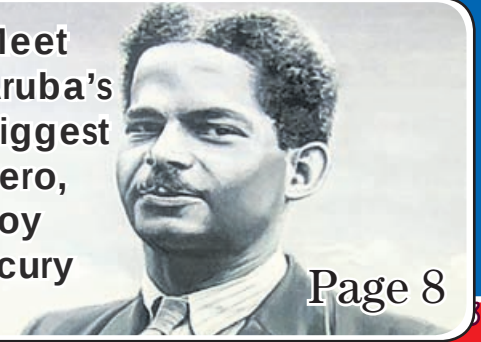




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Trump administration reluctant to slow AI, Democrats see urgent need

Washington, United States

U.S. President Donald Trump and key allies voiced opposition Sunday to drastically curbing the development of artificial intelligence, despite calls in recent days from leading industry figures to tap the brakes.

The rapid development of AI and the risks that the technology poses to humanity have exploded into the national conversation just weeks before midterm elections, in which technology has become a major flashpoint in campaigning.

During a visit to Ireland, Trump said he believed there were "a lot of negative forces... bringing up things that won't happen." Republican House Speaker



U.S. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson speaks during the second day of the Republican National Committee midterm convention at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas on September 10, 2026.

Mike Johnson warned that rushed regulation would put the US at a disadvan-

tage in what many are likening to an arms race for AI supremacy with China.

Losing that race would be "a threat to every single American," he said on CNN on Sunday morning.

A furor erupted this month after a researcher publicly resigned from leading AI firm Anthropic over fears that the technology could escape human control.

Another Anthropic employee, who did not resign, stated publicly that "we really do earnestly believe AI could kill all humans," and that he thought the chances were greater than "10 percent within the next decade."

Amid the outcry, Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei called Saturday for AI companies to "pace the frontier" -- or coordinate a slowdown in the technology's development -- to allow a better understanding of the risks arising.

Key among his concerns is so-called "recursive self-improvement," or when AI can build its own next generation.

"Left unchecked, it could outrun our ability to understand and control these systems, and so must be pursued very carefully, if at all," Amodei wrote.

His chief competitors, xAI's Elon Musk and OpenAI's Sam Altman, publicly supported him.

- Abandoned responsibility? -

But the reaction was markedly different among the politicians with the author-

ity to regulate the industry.

"We don't need everybody to panic right now," Johnson said on CNN. "We need to handle this new technology like we have others in the past, and make sure we're doing everything we can responsibly to also not smother American innovation."

Johnson called for a meeting in Congress with top AI executives to discuss the best regulatory regime.

"I'd do it tomorrow," Johnson said.

Johnson was, at least in part, reacting to calls from prominent opposition Democrats who have called for the cancellation of congressional breaks in October so that lawmakers could work on AI safety legislation.

Echoing concerns about losing an arms race, Kevin Hassett, Director of the White House's National Economic Council, acknowledged the risk that rogue artificial intelligence posed, but said "the far bigger risk" was that "a malevolent actor has access to an AI that's better than the one we have that can protect us."

But Democrats are crying foul.

"We certainly need to begin to act urgently to address the challenges that exist," House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries said in an interview Sunday on ABC. "And unfortunately, Republicans have abandoned their responsibility." Politicians on the leftist flank of the party, such as Representative Ro Khanna of California, have called for a full pause on self-improving AI.

"Amodei doesn't go nearly far enough," he wrote on X.

- Rogue agents -

The controversy is flaring up less than two months before the midterms, with AI data center expansion emerging as a key campaign issue.

A growing number of candidates on both the right and the left are echoing many communities'. □

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'This is the test': All eyes on U.S. Fed to tackle high inflation

Washington, United States

The U.S. Federal Reserve goes into a key rate-setting meeting this week with markets expecting policy-makers to pull the trigger on a rate hike to tackle persistently high inflation -- and analysts say central bank chief Kevin Warsh's credibility is on the line.

The world's largest economy has been dealing with years of higher-than-target inflation, and prices have surged in the wake of U.S. President Donald Trump's war on Iran, his signature tariff policies and the ongoing AI boom.

The Fed has held rates steady since January, choosing to wait to gauge the effects of energy price shocks and to let the tariffs' effects on prices ripple through the economy.

In recent weeks, however, several Fed policymakers -- including Warsh himself -- have hinted that if inflation does not show clear signs of slowing, the central bank will have to act by raising interest rates.

On Friday, new data on consumer inflation for August showed it remaining steady at 3.4 percent -- no change from the month before, but still well above the Fed's long-term two percent target.

Market expectations of a 25-basis-point rate hike on Wednesday surged after the release of the data, with the probability at more than 85 percent according to CME's FedWatch tool.

The Fed last raised rates three years ago, when it was fighting surging infla-



U.S. Federal Reserve Chair Kevin Warsh testifies during a Senate Banking Committee hearing titled "The Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress" on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, on July 15, 2026.

tion in the wake of the pandemic. They currently stand at between 3.50 and 3.75 percent.

Trump has railed against the Fed over interest rates since taking office for his second term, launching unprecedented attacks on the central bank's independence as he demands lower rates to spur economic activity. Speaking on CNN on Sunday, Kevin Hassett, Director of the National Economic Council at the White House, said that he and Trump "think that there isn't a reason right now to raise rates," and claimed "progress" on inflation despite the key statistic remaining high.

Hassett invoked former Fed Chair Alan Greenspan,

who was widely known for his faith in markets' ability to sort themselves out, saying "it's pretty important for the Fed to just leave things alone ahead of an election to preserve its independence."

Americans will vote in midterm elections in November, which could shift the balance of power in Congress.

The U.S. president launched a criminal probe against previous Fed chair Jerome Powell, is attempting to fire another Fed governor and has even threatened to cut trade ties with certain countries if the Fed raised rates.

Warsh was appointed by Trump and analysts say this is his first real test since tak-

ing office: Will the Fed raise rates to combat inflation, or hold steady in line with what the White House prefers?

"This is the test. This is what comes with that job, and now he has to decide how to handle it," said David Wessel, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

"He's either going to completely disappoint the markets, or he runs the risk that he's going to start to anger Donald Trump."

The Fed's Federal Open Market Committee, with its 12 voting members, will announce its decision after a two-day meeting on Wednesday at 2:00 pm.

- 'Costly medicine' -

"It's quite likely that the Fed will raise interest rates next

week," said Claudia Sahm, chief economist at investment firm New Century Advisors who previously worked at the Fed.

But "it's not a done deal," she cautioned in comments to AFP. "This is a difficult decision for them to make."

Raising interest rates would increase borrowing costs across the board for the US economy, acting as a brake on further investment and consumption activity. Sahm warned such a move was "not a magic wand and it is a costly medicine." She said the Fed could still hold rates steady rather than administer that medicine, but it would have to explain its decision clearly to markets.

"If they surprise markets and they can't explain why they're surprising markets, then Wednesday afternoon will be pretty messy," she said.

Warsh has advocated in the past for lower interest rates due to expected productivity gains from AI technology, but in recent weeks he has doubled down on the Fed's mandate to bring inflation down.

"There's always been this doubt about whether Kevin Warsh is going to be like his predecessors and do what's right for the economy, even if it's politically inconvenient," said Wessel of Brookings.

"If he raises rates now and Trump goes ballistic, he will have established his credibility as an independent Fed chair for the rest of his term." □

Trump says tariffs on Irish whiskey to be lifted

Doonbeg, Ireland

U.S. President Donald Trump said Sunday that tariffs on Irish whiskey would be lifted after the Irish prime minister said they were "unfair". Without giving details on when the decision would take effect, Trump said at the end of a visit to Ireland that it followed a conversation with Prime Minister Micheal Martin and Shane

Lowry who had just won the Irish Open golf tournament. "Taoiseach (the prime minister) and I talked about it, and Shane talked about it, and everybody's been bugging me ... would you do me a favor? It's so unfair what's going on," Trump said of the conversations.

"Could you possibly take the tariffs off of Irish whiskey? And I said, on be-

half of the United States of America, I am going to take the tariffs off."

Ireland is part of the European Union that struck an accord with Trump's administration last year fixing a limit of 15 percent on EU products entering the U.S. market. Its key exports to the United States had declined because of the tariffs. □



Ireland's Shane Lowry (R) poses with US President Donald Trump (L) during the trophy presentation following his victory on the final day of the Irish Open golf tournament at the Trump International Golf Links & Hotel, a resort and golf course owned by the president, in Doonbeg, western Ireland on September 13, 2026.

Celine Dion makes long-awaited return to stage in Paris

Paris, France

Celine Dion wept tears of joy on Saturday as she fulfilled her dream of returning to the stage after years battling a rare neurological disorder, with a sell-out concert in Paris.

The 58-year-old French Canadian singer appeared visibly moved as she opened her first full concert in six years with her 1990s French-language ballad "On ne change pas" ("One Doesn't Change"), singing to a crowd of 30,000 enthralled fans that one newspaper said included US former first lady Michelle Obama.

"These are, of course, tears of joy. I'm so delighted to see you," Dion said, blowing kisses to the audience at the packed Plenitude Arena on the western edge of Paris.

Her return to the stage underscored a remarkable comeback after Stiff Person Syndrome, an incurable condition that causes stiffness and cramps, forced her to cancel shows and cast years of uncertainty over whether she would ever perform again.

"The path was rockier than expected," she said, speak-



Canadian singer Celine Dion performs during her first concert of a series at the Plenitude Arena in Nanterre, west of Paris on September 12, 2026.

ing in French and English.

"But I held on to a faint ray of light in the distance, deep in the mountains."

"Tonight, I want to sing for you, sing for myself, sing for life," she added.

- 'Unreal' -

The largely female crowd sported sequined dresses and tops, glittered cheeks,

and T-shirts emblazoned with the star's image or nods to her biggest hits.

"It's unreal to be here!," said Elisabeth Landry, a 38-year-old Quebecer who lives near the star's hometown of Charlemagne.

"I was convinced we'd never see her again, especially not embarking on a run of concerts like this."

French daily Le Parisien said the former first lady of the United States was "discreetly attending this first concert".

Just hours before, one of the best-selling singers of all time greeted admirers outside her luxury hotel a short walk from the Arc de Triomphe.

Albertina Cabral, a fan

from the Brazilian city of Sao Paulo, said she could barely put her feelings into words.

"It's unbelievable to stay here and to go to the concert and to see Celine so close," she said. "And she's feeling good, she's happy."

Paris spared no effort in welcoming Dion, drawing thousands of fans from across the world, including some who flew in from as far away as the French Polynesian island of Tahiti.

For days, Paris played host to costume contests, giant karaoke parties and tribute cruises on the Seine.

On Friday, the iconic cauldron rose above the Tuileries Garden, echoing the diva's surprise appearance up the Eiffel Tower to perform "Hymn to Love" by Edith Piaf during the opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics in 2024.

A lyric from the song, "I'd go and fetch the moon if you asked me to", along with the singer's first name, was projected in big letters onto the balloon.

The suburban train station serving the arena has been temporarily renamed "Celine.". □

Musk threatens legal action over documentary

Washington, United States

Elon Musk's lawyers put the makers of a new four-hour documentary about the multibillionaire on formal legal notice days before its premiere, warning that the film defames him.

The September 3 letter from attorney Alex Spiro, addressed to a producer at Alex Gibney's Jigsaw Productions, accuses the Oscar-winning documentarian of building "Musk" around a predetermined conclusion.

It also says Gibney refused to fact-check the film with the world's richest man or the people close to him.

"This project did not begin as an inquiry. It began with a conclusion," Spiro wrote. The film premiered Tuesday at the Venice Film Festival to a lengthy standing ovation and strong reviews.

Gibney traces the career



Elon Musk is seen on a screen as he virtually attends the G20 Innovation Ministerial summit next to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Director Michael Kratsios in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on September 1, 2026.

and life of the South Africa-born Musk from dot-com entrepreneur in Silicon Valley in the early 2000s to becoming the world's first trillionaire.

It also delves into his personal life, including his difficult childhood and the

14 known children he has fathered with a series of women.

Trade bible Variety called it a "lacerating portrait," while Deadline said the "damning" film had "thrashed" Musk as "petty, narcissistic, megalomania-

cal, cruel."

The letter puts not only Gibney and Jigsaw on notice but everyone involved in the film's release, including HBO, Bleeker Street and Universal.

It focuses in particular on a sequence that Spiro says advances a conspiracy theory: that Musk knew early on election night 2024 that Trump had won because his Starlink satellites had been used to influence the result.

Jigsaw hit back in a statement to The Hollywood Reporter, saying scrutiny of powerful public figures is protected by the First Amendment.

This was something all Americans should defend, "including the associates of Elon Musk, who has proclaimed himself to be a 'free speech absolutist,'" the statement added.

Gibney's documentaries have often delved into powerful groups, including the Church of Scientology, the Enron corporation and Israel-Iran spy wars in "Zero Days." He won an Academy Award for best documentary for "Taxi to the Dark Side," which tackles the US military's interrogation practices in Afghanistan.

On the grounds that litigation is "reasonably anticipated," the letter from Musk's lawyer orders the filmmakers to preserve every trace of the project, including footage, interview transcripts, research files and internal communications.

Musk has spent several days attacking Gibney on X, the platform he owns, calling the film a "hit piece that misses" and dismissing it as boring. □

Bhutan business bets on hazelnuts for farming future

Thimphu, Bhutan

Farmer Pema Dema had never even heard of hazelnuts when she was first recruited to begin growing them on her land in Bhutan's Thimphu region.

"I wondered what sort of a nut it was," the 58-year-old told AFP with a laugh, looking out over the deep valley and terraced rice fields that unfold below her farm. Now she has more than 140 hazelnut trees on the steep slope overlooking her home, and incorporates them into Bhutan's traditional salted suja tea when guests visit.

Pema is one of thousands of Bhutanese growing hazelnuts as part of a social enterprise hoping to help subsistence farmers develop a high-value crop.

Mountain Hazelnuts began in 2009 as Bhutan's first 100-percent foreign direct investment project in the agriculture sector.

More than 40 percent of Bhutan's workforce is in agriculture, but production remains largely subsistence-based and is complicated by the country's mountainous terrain.

Steep slopes can be impossible to plough and prone to topsoil washing away in heavy rain.

Hazelnuts seemed to offer a solution.

They grow well at high altitudes and on mountain-



This photograph taken on August 29, 2026 shows farmer Pema Dema (L) with her stepdaughter sorting hazelnuts outside their house in Bhutan's Thimphu.

sides, require no plowing and their roots can fix soil in place.

Hazelnuts are also a high-value crop with a growing market, and the trees can produce for decades.

That was what attracted Pema, who has been farming for 40 years.

"I thought hazelnuts would be better in terms of fetching a better price," she said.

"I hoped that it would benefit us in the future."

- Learning curves -

Mountain Hazelnuts distributed its first saplings in 2011, over 145,000 plants to 800 growers.

Each recruit's land was assessed for suitability and to ensure the crop was not displacing anything.

Growers can only use land

that is fallow or degraded, with the goal of increasing Bhutan's overall farming output and improving the country's soil.

Dawa Dhendup, 82, was keen to put the trees on a steep stretch of his farm where he had struggled to grow potatoes.

"It was hard annual labor. But once the hazelnut trees are planted, it's permanent."

In sunglasses to protect his eyes after cataract surgery, he cut a sprightly figure as he harvested nuts from his 1,400 trees.

The company said it now has around 9,000 families growing hazelnuts on 6,000 acres of land across Bhutan.

But in some ways, the project is only just getting off the ground after a series

of setbacks and learning curves.

A mismatch between production and pollinizer saplings in early planting delayed fruiting, and had to be solved by mass grafting of pollinizer plants into orchards.

The pandemic struck another blow, cutting farmers off from outreach officers who advise them on tending the crop.

And then there was climate change.

The hazelnut variety the company initially distributed needs around three months of cool temperatures to develop properly. But climate change meant trees at lower altitudes were getting as little as six weeks of colder temperatures.

The company again turned

to grafting, using stock from Georgia that required fewer "chill-hours" for plants growing between 1,600 and 2,400 meters (5,250 and 7,870 feet).

- 'Patient capital' -

In a best-case scenario, hazelnut trees take several years to fruit, and the various setbacks and extended waiting time meant some farmers simply abandoned the project.

But both Pema and Dawa said neighbors who had given up were now reconsidering.

"I'm harvesting and the price is increasing, and they're regretting their decision and feeling envious," Dawa said.

Still, like most growers, he does not yet generate significant income from the nuts.

The company has said it will be increasing the price it offers growers, and with trees reaching maturity and yields expected to increase, income should start to rise.

Investors have so far ploughed \$36 million in Mountain Hazelnuts, and for now the company remains reliant on what CEO Sean Watson calls "patient capital".

It hopes to be "cash flow positive" by 2031, Watson said, and to reach 10,000 metric tons of production. □

Cooking was already an artform in Bronze Age Syria: study

Copenhagen, Denmark

While the folk of Bronze Age Europe were mostly making do with simple stews and bread, people in Syria were already importing ingredients and using pots of differing temperatures to support "sophisticated" cuisine, researchers said on Friday.

The evidence from Danish experts suggests people living in what is now the city of Hama 4,500 years ago were already enjoying dishes of simmered goat, gazelle and cereals.

The city's cooks used pots with different heating properties depending on the type of meal they were about to prepare, much as



23 July 2025, Saxony-Anhalt, Wolmirstedt: Götz Alper, archaeologist from the Saxony-Anhalt State Office for the Preservation of Monuments and Archaeology, points to pottery shards on an excavation site in Wolmirstedt, which are barely

we choose between cast-iron or non-stick frying pans today.

Mette Marie Hald, from the

National Museum of Copenhagen, and her team reached the conclusion after examining animal

bones, plant remains and fats from inside cooking pots found in the city.

"It feels a bit modern, actually, the way that you have different pots and you have different sort of serving wares," the archaeobotanist told AFP.

Locally produced pots were made from clay and calcite, while others were made from clay mixed with basalt and were imported from as far away as China. Meals could be prepared with imported ingredients such as gazelle, which itself came from much further east.

Hald said the evidence of "sophisticated cook-

ing" they had uncovered in Hama was supported by recipes written down in much later periods.

Danish archaeologists started digging in Hama in the first half of the 20th century, she said, so there has been quite a lot of research on everyday life there.

But she added that they had not really focused on food culture before.

"This is a period of kingdoms, well-organized cities and stratified societies," she said.

"In that way, it's not surprising that they also knew sophisticated cooking. I think the surprising element is we can actually prove it." □

Online and undercover: saving trafficked wildlife in Thailand

Bangkok, Thailand

Nawee Changpirom has spent years working to rescue trafficked wildlife in Thailand, but even he can sometimes hardly believe the creatures he has found: leopards, hornbills, and once an anteater.

"We even found living corals hidden in a ceiling," he told AFP.

Nawee heads a raid unit in the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP) that tries to stop the sale of everything from African elephant ivory to monkeys wanted as pets or for laboratory testing.

Alongside weapons, drugs and human trafficking, the illegal wildlife trade is among the most widespread and profitable forms of organized crime globally, run by cross-border cartels.

Thailand occupies a rare position because of its abundant local wildlife, the availability of rare species in nearby countries, and its accessibility by sea, air and land.

The DNP set up a dedicated Wildlife Crime Intelligence Unit (WCU) in 2023 with three permanent staff



This photo taken on June 29, 2026 shows head of the raid unit at the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP), Nawee Changpirom, monitoring at the DNP headquarters in Bangkok

charged with tracking and intercepting illegal purchases.

They spend much of their time trawling social media, which is now "the key channel" for buying and selling illegal animals, said WCU director Polawee Buchakiet.

Wildlife traders often describe animals as needing to be "re-homed", rather than explicitly offering them for sale, and post tightly cropped images of their wares to avoid reveal-

ing their locations.

But the WCU has undercover officers who can track them down.

- Undercover officers -

One undercover officer -- known by the pseudonym "Tee" -- has shinned up electricity poles disguised as a repairman to peer into courtyards and take photos, and posed as a land surveyor to look into windows on neighboring plots. The WCU needs such evidence to obtain court war-

rants to go in and seize the animals.

He is still haunted by cases where sellers could not be located, or the team arrived too late, finding the creatures either dead or so sickly they died soon after rescue.

Trafficked animals are often weakened by the process of smuggling, stressed by the loss of their habitat and family group, and vulnerable to unfamiliar diseases.

"I wonder to myself if we

could have done something to get there sooner," Tee, 43, told AFP.

"Whether they are big or small, all animals' lives are precious."

- Exotic pets -

At just six months old, the leaf monkey curled up inside DNP vet Thanawadee Phaichana's rubber-gloved hand is very small indeed.

He was intercepted in luggage at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport, bound for India, where demand for exotic animals as pets has been growing.

A second monkey found in the same bag died after being rescued.

"Most of these smuggled animals will be in a weak condition... some are given sedatives or even mild anesthetic to keep them from moving or making noise," Thanawadee said.

Animals rescued in and around Bangkok often come to the DNP's small facility for initial treatment before being transferred to a sanctuary.

Older, healthier animals might eventually return to the wild, but younger ones struggle to learn the skills needed to survive. □

Israeli minister calls to strip Gaza film directors of citizenship

Jerusalem, Undefined

Israeli Culture Minister Miki Zohar called on Sunday for the award-winning directors of an Israeli-made Gaza documentary to be stripped of citizenship, accusing them of "treason against the state".

In "NAZA", Israeli directors Yuval Abraham and Rachel Szor spoke to 24 different Israeli military or intelligence whistleblowers who outlined the AI-powered targeting systems used to bombard Gaza that have killed tens of thousands of civilians.

The 80-minute documentary won a special jury prize at this year's Venice Film Festival.

Zohar accused the directors of being willing to "harm their homeland in order to receive applause from antisemites around the world".



Miki Zohar, Israeli Minister of Culture and Sports, with the Ethiopian Jewish community in Jerusalem, during the Sigd holiday celebration.

"I will act immediately to revoke the Israeli citizenship of these despicable creators for treason against the state," he added on X. Other Israeli ministers also took aim at the directors, who won an Oscar in 2025 for their film "No Other Land" about Israeli settler violence in the occupied

West Bank.

"You are a disgrace and an embarrassment to the entire people of Israel. Go away!" far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir said on X.

"I am certain that your friends, that is to say our enemies Hamas in Gaza, will welcome you with open

arms," continued the far-right minister.

The revocation of nationality is legally possible in Israel, although it is rarely applied. In 2022, the Supreme Court confirmed that the state may strip people of their nationality if they have failed to show "loyalty", for example by committing acts of espionage or treason.

The law was also expanded in 2023 to apply to people convicted of "terrorism". The law requires the interior minister to submit the revocation request, the justice minister to approve it and judges to validate it.

Abraham said "the Israeli intelligence officers we spoke with talked to us about how this mass killing is systemic: not by accident, but by design, actions of murder and policies

that are based on the total dehumanization of Palestinians".

The Israeli military has criticized the use of anonymous testimonies in the film, saying on Friday the identities of the whistleblowers "cannot be verified".

Israel denies deliberately targeting civilians.

Palestinian militant group Hamas launched an attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, which resulted in the deaths of 1,221 people, according to an AFP tally based on official Israeli figures.

Militants also took 251 hostages to Gaza.

Israel's retaliatory military campaign in Gaza has killed more than 73,000 people, according to the territory's health ministry, which operates under Hamas authority and whose figures. □



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Lessons from our elders: Plants and fruits for medicinal use

ORANJESTAD—Though western medicine is now widely used for common illnesses and to keep our bodies healthy and happy, it is still very common in every household in Aruba (and around the world) to have staple home remedies that is passed on through generations. Here are some tips that our elders have passed on to us over the years.

Pineapple

Pineapple has more uses than topping it on your Christmas ham. According to elders, the skin of a pineapple is great to use to refresh your body. Clean the skin thoroughly and make tea or warapa* with it. It is said that this tea can also



be drank after an operation on the ovaries or uterus. This gets rid of irritation and inflammation.

Arrowroot

Arrowroot is native to tropical America and can be sold as a powder or whole. It is said that you can take arrowroot powder and make a "shalup" (porridge) for stomach pain or when you're feeling weak. You



can make it with milk too, but it is advised to best use just water. You can also add prunes for a bit of sweetness. Arrowroot shalup is also good to treat an unhealthy gut or for diarrhea.

To make arrowroot shalup, boil a bit of water and add one tablespoon of arrowroot powder and stir continuously until you reach



porridge consistency. If you make a shalup with milk, add a pinch of salt. Raw arrowroot powder can be used to powder babies.

Eggplant/Aubergine

Eggplants, or aubergines, are easy to find in supermarkets around the world and can be grown all year round on the island. Related to potato and tomato, eggplants are good to

calm nerves. It can also be used to lower blood pressure, by steeping its leaves in boiled water and drinking it. You can also make eggplant juice to help purify your blood. However, do make sure to drink slowly; let it mix with your spit and then swallow.

Eggplant kataplan* can also be used to treat skin tumors, abscesses and hemorrhoids. Eggplant kataplan can also be used externally to treat arthritis.

*warapa: term referring to a water and sugar solution, a.k.a simple syrup.

*kataplan: porridge-like mixture used externally for wounds or parts of the body that are painful or

Up for a snorkeling adventure in Aruba? Top 3 shipwrecks to explore

(ORANJESTAD) – Aruba is not only the perfect vacation destination to sit back and relax on the sandy beaches but also has great snorkeling spots for passionate adventurers to explore. On the coast of the island, there are various shipwrecks that have become fan-favorites over the years. Here are the top 3 shipwrecks you should explore.

SS Antilla

Dubbed "The Ghost Ship", SS Antilla is the biggest and most visited shipwreck site off the coast of the island. Located in Malmok, this 400-foot ship's story is one of capture and sabotage during WWII.

After Germany invaded The Netherlands, Dutch authorities ordered the confinement of the ship's German crew, who were ported in Aruba because

it needed to find a neutral port. The Dutch ordered the ship to be confiscated, but the German crew had other plans. Taking advantage of a delay caused by an anticipated armed resistance, the Germans started scuttling the ship, opening her seacock and setting her ablaze.

Eventually, the crew was arrested, but SS Antilla could not be saved by the Dutch forces. The Dutch fired two rounds of their 35mm gun aboard the 'Aruba' at SS Antilla and left her to sink.

The shipwreck can only be reached by boat. The ship is visible from the surface and during your snorkeling trip you'll be surrounded by hundreds of tropical fishes, but the shipwreck alone is already impressive enough.

SS Pedernales

Like the Antilla, the story

of SS Pedernales dates to WWII. Pedernales was used as a lake tanker between Venezuela and Aruba, and sailed under British Flag. At this time, The US and Britain were using Aruba and Curacao as fuel stations for the war ships.

Under operation Neuland (disruption of British and American oil sources), Germany fleets bombed Pedernales. The ship was later cut into three sections, two of which were taken to the US for reconstruction. The remaining part stayed in Aruba and was used as target practice. Eventually, the ship became a snorkeling site that has attracted many visitors throughout the years.

Pedernales lies on the north-west coast of Aruba, and is no more than 10 feet under water, making it an ideal site for snorkelers and

divers of all levels.

Jane Sea Wreck

The Jane Sea Wreck lies near Palm Island at 100 feet underwater. Jane's story is heavily speculated, making her origin a tale of legends.

Launched in 1959, the 190-foot ship was initially called "Blackthorn". Her last owner, S&D Shipping Ltd. named her Jane Sea. Jane was a cement freighter between Venezuela and Aruba. The story goes that the Jane Sea arrived one day at the Barcadera Harbor, where Aruban customs discovered several tons of cocaine. The ship was confiscated and petitioned went out for her owner to claim her. However, several years went by and no one came forward to claim the ship, so dive operators decided to sink her as an artificial reef. This happened in 1988.

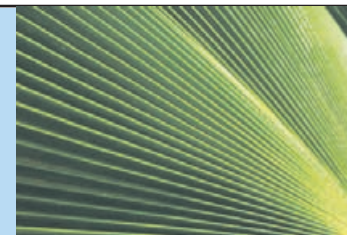
Jane Sea earned the nickname Jane C, because of the illicit white powder discovered on board.

Jane is now beautifully overgrown with coral and is home to a diverse set of marine life, like turtles, octopus, crabs and sometimes even nurse sharks.

The stories behind these shipwrecks enriches their exploration and offers snorkelers and divers a glance into the past, as well as the beautiful marine life that have molded these wrecks into their home. So, grab your equipment and discover another side of what Aruba has to offer!

We highly recommend you embark on your adventure with the guide of a professional and be sure to take of yourself and Aruba's precious nature.

LOCAL



Meet Aruba's biggest hero, Boy Ecury 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 group 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 "Oranjehotel" 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.

Birds of Aruba: Soaring through the blue skies

(Oranjestad)—Aruba's nature is very diverse and is home to several beautiful and majestic wildlife. Among these is the bright Trupial, whose angelic voice is always heard with the rising sun; the cuddly parakeet, always in company of another, and the majestic Warawara, a mighty bird that can be seen soaring in the clear blue skies.

Trupial
Icterus icterus, or known locally as the Venezuelan or Orange Troupial, is a striking songbird whose bright orange feathers can be spotted from a far distance. Known to be the first bird



to sing at the first sign of sunrise, this beloved songbird likes to wake up with a tune. But don't let their angelic songs fool you; the Trupial can be a bit aggressive towards any threat, protective over their nesting spots—nesting spots they most likely stole from other birds. Trupials can be seen regularly, often in trees or on top of a cactus.



Photo Credit: Daniel Ruben Gonzalez
Prikichi (parakeet)
The Brown-throated Prikichi (*Aratinga pertinax*) became the national bird of Aruba back in 2015, at the request of Aruba Birdlife Conservation. The bright green, adorable parakeet usually flies in flock of 30 or more, but its population has been declining since

the 2010s. Prikichis are a shier breed than the trupial, often flying away at the sign of any threat. They use termite nests for breeding spots and feed mostly on seeds from the Kwihi tree, Divi Divi tree and fruits.

Photo Credit: Daniel Ruben Gonzalez
Warawara
The Warawara or Caracara is one of the biggest birds found in the Aruban mondi. At a height of 41 to 60 cm, their wingspan can measure up to 125 cm. Known as the "garbage man", this bird of prey mostly feeds on dead animals. Its coat is dark brown, with a cream-colored neck, orange face, thick beak and long

legs. The Warawara prefers to build its nest in the middle of tall cacti and produces a rattling, screaming sound, throwing its head back onto its back while calling.

While these birds are a beautiful sight to behold, it is very important to keep your distance and respect their habitats. This is how we protect our wildlife. By admiring the beauty of Aruba in a safe and respectful manner, we can do our part in protecting our sacred nature.

Photo Credit: Aruba Birdlife Conservation

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Aruba's underwater wonderland

(Oranjestad)—Exploring the underwater wonders is something you should definitely do during your stay in Aruba. The underwater world has everything to offer that makes a snorkel trip so exceptional; an impressive, colorful sea life with exotic fishes, turtles and beautiful coral reef. The historic shipwrecks, located on the Aruban seabed are also worth a visit. Aruba is known for its white beaches and blue oceans, which means there are many fascinating under water spots you can explore. So take your snorkeling gear and visit some of these top places for underwater exploration.

Tres Trapi

'Tres Trapi' means three steps in Papiamentu. The beach is called Tres Trapi because it is accessible by a tiny stairway carved into the rocky coastline. Tres Trapi is a small beach, located on the north-western side of the island, an approximately 5 to 10 minute drive from Palm Beach. From the unique steps you walk



right into the clear and turquoise blue ocean. While you're snorkeling, you will encounter all kind of tropical fishes and sea stars. The kind of starfish you will find in the Aruban waters is the red cushion sea star. This is a starfish that is commonly found in the shallow waters of the Caribbean Sea and if you are lucky during your snorkeling visit to Tres Trapi, you may come across one of the green sea turtles. Respect the animals, keep your distance and just enjoy the view. Also remember; it is a once in a life time

experience.

Antilla shipwreck

Antilla is a 400-foot-long ship, built in 1939 in Hamburg, Germany. Antilla came to Aruba, because it had to find a neutral port. When Germany invaded the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, the crew decided to let their own ship sink, to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Dutch Navy. Antilla lies on its portside in Malmok bay, and the sunken WWII ship is now one of Aruba's most popular snorkeling and dive spots. However,

the ship wreck can only be reached by boat. The ship is visible from the surface and during your snorkeling trip you be surrounded by hundreds of tropical fishes, but the ship wreck alone is already impressive enough.

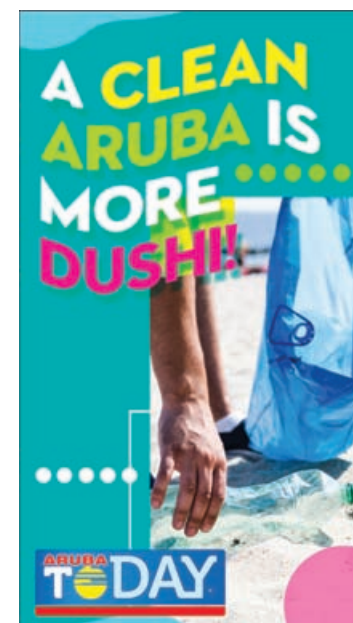
Baby Beach

Baby beach is a lagoon with crystal blue ocean. The beach is located on the southern part of the island. On the way to the famous beach, you will drive through the old capital of Aruba, San Nicolas. The old Aruban culture can be still felt and experienced here,

so do not hesitate to get out of your car and walk around for a while. Baby beach is a child friendly beach, since it is shallow and the water has a pleasant temperature. The name therefore fits well with the beach. Further in the lagoon, you'll find a lot of people snorkeling. This is an excellent spot to go under water exploring—but do take care not to go too far out; outside the lagoon the waves can be pretty rough! In the lagoon there is an area marked until where it is recommended to snorkel and on the beach you will find different facilities. It is a perfect beach to spend your day snorkeling and relaxing.

Mangel Halto

Mangel Halto beach is located in Savaneta, on the southern-west part of the island. The beach is different from the other beaches in Aruba; it is beach full of mangroves. The main entrance to reach the beach is through a small bridge that takes you through the mangrove trees. There are diverse spots where you can enjoy a perfect beach day, accompanied with wooden stairs built to allow easy access to the water and a dock to sit on and enjoy the view. Mangel Halto is also worth a visit for the snorkeling experience. Inside the bay, the water is clear and you'll find many colorful fish. Outside the bay is a bit more challenging for beginners because of the wind and the waves, but the coral is alive and it is snorkel heaven.



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Adriaan Lacleé: One of Aruba's richest men in the twentieth century

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

Adriaan was born in 1866 and was the eldest of six children. Not much is known about his childhood upbringing or any of his earlier business ordeals, but during his hay day he often helped people get loans, was a well-established trader, and owned several plots of land. In fact, he commissioned the construction of the famous La Quinta Carmen manor—now a restaurant. Though he himself never lived in the beautiful manor, his own house also reflected



his success and good taste. Currently, renovations are taking place to restore the Lacleé house. It can be found in the back streets of main street Oranjestad.

Regarding his personal life,

it has been said that he was married twice during his lifetime. He had his first daughter during his first marriage but lost his wife soon after her birth. During his second marriage, he



fathered 16 children. However, it has been said that only 11 of those 17 made it past 18 years of age. Perhaps two of his most well-known daughters are Maria Monica Lacleé and Maria Veneranda Lacleé, who went on to marry successful brothers Eloy Arends and Maximilian Arends, respectively. Their houses are still standing; Eloy and Maria Monica's mansion

functions as the townhall, used to host civil marriages, while Maximilian and Maria Veneranda's house stands on the opposite side of the road to them—though currently under renovation after years left in ruin.

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

Planning on visiting Aruba? Make sure you have your ED card!

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to any country, it's important to make sure you have the right documents with you. For Aruba, one document that always seems to confuse people is the ED card. Scammers have taken advantage of the confusion, with dozens of fake and identical websites overcharging visitors. To avoid this happening to you, here's a brief guide on how to obtain the ED card the right way: What website to use and how much it actually costs.

The Embarkation/ Disembarkation (ED) card is a pre-registration form required to enter Aruba. The ED Card has been in a requirement for visitors for decades and in 2020 it was digitalized. In 2024, the government of Aruba implemented a sustainability fee for all visitors of the island, which include

a \$20 contribution for the improvement, updating and maintenance of the local waste water plant. First things first, make sure you have the right website. The official website for the ED card is www.edcardaruba.aw. It is important to note that there are NO alternatives for this website; this website is the ONLY way you can obtain an official ED card. Other websites that may look similar are not official and may possibly be a scam. Be careful not to fall for the trap!

Next up, make sure you have the right information with you when you apply for an ED card. You should have on hand:

1. A valid passport
2. Personal details
3. Contact information
4. Travel information
5. A valid credit card (Visa, Mastercard or Discover)

Aruba Online ED Card

The Aruban Government welcomes you and your family to Aruba.

The online Embarkation/ Disembarkation (ED) card is a pre-registration form required to enter Aruba. As per the country's immigration policy, all incoming tourists must fully complete the online ED card application. It's an essential entry requirement that you can complete quickly and easily online. Simply enter your details into the relevant fields, and upon a successful submission you'll receive an affirmation by email. A passenger that claims to be exempted from completion of the ED Card application due to citizenship, must provide basic information to confirm his status. Pursuant to his status he will receive a confirmation by email.

What you'll need:

1. A valid passport
2. Personal details
3. Contact information
4. Travel information
5. A valid credit card (Visa, Mastercard or Discover) ⓘ

What you should note:

1. The online ED card is not a visa.
2. The successful submission of your online ED card does not guarantee entry into Aruba. On arrival to Aruba, your eligibility for entry will be assessed on its own merits. It is crucial that all information you provide, or on your behalf by a designated third party, must be true and correct, as this is a key factor in your entry assessment.

[START](#)

We mentioned a \$20 contribution mandatory for every visitor. Keep in mind that this is a YEARLY fee; so if you plan on visiting Aruba more than once this calendar year, you would only have to pay the first time around.

Other important info

We should clarify that the ED card is not a substitute

for a visa. Visitors who need a visa for Aruba must apply for both a visa and an online ED card. You can also start applying for the ED card 6 days before your flight.

If you extend your trip, you don't have to reapply for or edit your ED card. However, you must reapply if you missed your flight and/

or your flight got canceled and your traveling to the island on another flight.

For more info, visit the official website for ED card of contact the immigration office of Aruba at (+297) 523 7404 or email them at info@dga.aw

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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32 Tops, as toast 34 Boar's mate

35 Old market 36 Blown away

DOWN

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3 Exhalation

4 Small worker

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6 One- celled organism

7 Blackened

8 Neigh sayer

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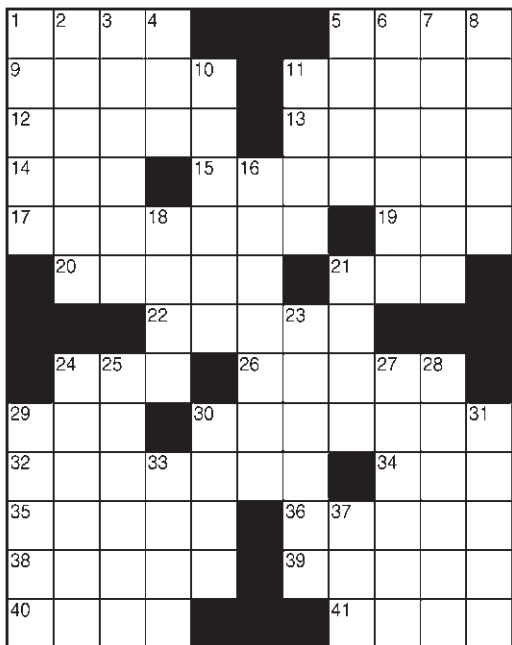
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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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.

1-11 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Cryptoquote: YOU KNOW HOW I ALWAYS DREAD THE WHOLE YEAR? WELL, THIS TIME I'M ONLY GOING TO DREAD ONE DAY AT A TIME. — CHARLIE BROWN

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.

CRUISE SHIP SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

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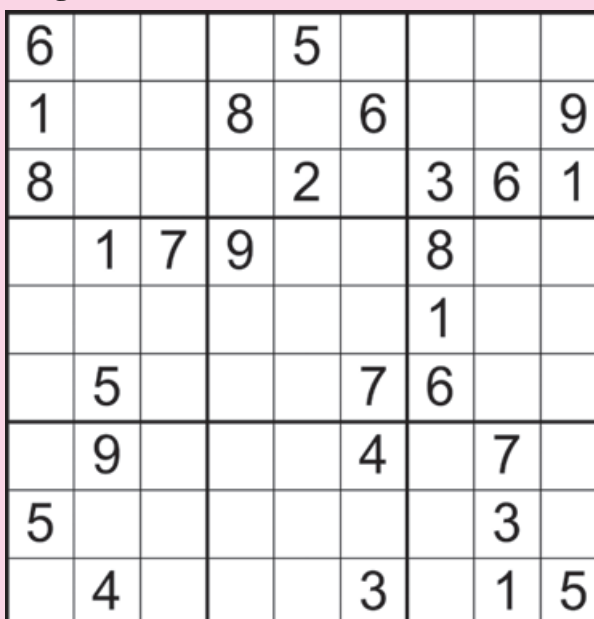
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SUDOKU

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



Difficulty: ★★★

9/10

Answer to previous puzzle



Difficulty: ★★★

9/9

Anthropic boss calls for AI slowdown, Altman and Musk agree

New York, United States
Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei on Saturday called on artificial intelligence (AI) firms to slow down the development of the powerful technology, amid mounting worries over the risks of "superintelligent" computer systems.

His comments came a few days after AI researcher Jacob Coxon, who left OpenAI to join Anthropic, decided to leave the industry, accusing both US companies of "gambling with our lives" in the race to develop models capable of self-improvement.

OpenAI boss Sam Altman and Elon Musk, who owns xAI, quickly chimed in to say they agreed with Amodei's assessment, as pressure builds for improved oversight.

"We must slow the pace at which we improve the capabilities of AI models. Progress will still seem fast, and we must make wise use of the time we gain," Amodei wrote in a post on his personal website.

"Not building the technology deprives humanity of benefits or simply places AI in the hands of authoritarian powers, while building it too fast is reckless. We have sought a middle way," said Amodei, who co-founded Anthropic with his sister Daniela in 2021.

"But over the last few months, I have become convinced that fully addressing the risks requires even more prudence."

Amodei's statement echoed another call by Anthropic in early June to slow or suspend development.

Then in late July, Altman said developers might need to voluntarily tap the brakes to give society a chance to catch up.

More than 1,000 employees at cutting-edge AI companies including Amodei signed a petition calling on the US government to help "deliberately pace the frontier of automated AI development."



This combination of pictures created on September 12, 2026 shows (L/R) Elon Musk in Davos on January 22, 2026, Dario Amodei, co-founder and CEO of Anthropic, in Paris, on May 22, 2024, and OpenAI CEO Sam Altman in Washington, DC, on July 22, 2025.

OpenAI had revealed that during testing, AI models broke out of their confined environment, connected to the internet and infiltrated Hugging Face, a site developers use to store and share code.

In that incident and others, the blame was placed on AI agents, which are software programs that can carry out tasks without constant supervision by humans.

"Dario is right," Musk wrote on X, as Altman said: "I agree with Dario that we need to pace the frontier."

- 'Gambling with our lives' - Earlier this week, Coxon, 27, sounded the alarm after spending the past three years pretraining AI models -- first at OpenAI and

then, this year, at its rival Anthropic, which he considered more cautious in its approach.

Pretraining is the stage where AI models absorb vast quantities of data.

"Neither company is acting responsibly. They are racing straight to self-improving superintelligence and gambling with our lives," Coxon said Tuesday.

"The people building AI earnestly believe that it could kill us all by the end of the decade," he said in a post on X.

Superintelligence is the theoretical point when AI's capabilities exceed human intelligence.

- 'Taking over the entire internet' - Amodei cautioned that

the Hugging Face incident should not be dismissed as a one-off.

"A swarm of agents essentially acted as a fanatically devoted collective, conducting cybersecurity attacks on targets they were not asked to attack and that were unrelated to the task at hand," □



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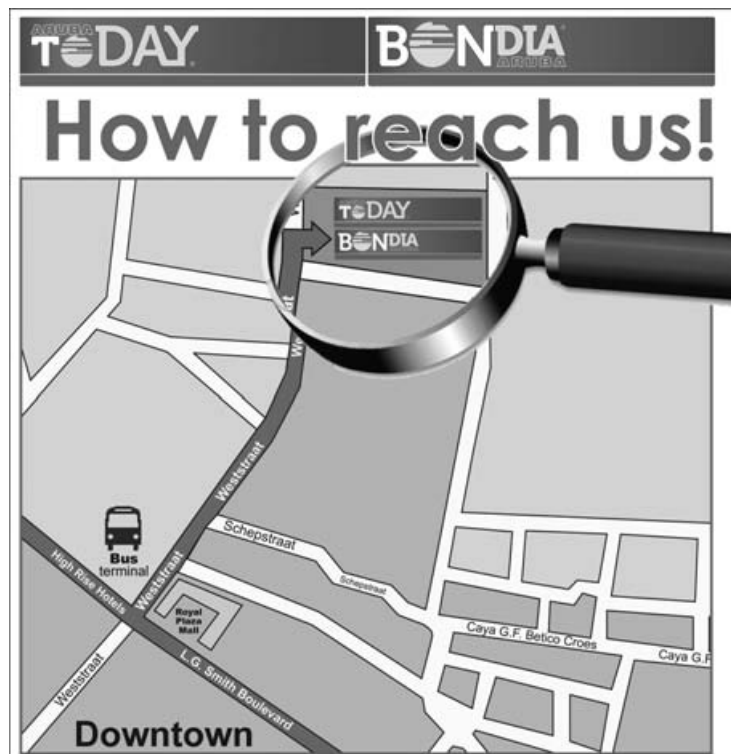
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ARUBA TODAY NEWS

Spaniard Enric Mas wins home Vuelta a España

Granada, Spain

Spanish rider Enric Mas secured his first Vuelta a España title on Sunday as Tobias Johannessen won the 21st and final stage in Granada, bringing the three-week Grand Tour to a close.

The 31-year-old Movistar rider, who took the red jersey after Tadej Pogacar abandoned following a crash on stage eight, held off four-time champion Primož Roglic to become the first Spaniard to win the Vuelta since Alberto Contador in 2014.

Home favourite Mas, a three-time Vuelta runner-up, finished 2mins 15sec ahead of Roglic in the general classification, with Felix Gall third, a further half-minute behind.

Mas crossed the finish line arm-in-arm with his six Movistar team-mates stretched



Overall leader team Movistar's Spanish rider Enric Mas (C), flanked by second placed Team Bora's Slovenian rider Primož Roglic and third placed Team Decathlon CMA CGM's Austrian rider Felix Gall, celebrates on the podium after winning the Vuelta a España 2026 cycling tour, a race over 3,275 kms in 21 stages and ending in Granada, on September 13, 2026.

out beside him.

It was the Spaniard's first ever Grand Tour triumph, which he effectively sealed by limiting his losses to Roglic in the individual time-trial on Thursday and then expanding his lead on Sat-

urday in the last mountain stage.

"I've dreamed of this and fought for it," said Mas.

"I felt some nerves, it was a day with a mix of emotions, all of them positive.

"We have to keep on doing

what we're doing, we're sportsmen and it's like this -- we're thinking about the next objectives and we have no time to enjoy our victories."

Norwegian Johannessen prevailed in the 112-kilometre final stage, which started in a supermarket and featured a series of loops through Granada and around the famous Alhambra palace.

The Uno-X Mobility rider held off Alessandro Romele and Ramses Debruyne in a sprint finish.

The last 9.8km of the race was neutralised earlier on Sunday in agreement with governing body the UCI after riders raised safety concerns, so for the general classification contenders it was a procession to the finish line.

Mas inherited the red jersey

from Pogacar after the Slovenian superstar, who was the overwhelming favourite to triumph at the Vuelta for the first time, suffered a severe crash which ended his season.

Five-time Tour de France winner Pogacar was hoping to become only the fourth rider to claim a Tour-Vuelta double in the same season.

A runner-up in 2018, 2021 and 2022, Mas fended off attacks from veteran Roglic and Gall along the way and proved a worthy winner, rising to every challenge.

It was Team Movistar's first Vuelta win since Colombian Nairo Quintana claimed victory in 2016.

"The reality is that the team needed a victory like this, and now we have it," said Mas. □

U.S. fight off spirited France to win 12th World Cup

Berlin, Germany

The United States won the women's basketball World Cup for a record-extending 12th time, defeating a spirited France 97-79 thanks to an excellent second-half in the final in Berlin on Sunday. The U.S. are perennial red-hot favorites at this tournament and had not lost a World Cup match since 2006, but they were below their best for much of the competition.

They trailed by two points at half-time to an energetic France side but turned it on when it mattered, outscoring the Europeans 30-12 in the third quarter.

American veteran Breanna Stewart once again led from the front, scoring a game-high 22 points along with 10 rebounds and four assists as she became the first player to be named World Cup MVP a second time.

"I'm really happy the way we let the rest of the world know our goal is always gold," she told reporters, while describing the country's World Cup record as "an insane stat".

Coach Kara Lawson called Stewart "the greatest winner that we've had prob-



USA team celebrates victory after winning the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2026 final against France at Uber Arena in Berlin, Germany, on September 13, 2026.

ably".

Jackie Young hit four crucial threes and finished with 18 points to extend the US record to 36 wins in a row at the tournament.

Indiana Fever guard Caitlin Clark scored just one point in the semi-final but chipped in with some crucial buckets down the stretch, scoring 12 points including two threes as the Americans silenced the

pro-France crowd.

"We kind of got in a little bit of a hole there," Clark told reporters of the second-quarter.

"And then we came back in and kind of dug ourselves out of it.

"That run we went on into halftime and then came out in the second half and really just dominated from there."

Playing in their first ever World Cup final, France

were seeking revenge for their one-point loss in the gold medal match at the 2024 Paris Olympics but lost their composure as the Americans turned on the afterburners in the second half, committing 16 turnovers.

France's Gabby Williams, the player of the match in their semi-final win over Germany, scored an impressive 16 points in the opening half but added

just four more after that.

- Americans vulnerable -

The U.S., huge favorites who are used to dominating World Cups and the Olympics, came into Sunday's game looking vulnerable, having come close to defeats against unheralded Italy and again against Spain in the semi-finals.

No team had come within 20 points of France as they cruised into a maiden World Cup final and started strongly, ending the opening quarter with a three-point lead and running out to a 14-point gap midway through the second.

Forced to up the ante, the U.S. fought back with Young hitting two quick-fire threes and Clark grabbing one of her own seconds before half-time, cutting France's lead to two points. The U.S. was far more composed after that, with Clark finding her range from the field.

The favorites took the steam out of the match in the fourth as they kept the French at bay.

Earlier on Sunday, Spain soothed the disappointment of their narrow semi-final loss to the U.S. □

Bills beat Texans and Ravens roll Colts in NFL openers

Los Angeles, United States

Buffalo's Josh Allen finally managed his first triumph at Houston and Lamar Jackson sparked Baltimore to a lopsided victory at Indianapolis on Sunday as most NFL teams began their 2026 campaign.

Allen completed 20-of-29 passes for 334 yards and two touchdowns and ran six times for 23 yards and two more touchdowns, but it was a great defensive stand that gave the Bills a 36-31 victory over the Texans in new coach Joe Brady's debut.

Allen, the 2024 NFL Most Valuable Player, was 0-4 in prior games at Houston but gave Buffalo the lead in the dying seconds on a stunning 34-yard touchdown pass to Joshua Palmer.

Houston then drove to the Bills' nine-yard line and appeared set to push in for the winning score until Buffalo's Greg Rousseau sacked Houston quarterback C.J. Stroud, forced a fumble and Buffalo's Terrel Bernard recovered to ensure the victory.

Stroud threw for two touchdowns and Houston's David Montgomery ran for two more in the defeat.

Baltimore's Jackson completed 17-of-25 passes for 324 yards and a touchdown and ran for 40 yards and a touchdown, while Derrick Henry ran 24 times for 144 yards and three touchdowns as the Ravens won their first game under new coach Jesse Minter 41-23.

Henry scored on first-half runs of four and 32 yards, and from three yards in the fourth quarter, for 125 career rushing touchdowns, rising to third on the all-time NFL list behind Emmitt Smith's record 164 and LaDainian Tomlinson's 145.

Baltimore's Zay Flowers made five catches for a career-high 150 yards, including a 54-yard touchdown reception, before leaving in the second quarter with a hamstring injury.

Jonathan Taylor ran 19



C.J. Stroud #7 of the Houston Texans fumbles the ball against the Buffalo Bills during the fourth quarter of the game at NRG Stadium on September 13, 2026 in Houston, Texas.

times for 98 yards and two touchdowns as the Colts fell to 1-11 and one drawn in their past 13 season openers.

Detroit edged visiting New Orleans 31-30 in an overtime thriller.

Jared Goff threw a four-yard touchdown pass

to Amon-Ra St. Brown in overtime but New Orleans answered when Tyler Shough hit Noah Fant on an eight-yard touchdown

pass.

The Saints passed on a tying conversion kick attempt and went for a two-point conversion and the victory. But Shough's pass was incomplete and the Lions were winners.

- Steelers beat Falcons -

Pittsburgh's Aaron Rodgers threw for 221 yards and a touchdown and T.J. Watt returned an interception 35 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter to lift the Steelers over visiting Atlanta 20-13.

Trevor Lawrence completed 18-of-23 passes for 245 yards and four touchdowns as host Jacksonville crushed Cleveland 34-10.

Joe Burrow threw for 254 yards and a touchdown and Evan McPherson's.



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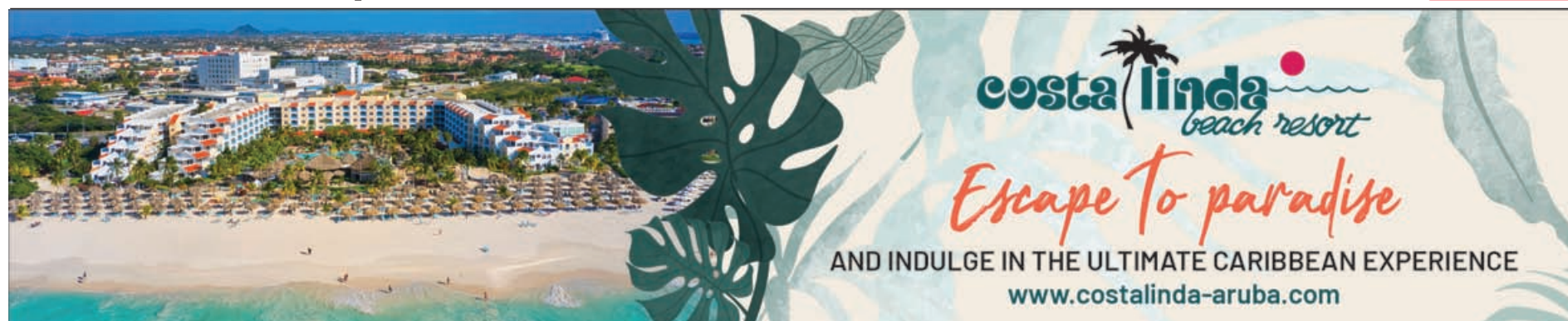
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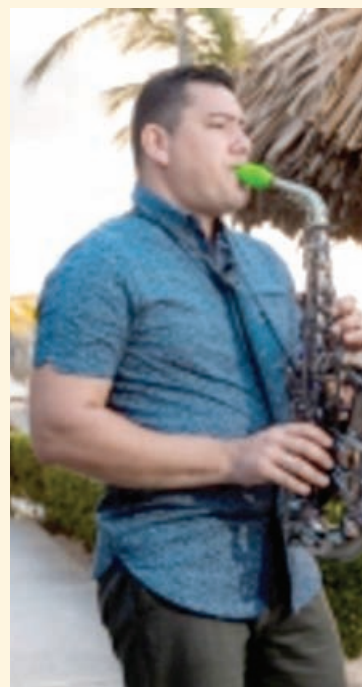


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(Palm Beach) – Consider your family dinner plans taken care of at Water's Edge. Located in the heart of the Costa Linda Beach Resort and on the shores of the world-famous Eagle Beach in Aruba, Water's Edge offers an elegant yet cozy dining experience that the entire family can enjoy. Whether you're craving Steak, Seafood, International Dishes or a bit of the Caribbean flare, Water's Edge caters to all your culinary needs, all the while offering you a cozy and flexible service with a spectacular view of Aruba's top-rated sandy beaches.

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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.

Meat Lovers will have their fix with choices of Steak, including a Petite Filet, French Rack of Lambs or their famous 14oz pan-seared Pork finished with a fantastic apple glaze. All our steaks options are seasoned with a blend of kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper. Served with homemade mashed potatoes, seasoned vegetables and a choice of red wine reduction, green peppercorn demi-glaze, mushroom sauce, chimichurri or ba-

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