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U.S. envoys have ‘more effective proposals’: Ukraine official

Kyiv, Ukraine

Washington’s envoys have brought new, “more effective” proposals on ending the war with Russia to Kyiv, and President Volodymyr Zelensky is meeting them again in a trio format, a senior Ukrainian presidential official told AFP Sunday.

Earlier Sunday, Zelensky had said the war with Russia looked likely to continue into winter.

While both he and the U.S. envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner had given upbeat assessments of the talks, neither announced any breakthroughs on ending the conflict.

But the senior Ukrainian official told AFP: “It’s not the same as it was before. This one now is more effective. They’re still talking. This is actually the most impor-



In this handout photograph taken and released by the Ukrainian Presidential Press Service on September 6, 2026, Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelensky (C), US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff (L) and U.S. President Donald Trump’s son-in-law Jared Kushner (R) pose for a photo prior to their talks in Kyiv, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

tant part.”

Witkoff, who is President Donald Trump’s business

ally, and Kushner, Trump’s son-in-law, travelled to Kyiv a day after meeting Rus-

sian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow -- the latest of several visits to the city. Sunday’s visit to Kyiv was their first to the Ukrainian capital, which has been enduring deadly Russian strikes for more than four years.

Zelensky said: “We very much hope that we will be able to reach agreements with our American partners, and we are counting on the support of our European partners if the war continues in winter -- and this is how it appears at the moment.”

Zelensky also said Ukraine would hold talks with the US, France and Germany, but did not elaborate. And he repeated his call that only a meeting between the two leaders could solve territorial issues.

Thanking the U.S. envoys for their visit, Zelensky said on X: “The main thing is to achieve peace for Ukraine -- a dignified, reliable, and lasting peace.

“We are directing all our efforts toward this.”

- ‘On same side’ -

Moscow occupies large swathes of eastern and southern Ukraine and the Kremlin told the Americans Saturday it was feeling “confident” it would advance more.

Moscow has said it wants not just the territories it occupies but the land it claims as Russian to be recognized as its own -- terms

unacceptable to Kyiv.

Witkoff said both sides would need to compromise, adding: “We think we have the ingredients to get to that place.

“We’ve had a very meaningful discussion, substantive, important, and we are very encouraged and we look forward to continuing this as long as it takes.”

Kushner added: “Hopefully this trip has come out with some new ways to advance forward. I think we’ve learned a lot from the trip.”

Witkoff and Kushner travelled to the region hoping to revive the Trump administration’s push for peace in Europe’s worst conflict since World War II, after a summer of escalation.

British, French and German representatives attended a separate round of the talks. Zelensky said he was grateful the Europeans were there, adding: “Here we are all on the same side.”

Like all visiting officials, the U.S. delegation had arrived by train, with “Peace Express” written on the platform at Kyiv Central Station. Ukrainian airspace has been closed since Russia launched its invasion in 2022.

Russia and Ukraine vowed not to strike each other’s capitals during the U.S. envoys’ trip.

- ‘Substantive plans’ -

Moscow’s invasion has killed hundreds of thousands of people and displaced millions.

A White House official said in a statement to AFP that in Moscow the envoys had “discussed substantive plans which will be announced in the coming weeks”.

Without elaborating, the Kremlin said the Americans had “put forward a number of ideas on possible routes to a settlement”.

Putin has repeatedly said Moscow intends to seize the rest of eastern Ukraine, and Russia increased deadly strikes this summer. Since Putin launched the invasion in February 2022, the war has dragged on with no end in sight. □

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Amazon cargo plane overshoots Miami runway, hits vehicles, catches fire

Miami, United States

An Amazon cargo plane overshoot a runway as it landed Sunday in Miami, crashing into vehicles and catching fire, officials said. Video showed thick smoke billowing from the blue and white Boeing 767 that had arrived around 2 pm from Puerto Rico, as fire trucks raced to the scene.

There was no immediate word on casualties in the incident reported by the Federal Aviation Administration and Miami International Airport.

The Miami-Dade Fire Department said the plane operating as Prime Air Flight 7598 caught fire as a result of what it called a crash. "Firefighters are working on extinguishing the fire and assessing patients," it said on X.

The fire department said the plane overran a runway and hit multiple vehicles near the airport, where more than 60 firefighting units rushed to the scene. The airport said all its runways and taxiways have been shut down because



The tail section of a cargo plane is seen at Miami International Airport after it overran the runway at Miami International Airport in Miami, Florida, on September 6, 2026.

of the accident.

Amazon put out a statement saying the aircraft "experienced an incident while attempting to land." It did not say if anyone was hurt or killed.

"This is a fast-moving situation and we're still gathering details. We're working closely with local authorities and officials to understand exactly what happened," Amazon spokesperson Kelly Nantel said in the statement. □

U.S. military strikes oil tankers as Iran vows tougher reprisals

Washington, United States

The United States said it destroyed three Iranian oil tankers on Saturday in response to attempted missile attacks on naval vessels, with Iran's Revolutionary Guards saying they targeted US-linked ships in response.

The latest round of clashes, which began with US raids last week, comes amid a deadlock in the six-month war. Iran has maintained its stranglehold on the strategic Strait of Hormuz as Washington continues pressing its counter-blockade of Iranian ports.

In addition to the renewed military action, Washington is also seeking to choke Iran's economy, announcing sanctions on entities with financial links to the Islamic republic in a bid to force it into submission.

U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) said early Saturday it targeted tankers linked to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), accusing the most powerful arm of the Iranian military of unsuccessfully firing at American warships. "Following Iran's failed attacks, CENTCOM permanently disabled the IRGC crude oil carriers M/T Downy off the coast of Kharg Island and M/T Stark 1 near Jask," it said.

"American forces also completely destroyed the unladen crude oil carrier M/T Kylo... in the Gulf of



This screen grab made on September 5, 2026 from handout video footage released by the US Central Command (CENTCOM) on X (formerly known as Twitter) shows what CENTCOM says is US military forces striking an Iranian crude oil tanker, M/T Stark 1, off the coast of Jask, Iran in the Gulf of Oman, on September 5, 2026.

Oman, striking the vessel in multiple critical locations to render it inoperable after the crew was directed to abandon ship."

Video posted by CENTCOM showed large fireballs and billowing flames after projectiles slammed into the ships.

The three vessels were "part of a multibillion-dollar shadow network that funds the IRGC and its regional proxies," it said.

After the strikes, CENTCOM commander Admiral Brad Cooper said: "If you shoot at two of our ships, we will impose an even higher economic cost -- taking out three of yours."

In a statement published by state news agency IRNA, the Guards said their air force "attacked an aircraft carrier and a destroyer with several ballistic missiles."

The Guards said those two American warships were "forced to retreat" after "suffering damage." CENTCOM said those ships successfully evaded Iranian attacks.

- Lifeboats -

Following the US strikes, the IRGC said their naval forces "targeted three oil tankers on the unauthorized route of the Strait of Hormuz and three vessels affiliated with the child-killing America in other areas."

It warned other ships not to attempt to transit by unapproved routes.

CENTCOM did not immediately respond to AFP's questions about the IRGC claims. There were no immediate reports from the UKMTO shipping agency of civilian tankers being targeted in the strait.

The Iranian foreign ministry earlier hit out at Washington over the strikes on the oil tankers, calling them "illegal and aggressive actions."

A correspondent for Iranian state TV in Jask in the southern province of Hormozgan said one of the tankers was empty and the second was carrying oil. The crews were transported to shore on lifeboats, they said.

Another state TV correspondent on Kharg Island said the attack there caused no casualties.

Iran's Khatam-al Anbiya central military command warned that if the US continued its attacks, then Tehran's retaliation against US warships would be "more severe than before, and there is a possibility of their expansion."

- 'Small potatoes' -

The Trump administration has tried to downplay the significance of the six-month conflict, which has proven increasingly unpopular at home as midterm elections near.

U.S. Vice President JD Vance went so far as to say that he "wouldn't call it a war."

U.S. President Donald Trump backed his comments on Friday, calling the Iran war "small potatoes" for Washington.

Iran's Security Chief Mohsen Rezaei warned this week that the Islamic republic had adopted a "new strategy" against Washington in the war that "will shatter your foundations."

The U.S. has been trying to step up pressure on Tehran over its blockade of the Hormuz Strait, through which one-fifth of world oil supplies previously flowed. A fragile ceasefire collapsed in July after attacks on commercial ships in the strategic waterway.

Trump has in recent weeks repeatedly threatened to claim sovereignty over the strait, even posting a map showing it as a "new U.S. territory."

Vance has also insisted the U.S. would not reopen talks with Iran until it ends attacks on commercial shipping in the Hormuz. □

New Oasis film captures band's frosty reunion

Venice, Italy

A new film about Oasis's historic 2025 world tour, which premiered Saturday in Venice, captures the frosty reunion of the British band's Gallagher brothers -- and shows how their children have become the "cement" in their volatile relationship.

Titled "Oasis: Don't Look Back in Anger", the documentary reveals the moment Liam Gallagher arrived for the first meeting in 15 years with estranged brother Noel for a rehearsal ahead of their "Live '25" tour.

His first words are to object to some acoustic shields on the drums -- "they're giving me the hump" -- before he launches into the songs in characteristic style and then leaves without saying a word.

"They're English working-class men, they're not going to show emotion, not going to even shake hands," film creator Steven Knight, creator of the "Peaky Blinders" TV series and the writer of the new James Bond film, told AFP. Over the course of the tour, the combustible brothers gradually bury one of the most famous feuds in modern rock music, which dates back to a 2009 backstage fight before a concert in Paris.



(L-R) Steven Knight, Noel Gallagher, Liam Gallagher, Dylan Southern and Will Lovelace attend the 'Oasis: Don't Look Back in Anger' Screening during the 83rd Venice International Film Festival at Sala Grande on September 05, 2026 in Venice, Italy.

Fans began gathering at the Venice Film Festival on Saturday morning ahead of the premiere, with the Gallagher brothers waving to them from a boat as they arrived in the sun-drenched Italian city.

Their on-stage reunion last year saw an outpouring of 1990s nostalgia and support for Oasis, one of the biggest rock bands of the past 30 years, with the film seeking to explain why they have such strong cross-generational and cross-language appeal.

Liam and Noel's reconciliation was helped by the budding relationships between their children who

didn't know each other before the band reunion, according to Knight.

"I think once their kids got involved, that was the cement. Their kids met and became mates," he added.

Asked about his work on the next Bond, Knight said he couldn't talk about it, adding only: "I'm very much looking forward to that. It's going to be really good."

- Music at the cinema -

"Don't Look Back in Anger" is part of a lucrative new trend of major artists releasing tightly controlled films about their tours, allowing

fans who missed out on tickets to get an alternative view of the shows in the cinema.

Taylor Swift's film about her Eras Tour in 2023 grossed an estimated \$260 million worldwide, while Beyonce also released a movie the same year about her tour, raking in \$44 million.

"I think it's really good, and the reason that anyone wants to fund something like this is because they see a precedent," Knight added.

The expletive-heavy Oasis movie is mostly feel-good entertainment, making no reference to contentious issues such as the "dynamic

pricing" of tickets which saw some fans pay significantly more than they expected.

It also skims over the 2009 break-up and the ensuing years of rancour, but it reveals Liam's nerves about messing up, his decision to avoid all cigarettes and alcohol on tour, and how Noel was a "mess" with his emotions at the start of the first concert in Cardiff in July 2025.

The film was directed by renowned British music documentary makers Dylan Southern and Will Lovelace who worked alongside Knight.

Lovelace said they were initially "daunted" by the task.

"The eyes of the world are on this thing, and it involves two brothers who are famously volatile and we didn't know how it was going to turn out," he told AFP.

The Oasis duo as well as British acting superstar Robert Pattinson, appearing for his new film "Primetime", brought a buzz to the Venice festival on Saturday which has been largely shunned by big Hollywood studios this year.

"Oasis: Don't Look Back in Anger" releases worldwide from September 9. □

Susan Sarandon says still losing roles over Gaza stance

Venice, Italy

U.S. actress Susan Sarandon said Sunday she was still having roles "taken away" from her in Hollywood because of her outspoken criticism of Israel's war in Gaza.

The "Thelma & Louise" star was dropped by her agency UTA in November 2023 over controversial remarks at a pro-Palestinian rally which she later said she regretted.

Speaking at the Venice Film Festival, where she has a role in Italian film "The Echo Chamber", she claimed the "narrative" around the Gaza war and the United States' support for Israel had "completely changed".



U.S. actress Susan Sarandon attends the red carpet event before the screening of "The Echo chamber" presented in competition at the 83rd International Venice Film Festival, at Venice Lido on September 6, 2026

"There's a lot of things that people are aware of now," the Oscar winner told a press conference, referring to the extent of U.S. financial and military aid for Is-

rael.

"I've still had movies taken away recently because there are agencies that are telling people not to hire me still. But that's the pow-

er structure," she added.

"I think there has been a change in terms of the understanding of the situation and the general public, but there are still very strongly held positions within my industry that are held by Zionists and who have not relaxed their feelings towards me.

"But I found my family, I found my people, and I'm okay," she added to a round of applause.

The veteran star of "Dead Man Walking" has been one of Hollywood's most outspoken pro-Palestinian campaigners and critics of the Gaza war alongside others such as Marc Ruffalo, Richard Gere and Joa-

quin Phoenix.

Many others have signed open letters criticizing Israel's conduct of the war, which has left around 73,500 Palestinians dead and 174,500 injured since October 2023, according to Gaza's Hamas-run health ministry.

The premiere of "NAZA" -- about the killing of civilians in Gaza -- by two Israeli directors looks set to be one of the most emotionally charged moments of the Venice festival when it premieres on Thursday.

Directors Yuval Abraham and Rachel Szor won an Oscar for 2024's "No Other Land", which documented the displacement of a Palestinian community. □

'Like a jewel': Japan's luxury ice revered by bars worldwide

Kanazawa, Japan

In the historic Japanese city of Kanazawa, craftsmen painstakingly shape and slice blocks of ice destined to chill negronis in some of the world's trendiest bars. The men work for Kuramoto Ice, a century-old company in Ishikawa on the Sea of Japan coast and one of dozens of Japanese firms producing ultra-clear, premium ice.

This luxury product, believed by those in the industry to melt more slowly than regular blocks, is a staple of Japan's cocktail culture. But its popularity is also spilling over to bars abroad, from the United States to Australia, who pay as much as 200 yen (\$1.25) per cube. Kuramoto Ice is of the country's few international exporters, and has seen total sales more than double since exports began in 2019.

"We take our time and freeze water slowly, keeping it in motion... That's how we end up with good ice," Kazuhiko Kuramoto, the firm's fifth-generation head, told AFP at their Kanazawa factory.

"My heart leaps with joy when I see ice that looks like a jewel," said the 41-year-old, as he poured cold ho-



Pieces of Japanese ice sit on the bar at Bar Bellamy in the Melbourne suburb of Carlton on July 29, 2026.

jicha tea into a glass filled with a large, clear sphere. Using a technique that originally came from the United States, specialist Japanese ice makers freeze water over a period of 48 to 72 hours, far longer than the few hours typically required for homemade ice or the 30 minutes it takes industrial ice machines.

As freezing begins and the ice forms from outside in, various impurities in the water get pushed towards the centre. But the Japanese method involves removing that tainted water and replacing it with a fresh batch. Constant stirring helps remove air bubbles, resulting in completely transparent ice, known as "junpyo" in Japanese.

Although there is little scientific evidence, it's said the technique also results in a colder, denser product that will cool rather than dilute a cocktail.

Native -- a trendy bar in Singapore that made this year's Asia's 50 Best Bars list -- imports around 900 kilograms of ice from Kuramoto each year.

"Local ice is more economical, but Kuramoto Ice is clearer, denser and melts more slowly," co-owner Yong Wei told AFP.

- 'Lingering aftertaste' -

In Kanazawa, workers dressed in full-body overalls haul large blocks of ice across the factory floor, before starting on the delicate work of carving per-

fect spheres, cubes and rectangular blocks with cut corners.

Once packaged, the finished products -- which can be made to precisely fit any glass -- are stored in a room at minus 10 degrees before shipment.

Boss Kuramoto is not blind to the environmental cost of transporting cubes of ice thousands of kilometres across the world, but insisted that small goods like his have a relatively low environmental impact.

He said he had dreamed of reaching American bars since visiting Las Vegas more than a decade ago and realizing low-quality ice that melts easily and waters down the flavor was being used in expensive

cocktails.

The time-consuming ice-making technique often used in Japan, which tends to produce a higher quality product, had largely been phased out in the U.S.

At a Hilton Hotel bar near Tokyo, bartender Shingo Miyachi prepares a negroni with one of Kuramoto Ice's big, clear cubes.

The ice fits perfectly in the glass, and its clarity makes it almost invisible.

"Ice really has a huge impact on the taste of a cocktail," Miyachi told AFP. If it melts, "it especially affects the lingering aftertaste once you've taken a sip."

Ice handling is considered an essential skill for Japanese bartenders, who often begin their training by learning to break it with precision.

"When you look at the ice and see the level of attention to detail, you can pretty much tell how seriously the bartender takes the flavour of the cocktail and how much care they've put into it," he explained.

"A cocktail only really comes into being when the glass, the ice, and the liquid become one as a single unified whole." □

Sobering reality: Curbs on alcohol in northeast Syria cause discontent

Qamishli, Syria

At his shop in northeast Syria, Ayaz Ibrahim wiped the dust off bottles of alcohol he said had become too pricey for customers following new regulations from the Islamist authorities.

Residents of the region, which is home to many Kurds, have been feeling the pinch since Damascus took control of the nearby Semalka border crossing with Iraq in April under a deal to integrate Kurdish military and civilian institutions into the state.

Syria's new Islamist leaders -- who toppled long-time ruler Bashar al-Assad in 2024 -- have not officially prohibited importing alcohol but have imposed hefty



Customers look for alcohol bottles displayed at a shop in the northeastern Syrian Kurdish city of Qamishli on August 18, 2026.

new taxes and stricter rules on its consumption.

As a result, the entry of alcohol via the crossing with Iraqi Kurdistan has become more restricted, "and now only smuggled alcohol reaches us", said Ibrahim, 30, from the Kurdish-majority city of Qamishli.

"Anything smuggled has a much higher price, plus transport costs... so it's gone up a lot," he told AFP.

While Islam prohibits the consumption of alcohol, Syria's Muslim-majority Kurdish community is considered relatively liberal on

the matter, though some still avoid drinking in public. This year, Syrian media outlets circulated a finance ministry decision to increase taxes on alcoholic beverages, requiring importers and producers to foot the bill.

Finance Minister Mohamed Barnieh later justified the move on social media, saying it aimed to "limit the consumption of products that are damaging to health".

He added that the measure was also meant to bring in tax revenue for "programmes supporting the health sector and social security", and to encourage Syrian exports. But the move has not gone

over well with drinkers, according to Ibrahim.

"Our customers are very disgruntled. Before, they would buy half a litre of whisky for \$7, but now it's \$12," he told AFP.

"Many of our shelves are now empty" because of a lack of new stock, he said, adding that locally produced alcohol was not an attractive enough alternative for drinkers.

- 'It was better before' -

"If the situation stays like this, everyone will close their shops because Syrian goods are barely profitable -- they aren't enough to cover the high costs," Ibrahim said. □

In Iceland, the mystery of the poet, the tomb and the Danish grocer

Iceland

In a small enclosure of lava stones in a grassy field, a modest tombstone bears the name of an Icelandic legend: Jonas Hallgrímsson. But are the bones beneath it really those of the poet, or a Danish grocer?

Hallgrímsson is an icon in his country: a beloved poet and naturalist, the craftsman behind the renewal of the Icelandic language, and one of the founders of Icelandic national romanticism.

He died in 1845, nearly a century before the country finally gained independence from Denmark.

"He has become a part of the Icelandic soul and still is," native enthusiast Kari Stefánsson told AFP.

Standing near the austere, lichen-speckled tombstone, the geneticist and eccentric dandy, 77, is a keen reader of Hallgrímsson and can recite his verses from memory.

"What separates art from everything else in the world is the ability to appeal to your emotions. And he ap-



Neurologist Kari Stefánsson walks towards the grave of poet Jonas Hallgrímsson in Thingvellir, on August 28, 2026.

pealed to my emotions, and Icelanders in general, extremely strongly," he said.

Despite this fervor, Stefánsson and other enthusiasts are haunted by doubt about the grave due to historic uncertainty surrounding Hallgrímsson's burial.

They are calling for it to be opened to make sure the remains really belong to Hallgrímsson. A formal request has been submitted to authorities.

- Bones of contention -

When Hallgrímsson died in Copenhagen after falling down a staircase, his remains were placed in a grave in the Danish capital where other bodies -- three, four or five, depending on the source -- were also buried.

In 1946, amid the patriotic fervor that followed the proclamation of the Icelandic republic two years earlier, the bones were repatri-

ated to the North Atlantic island.

"This whole case is somehow a repetition of Iceland becoming independent from Denmark," said Jon Karl Helgason, a former University of Iceland lecturer and specialist in "the case of the bones".

Independence was about "power coming home" and "in some sense, it was a repetition to get the bones of the national poet home."

But time had taken its toll. After a century underground, the remains were in poor condition.

"There was a grocer, a businessman, his wife, child, and everything got mixed up over the years," recalled Pall Valsson, author of a biography of Hallgrímsson.

"And we don't have a skull. We don't have legs."

To be absolutely certain, some have called for DNA tests to be done. But Icelandic authorities say they cannot authorize the opening of the grave without a court ruling.

"My understanding is that it is wrapped up in tremendous bureaucracy," lamented Stefánsson.

"Now this is in the hands of all kinds of committees and lawyers. So my guess is that it's going to take some time."

Lecturer Helgason believes, citing a 1946 photograph of the grave's contents as evidence, that the tale of the mixed-up bones is nothing but a "nasty rumor".

He is nonetheless happy for the debate to continue. □

Argentina ordered to return Nazi-looted painting to Jewish collector's heir

Mar del Plata, Argentina

Argentina is set to return an 18th-century painting stolen by Nazis from a Dutch Jewish art collector to the rightful owner's heir, a judge said Friday.

"Portrait of a Lady" by Italian late baroque painter Giacomo Ceruti was missing for eight decades before being photographed last year hanging in the home of the daughter of a senior Nazi officer, who had fled to Argentina after World War II.

"An order will be issued for the painting to be returned to the heir" of art dealer Jacques Goudstikker, judge Santiago Inchausti declared following an agreement reached between the concerned parties.

The painting was first recognized by the Dutch newspaper AD in photographs of a house for sale in the seaside resort of Mar del Plata.



Visual arts teacher Ariel Bassano speaks in front of a painting identified by Dutch newspaper AD as believed to be "Portrait of a Lady" Italian Baroque painter Giacomo Ceruti (1698-1767), allegedly stolen by the Nazis from a Dutch Jewish art collector, as it is displayed at the Public Prosecutor's Office in Mar del Plata, Argentina, on September 3, 2025.

It was hanging above a green sofa in the living room of Patricia Kadgien, whose father Friedrich Kadgien was a financier for the Nazi SS paramilitary organization.

He was one of several high-ranking Nazis to escape to Argentina after World War II.

Patricia Kadgien, who clutched a rosary during the hearing in Mar del Plata, was charged with concealment and placed under house arrest along with her husband when the artwork was identified.

The pair agreed to return the painting to Goudstikker's daughter-in-law and

sole heir Marei von Saher and give around \$3,200 to local hospitals.

"The individuals under investigation essentially committed themselves to renouncing any rights over the painting that is going to be returned," federal prosecutor Carlos Martinez told AFP.

The work "is in good condition, and expert examinations confirmed its authenticity," Martinez said.

- Going on display -

"Portrait of a Lady" was among over 1,000 artworks stolen from Goudstikker's collection after the Nazi invasion of the Netherlands in 1940.

Goudstikker fled his country days after the invasion, leaving behind a litany of works that were divvied up by top German officials.

After the war, the Dutch state retrieved some 300 works from the collection, most of which it later re-

turned to Goudstikker's heirs.

But more remain scattered around the globe.

The painting in question is by Ceruti (1698-1767), known as "Il Pitocchetto," and not the portraitist Giuseppe Ghislandi as initially reported, the Argentine government stated in a press release.

The work is currently under the care of Argentina's Supreme Court, and it is now up to Von Saher's legal team to initiate its return to its owner.

Von Saher intends to display the painting in Argentina as a way to give visibility to Goudstikker's story.

"The family's intention is for it to be exhibited in Buenos Aires for at least a year," her lawyer Guillermo Brady told AFP, adding that his client is in talks with several museums to iron out the details. □

Food culture in Aruba

(Oranjestad) – Like many other cultures, an important aspect of the Aruban cultural identity is our connection to food and food traditions. The local food traditions consist of a melting pot of different cultural and religious eating habits and dishes.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner The routine of breakfast, lunch and dinner on the island is one that does not completely follow a European or American routine, despite the major influences from these parts of the world on our culture and way of living. When it comes to the three important meals of the day, most of the Aruban population follows a Latin-American influenced routine.

Breakfast

Breakfast in Aruba is quite simple: a cup of coffee or tea, some bread, and sometimes an egg. Sometimes, due to the need of a quick “to-go” breakfast, you may also find many snack trucks and cafes that sell sandwiches, pastechis (meat pie), arepas and empanadas early in the morning.

Main Meal

The main meal is typically eaten in most households around noon or in the afternoon. This can consist of meat, fish, and chicken—stewed or fried—with funchi (polenta) or rice with stewed vegetables. Often, fried or boiled plantain or pan bati (Aruban pancake) is included. Stews are a staple in Aruban cuisine and can be largely influenced by Latin-American and Latin/Afro-Caribbean Stews. Some of the more unique stews and soups from the ABC Islands* include sopi bonch'i rabo (red kidney bean soup with pig tail), sopi mondongo (tripe soup), carni stoba (beef stew), comcomber stoba (West Indian gherkin stew) and much more.

Dinner Time

Dinner time can vary significantly from household to household. Unlike the U.S. or in Europe, dinner time typically does not consist of a whole (warm) meal. Instead, the evening “meal” can typically consist of something lighter, like a sandwich, though it is not uncommon to see leftovers from the main meal reheated and eaten again. Tea and coffee are often also served with the evening



snack.

(Religious) Holidays

Christmas is probably the biggest global holiday, and every culture has its own spin on what their Christmas cuisine entails. In Aruba, our Christmas cuisine is again largely based on Latin-American influences, most notably from Venezuela. Ayacas and the famous pan di ham* are two crucial holiday dishes, along with stuffed turkey, roasted glazed ham topped with pineapples, arroz con pollo (rice and chicken) and potato salad, among other items. Traditional drinks include ponche crema (Aruban eggnog), chuculati pinda (hot chocolate with peanut butter), and homemade fruit punch.

Desserts include bolo di pistachio (pistachio cake), bolo di cashupete (cashew cake), quesillo (flan), bolo preto (fruit cake), drigidek (gingerbread), pan boyo (bread cake) and more.

Snacks and tasty delights

Besides meals and dishes that are eaten on the dinner table, Aruba also has a food tradition that includes snacks and other tasty delights that you may easily find around the island. These include, Saco*, baskets, pastechi, kroket, deditos, Johnny cake and more. These snacks are usually sold at local snack trucks and cafes, often located on the side of the road. In the area of Tanki Leendert and Tanki flip, for example, there are many of these

trucks parked on the side of the road and often open until late at night—offering tasty and filling snacks post night-life fun.

*ABC Islands: Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao

*Pan di ham: Derived from the Venezuelan Pan de Jamon (rolled up bread with ham, raisins and olives)

*Saco: Saco literally means “bag”. Saco contains fried potatoes, plantains, chicken (and ribs) and a Johnny cake, served in a paper bag.

Source: Voeding, voedingsgewoonten en gerechten op Aruba (Nutrition, Food Traditions and Dishes on Aruba) by Biblioteca Nacional Aruba

Fun facts about the Terns

(Oranjestad)—Throughout the months of January to September, big groups of terns migrate to the island for breeding season. These terns are important seabirds, and their presence on Aruba is a unique phenomenon. Here are some fun facts about terns.

Why terns matter

Terns (Sternchi in Papiamentu) migrate annually to Aruba for breeding season. Our island, hosts 10 different species of terns which is crucial for global seabird conservation. 90% of Caribbean population of Common Tern nest on Aruba, 25% of Global population of Cayenne Tern nest on Aruba and 25% of Caribbean population of Black Noddy nest on Aruba, making their conservation

especially important.

Breeding season

The terns breed mainly along the north coast of Aruba as well as the San Nicolas Reef Islands (No-Go conservation zones). Baby Beach is a particularly special site for terns, since this is where they carry out their reproduction rituals. Referred to as a “discotheque” by Natasha Silva, the point of Baby Beach near the open water is where a large group of terns spends the season searching for their partner—for life—to reproduce.

In Aruba, there are ten different species of terns, all of which breed at different times. The ten species of terns that migrate to the island include the Cayenne

Tern; Cabot's Tern; Common Tern; Roseate Tern; Least Tern; Brown Noddy; Black Noddy; Sooty Tern; Bridled Tern and the Royal Tern

Main threats to these seabirds are human proximity, kite-surfing, unleashed dogs, ATVs/UTVs, Jet Ski's and pollution.

How to protect them

Aruba Conservation Foundation advises everyone to keep their distance from these seabirds, do not visit the reefs, do not fly drones around nesting areas, keep your dogs on leashes, do not drive on the coastline and do not leave trash thrown about. “Nature has no boundaries and its protection is a shared responsibility.”



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Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a windswept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea. Usually a bright red color, the anchor was painted blue this year in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Aruba's flag and anthem.

Where to find the anchor?

The anchor is a "must see" landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when you're visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean Sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the "T" junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

About the anchor

Size

It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the "fluke" or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

Where did the anchor come from?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

Story 1:

"According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of the island. This is the usual shallow mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain."

Story 2:

"Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them."

How did the anchor become a landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba; Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr., local businessman. Charlie, who was a visionary and



had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The "anchor", which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated "To All Seamen" on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

Through the years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr. died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam Speziale, requested assistance from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Re-

finery graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated "To All Seamen" in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as a memorial to all seamen who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

The best time to visit

When you're planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule.



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Aruba's Nature is to be Cherished

The national park Arikok comprises almost 18 % of the island. Its rugged terrain, desert-like hills filled with tall cacti, breathtaking coastline and protected local flora and fauna welcome you to be explored. There are more places on the island that are a preserved area like the Bubali Plas which is a bird sanctuary.

The national park Arikok takes you on a memorable journey of the island's past offering unique geological, cultural and historical sites. These can all be enjoyed and explored either on

your own or during guided tours. A wide variety of educational and informative programs and fun activities is available.

Did you know that four of the in total seven species of sea turtle lay their eggs on Aruba's beaches during breeding season? In the national park, a Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*) keeps a strict eye on a very special event taking place below on the beach: a majestic Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) heads back to sea after laying her eggs, while another nest laid 2 months ago by

the same female hatches. A very rare occurrence of daytime nesting and hatching. Sea turtles prefer nesting in the cool and dark hours of the night. And hatchlings usually wait for the cue of cooling surface sand before emerging.

Bubali Magic

This beautiful close-up image of the pink bird is courtesy of Michiel Oversteegen of the Aruba Birdlife Conservation. This important foundation showcases and builds awareness of Aruba's birds and other native flora and fauna. You may have seen a 'pink cloud' lately at the Bubali or Spanish Lagoon Wetlands areas? It's most likely to be Roseate Spoonbills (*Ajaia ajaja*) or 'Chucharon Cora' as they are known in Papiamentu.

This unusual looking bird forages in shallow muddy water while sweeping its flattened bill from side to side to catch small fish, crustaceans and other aquatic invertebrates. The Roseate



Spoonbill remains an uncommon sight as they are vulnerable to degradation of feeding and nesting habitats (Wetlands).

The afore mentioned is just a part of what Aruba's nature has to offer. We cannot stress enough to go, see for yourself. The island has the most beautiful beaches but it is also worthwhile to go beyond this and get an idea of our entire island. Lately there is a discussion going on about the effect certain activities have on our nature, for example the ATV vehicles cause a

lot of dust, noise and leave tire tracks. Animals live in these areas where the vehicles run, often with high speed and with detrimental consequences to flora and fauna. Motorized vehicles are forbidden to drive on the sand dunes in the Northern part of the island and all beaches in Aruba are forbidden for any motorized vehicle.

Treasure our island to enjoy it like you do: as a tropical and natural paradise. We truly appreciate it!



What Aruba means to Vanessa & Olli!

ORANJESTAD — You are back and we would like to give you a shout-out by inviting you to send us your favorite vacation picture while enjoying our Happy Island!

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For today we received a lovely message from Vanessa & Olli from Germany.

They wrote to us saying: "We are here for our honeymoon and enjoying the island a lot, especially the sunset is every day one of my personal highlight. So, Aruba to me is enjoying the sunset every day."

Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers!





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Continuation of Episode 367

Aruba From a Mud Track to the World – Part II

Through its cultural column, *Island Insight*, Etnia Nativa invites readers to explore Aruba's intangible cultural heritage—its traditions, knowledge, and stories passed through generations. In this second episode on Aruba's air connections, we continue the journey from the island's humble beginnings to its place in global air travel.

Following the inauguration of the new terminal in 1950, Aruba's airport entered a new era of growth and transformation. Improvements to the runway and taxiway infrastructure in the early 1950s enhanced the airport's operational capacity, culminating in the opening of a new illuminated runway in 1954.

In 1955, Dakota Airport was officially dedicated to Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands during her royal visit to Aruba. When Princess Beatrix became Queen in 1980, the airport adopted the name it proudly carries today: Queen Beatrix International Airport.

This change represented more than the renaming of an airport—it reflected the transformation of Aruba itself and its growing connection with the world.

The 1960s introduced another defining chapter in Aruba's aviation

history. As larger and faster jet aircraft entered commercial service, the island required an airport capable of accommodating this new generation of aviation. Plans were developed to expand the runway and modernize airport facilities to meet the demands of the jet age.

In April 1964, the runway extension was completed, officially opening a new chapter in Aruba's aviation development. Among the first significant jet aircraft to arrive on the island were Pan American Airways' Jet Clipper Aruba and a KLM aircraft named Henry Dunant.

The airport was no longer simply a link between Aruba and neighboring islands—it was becoming an international gateway.

A new terminal was later constructed and inaugurated in 1972, further strengthening the airport's role as Aruba's connection to the outside world. This progress continued with the Beatrix 2000 project, a major modernization and expansion initiative that introduced improved facilities for immigration, baggage handling, commercial services, and separate processing areas for U.S. and non-U.S. passengers.

Another historic milestone in Aruba's aviation story occurred on



March 3, 1971, with the inauguration of Pan American Airways' Miami–Aruba service. This landmark route strengthened Miami's position as one of Aruba's most important gateways to the North American market and marked the beginning of a relationship that would continue to grow for decades.

Every new air route brought Aruba closer to the world. Increased accessibility attracted more visitors, and the expansion of tourism created opportunities for new hotels, restaurants, transportation services, retail businesses, tour operators, and employment opportunities.

The airport became far more than a place of arrival and departure. It became a cornerstone of Aruba's tourism industry and a vital economic gateway connecting the island to international markets.

Looking back at Aruba's aviation journey, the transformation is extraordinary. What began as a series of new connections in the sky helped shape the island's economy, identity, and future.

In the 1930s, Aruba's aviation story began with small aircraft transporting mail and a limited number of passengers between Aruba and Curaçao. Nearly a century later, Queen Beatrix International Airport stands as a modern gateway linking Aruba with destinations throughout the Americas and Europe.

Beyond runways and terminals, the airport represents connection. It played a strategic role during World War II, strengthened Aruba's relationships with international markets, and helped transform the island into one of the Caribbean's leading tourism destinations.

From the humble beginnings of Dakota Field to today's world-class airport, Aruba's aviation history mirrors the island's own remarkable evolution. The vision of the pioneers who first looked toward the skies was simple yet powerful: Aruba needed to connect with the world.

That vision continues every day as travelers arrive and depart, carrying forward a legacy built on opportunity, openness, and global connection.

If you truly want to experience the soul of Aruba, step into its ancestral heritage by booking a visit to "Etnia Nativa", where the stories of our ancestors aren't simply told—they come alive through every piece of art, every tradition, and every story.

Etnia Nativa Aruba is a place where you don't just learn about the island—you truly live it. Discover the Aruba that lives beyond the beaches.

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Basic driving rules on Aruba: Roundabouts

(Oranjestad)—Have you ever felt confused when you're driving on the highways or backstreets of Aruba? Then we present a simple guide to some of the basic rules of Aruban traffic, along with some tips for things to look out for.

Speed limit

Legally, the speed limit on the four-lane highways is 80 km/h. This speed limit also counts for the main roads that are connected to the highways. The minimum speed is 50 km/h. Most people drive around 60 km/h on the main roads and about 70 km/h on the highways. There are also areas that indicate a speed limit on a sign; these are usually around populated and school areas.

The four-lane highways contain the left-lane, also known as the "fast" lane for each direction. Here is where vehicles can drive up to the maximum speed. However, legally it is not permitted to drive for long periods of time on the left lane. This lane is primarily designed for drivers to switch lanes before a roundabout, for example, if your exit on the roundabout is on your far left. The general lane to drive in—both at maximum and minimum speed—is on the right lane.

Roundabouts

Speaking of roundabouts, it is important to know where you have to enter and drive on the roundabout to make your exit. A good rule of thumb is to count the ex-



its starting from your right side. So, exit 1 would be on your right; exit 2 would be straight ahead; exit 3 would be on your far left and exit 4 would lead to the road paralleled to the one you're on, heading in the other direction.

Most roundabouts have these 4 exits, so they are relatively simple. When you're driving on the four-lane highway, it is important to know when to switch to the left lane to make your exit: if your exit is on your far left (exit 3), then you need to switch to the left lane on the high way before nearing the roundabout so you can take the path that leads you directly to your exit. If your exit is on your right or if you're going straight ahead, you can keep driving in the right

lane of the highway.

It's also important to know that vehicles about to enter the roundabout must yield to those already on it. A good rule of thumb is to look out if someone is coming from your left side.

However, other roundabouts can be quite tricky to navigate...

Watty Vos Boulevard (the "paperclip" roundabout)

Probably the biggest roundabout on the island, the "paperclip" roundabout on the Watty Vos Boulevard is one of the trickier roundabouts that could—and has—caused confusion among both tourists and locals. However, once you take a good look at it, it's fairly simple. The basis is just the same as a regu-

lar roundabout (left exit? left lane! etc.), but instead of having four different exits like on a regular roundabout, now you have two extra; one on the right and the other on the left side of the roundabout. The rules don't change at all, you just have to keep an extra eye open.

Airport roundabout

Ah, yes. The infamous airport roundabout. The favorite roundabout amongst local, because of its easy (hard) lanes that never (always) cause confusion among drivers. Sarcasm aside, this roundabout can be tricky to enter, especially when you're driving from the direction of the airport heading. When you're driving away from the airport reaching the roundabout, you'll be faced with three lanes. The far right lane is to take the exit 1 out heading east (right lane of highway). The middle exit is used for exit 1 (left lane of highway), 2 and 3. The far left exit is used to only exit on exit 3 (left lane of highway) and 4.

"Las Americas" roundabout

The Las Americas roundabout is located farther west from the airport roundabout. This roundabout may look like a regular roundabout—and for the most part, it is. However, when you are driving from the east going in the direc-

tion of town, please take note that there are two exits on your right.

When you're driving towards this roundabout, you'll notice that the road becomes wider, splitting into two lanes. The right lane is used to take the first and second exit on the right. If you want to exit straight ahead, you must drive on the left lane!

It's always scary to drive in new places where the traffic may look and work differently, but once you get it right once, you'll get the hang of it in no time. Additionally, all roundabouts and roads on Aruba have signs and arrows painted on the road to help guide you. So take your time, keep your eyes open and don't forget to wear a seat belt!



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7 Taler 40 Fragrance

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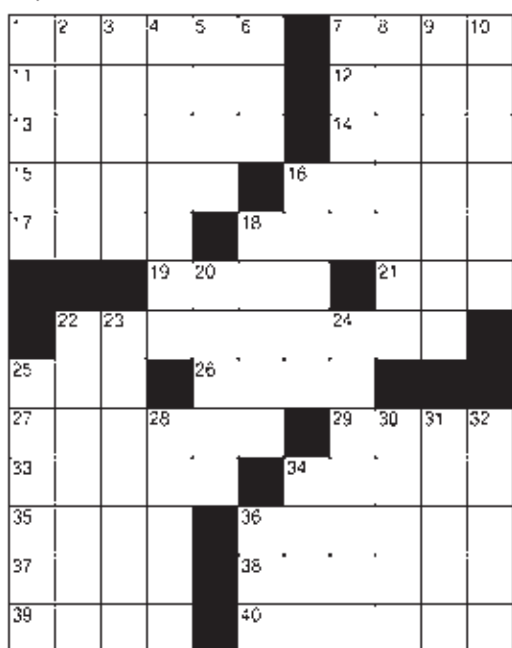
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36 Soaked



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AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

5-20 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

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KHBW RDW MXJMDWS WMD
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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 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 occur, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

CRUISE SHIP SCHEDULE	
SEPTEMBER	
01 TUE	CARNIVAL HORIZON Arrival: 8:00 Departure: 22:00 Berth: B GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS Arrival: 8:00 Departure: 23:00 Berth: C
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SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku

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		3					2	8
6							3	9
7		8		6				
5	1	2	3	7	8			4
8		9	1					3
		6	9		3		8	5
4		8		2	5	3		
	3		7		1	9	4	6

Difficulty: ★

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Answer to previous puzzle

7	2	9	3	1	4	8	6	5
5	3	8	6	7	2	9	1	4
6	1	4	9	8	5	3	2	7
4	9	1	8	3	7	2	5	6
8	5	6	2	4	9	1	7	3
3	7	2	1	5	6	4	8	9
9	4	7	5	2	8	6	3	1
1	8	5	4	6	3	7	9	2
2	6	3	7	9	1	5	4	8

Difficulty: ★★★★★

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Optimised urinals and buried underwear at 2026 Ig Nobels



Ig Nobel Physics Prize winners (From L) Tadd Truscott, Zhao Pan, Kaveeshan Thuraiarajah and Randy Hurd attend the award ceremony in Zurich, on September 3, 2026.

Zurich, Switzerland

Underwear buried to test soil quality and urinals scientifically designed to prevent splashing were among the projects honoured as the Ig Nobel prizes again put a spotlight on the quirky side of science. Now a staple of the academic calendar, the 36th edition of the annual awards, which are organised by the science humour magazine *Annals of Improbable Research*, was held just a few weeks before the real Nobel prizes. As is tradition, the ceremony held in Zurich late Thursday opened with a shower of paper aeroplanes, as researchers, some in costume, collected their prize -- a trophy shaped like a foot covered in mushrooms -- from actual Nobel laureates.

For the first time since its inception in 1991 the event was held outside the United States, after organisers said in March that they feared it had become "unsafe for our guests to visit the country". International academics have reported problems travelling to the United States since President Donald Trump's second term began in January 2025. "We cannot in good conscience ask the new winners, or the international journalists who cover the event, to travel to the USA this year," the organisers said, announcing the move to Switzerland's big-

gest city.

During Thursday's event, a picture of Trump flashed on the screen as researchers Justin Kruger and David Dunning were recognised for their work to demonstrate, scientifically, that ignorant and poorly-qualified people tend to greatly overestimate their abilities.

- Stomping on snakes -

Among the 10 winners of this year's awards was Joao Miguel Alves-Nunes's team, who took the Ig Nobel in biology for work involving standing on venomous snakes to understand when they decide whether or not to bite. "Who would be stupid enough to put their foot in front of a poisonous snake? Me," the 28-year-old researcher from Sao Paulo

University said as he accepted the prize. The research involved "gently stepping on various parts of various venomous snakes -- repeatedly, at various temperatures at various times of day" to see what might induce them to bite a human.

Alves-Nunes conducted 40,000 tests on 116 snakes, including one rattlesnake that managed to bite him through his protective boots. But this has not discouraged the researcher, who plans to extend his work to other countries.

- Urinating machine -

Dressed in yellow raincoats, four academics from China, the United States, Saudi Arabia and Canada came to receive their prize in the

physics category for research aimed at optimising urinals.

To achieve this, they designed a urinating machine with an "anatomically accurate urethral nozzle" supplied with water, explained Kaveeshan Thuraiarajah, a doctoral student at the University of Waterloo in Canada.

"This project is about reducing splashback when people, specifically I guess men, urinate on urinals," he told AFP, stressing that the research was addressing a significant issue.

"In the U.S. alone, it's about one million litres spilled out of the urinal on the floor per day," he said, pointing out that "to clean the bathrooms is very expensive".

- Buried underwear -

A team from the University of Zurich meanwhile took home the Ig Nobel for soil science, for a project involving burying. □



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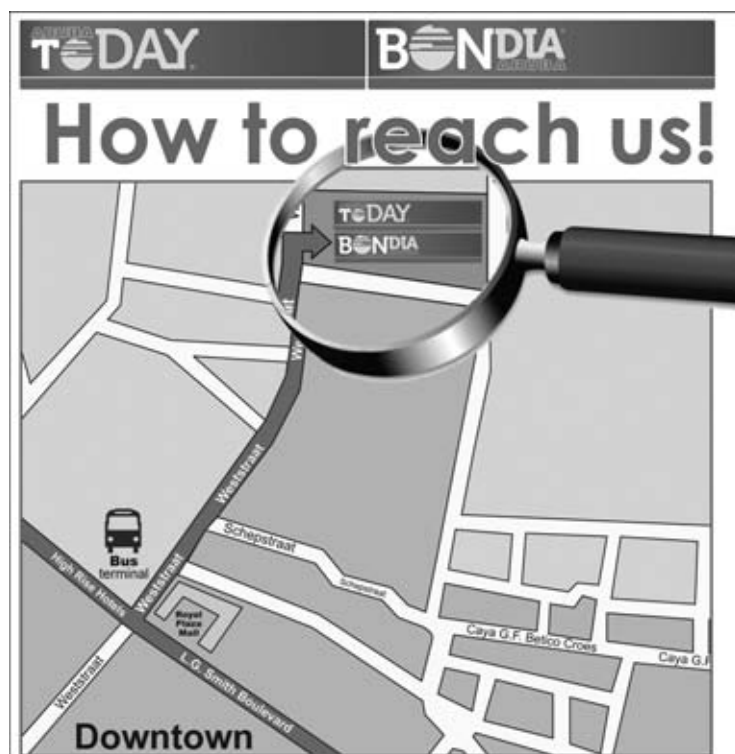
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Werro wins in Brussels, as Russell and Dos Santos shine

Brussels, Belgium

In-form Swiss Audrey Werro was forced into a dip for victory in the 800m, while newly-minted world record holders Masai Russell and Alison dos Santos also raced to meet records on the second and final day of the Diamond League finals in Brussels on Saturday.

Werro was pushed all the way by Femke Broeders-Bol, the Dutch athlete steadily improving as she transitions from the 400m hurdles, an event in which she was twice a world champion.

Werro, 22, dipped for the line after a tight final 200 meters for victory in 1min 54.75sec, one of eight meet records set during a high-octane night of track and field in the Belgian capital.

"I felt Femke putting me under pressure during the whole race and that absolutely pushed me to not slow down," Werro said. "Her presence is a big source of motivation for me to stay sharp going into next year."

Just a week out from the inaugural season-ending World Athletics Ultimate Championship in Budapest, Russell and Dos Santos did not disappoint.

Russell was not the fastest out of the blocks, but deliv-



Switzerland's Audrey Werro celebrates setting a meeting record after winning the women's 800m final during the World Athletics Diamond League athletics meeting at the King Baudouin Stadium in Brussels, on September 5, 2026.

ered in the final 50 metres to win the 100m hurdles in 12.20sec.

Just a week on from setting a world record of 12.09sec in Zurich, Russell made it 12 wins from 12 outings this season.

Remarkably, Russell has broken a meeting record in every one of the seven Diamond League races she has competed in this year. "Another win! I feel very blessed and thankful to keep collecting those, especially on my first time coming here in Brussels," said Russell.

"Winning a Diamond

League final is just as important as taking those big championship wins."

In the absence of Norway's Karsten Warholm, Dos Santos led from gun-to-tape in the men's 400m hurdles. The Brazilian timed 46.70sec to obliterate the meet's previous best of 47.51 set by American Andre Phillips back in 1986.

Two-time Olympic silver medalist Kenny Bednarek equalled his own world lead of 19.62sec when winning the 200m -- the American dominating a sprint in which reigning Olympic champion Letsile Tebogo of Botswana came fourth

in 20.01.

And Jamaica's Tina Clayton wrapped up the 100m in 10.92sec, with European champion Amy Hunt of Britain taking second ahead of American Sha'Carri Richardson.

- Campbell makes history - After six meet records on Friday, the opening four events a day later followed suit.

First up, China's Ziyi Yan dominated the women's javelin with a best of 68.42m before Jamaica's Rajindra Campbell set a national record of 23.08m, a world leading mark, in the men's

shot put.

Italy's Andy Diaz Hernandez then went out to 17.74m in the triple jump before unbeaten Marileidy Paulino clocked 48.64sec for a fourth trophy in the 400m to further re-write the King Baudouin stadium record books.

Campbell's effort moved him to fourth in the all-time list -- the Jamaican shot putter becoming just the fifth man ever to throw beyond the 23m-mark.

"There have been signs in practice of a throw like this being on the way, but to put it together today feels incredible," said Campbell.

"The 23-metre line is a badge of honor for every shot putter," added the Jamaican, who said he still hoped to represent Turkey come the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028, his initial bid to transfer allegiance having been refused by World Athletics in April.

"The Turkish federation has given me all the support that I was missing and it pays off immediately."

There was a shock in the women's 1,500m as Poland's Klaudia Kazimierska clocked a national record and world lead of 3:54.05, smashing Faith Kipyegon's meet record. □

Van Aert claims shortened Vuelta stage 15 win in high heat

Córdoba, Spain

Wout van Aert won a sprint from a small breakaway group to claim stage 15 of the Vuelta a Espana on Sunday, which was shortened because of extreme heat conditions in the south of Spain.

General classification leader Enric Mas maintained his 2min 6sec lead on Felix Gall, with four-time Vuelta winner Primož Roglič a further four seconds behind.

With temperatures crossing 40C organizers cut the planned 189.7 kilometer ride from Palma del Rio to Cordoba by around 80km, and Visma-Lease a Bike's Belgian rider Van Aert claimed his second stage win of the race.

Van Aert pumped his fists af-



Team Visma-Lease a bike's Belgian rider Wout van Aert celebrates winning the 15th stage of the Vuelta a Espana 2026 cycling tour, a 110.2 km race which was modified from the original itinerary of 189.7 km following the activation of the high temperature protocol, between Palma del Rio and Cordoba, on September 6, 2026.

ter crossing the line ahead of Alessandro Romele and Thibau Nys, who went early but could not cope with his

compatriot's power.

"We tried to surprise the bunch, we took control the whole day, and we were

still there with a few strong, strong guys to help us," said Van Aert.

Visma's Matthew Brennan, who won three stages earlier in the race, was unhappy at having to ride in such high temperatures.

"We have 41C average... when I was on the climb at the start it was 44C, at that point you start thinking, 'what are we doing?'," said the Briton.

"It wouldn't surprise me if there is a few bodies going home in an ambulance tonight with heatstroke."

The modified route ran 110.2km through hilly territory and began at a fast pace with a flurry of attacks.

A group of 11 riders formed

a break but the peloton stayed close, keeping the gap at 45 seconds with 50km remaining.

Norwegian rider Andreas Leknessund went solo around 39km from the end, with Ramses Debruyne coming across to him, before Van Aert, Romele and Nys did the same.

A chase group languished a minute behind. The peloton, containing the general classification contenders, finished two-and-a-half minutes behind Van Aert.

Riders have a rest day on Monday before Tuesday's 16th stage, running 181.1km from La Rabida to Palos de la Frontera, expected to be another chance for the sprinters. □

Sabalenka books U.S. Open quarter-final clash with Noskova

New York, United States

Two-time defending champion Aryna Sabalenka subdued American Taylor Townsend in straight sets on Sunday to book a US Open quarter-final clash with Wimbledon winner Linda Noskova.

Sabalenka rallied from 3-1 down in the second set for a 6-4, 6-3 victory on Arthur Ashe Stadium, where men's defending champion Carlos Alcaraz took on 20th-seeded American Tommy Paul in search of a quarter-final berth.

Sabalenka needed all of her resolve against the multi-faceted Townsend, whose blistering service returns and net prowess flummoxed the Belarusian star in a first set that opened with five breaks of serve.

Sabalenka managed a comfortable hold for a 4-2 lead and eventually her sustained power and precision proved a little too much.

"What an incredible player she is, approaching the net, what a great returner, moving well, very brave," Sabalenka said after her first meeting with the fiery player from Chicago. "You can see how focused she was and it was really challenging playing her, especially here."

The second set unfolded in more traditional style, neither player facing a break point through the first three games.

It was Sabalenka who blinked first.

Looking rattled after smacking a forehand into the net to give Townsend a break point, Sabalenka offered up a weak second serve that Townsend punished with a return winner for a break and a 3-1 lead. Sabalenka immediately broke back, however, launching a run of five straight games to take the match.

"I was like, OK, you're down the break just try to return the serve and put as much pressure as you can on her," Sabalenka said. "I was just trying to stay focused on myself and play not only point by point but ball by ball and I'm hap-



Belarus's Aryna Sabalenka reacts after a point during her women's singles round of 16 tennis match against U.S.'s Taylor Townsend on day eight of the U.S. Open tennis tournament at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York City on September 6, 2026.

py that I was able to turn around that second set." The Belarusian, who must win to have a chance of retaining her number one

status in New York, will face sixth-seeded Czech Noskova for a place in the semi-finals.

Noskova needed six match

points to seal a 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 victory over Ukraine's Marta Kostyuk, failing to convert two in the second set. "I am more than relieved,"

Noskova said. "This match was so tough, emotionally more so than physically."

- Alcaraz in action -

In other women's matches, third-ranked Jessica Pegula -- one of the players with a chance to supplant Sabalenka atop the rankings in New York -- takes on Romanian veteran Sorana Cirstea, who is enjoying one of her best seasons in 2026 since announcing it would be her last.

Alcaraz, playing his first tournament since a wrist injury forced him to the sidelines in April, will look for continued improvement as he takes on a familiar opponent in Paul.

The Spaniard, who completed a career Grand Slam with his seventh major title at the Australian .



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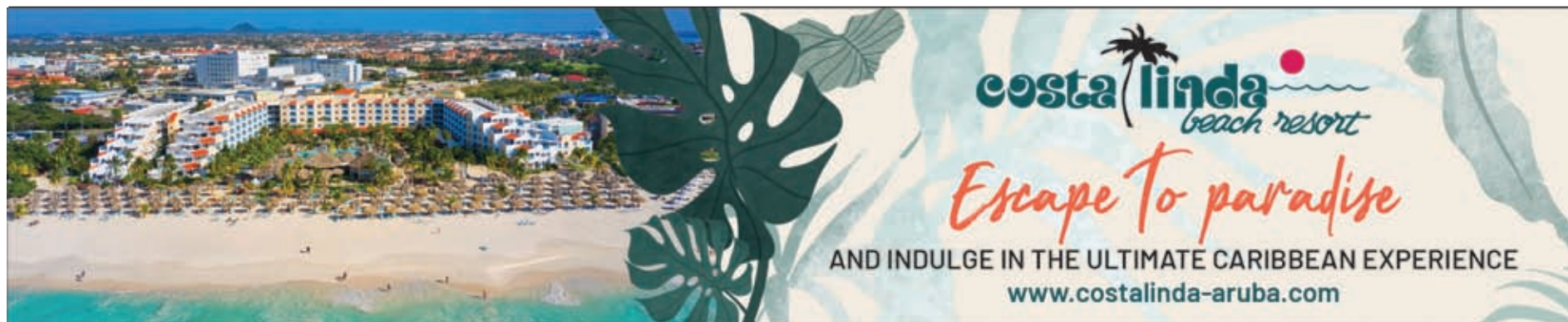
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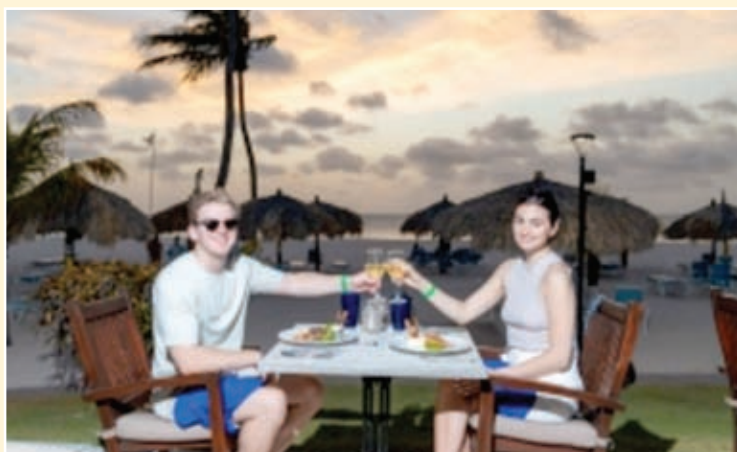


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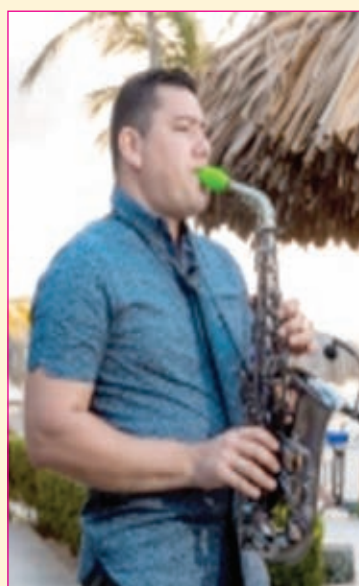



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Water's Edge's new menu has a great variety of ap-



petizers, main courses and delicious desserts all on one menu specially made just for you. From the minute you arrive there will be a great staff welcoming you with the most contagious smiles and warmth. Flexible and professional service allows you to enjoy your meal in the cool and elegant indoor dining area, on the sandy, breezy beaches of Eagle Beach or by the open bar outside. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, Water's Edge has it all for you, any time of the day.

Start your day off with a hearty breakfast. Water's Edge offers a variety of delicious breakfast items, including their house specialties of Avocado Toast, Chicken & Waffles made with homemade Belgium waffles and topped with a gorgeous hot honey sauce. If you want something on the sweeter side, try their Crème Brûlée French Toast, served with an in-house mascarpone whip cream and topped with fresh fruit and powdered sugar. Or maybe the Traditional American Breakfast is more to your liking, complete with any kind of serving of eggs, bacon, sausage and toast, served with a side of

hash browns.

For lunch, keep it easy with their handheld items like their Bacon and Cheddar Burger, Mediterranean Quesadillas or Street Tacos. Want a taste of the Caribbean? Try the Grouper Reuben; A local twist to the traditional Reuben, complete with rye bread, in-house 1000 island dressing, sauerkraut and grilled grouper, served with a side of Cajun Fries.

Dinner plans are set with Water's Edge mouthwatering dinner menu. Start your gastronomic journey with a scrumptious appetizer such as the Maryland Crab Cakes, maybe the Crispy Calamari or the delectable Coconut Shrimp. You can also opt for their Water's Edge House Wedge Salad or freshly made Shrimp Louie Salad, made with poached shrimp, tossed in Louie dressing, fresh avocados and vine ripe tomatoes. For something a bit heartier, try their classic French Onion Soup, Lobster Bisque or Crab and Corn Chowder.

Follow your appetizers with your choice of Seafood, Chicken or Pasta dishes. Enjoy their succulent Shrimp and Clam Sauce with Angel Hair Pasta, a nice plate of Chicken Francese or explore the Water's Edge Fish Market—your pick of Mahi Mahi, Snapper, Grouper or Salmon, served with homemade mashed potatoes, sauce of choice and fresh herbs and vegetables.

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