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This combination of pictures created on November 09, 2026 shows (L/R) US Representative Thomas Massie, Republican from Kentucky, in Washington, DC, on February 9, 2026 and US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth leaves after attending the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Defence Ministers' Meeting in Cebu, Philippines, on October 28, 2026.

# Republican launches impeachment against U.S. defense chief

**Washington, United States** A Republican lawmaker moved Monday to impeach U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth over the war in Iran, setting up a potentially explosive vote in Congress just days after President Donald Trump's party suffered a crushing midterm defeat.

Kentucky congressman Thomas Massie introduced eight articles of impeachment accusing Hegseth of illegally waging war without congressional authorization and abusing his powers as Pentagon chief.

The Republican-controlled House could vote as early as Wednesday, with some lawmakers from Trump's party signaling that they might join Democrats in supporting the charges.

Impeachment would be a humiliating blow for Hegseth and the Trump administration, but would not automatically remove him from office.

That would require a trial and conviction by a two-thirds majority in the Senate a far higher hurdle, even after Democrats take control of the chamber in January.

The impeachment push has gathered momentum since Tuesday's midterm elections, when Democrats swept both chambers of Congress amid widespread anger over the Iran war and soaring fuel prices.

Republicans retain control of Congress until the newly elected lawmakers take office on January 3, but their overwhelming defeat has fueled recriminations and weakened party discipline.

Some Republican lawmakers who lost their seats could also skip votes, potentially making it easier for the impeachment measure to pass.

**- 'Hard yes' -**

Massie, an outspoken critic of Trump who lost his own primary to a candidate backed by the president, is using a special congressional procedure to force the House to consider his resolution within two legislative days.

Republican leaders could still seek to block the measure through a procedural vote.

The articles accuse Hegseth of violating the 1973 War Powers Resolution, which limits the president's ability to engage U.S. forces in hostilities without congressional approval.

They also allege misconduct involving civilian casualties and military operations in Yemen and Venezuela.

The Pentagon has rejected the accusations.

Democratic House leader Hakeem Jeffries, who is expected to become speaker in January, threw his weight behind impeachment on Sunday.

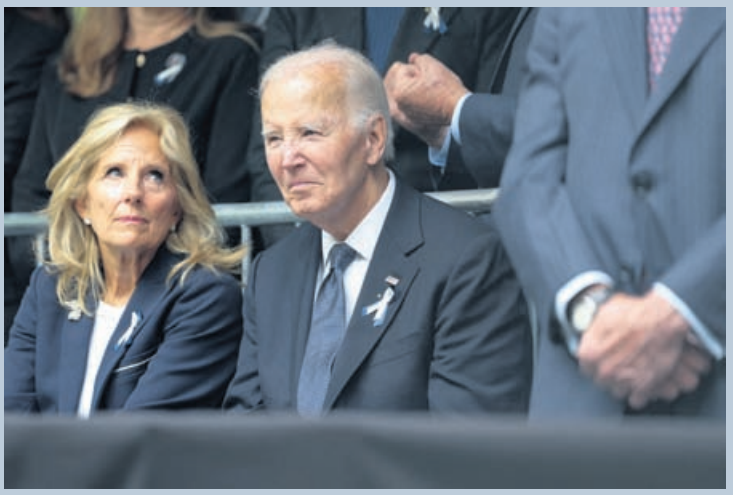
"I'm a hard yes on the Hegseth resolution," Jeffries told ABC News.

"The so-called secretary of defense has abused his power, undermined our national security and engineered this reckless and costly war of choice in Iran," he said.

"Pete Hegseth has got to go."

Several Republicans have expressed dissatisfaction with Hegseth's leadership without committing to impeaching him.

Arkansas congressman French Hill said Sunday he wanted to hear the debate before deciding whether the accusations justified impeachment.❑



(L/R) Former First Lady Jill Biden and former U.S. President Joe Biden attend the 25th anniversary commemoration of the September 11, 2001 attacks at the National September 11 Memorial in New York on September 11, 2026.

# Biden scales back book tour as cancer 'slows me down'

**Washington, United States**

Former U.S. president Joe Biden says he is scaling back plans to promote his upcoming memoir as he battles aggressive prostate cancer, acknowledging that the illness sometimes leaves him struggling.

The 83-year-old Democrat, whose health was a major issue during his presidency, said Sunday that he would be unable to make as many public appearances as he had hoped ahead of the November 17 release of "Promise Me, America."

"Some days are better than others. It hasn't stopped me. But sometimes it slows me down," Biden wrote on X. "What that means is, unfortunately, I won't be able to do as many conversations about my book as I'd hoped. However, I'm hopeful the words on the page speak for themselves."

Biden announced in May 2025, four months after leaving the White House, that he had been diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer that had spread to his bones.

He has since undergone radiation and hormone therapy, while his son Hunter said in August that the disease had spread further and was causing considerable pain.

Biden struck an optimistic note about his treatment, saying his doctors "continue to be encouraged" by his response.

His memoir chronicles his four years in the White House, including his handling of the Covid-19 pandemic, wars in Afghanistan and Ukraine, and his controversial decision to seek reelection in 2024 before withdrawing.

In an excerpt published Monday by The Atlantic, Biden delivered a blistering attack on his successor Donald Trump over the 2021 assault on the U.S. Capitol by supporters seeking to overturn Trump's election defeat.

"What Trump did on January 6, 2021, should never be forgotten. It should follow him to his grave," Biden wrote.

He also recalled an unexpectedly friendly Oval Office meeting with Trump following the Republican's 2024 election victory, during which his successor suggested they might have been friends outside politics.

Biden abandoned his reelection campaign in July 2024 after a disastrous debate against Trump intensified concerns about his age and fitness for office.

His vice president, Kamala Harris, subsequently lost the election, returning Trump to the White House.

Biden said his book would explain the decisions he made in office and reflect his faith in American democracy.❑

# For Zoomers, blue wave in U.S. election evokes 'millennial optimism'

**Washington, United States**
Will the "blue wave" bring back skinny jeans, owl necklaces, mustache motifs and stomp-clap-hey music?
Since the Democrats' blowout midterm elections victory on Tuesday, a sense of nostalgia has supercharged talk of "millennial optimism" a social media trend that harkens back to the hope and innocence of the late 2000s and early 2010s.
Videos and posts mentioning the meme are racking up tens or even hundreds of thousands of views celebrating the fashion, music and aesthetic that defined millennials' young adulthood.
For many members of Gen Z people who are currently aged 18 to 29, also called Zoomers Tuesday's vote brought a taste of the euphoria that the previous generation the millennials, currently aged 30 to 45 experienced when Barack Obama was elected as president in 2008 on the Democratic ticket.
The parallels are striking: Both generations voted against a backdrop of open-ended conflict abroad and deep economic uncertainty at home. Just as young voters were seen as critical to Obama's success, these midterms saw massive swings toward the Democratic Party among under-30s.
An AFP analysis of NORC Civic Health & Elections Project data showed that 65.5 percent of voters aged 18-29 voted for Democrats, compared with 30.6 who opted for Republicans.
Furthermore, among young people who voted for Republican President Donald Trump in 2024, 16 percent chose a Democrat in these legislative elections.
According to preliminary results from a New York Times nationwide survey, young men aged 18 to 29 veered toward Democratic candidates by nearly 40 percentage points since the 2024 elections, and women from that age group by 27 points.



**Election observers gather around a clipboard at the Hinds County Election Operations Center in Jackson, Mississippi, on November 9, 2026, as officials continue processing ballots from the November 3 midterms and the U.S. Senate race between Democrat Scott Colom and Republican incumbent Cindy Hyde-Smith remains too close to call.**

**- Hope -**

"This new blue wave that has been introduced in our country makes me feel very hopeful," Aliya Baddely, 20, told AFP. She hopes to see Ohio's governor-elect, Amy Acton, make good on her promises on education and data center regulation.
Fellow Zoomer Caleb Varns, 22, also spoke of a sense of hope. He and Baddely are both students at the University of Akron.
"We have a lot of firsts now. I mean, we have first Muslim in the Senate, first openly gay man," he said, referring to Michigan senator-elect Abdul El-Sayed and New Hampshire's Chris Pappas. Both were elected Tuesday. Democratic Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a millennial and one of the most prominent younger voices in Congress, said in an Instagram post "imagine all the seats we flipped last night... because you (created an electoral wave) the first time you ever voted, you're like 'Yeah, we can change the world!'"

**- Optimism or discontent? -**
But it's not all optimism.
Zoomers, whose school and university experiences were upended by the pandemic, are unsettled by what the future holds from climate change to the threat of artificial intelligence on their career prospects.
For Alberto Medina, head of communications at a US-based research organization, the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, said the two elections are really only comparable because they resulted in "a big Democratic wave that was powered by young voters."❑

# U.S. Supreme Court lets border wall construction resume in national park area

**Washington, United States**
The U.S. Supreme Court allowed the Trump administration on Monday to resume border wall construction in an area of Texas that includes a national park.
In an unsigned opinion, the top court lifted an injunction from a federal district court that had blocked the administration from restarting its border barrier project in the Big Bend region.
The Supreme Court said the lower court injunction "impedes the Government from advancing its 'compelling interests' in border security and integrity."
"The Government's interest therefore outweighs any aesthetic, recreational, and environmental harm alleged by respondents," the court said.
Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson filed the lone dissent to the decision.
The Center for Biological Diversity and others had filed suit challenging the federal government's decision to waive dozens of environmental laws in order to fast-track the $1.7 billion project across Big Bend National Park, Big Bend Ranch State Park and the wider region.

The Department of Homeland Security plans to build border barriers, patrol roads, lighting and detection technology in and around Big Bend National Park, known for its spectacular views and rich biodiversity, including hundreds of bird species, bobcats and black bears.
Bulldozers broke ground in August on the public lands that blend desert, river and mountain ecosystems and are home to the famed Santa Elena Canyon, before Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Commissioner Rodney Scott announced a pause following fierce local opposition that crossed party lines.
The project is part of President Donald Trump's broader push to build an immense border wall with Mexico.
Laiken Jordahl, national public lands advocate at the Center for Biological Diversity, called the ruling by the Supreme Court a "horrific decision."
"The Trump administration and its contractors are hellbent on destroying one of America's greatest national parks, and the Supreme Court just gave them the green light," Jordahl said in a statement. "They're signing off on the permanent destruction of the wildest place in Texas."❑



**Heavy machinery is seen inside Big Bend National Park in southern Texas, on August 15, 2026.**

# ‘Sexual predator’ Russell Brand jailed for 10 years for rape, assault

**London, United Kingdom**
British comedian and TV star Russell Brand was Monday jailed for more than 10 years for a string of sex offences including rape, as the judge told him he had been a “sexual predator” whose fame had protected him.
Brand, 51, showed no emotion as judge Joel Bennathan said he had acted with “staggering arrogance” and shown “contempt” for his victims, who had suffered significant and lasting harm.
“About 20 years ago Russell Brand, you were becoming famous, you were clever, and in many people’s eyes you were funny and charismatic. You had also become a sexual predator,” he said.
The judge said Brand’s status protected him until he was exposed in 2023 by journalists from the Sunday Times, The Times and the Channel 4 Dispatches program, leading to women coming forward to make complaints to police.
Bennathan paid tribute to the “determination and bravery” of the women, adding Brand had repeatedly acted “how you liked and when you liked, unhindered by the rules by which decent people live”.


**British comedian and actor Russell Brand arrives at the Southwark Crown Court as his rape and sexual assault trial continues in south London on October 30, 2026.**

Brand’s wife Laura Gallacher, with whom he has three children, slumped in her seat in the public gallery of London’s Southwark Crown Court as the total sentence of 10 years and six months was announced.
Brand told his wife, who has supported him in court throughout the case, “we’ll be OK”, before being led down to the cells.
The disgraced star was convicted by a jury last week of one rape and three sexual assaults committed against four women between 2004 and 2009.
Brand, who has reinvented himself as an online Christian guru, held a string of prayer beads and made the sign of the cross before one of his victims personally read out her impact statement from behind a screen.
She said she had been left “traumatized” by the assault in a London bar in 2004.
“For many years as his star was rising it was impossible to escape seeing him all over the media, being celebrated for his disgusting behavior against women like it was all a joke,” she told the court.

**- ‘Celebrated’ -**
A second woman, a 21-year-old fan he raped in 2009 after they met at one of his shows, told the court she had felt she simply would “not be believed” if she reported him.
“His fame, wealth and influence created a power imbalance which made me feel powerless,” she said.
The hearing came as Prime Minister Andy Burnham pledged to be “relentless in making whatever improvements we can” to provide more support for victims.
Brand was cleared of two other alleged rapes and one count of attempted indecent assault. But he is facing further investigations after London police revealed rape allegations by two more women.
From Channel 4 to MTV and an eponymous prime-time show on BBC Radio 2, the wild-haired comedian’s obsession with sex and his no-holds barred delivery contributed to his notoriety.
Brand denied the charges, but he admitted to being “extremely promiscuous” and using his fame to “facilitate sexual access”.

**- ‘Wake-up call’ -**
Born to working-class parents in Essex, east of London, in 1975, Brand dropped out of drama school before joining MTV at the age of 25.
He had his own radio show at the BBC, which last week apologised for the “culture and failings” when Brand worked there between 2006 and 2008.
Brand left the BBC after leaving a well-known actor sexually explicit messages on his answering machine about having slept with his granddaughter.
He made a foray into Hollywood after a brief marriage in 2010 to US pop star Katy Perry.
The court found him guilty of sexual assaults against an MTV worker, a Channel 4 worker and a Capital Radio employee, as well as raping a fan.
The organizations that propped up Brand for years are now facing questions about how he continued for so long.
British culture minister Lisa Nandy said men in power were still exploiting women in the media industry, saying his case was a “wake-up call”.❑

# Kering taps British designer Martine Rose to lead Balenciaga

**Paris, France**
French luxury group Kering said Friday that British-Jamaican designer Martine Rose would take over at Balenciaga, following the departure of Pierpaolo Piccioli after just 18 months on the job.
“Her appointment reflects our ambition to keep Balenciaga at the forefront of innovation, creativity and culture,” Kering chief executive Luca de Meo said in a statement.


**Martine Rose attends the Luar fashion show during September 2022 New York Fashion Week: The Shows at The Shed in New York City on September 11, 2022.**

De Meo has been shaking up management at the conglomerate’s smaller houses while also seeking to boost sales at its flagship Gucci and Saint Laurent brands. The former Renault chief, who took over last year, is grappling with industry-wide pressure amid weaker demand from China and worries about consumer spending across the global economy.
Rose, 45, created her namesake menswear label in London in 2007, and had already worked as a consultant for Balenciaga’s menswear line from 2015 to 2018 under its star Georgian designer Demna.
Her first show is set for February during Paris Fashion Week.
“Balenciaga has always been a House of radical creativity, challenging conventions and redefining the boundaries of fashion. Martine Rose embodies this spirit with a fresh, fearless and deeply contemporary vision,” de Meo said.
In the statement, Rose said the house created by Spaniard Cristobal Balenciaga in 1919 “has been shaped by remarkable creative talents before me”.
“I am committed to honouring this legacy and look forward to creating the next chapter in this rich and beautiful story,” she said.❑




**People take part in a protest over the banking crisis in front of the Paraguayan Congress building in Asuncion on November 9, 2026.**

# araguay bank crisis puts the brakes on emergency services

**Asuncion, Paraguay**
Oscar Acuna knows how to handle disasters after decades of volunteering as a firefighter, but nothing could have prepared him for a banking crisis that has severely hindered Paraguay's emergency services.
Last week's collapse of Ueno Bank blocked almost half of the population from accessing their money and led to the impeachment of president Santiago Pena, who is linked to the bank.

Paraguay's volunteer firefighters had around $320,000 deposited in Ueno when the central bank seized control on November 3, citing serious solvency problems.
"Just as many savers in our institution were defrauded, we as an institution were also defrauded and today we are suffering the consequences," a glassy-eyed Acuna told AFP.
The 45-year-old commands the Sixth Volunteer Fire Company in Mariano Roque Alonso, a city located next to the capital Asuncion. It receives some funding from the government, but more than half its finances come from donations from ordinary people.
"Once a year we go out into the streets to ask the public for contributions so we can cover our operating costs. We deposited all our funds in that bank because we trusted it," Acuna said.
The crisis has forced his team to choose which emergencies to respond to given the lack of resources. He and some 6,500 volunteers spread across 140 stations nationwide, all similarly affected, are praying for an accident-free period.

**- Forced to be selective -**
An unusual quiet pervaded the station on Sunday, when families normally drop by to take photos or celebrate birthdays.
"Morale is low and you can feel it," said the commander, surrounded by unused uniforms and donations waiting to be sorted.
Mariano Roque Alonso's 68 volunteers work round the clock, ready to respond to fires, traffic incidents, household accidents and animals needing rescue at a moment's notice.
Current circumstances require them to be more selective, however.
"A lady just came by to ask for help with a problem she has with her pet, but we told her that this time we had to turn her down," said Acuna.
The biggest concern is fuel, which powers generators, pumps and other essential rescue tools along with the fire trucks themselves.
Once it runs out, "we'll practically be unable to move," said Acuna, adding that the station's cash box is empty.
An emergency response can cost between $80 and $52,000 depending on the scale of the disaster, according to Lorena Canan, the president of Paraguay's Volunteer Fire Department.
Other parts of the country have drastically reduced rescue operations to cope. Only one fire truck is on duty in Ita, south of Asuncion.
"The time will come when we'll have to pay out of our own pockets, but that's difficult because our personal finances were also affected," said volunteer Angel Nunez, 50.

**- Waiting game -**
Almost three million Ueno depositors lost access to their funds.
Thousands of people have protested in several cities, demanding the return of their money and the removal of Pena from office.
Their second wish came true, with senators impeaching him and replacing him with vice president Pedro Alliana on Friday.
The ousted leader owned shares in a group that controlled Ueno until he sold them last year.❑




**French influencer Melissa Alleb attends the 28th NRJ Music Awards at Palais des Festivals on October 23, 2026 in Cannes, France.**

# EU to crack down on influencer marketing

**Brussels, Belgium**
The EU will clamp down on influencer marketing and ban online features that trick Europeans under plans to overhaul the bloc's consumer protection rules, according to documents seen by AFP on Monday.
The European Union already has multiple laws covering data protection, artificial intelligence and online content. But Brussels and campaigners argue there are gaps that leave consumers exposed to harmful digital practices.
The new law known as the "Digital Fairness Act" due to be unveiled by consumer protection chief Michael McGrath on Wednesday will fill those gaps, it says.
According to the draft documents, the EU will ban deceptive practices known as "dark patterns" features designed to trick users into making choices preferred by a seller and demand greater transparency over pricing.
For example, online sellers must not make false claims about the availability or popularity of a product, and should not suggest an item is popular and therefore scarce, one document that is still subject to revisions said.

Companies and brands working with influencers also face stricter rules on how their products are promoted by requiring content creators to label videos and posts clearly as an "advertisement" or "commercial collaboration".
Under the rules, the EU will forbid brands from asking influencers to encourage children to buy products or persuade their parents to buy items in commercial content.
Video games will also be banned from offering minors "pay-to-win" or "pay-to-progress" features, and in-game virtual currencies will have to show the real-world value of the currency used to purchase them.
Users should have the right to disable features like autoplay and notifications not related to their activity, one of the documents said.

And the EU will demand that platforms remind consumers when a free trial period ends with details about the end date and how much it will cost to continue.
Brussels also wants users to know the full price of an online order before checkout, banning a practice known as "drip pricing" where fees are hidden until the end.
Instead, online sellers must reveal "the maximum price a consumer may be required to pay for that ticket", one document said.❑

# Honey Traps: sex, lies and a spy's oldest trick

**Paris, France**

AI, superchips and cyber warfare may be reshaping modern espionage, but some secrets are still won the old-fashioned way: through sex and scandal.

The latest controversy to ripple through the tech world centres on Nvidia chief Jensen Huang and his affair with a woman accused by Washington of working for Chinese intelligence, which Beijing denies.

The episode has thrust the "honey trap" back into the spotlight, reviving interest in an age-old spying tactic that turns attraction and intimacy into tools for stealing state secrets and influencing those in power.



**This screengrab from video footage by CTI obtained via AFPTV on November 9, 2026 shows Alice Huang (2nd R in pink), a Chinese executive linked to the data centre company called Megaspeed, attending a dinner hosted by Nvidia's chief executive and co-founder Jensen Huang (2nd L in black back facing camera) at a restaurant in Taipei on May 22, 2025, during Computex, the island's top tech expo.**

**- Seduction and blackmail**

History is packed with powerful politicians and insiders who found themselves ensnared by men and women tasked with winning their trust before extracting intelligence or gaining leverage.

One of the most famous femme fatales in spy lore is Mata Hari, the Dutch exotic dancer executed in 1917 after being accused of spying for Germany during World War I.

The Cold War also produced a long list of similarly colourful cases.

In France, ambassador Maurice Dejean was recalled from Moscow in 1964 after after an extramarital affair, said Clement Renault, a researcher at France's Institute for Strategic Research (IRSEM).

The scandal created one of former president Charles de Gaulle's most memorable put-downs: "Alors Dejean, on couche?" ("So, Dejean, sleeping around?").

Another famous case, Renault said, involved the Soviet KGB blackmailing British embassy employee John Vassal with "intimate photos revealing his homosexuality, taken in Moscow".

In the 1980s, Israeli whistleblower Mordechai Vanunu, who revealed details of Israel's secret nuclear programme, was lured into the hands of his kidnappers by a woman known as "Cindy".

She "persuaded him to join her in Rome, where he was abducted by the Mossad and taken back to Israel," Renault explained.

Other honey traps ran for years.

In the 1960s, Chinese opera singer Shi Pei Pu, secretly working for Chinese intelligence, began a two-decade affair with French diplomat Bernard Boursicot, who handed over sensitive information.

**- Not so glamorous -**

The honey trap can take many forms.

Some seducers are trained professionals, like East Germany's famed "Romeo Spies" whose mission was to romance lonely West German women and gain access to important information.

"With the shortage of eligible men another consequence of the war (WWII) single West German women, eager for male companionship, became frequent targets for East German male spies," the CIA later said in a study.

Not every honey trap looks like something out of a Hollywood film.

Intelligence services have also used sex workers, business executives and well-connected individuals who already move in the target's world.

That is what makes the Nvidia allegations so intriguing.

Alice Huang, the woman involved in the affair, "held a senior role at Megaspeed, a Singaporean firm specialising in AI computing infrastructure" that did business with Nvidia, Renault said.

"She was allegedly recruited by (China's) state security ministry as an agent, perfectly placed to make contact (with Jensen Huang)," Renault said.

"What is interesting here is that a key figure in the 'AI war' could be caught in a relatively classic operation."

Some cases are not so subtle.❑

# Spain puts the squeeze on olive oil producers to avoid glut

**Madrid, Spain**

Spain has ordered olive oil producers to withdraw 12 percent of their output from the market and store it till September 2027 to prevent a bumper harvest from driving down prices.

This will remove around 188,000 tons of olive oil from the market, the agriculture ministry said in a statement on Friday.



**A worker fills a bottle of olive oil in Lopera cooperative, near Jaen, on March, 24, 2025.**

"The aim is to regulate supply in order to improve and stabilize the functioning of the market and the sector," it said.

Spain is the world's largest olive oil producer, accounting for around 40 percent of global output, according to the International Olive Council.

Mild temperatures and abundant rainfall during the spring have created favorable conditions for what Spain expects to be its fourth-largest harvest on record.

The agriculture ministry forecasts Spanish olive oil production of 1.6 million tons in the 2026-27 season, up 23 percent from the previous season.

The 12-percent requirement will apply to each mill's cumulative monthly production, regardless of the category of olive oil, with producers free to choose which type to store and whether to use their own or external facilities.

The government said the measure, which farming associations have lobbied for, could be modified from December 31 depending on how production develops.

During a visit to an olive oil cooperative in Andalusia on Friday, Spain's main olive oil-producing region, Agriculture Minister Luis Planas said the traditional olive grove was "vital" to the country.

"It has high production costs, and if prices fall below a certain threshold, there can indeed be problems with profitability," he told reporters, adding that the measure had never previously been applied.

The Spanish olive oil market has recovered from a period of low production caused by drought and heatwaves during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons, when prices soared to record levels.

The sharp increase in the price of olive oil prompted many Spanish households to switch to cheaper alternatives such as sunflower oil.❑

# Basic driving rules on Aruba: Traffic signs

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

**Speed limit in certain areas**
As mentioned in yesterday's issue, the legal minimum and maximum speed limit on the island is 50 and 80 km/h respectively. However, there are some areas where it is mandated to drive up to a certain speed. This is always indicated by a circular traffic sign with red border and the number 50 on it. Signs like these are always paired by a similar sign with the number crossed out further down the road. This means that the mandate for this speed is now over; you may increase your velocity. Red borders on traffic sign—whether it's a circle or triangle—usually signal a warning, prohibition or preference.

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

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

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

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




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

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# Another treasure of Aruba's beaches: Sea Glass!

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



Especially on the strip on white sand between the famous Natural Bridge" and the huge red anchor close to "Grapefield" beach you will be able to find your own pieces of sea glass. The sea glass that was created is the product of a very long and interesting process.

It can take anywhere from 10 to 30 years to make sea glass.

The name for any piece of glass that finds its way to the ocean and tumbles around in the water long enough is "Sea glass.

The colorful pieces of glass are being used for decoration, handcrafts and jewelry!

Once glass makes its way into the ocean, the glass is broken up into shards and is tumbled around in the water, where sand and other rocks act like sandpaper to smooth out its rough edges.

Sometimes as the sea glass is passed through fire, it becomes fire glass, the rarest of sea glass with certain inclusions, just like precious gems.

For years, the water beat against the different kinds of trash being dumped. Glass, household appliances and even motor parts were discarded on the beach. The waves and weather conditions wore down the overwhelming amount of garbage in the water, creating millions of beautiful smooth rocks.

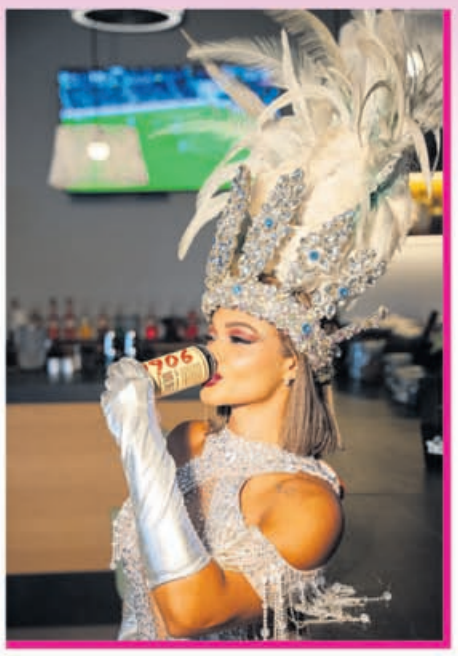
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# SUNDOWN At BLU gets a Carnaval Twist This 11/11









**Five hours of Happy Hour, great drink specials and free parking! Radisson Blu Aruba introduces Sundown at BLU, its new recurring Happy Hour, every Wednesday and Friday from 4 PM to 9 PM at Blu Tap Bar in Palm Beach.**

With Estrella Galicia beer bucket specials starting at just $15, 2-for-1 selected wines and cocktails, and other drink specials, Sundown at BLU offers five hours to unwind, catch up with friends and enjoy the evening. Located in the heart of Palm Beach, Blu Tap Bar welcomes hotel guests, visitors and locals alike, with convenient access and complimentary parking.

And what better way to celebrate the launch of Aruba's favorite season than with a Carnaval twist?

In Aruba, November 11, better known as 11/11, marks the traditional start of the island's Carnaval season. The date is symbolic in Carnaval culture, signaling the beginning of the countdown to months of music, colorful costumes, lively celebrations, and the infectious energy that makes Aruba's Carnaval so special.

To mark the occasion, Radisson Blu Aruba is bringing the Carnaval spirit to SUNDOWN at BLU on Wednesday, November 11, with a special Carnaval Edition! Guests can look forward to Carnaval entertainment, exciting giveaways, and a few surprises throughout the evening, all while enjoying the extended Happy Hour specials.

And the festivities don't end on 11/11! Radisson Blu Aruba has even more Carnaval-inspired surprises planned in the months ahead, giving guests and locals plenty of reasons to keep the celebration going.

So, gather your friends, raise a glass, and join us as we welcome another exciting Carnaval season, BLU style!

***Sundown at BLU — Where Happy Hour Lasts Longer.***




# Sea Glass!

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It's hard to believe the short-sighted mistakes we were making that could have potentially ruined these beautiful beaches. But thanks to natural processes, the ocean transformed the trash into the sea glass.

Each colored gem on the beach has its own story.

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

Then, the sapphire rocks are the remnants of broken apothecary bottles. The most common and the easiest to find are the brown, green and clear glass.

If you like to see the sea glass for yourself, and be in awe of the power of nature, rent a car or jeep and go explore our deserted beaches on the north side of the island. Make it a fun family day!

Even if we didn't mean to pollute the Beaches how we did, it is inspiring to see just how the earth can correct our mistakes.

Funny, how trash can change into treasures!

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

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# Explore Aruba!

**(ORANJESTAD)—Aruba Today collected some things to do BEYOND the beach. Aruba, located 15 miles north of Venezuela in the warm waters of the southern Caribbean, is home to beautiful white-sand beaches, 82-degree days, and thus ideal for the perfect beach day. But we are also blessed with some of the warmest people in the world and our island is 19.6 miles long and 6 miles across, with a total area of 70 square miles. Bit more to discover than the white stretch on the coastline we say. Let's mention some of these hidden gems.**

**Arikok National Park**
The Arikok National park is worth the ride. We love the hikes that are guided by the park's rangers whose job is to maintain trails and protect natural resources. The flora and fauna are beautiful and the historical sites tell you about the island's indigenous roots. If you are not up to walking, you can drive through the park, one way or another this park is a great place to spend an entire day. Cruising through the landscape you end up at some of the most stunning beaches like Dos Playa or Daimara Beach. In total, the park consists of 34 square kilometers of protected nature with a richness of animals living in it. The Aruban whiptail lizard (cododo), Aruban cat eye snake (santanero) and endangered rattle snake (cascabel) are just some of them, you can also admire these close in the park's Visitors' Center. For more information, visit the website www.acf.aw

**Natural Bridge**
One of Aruba's favorite tourist attractions is the Natural Bridge. For thousands of years, pounding waves and strong winds have slowly chiseled away the limestone cliffs along Aruba's north coast to create several natural bridges. The largest of these bridges used to be the famous Natural Bridge. The bridge was a formation of coral limestone cut out by years of pounding surf, and was one of the largest of these types of spans in the world. It stood some 23 feet (7 meters) above sea level and spans more than 100 feet (30 meters). Unfortunately the bridge collapsed on September 2, 2005. Despite this, it is still the most photographed natural bridge and it remains a popular tourist attraction in Aruba, with the adjacent and intact Baby Bridge also meriting a visit. The Natural Bridge is the perfect stop while touring Aruba. There is no admission fee or set hours for visiting. Quench your thirst with refreshing beverages & refuel your tank with local snacks.



**The Lourdes Grotto**
Named in commemoration of the famous French religious landmark, was created under the guidance of a priest named "Erkamp" and parishioners in the year 1958. The grotto, a shrine built into the rocks is located in Seroe Preto, just off the main road to San Nicolas. A statue of the Virgin Mary, weighing 700 kilos, was hoisted into place in the grotto. Every year, on February 11 (feast of Lady of Lourdes), a procession leaves from the St. Theresita church in San Nicolas to the grotto, where a mass is performed. The grotto is located road-side and can be visited daily. Just make sure you park safely in the event you wish to stop for pictures at this location.❑

# Best spots to view the sunset

**(Oranjestad)—What can be more romantic than surprising your partner with a date watching the sunset? Aruba's sunset leave many speechless, and luckily, the best spots to view the sunset are entirely accessible and easy to find. Here are some of the best places to view the sunset on the island.**

**California Light House**
Of course, being one of the highest points easily accessible to locals and tourists, the California Light House hill not only offers a tremendous view of the sunset, but also a breath taking scenery of most of the island. In the distance you can spot all the hotels, the western shoreline and the wild waves that crash on the northern side of the island.

**Manchebo & Eagle Beach**
Speaking of the western shoreline, the best spots for viewing the sunset on the beach has to be either Manchebo Beach or at Eagle Beach, which stretch along the entire western coast of the island. The sunset on these beaches is truly breathtaking; the sky and ocean look so big and spacious, and paired with the orange/pink hue of the sunset, the white sandy beaches and the soft sounds of waves crashing—it can only be described as an experience!

**Arashi Beach**
Another beach that has to be considered as another great spot to view the sunset. Arashi Beach is the last beach you will find along the western coast line, just before you drive up the hill to the California Light House. A favorite for surfers and body boarders, the Arashi sky stretches out for miles, lending a spectacular canvas for the sun to create a masterpiece of orange, pink and purple

**Hooiberg Hill**
These last two options are for more active couples. If you and your partner like to hike, the Hooiberg Hill may be a great place for you to get your daily workout in and enjoy a beautiful view of the sunset and the island as a little reward. Climb on top the 587-step stairs and reach the top to enjoy this incredible scenery.

Casibari Rock Formation
If you're a rock climber, you might enjoy watching the sunset on top of the Casibari Rock Formation. It's no Yosemite, but it does offer a fun little exercise to get to the top. But if you prefer not to get your hands a little dirty, you can always use the stairs in the back.hue.❑

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## *Keeping up with the conniving spider…*

# Nanzi fools Cha Tiger

**Many years ago, Cha* Tiger did not live in the mondi*, but among civil society. Back then, he was feared by everyone. When he walked past in a halfway, everyone around would make room immediately, that's how ferocious he was.**

One night a group of friends was hanging out and they were talking about Cha Tiger. "You know, that tiger sure is incredibly strong and I don't trust him one bit. He probably eats a lot too. Oh, I'm so scared of him!" one person said.

"Oh, don't be stupid! What can Cha Tiger do? He's all bark and no bite, that's it. I certainly am not afraid of him. I bet you guys that I could even sit on his back like I would any donkey." It was Nanzi who said this. The people around him laughed at his remarks, thinking how silly it was for him to say such things.

"You, Nanzi? You are such a liar! He'll stomp you into next Tuesday, stop saying such nonsense."

"I'm not lying!" Nanzi defended himself. "He'll take me all the way to Shon Arei*."

The next morning, Shon Arei already knew of what Nanzi had been saying about Cha Tiger. He was really curious to see if Nanzi was brave enough to put his money where his mouth is. Cha Tiger walked past.

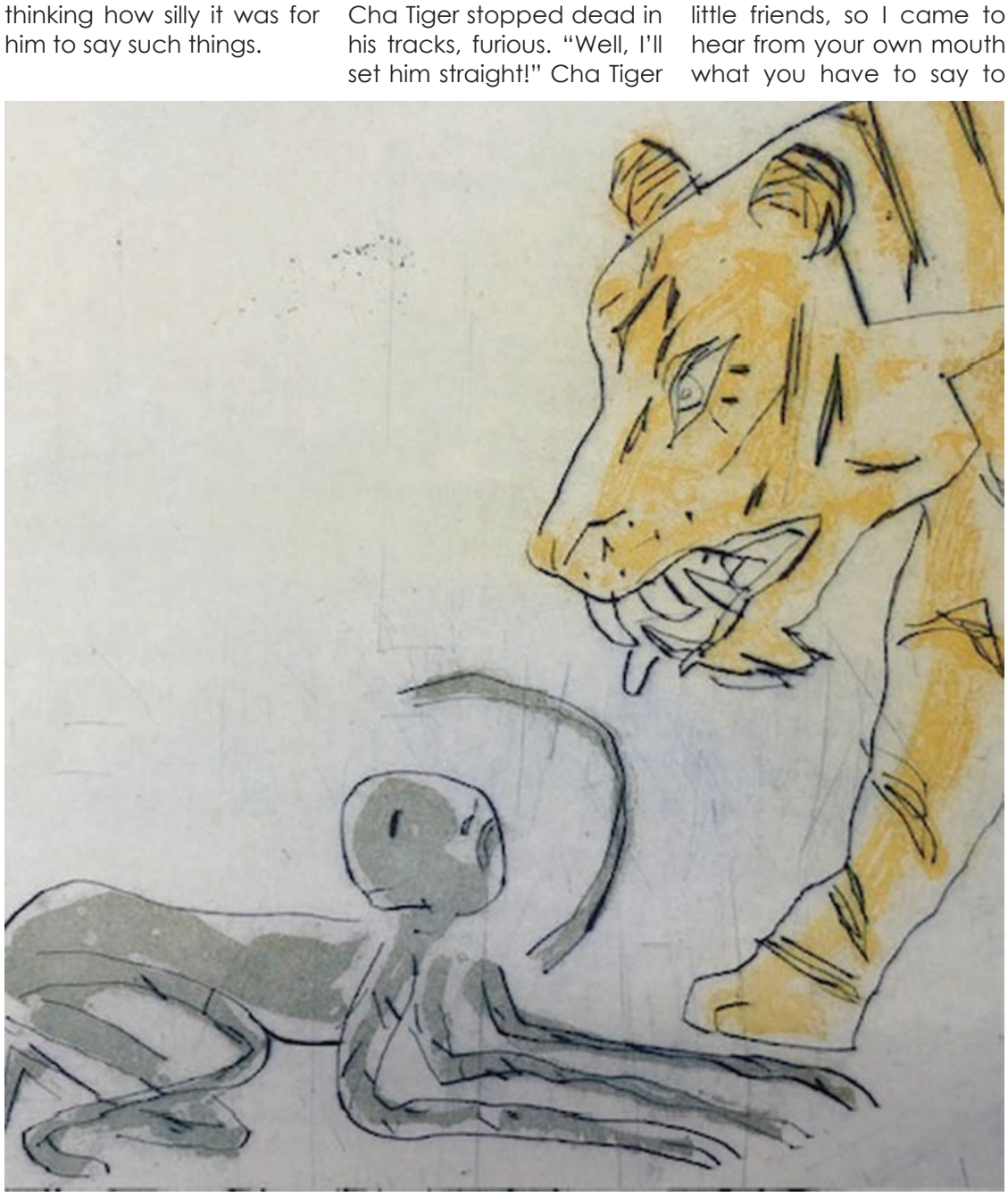
"Hey, Cha Tiger!" someone called to him. He growled at the person. "Hey, Cha Tiger! Listen!"

"Nanzi made fun of you, said he wasn't afraid of you at all! Said he could sit on your back and that you weren't as strong as we think you are."

Cha Tiger stopped dead in his tracks, furious. "Well, I'll set him straight!" Cha Tiger ran toward Nanzi's house, prepared to teach Nanzi a painful lesson. The entire way there he was growling and yelling, making everyone around aware what was going to happen. They all ran inside and peaked through the blinds to see the fight that was going to unfold.

Nanzi also heard Cha Tiger's screams, slowly getting closer and closer. He was terrified. His face turned pale, and his teeth started chattering like someone with a high fever. Sweat was dripping down his forehead.

When Cha Tiger arrived at Nanzi's place, he stormed in and saw Nanzi's frail body lying face down in the corner. "Hey, how are you, Cha Tiger?" Nanzi asked, his voice trembling. "I Heard you were making fun of me in front of your little friends, so I came to hear from your own mouth what you have to say to me," Cha Tiger retorted, still fuming.





"Me? Talk bad about you?" Nanzi chuckled nervously. "People are such liars, I swear. Can't you see how sick I am here?" Nanzi took a pause, like someone who couldn't breathe properly. In his case of course, it was probably from extreme fear. "Shi Maria* wanted to take me to Shon Arei, where someone can heal me from my illness." Still wrapped up in his act, Nanzi turned back face down. "Me, a father of nine little children…"

Cha Tiger was shocked. Nanzi looked absolutely terrible, God knows he was dying.

"Cha Tiger, you're strong. Could you put me on your back and take me to Shon Arei, I can barely walk," Nanzi pleaded. Cha Tiger took pity on the spider and agreed to do this favor. Nanzi climbed on the tiger's back, letting his body fall down and grabbing on to Cha Tiger's neck. "Would you mind putting a rope in your mouth so I can hold on? That way I can sit up straight," Nanzi asked. Cha Tiger growled in reluctance but said OK. And so they made their way to Shon Arei.

Once they started traveling through the mondi, Nanzi turned to Cha Tiger and said: "These mosquitos are so annoying! Cha Tiger, do you mind if I cut a piece of branch so I can keep these mosquitos away?" Cha Tiger let him take his branch.

Eventually they made it out the mondi to where everyone else was. Nanzi immediately perked up and whacked Cha Tiger with his branch, making the tiger jump. He ran all the way to Shon Arei's castle. Exhausted, he plumped down in front of His Majesty.

"See, Shon Arei? Cha Tiger ain't nothing but a big donkey!" Nanzi said proudly. Everyone around cheered: "Hurray, Nanzi!" Poor Cha Tiger was so embarrassed that he was fooled by the conniving spider, and so he ran into the mondi to hide. To this day, it's said that the tiger still hides away in the mondi.

Cha: Nickname placed in front of someone's name and can mean anything, like friend. However, it often has negative connotations first.

Mondi: dry wooded areas found on the ABC islands.

Shon Arei: The King

Shi Maria: Nanzi's wife.❑

**Story and pictures are from "Kon Nanzi a Nek Shon Arei (i otro kuentanan antiano di e araña sabi)" by Nilda Pinto.**

# 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 swollen.❑





# Dining in? Try making some local favorites!

## *How to make "pan bati"*

**(Oranjestad)—If you're ever up for an Aruban snack, try making another Aruban classic appetizer called Pan Bati. Similar to a pancake both in appearance and cooking, this is a super easy meal that adults and children will both enjoy. Here's how to make it!**

**Ingredients:**
2 cups of all purpose flour
1 cup grams of fine cornmeal
2 tbsp baking powder
1 1/3 cup of milk
1 pinch of salt
2 tbsp of granulated sugar
Oil for cooking

**Instructions:**
Add all the dry ingredients in a bowl first, and stir until well mixed. Then add the milk and beat until reached a pancake-like consistency. If more moister is needed, add some water until reached desired consistency.
In a hot pan with oil, pour in enough batter to cover the bottom of the pan. Just like pancakes, flip the pan bati when one side turns golden brown. When your pan bati is ready, place on a plate and cover with a clean kitchen towel.

Traditionally, pan bati is cut in triangle pieces, and is often eaten as a side dish with soup, fried fish or stews. However, it is also casually enjoyed with some butter and cheese on top!❑



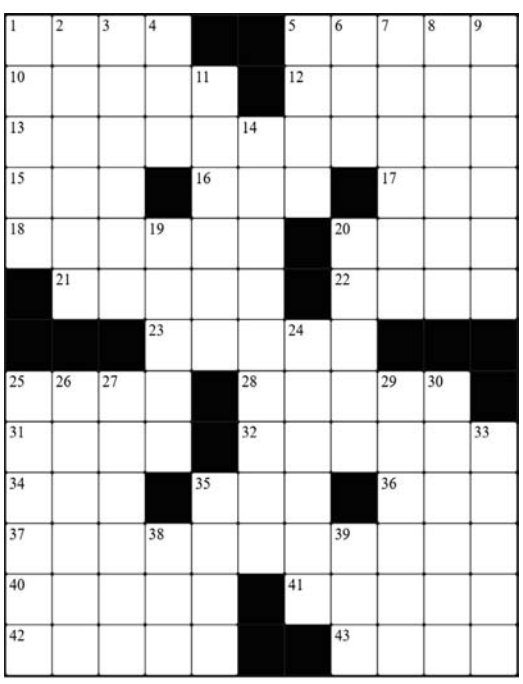
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**Saturday's answer**



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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.

**11-7 CRYPTOQUOTE**

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquote:** LEARN TO DEAL WITH THE VALLEYS, AND THE HILLS WILL TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. — COUNT BASIE

# 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.






# 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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Difficulty: ★ 11/9

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# Ethiopia firm takes aim at menstruation taboos

**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

In a cramped workshop in the heart of Addis Ababa, seamstresses are busy turning out reusable sanitary pads a vital resource in Ethiopia, where many girls go without because of the cost and taboos.

In Ethiopia, a religiously conservative country of 130 million people where around 40 percent live in poverty, menstruation is still often treated as a subject of shame and disposable sanitary pads are luxury items.

Hanan Ahmed, 41, set up her company, Han's with Care, in 2021 in the hope of tackling what she calls "menstrual shame and period poverty" something she experienced firsthand when she was younger.

"I used to be one of those girls who have a very heavy flow. I would end up staining my clothes and the desk I was sitting at. And because of that, I didn't come to school for like a week or two, making up excuses," Hanan told AFP.

After a career in fashion and then aviation, she realised that "some of the period-shaming that happened 20 years ago is still going on now" and decided to leave everything behind to start her own business.

Ethiopia imports all its sanitary pads from abroad, making them unaffordable to the poor. A 2017 study by Johns Hopkins University found that just 28 percent of Ethiopian women reported having everything they need for their periods. The result is that young girls miss school, women lose crucial income and many are forced into dangerous alternatives.

In rural areas, they use "bits of mattress or dirty socks", said Hanan, adding that it causes infections.

Her company offers cotton sanitary pads that are washable and reusable for up to two years.

**- 'Excluded' -**

In the small workshop in the capital, the dozen workers are tightly focused, the clatter of sewing machines drowning out any conversation.



**Students examine the contents of reusable sanitary pad kits as Hanan Ahmed,41, founder of Han's Care, distributes them at Negat Kokeb School in the Kebene neighbourhood of Addis Ababa, on October 20, 2026.**

The company can produce up to 1,000 pads a day. Rather than distributing them through pharmacies, the firm sells to sponsors such as banks, which then give them out for free across the country.

Tsege Woldu Abate, 30, has worked at the company for five years. She recalled her first period at age 13: "I didn't tell my family... I was afraid to speak up."

Today, she says she is "proud" of her work because "it is very useful for girls".

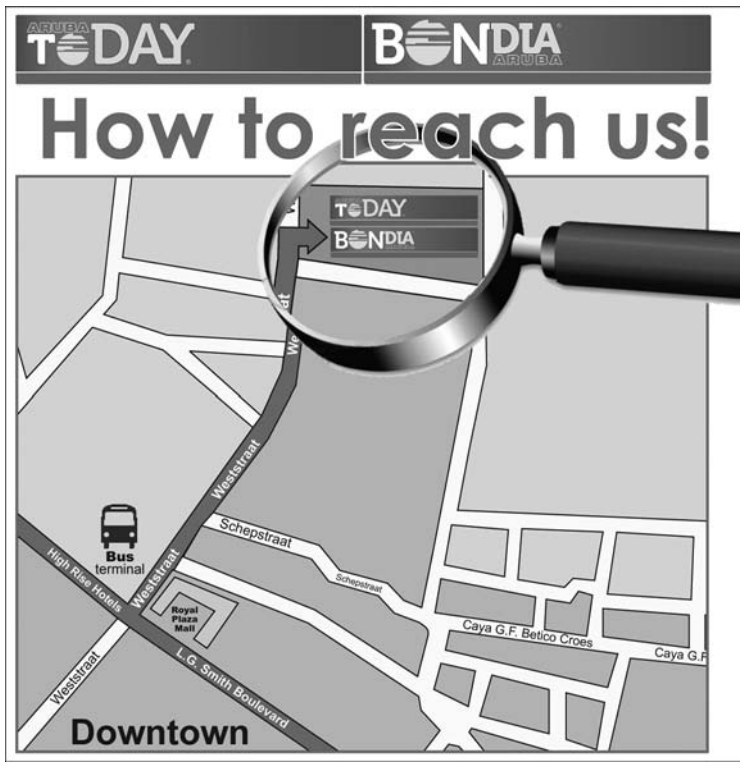
On a recent morning at the Nigat Kokeb School in Addis Ababa, sanitary pads were distributed to about a dozen young girls.

Their teacher, Tigist Shewangizaw, welcomed the company's awareness-raising efforts and donations, so that "no girl misses school". While Hanan highlights the progress made in the capital, she said the situation remains largely unchanged in rural areas.

"In some tribes and religious groups, when a young girl begins her period, she is excluded from the household," Hanan said.

She hopes to secure greater support from the Ethiopian authorities and to see the conversation around menstruation normalised.

"We're trying to create that freedom to talk about periods," said Hanan. "We're raising our voices, so I believe and I hope that in 10 years' time, there will be a change in our community."❑




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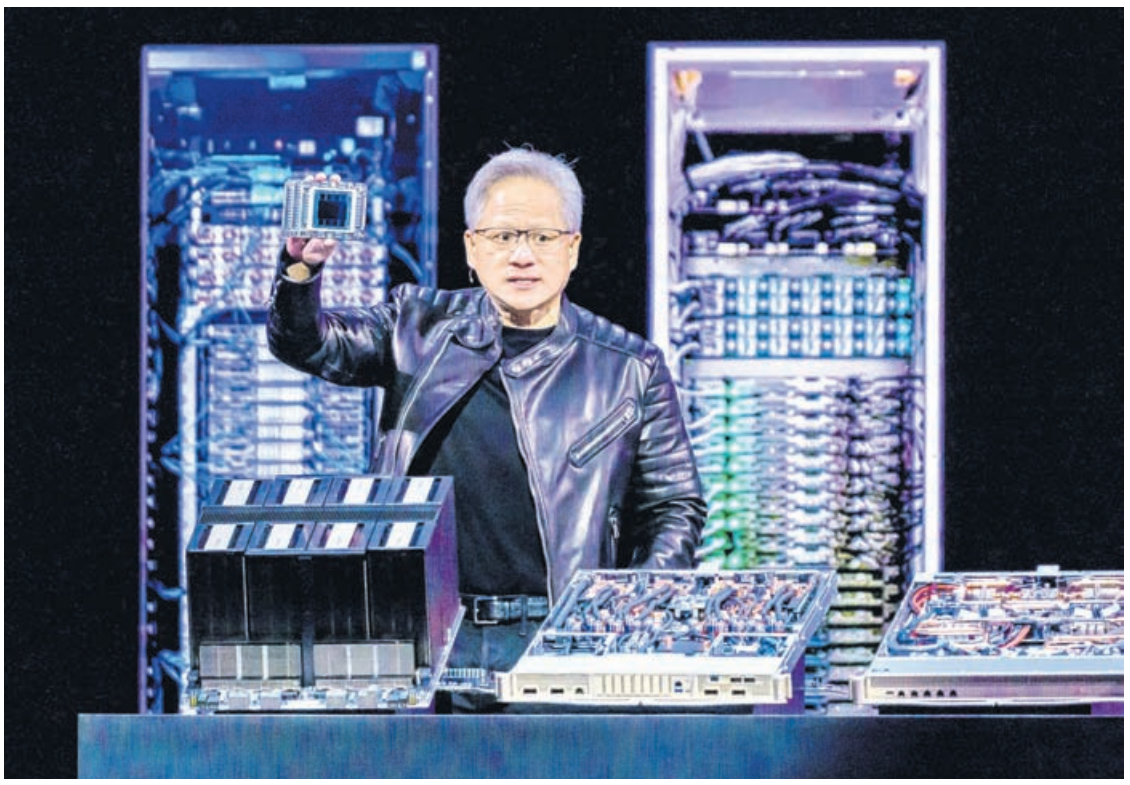
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# Nvidia's Huang scandal rattles AI industry built around him

**New York, United States**
Nvidia chief Jensen Huang sits at the center of the artificial intelligence boom, and the spy scandal that erupted over the weekend threatens to shake the company at a time when confidence in the AI investment frenzy is already fragile.

Taiwan-born Huang is regarded as the godfather of the AI economy, the executive every player in the industry must turn to because the technology depends on the graphics processing units (GPUs) that his company designs.



**Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang delivers the keynote address at the GTC AI Conference in San Jose, California, on March 18, 2025.**

Those chips have made Nvidia one of the two most valuable companies in the world, alongside Apple.

GPUs are in short supply, and the most powerful tech executives and companies rely on Huang to keep them flowing to the data centers that run the models behind OpenAI's ChatGPT and Anthropic's Claude.

Huang has also plowed Nvidia's windfall into AI startups and labs that spend the money on his chips, a circular arrangement that could spread any trouble at Nvidia across the industry.

"Nvidia without Jensen I don't know what that's worth," Stephen Witt, author of a book on Huang and Nvidia, told CNBC. "Nvidia is Jensen Huang."

The scandal over Huang's affair with an alleged Chinese spy lands days before Anthropic's expected IPO, a Wall Street offering seen as a key test for an industry under pressure as investors show more caution in the AI story.

That wariness was fueled by last week's U.S. elections, in which voters showed anger at AI, tech billionaires and the data centers that house Nvidia's chips.

**- 'Irreplaceable' -**

Silicon Valley figures rallied to Huang's defense.

Shaun Maguire, a partner at Sequoia Capital, wrote on X that Huang "did something incredibly dumb" that "was bad for America," but said he believed there had been no bad intention and that Huang was "irreplaceable for America's AI leadership."

"I simply do not believe he would ever knowingly do anything to disadvantage either America or Nvidia," said investor Gavin Baker, who has known Huang for almost 30 years.

Other investors were less confident Huang would survive the probe launched by the Nvidia board.

"I doubt Jensen Huang will be able to remain as Nvidia CEO," wrote Gary Black of the Future Fund, which counts Nvidia among its largest holdings, adding that Huang had "no natural successor within the company."

"Boards are risk-averse institutions comprised of individuals who worry obsessively about being sued," he said.

Dan Ives of Yorkville Ives & Co called it "a black eye moment" for Huang and said the Nvidia chief was "the core DNA of Nvidia."

"Jensen is not replaceable," Ives said, adding he expected Huang to remain CEO in the near term but that the board's findings could still lead to his removal.

**- Washington to decide? -**

Huang's fate will likely be determined in Washington. Ives said the scandal would spark multiple congressional inquiries and increase scrutiny of chip sales to China, a sensitive issue as the AI race between the United States and China accelerates.

Huang had persuaded the Trump administration to ease restrictions on chip sales to China and, after donating to some White House causes, became a close adviser to President Donald Trump.

But Democrats won control of Congress in last week's elections, and China hawks from both parties are expected to ask why Trump did not act when he was first told of Huang's ties to the Chinese businesswoman now suspected of spying for Beijing.

Bill Bishop, author of the Sinocism newsletter on China, said Huang's role in deciding who gets Nvidia's scarce chips made him a valuable target.❑

# Anthropic launches powerful new models ahead of Wall Street debut

**San Francisco, United States**
Anthropic announced on Monday that it would release updated versions of two of its most powerful artificial intelligence (AI) models as the company prepares for a highly anticipated IPO this month.

The new models, Fable 5.2 and Mythos 5.2, can perform up to 30 percent faster than previous versions, particularly on complex tasks such as coding, while costing 20 percent less, the company said.

Both are built on the same underlying model. Fable 5.2 has safeguards that block most cybersecurity and biology tasks, which lets Anthropic offer it to all users.

Mythos 5.2 has fewer of those restrictions and is available only to vetted organizations working in cybersecurity or biomedical research.

The first versions of Fable and Mythos were released under a cloud of controversy.




**This photograph shows a figurine in front of the logo of the US artificial intelligence safety and research company Anthropic during a photo session in Paris on February 13, 2026.**

Both models were pulled days after their June launch, when the U.S. Commerce Department, citing national security concerns, ordered Anthropic to bar access by foreign nationals. The controls were lifted weeks later.

The latest versions come as Anthropic is aiming to hold its initial public offering the week of November 16, when it is expected to raise up to $100 billion, which would make it the largest IPO on record.

The San Francisco-based lab's Wall Street debut is expected to fetch a valuation exceeding $1 trillion, though estimates have fallen in recent weeks from a high of $2 trillion.

The stock market debut is being seen as a gauge of how long the AI spending boom lifting the US economy can last.

Growth has been staggering at the company. Anthropic's revenue reached $17 billion in the third quarter, up from just $1.4 billion a year earlier, a securities filing showed earlier this month.❑




**France's five-time Olympic judo champion Teddy Riner appears in a video displayed on a smartphone and released on his Instagram social media account, as he announces his candidacy for the France 2027 presidential election in Brussels, on November 9, 2026.**

# Judo king Riner joins fight for French presidency

**Paris, France**

France's five-time Olympic judo champion Teddy Riner announced on Monday he would run in next year's presidential election, after expressing concern about the "rise of the far right".

"My name is Teddy Riner and today, I am telling you face to face: I am a candidate in the 2027 presidential election," the 37-year-old said in a surprise announcement on social media.

Riner, one of the greatest judokas in history, said in the two-minute-37-second video that he feared France could soon become deeply divided, appearing to cast himself as a candidate for voters unwilling to choose between two political extremes the far right and the hard left.

His announcement comes as far-right candidate Marine Le Pen leads in the polls to replace centrist President Emmanuel Macron next year, with hard-left firebrand Jean-Luc Melenchon in second place.

"Today we live alongside one another," said Riner, who hails from the French overseas territory of Guadeloupe. "I fear that tomorrow we'll be living in confrontation."

**- 'Right skin colour' -**

Riner, among France's best-known sports figures, has publicly said he was very worried about the "rise of the far right".

Le Pen has benefited from one of the most fractured political landscapes in modern French history, with a crowded field of candidates competing for support. Infighting among centrists has increased the likelihood of a second-round runoff between Le Pen and Melenchon.

Riner voiced concern about a France that is "collapsing under the weight of debt" and said he was troubled to see "a father or mother gritting their teeth while filling a shopping trolley".

He lamented that "state authority has disappeared" in the face of "thugs".

Riner, who is black, also criticised excessive bureaucracy and a system where he said "a young person's future can be destroyed simply because they don't have the right network, the right name or the right skin colour".

"I will not be among those who watch the country burn while making excuses," he added, sitting in front of a bookcase and wearing a white shirt and dark jacket. "Fighting has always been part of who I am. I know what it means to struggle, to fall, to always get back up."

**- 'Starting from zero' -**

He acknowledged that some people would dismiss his candidacy.

"I know what people are going to say about me: 'He's crazy. He's not from the establishment. He doesn't have the codes. He's never done politics,'" he added.

"If refusing to bow my head and refusing chaos makes me crazy, then yes, I'm completely crazy."

Dani Podgoretskaya, an analyst at Eurasia Group, said Riner addressed "the right pain points" but that she did not see him as a serious contender.

"The French take the presidential election very seriously, given how much power the office holds. He has no experience in elected office, no party and no detailed programme yet," she said.

"While I still find it possible that we may yet see a providential figure emerge who unites the anti-populist vote, I doubt that Riner is that figure."

Erwan Lestrohan of polling firm Odoxa said that while no candidate was generating broad enthusiasm among French voters, Riner's popularity would not necessarily translate into electoral support.❑



**Coco Gauff of the United States returns a shot to Jessica Pegula of the United States during day one of the FAGE WTA Finals at Indian Wells Tennis Garden on November 08, 2026 in Indian Wells, California.**

# Gauff outlasts Pegula to win group opener at WTA Finals

**Los Angeles, United States**

Coco Gauff outlasted fellow American Jessica Pegula to win a tension-packed group stage opener 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 6-2 on Sunday in the WTA Finals at Indian Wells.

Two-time major winner Gauff fell behind 5-1 in the second set but saved three set points in the 10th game and captured five games in a row to seize a 6-5 edge.

Pegula denied a Gauff match point and held in the 12th game to force a tie-breaker, then jumped to a 5-2 lead and forced a third set with a forehand return winner.

Gauff seized a 3-0 lead in the third set and dominated from there, holding in the final game to take the match after two hours and 39 minutes when Pegula swatted a backhand beyond the baseline.

"I was having a lot of fun," Gauff said. "I took a little break. First match in like a month. To play a tournament like this with no preparation is something I've never done in my career.

"I'm just really happy to get through today. It was a tough match. It was 2 1/2 hours and I feel like every point was  I don't know if you guys were holding my breath but me too, so just happy to be through.

"I'm really proud of myself for this one."

Gauff, the 2023 U.S. Open and 2025 French Open champion, and Pegula had split 10 prior career matches, Gauff winning the Cincinnati final and a Wimbledon quarter-final this year in their most recent prior meetings.

In the other Group One opener, reigning Wimbledon champion Linda Noskova defeated Marta Kostyuk 6-2, 6-4.

Noskova, a 21-year-old Czech, needed only 86 minutes to defeat Ukraine's Kostyuk.

World number one and reigning champion Elena Rybakina withdrew from the WTA Finals on Saturday due to a viral illness with Kostyuk replacing her at the California hardcourt event.

Noskova improved to 3-1 against Kostyuk, all matches coming this year as both made the WTA Finals for the first time.

Noskova won in three sets at the US Open fourth round in their most recent prior meeting and in the Wimbledon semi-finals, while Kostyuk won on her way to the Madrid clay crown.

This year's WTA Finals were scheduled to be held in Saudi Arabia but in July were moved to Indian Wells after US military strikes on Iran in February and the subsequent war in the region. ❑




# LeBron James shines as Sixers down Bulls

**Miami, United States**
LeBron James had his best game yet for the Philadelphia 76ers, who bounced back with a 127-121 win in Chicago on Sunday over a Bulls side that has now lost seven straight NBA games.
Veteran superstar James scored 22 points his highest tally since joining the Sixers this summer in a return to form after a paltry eight points in Friday's disappointing loss to Cleveland.

James also had five assists while Jaylen Brown top-scored with 29, Tyrese Maxey poured in 27 and Joel Embiid pulled down 10 rebounds.
The star-studded Sixers have lost just twice so far this season, for their best start after 11 games since 2000.
Philadelphia grabbed the lead early in the second quarter and never trailed from there, though a resilient Chicago pulled within two points in the closing stages.
"We have a lot of guys that's been in situations, late-game situations, and we have a 'no panic' button," said James.

"We understand that we got to get stops on this end, but if teams make a run, we understand how to be calm on the other end as well."
The Bulls remain second-bottom of the Eastern Conference, ahead of only the Milwaukee Bucks the only team Chicago has beaten so far this campaign.
They were without shooting guard Norman Powell, their second-leading scorer this season, who was placed on the injury report hours before tip-off with back discomfort.



**LeBron James #23 of the Philadelphia 76ers shoots a three pointer over Josh Giddey #3 of the Chicago Bulls during the first half at United Center on November 08, 2026 in Chicago, Illinois.**

But Josh Giddey provided some hope with a double-double including 19 points and 15 assists. Meanwhile, James' former Los Angeles Lakers team overcame the absence of red-hot talisman Luka Doncic to beat the Detroit Pistons 121-116, and also move to 9-2.
Doncic, who has been averaging more than 40 points per game this season, was left out with lower back tightness, the team announced.
Austin Reaves stepped up, scoring 43 points, including two calm free throws in the final seconds to take the game beyond Detroit's reach.

The Lakers never trailed but had to fight hard to retain a razor-thin lead for most of the fourth quarter.
Daniss Jenkins led the Pistons' comeback attempt from the bench with 31 points, while Kevin Huerter added 24. ❑

# Defiant DeChambeau 'grateful' for LIV, vague on future plans

**Los Angeles, United States**
Bryson DeChambeau said on Sunday he does not regret joining LIV Golf and offered no new details of his future plans in his first public comments since the divisive tour announced it is shutting down.
DeChambeau was arguably the highest profile member of a swathe of golf stars who defected from the traditional PGA Tour to free-spending LIV in 2022, turning the golf world on its head.
The two-time US Open winner had continued to staunchly defend the rebel tour even after its Saudi backers pulled the plug this year, expressing optimism for a now-aborted "LIV 2.0" relaunch plan even as others like Jon Rahm jumped ship.
With LIV announcing on Thursday that it will shutter for good, DeChambeau issued a statement expressing gratitude for his experience with the rebel tour.

"I'm not going to rewrite the last four years. I made a decision I believed in, and I'm grateful for what came with it: playing in front of fans new and old around the world who rarely got to see the best players at home," he said.
"The record crowds in Adelaide and Johannesburg will stick with me for the rest of my life.
"I believed this game could reach more people, in more places, in a new way. I still believe that. And I gave it everything I had to keep team golf alive."

DeChambeau expressed confidence that LIV Golf's distinctive team-based format would be successful in the future.
"I still believe in team golf. It may look different in the future, but I still believe it's essential to growing the game," he said.

Several former LIV stars have announced they will play on the DP World (European) Tour next season a potential route to one day returning to the U.S. PGA Tour.
DeChambeau, whose personal commercial ventures include a hugely popular YouTube channel, did not reveal his future competitive plans, beyond a scheduled appearance at next month's Nedbank Golf Challenge in South Africa.
But the famously outspoken and self-confident star vowed to act with "humility and respect" in the future as he ponders his next step.
"Arnold Palmer said no player is bigger than the game, and I want to acknowledge that, along the way, I've said some things that didn't help," he said.❑


**Bryson DeChambeau of Crushers GC lines up a putt on the second green during day four of LIV Golf Indianapolis at The Club at Chatham Hills on August 23, 2026 in Westfield, Indiana.**