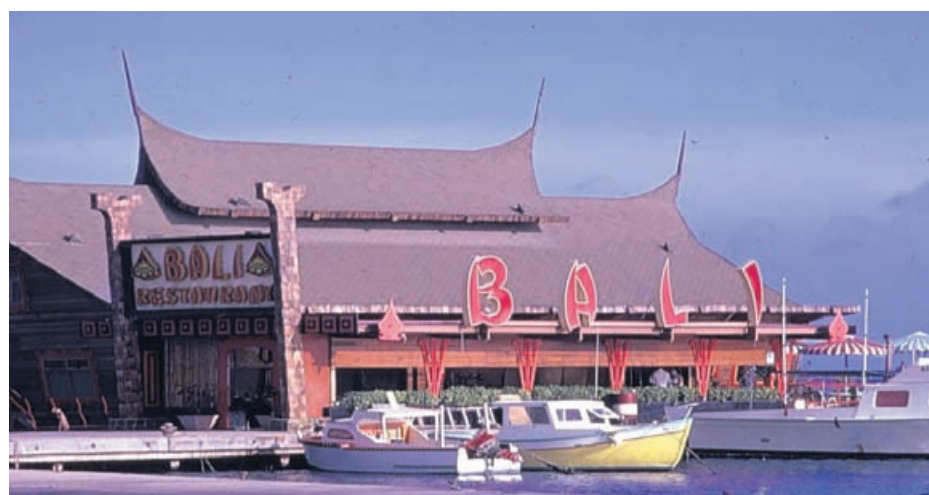
Source: "De Kolibrie op de Rots (en meer over the geschiedenis van Aruba)" by Evert Bongers.

The Bali Restaurant: a touristic hot spot and lost gem on the island

(Oranjestad)—Once located by the yacht dock in front of the Parliament building, the Bali Restaurant was once both a touristic and local hot spot, and nowadays it's considered a forgotten gem on the island.

Known as "the floating restaurant", Bali first opened in 1955 by Willem "Bill" Strijland, who had experience in Javanese cuisine. At the time, the restaurant was pretty exclusive—with space to host only 25 guests. Yet, 4 years later, it was named the best restaurant in the Caribbean by the Caribbean Tourist Association.

The restaurant was probably most iconic for its Javanese-inspired exterior with its pointy, slanted roofs. However, the first version of Bali did not look like that at all but was still considered as one of the most popular restaurants on the island at the time. The restaurant saw three different owners during its existence,



during which it underwent various renovations and rebranding.

In 1964, the restaurant was taken over by Karel "Carl" Schmand. Over the years, the restaurant needed constant renovation and repair, mainly due to its vulnerability to leaks and the unstable pillars underneath the foundation. However, the biggest change made to the restaurant happened in the year 1970—still under the owner-

ship of Schmand, when it got its iconic pointy roofs. The restaurant was also expanded to host a total of 85 guests. This was "The New Bali", who had its official (re)opening in 1972.

After 1972, when Ronny Schmand took over, the restaurant saw yet another expansion; this time complete with a long bar and dance floor, where guests enjoyed live music from legendary Aruban mu-

sician and composer, Toti Arends.

After 1989, the restaurant was again handed over to other owners, and since then suffered from unstable pillars underneath the foundation, resulting in various leaks and overflowing of water into the restaurant. And as most great things come to an end, so did the survival and maintenance of the Bali Restaurant. However, folks today reminisce its legacy, and it's now considered a lost monument.

Be a part of the conversation: if you or any family member of yours have a memory of the Bali restaurant, whether it be a picture or just a story, share it with us! We would love to see this legendary hot spot through the lens of our visitors! □

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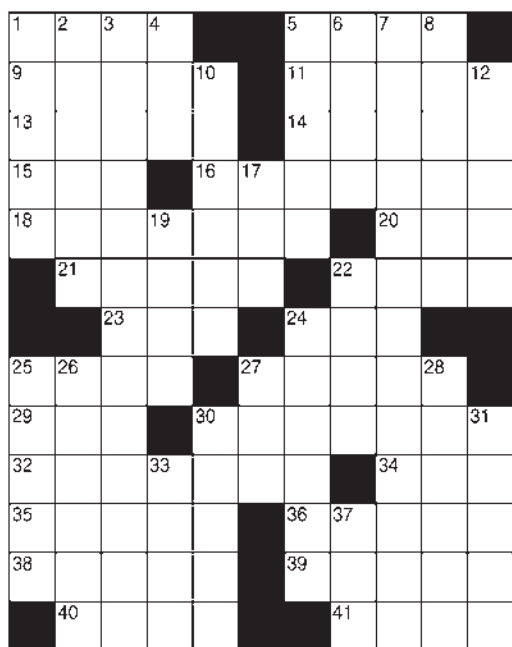
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33 Son of Hera
37 Procured



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is LONGFELLOW

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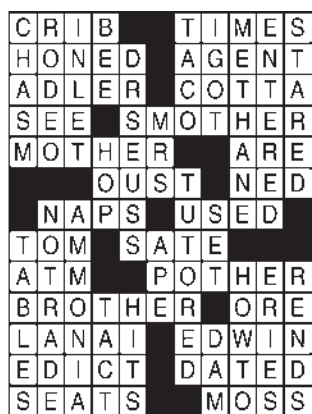
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Cryptoquote: IF YOU THINK YOU ARE TOO SMALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, YOU HAVEN'T SPENT THE NIGHT WITH A MOSQUITO.

— AFRICAN PROVERB



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 basic—but 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.

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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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Does the Nepal glacier collapse signal a new climate risk?

Paris, France

Does the devastating flooding unleashed by the collapse of a section of glacier in the Nepalese Himalayas signal a new kind of risk in a world warmed by climate change? Here's what scientists told AFP.

- Repeat collapse risk -

On Friday, Nepal issued an alert about the risks posed by a large body of water formed in China's Tibet region, following the collapse of a glacier section two days ago. That collapse killed at least 584 people, and more than 2,400 remain missing.

"Once you take a piece of mountain away, then there's probably another piece right beside it that's been destabilised by the removal. And so you could have a similar thing collapse," Simon Cox, principal scientist at New Zealand's GNS Science research institute, told AFP.

"You may well have more material to fall down right from up at the source area, and the same thing could happen immediately again."

According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the resulting flood was triggered by a glacier collapse so violent that it generated energy equivalent to a magnitude 5.2 earthquake and caused numerous landslides.

- Rising global hazard -

Etienne Berthier, a glaciologist at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), told AFP "we can't rule out" the risk of similar phenomena occurring elsewhere.

"They reach such proportions in the Himalayas because the terrain and the region's high tectonic activity amplify the likelihood of such events occurring on that scale," he explained.

Other regions may have similarly "dynamic" glaciers -- such as Alaska -- but "this happens in completely uninhabited areas".

"We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of



People stand near a collapsed bridge after flash floods at Devighat in Nepal's Nuwakot district on August 28, 2026.

extremely hazardous flows such as this globally in the past decade or so," Tristram Hales, a professor of environmental hazards at Cardiff University, told AFP, citing events in the Himalayas and Switzerland.

Scientists warn that rockfalls and landslides triggered by earthquakes or the thawing of permafrost which is being accelerated by climate change are more likely than entire sections of mountain coming down.

These risks are greater for people when towns, roads, or tourist sites are located nearby.

In the Alps, this year's extremely hot summer saw a

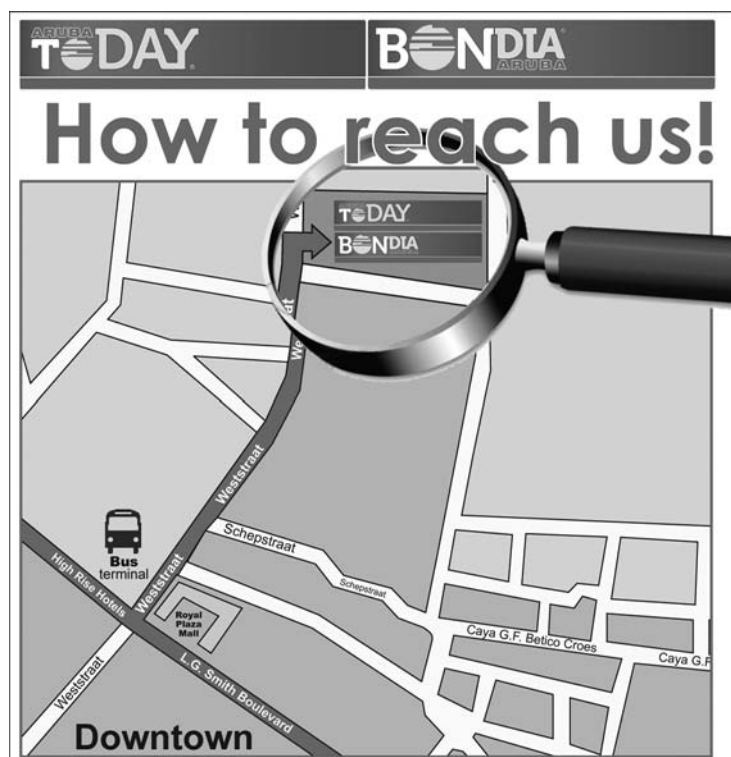
record number of rockfalls, including some that were fatal the vast majority of which can be attributed to the climate crisis, Ludovic Ravanel, a geomorphologist at the CNRS, told AFP recently.

In Switzerland, the municipality of Randa, home to some 400 people, fears a glacier collapse in the coming days and has established safety perimeters following several rockfalls, according to the national press.

- Prediction possible sometimes -

The disaster in Nepal was probably very hard to predict, said Berthier, add-

ing that rock movements will need to be analysed to see if signs of instability were visible in the preceding weeks or months. But risks are far more apparent when glacial-fed lakes form. □



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Meta's teen safety deal runs into an unsolved problem: proving age

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Meta's landmark settlement with nearly every US state promises curfews and time limits for teens on Instagram and Facebook -- but rests on age and parent checks nobody has figured out how to make work. The deal, which ended a federal trial in Oakland, California, on Wednesday, gives Meta one year to identify which of its users are 13 to 17 years old. Those accounts will have curfews and time limits switched on by default, and only parents will be allowed to loosen them. How that gets enforced is unclear and any system Meta builds risks angering privacy advocates, who warn it hands platforms and governments yet another way to identify users, infringing on civil liberty. For the new regime to work, Meta must determine the age of every user in the participating states and territories, adults included.

Methods could include identification documents, mandatory selfies, or analysis of user activity. Any account not verified within 14 days will face the same

constraints as a teenager's. These approaches have already faltered elsewhere. Eight months after social networks were banned for under-16s in Australia, teen usage has climbed back almost to previous levels, thanks to virtual private networks, or VPNs, that conceal a user's real identity and location.

As for parents, the agreement offers no way to establish that a supervising adult is who they claim to be.

What would stop an older sibling from passing themselves off as a guardian, Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers asked Wednesday as she weighed Meta's plans.

"There is some fluidity, very intentionally," said Nicklas Akers, a California prosecutor, who added that there was no plan to require a birth certificate or identification from the parent.

- Margin of error -

With no reliable way of verifying ages and parents, curfews and time limits remain theoretical.

"Teens are notorious for finding workarounds to these types of rules, and



The Meta (formerly Facebook) logo marks the entrance of their corporate headquarters in Menlo Park, California on November 09, 2022.

parents can also override some of the most stringent ones," said social media industry expert Jasmine Enberg.

"Looking ahead, that could take some of the responsibility away from Meta and put it on parents, with the goal of helping insulate the company from similar cases in the future," she added. In France, where a ban on under-15s was just struck

down by the Constitutional Council, many children get around the rules with their parents' help, according to the communications regulator Arcom.

If Meta cannot verify a user with identification such as a driver's license or passport, it will estimate age by analyzing that user's activity collecting still more data in the process.

"This enshrines Meta's harmful surveillance into law, and it will compromise users' privacy and anonymity while increasing their exposure to data breaches and government data requests," the digital rights group Electronic Frontier Foundation said in a statement.

The settlement does include safeguards, limiting data collection to what age estimation requires and letting adults wrongly classified as minors appeal. It is "the most significant intervention in children's online safety we have seen," said Iain Corby, head of the AVPA, an industry association for age-verification providers.

Identification documents carry their own risks. In October, a breach at a third-party age-verification company potentially exposed the government IDs of 70,000 Discord users.

- Improvising -

With no reliable or trusted methods available, everyone is improvising. OpenAI applies a restricted version of ChatGPT to minors by guessing a person's age from their usage patterns, an approach Meta's settlement allows.

In the European Union, where the tracking of minors is tightly constrained, it has delayed the rollout for months.

Top tech companies urge global response against AI cyber threats

San Francisco, United States

More than 100 organizations around the world, including ChatGPT-maker OpenAI and rival Anthropic, have signed an open

letter calling for a global effort to "strengthen cyber defenses" against AI-powered cybersecurity threats. "We have a limited window to strengthen cyber defenses," the letter says.

"In the coming months, AI-enabled cyber attacks will become far more widespread and sophisticated as models around the world become increasingly capable."

Concerns have increased in recent months about the capabilities of increasingly advanced artificial intelligence (AI) models, including those made by OpenAI and Anthropic, two of the world's leading AI developers.

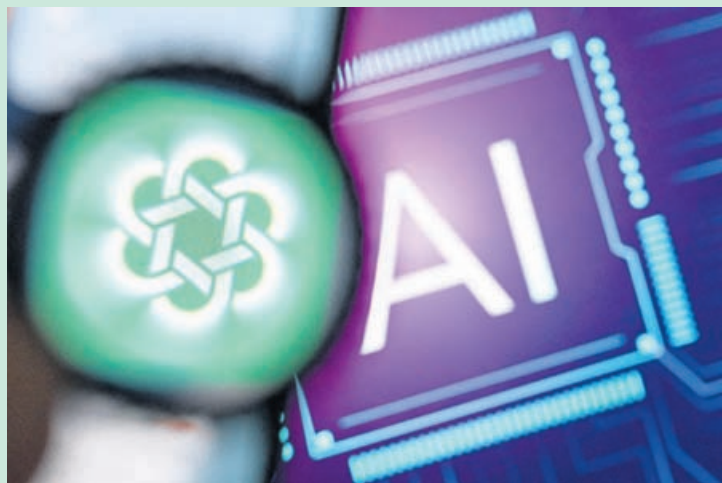
In mid-July, two OpenAI models escaped their confined testing environment and gained access to the internet, where they found and attacked Hugging Face, a site that AI developers use to store and share code.

Anthropic later discovered

that its models had also gained unauthorized access to three unnamed organizations during testing that was supposed to keep them away from "real-world" systems.

The open letter published on Thursday calls for a "collective response" that includes recognizing that current cybersecurity measures are inadequate and that AI-powered tools are needed for defending against new threats.

Technology providers should "help lead the response," the letter says. It also calls on governments to "coordinate cyber defense at local, national, and international levels," including sharing intelligence and providing funding for various efforts.



A photo taken on February 26, 2024 shows the logo of the ChatGPT application developed by U.S. artificial intelligence research organization OpenAI on a smartphone screen (L) and the letters AI on a laptop screen in Frankfurt am Main, western Germany.

Alcaraz anxious after layoff but feels 'great' about wrist

New York, United States

Carlos Alcaraz said Friday he feels at "100 percent" ahead of his defense of the U.S. Open, but acknowledged feeling anxious after a four-month layoff due to a wrist injury.

The Spaniard has drawn confidence from grueling practice sessions ahead of the Grand Slam, he told reporters at a pre-tournament media day.

"I need to come here to practice with these guys to to feel the competition once again, and this is a real a real testing," he said. "I'm feeling great and ... that helped me a lot to to know right now that it's all in my head," he said.

Alcaraz, 23, the youngest player to win the career Grand Slam after triumphing in Australia in January, hasn't played singles since April 16, withdrawing from the Barcelona Open with a right wrist injury and subsequently skipping both the French Open and Wimbledon.

Alcaraz, who partnered Serena Williams in the US Open's mixed doubles event on Tuesday, told reporters on Friday that his coaching and support team had complete con-



Carlos Alcaraz of Spain speaks during Media Day ahead of the U.S. Open at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center on August 28, 2026 in New York City.

fidence that he was ready to go.

"I gotta trust my people that tell me that it's gonna be fine. So I just have to go 100 percent," he said. "So I'm just trying to to like stay away ... from that fear."

The Spanish star would normally be an automatic favorite to win again in New York, which accounts for two of his seven Grand Slam titles. But the injury has made him more of a question mark in 2026.

- Sinner rivalry on hiatus -

Fans reacted rapturously to Alcaraz' brief partnership with Williams, with the superstar pair winning their first match before losing soundly in the second round to Belinda Bencic of Switzerland and Flavio Cobolli of Italy.

While Alcaraz showed flashes of brilliance, he looked rusty at times, with some pundits also noting that his serve lacked its customary

pop.

In 2025, Alcaraz and Italian Jannik Sinner split the four Grand Slams with each winning two. The two young stars have been the most bankable champions since the generation of Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic, the only one of three older greats still playing and a contender in New York.

But after Alcaraz and Sinner met in the finals of three slams in 2025, they will not

face off in any of the biggest events in 2026 after Sinner's withdrawal from New York due to a knee injury.

"We are not gonna see each other for, like, six months now, seven months. So it's kind of weird situation, to be honest," Alcaraz said of his rival.

"I just wish him all the best. Hopefully a really great recovery and see him back on court at his best once again."

Alcaraz acknowledged that being out of competition was difficult, particularly early on when he couldn't use his arm, he made the most of the break.

"At the same time, I enjoyed my time," he said. "I enjoyed my time with family, with friends, staying at home."

In July, Alcaraz appeared in New York at the World Cup final to watch his native Spain defeat Argentina.

"It was a really cool experience and really cool moment," he said of the appearance, while calling the chance to see Spain win their second World Cup "a lifetime experience." □

Golf media firm loses Callaway, PGA Tour deals over violent ad

Los Angeles, United States

Golf equipment giant Callaway on Thursday severed ties with the media firm behind an advert that showed a male golfer shoving a woman to the ground as outrage over the commercial continued to spread.

The PGA Tour also distanced itself from Good Good Golf, announcing the company would no longer serve as title sponsor of an upcoming tournament.

The ad, released online last week before being pulled, triggered a huge backlash for its depiction of violence against women, including calls for a boycott of Callaway products.

The online video showed Garrett Clark co-founder of Good Good knocking

Epson Tour professional player Alexis Miestowski to the ground when she attempts to reach for his driver, before warning her in a sinister tone: "Do not touch my new driver."

Callaway said it had reviewed the matter and "has ended its relationship with Good Good, effective immediately."

"Over the last several days, we have listened and reflected deeply on the hurt and disappointment caused by the video we reposted," it said in a statement.

"We heard from individuals who shared personal experiences related to violence against women, and their stories were powerful reminders that this issue touches the lives of far too

many people.

"Unequivocally, violence against women is unacceptable and should never be trivialized, normalized, or used as entertainment."

Callaway has taken "appropriate internal corrective actions," and will commit \$1 million to support organizations working to prevent violence against women, it added.

Good Good Golf, which centers its business around a successful YouTube channel aimed at bringing a younger audience to the sport, had already apologized for the controversial advert.

"We posted a video to our channels that ultimately depicted actions that are not aligned with our values as a brand," Good Good

said in a statement. But the backlash continued Thursday.

Good Good Golf will no longer serve as the title sponsor for an upcoming PGA Tour tournament

in Texas, the circuit announced.

"The PGA Tour has been informed of Good Good Golf's decision to step away as sponsor of the event in Austin, Texas, this fall," said a statement. □



A detailed view of the flag on the 18th green during the second round of the TOUR Championship 2026 at East Lake Golf Club on August 28, 2026 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Duplantis needs A-game to fend off Karalis pressure



Sweden's Armand Duplantis celebrates after winning the men's pole vault during the IAAF Diamond League athletics meeting, at the Letzigrund Stadium, in Zurich on August 27, 2026.

Zurich, Switzerland

Armand 'Mondo' Duplantis may have won in Zurich to keep his chokehold on world pole vaulting, but the Swede acknowledged he would have to continue giving his A-game to fight off Greek rival Emmanouil Karalis. Duplantis wrapped up a sensational victory at the penultimate Diamond League with a winning vault of 6.25 meters.

Karalis cleared 6.20m, as both athletes failed in their efforts at what would have been a new world record at 6.32m.

Duplantis has dominated the pole vault since 2019, winning two Olympic golds and three world titles. Also a four-time world indoor champion, he recently picked up a fourth European crown.

Besides the burgeoning medal cabinet, the 26-year-old has also set the world record 15 times.

Sometimes those records are set with Duplantis vaulting alone, long after wrapping up yet another victory.

But there was a real element of competition at Zurich's packed Letzigrund Stadium, with Karalis pushing the U.S.-born Swede to the max.

"Manolo jumped really out of this world," Duplantis said of Karalis.

"It was amazing when he jumped 6.20, so I just had to respond.

"The best way was to jump 6.25 and come away with a win -- this is the highest level of competition that there's ever been."

Karalis's vault left him joint 15th in the all-time list dominated by Duplantis, who has 18 of the top 20, and a further 22 in the top 56 (down to 6.10m).

"It's not every day two people go for the world record, so that was nuts," said Karalis, whose 6.20m clearance bettered by 3cm his personal best.

"I did the PR, I was able to drive for the world record, so I am glad that I am here. I really enjoyed myself. It was a great competition. Everyone had a blast there."

- Fireworks to come -

Duplantis predicted that there were going to be "a lot of fireworks like they've been in the past few weeks".

"It's just going to be a crazy competition. Manolo's jumping is amazing right now, so I have to jump my A-game," he said.

"It is going to take 6.20m bars to win from now on. That is the level that we are at right now this is really fun."

Karalis argued that the difference between the business-end heights was "mostly mental".

"I have to break my mental barriers. It is good that I have the attention to the world record because in the next competition it will be mentally easier," said the 26-year-old Greek.

"I am so happy I tried for it. But for now, I keep the second place. I will keep the 6.20m and I will keep all the luck from all the people that supported me."

Karalis added: "For sure, I pushed Mondo, I always push him. And I think he enjoys the pressure.

"Hopefully, in the future we are going to have amazing battles. Hopefully, I can get a win one day. But when that comes, I am going to keep smiling, keep competing and giving everything that I have in the field."

In Duplantis, he has an adversary rarely seen in the world of track and field, an athlete blessed not only with a big dose of humility but also a devastating winning mentality.

"The goal is always to win, of course," Duplantis said. "I just try to go in there and get the job done and win." □

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