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U.S. Sen.-elect Scott Colom (D-MS) waves during the conclusion of a victory rally at Tougaloo College on November 11, 2026 in Tougaloo, Mississippi.

Mississippi Democrat flips U.S. Senate seat in stunning upset

Washington, United States
In a historic upset, Democrat Scott Colom has won his U.S. Senate race in traditionally conservative Mississippi, networks projected Wednesday, making him the first African American elected to the chamber from the southern state in more than 140 years.

Colom, a 43-year-old district attorney, prevailed over Republican incumbent Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith in perhaps the most extraordinary seat flip of an already extraordinary US midterm election, in which Democrats crushed the Republicans to reclaim the majority in both chambers of Congress.

In a prayerful and solemn speech, Colom praised Mississippi's long tradition of Black activism and faith in progress.

"Mississippi, our prayers have often changed the course of history," Colom told the jubilant crowd of his supporters in Jackson on Wednesday night. "God didn't want us to get it the easy way. He wanted us to get it the Mississippi way."

Colom's win in the deep South adds sting to the stunning rebuke of President Donald Trump as voters around the country shunned his Republican Party, even in states that had not sent a Democrat to Washington in decades.

The latest win, called Wednesday by US news outlets that included CNN, NBC and CBS, will give Democrats 55 seats in the 100-member Senate, with 44 for Republicans and one race in the state of Alaska still outstanding.

The midterms result was a personal humiliation for 80-year-old Trump as a Democratic wave swept through the Republican heartland, leaving him as a lame duck president for the remaining two years of his term.

The Democratic flipping of Congress signals an end to Trump's stranglehold on US politics and gives Democrats the power to block legislation, probe his administration and thwart his appointments.

Including Mississippi now, Democrats flipped eight Senate seats that had been held by Republicans, scoring historic breakthroughs in South Carolina, North Carolina, Iowa, Kansas, Ohio, Texas and Maine several of which had not changed hands for decades.

Hyde-Smith, in office since 2018, conceded the race in a video posted to X.

"While this is not the outcome we worked for or hoped for, I respect the decision of Mississippi voters," the 67-year-old senator said. "I want to congratulate Scott Colom and wish him well as he takes on the tremendous responsibility of representing our great state."

The race in ruby red Mississippi went down to the wire a surprise for many observers who doubted the scale of the Democratic blue wave riding on mounting anger over Trump's harsh immigration policy, the war in Iran and rising costs of living.

CNN called it for Colom on Wednesday, eight days after election night, with some 99 percent of the vote in and the Democrat ahead of Hyde-Smith by 49.2 percent to 48.7 percent, a difference of 4,585 votes.

"Blue Mississippi is here," the U.S. Senate's top Democrat Chuck Schumer proclaimed on X after the projections came in.

"Scott Colom is the only person who could've gotten this done. I knew it from the moment I met him."

Colom is set to become the first Democratic senator from Mississippi in nearly 40 years.❑



A motorist rides past a signage for the upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) China 2026 summit is seen in Shenzhen, China's Guangdong province on November 12,

China, U.S. discuss raising denuclearization at potential Russia trilateral

Washington, United States
Top Chinese and U.S. diplomats raised the possibility that Presidents Xi Jinping and Donald Trump could discuss denuclearization during a potential trilateral leaders' meeting with Russia next week, according to the US State Department.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi spoke by phone ahead of the November 18-19 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) conference in the Chinese tech hub of Shenzhen, both countries said.

Presidents Donald Trump, Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin could also hold a trilateral meeting on APEC's sidelines, after U.S., Chinese and Russian officials each said their countries were in discussions about such talks.

During their call, Rubio and Wang "agreed on the importance of meaningful leader-level conversations to advance goals such as peace and denuclearization, including at any potential trilateral leaders meeting with Russia," the U.S. State Department said Wednesday on social media.

The call came at China's request, it added.

Trump has said he would like to discuss denuclearization with Xi and Putin, although Beijing has not confirmed nuclear arms control would feature on a trilateral agenda.

Washington earlier said it wanted China to be part of a nuclear arms control deal after a bilateral treaty with Moscow expired in February.

At the time Beijing declined to join disarmament negotiations, saying its nuclear capabilities were of a different scale to those of Russia and the U.S.

Wang told Rubio during their call that China was "willing to strengthen communication and cooperation with the U.S.," according to a Chinese foreign ministry statement.

The two countries reached an agreement to calm trade tensions during last year's APEC summit in South Korea after they had exchanged tariff escalations earlier in 2025.

Beijing stands ready to "properly handle differences and sensitive issues" with Washington, Wang said, adding that "stability" in U.S.-China ties had been "hard won."

Trump said Sunday he would likely be meeting Xi and Putin to discuss ending the Iran war.❑

New York building collapse exposes gentrification anger in Black community

New York, United States

Winston Bowen quietly watched as New York firefighters looked for survivors in the rubble of a collapsed building in Brooklyn, after a deadly tragedy that he blamed on "careless" developers leading rapid gentrification. The 54-year-old's assessment was echoed by others who gathered Thursday opposite the grim scene in Flatbush, a mostly Black neighborhood, where a three-story building plunged into a neighboring excavation site.

Investigations have only just begun, but Bowen said he believed the property owners may have cut corners in their plans to construct a nine-story building for apartments and a grocery store.

"It's just all about making money. They didn't care about the danger," Bowen, a local businessman, told AFP as he looked onto the heap of bricks and wooden beams.

And even when buildings are completed, he added, "the rent is sky high, and you know the poorer class can't afford it."

Gentrification is a touchy topic in New York, which has a ravenous desire for housing while balancing the needs of both extraordinarily wealthy and working people.



Members of the New York City Fire Department and first responders work at the scene a day after a building collapsed in Brooklyn in New York on November 12, 2026.

Kevin, a 55-year-old electrician, said he felt that Black people were being unfairly pushed out by new housing projects with unaffordable rents.

"Developers want Black people out of this neighborhood, and we're not going like that. And now they're killing us," said Kevin, who declined to share his last name for privacy reasons.

Developers "care about their bottom line and that's it," he added.

- 'Gentrification spoils everything' -

While most people near the scene were solemn, with hands in pockets or filming on their phones, Rachel Cyprian shouted about what she called "overbuilding" in the neighborhood.

"This is God coming to say enough is enough," she said of the collapsed building. "The newer properties are being built so fast. We know that they cannot be structurally sound."

Cyprian also pointed to the racial element of gentrification.

"It is ethnically cleansing Black people out of Brooklyn, New York. We built this country with blood, sweat, and tears, and now we're being kicked out," she said.

Retired police officer Jo, 60, nodded along as Cyprian addressed a crowd that gathered around her opposite the rubble.

"If this was in Manhattan, with mostly white people and people with more money, would they be doing these things?" she said, referencing what she considered construction safety failures.

Her friend Cindy, 59, who also withheld her surname, agreed: "This new gentrification spoils everything."

She added that she was not convinced anyone would be held accountable for the incident.

"Somebody is going to put flowers outside there because it's a very tragic situation. There's gonna be a little memorial there, but that's gonna be the end of it," Cindy said.

- 'Inevitable' -

According to documents reviewed by AFP, city officials this spring ordered the property owner to halt demolition work over inadequate protection for nearby properties. That stop-order was lifted in August.

The owners of the building and of the construction site have not publicly commented on the collapse.

Stephanie Guerilus, 42, said she felt the incident was "inevitable" due to rapid housing development projects seen in her neighborhood.❑

Historic ocean liner SS United States reborn as artificial reef

Miami, United States

A majestic and all-but-indestructible 20th-century ocean liner that once ferried royal leaders, movie stars and even the "Mona Lisa" to the United States was sunk Wednesday night to become the world's largest artificial reef.

Experts conducted a controlled flooded sink of the 990-foot (302-meter) SS United States, a veteran of more than 800 transatlantic crossings in the 1950s and 60s, sending it to its final resting place on the Gulf of Mexico's sandy floor, some 25 miles (40 kilometers) southwest of Destin-Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Florida's Okaloosa County, gambling that such a huge new reef would be a local tourism boom and attract dive and fishing enthusiasts, bought the long-decommissioned vessel from a conservancy group for $1 million in 2024.

The vessel longer than the Titanic and the transatlantic speed record holder will become the centerpiece of Okaloosa's undersea garden of sunken ships, including World War II vessels, tugboats, and even a casino boat.

Captain Tim Mullane of Alabama-based maritime company Coleen Marine which led the repurposing, has described it as "a great honor to put this fine vessel to rest... where it's going to serve a second life" promoting marine fauna, diving and fishing.

A year-long process of cleaning the vessel, removing all toxins like fuel, paint and wiring, towing, environmental remediation, safety assurances and the sinking cost roughly $13.5 million.

The SS United States, the result of a celebrated feat of mid-century American engineering, made its maiden voyage in 1952.

In its heyday, the luxury liner carried countless celebrities including president John F Kennedy, Former King Edward VIII, Grace Kelly, Elizabeth Taylor and Salvador Dali. Future president Bill Clinton traveled on board on his way to study at Oxford.

Perhaps its most famous passenger was Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa," the 16th-century painting that visited America in 1963.

Within two decades of being built, the liner was out of service, falling victim to the growing popularity of air travel. It remained docked in Philadelphia for 29 years.❑



Retired cruise liner SS United States is pictured at a dock in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 10, 2015.

‘You Can See Everything’ captures weirdness of ‘post-truth era’

New York, United States
Breakout hit documentary “You Can See Everything” has spawned a cultural moment.
The three-hour-long film plunges audiences into the surreal world of Elizabeth Holmes, one-time doyenne of Silicon Valley imprisoned for fraudulent claims about her supposedly revolutionary blood-testing tech.

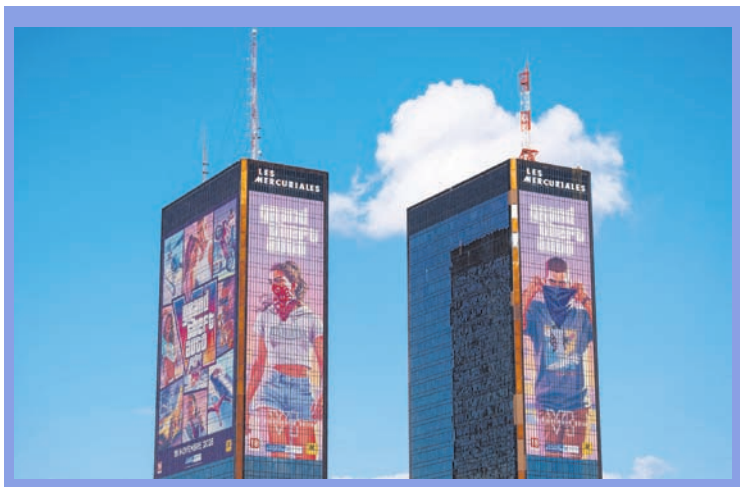
A smash box office success, the film which begins one month before Holmes heads to prison has spawned ubiquitous internet memes, lookalike contests and commentary from influencers enamored by the darkly comic, deadpan style of her mock inquisitor, Nathan Fielder.
Holmes’s legend as a rare woman tech founder has proven fertile ground for numerous media postmortems of her sham business’s implosion.
“I’ve followed this story a lot over the years,” said filmgoer Alexandra Lesnik, 29, at a packed afternoon screening in Brooklyn, the first time she had watched a documentary in a theater.



Nathan Fielder speaks onstage at the You Can See Everything Q&A during the 29th SCAD Savannah Film Festival on October 27, 2026 in Savannah, Georgia.

“This was a new, different perspective of her.”
Another cinemagoer, Nathan Sayers, said he had “read a lot about her” ahead of the film’s release.
“What brought me was a lot of buzz among friends,” added Sayers, 53, who concluded the A24 film was in his “top five movies.”
Kate Rennebohm, assistant professor of film studies at Lawrence University, said she had “students waiting after class every day to talk about the film as well as emailing me out of the blue.”
Weaving a web combining reality TV, mockumentary and exaggerated naivety, Fielder peels back the layers of a convicted liar who nonetheless does everything to convince the viewer, and maybe herself, she is truthful.
Throughout the lengthy immersion in Holmes’s weird world, the viewer is invited to grapple with the question of whether the former billionaire businesswoman truly believed she created a medical marvel, and whether she was manipulated by others.
“The story just changes in so many ways, and I feel like the villain also changes a lot in the story too,” said New Yorker Avery Smith, 27.

- ‘Deny, deny, deny’ -
“The film has fully transcended the documentary label,” said Nora Stone, an assistant professor of film production at the University of North Alabama.
The film, which has generated persistent Oscar buzz and pulled in some $80 million at the domestic box office, has benefited from the marketing muscle of the A24 studio, she added.
Columbia University researcher Geoffrey Lokke said the filmmakers’ call to fans not to spread spoilers “added to its intrigue and mystery.”❑



This photograph shows the Mercuriales towers, draped with a giant advertisement for the video game “Grand Theft Auto VI” (GTA VI), in Bagnolet, eastern suburb of Paris on October 28, 2026.

The ‘Grand Theft Auto’ saga in numbers

Paris, France
Ahead of the debut of “Grand Theft Auto VI” on November 19, here are the key numbers that highlight the violent video game’s success since the series was launched in 1997.

- 480 million -
That is the number of Grand Theft Auto games sold so far by its creator Rockstar Games. “GTA V” alone has sold nearly 235 million units since its 2013 release, according to figures from Rockstar’s parent company, Take-Two Interactive, published Monday. Released for the PlayStation and Xbox consoles as well as PCs, the game is the second best-selling video game behind “Minecraft”.

- 17 -
With the release of “GTA VI”, that is the number of stand-alone titles and expansion packs in the series, along with GTA Online.

- 3 -
It took just three days for “GTA V” to reach $1 billion in sales after its 2013 release, two days less than the movie “Avengers: Endgame”. Take-Two says it was the fastest time any entertainment product had taken to reach the billion-dollar mark.

- 212 -
“GTA VI” takes up 212 gigabytes (GB) at launch, making it one of the “biggest” video games created. It will need at least 45 minutes and possibly hours to download, depending on a computer’s internet speed.
Rockstar Games made the game available for preloading this week in a bid to ease the strain on computer servers on launch day.

- 13 -
Fans have waited 13 years since the release of “GTA V” for the latest installment in the series. “GTA VI” was initially scheduled for late 2025 but was delayed twice, with Rockstar saying it needed extra time “to finish the game with the level of polish you have come to expect”.

- 6 -
The number of playable female characters in all the GTA games since 1997, before the introduction of Lucia Caminos in “GTA VI”.

- 90 -
The number of videos showing development phases for “GTA VI” that were stolen and put online in 2022.

- 4,000 -
The number of articles written about the Grand Theft Auto game up to 2009, according to Guinness World Records, which called it the world’s most controversial video game franchise.

- 75 -
The fictional “GTA V” city of Los Santos and its suburbs is made up of 75 square kilometers (29 square miles) of territory, according to its official map.
For “GTA VI”, Rockstar has promised a map twice as big to encompass Vice City and the fictional state of Leonida, reportedly based on Florida.

- 861 -
The number of actors used to dub voices in the “GTA IV” game, according to the 2009 Guinness World Records book. Participants included Guns N’ Roses singer Axl Rose, actor Samuel L. Jackson and the rapper and actor Ice-T.❑



Biologist Edinson Sesquile, 37, collects seeds from a flowering gorse (Ulex europaeus) plant in Cogua, Cundinamarca Department, Colombia on October 9, 2026.

El Nino looms over Colombia's battle with fire-prone plant

Cogua, Colombia

Colombian farmer Albert Montano razes a beautiful thorny shrub, fearful that its yellow flowers will fuel potent wildfires expected during the El Nino weather pattern.

Montano revved his electric cutter as he and several other men advanced toward "the plague" threatening the Cogua municipality on the outskirts of Bogota.

Farmers are rushing to eradicate "Ulex europaeus," more commonly known as Gorse, which is "invading us more and more," said Montano, sporting gloves, safety goggles, a thick fabric suit and rubber boots.

Gorse reached Colombia from Europe in the mid-20th century and spread rapidly from the capital to the rest of the country and to its paramo ecosystems, high-altitude moors which store a massive proportion of national water supplies.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) counts it as one of the 100 most aggressive invasive species in the world.

Gorse is also highly flammable, causing alarm among Montano and his peers as wildfires are set to intensify during this cycle of El Nino, predicted to be the strongest since comparable records began four decades ago.

"If we don't find a way to control it... in about 20 or 30 years we're going to have an area covered only in gorse instead of native vegetation, crops and livestock," the 43-year-old told AFP.

Salomon Castro, 61, used a pickaxe to hack at the plant's root with exceptional accuracy and strength, while younger farmers cut its branches with machetes.

Every day, the group collects 1,500 kilograms of gorse from an area of roughly 170 square meters, the size of a semi-Olympic swimming pool.

"The work is pretty tough," said Castro, but "it has to be done."

- Eradication at all costs -

The plant, which can grow up to three meters tall, was originally used to delineate land.

Those farmers "never thought about what it would cost in the future, nor about how it should be managed," said biologist and invasive plant expert Edinson Sesquile.

Although no official estimate exists, gorse covers thousands of hectares of land across Colombia.

Affected communities have spent years trying all kinds of methods to get rid of it, some spraying agrochemicals like glyphosate while others resort to burning the plant despite the risk of wildfires.

Higher temperatures "promote the dispersal of seeds," said Sesquile.

El Nino raises surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean and causes global changes in winds and rainfall as well as erratic weather conditions.

Forest fires in the Andean mountain range near Ecuador have intensified amid drier conditions provoked by the phenomenon.

- 'Reclaiming your own surroundings' -

"One, two, three, go!" one of the farmers cries, while the rest pull on ropes to get a heavy bundle of branches up the hill.

Permanent eradication of "Ulex europaeus" entails sending it to certified incineration or biodegradation sites.

Without a "coordinated" approach, "what we are doing is containing it," according to Sesquile.

In nearby Zipaquira, an industrial machine turns the invasive plant into products "from the root to the flower," Daniel Jimenez, production director at organic waste company Adaptica, told AFP.❑



Handout picture released by Paraguay's Attorney General office shows impeached Paraguay's President Santiago Pena (L) arriving at the Attorney General's Office in Asuncion on November 7, 2026.

Paraguay presidential residence raided in bank probe

Asuncion, Paraguay

Investigators raided the official residence of Paraguay's president on Thursday as part of a probe into the collapse of one of the country's largest banks, public prosecutors said.

The November 3 takeover of Ueno Bank amid major insolvency concerns locked hundreds of thousands of Paraguayans out of their accounts and triggered the impeachment and arrest of president Santiago Pena.

The disgraced ex-leader, currently in pre-trial detention, is accused of using his position to illicitly benefit the financial firm.

The raid "is part of the investigative proceedings...in connection with the case against the former president," the prosecutor's office said in a statement.

Also Thursday, a Central Bank official, Holger Insfran, was arrested during a raid on his home in the capital, Asuncion.

Manuel Astigarraga, right-hand man to top Ueno executive Miguel Vazquez, meanwhile turned himself in to police.

Former Central Bank chief Carlos Carvallo, who previously led Ueno Bank, has already been placed in pre-trial detention.

Authorities seized documents, cell phones and computers during a raid Monday on Pena's private home in the capital.

The 47-year-old owned shares in Ueno's holding company until he sold them last year.

He is accused of using his influence as president to steer millions in government deposits to Ueno and hiding or downplaying its financial woes despite warnings about questionable loans and solvency issues. He denies all charges.

- 'In shock' -

Fury and disbelief over the banking catastrophe have spread across the usually stable South American country.

"Everyone is in shock," education trade union secretary Jorge Arevalos told AFP at a demonstration attended by hundreds of doctors and teachers outside Congress.

"We don't know how this is going to unfold or what measures will be taken to recover public money. That's why we're going to remain vigilant," he said.

The number of individuals affected by the crisis surpasses the number of the bank's direct clients, which held over $800 million in public funds.❑

Afghanistan's olive groves give farmers relief from climate crisis

Jalalabad, Afghanistan

Olives tumble with a gentle "plop" onto a tarpaulin in eastern Afghanistan, an unusual, drought-resistant harvest offering hope to farmers who have struggled as climate change worsens water shortages.

Drought and water scarcity affect more than half of the country's population, according to the United Nations , pushing some farmers to seek alternatives to maize, rice or wheat.

Abdullah Orzala's olive grove, first planted 15 years ago on his family's land in Saidan Arabi village, in eastern Nangarhar province, is one such success story.

"I said to myself, "let's try something," because the important thing for me in agriculture is that we have to think about water resources and how to adapt to climate change," he said.

"And the olive tree is one of the best drought-resistant trees in the world."

The gnarled evergreens also strengthen human resilience to climate change by improving soil health and reducing erosion, according to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

That is useful in Nangarhar, where farmers have been facing crop failures and competition over shrinking water resources, according to UN press release in June.



This photograph taken on November 2, 2026 shows Afghan workers harvesting olives at an orchard in Bati Kot district of Afghanistan's Nangarhar province.

"Other things like wheat, like rice, like onions, you have to give them more water, but olive trees don't need a lot of water," said production supervisor Sadiqullah Afghan, 29.

"So, people like these trees for the future."

- Fruitful effort -

Olives are not a traditional ingredient in Afghan cuisine, and the country's yields are tiny compared to major European producers.

But they can be a valuable cash crop for rural communities, who sell them to traders or stores in cities, where there is a nascent market for the health-giving fruits and their oil.

In November, the 500 villagers of Saidan Arabi hand-pick olives from their organic orchards and cold-press them at an experimental mill in a lush, mud-walled garden.

"We press the olives immediately to ensure better quality," Afghan said.

The oil is sold for up to $17 per kilogram in the capital Kabul's organic-product shops.

Orzala has planted thousands more olive trees in another village in Nangarhar, creating 16 permanent jobs across the two areas.

The plant specialist, who fled Afghanistan as a child, studied in the United States and returned in 2003, hopes to establish a permanent mill and expand sales across Afghanistan and beyond.

- A Mediterranean landscape -

Along the road from provincial capital Jalalabad to the Pakistani border, vast olive groves stretch across the landscape, giving it an almost Mediterranean character.

They date to the 1960s, and a Soviet-built mill began making oil in 1985. But successive wars later destroyed nearly half of Afghanistan's total area for olive cultivation.

The industry is now recovering. Italy provided new equipment to the mill in 2019, and the Taliban authorities have expanded operations since returning to power in 2021.

Output from the state-owned company is increasing, with around 70 people working at the mill, which produces extra-virgin oil and table olives.

While national production is negligible compared to world leader Spain, director Akhtar Muhammad Hashimi said the mill churned out 135,000 litres of oil last year, around 124 tonnes.

"This year, we expect between 143,000 and 165,000 litres," all of it sold in Afghanistan, Hashimi said.

"We hope one day to gain access to the international market," he told AFP.

- 'Great hope' -

But therein lies a problem.

Global olive oil consumption has nearly doubled in the past 30 years, according to the International Olive Council, but Afghanistan's banking isolation and diplomatic exclusion pose major obstacles to reaching international markets.

Only Russia recognises the Taliban government, which bars girls from education beyond primary school and imposes sweeping restrictions on women.❑

Colombia FM apologizes for insulting U.S. Democrats

Bogotá, Colombia

Colombia's Foreign Minister Omar Bula apologized to Democrats in the United States for his multiple "disrespectful" social media posts about Kamala Harris and other party leaders before entering government.



Colombia's Foreign Minister Omar Bula Escobar (L) arrives for the 81st United Nations General Assembly at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, on September 22, 2026.

The right-wing Bula made numerous insulting remarks about 2024 presidential candidate Harris, as well as ex-presidents Barack Obama and Joe Biden before becoming a minister in August.

His remarks also predated the Democrats' resounding victory in the US midterm elections.

"I want to offer my sincere apologies for comments I made in past social media posts concerning leaders of the Democratic Party," Bula wrote on X late on Wednesday.

"The language I used was inappropriate and disrespectful," he said, adding that his views had since "evolved."

"Colombia considers a strong and constructive relationship with both the Democratic and Republican parties essential to its partnership with the United States," he said.

In one X post in November 2025, he said that Harris, had she defeated Donald Trump in 2024 "would already be getting high" with current President Abelardo de la Espriella's left-wing predecessor Gustavo Petro.

In February 2025, also on X, he accused Obama of being "the Santos of the US" a reference to Colombian president Juan Manuel Santos who negotiated a peace deal with the Marxist guerrilla group FARC that was widely rejected by the right.

"Both laid the groundwork for the catastrophe their countries have experienced in recent years," he wrote.❑

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 Papiamento. 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

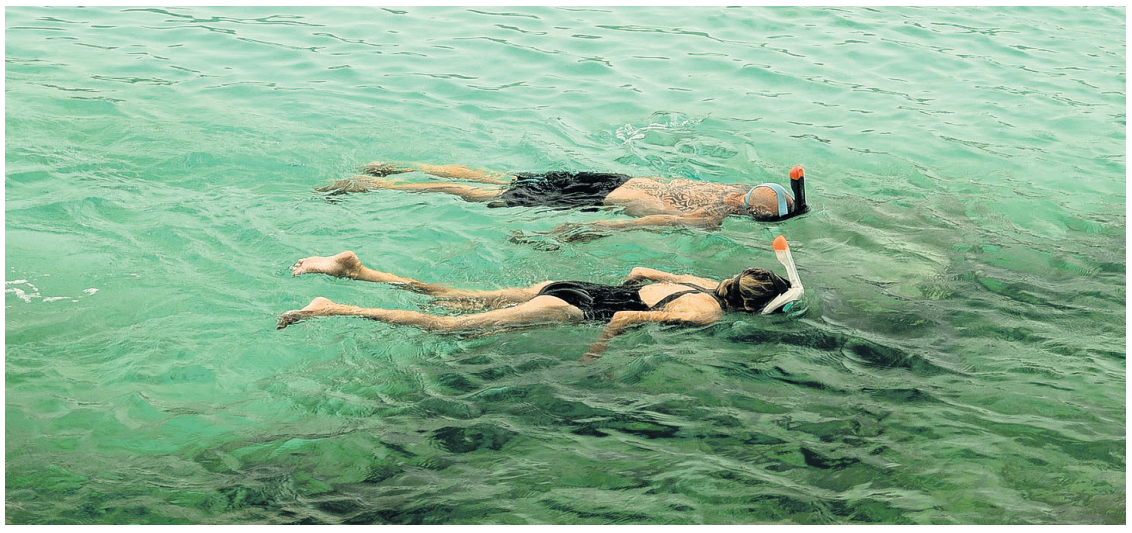
Antilla is a 400-foot-long long ship, built in 1939 in Hamburg, Germany. Antilla came to Aruba, because it had to find a neutral port. When Germany invaded the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, the crew decided to let their own ship sink, to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Dutch Navy. Antilla 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.

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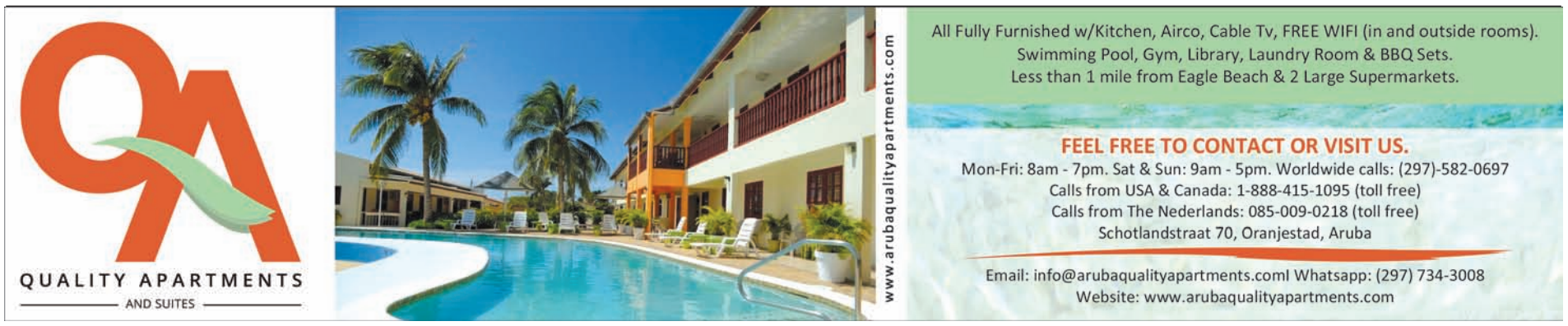
Mangel Halto beach is located in Savaneta, on the southern-west part of the island. The beach is different from the other beaches in Aruba; it is beach full of mangroves. The main entrance to reach the beach is through a small bridge that takes you through the mangrove trees. There are diverse spots 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.











How to plan the most relaxing vacation on Aruba

Because sometimes we all just need a minute...

(Oranjestad)—Taking a trip to a Caribbean island can be very exciting, especially if it's a completely different environment to what you're used to. While Aruba is known to have many attractions to fill up your itinerary, the island is also a great vacation destination to just sit back and disconnect from everyday life. Here's how to plan the perfect "chillcation" on Aruba.

Step 1: Commit to unplugging

We live in a highly digital world where everyone has a smart phone. We are constantly engaged with the online world through text messages, emails and social media content. It can be addicting for some, which is why the first step to taking the most relaxing vacation is a commitment to unplugging from the online world. We recommend you set an auto-reply for









emails and phone calls, as well as silencing non-urgent groupchat conversations and social media notifications. In Aruba you should be kicking your feet up with a cold, refreshing drink in hand—not your work laptop!

Step 2: Choose a quieter resort

These are usually the smaller ones. Some hotels even offer an all-inclusive experience so you don't have to worry about cooking. But if you want a taste of authentic Aruban cuisine, of course there are many spots you can go to get a hearty stew, fresh fried fish and funchi (polenta)—just ask a local! While Aruba remains a family-friendly destination, there are some hotels exclusive for adults. For singles and couples, 'adults-only' resorts like Bucuti & Tara could be a better option for a quieter vacation.

Step 3: Plan an itinerary with relaxation as top priority

Of course while you're here, you're not going to want to miss out on what Aruba has to offer—the sites, the trips, the activities. So, do some research before hand and plan your itinerary with some of the things you REALLY want to experience. At the same time, leave a couple days empty; this is where you'll be taking your sweet time just enjoying your vacation. Sleep in, have a long breakfast by the beach or have a refreshing dip in the ocean—just kick back, relax and enjoy the moment! You could also try going to some spa centers, like the Purun Spa in Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, the eforea spa at Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort and Casino, The Spa at Tierra del Sol or A Taste of Heaven at the Costa Linda Beach resort! .❑





The End of the Road For Stimami Sterilisami After More Than 52,000 Spay and Neuter Procedures and Service to its Community

The foundation discontinues its program with gratitude to everyone who helped make accessible spay and neuter possible throughout the island.

Today, with a heavy heart, Stimami Sterilisami announces the discontinuation of its program, effective November 10, 2026. Eligible procedures already scheduled through November 15 will be honored.

What began in 2016, when Yesenia Farro-Arends brought Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort an idea to make sterilization more accessible, grew into an island-wide effort that financed more than 52,000 spay and neuter procedures. Together, they established Stimami Sterilisami with a simple purpose: to prevent animal suffering by removing financial barriers to sterilization. Its subsidy made procedures accessible and free helping families care for their animals, allowing rescuers' limited resources to reach further, and preventing millions of unwanted litters and the suffering so often accompanying them.

Over the years, that purpose brought together public and private donors, veterinarians, rescue organizations, volunteers, and pet owners. Bucuti & Tara remained the program's largest donor and principal supporter, matching contributions from the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA), the Tourism Product Enhancement Fund (TPEF), One Love Foundation and other donors. When more was needed to keep procedures available, the resort contributed beyond those matching amounts. In total, Bucuti & Tara devoted more than AWG 3 million of its own funds to sustaining this work.

This year, the resort provided AWG 400,000 in anticipation of confirmed public contributions that it had committed to match. Together with funds generously raised by One Love Foundation and donations from other private supporters, this allowed the program to continue until November. The anticipated public funding has not materialized, and those resources have now been exhausted. The money has run out and the foundation has reached the limit of what it can responsibly continue to finance.

It is a conclusion the foundation would have wished to avoid, knowing how much the service continues to mean to the community. It nevertheless looks back with gratitude on what this partnership made possible. Every cent contributed to Stimami Sterilisami was used to fund spay-and-neuter procedures for the wider community. Pet owners and rescue organizations throughout Aruba could access the program, allowing the generosity entrusted to one foundation to support the efforts of many.

That support included financing spay and neuters through Animal Welfare Alliance Aruba (AWAA) and supporting campaigns by Luna Foundation Aruba, helping reach animals and families with limited financial means. Stimami Sterilisami warmly thanks both organizations and all other rescue organizations that used its subsidy, whose daily dedication helped this shared effort reach animals throughout Aruba.

Making the funding go further also depended on veterinary collaboration. Veterinary Specialty Hospital Aruba (VSH), the program's primary veterinary partner, was instrumental in keeping procedure costs low, enabling more animals to receive care within the available resources. The foundation extends its sincere appreciation to its team and to every veterinary clinic that has contributed over the years.

Particular heartfelt thanks go to One Love Foundation, whose all-volunteer team has turned a love for Aruba's animals into devoted support from the United States and here on the island.❑



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





(Oranjestad)—The name Adriaan Laclé may ring a bell to locals as one of the main roads on the island, but about a century ago, Adriaan Laclé 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 Lacle house. It can 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 Laclé and Maria Veneranda Laclé, 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.

Birds of Aruba

ORANJESTAD — On May 11th, 2010, the Aruba Birdlife Conservation was founded with the aim of protecting the biodiversity in general and birds in and around Aruba in particular.

Among other things, the foundation will focus on increasing the survival chances of species of wild birds by promoting their preservation and conservation. The foundation publishes the most beautiful pictures of local birds on their social media that show us the beauty of Aruba's birds and nature in general. Aruba Today gives you a little peek with the following pictures and descriptions from the foundations Facebook page.







The Great Egret
Serenity in Aruba's National Park, a Great Egret flying in peace. When it is peaceful and quite, beautiful things start happening in nature.

Canadian in the house
The breeding season is over and it's getting pretty cold in North America. Shore birds have started moving southwards as early as July. This wetland beauty wants to keep its toes warm. Our Canadian friends know exactly where they can do so best. A Greater Yellowlegs rediscovering Aruba's Bubali Wetlands.

Cabochon
In its living form of so much more value than any gemstone. Aruba's smallest and most master of flight. A top pollinator. A hovering Blenchi inspecting the human who just entered his territory. English: Blue-tailed Emerald (male) Dutch: Blauwstaartsmaragdkolibrie (mannetje).

Aruba's to enjoy. Aruba's to protect.

Picture credit: Aruba Birdlife Conservation.

Unique fauna of Aruba

For a small island, Aruba sure has a lot of unique treasures. Among these, we have some subspecies of animals that are unique to our island. These have evolved to perfectly adapt to our desert climate and make Aruba their home. At the same time, they are part of what makes Aruba truly one of a kind.







Cascabel (rattlesnake, Crotalus durissus unicolor)
According to the Arikok National Park, Aruba knows two kinds of snakes, the Santanero and the Cascabel. The cascabel belongs to the rattlesnake family. The cascabel is the only venomous snake from Aruba. It has a length of 65cm to 100cm, and is about 4 to 5cm wide. Its color varies from light brown to grey-brown, and its underbelly is white. On its back there are marks that are a little darker, in the shape of diamonds.

Its reproduction is oviparous, meaning the offspring can hatch from their eggs just before, during or immediately after laying.

The cascabel lives mainly in the Arikok National Park. It likes to live in dark places, and is thus found hidden among the limestone rocks and under stones. As a defense mechanism, the cascabel uses its rattle as a warning, and it is not an aggressive animal.

The cascabel feeds on lizards, small mammals such as rats and mice. It paralyzes or kills its prey with its venom, which is injected through a bite. The enemies of the cascabel are donkeys, goats, humans and cars. Humans are the biggest enemy of the cascabel, as they kill them and destroy their habitat for urbanization.

Shoco (burrowing owl, Athene cunicularia arubensis)
The shoco is a small bird which is seldom seen. They are active during the day but are more active later in the day and at night for hunting. These owls have very good night vision and very good hearing. The shoco is the national symbol of Aruba.

The shoco has about 20cm of length, and the females are slightly heavier than the males. They are light brown in color, with many white spots. The belly of the shoco is either white or light brown, and the shoco has striking yellow eyes. Its beak is yellow/green. Young owls do not have white spots and are lighter in color.

The nest of the shoco is a burrow in the ground. If the shoco cannot find a burrow, it will dig one in soft soil. The shoco lays one or two eggs every other day until all the eggs are laid – a shoco can lay up to four eggs. The first owlets hatch after three to four weeks. The shoco owl takes care of the owlets for three months until they leave the nest. Only a few owlets survive.

The owls dig burrows in the ground with low grass vegetation. An owl can live up to nine years.

Its defense mechanism is simply to fly away or retreat to its burrows. They eat mostly insects, mice and lizards, and the main threats to their survival are boas – an invasive species introduced by humans as pets – and humans through destruction of their habitat.

Prikichi (parakeet, Aratinga pertinax)
The Prikichi is the national bird of Aruba. On Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao, parakeets can be found, but each of the three islands has a different breed. The Yellow-shouldered Amazon parakeet that we have on Aruba is also found along the coast of Venezuela. Unfortunately, there is interbreeding between the breeds due to cage birds from, for example, Curaçao being released on Aruba. The parakeet population on Aruba is in danger due to extensive deforestation occurring on the island because of the growing population.

The prikichi weighs between 90 to 100 grams. It has a greenish-brown head with some yellow around the eye. The back and wings of the parakeet are dark green, and the underside of the body is a lighter shade of green. There is also a bit of blue in the wings. The parakeet's beak is gray/black.

Parakeets often use termite nests as breeding sites. Parakeets are found in all natural environments (mondi) of the island. It defends itself by flying away and loud cries. Parakeets eat seeds from the pods of the Kwihi tree, Divi Divi, and columnar cactus. They also consume natural fruits. Its main predators are boa constrictors, humans.

Coneu (cottontail rabbit, Sylvilagus floridanus nigronuchalis)
The Eastern Cottontail rabbit (Sylvilagus floridanus) was probably brought over to the island by Indian settlers thousands of years ago as a source of food. This rabbit, locally known as Coneu, has spread all over the island and has become part of our ecosystem. The very adaptable Coneu can live in a wide variety of habitats, including Aruba's xeric scrublands, where it typically grazes on weeds and grasses.

The Aruban Coneu has a brownish grey color and a distinctive white belly. This white fur extends to the bottom of the tail which becomes visible as the rabbit runs. These rabbits can grow up to approximately 40 centimeters in length over their short lifespan of 3 years. Cottontail rabbits reach reproductive maturity when they are just 2 to 3 months old. A female rabbit, called a doe, finds a suitable nest spot under a shrub or rocks and lines it with fur. She can have an average of 3 to 4 liters per year averaging 5 young each. The doe only visits her young once or twice a day to nurse her babies for a period of 2 to 3 weeks. The young reach independence at 4 to 5 weeks.

The Aruban Coneu is an endangered species and protected by Aruban law. The Coneu is thought to have drastically declined due to an increase in human activities, habitat fragmentation and predation by the invasive Boa constrictor as well as feral cats and dogs. However, recently there seem to be more rabbit sightings in rural and wilderness areas and also in the National Park. This could be linked to a recent decline of the invasive Boa population after the long period of drought. As the Coneu can reproduce very quickly, a short break in predation pressure can lead to a fast increase of rabbits.
These are but a few of Aruba's beautiful inhabitant, which we must all contribute to protect.



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH



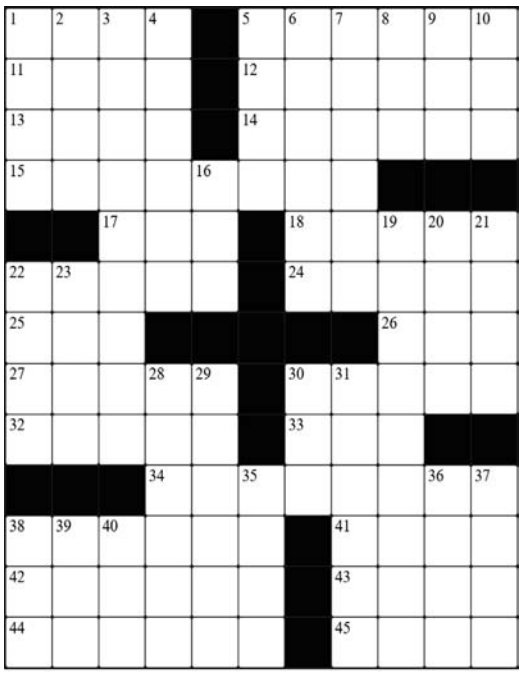
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ACROSS

1. Galleon pole
5. 2004 Olympics setting
11. Lake near Buffalo
12. Fictional castaway
13. Poet Sexton
14. "Are you glad I'm back?"
15. Reward for sitting
17. Summer sign
18. Union chapter
22. Vigilant
24. Trap
25. Take notes
26. Gun, as a motor
27. Attests
30. Clinic cost
32. Kidney-related
33. Poem of praise
34. Cambridge coin
38. Get by
41. Sax great Getz
42. Come into sight
43. Broadcast
44. Christmas tree stuff
45. Dance and music, e.g.

DOWN

1. Honeyed drink
2. Florence's river
3. John who directed "Boyz n the Hood"
4. Wobble
5. High point
6. Ordeals
7. John who directed "The African Queen"
8. Curvy letter
9. -- de plume
10. Take in
16. Nonsense
19. John who directed "Halloween"
20. Vicinity
21. Impose, as taxes
22. Not quite closed
23. Cherish
28. John who directed "Hairspray"
29. Hammer type
30. Force member
31. Texas city
35. Seasonal song
36. Jargon
37. Cuts off
38. Ran into
39. Paris pal
40. Filmmaker Burns



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.

11-9 CRYPTOQUOTE

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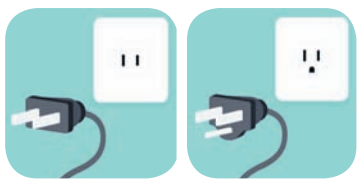
— TGIZ HWKK

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE AUTUMN ROAD, THE MELLOW WIND THAT SOOTHES THE DARKENING SHIRES. AND LAUGHTER, AND INN-FIRES. — RUPERT BROOKE

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

Difficulty: ★★★★ 11/13

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty: ★★ 11/10

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The hidden, teeming world of Rembrandt's Night Watch

Amsterdam, Netherlands
For years, millions of people have marveled at Rembrandt's use of light and shadows to depict the militia in his masterpiece, the "Night Watch".
Little did they know they were also looking at a hidden world of characters, some of them from as far away as Japan.

A new exhibition, "The Night Watch Lives," lifts the veil on this clandestine universe: the microbes covering one of the most famous works of the Dutch Golden Age paintings.
A joint effort by Rijksmuseum, where "The Night Watch" hangs and Amsterdam's Artis-Micropia Museum (more commonly known as the city's "microbe zoo") reveals the microscopic world covering the iconic painting.



The barking dog in The Night Watch at the Rijksmuseum. Rembrandt based the barking dog on an early 17th-century drawing by Adriaen van de Venne (1590-1662), according to art historical research conducted during Operation Night Watch.

The bacteria, isolated from samples taken over six months at around sixty different spots on the painting and subsequently cultivated into colonies, are displayed in Petri dishes alongside a life-size reproduction of the painting at the Artis-Micropia museum.
"We found a lot of microbes that are very commonly found, for instance, on human skin, or in the soil," Eline van Bloois, a microbiologist at the museum, told AFP.

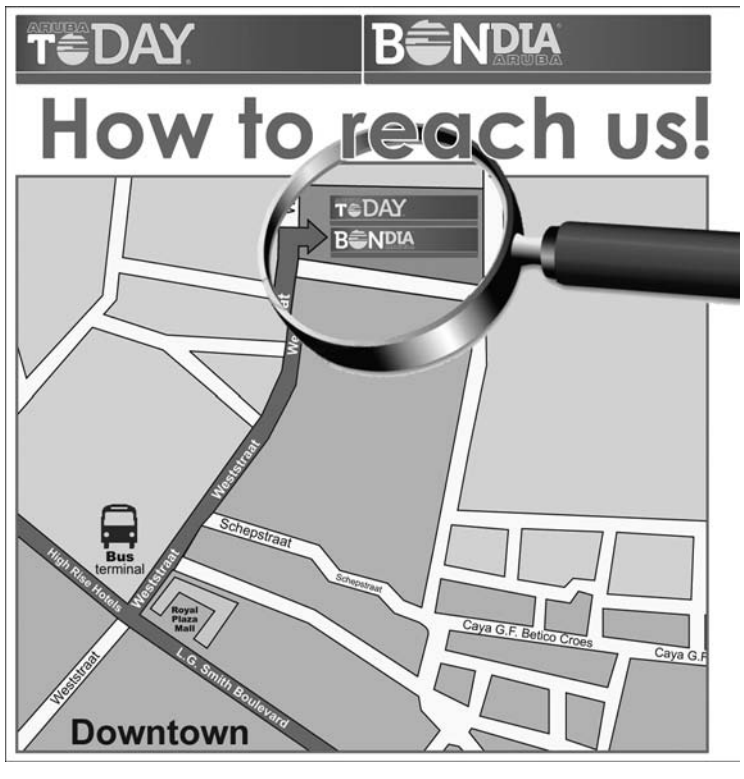
The microbes are not harmful to the painting itself, van Bloois said, and it was impossible to determine if some of them could be a remnant from the great master himself.
"It would be really cool, right? If they could be linked to Rembrandt. But unfortunately, from one microbe, you cannot say whether it's been on there for 400 years or for a day," she said.

- 'Beauty of science' -
One of the most surprising findings was Microbacterium saccharophilum, a bacteria commonly found at a Japanese sugar refinery. It was found in an area where the varnish had been removed.
"That's something that will keep me up for years," van Bloois said.

"That's the beauty of science, because you ask one question, and you get 100 questions in return."
"As a microbiologist, I never imagined I would have the chance to get so close to this masterpiece," she said.

"Art and science are often seen as being at opposite ends of the spectrum, but this installation shows how closely these worlds are connected."
"And surely these Petri dishes full of microbes are little works of art in their own right?"

The idea behind the exhibit was to spark people's curiosity about microbes, the life teeming all around humans.
It's part of "Operation Night Watch," a large-scale research and restoration project on the painting, which has been ongoing since 2019, in a specially designed glass chamber at the Rijksmuseum.
The exhibition will be open to the public from November 11.❑



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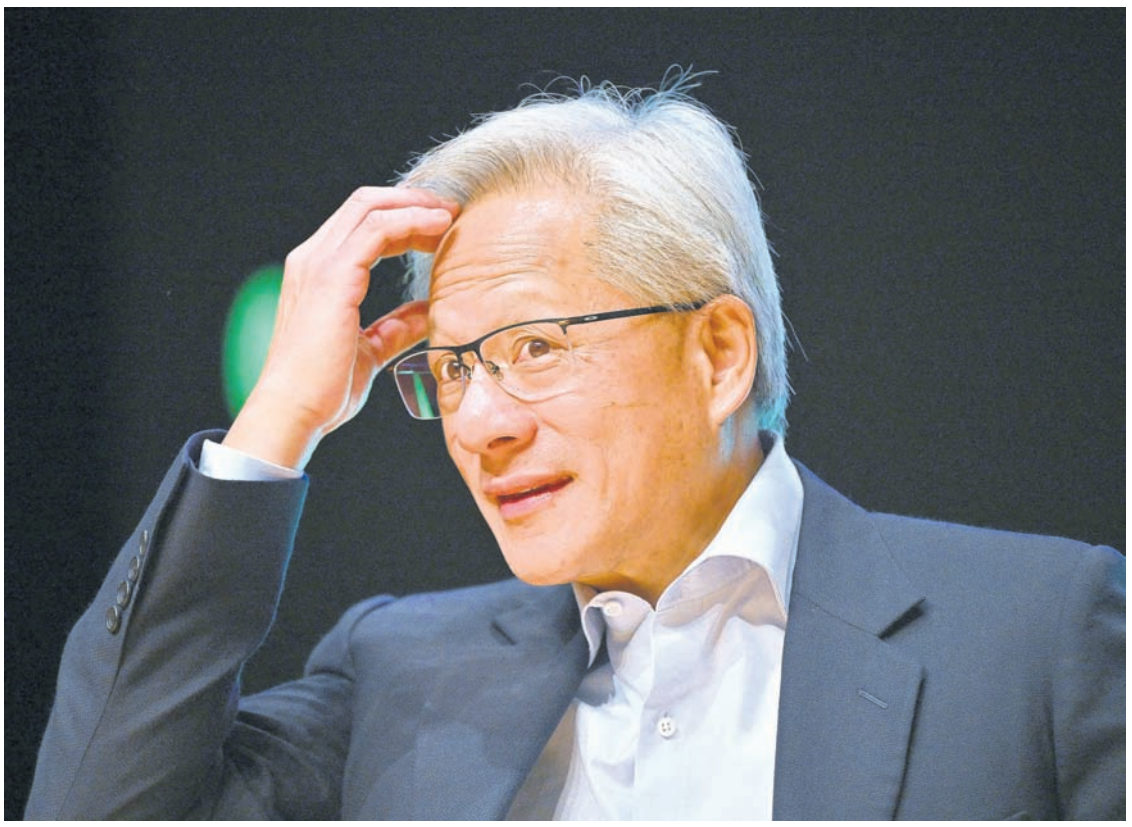
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Nvidia CEO Huang quits after affair with suspected China spy

San Francisco, United States
Jensen Huang, the leather-jacketed architect of the artificial intelligence boom, resigned as chief executive of Nvidia on Thursday after revelations of two extramarital affairs, including one with a woman accused of spying for China.
Chief financial officer Colette Kress will serve as interim CEO while the board searches for a successor, the company said, ending Huang's 33 years at the helm of the global juggernaut he co-founded.
Huang, 63, also gave up his seat on the board. The company did not give a reason for his departure.
The scandal sent shares of the multi-trillion-dollar company plunging, and the exit of Huang a close informal adviser to President Donald Trump on AI leaves Nvidia without its longtime leader at a crucial time for the sector.
Huang was a central figure in the revolution set off by the launch of OpenAI's ChatGPT in 2022, with Nvidia's powerful processors, once intended for video game graphics, becoming the crucial ingredient for building the AI models now spreading across the world.
Huang remains Nvidia's largest individual shareholder, with a stake of about 3.6 percent, according to the company's most recent filing.



Nvidia founder and CEO Jensen Huang reacts during a press conference at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEO Summit in Gyeongju on October 31, 2025.

- U.S. and China in tech race -
For many in Silicon Valley, the dramatic departure recalls that of Steve Jobs, who was pushed out of Apple by its board in 1985 and returned 12 years later to take the company to new heights.
At the heart of the spy allegations is the race between the United States and China, with both superpowers trying to get ahead in an industry widely seen as the next industrial revolution.
Nvidia shares were down as much as 13 percent on Wall Street following the announcement, but recovered to half that, with about $800 billion wiped off the company's valuation since the weekend.
Dan Ives of investment bank Yorkville Ives called it "a dark day for Nvidia and the US tech industry," but said the board had done what it needed to: "rip off the band-aid and take Nvidia into its next chapter without him."
The board said it had appointed Harvey Jones, a former chief executive of chip design software firm Synopsys, as chair.
"The Board has full confidence in Colette and the leadership team, and we expect the company's operations, customer commitments and product roadmap to continue without interruption," Jones said in a statement.
Trump, who had stood by Huang throughout the scandal, said former Apple chief executive Tim Cook should take over.
"Now that Nvidia CEO JENSEN HUANG, who has done a fantastic job, has resigned, there is only one man to take his place -- TIM COOK of Apple. A Legend replaces a Legend!" Trump said on his Truth Social network.

- Two alleged affairs -
The scandal began with reports that Huang, who has been married to his wife Lori Huang for more than 40 years, was involved in an extramarital relationship.
Jensen Huang admitted on Sunday to having an affair, reportedly with Alice Huang, who was a senior executive at Singapore-based data center company Megaspeed. The two are not related.
US intelligence reportedly circulated a memo this spring alleging Alice Huang was an asset of China's Ministry of State Security.
Beijing has rejected the spying allegations.
On Sunday, Nvidia's board announced a probe into what it called reporting that Jensen Huang had been the target of a "foreign intelligence effort," while saying it retained confidence in him.
However on Wednesday, The New York Times reported that Huang had a second extramarital affair, citing video evidence of him being affectionate with Nvidia's vice president of health care, Kimberly Powell.
Powell, 48, has been a public face of Nvidia's efforts to expand its technology into higher education and health care.
She was speaking at a conference in San Jose, California, where the two "were seen being affectionate at the hotel" by bystanders, the Times reported.
Interim CEO Kress joined Nvidia as finance chief in 2013 after nearly 25 years in financial roles at companies including Cisco and Microsoft. Nvidia said it would release its quarterly results as scheduled on November 17.❑

Sri Lanka launches pilot of Chinese flying taxi service

Colombo, Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka has authorised a Chinese manufacturer to begin testing a pilotless two-seater air taxi, authorities announced Wednesday at a flight demonstration in Colombo.
The Civil Aviation Authority said a licence had been granted to EHang to test its two-seater, pilotless electric aircraft with vertical take-off and landing capability.



Chinese Engineers inspect the EHANG-E216 passenger drone taxi ahead of its first test flight at the Colombo Port city in Colombo on November 11, 2026.

The company demonstrated its EH216-S aircraft with a short flight, carrying Ports and Aviation Minister Anura Karunathilaka and his deputy Janitha Ruwan Kodithuwakku as the first passengers.
Kodithuwakku said Sri Lanka was also joining a race among more than a dozen countries to introduce passenger-drone services.
"Many countries around the world are trying to achieve this goal... Sri Lanka is now part of that race as well," Kodithuwakku told reporters after his brief flight.
He said testing could continue for about five months before commercial services may be permitted.
Promoters hope to launch an air-taxi service between the airport and the Colombo city centre, a journey that takes about half an hour by car.
Sri Lankan officials said the EHang EH216-S is powered by 16 electric motors and 16 propellers.
It carries 12 battery packs, has a maximum take-off weight of 620 kilograms (1,367 pounds) and can operate for about 25 minutes, covering a distance of up to 30 kilometers (18 miles).❑

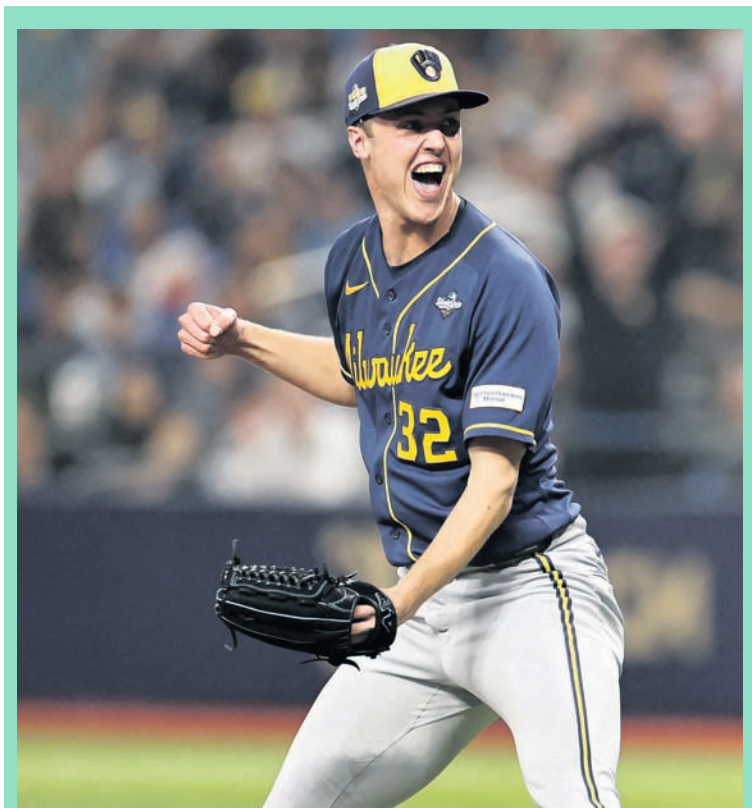
Wembanyama leads Spurs to 10th straight NBA win

Los Angeles, United States
The San Antonio Spurs rallied from 22 points down to beat the Chicago Bulls 124-119 on Wednesday, notching a 10th straight NBA win and keeping the pressure on the league-leading Los Angeles Lakers.
The Lakers improved their record to 11-2 half a game ahead of the 10-2 Spurs atop the West with a 123-112 victory over the Bucks in Milwaukee.
Luka Doncic scored 32 points but limped out late in the fourth quarter after rolling his right ankle.
In Chicago, Victor Wembanyama poured in 32 points to lead seven Spurs players who scored double figures.
But San Antonio had to claw back from a 22-point first-half deficit against the lowly Bulls, who dropped their eighth straight.
Chicago's 41 first-quarter points were the most allowed in the opening period by the Spurs this season.
They limited Wembanyama early but couldn't keep it up. He finished an efficient 13-of-18 from the floor with nine rebounds, two steals and five blocked shots.
Spurs coach Mitch Johnson lamented his team's lack of "physicality and resistance" in the first half.
"Just a really sloppy performance from us defensively in the first half," he said.
The Lakers led most of the way in Milwaukee, where they also faced a struggling team in the Bucks.
"(It) could have easily been a trap game for us," Lakers coach JJ Redick said.
"So I appreciate the way we handled the first half and then to build that lead in the third quarter and through the early part of the fourth was excellent."
Redick said he thought Doncic's injury was "just a light tweak."
Teammate Austin Reaves will require further tests on a left heel injury suffered in the third quarter when he landed awkwardly.
The Cleveland Cavaliers, led by 32 points from James Harden and 23 from Donovan Mitchell, beat the defending champion New York Knicks 115-107 at Madison Square Garden.
The Cavs got off to a hot start and led by 12 in the first quarter before hanging on for the win.
The Knicks managed to tie the score four times in the second half but never took the lead.
Peyton Watson's fourth block with 33.7 seconds left led to a thunderous dunk from Cavs center Jarrett Allen that pushed the lead to seven points and essentially sealed the win.



Victor Wembanyama #1 of the San Antonio Spurs drives to the basket against Josh Giddey #3 of the Chicago Bulls during the first half at United Center on November 11, 2026 in Chicago, Illinois.

Celtics overcome Raptors - Boston's Jayson Tatum made the go-ahead free throws with 25.2 seconds left as the Celtics rallied to beat the Raptors 98-93 in Toronto.
Boston trailed by as many as 22 but stepped it up defensively in the second half to notch a fifth straight win, one night after an emotional win over ex-Celtic Jaylen Brown and the 76ers in Philadelphia.
"It was ugly but I'll take it," said Tatum, who led all scorers with 24 and added seven rebounds and eight assists.
In Phoenix, Kevin Durant scored 20 points and Alperen Sengun and Amen Thompson added 19 apiece to lead the Rockets to a 115-108 victory over the Golden State Warriors.
The Warriors saw their eight-game winning streak end and lost superstar Stephen Curry in the first quarter with an abdominal injury.❑



(L) Jacob Misiorowski #32 of the Milwaukee Brewers reacts during the fifth inning against the Tampa Bay Rays in game five of the 2026 World Series at Tropicana Field on October 28, 2026 in St Petersburg, Florida and (R) Cam Schlittler #31 of the New York Yankees celebrates after closing out the top of the first inning against the Boston Red Sox in game one of the American League Wild Card Series at Yankee Stadium on September 29, 2026 in the Bronx borough of New York City.

Misiorowski and Schlittler win MLB Cy Young Awards

Los Angeles, United States
Jacob Misiorowski won the National League Cy Young Award after pitching the Milwaukee Brewers to World Series glory, while the New York Yankees' Cam Schlittler won the American League prize, Major League Baseball announced Wednesday.

Both men won their awards for the season's best pitchers unanimously, sweeping all 30 first-place votes in their league, and both achieved the honor in their first full year, having each been promoted to the major leagues midway through the 2025 season.
Though the awards reflect regular season performance, with voting taking place before post-season begins, Misiorowski went on to play a crucial role as the Brewers won their first-ever World Series last month.
Misiorowski led the major leagues with 252 strikeouts in the regular season. He went 16-5 with an MLB-best 1.80 earned-run average, and the 6-foot-7 star also set a new record for fastball speed by a starter, reaching a blistering 105.5 mph.

The flame-throwing ace known as 'The Miz ' was Milwaukee's starting pitcher in game one and game five of the World Series.
In game one, the 24-year-old American right-hander became the youngest pitcher since 1997 to win a World Series opener, and hurled the fastest World Series pitch ever recorded at 103.5 mph (166.5km/hr) to begin the game.
In the championship-sealing game five win, he hurled five and two-thirds scoreless innings and gave up just two hits, with two strikeouts.
Schlittler went 14-6 with an AL-best 1.95 ERA, striking out 239 batters, and permitted one run or fewer in a Major League-best 21 starts.
The Yankees also reached the post-season, winning their wild card series against the Boston Red Sox, but were swept 3-0 by the Tampa Bay Rays in the AL Division Series.❑

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Andreeva powers past Sabalenka to reach WTA Finals last four



Mirra Andreeva plays Aryna Sabalenka during day four of the FAGE WTA Finals at Indian Wells Tennis Garden on November 11, 2026 in Indian Wells, California

Los Angeles, United States French Open champion Mirra Andreeva stormed past Aryna Sabalenka 6-4, 6-0 to reach the last four of the WTA Finals on Wednesday as Elina Svitolina kept her bid on track with a three-set win over Karolina Muchova.

Russian 19-year-old Andreeva held her nerve after falling behind 4-1 in the opening set winning the last 11 games to seal the round-robin victory in just 62 minutes.

"Oh my God, I'm even happier than I was after my first match," Andreeva said. "I feel like I can play another two matches, I'm so full of energy. I'm so pumped up. I'm so happy."

Andreeva, whose three titles this year include her maiden major at Roland Garros, is making her singles debut in the elite season-ending event.

The world number three seemed to be feeling the nerves in the early going against second-ranked Sabalenka.

Irked that she had given up a break with a double fault, she was able to flip the switch, dealing handily with Sabalenka's big serves and pushing the Belarusian star back with her own big groundstrokes.

Andreeva crucially kept momentum on her side with a break for a 3-0 lead in the second set.

Sabalenka, trailing 0-40, saved three break points, but Andreeva gave herself another with a swinging volley winner and grabbed another break when a Sabalenka forehand flew just long.

The increasingly demoralized Sabalenka had no answer. After the Belarusian smacked a backhand into the net to give her opponent match point Andreeva polished things off with a service winner.

It was another disappointing performance for the 28-year-old Sabalenka, whose three wins this season include prestigious back-to-back victories at Indian Wells and Miami but no Grand Slams.

Making her sixth straight Finals appearance, Sabalenka can still advance if she beats Svitolina in their final round-robin match on Friday.

Svitolina roared back from a set down to beat Muchova 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Ukrainian veteran Svitolina lifted the WTA Finals trophy in 2018 but hadn't been back to the elite season-ending event since 2019.

She got off to a rocky start against Muchova, who broke Svitolina three times in the opening set.

Trailing 2-1 on serve in the second Svitolina found her range, winning five straight games to force a third set.❑

