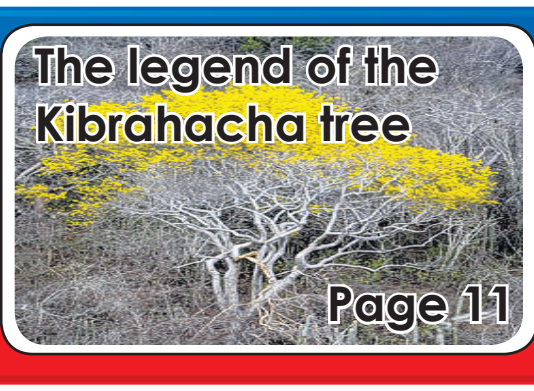
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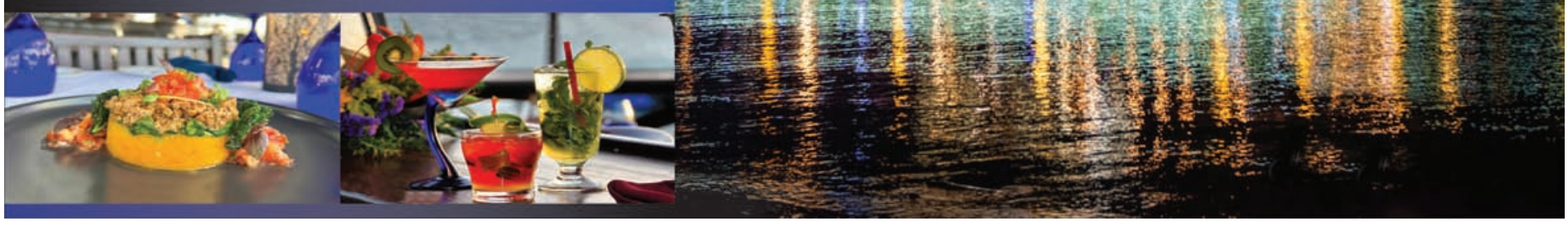
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Trump admin warns air travelers of another messy day

New York, United States

The Trump administration said Sunday the air travel havoc triggered by a no-takeoff order could drag on for another day, pushing back its timetable for a return to normal.

Nearly 2,000 more flights were cancelled and questions remained over how such chaos could unfold in the world's largest economy, a country that prides itself on its technological prowess.

Stranded passengers wandered through chaotic U.S. airports for a third day.

Officials blame Friday's huge snafu on faulty work to upgrade air traffic control communication cables.

President Donald Trump on Sunday ended uncharacteristic days of silence on the ground stop, but only to blame his predecessor Joe Biden for the debacle.

Trump insisted he inherited a mess from the Biden administration and said Congress, which his party has controlled for two years, must approve funds to upgrade America's outdated air traffic control system.



Travelers arrive at a security checkpoint at Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) in Newark, New Jersey, on November 15, 2026.

"The Biden Administration was an FAA disaster," Trump said, referring to the Federal Aviation Administration.

"Everything they touched turned bad. Big money spent unwisely, making an old and broken system worse than when they began," Trump asserted.

FAA chief Bryan Bedford had said Saturday that air travel for millions of Americans stranded at airports would return to normal by the close of business on Sunday.

But Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said Sunday morning it will actually take longer to get planes, crews and travelers to where they need to be.

"So, in the airspace, we're going to see things come back to normal today, but probably fully normal tomorrow," Duffy said on ABC News.

"We had airplanes and crews out of position because of Friday, so it takes a little bit of time to do that."

- 'I'm the secretary' -

Duffy also flatly rejected calls for his resignation over the travel chaos, insisting he inherited woefully outdated air traffic control infrastructure, such as, he said, radar equipment that dates back to the 1960s.

"So when we do work and things go wrong, of course I'm the secretary. But I also have to acknowledge what was delivered to me," Duffy said in an interview on CNN.

As of Sunday afternoon more than 1,880 flights within, into or out of the United States had been cancelled, according to the travel monitor site FlightAware.

The Trump administration has blamed Friday's ground stoppage -- meaning no planes can take off -- on a botched replacement of old copper wire communication lines.

Friday's disruption was only the second time such a ground stop had been issued in US airspace, which is among the busiest in the world, since the 9/11 attacks.

The ground stop not only plunged U.S. air travel into chaos, it also raised serious concerns about the country's aging infrastructure.

Duffy has appealed for $50 billion in funds to upgrade and modernize the air traffic control system, and called for Congress, which controls the purse strings of the U.S. government, to "meet this moment."

But Democrats quickly pounced to say Congress under Trump's Republicans could already have done this.❑

U.S. Treasury chief wants answers soon from Nvidia

San Francisco, United States

U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent called on Nvidia Sunday to explain whether it knowingly allowed its most advanced AI chips to reach China, saying this was more important than ex-CEO Jensen Huang's affair with an alleged spy for Beijing.

Speaking on "Fox News Sunday Morning Futures" three days after Huang resigned, Bessent said he wants to know if Nvidia used shell companies to dodge U.S. restrictions and sell its most powerful chips to China.

The United States forbids sales to China of the most cutting-edge AI chips, hoping to stay ahead of the Chinese in the race to dominate artificial intelligence.

In late 2025, President Donald Trump did authorize sales of Nvidia chips called H200s to the Chinese -- but not the most advanced chips used to run AI models reshaping modern society.



U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent (L) and Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick listen to President Donald Trump speak in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, DC, on August 6, 2025.

"Nothing above the H200s can be sold to the Chinese," Bessent said.

"What's more important here," he said, "is to examine whether Nvidia had a culture of compliance around the US export restrictions."

He alluded to companies linked to Megaspeed, the Singapore-based data center company that Huang's alleged lover Alice Huang once worked for.

"And who knew? Because I mean, these shell companies were obvious. They were being investigated. And did Nvidia use them as a workaround to sell chips to the Chinese?"

Of Alice Huang he said: "It doesn't matter to me whether she's a spy or not. You know, Jensen's foibles are his foibles."

Bessent said he wanted answers from Nvidia and its internal investigation of Jensen Huang's behavior within the next 10 days.

The United States suspects Megaspeed helped Chinese firms get around US export controls by buying Nvidia chips for its data centers in Southeast Asia, then routing them to China.

The Justice Department is carrying out a criminal probe.

Nvidia late last month said it had investigated these allegations last year and refuted them.

The Financial Times has reported that four federal agencies pushed to have Megaspeed blacklisted by the Commerce Department run by Howard Lutnick, but the department did not do so.

"Many other departments were pushing for this, and Commerce had the pen," Bessent said, repeating remarks he made Friday that suggest fissures in the Trump administration on this issue.

Jensen Huang and other Nvidia officials have agreed to testify in one session before representatives of three House of Representatives committees -- Foreign Affairs, Intelligence, and a special committee focusing just on China -- Republican Congressman John Moolenaar, the chairman of that select committee, said Sunday on CBS.❑

Hybrids make gains in U.S. auto market amid high gasoline prices

New York, United States

Electric vehicle growth has hit a speed bump in the United States, but hybrid autos are gaining market share thanks to the jump in fuel prices due to the Iran war.

Rising popularity of hybrids -- which can run on either gasoline or an electric charge -- has been a source of U.S. sales increases for Japanese and South Korean carmakers in 2026, prompting fresh investments from both established and new players in that segment of the market.

Honda, a longtime rival to U.S. hybrid market leader Toyota, announced this week $3 billion to build a new hybrid plant in Ohio and add capacity at plants in two other states.

Nissan, which is launching its first significant hybrid product for the U.S. market this fall, realized its absence in the category was denting sales, said Ponz Pandikuthira, a senior vice president at Nissan Americas.

"We were losing that traffic," Pandikuthira said, adding that many customers want to at least explore and test drive a hybrid even if they end up buying an internal-combustion engine (ICE) vehicle.

General Motors, which avoided the category earlier in the 2020s when it invested heavily in electric vehicles, plans hybrids "in multiple segments, the key segments that we participate," CEO Mary Barra said last month on a conference call.



A 2026 Toyota 4Runner Hybrid is displayed at the New York International Auto Show media day at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York, New York, on April 1, 2026.

"We'll talk more about them as we get closer to the launch," Barra said in response to a question from a Wall Street analyst on an earnings call.

Hybrid electric vehicle volumes have risen by more than a fifth since the middle of 2025, resulting in market share of 16.3 percent at the end of the second quarter, according to Cox Automotive, an auto services and technology provider.

That's a record and up from 13 percent a year earlier. The increase stood in contrast with declines in the share of ICE and EV vehicles, with the latter suffering from the elimination of US tax credits under legislation signed by U.S. President Donald Trump.

Gasoline prices have been above $4 a gallon for much of 2026 due to the Middle East war. Prices currently average $3.87 per gallon, according to the American Automobile Association.

- More options -

Nissan's U.S. campaign in the category will begin with the Rogue, a hybrid version of the compact SUV that has been the Japanese automaker top-selling ICE product in the United States.

Nissan has introduced two generations of hybrid vehicles in other markets, but began working a few years ago on a version better suited to US driving conditions."When we use the system in Japan and in Europe, they're mostly in urban driving conditions, which just shines because you're doing stop and go traffic," Pandikuthira said.

The new Rogue being unveiled is "optimized for U.S. driving conditions, so that's why it's a home run with climbing, with lots of use on the highway," Pandikuthira said.

The vehicle's other selling point is Nissan's vehicle architecture in which the electric powertrain exclusively drives the wheels, meaning the gasoline-powered engine is only a source of neutrons but doesn't actually propel the vehicle.

That system, which Nissan markets as "e-POWER," is designed for a quieter, smoother ride than other hybrid models that drive on a gasoline-fueled engine.

In going with the Rogue, Nissan is picking the most popular vehicle segment for hybrids in the U.S. market. Led by the Toyota RAV-4 and the Honda-CRV, compact SUVs account for about 30 percent of U.S. hybrid sales, said Stephanie Valdez Streaty, director of industry insights at Cox.

Valdez Streaty attributes the growth in hybrids not only to higher gasoline prices, but also to greater vehicle choice on the market following product introductions from more recent hybrid entrants including South Korean brands Kia and Hyundai.

She predicted that additional hybrids in popular vehicle classes like pickup trucks or full-sized SUVs could sell well.

"It definitely has room to grow," Valdez Streaty said of hybrid's market share.❑

Tesla opens Cybercab sales to 'select customers'

Washington, United States

Tesla said on Friday that some customers will be able to buy its driverless Cybercab for personal use.

The two-seat vehicle with no steering wheel or pedals was unveiled in October 2024, and has been deployed in some U.S. cities as part of Tesla's "Robotaxi" service.

"Select customers are now being invited to purchase Cybercab for personal use," the auto manufacturer wrote on X.

An image accompanying the post showed an estimated purchase price of $29,990, excluding taxes, and an estimated delivery date of December.



Tesla's Cybercab, a two-seat autonomous electric vehicle without steering wheel or pedals, is displayed at the 9th China International Import Expo in Shanghai, east China, November 8, 2026.

The vehicle also requires a $299 monthly "autonomy subscription" and a $1,000 non-refundable deposit.

Last year Tesla debuted its self-driving cars in Austin using its Model Y SUV vehicles, with the Robotaxi service gradually expanding to several other cities in Texas, Florida and California.

However, state laws require many of the vehicles to have a human supervisor or driver ready to take control if necessary.

Waymo, the self-driving vehicle subsidiary of Google's parent company Alphabet, offers its services in 11 U.S. cities.

In September, U.S. auto safety regulators opened an inquiry into Cybercab, questioning how Tesla concluded that a vehicle with no steering wheel, pedals or mirrors meets federal safety rules.

Tesla has touted what it called the vehicle's safety and ease of use for disabled people, and said the Cybercab was "democratizing clean transportation for all."❑

Barenboim orchestra spreads 'message of peace' in Berlin

Berlin, Germany

More than 25 years since its founding by star conductor Daniel Barenboim, the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra's mission to foster dialogue in the Middle East endures -- including among its own members.

"Our message of peace must be louder than ever," Barenboim, who formed the ensemble alongside US-Palestinian intellectual Edward Said in 1999, told AFP ahead of a week-long festival celebrating the organisation in Berlin.

The event aims to share the orchestra's work with an "even larger audience," said the 83-year-old, an Argentine-Israeli citizen who was granted Palestinian nationality in 2008, via email.

The West-Eastern Divan Orchestra has long brought together around 100 musicians from Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Arab states, seeking to promote understanding through a shared love of classical music.



Danish Director Ole Baekhoj speaks during an interview with AFP at the Barenboim-Said Academy in Berlin on November 9, 2026.

Given their different backgrounds and political views, relations between the members are complex, all the more so since the Hamas-led October 7, 2023 attacks on Israel and the subsequent war in Gaza.

- 'Power of music' -

Initial conversations between the musicians were at times "heavy" and "inflammatory," Israeli violist Tal Riva Theodorou told AFP.

"Spending time together and understanding and trying to listen to each other, we have come closer," said the 44-year-old, a member of the orchestra since 2004.

Close proximity on the orchestra's intense tours through Europe has also driven dialogue between the musicians, said Palestinian double bassist Fadwa Qamhia.

"You're not often expecting to pass a whole afternoon on a bus ride with the opposite side," said the 31-year-old from the occupied West Bank.

But then, she said, "you can talk, you can share, you practice your humanity by talking".

Above all, playing with each other and creating something together opens "common ground", said Theodorou, who grew up in the Israeli coastal city of Ashkelon, just north of Gaza.

"I think that's the power of music."

- 'Sons and daughters' -

Born in the West Bank city of Nablus in 1995, shortly after the Oslo Accords, Qamhia had a childhood marked by occupation and military checkpoints.

Joining the Divan has granted her a "different kind of power," she explained, "the power of being human".

"Nobody can stop me at a checkpoint here, nobody can tell me to go home, nobody can shoot at me. This doesn't happen here. So for me, this is an exercise in humanity, this is an exercise of freedom, and I want this for my people."

The musicians are united by a common admiration and respect for Barenboim, 83, who confirmed his Parkinson's disease diagnosis last year.❑

Wu-Tang Clan, Queen Latifah, Phil Collins join Rock Hall of Fame

Los Angeles, United States

The rhapsodic hip-hop transformers Wu-Tang Clan and punk rocker Billy Idol were among the music luminaries inducted Saturday into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame at a star-studded concert gala.

The versatile Phil Collins, post-punk and electronic dance music renegades Joy Division/New Order and the velvet-voiced late Luther Vandross also joined the rock pantheon at the ceremony held in Los Angeles's Peacock Theater.

But several of the 2026 class of artists -- Oasis, Sade and Iron Maiden -- skipped the night celebrating their honor, one of the music industry's most prestigious.

But the show went on.

Staten Island's own Wu-Tang Clan -- the ragtag group of New Yorkers who paired raw production with streetwise rhymes and martial arts influences -- brought the ruckus, performing their own hits including "C.R.E.A.M" and "WuTang Clan Ain't Nuthing ta F' Wit."

"We went from being banned on the radio to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame," said member Method Man onstage to resounding cheers.

To the haters, he said "you can kiss my inducted ass."



English singer Phil Collins attends the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles on November 14, 2026.

It proved a banner night for women in hip-hop, with honorees including Queen Latifah as well as MC Lyte, who is widely recognized as the "First Lady of Hip Hop."

The storied performers tore up the stage with a medley of their hits, before Megan Thee Stallion and Remy Ma joined them to underscore the legacy of women in rap.

Travis Barker, the drummer from Blink-182, inducted Collins, drawing tears from the British artist who attended the ceremony alongside his children including Lily of "Emily in Paris" fame.

Collins -- whose entry into the hall is his second, the first was as part of the band Genesis -- walked to the stage with two canes, taking the mic and saying "I'm really not as bad as it looks."

"You haven't heard the last of me, I can promise you that."

Cynthia Erivo belted out Collins's smash "In The Air Tonight," with Barker playing the instantly recognizable drum fill.

"My life has just been one thing after the other, one dream after the other," Collins said to journalists backstage.

- Oasis a 'dose of Viagra for the ego' -

Punk rocker Billy Idol performed on behalf of himself after an induction from Gwen Stefani, delivering an electrifying version of his hit "Rebel Yell."

Stefani later joined him onstage for a duet of "Eyes Without a Face."

Idol took to the podium with Steve Stevens, his longtime guitarist who was also inducted.

"Punk was and remains a tremendously positive thing. Freedom to be yourself, freedom to be proud of our differences," Idol said. "We are beautiful because we are true to ourselves."

"And now I'm going to party with the Wu-Tang Clan!" the rocker shouted in closin❑

Peru's Amazon people look to pope as environmental protector

Yarinacocha, Peru

Fernando Carteiro remembers the good old days when his home in the Peruvian Amazon was lush with wildlife, as lizards darted around on the ground, monkeys frolicked and sloths lazed in thick groves of trees.

Now, thanks to deforestation, he laments that his children will never see such natural wonders.

Carteiro and other Indigenous people are hoping that a visit Sunday from Pope Leo XIV will shine a light on the destruction of their once vibrant habitat.

The 71-year-old US-born pope arrived in Peru Wednesday as part of a grueling 12-day tour of Latin America even as he recovers from surgery for lung cancer just a month ago.

The pontiff has visited Lima, rural communities like Santa Cruz de Succhabamba, a remote spot in the Andes at an altitude of 2,000 meters (6,600 feet), and even the coastal city of Chiclayo where he used to serve as bishop.



An indigenous man wearing a traditional attire attend Pope Leo XIV's meeting with missionaries and representatives of Amazonian communities at the Malecon Puerto Callao in Pucallpa, Peru, on November 15, 2026.

And on Sunday he will venture into Peru's huge slice of the Amazon to listen to Indigenous people and stories of deforestation wrecking their lives.

Leo will also bless and water a tree called a shihuahuaco -- an Amazon species that can live for more than 1,000 years but is prized by loggers.

'Greatest source of suffering' -

Carteiro, an Indigenous leader, told AFP that deforestation "is the greatest source of suffering that we have in the Amazon, along with mining."

He wears clothes made from the shiny tropical plant fiber called jute, and a crucifix around his neck.

Carteiro and some 200 families live on a river island in an area called Yarinacocha, and get by mainly by receiving tourists.

The island still has plenty of trees, although they are sometimes threatened by forest fires. But one species that used to be abundant is now scarce, because of deforestation: a small bushy riverside tree called the camu camu.

So Carteiro planted camu camu seeds around his house, which is made of logs and perched on tall pillars to stay safe when the Ucayali River runs high.

He wants his kids to have what he did -- a wild, healthy rainforest just outside their door, free from fires and loggers.

"I want my children to be able to breathe fresh air. This is my main desire from the pope. I know he will raise awareness among many people," said Carteiro, who is 53.

From 2001 to 2024 Peru lost 3.2 million hectares of Amazon forest, mainly in the jungle regions of Ucayali, Madre de Dios and Loreto, the Environment Ministry says.

"The message that he can give is not just to Peru. It will be for the whole world," Carteiro said of the pope.

"And this is what we will most feel. This is what we value, that he will speak on our behalf."❑

Taiwan Indigenous farmer revives climate-resilient millet

Taiwan

Indigenous farmer Banu Ismahasan walks through a golden field of tall stalks in southeastern Taiwan, harvesting by hand the grain heads of an ancient crop resistant to extreme weather.

Once grown by Indigenous farmers in Taiwan in case their staple crops died, oil millet largely disappeared from fields more than 60 years ago as rice became more available.

Over the past decade, Ismahasan and his elderly parents have worked to revive the nearly forgotten crop in the Bunun community in Buklavu, a village surrounded by lush green mountains in Taitung county.

"We just hope to bring back many traditional Bunun crops and grow them on this land again," Ismahasan, 48, told AFP in his oil millet field under a clear blue sky.

Oil millet, or "dill" in the Bunun language, is endemic to Taiwan and can be found growing wild in the mountains.

Ismahasan first read about the plant online and then



This photo taken on October 21, 2026 shows farmer Banu Ismahasan spreading freshly harvested oil millet out to dry in the sun in Taitung.

embarked on his own research, combing through historical documents and speaking to tribal elders, including a woman who recalled last eating it half a century ago.

He discovered that Bunun farmers used to grow oil millet alongside their staple crop foxtail millet as a "back-up" when harvests failed or disasters hit.

After years of growing oil millet himself, Ismahasan came to understand why his ancestors relied on the crop.

A single oil millet seed can grow 15 to 20 panicles, or branching seed clusters, and the stems regenerate on their own, while foxtail millet typically grows one panicle per seed and must be sown again after being cut.

It has also proven hardier than foxtail millet when extreme weather or disease outbreaks have ravaged his 2.2-hectare (5.4-acre) farm.

During a drought several years ago that lasted more than 200 days, the oil millet "stayed bright green" while other crops withered, Ismahasan said.

Typhoons, floods and even a rust disease outbreak have not affected it either.

Hsing Yue-ie, a retired professor from Taiwan's Academia Sinica and an expert in plant genetics, first heard of oil millet 15 years ago at an international forum.

Unbeknownst to Hsing, specimens of Taiwan oil millet collected in the 1890s were sitting in Britain's Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Hsing led a research team to find oil millet in the mountains of southeastern Taiwan and began studying the little-known cereal.

She found that the seed's protective wax coating enabled it to grow without irrigation, fertilisers or pesticides, even on poor-quality land.

Rich in oil, protein and minerals, it can be used for human and animal consumption, as well as for fuel.

"It's naturally very efficient at using sunlight and water," said Hsing.

"As for soil conditions, even in mountainous areas where the ground is full of large rocks, it can still grow very well."

- 'Very precious' -

Ismahasan started his crop with one panicle of oil millet. The family now harvests oil millet twice a year on a section of their property where they grow other traditional Bunun cereal crops.❑

Alaska laments decline of its prized salmon populations

Seward, United States

In his Alaskan community, fisherman Bob Candopoulos has long welcomed tourists to his business that's showcased by a sign featuring a king salmon.

But this local fish emblematic of the region is growing increasingly rare.

"Ten years ago, we could go out every single day" and hit catch limits, the sports fisherman and charter boat operator told AFP. "Now sometimes we're lucky if we even find any salmon when we're out there fishing."

"It's terrible," Candopoulos said with a sigh, standing on the docks of the small port of Seward, a municipality surrounded by snow-capped mountains along the shores of the North Pacific.

Like many residents of this vast, frigid state, the 64-year-old blames massive trawlers that scour the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea for impacting the king salmon runs.

Industrial vessels target pollock, which is used in products like breaded fish sticks and imitation crab products worldwide.

Their nets are as wide as four commercial airliners, and routinely scoop up thousands of tons of fish other than pollock each year.



International pacific halibut commission member proceeds a random sampling - used for management of the halibut stocks - in the port of the fishing town of Seward, Alaska on November 5, 2026.

This bycatch includes salmon, which then die in the ocean instead of returning to spawn in their native rivers.

The waste is particularly difficult to bear because salmon fishing has been severely restricted -- and even outright banned -- for years among the Indigenous communities along the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers.

"Our rivers are running dry of fish, but the trawl industry isn't regulated to stop killing them," says Candopoulos.

- 'Preyed on by a billion-dollar industry' -

Most of the trawlers are based in Seattle, Washington state -- and roughly two-thirds of the economic output generated by the pollock fishing industry ends up outside Alaska.

"Alaska is definitely being preyed on by a billion-dollar industry," fumes Candopoulos.

This inequity fuels distrust in a region that's long witnessed the arrival of opportunists eager to exploit its rich resources, including beaver pelts, gold and oil.

Polling has indicated the majority of Alaskans are angry enough they'd like to see trawling banned.

In Seward, fishermen are not necessarily calling for that extreme.

"I'm not necessarily on the 'kill all trawlers' wagon," Chance Miller, 42, told AFP.

The sports fisherman noted that Alaska has a significant fleet of local trawlers, some of which operate on behalf of coastal Indigenous communities.

He also voiced concern over the economic implications.

"Towns are built around processors," Miller said.

"If those guys weren't bringing fish in, those processors might not be able to afford to stay open."

- Climate change impacts -

The thorny issue even found its way into Alaska's recent Senate election.

But science points to another culprit: climate change.

Research from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) shows the decline in Chinook (king) salmon primarily stems from marine heatwaves in the Bering Sea, which renders the waters uninhabitable for the fish's prey.

Brett Watson, a natural resource economist at the University of Alaska Anchorage, said a trawling ban would have "unclear" impacts on salmon runs.

"Climate change has been identified as probably a larger contributor to the declines of salmon runs in on the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers," he told AFP.

"That's a much more difficult issue to deal with."

In a state where residents receive an annual dividend from oil production, commercial fisherman Ian Raab laments that politicians squabble.❑

Iran says supertanker with 2 million barrels of oil sank in Gulf

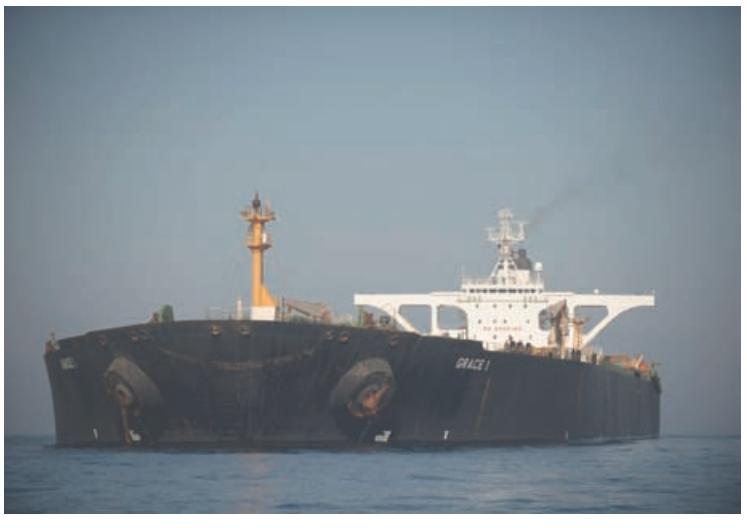
Tehran, Iran

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said Sunday that a supertanker carrying over two million barrels of oil had sunk after it struck a mine and caught fire in the Strait of Hormuz.

The ship was one of two that hit mines while transiting the vital trade corridor, the Guards said, but there was no independent confirmation of the incidents.

Since the outbreak of the Middle East war in late February, Tehran has heavily restricted traffic through the strategic waterway, insisting vessels use routes authorized by the Islamic republic.

It has regularly targeted ships that transit without its authorization.



Picture shows Iranian supertanker Grace 1 off the coast of Gibraltar on August 15, 2019.

The United States has in response imposed a naval blockade on Iranian ports and helped tankers travel the strait, which normally carries about one-fifth of global oil.

The American military recently claimed to have cleared all mines from the main routes through the waterway.

"Over the past few hours, two oil tankers travelling along an unauthorized route in the southern part of the Strait of Hormuz struck naval mines, resulting in massive explosions and fire," the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps said in a statement carried by state TV.

"One of these vessels -- a super tanker carrying over two million barrels of crude oil -- sank in the southern waters of the Persian Gulf," the statement added.

It did not specify the names or origins of the tankers.

In recent weeks Tehran has made multiple announcements saying ships had caught fire in the strait, often claiming they struck mines.

U.S. Central Command, which oversees U.S. military operations in the region, has been supporting ships traversing the waterway and said last month that it had helped Gulf countries export 1.5 billion barrels of oil via Hormuz since the summer.

A British maritime monitor on Sunday said it was aware of a report by Indian shipping authorities of an attack on a tanker in the Gulf, but it was unclear if it was the same incident as the one announced by Iran's Guards.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) centre said the damage and environmental impact were unknown but the crew were safe.❑

Aruba mobilizes emergency response to care for stranded visitors following US flight shutdown

ORANJESTAD – Aruba's government activated its national crisis management center on Friday, November 13, after a major disruption to air traffic in the United States left an estimated 1,500 to 1,900 passengers unable to depart the island as scheduled. With approximately ten flights affected, authorities began coordinating accommodation and assistance, placing the safety and well-being of visitors at the center of the island's response.



The disruption followed an extraordinary nationwide ground stop issued by the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) after a telecommunications failure affected air traffic control operations across the country.

Although Aruba's Queen Beatrix International Airport remained operational, the suspension of departures from American airports disrupted flights between Aruba and the United States, leaving many visitors facing an unexpected extension of their stay.

Recognizing the scale of the situation and the potential pressure on available accommodation, the Government of Aruba activated its national Crisis Management Center (CMO) to coordinate an island-wide response.

Prime Minister Mike Eman and Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor Wendrick Cicilia addressed the situation during a press conference on Friday, outlining the measures being taken to assist affected travelers.

Finding accommodation for stranded visitors

The government's immediate priority was to identify suitable accommodation for passengers who had expected to leave Aruba on Friday afternoon and evening.

With an estimated 1,500 to 1,900 travelers affected, finding enough available rooms presented a logistical challenge, particularly because hotels and other accommodations were already expecting new guests with confirmed reservations.

The Crisis Management Center initiated an extensive inventory of available rooms in hotels, apartments and other tourist accommodations across Aruba.

Prime Minister Eman explained that the island's relatively centralized hotel sector allows authorities to communicate directly with accommodation providers and obtain a clearer picture of available capacity.

At the same time, officials began contacting other tourism accommodation operators to identify additional options for travelers who might need somewhere to spend the night.

The objective was to ensure that affected passengers could remain in a safe and welcoming environment while waiting for air traffic operations to return to normal.

Preparing additional facilities if necessary

Recognizing that conventional accommodation might not be sufficient for everyone, the government also began evaluating alternative facilities that could temporarily accommodate stranded passengers. Among the possibilities under consideration were large hotel meeting rooms, convention facilities, airport spaces, sports centers and other locations that could be adapted for temporary overnight accommodation. These alternatives formed part of a precautionary approach, intended to ensure that additional capacity could be made available if necessary.

The government did not indicate that these alternative facilities had already been opened. Instead, officials were preparing options in case regular hotel and apartment accommodation proved insufficient.

Government and tourism sector working together

Aruba's response involved cooperation between several government agencies and organizations responsible for tourism, aviation, public safety and social assistance.

Representatives of the Crisis Management Center, Aruba Airport Authority, Aruba Tourism Authority, the Department of Social Affairs, Aruba Police Force and other relevant organizations participated in the coordination efforts. By bringing these organizations together, the government sought to centralize information, identify available resources and ensure that decisions could be made efficiently.

The response also highlighted the importance of cooperation between public authorities and private tourism businesses. For a destination whose economy is closely connected to international tourism, such coordination is an important part of maintaining visitor confidence.

Prime Minister Eman acknowledged that identifying available accommodation and coordinating the different organizations represented an intensive undertaking, but emphasized that the effort was necessary to respond responsibly to the situation.

Aruba's hospitality extends beyond a vacation

Aruba is internationally known for its warm hospitality and the welcoming spirit of its people. During an unexpected travel emergency, those qualities become especially important.

For visitors who had planned to return home on Friday, the sudden interruption of flights created uncertainty about their travel arrangements, accommodation and the possibility of additional delays. The government's response was designed to address some of those immediate concerns by helping identify safe places for affected travelers to stay.

Prime Minister Eman emphasized that Aruba's hospitality, solidarity and ability to work together are among the island's greatest strengths.

The goal was not simply to manage the logistical consequences of disrupted flights, but to ensure that visitors continued to feel safe and welcome during an unplanned extension of their stay.

For Aruba, taking care of visitors does not end when their vacation is scheduled to finish. Unexpected circumstances can arise at any destination, and the way a community responds can become an important part of the visitor experience.

What caused the disruption?

According to international news agency AFP, the FAA ordered the nationwide ground stop after a major telecommunications outage affected air traffic control centers across the United States.

The agency described the interruption as temporary and explained that the precautionary suspension of departures was necessary to protect aviation safety.

US Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin stated that authorities had no indication at the time that the outage resulted from a malicious attack, although investigators were not ruling out any possibilities.

Nationwide ground stops are extremely rare. A similar disruption occurred in January 2023, when a failure involving the FAA's Notice to Air Missions system temporarily halted departures throughout the United States.

Friday's incident demonstrated how interconnected international aviation has become. Even though Aruba's airport continued operating, problems affecting the American aviation network had immediate consequences for travelers on the island.

Airport remains operational

Aruba Airport Authority confirmed in its November 13 travel advisory that Queen Beatrix International Airport remained operational throughout the disruption.

However, passengers traveling between Aruba and the United States were warned that they could experience delays, schedule changes or cancellations.

The airport authority advised travelers to check their flight status directly with their airline before traveling to the airport, follow official communications and comply with instructions regarding alternative travel arrangements.

The government also continued monitoring flights scheduled to arrive in Aruba, recognizing that changes in incoming passenger numbers could influence accommodation availability.

As authorities continued monitoring developments in the United States, their stated priority remained the safety, comfort and well-being of visitors temporarily unable to return home.

The activation of the national crisis management structure demonstrated Aruba's commitment to responding collectively to an unexpected challenge.

For those unexpectedly spending another night on the island, Aruba's message was clear: even when travel plans are disrupted by circumstances beyond the island's control, caring for its visitors remains a priority.



PSA from the Aruba Conservation Foundation: How to behave when you see a "lora"

(Oranjestad)— The conservation of the Yellow-Shouldered Amazon, also known as the 'Lora,' relies on how we act as humans. We've seen many hikers who've encountered the 'Lora' in our protected nature areas and we can certainly imagine the pride and joy it brings to any Aruban. However, not everyone may know how to behave when encountering these clever and social birds. This guide is here to explain the behaviors that will most effectively help us in our efforts to conserve the 'Lora.' Please, don't just read but also follow these guidelines so we can ensure the survival of these birds for future generations.



Lora is a highly intelligent and social animal, perhaps slightly too friendly because they have gotten used to the rangers as they prepared for their reintroduction. However, it is our collective responsibility to help them adapt to the wild once again. Please play your part by not interfering (calling, provoking etc.) with the Lora. Simply enjoy their beauty from a safe distance.

No interfering, please

Please refrain from interfering with the "Lora". The

Be respectful and keep cats and dogs away

Pets and strays such as cats and dogs are prone to attacking other animals, especially birds, as part of their natural instincts. Please make sure your pets are kept inside of your yard or are kept on a leash when going out for a walk.

Do not feed them food or water

You may think that giving the any food or water is doing a good deed, but it actually does not contribute to them developing survival skills in the wild. By interfering with the survival instincts of wild animals, we are doing the opposite of helping. Therefore, please do not attempt to give the Loras food or water.

Capturing a Lora is against the law!

The biggest threat to the Lora before their extinction in 1947 was caused by human activities including poaching and killing of the Lora. Let's work collectively to prevent this from happening again. So when you see the Lora, enjoy their beauty from a distance and admire them as they flourish in the wild.



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Radisson Blu Aruba Invites Residents to Unwind with a Wellness Retreat Close to Home

An intimate wellness getaway celebrating relaxation, self-care, and the authentic spirit of Aruba.





PALM BEACH, ARUBA – November 10, 2026 – Radisson Blu Aruba invites residents and visitors to take a well-deserved break with its Wellness Retreat, taking place December 10–13. This thoughtfully curated three-night experience offers an opportunity to step away from everyday responsibilities, recharge, and reconnect with oneself.

More than a traditional wellness getaway, the retreat celebrates the authentic spirit of Aruba through meaningful experiences inspired by the island's nature, culture, and local talent.

At the heart of the retreat is local wellness practitioner Janine Vallecillos, founder of NATURA Holistic Aruba, who brings her passion for holistic well-being, mindfulness, and personal connection to the experience. Together with local wellness practitioners and creative entrepreneurs, the retreat offers mindful movement, meditation, an aloe self-care workshop with Aruba Aloe, creative activities, and a beachfront cacao and movement ritual.

With a maximum of just 20 participants, the retreat offers an intimate atmosphere where guests can step away from their daily routines and experience wellness at their own pace.





For Aruba residents, the retreat offers an opportunity to step away from everyday responsibilities and enjoy a refreshing getaway right here on the island.

Through this initiative, Radisson Blu Aruba continues its commitment to showcasing authentic island experiences, supporting local entrepreneurs, and creating meaningful connections between hospitality, wellness, and the Aruban community.

The Wellness Retreat takes place December 10–13, 2026, at Radisson Blu Aruba in Palm Beach. Packages start at $1,095 per person, and spaces are limited.

For more information and reservations, visit www.bluaruba.com/wellness-retreat-2026 or email reservations@radissonbluaruba.com.



Aruba's neighborhoods; the meaning behind their names; Ayo & Alto Vista

Oranjestad)—Just like any other country, Aruba has unique and beautifully named neighborhoods that all form a part of its culture and development. Many of these names have a historical background and meaning that teaches us about the island and its rich culture every day.





With this series, we want to take you on a journey of discovery, where you'll learn not only the beautiful names but the history behind it that gives it life and meaning.

Ayo

Ajo, or Ayo, is a word with Arawak-Indian origin. A (or Ha) is an Indo-Antillean generalizing word. If you were to change a part of the word "Ayo", namely 'Yo', to 'Yu' and make 'Ayu', it would mean "white."

However, as we now know, the name of the neighborhood is 'Ayo'. The word 'Yo' stands for Yocahu, which is another word for 'creator' in Arawak/Taino and in the Papiamento spoken today, 'Ayo' means 'bye'.

At Ayo, you can find some of the most well known rock formations. These formations became a well loved and visited attraction at Aruba that is held in high regards by both tourists and locals alike.

If you'd like to know more about the rock formations at Ayo, stay tuned for our article where we tell you all about its location and history.

This neighborhood's abbreviation is; A.

Alto Vista

This word combination can be roughly translated to a 'high point of view' and the neighborhood received this name from the Hill.

In the surrounding areas, Domingo Antonia Silvestre built his by his own means the very first chapel or church of Aruba. The walls of this church were made with rocks but the roof was made of dry corn stalks. The church was inaugurated by father Pablo Algemesi.

If you'd like to know more about the Alto Vista Church's beautiful history, stay tuned for our article where we tell you all you need to know about it for when you visit it.

This neighborhood's abbreviation is; AV.

Feeling parched? Grab refreshment by the side of the road!

(Oranjestad)—Touring the island in the blistering heat can leave one feeling rather thirsty and looking to cool off. Luckily there are a few stands along the roads of Aruba that can offer you just what you need: a nice, refreshing beverage!





These "coconut stands" can be found at several locations on the island, where you can cool off with delicious smoothies, drinks, snacks, and of course, fresh coconuts!

Packed with natural electrolytes, coconuts are a fantastic choice for hydrating yourself under the blazing Aruban sun. Coconuts also contain antioxidants that can help reduce stress and protect your cells. So while you're having fun exploring the island, know you are well-protected with a fresh-cut coconut in your hand.

Visit the natural bridges of Aruba!

(Oranjestad)—After you've visited the Alto Vista Church, the Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins and the mini natural pool that is located right next to it, you're next up around the northern coast line must be the Natural Bridge. Once the largest natural bridge in the Caribbean, this bridge has been a tourist attraction for many years.





The bridge was formed during thousands of years, cut and crafted by the wild waves that crash into the coral stone walls of the coast. Before its collapse, this bridge measured 30 meters in length and 7 meters in height, making it the biggest natural bridge in the Caribbean at the time.

For many years, this site was also a frequently visited beach, as the bridge had a small opening through which the water would flow into the tiny beach.

Unfortunately in 2005, the bridge collapsed, and the little beach dried up. Despite this, this site remained a tourist attraction, with many visitors walking along the coral cliffs of the bridge to see the spectacular view of the northern coastline and the Caribbean Sea. Visitors can also still visit the souvenir shop on the left of the bridge entrance.

While the natural bridge no longer is functional, there is now a smaller natural bridge very close. This bridge is often called the "Baby Bridge" or "Daughter Bridge".

Aruba's Nature is to be Cherished

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

The national park Arikok takes you on a memorable journey of the island's past offering unique geological, cultural and historical sites. These can all be enjoyed and explored either on your own or during guided tours. A wide variety of educational and informative programs and fun activities is available.

Did you know that four of the in total seven species of sea turtle lay their eggs on Aruba's beaches during breading season? In the national park, a Least Tern (Sternula antillarum) keeps a strict eye on a very special event taking place below on the beach: a majestic Leatherback (Dermochelys coriacea) heads back to sea after laying her eggs, while another nest laid 2 months ago by the same female hatches. A very rare occurrence of daytime nesting and hatching. Sea turtles prefer nesting in the cool and dark hours of the night. And hatchlings usually wait for the cue of cooling surface sand before emerging.

Bubali Magic

This beautiful close-up image of the pink bird is courtesy of Michiel Oversteegen of the Aruba Birdlife Conservation. This important foundation showcases and builds awareness of Aruba's birds and other native flora and fauna. You may have seen a 'pink cloud' lately at the Bubali or Spanish Lagoon Wetlands areas? It's most likely to be Roseate Spoonbills (Ajaia ajaja) or 'Chucharon Cora' as they are known in Papiamento. This unusual looking bird forages in shallow muddy water while sweeping its flattened bill from side to side to catch small fish, crustaeceans and other aquatic invertebrates. The Roseate Spoonbill remains an uncommon sight as they are vulnerable to degradation of feeding and nesting habitats (Wetlands).

The afore mentioned is just a part of what Aruba's nature has to offer. We cannot stress enough to go, see for yourself. The island has the most beautiful beaches but it is also worthwhile to go beyond this and get an idea of our entire island. Lately there is a discussion going on about the effect certain activities have on our nature, for example the ATV vehicles cause a lot of dust, noise and leave tire tracks. Animals live in these areas where the vehicles run, often with high speed and with detrimental consequences to flora and fauna. Motorized vehicles are forbidden to drive on the sand dunes in the Northern part of the island and all beaches in Aruba are forbidden for any motorized vehicle. Treasure our island to enjoy it like you do: as a tropical and natural paradise. We truly appreciate it!





The legend of the Kibrahacha tree

ORANJESTAD—The Kibrahacha is a famous tree known locally for its bright, yellow flowers that blooms for just three days. Scientifically known as Tabebuia billbergii, and in English as the Yellow Poui, this tree is native to the Caribbean islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao, and is considered among locals as one of the most spectacular trees on the island. But did you also know that the beautiful yellow flowers have a story behind them?

The Kibrahacha is said to have extremely hard wood—so hard that it can break an axe. In fact, that's what its name means in Papiamento: "kibra" (break) "hacha" (axe). The flowers bloom around April and May, but this only last for about three days, as the flowers start to fall off and the tree starts growing its green leaves. The Kibrahacha is especially particular, as it's the only one among its neighboring trees to starts blooming first.

The legend of the Kibrahacha

Written by Hubert (Lio Booi)

One day Aterima, who lived west of the hill Sero Warawara, woke up one day to find her father sleeping in his hammock, suffering a bout of terrible fever. Her mother was very worried, and as was the custom in the olden days, asked Aterima to go fetch Kudawecha, who was a epistemophile, to come see his father.

Aterima wasted to time and went to go fetch Kudawecha. Upon telling Kudawecha that her father was sick, he immediately accompanied Aretima back to her hut, where he encountered her father in a bad state. Not willing to waste any time, he told Aretima that the only thing that can cure her father is a home-made potion made out of the Kibrahacha flower. At the time the Kibrahacha was not yet in her blooming season, but the stubborn Kudawecha was determined to bring back Aretima's father back to health, and so off they went to the nearest Kibrahacha tree.



When they arrived at the tree, they saw that it was covered head to toe in thorns, with only a few closed flowers at the very top. Kudawecha, experienced veteran in all things Aruban flora and fauna, told Aretima to start plucking the thorns of the tree to climb to the top where the flowers are. Aretima, just as determined to save her father, didn't hesitate to start.

To her surprise, every time she plucked a thorn of the tree, a bright, yellow flower bloomed in its place. The thorns were hard to pluck out, but Aretima continued plucking with enthusiasm and wonder at the unfolding sight before her. Not too long after she was able to fill her entire satchel with the yellow flowers.

Kudawecha, satisfied to see Aretima so happy and encouraged to help her father, took her back to her hut.

Upon arriving back at the hut, Aretima's mother quickly made a tea out of the flowers and gave it to her sick husband. Miraculously, after just one sip of the tea, the father's fever left his body immediately, and he opened eyes and sprung up feeling new.

The next morning, they all visited the same Kibrahacha tree that saved the life of Aretima's father and they saw another miracle. The tree was covered again in the same bright, yellow flowers, with not a thorn in sight. And as the legend goes, from that day on, the Kibrahacha tree no longer produced any more thorns.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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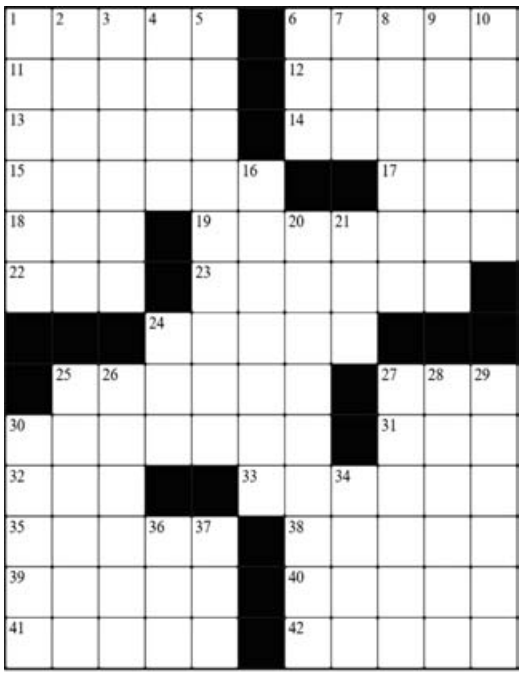
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19. Wee bit
22. Atlantic catch
23. With 24-Down, body off Greece
24. Puzzle out
25. To-do list
27. Joplin piece
30. Folds
31. Greek vowel
32. Flock father
33. Sailor, at times
35. Tolerate
38. Heart, for one
39. Speeders' worries
40. Sleep disturber
41. Pollute
42. Lovable

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1. Unmoving
2. Rave music
3. Be present at
4. Clark's colleague
5. Pictures mentally
6. Worker, e.g.
7. Clay, later
8. Urban grocery
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10. Second airing
16. Do a slow burn
20. Features of many alien movies
21. Game cube
24. See 23-Across
25. Mecca setting
26. May sign
27. Baseball's Jackson
28. Not nervous
29. January birthstone
30. Vessel
34. Get bigger
36. Bear's lair
37. Superlative suffix



Saturday's answer



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.

11-11 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: WHEN I'M SINGING THE BLUES, I'M SINGING LIFE. — ETTA JAMES

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: ★ 11/16

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty: ★★★★★ 11/15

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SpaceX pulls off first-ever spaceship 'catch'

United States

Elon Musk's SpaceX on Saturday pulled off the first-ever "catch" of a spaceship, a technical feat showing the feasibility of fully reusable rockets that would bring affordable spaceflight one step closer to reality.

The Starship emerged from the clouds after surviving the extreme heat of re-entering Earth's atmosphere, then descended slowly over SpaceX's south Texas Starbase before slipping smoothly between mechanical "chopstick arms" above Launch Pad 2.

The success marked a milestone in the space industry's decades-long pursuit of fully reusable rocket systems -- a goal that can drastically reduce mission costs and make more frequent launches possible.

"That was the Holy Grail of spaceflight, plummeting through fire to be snatched out of the air by steel. We caught a Starship and now, everything changes," SpaceX spokesman Dan Huot said.

Crowds outside Starbase broke into ecstatic cheers as the spaceship came into view, with 1977 soft rock hit "Baby Come Back" serving as the soundtrack of the nerve-wracking final descent on SpaceX's official livestream.

"I really do believe this is the dawn of the space age," said Dane Walter, 38, a spectator who came from Corpus Christi, Texas.

"And truly, I consider it an equivalent moment to the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk."

- Coming in hot -

It was the 15th test flight of the world's biggest and most powerful rocket system. Up until now, spaceships have been single-use items, discarded or destroyed after missions, making each launch an expensive resource-intensive venture.

The Starship spacecraft that gives SpaceX's rocket system its name orbited Earth 14 times and deployed 26 satellites for Musk's Starlink internet constellation during its 22-hour journey.



SpaceX's Starship upper-stage vessel descends towards the mechanical tower catch at Starbase in Boca Chica, Texas on November 14, 2026.

SpaceX had previously captured returning booster rockets three times. However, the "catch" of Starship was more complex because the spaceship fell much faster and from a much higher altitude compared to boosters.

"I hugged ship 42 upon its return," Musk posted on X about the captured vessel, sharing videos taken from various angles and saying it "looks great!"

Clayton Swope, an aerospace expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, called the mission a "huge technical achievement and proves the whole idea of Starship as a fully reusable spaceship can work."

"Let's see how quickly they can do it again," he said.

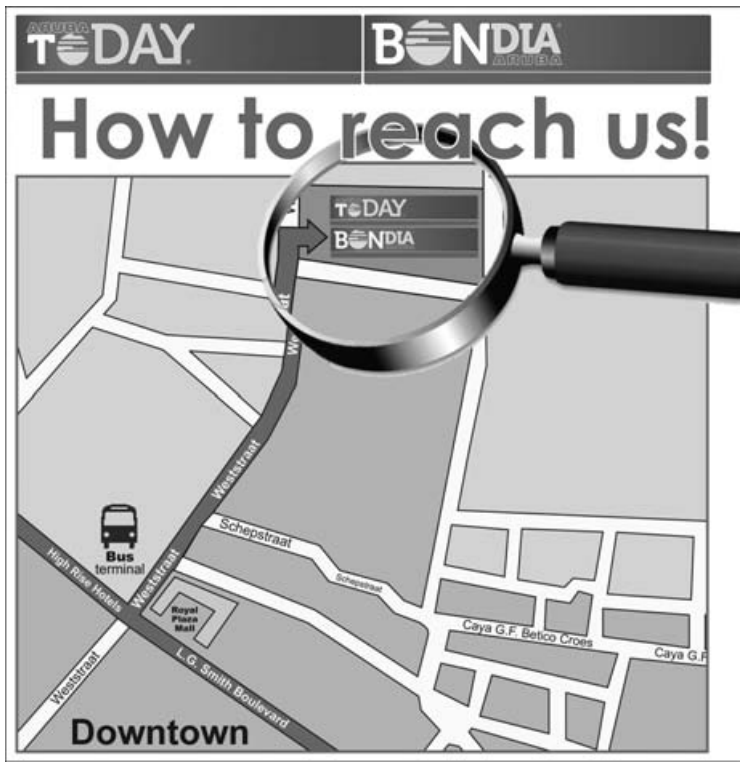
Analyst Kathleen Curlee hailed the achievement but said there was more work to be done.

"What SpaceX needs is multiple repeated successes to prove the capability is ready to handle sensitive payloads and missions," said Curlee, of Georgetown University's Center for Security and Emerging Technology.

- 'Almost magic' -

Some versions of Starship are designed to launch internet satellites and data centers into orbit, while other iterations will be made to ferry people to the Moon and Mars.

US space agency NASA is expecting Starship to serve as a lunar lander on its Artemis mission. On Saturday, Administrator Jared Isaacman called the recovery "almost magic.".❑



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Zverev too strong for debutant Jodar in ATP Finals

Turin, Italy

World number one Alexander Zverev cruised through his opening match at the season-ending ATP Finals on Sunday defeating Spanish debutant Rafael Jodar 6–4, 6–4.

Zverev, who won the tournament in 2018 and 2021, needed just one hour and 27 minutes to overcome the season's breakout star.

Ranked 11th in the world the 20-year-old Jodar is making his debut at the elite eight-player tournament.



Germany's Alexander Zverev hits a return to Spain's Rafael Jodar during the ATP Finals tennis tournament, in Turin on November 15, 2026.

Zverev had been eliminated in his opening match at the Paris Masters -- the final Masters 1000 event of the year -- and endured a lacklustre autumn as he blamed mental and physical exhaustion.

However, with 10 aces and a strong return of serve he stifled Jodar, who dropped his serve in the seventh game of the first set and again in the third game of the second.

"It wasn't the perfect match, but I'm happy; it's a great start to the tournament for me," Zverev said.

In the round robin stage, the German is also set to face American Ben Shelton and Frenchman Arthur Fils who were scheduled to play each other later Sunday.

Zverev secured the world number one ranking in early November after winning his first two Grand Slam titles in 2026, but the 29-year-old is not necessarily the favourite in Turin.

Italy's Jannik Sinner won the last two editions of the Finals but he has not played since winning Wimbledon in July due to a knee injury.

Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz, ranked third in the world, who plays American Frances Tiafoe on Monday, is considered the favourite following his comeback from a wrist injury with three wins in five tournaments -- Tokyo, Vienna and the Paris Masters.❑

McIlroy dedicates record-equalling eighth Race to Dubai title to father

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

An emotional Rory McIlroy sealed a record-equalling eighth Race to Dubai title on Sunday after a second-placed finish behind Tyrrell Hatton at the DP World Tour Championship edged out Eugenio Chacarra.

McIlroy dedicated the win to his father Gerry who had a double lung transplant at the end of September and has been in a Cleveland hospital since then.

"My dad is a massive part of my life and has been my biggest supporter," said the Northern Irishman who tied the record of Scotland's Colin Montgomerie after a dramatic final round of the season-ending $10 million DP World Tour Championship.

"He is the one that got me into the game and the one that told me to follow my dreams and never give up and never think that you're not good enough.

"It's obviously been difficult. He has been living with this for 18 months, and it got to the point where the last resort was a transplant. Thankfully, the operation was a success and he's recovering well.

"It's been a stressful time for our family. If things were not looking as good as they were, I probably wouldn't have felt comfortable travelling or being too far away.



Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy celebrates with the Harry Vardon Trophy after winning the Race to Dubai title, at the end of the DP World Tour Championship golf tournament, at Jumeirah Golf Estates in Dubai on November 15, 2026.

"I went up to see him before I left for Abu Dhabi a couple of weeks ago, and he said to me, 'Rors, go and win me The Race to Dubai'. That was in my head for the last two weeks, and I really wanted to do it for him."

The tournament itself was a runaway win for England's Hatton (66) even if all eyes were on the fascinating battle between McIlroy and Spain's Chacarra, playing a group behind him.

It all came down to the 18th hole, where McIlroy made a disappointing par to finish on 10-under par, but that was good enough for a solo second place.

That took his ranking points to 5,044.86. Chacarra also could not get a birdie on the final hole and closed with a 69 for a tied third place at eight-under alongside Finland's Oliver Lindell (65).

- 'A good fight' -

The European number one crown was secured with a bogey-free round of five-under par 67. Chacarra's final round featured six birdies but also three bogeys.

"It was a good fight. I just came out short," said Chacarra.

"Obviously, when you play with the best in the world, and he's played here 14, 15 times, you knew it was going to be tough, and he had a better day than I did."

Hatton finally finished with seven birdies against a solitary mistake on the third hole on a day when he again dazzled with brilliant short iron and wedge play.

The win was worth $3 million and he also climbed to third in the Race to Dubai behind McIlroy and Chacarra, his career best finish.

"This is really special. I was really nervous today. I didn't say anything to anyone in my team or even to Emily (wife). I've had a bit of heartbreak around here, and I felt like it was going to be a difficult day," said Hatton, runner-up in the championship in 2016 and 2022 and who has now matched Jon Rahm's record of winning six Rolex Series (DP World Tour's version of elevated events) titles.

"I was just trying to keep my head down and try and make birdies. Just really proud of how I played on the back nine. The putter was amazing and it certainly saved me all week."

Chacarra, Patrick Reed, Casey Jarvis, Jayden Schaper, Daniel Hillier, Jacob Skov Olesen, Lindell, Andy Sullivan, Bernd Wiesberger and Joe Dean secured the 10 PGA Tour cards that were up for grabs based on the Order of Merit positions.

The new season of the DP World Tour starts in two weeks in Australia with the BMW Australian PGA Championship.❑

Chiefs thrash Falcons as Mahomes throws five touchdowns

Los Angeles, United States
Patrick Mahomes threw for five touchdowns and 348 yards as the Kansas City Chiefs thrashed the Falcons 35-13 at Atlanta on Sunday.
Mahomes was back to his imperious best, completing 22-of-35 passes with zero interceptions and one sack in a win that took the Chiefs level with the idle Denver Broncos top of the AFC West.
Rookie Emmett Johnson twice found the end zone, while Josh Downs had a touchdown on his Kansas City debut following a deadline day trade from Indianapolis.
Cyrus Allen and Andrew Armstrong each scored their first Chiefs touchdowns, grabbing passes of 39 yards and 43 yards respectively as Mahomes dominated the Falcons defense.
It was the three-time Super Bowl champion quarterback's most impressive showing since his nine-month injury absence after tearing his knee ligaments last December.
"Guys made plays, you know? I gave them chances downfield, and they went out there and made plays happen," said Mahomes.
Johnson -- stepping up for Kenneth Walker III, who was absent with a groin injury -- also led the Chiefs' running game, with 22 carries for 101 yards.
Star tight end Travis Kelce left the field early, injuring his ankle as he was tackled taking his first catch, but returned in the second quarter.


Patrick Mahomes #15 of the Kansas City Chiefs passes during the third quarter against the Atlanta Falcons at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on November 15, 2026 in Atlanta, Georgia.

"I thought we did a great job picking up, obviously Kenneth not being here. I thought Emmett did a great job, and then the O-line gave me chances to throw the ball down the field," said Mahomes.
It was another miserable day for the Falcons, who trailed 28-3 before Bijan Robinson's fourth-quarter touchdown, and have now lost three straight and five of their past six.
Elsewhere, the Cleveland Browns rallied from 17-0 down to stun the Houston Texans 27-24, as Quinshon Judkins ran in a touchdown with less than a minute remaining.
The Texans had led with C.J. Stroud's first-half passing touchdowns to Nico Collins and Xavier Hutchinson.
The Browns fought back to take the lead with touchdowns either side of halftime, from a Deshaun Watson six-yard run, a KC Concepcion rushing touchdown and two field goals, all without reply.
The Texans thought they had salvaged the win with a Stroud pass to Dalton Schultz, before Watson led yet another late game-winning drive and Judkins ran five yards for the win with 53 seconds left.
"It was definitely a big win for us overall, but personally for me it was definitely special," said Watson, who was drafted by the Texans in 2017 and traded to Cleveland five years later.

- 'Tough three years' -
Kirk Cousins threw for two touchdowns even as he was sacked three times on his return to the Minnesota Vikings, who beat divisional rivals Green Bay 30-10 on Sunday.
Despite having just a few days to adjust to his new team, Cousins sent a 38-yard pass to Myles Price in the first quarter, and sealed victory with a 20-yard pass to tight end Gavin Bartholomew in the fourth.
Cousins spent six successful seasons with the Vikings between 2018 and 2023, but tore his Achilles tendon at the Packers' Lambeau Field and subsequently had spells with the Falcons and the Las Vegas Raiders before returning to Minnesota last week.
"It was emotional, coming to the stadium three years ago, tearing my Achilles here, and it's been a tough three years," said Cousins.
"It's been a tough three years and there's more of the story being written."
The Detroit Lions thrashed New England 35-10 in Munich, Germany, after the Patriots' quarterback Drake. ❑

Andreeva defeats Svitolina to win WTA Finals

Los Angeles, United States
Russian teenager Mirra Andreeva battled past Elina Svitolina in straight sets to win the season-ending WTA Finals crown on Sunday.
Andreeva powered to a 7-5, 6-3 victory in a hard-fought duel in Indian Wells to complete a superb week in California.
Reigning French Open champion Andreeva, 19, clinched the title without dropping a set in the tournament.
She is only the third teenager after Chris Evert and Maria Sharapova to win the WTA Finals on their debut.
"It feels amazing, of course I'm super-privileged to put my name in that group," said Andreeva.


Mirra Andreeva lifts the Billie Jean King WTA Finals Singles Trophy after defeating Elina Svitolina of Ukraine in the singles final during the final day of the FAGE WTA Finals at Indian Wells Tennis Garden on November 15, 2026 in Indian Wells, California.

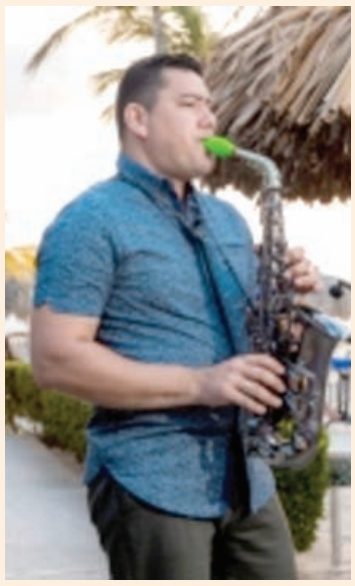
The teenager thanked friends, family and support staff in a victory speech, before light-heartedly thanking herself for her success.
"I want to thank myself for always doing the hard work, for never quitting, for always believing in myself, for not taking the days off, for working every day, and for committing to what I have to do," said Andreeva, wearing a track-suit top with the slogan "I want to thank myself."

A grueling 1hr 48min duel saw Andreeva secure a break in the opening game of the first set before holding for a 2-0 lead.
Ukrainian veteran Svitolina broke back in the fourth game, conjuring a sublime angled volley to level at 2-2.
Svitolina was soon back under pressure though, conceding another break to go 4-3 down before Andreeva held for a 5-3 lead.
There was more drama to follow when Andreeva served for the first set at 5-4 up.
She opened with back-to-back double faults to go 0-30 down, and then yanked a wild forehand wide to give Svitolina two break points at 15-40.
A long forehand gave Svitolina the break to knot it at 5-5 but Andreeva hit back immediately with her third break of serve to regain the advantage at 6-5.
The Russian made no mistake when serving for the set for a second time, holding comfortably to go 1-0 up.

The second set followed a familiar pattern, with both players trading some brutal groundstrokes in a series of long rallies.❑



Create precious memories in the heart of Costa Linda Beach Resort; Water's Edge Restaurant offers the complete vacation experience!



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

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

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

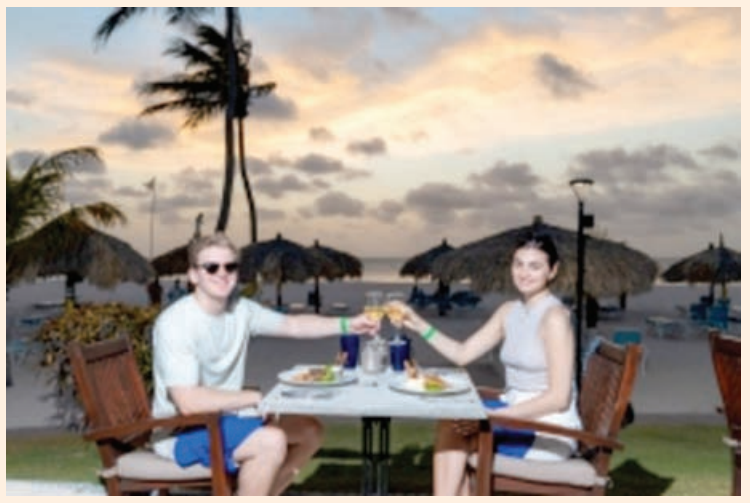


For lunch, keep it easy with their handheld items like their Bacon and Cheddar Burger, Mediterranean Quesadillas or Street Tacos. Want a taste of the Caribbean? Try the Grouper Reuben; A local twist to the traditional Reuben, complete with rye bread, in-house 1000 island dressing, sauerkraut and grilled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

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

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

Meat Lovers will have their fix with choices of Steak, including a Petite Filet, French Rack of Lambs or their famous 14oz pan-seared Pork finished with a fantastic apple glaze. All our steaks options are seasoned with a blend of kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper. Served with homemade mashed potatoes, seasoned vegetables and a choice of red wine reduction, green peppercorn demi-glace, mushroom sauce, chimichurri or bacon blue cheese butter. Enjoy it with a side of fresh asparagus, seasonal vegetables, and four different types of fries. Combine your meal with your personal choice of international and exclusive wines.



Kids will enjoy every item of the specially compiled Kids Menu and there are also optional dishes for all vegans, vegetarians and gluten-free guests.

End the culinary voyage with some luscious sweetness. Choose from a variety of dessert options, including a piece of coconut flan, NY cheesecake, carrot cake, chocolate brownie or our classic Tiramisu with kahlua and amaretto served with chocolate sauce and coffee jelly. Not to mention the fresh and light piece of key lime pie.

Live entertainment

For seven nights a week, there is live entertainment by the best local artists for you to enjoy. Whether you're in a romantic mood, or more in a swinging mood, every night is a relaxing experience under the stars, where you can combine great music with delicious cocktails. In addition, Water's Edge offers three daily Happy Hours from 12pm-1pm, 4pm-6pm and again from 9pm-10pm with all premium brands specially priced.

Water's Edge prides itself on bringing elegance and comfort to your dining experience, offering personalized service fit for everybody's needs.

Water's Edge is open daily from 8am – 11pm

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