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U.S. Agriculture Department, FBI breached by hackers: reports

Washington, United States

The U.S. Agriculture Department and FBI have been targeted in apparent cyberattacks, according to US media reports, adding to mounting concerns over the security of American computer systems following a wave of major technical outages.

The incidents were first reported on Friday by NBC News and CNN, respectively, and it remained unclear whether they were related and who was responsible.

Asked about the reported FBI breach on Saturday, President Donald Trump said he had only recently learned of it.

"I will say that it's not good. I don't like that," he told Fox News, before suggesting the intrusion might reveal information that would otherwise have remained hidden.

Major outages in recent weeks have disrupted travel, communications and e-commerce for countless users across the United States, even affecting a top-secret network at the National Security Agency.

White House cybersecurity chief Sean Cairncross was fired this week as criticism mounted over the spate of



U.S. National Cyber Director Sean Cairncross speaks at Semafor's "Silicon Valley and The World" conference in Menlo Park, California, on November 16, 2026.

issues.

Trump has sought to calm the public and urged people to "relax," while officials have repeatedly emphasized that the various problems have not been linked to criminal activity.

However, the issues involving the Agriculture Department (USDA) and FBI did appear malicious, according to the media reports.

The USDA told employees that a system used to facilitate payments to farmers had been targeted in a cyberattack, NBC reported on Friday, citing two former officials in the department.

The hackers may use the payments system as a backdoor to access more sensitive material, the former officials told NBC.

The USDA deals with "a bunch of scary biologic issues" and "if an adversary or a competitor were to have access to that same information... they could use our own research against us," a former official was quoted as saying.

CNN reported that the FBI was investigating an apparent intrusion into its national criminal information database, the agency's second reported cybersecurity breach since September.

The agency was investigating an intrusion of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) by apparent hackers, CNN reported, citing two people briefed on the probe.

The NCIC has a nationwide criminal information database linking federal, state and local law enforcement and is used to share information on warrants and background checks.

"Every day, officers across the country rely on NCIC to identify wanted fugitives, check for outstanding warrants, and access information that can directly impact officer and public safety," a former FBI official told CNN.

The former official expressed concerns that hackers "could compromise the accuracy of the information that officers rely on."

In September, a hacking group known as ShinyHunters targeted sensitive employee personal data from an FBI jobs website.

AFP has contacted the FBI and USDA for comment.

Trump suggested the intrusion might lead to information being revealed about the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election or alleged fraud in the 2020 vote.

"I always like to put things on a positive spin," he said.❑

'Do you wanna run for president?' Trump floats chief of staff for 2028



U.S. White House Chief of Staff Stephen Miller listens as U.S. President Donald Trump speaks during a news briefing at the White House on November 20, 2026, in Washington, D.C., after returning from a visit to China, where he met with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Washington, United States

U.S. President Donald Trump turned a White House briefing into an Apprentice-style audition for the 2028 election on Friday, jokingly floating his new chief of staff Stephen Miller as a candidate.

Trump even compared immigration hardliner Miller favorably to Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who stood behind them on the podium.

"We have breaking news -- he was better than these two guys," Trump said, gesturing to Vance and Rubio, after giving Miller a turn to speak at the podium during a press conference.

"Do you wanna run for president?" added Trump.

Vance and Rubio are both thought to harbor presidential ambitions, but neither man has confirmed whether or not he will run in two years time.

Trump, 80, also hailed Miller -- a longtime loyalist and architect of the administration's harsh deportation crackdown -- as "the most powerful man in the world."

Trump named Miller to replace Susie Wiles as chief of staff on November 6, in the first major reshuffle following the Republican Party's hammering in the U.S. midterm elections.

At the podium, Miller hailed his boss, saying: "What President Trump has achieved over the last two years is more than any president has achieved by far in American history."

The midterms rout has shaken up the race to be the Republican heir to Trump in 2028.

Vance had been seen as the frontrunner but has broken with Trump on the Iran war, saying it was why the Republicans lost the midterms.

Rubio's odds have meanwhile improved.

During Trump's press conference, Vance was put on the spot by a question about whether attacking with Iran was worth it.

"The president said he would do it again. My view is that my goal and my job is to support the president of the United States," said Vance, clearly uncomfortable.

Trump meanwhile laughed off a question about whether he thought Vance or Rubio would make a better president.

"Oh, let me give you the answer to that," said Trump with a chuckle.❑

Man convicted of sparking deadly Los Angeles fire

Los Angeles, United States

A U.S. jury on Friday convicted a man of setting a New Year's Eve fire that grew into one of several deadly 2025 blazes in Los Angeles, killing 12 people in the Pacific Palisades.

It was the second federal trial of Jonathan Rinderknecht, 30, after the initial prosecution attempt left the jury deadlocked and ended in a mistrial.

The former Uber driver is scheduled for sentencing on March 17. He faces up to 40 years in prison.

Earlier this year, a separate jury leaned 10-2 toward acquitting Rinderknecht, but verdicts must be reached unanimously.

Jurors in the second trial were ordered not to take the previous proceedings or any mention of them into account in reaching their decision.

Friday's verdict was on two charges: destruction of property by means of fire and arson affecting property used in interstate commerce.

Rinderknecht had pleaded not guilty to both.

But after approximately two days of deliberations, jurors found he used a lighter to ignite a brush fire in the vicinity of the wealthy, Malibu-adjacent Pacific Palisades neighborhood.

Firefighters had thought they extinguished the blaze, but later found that smoldering embers underground were carried by strong winds and erupted, tearing through the affluent area and ravaging thousands of homes.



Eaton Fire survivor Andrew King (R) helps place flowers on the special "Rising Together" Rose Parade float, which honors the 13,000 families whose homes were lost and the 31 people who died in the 2025 L.A. wildfires, on December 30, 2025 in Pasadena, California.

It proved to be among the most destructive wildfires in California history.

Rinderknecht's defense attorney, Steven Haney, had argued there was no direct evidence that his client started the fire, and suggested errant New Year's Eve fireworks could be to blame.

He said phone record evidence that Rinderknecht called 911 were efforts that he was trying to help alleviate the situation.

But the prosecution said evidence including cell phone data put him at the scene of the crime.

They also pointed to a combination of video surveillance footage and analysis of fire spread dynamics to insist on his guilt.

The prosecution also said that Rinderknecht asked ChatGPT whether someone could be held liable for starting a fire with cigarettes.

One of the jurors, who identified himself as Cameron, told reporters outside the courthouse that while he had originally leaned not guilty, Rinderknecht's interview with federal investigators was incriminating.

"It was a clear, calm night. You know, no one else was on that hill that day, or that day or night," the juror said, but the defendant "happened to be smoking, and because he happened to be smoking, he had a lighter."

"Everything kind of started to point towards one conclusion."

- Nothing can 'erase the pain' -

Bill Essayli, who leads the US Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, lauded the verdict as "a measure of justice for the families who lost loved ones and the thousands whose lives were upended."

Fierce winds fueled the 2025 Los Angeles fires that resulted in a total of 31 deaths.

Alongside the blaze that devastated the Pacific Palisades, a second fire scorched Altadena, in northeast Los Angeles, razing parts of the neighborhood.

That fire was tied to an idle transmission tower owned by local power company Southern California Edison, whose sparks ignited dry vegetation.

Two years later, the city is still working to rebuild after the disaster.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass -- who just lost her reelection bid and was widely criticized for her handling of the fires -- said in a statement that "no verdict can bring back the lives lost or erase the pain families have endured."

"So many are still struggling to rebuild," she said. "For those still displaced, the devastation remains a daily reality."❑

Washington governor calls ICE 'out of control' after airport arrests

Washington, United States

The governor of Washington state called U.S. federal immigration agents "out of control" after they arrested two people at Seattle's main airport on Saturday.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers have conducted raids across the United States, part of President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown which has forged ahead despite a rebuke by voters at this month's midterms.

Video footage widely shared on social media on Saturday showed two people being apprehended by masked men at an airport jet bridge.

ICE later confirmed it had detained two people it said had overstayed their visas.

Washington Governor Bob Ferguson said the agency was "completely and totally out of control".

"Like many Americans, I'm outraged by masked agents, who do not identify themselves, dragging people off jetways as they board a flight, creating chaos in our communities," Ferguson wrote on X.

"Today's actions at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport are just the latest example of ICE's deeply un-American tactics."

Ferguson said at a news conference that the ICE agents may have broken a state law limiting facial coverings for law enforcement, and that he was looking into how they accessed the jet bridge.

The federal immigration agency said its officers "conducted a targeted enforcement operation to arrest Ricardo Larrondo Mendoza, an illegal alien from Mexico who overstayed his visa" on Saturday morning.

The agency confirmed it had detained a second person whom it said would be charged with assaulting a federal officer, alleging she had thrown hot coffee on an ICE agent.

"The individual... was identified as Sofia Hernandez Mejia, an illegal alien from Mexico and visa overstay.



Governor Bob Ferguson speaks onstage during the Clinton Global Initiative 2026 Annual Meeting at New York Hilton Midtown on September 22, 2026 in New York City.

She was subsequently arrested as well," ICE posted on X.

"Alaska Airlines is required to comply with applicable laws and regulations when interacting with law enforcement officials" but does not "direct or coordinate immigration enforcement activity", the company added. ❑

New York's latest restaurant trend? Dining at the museum

New York, United States

A lunchtime crowd tucked into colorful salads, grilled prawns and pasta dishes at one of New York's buzziest new restaurants with an unusual setting: an art museum.

Far from the cafeteria-style fare typically associated with cultural institutions, a crop of ambitious restaurants is turning the city's museums into dining destinations in their own right.

Oberon, housed at the New Museum of Contemporary Art, is among the latest to open its doors, bringing quality food to a Manhattan building better known for exhibiting the likes of Salvador Dali and Marcel Duchamp.

Museum director Massimiliano Gioni conceded that, in a city overflowing with top restaurants, there is "daunting competition."

"Success is going to be: can we succeed in the wider market? That gives you a sense of our ambition, which maybe is completely delusional," he said in an AFP interview.

Gioni was perched inside a booth bordering a 90-seat, oval-shaped dining room which he compared to a "spaceship" -- meticulously designed with artistic flair and frosted windows that shield it from the museum.



An interior view of Oberon restaurant is seen at the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York, on November 20, 2026.

Diners do not have to buy admission to eat at the restaurant, which for dinner service is accessed via a separate, speakeasy-like entrance down a graffiti-covered alleyway.

Gioni ultimately hopes that "people come for the restaurant without knowing about the museum."

Oberon -- hailed by luxury magazine Conde Nast Traveler as "Manhattan's most exciting restaurant opening" -- follows a trend of high-end eateries emerging in New York's cultural landmarks.

The Frick Collection opened its Westmoreland cafe last year, Sotheby's auction house launched French restaurant Marcel in April, while MoMA's PS1 site in Queens is opening French-African cafe Symone in early 2027.

Elizabeth Merritt, of the American Alliance of Museums, noted that many of these institutions rely on prominent chefs "that are a draw in and of themselves and may bring new audiences to the museum."

- 'Wishful thinking' -

The gold standard for museum dining is The Modern at MoMA's main site in Manhattan, which has earned two Michelin stars since its 2005 opening.

Christopher Taylor, a hospitality professor at the University of Houston, said The Modern had turned the tide on negative assumptions about museum food.

"I think a lot of people have an image about a museum restaurant, just like a hotel restaurant, as not being as upscale or as quality," he said.

"People aren't going to stick around for a sandwich and a bottle of San Pellegrino," Taylor added. "The dining should match the image the museum has."

Many U.S. cultural hotspots are still reeling from a drop in foot traffic after the Covid pandemic, as well as federal funding cuts under President Donald Trump.

But Taylor said that opening a restaurant actually indicates strong finances -- noting that food operations often run at a loss to build the brand and entice donors.

"Most of these nicer, higher-end restaurants are going into museums that have had huge recent capital improvements and have gained huge endowments or donations that will support them," he said.

At Oberon -- the New Museum's first restaurant in its 49-year history, which opened as part of an $82 million expansion -- it's still too soon to say how profitable it will be.

"We are betting on the idea, which is not a given, that it will contribute to our bottom line. Wishful thinking, but so far, so good," Gioni said.

He is also counting on the bar to play its part, invoking the long-standing relationship between artists and drinking establishments.

"I don't want to be a bad influence, but there is no history of art without a history of bars in the 20th century," he smiled.❑



Taylor Swift presents Brooks & Dunn with the Willie Nelson Lifetime Achievement award onstage during the 60th Annual Country Music Association Awards at Music City Center on November 18, 2026 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Taylor Swift: 'Toy Story' song a welcome break from personal ballads

Los Angeles, United States

Taylor Swift, Oscar nominee? Penning a song for "Toy Story 5" offered the pop superstar the chance to write from a "fresh perspective" and pay homage to the animated film franchise she's loved since childhood.

And "I Knew It, I Knew You" also could open the door for Swift to earn an Academy Award nod.

"I'm loving, you know, writing from a fresh perspective," Swift told a recent press event. "Having a break from writing about my personal life is always kind of a relief."

The 36-year-old released "I Knew It, I Knew You" in June, shortly before the premiere of "Toy Story 5."

The country pop ballad touching on themes of friendship, nostalgia and reunions notched Swift two Grammy nominations including the coveted Song of the Year award, which she has never won.

And it's considered a potential contender for Best Original Song at the Oscars.

The track did lose this week at the Country Music Awards in the Single of the Year category to Ella Langley's ubiquitous "Choosin' Texas."

Swift co-wrote her song with her frequent collaborator Jack Antonoff.

It's inspired by Jessie, the animated cowgirl who in the franchise's fifth installment struggles to remain relevant in the face of a tablet's arrival.

Reflecting on the fear shared by Jessie and the other toys that technology could render them obsolete, Swift said she remains optimistic despite transformations within cultural industries including music and film.

The singer-songwriter said that human creativity still connects with audiences in a way that technology cannot replicate.

"If I were to look back at the year in music, I think there are two perfect albums that I love that I always go back to," Swift said, before pointing to Olivia Dean's "The Art of Loving" and Rosalia's "Lux."

Both received Album of the Year Grammy nominations, and are in the running at February's show against Swift's "The Life of a Showgirl."❑

Movies at 30,000 feet: Hollywood's high-flying market

Los Angeles, United States

Airlines carried almost as many passengers last year as cinemas sold tickets worldwide, turning in-flight entertainment into a major market for Hollywood.

Some 4.98 billion movie tickets were sold in 2025, according to the European Audiovisual Observatory, while the International Air Transport Association (IATA) counted around 4.97 billion air passengers.

"The airlines take this very seriously, as do the film companies. It's a serious market for them," Terry Steiner, president of Terry Steiner International, the largest independent distributor of in-flight entertainment, told AFP.

When Steiner founded her company in 1993, airlines mostly screened a handful of films on a shared screen at the front of the cabin.

Since then, "things have become so much more personalized due to advances in technology," she said.

With seatback screens and menus packed with films, TV shows, music and games, the airplane movie has become an almost essential part of flying.

"People watch movies on airlines for different real reasons," said Steiner, who spent years in advertising and the film industry.

"Sometimes people will watch the same movie over and over again because it makes them feel good. But then there are people who want something new, and they'll say, 'Oh, I missed that at the box office. I really want to go see that.'"



An amenity kit is displayed with in-flight entertainment screens, lie flat seating, and bedding for Flagship Business class inside an American Airlines Airbus A321XLR aircraft as aviation enthusiasts gather for the Cranky Dorkfest 2026 event at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) in Los Angeles, on September 19, 2026.

Her company acts as the link between studios and airlines, supplying some 100 carriers as well as other non-theatrical markets, including hospitals, prisons, cruise ships, universities and the US military.

Each airline has its own personality, she explained, and her job is to find the films that suit each one best.

- 'Around for a long time' -

The in-flight entertainment and connectivity market has expanded from $2.85 billion in 2015 to a projected $9.5 billion this year, according to research firm MarketsandMarkets.

One of the drivers, the firm says, is airlines' growing shift to wireless technology.

With free Wi-Fi and the option to download content, passengers can now turn to streaming platforms to catch up on their shows or discover a documentary.

Steiner acknowledges the parallel with movie theaters, which had to adapt when streaming took off.

But "it's not a competition at all," she said. "It's not stopping the business."

"There's a difference between what they can watch there and what we are offering," added Steiner, who just received the APEX Lifetime Achievement Award, honoring her decades of innovation, leadership and lasting contributions to the global aviation industry.

"We are offering new products, new releases, and you can't really see them at the same time in streaming," she said. "It's not going anywhere, and it's going to be around for a long time."

- What to watch on a plane? -

Passengers can choose from a wide range of genres and productions from around the world, subtitled and edited for the in-flight format.

So what makes a good airplane movie?

"Horror and thrillers are not so good. Plane crashes are a big no-no," Steiner said with a smile.

Blockbusters remain a staple, along with "comedies, rom-coms, dramas of a certain sort."

But the market can be unpredictable.

"You could have a tiny little art film, and it will catch on, or just a few airlines will book it, and it feels great," she said.

"Or you could have a huge theatrical hit, but it might not be right for the airlines due to violence, sexuality, subject matter or whatever."

Airplane movies have even become a cultural subgenre of their own, with blogs and specialized websites regularly updating their guides to what to watch at 30,000 feet.❑

Mascot-mad fans flock to meetup of 200 characters in Japan

Hanyu, Japan

Tens of thousands of mascot fans gathered in a city near Tokyo on Saturday to meet and greet more than 200 life-size cuddly characters that promote local towns and businesses.

In the land of Hello Kitty and Pokemon, mascots are used to promote everything from prison to railways to private businesses, and popular ones gain full-on celebrity status.

"This is the first time I've ever come to an event like this, so I'm kind of excited," Yuriko Okamori, 51, told AFP at the annual meetup event.

The mascot meetup has been held in the city of Hanyu since 2010 and nearly 220 mascots were invited to join this year, according to organisers.

On a stage, a troupe of animal mascots danced to upbeat pop music as a large crowd filmed them on smartphones and clapped along.

Elsewhere, a popular pony mascot representing Gunma prefecture was surrounded by fans eager for selfies, while a cat mascot was pushed through the packed crowd on a cart to make its way across the venue.

City official Shogo Dei, who oversees the event, said 80,000 people attended the two-day meetup last year and that organisers expect a similar turnout this year.

"These local mascot characters representing regions are part of Japanese culture. Our aim is to help revitalize towns across Japan through these characters," Dei told AFP.

Mascots in Japan can generate millions of dollars in revenue if they become successful, even without the global recognition of major intellectual property brands such as Pikachu.

Another popular character, Hikonyan, a samurai helmet-wearing cat mascot associated with Hikone Castle in western Japan, has helped draw tourists to the area. The character even received around 10,000 New Year's greeting cards from across Japan this January.



Mascot characters pose for photograph during the annual World Mascot Summit in Hanyu in Saitama prefecture, north of Tokyo, on November 21, 2026.

"There are so many different characters representing different places, and it's not uncommon to see even adults carrying mascot goods on their bags," Okamori said.

"I think that's something uniquely Japanese."❑

Echoes of Pakistan's shared past in Rawalpindi's neglected temples

Rawalpindi, Pakistan

Emerging through a tangle of electrical wires and advertising billboards in Rawalpindi's urban sprawl, the towering spire of a Hindu temple is a reminder of the city's mixed religious past.

The temple in Muslim-majority Pakistan "tells us about a very different time of Rawalpindi's history when many different diverse communities used to coexist together", researcher Hassaan Tauseef told AFP.

Built in the 19th century, according to Tauseef, the facade of the temple in the city's main commercial Raja Bazaar area is crumbling. Over the honking of motorcycles jostling through the crowded streets, a jewelry maker plies his merchandise from its ground floor.

The disused shrine is one of Rawalpindi's 39 surviving Hindu temples, just three of which still serve the city's dwindling Hindu community, while the others have been converted into homes, shops and other premises, according to architectural and cultural heritage expert Tauseef.

Before the partition of British-ruled India in 1947, Rawalpindi was a religiously diverse city where non-Muslims made up the majority of the population.



This photograph taken on September 30, 2026 shows Kalyan Das Temple located inside the premises of Qandeel Secondary School for the Blind, in Kohati Bazar in Rawalpindi.

The bloodshed and mass migrations of partition saw Hindus and Sikhs flee to India and Muslim refugees pour into Pakistan, permanently transforming the city's demographics.

Today, Muslims make up 96 percent of Pakistan's 240 million people, while Hindus account for just two percent -- most living in rural areas, predominantly in the south.

- Disrepair -

Discrimination against religious minorities runs deep, with a report this year by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan warning of escalating hate speech and attacks on minority communities.

At a former Hindu temple in Rawalpindi's northern Purana Qila area, small trees sprout from cracks in the crumbling walls and original windows have been bricked up.

Washing swaying on a line outside betrays the temple's present use as a home. The area surrounding the structure has become a popular space to park motorcycles.

Many historic Hindu places of worship have fallen into disrepair. In addition to residences, they have also been repurposed as warehouses and schools.

"When the housing shortage became very, very large, the government started allotting a lot of these temples to these families as houses," Tauseef said.

The domed Kalyan Das Temple, built in the 19th century, now stands inside the Qandeel school for visually impaired children. On its walls, detailed carvings are still visible.

Pervaiz Akhtar, the school's principal, said there was a clear educational and cultural benefit for students by being exposed to Rawalpindi's religious past.

"For the young generation, it's important in the sense that they come to know what the mode of worship in that religion was, what their buildings were like," he said. "As Muslims, we respect all places of worship. So, in that spirit, we show respect to this place as well," Akhtar added.

-'Our brother' -

Rawalpindi's dwindling Hindu community still hopes life can be returned to their abandoned temples.

Following the demolition of the Babri mosque in India in 1992, retaliatory riots swept across Pakistan, with mobs attacking Hindu places of worship, including several temples in Rawalpindi.

Maharishi Valmiki Temple was among those targeted, losing its spire before later being renovated and reopened.

Speaking of the disused Hindu shrines in Rawalpindi, Mir Chand Khokhar, a 74-year-old priest at the temple, said: "If the government gives them to us, we can make them functional too."

"It reminds us of a very different time, of a much more tolerant time in Rawalpindi," Tauseef said. "We fail to recognize that the other was once our brother."❑

Ex-UK PM tells successor to 'move on' from Brexit



Former Prime Ministers (L-R) Liz Truss, Boris Johnson and Theresa May attend the Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the Cenotaph on Whitehall in central London on November 8, 2026.

London, United Kingdom

Former British prime minister Theresa May said she was "aghast" her successor could be considering rejoining the European Union and urged him to "move on" from Brexit, in comments broadcast Sunday.

May's remarks came after Burnham and the EU's top officials on Friday sealed deals at a Brussels summit to ease trade and youth mobility.

A decade after Britain narrowly voted to leave the bloc, Burnham has re-energized talk of closer ties ahead of a government 10-year plan for the UK set to be unveiled next month.

May warned that negotiations with the EU risked taking up vast amounts of government time, hampering efforts to tackle other issues.

"And that's one of the reasons why I look slightly aghast at what Andy Burnham is talking about, further negotiations of going into the EU," she said.

May, who supported remaining in the 27-member bloc, said government had to respect the result of the 2016 referendum.

"When I became prime minister, I was very clear. People have voted for Brexit. We should deliver Brexit," she told BBC television. "He (Burnham) wants to pat them (voters) on their head and say 'you know what? Remember that vote? Well you got it wrong, didn't you? So have another go and come up with the right answer'," she said.

May was forced to quit in May 2019 after failing to get her Brexit deal through parliament.

- 10-year plan -

"My message to him (Burnham) really is: People voted for Brexit. Brexit is done. Just accept Brexit and move on," she added.

Burnham, who has been in office since July, has committed to his predecessor Keir Starmer's "red lines" on Europe for this parliament, meaning no return to the single market, customs union or freedom of movement.

But pro-Brexit campaigners fear he will push at some point to rejoin the 27-nation grouping.

Hamish Falconer, Europe Minister, said the world had changed since 2016 and the UK needed to "think over the long term about our relationship with Europe".

"That's why the prime minister is going to set out more next month as part of the 10-year plan about the long-term relationship between the UK and the EU," he told Sky News.

But he insisted the British people "are going to be the boss of every stage of this". ❑

Beaches for the whole family to enjoy!



(Oranjestad)—One of the biggest concerns that parents have when traveling with their children is a guarantee of their safety and healthy enjoyment. Therefore, we thought it would be a great help to traveling parents to list off some the most family-friendly beaches around the island.

Baby Beach in San Nicolas
Baby Beach is one Aruba's most popular and visited beaches, and for good reason: This sandy and quiet lagoon is a great place for parents to sit back and relax while their children play in the shallow shores of the beach. Beside the relaxing atmosphere, there are also several services that may accommodate your stay, like a parking lot, sun tent rentals, chairs, bathrooms and a snack bar right at the far left of the beach.

Mangel Halto in Pos Chiquito
Mangel Halto is situated in the back streets of Pos Chiquito. Though there are several stairs on the sides of the beach cliff leading you down, the best spot for families to hang out is across the bridge, passed the mangrove trees near the entrance sign. Here, there are small and big palapas, perfect for big and small families to set up their belongings. In this area, the shore is also shallow, falling right around your knee before slowly getting deeper: perfect for kids to safely play.

Eagle Beach/Palm Beach
Yet another highly popular beach sites, Eagle Beach and Palm Beach is where most of our visitors go to tan, swim or play in the white sand. Because they are near the low-rise and high-rise hotel areas, these beaches are the most accessible for visitors on foot. These beaches also offer many palapas free to use, but you can also rent chairs and tents. Much like Baby Beach, these sites are one of the best beaches for your children to play and build sand castles.

Boca Catalina in Malmok
Boca Catalina is a small bay beach near the Malmok beach area further down the hotel areas. Though it may not be a very sandy beach, it is relatively quiet and tranquil. This is a great place for family to lay down a big blanket and have a little picnic. This is also one of the best places to snorkel, as this area is filled with little fish and corals, even close to the shore. ❑



The Aruban native frog 'Dori'

(Oranjestad)—Aruba has a very diverse fauna. Many know the burrowing owl 'Shoco' or the native rattlesnake 'Cascabel', but did you know that Aruba is also home to a small frog specie we call Dori? Rarely spotted around the island, this little frog is recognizable by two inguinal poison glands on its rear that resemble eyes. The Dori is also known as the Colombian four-eyed frog.

Scientifically classified as Pleurodema brachyops, the Dori is a protected animal on Aruba and can also be found in Brazil, Colombia, Guyana, Panama and Venezuela. Though ephemeral or permanent pools are essential for breeding, you can encounter a Dori far from a fresh water source. However, fresh water continues to be important for their survival, so you won't see much of them during Aruba's dry seasons.

The Dori was at one point the only amphibian animal on the island, until the invasive Sapo (marine toad) was introduced around 1960. According to some sources, these species can be accidentally introduced through importation of soil or pre-planted trees.

The Dori population on Aruba is dwindling, so it's highly important to conserve their existence by protecting their habitats (like wetlands).

A recognizable feature of the Dori is its poison glands on its rear. When threatened, Dori lowers its head and raises its rear end. The poison glands of it rise back towards the predator. The glands can look like a set of eyes, causing the predator to confuse the Dori as a larger animal.

If this doesn't work, Dori straightens out its back legs to reveal the vibrant orange coloration in an attempt to startle the predator. If the hungry creature decides to take a bite out of the frog, it ends up with a mouthful of poison. Before the current banknotes of the Aruban florin were introduced in 2019, the Dori was featured on the 100 florin banknotes from 1990 to 2019. ❑

Sources: Ms. Yesenia Arends on Facebook



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Fun facts about the Terns

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



Why terns matter

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

Breeding season

The terns breed mainly along the north coast of Aruba as well as the San Nicolas Reef Islands (No-Go conservation zones). Baby Beach is a particularly special site for terns, since this is where they carry out their reproduction rituals.

Referred to as a "discotheque" by Natasha Silva, the point of Baby Beach near the open water is where a large group of terns spends the season searching for their partner—for life—to reproduce.

In Aruba, there are ten different species of terns, all of which breed at different times. The ten species of terns that migrate to the island include the Cayenne Tern; Cabot's Tern; Common Tern; Roseate Tern; Least Tern; Brown Noddy; Black Noddy; Sooty Tern;

Bridled Tern and the Royal Tern

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



How to protect them

Aruba Conservation Foundation advises everyone to keep their distance from these seabirds, do not visit the reefs, do not fly drones around nesting areas, keep your dogs on leashes, do not drive on the coastline and do not leave trash thrown about.

"Nature has no boundaries and its protection is a shared responsibility."❑





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The stories of "Compa Nanzi"

(Oranjestad)—The most popular character you may hear about in the Caribbean is Anansi, known locally on Aruba as "Compa Nanzi". Local children grew up hearing the tales of the conniving spider, and his legacy forms part of the oral narrative tradition that is common in Aruba.

Although the stories are most popular in the Caribbean, "Compa Nanzi" is not entirely unknown globally, especially not in the West African region. Brought to the "new world" by enslaved Africans from Ghana, the historical thread of how Nanzi was introduced on Aruba follows the enslaved Africans in Curacao during the colonial era, which saw the biggest population of enslaved Africans in the Dutch Caribbean.

The stories of Compa Nanzi were a sign of hope for freedom among the slaves, who passed around different stories involving the famous spider through word of mouth, due to not being able to express their native culture in the new world. These stories were a way to not only preserve their culture, but it acted as a medium for relief during the harsh treatment to which they were subjected to.

It wasn't until the end of the nineteenth century that the stories of Nanzi were written down in different languages. However, not all stories are completely alike in every country, as is the risk of oral story telling. However, one thing will always be dominant in Compa Nanzi's stories: his sneaky ways to get what he wants!

How Nanzi fooled the king

One day Nanzi was taking a stroll near the castle of Shon Arei, the king. He had this sudden urge to walk in. He didn't think too much about it and committed to what he had in mind. It was a warm afternoon, and the castle personnel were taking their afternoon nap. Even the soldier guarding the castle door was fast asleep, snoring so loud that his beard bounced up and down on his chin. Nanzi just slipped past him, looked back for a moment then walk right on in.

Nanzi stumbled upon the king's quarters. With all his excitement he sat in the king's throne, and put on his crown that was hanging on the side of the throne. It was very hot that day, and it wasn't long until Nanzi too fell asleep, right there on the king's throne. He was so deep in sleep and snoring so loud, that even when the king found him in his seat, Nanzi did not even notice.



Shon Arei was flabbergasted by the sight of Nanzi on his throne, wearing his crown. How disrespectful! "Soldiers, get him!" he commanded. Nanzi was sound asleep, but when the soldiers picked him up, he jumped from fright. By then though, the soldier already had him in their hold.

"Put him in a sack, stitch it up and throw him in the ocean!" the king said furiously. Two soldiers immediately entered the chamber, took the crown off Nanzi's head and pushed him in a sack.

Nanzi was terrified; it looks like this time he won't get away with his schemes. To get to the ocean, the soldier walked a long distance, and where beginning to feel very thirsty. Luckily they passed by a pub, and decided to have a nice cold beer. They set the sack with Nanzi in it outside and went to enjoy the refreshments. Nanzi was still trembling with fear in the sack.

What is that he hears? A herd of sheep walking by?
"Compadre, listen here!" Nanzi screamed as loud as he could. The sheep herder got close to the sack. "What is this?"

"Man, there is something very beautiful in here that you can see. It's very rare and strange, but indeed, there is something so beautiful in here that you've never seen or will ever see," Nanzi told the herder.

The herder, very dumb, believed Nanzi's word. "Let me see!" he said.
"Well if you must insist," Nanzi said, "I'll let you take a look, but only for a quick second." The herder opened the sack, and Nanzi immediately jumped out. Before the herder could



even take a look into the sack, Nanzi pushed him in it, and the herder fell head first in.

Nanzi didn't waste any time, and closed off the sack real tight. He then picked up the herder's hat and starting walking behind the traveling sheep as if nothing happened. After a little while, the soldiers headed back outside to continue their journey. As they picked up the sack, the poor herder started screaming to let him out, but the soldiers ignored him, thinking it was Nanzi.

Shon Arei went strolling a while later. He thought to himself: "This time Nanzi could not get away with his foolishness. He probably drowned in that sack ages ago." That is why, when he saw Nanzi walk behind the herd of sheep on the street, he was flabbergasted again. "Nanzi! Aren't you suppose to be at the bottom of the ocean floor?"

"I was, Your Majesty," Nanzi replied. But you know what; there are so many things to see down there in the sack! Like this herd of sheep. Seeing that they had no herder, I started walking behind them and gained their trust pretty quickly. At the bottom of the ocean there are so many wonderful things, like diamonds, and bags of gold. Chests of silver and other precious stones," Nanzi told the king.

"What is that you say?" the king was intrigued. "I want to see it too!"
The king immediately demanded to his soldiers to be put in a sack and be placed in the ocean. Naturally, Shon Arei died because of this. He was never found again. Nanzi followed the soldier back to the castle, where sat once again on the late king's thrown and put his crown on. He took possession of all of Shon Arei's belongings, and lived the rest of his life as king. ❑

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



The Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins and its history

(Oranjestad)—The Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruins is one of the most visited places by tourists on the island, as it lies along the northern coast line near the mini pool and on the way to the Natural Bridge. Despite its seemingly plain appearance, this ruin represents one of the most important histories of the island: The Aruban Gold Rush.



Built in 1872 by English company Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd, the gold mill at Bushiribana was constructed in the area where most gold was found by locals. The story of gold on Aruba actually dates back to 1725, when a first exploration for gold on the island was commissioned by the Dutch West India Company. Under the leadership of Mr. Paulus Printz, a three-year search was conducted on Aruba, to no avail. Though they found some gold, it was enough to motivate a further search, and the assignment was discontinued by Printz himself.

It wasn't until 100 years later, in 1824, when a young boy found a lump of gold while out herding his father's sheep. His father took it to a local merchant who then sold the lump for $70.



Unbeknownst to the boy and his father, they quite literally struck gold, and as word got out, a gold fever spread among the locals who started searching for more gold. About 25 pounds worth was found.

At the same time, the Aruban government took immediate actions, and informed Curacao that gold was found. At first, everyone could look for gold, as long as they sold it to the government. However, after some time, the government decided to implement stricter rules and banned local search parties.

Over the years, concession-holding had seen different companies from around the world, all of which used primitive methods to dig and carve out gold from the rocks. Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd. was no different, but used a unique method that involved grinding the rocks and letting the dust be blown away by the strong northeast wind, leaving clumps of gold behind. The next step was melting the gold and letting it attach to quicksilver in order to obtain pure gold. All these processes were done at the Bushiribana Gold Mill.

The gold mill itself had a short life-span: only 10 years in service, but its structure remained relatively solid till this day, and is now a historical remnant.❑

Sources: Etnia Nativa

Lessons from our elders: Plants and fruits for medicinal use

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



Pineapple

Pineapple has more uses than topping it on your Christmas ham. According to elders, the skin of a pineapple is great to use to refresh your body. Clean the skin thoroughly and make tea or warapa* with it. It is said that this tea can also be drank after an operation on the ovaries or uterus. This gets rid of irritation and inflammation.



Arrowroot

Arrowroot is native to tropical America and can be sold as a powder or whole. It is said that you can take arrowroot powder and make a "shalup" (porridge) for stomach pain or when you're feeling weak. You can make it with milk too, but it is advised to best use just water. You can also add prunes for a bit of sweetness. Arrowroot shalup is also good to treat an unhealthy gut or for diarrhea.

To make arrowroot shalup, boil a bit of water and add one tablespoon of arrowroot powder and stir continuously until you reach porridge consistency. If you make a shalup with milk, add a pinch of salt. Raw arrowroot powder can be used to powder babies.

Eggplant/Aubergine

Eggplants, or aubergines, are easy to find in supermarkets around the world and can be grown all year round on the island. Related to potato and tomato, eggplants are good to calm nerves. It can also be used to lower blood pressure, by steeping its leaves in boiled water and drinking it. You can also make eggplant juice to help purify your blood. However, do make sure to drink slowly; let it mix with your spit and then swallow.

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

*warapa: term referring to a water and sugar solution, a.k.a simple syrup.
*kataplan: porridge-like mixture used externally for wounds or parts of the body that are painful or swollen.



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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1. Petty fight
5. Herrings' cousins
10. Doctrine
12. Jar sticker
13. "Enigma Variations" composer
14. Acrobatic
15. Maximum amount
16. Sixth sense, briefly
18. Bill word
19. Ogle
21. Phone message
22. Spot for some bettors
24. Homer classic
25. Divert
29. Wallet bills
30. Rang
32. Maze runner
33. SEALS org.
34. Screw up
35. In the middle of
37. Neighbor of Togo
39. Dev of "Slumdog Millionaire"
40. Middling card
41. White
42. TV's Lawrence

DOWN

1. Real bargain
2. Bit of shot
3. Rod user
4. Pot brew
5. Sign of freshness
6. Crone
7. Tolerated
8. Sumptuous
9. Wintry weather
11. Cloying sentiment
17. Caribbean island
20. Invasions
21. Kind of pool
23. Wrapped garments
25. Mariner
26. Completely
27. Split
28. Popcorn unit
29. Golf bunkers
31. Guzzled
33. Like an eyesore
36. Fresh
38. Chop up

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40 T	I	A	R	A	■	41 S	42 A	L	S	A
43 E	L	T	O	N	■	44 A	T	L	A	S
45 D	E	E	D	S	■	46 S	T	Y	L	E

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.

11-21 CRYPTOQUOTE

FVNP LTZIPXMI PVX CZD NMA FVNP UEZSVPXMI PVX XQX? FVNP GNCCI UNGB PVX DNIP, CZBX PVX EZGV DHLDBZM DZX?

— RTVM SEXXMCXNK FVZPPZXE

Saturday's Cryptoquote: IF ALL I DO IN MY LIFE IS SOOTHE SOMEONE'S SPIRIT WITH A SONG, THEN LET ME DO THAT AND I'M HAPPY. — GLADYS KNIGHT

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

Difficulty: ★ 11/23

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty: ★★★★★ 11/22

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Has AI's honeymoon ended on Wall Street?



A trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York City on November 16, 2026.

Washington, United States

Although the AI industry has been the darling of Wall Street for years, the sector now makes investors wince as it reckons with a wave of concerns over dizzying spending and its promise to make the technology profitable.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq index was indicative of this shift after plummeting 5.28 percent on Friday, wiping out all gains it had recorded since the start of the year.

"Markets were euphoric" about AI but "there's a huge repricing going on right now," Steve Sostick, a financial analyst with Interactive Brokers, told AFP.

The so-called "Magnificent Seven" tech stocks largely driving the market -- Nvidia, Microsoft, Google, Apple, Amazon, Meta and Tesla -- have seen their combined market capitalization fall by more than $4 trillion in the past month-and-a-half, according to an AFP analysis based on Bloomberg data -- a decrease larger than the annual GDP of France.

"You have a situation now where the bubble already deflated...The question now is how far down will it go?" Adam Sarhan, head of the financial platform MarketTerminal.com, told AFP in an interview.

- U.S. midterms and Nvidia controversy -

While the trajectory of stock markets is never linear, the setbacks have piled up on tech darlings this month.

First, U.S. midterm elections dominated by Democrats "really turned the tide, as it told us that American voters are not fans of artificial intelligence," Sostick said, referencing the many local ballot box measures restricting data centers.

Second, the biggest company in the semiconductor industry, Nvidia, has seen its longtime chief Jensen Huang resign over multiple extramarital affairs, including one with an alleged Chinese spy who may have funneled restricted chips to that country.

With the chip market being so key to the AI industry, the disruption has had widespread ripple effects in the stock market.

- Looming debt -

"The AI investment boom has gone from a promising technology story to a capital markets extravaganza," said Stephen Innes, a manager at SPI Asset Management, with billions of dollars spent to develop the technology.

But as spending has ballooned, so has debt -- and profits have yet to match.

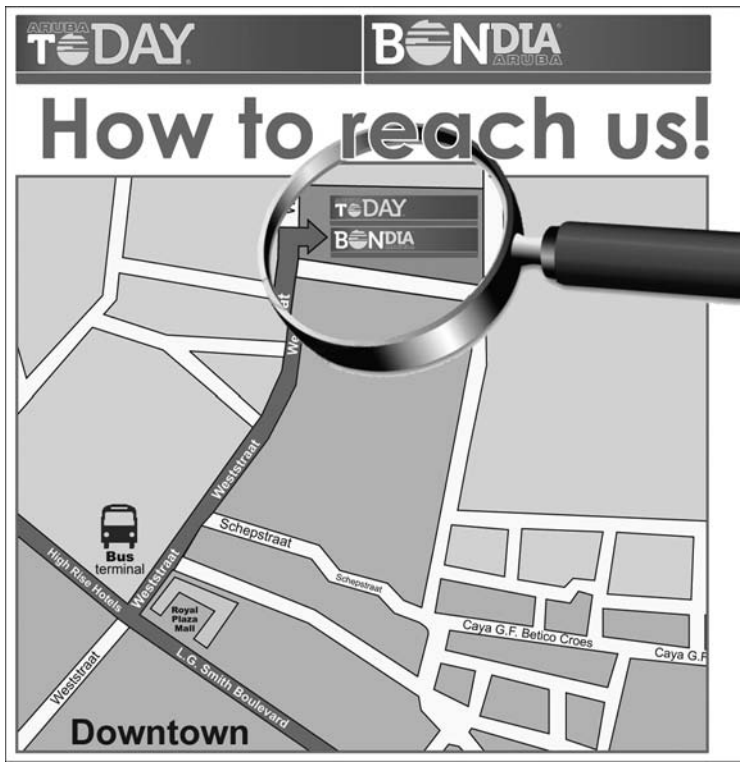
"As the capital needs grew, we started to see investors question how profitable all these investments might be, whether all this money was being spent wisely... the market hadn't been really asking these questions before," Sostick said.

"It seems absurd to ask people to invest money and not have a real sense of what's going to be the return on that investment," he added.

AI giant Anthropic, maker of Claude AI software, made its stock market debut Thursday, raking in an eye-watering $91 billion.

However, even with such a windfall, the company has acknowledged that its financing needs could require it to borrow money in the future.

"The opaqueness of AI-related debt is further compounded by circular links in the form of mutual commitments and interlinked ownerships between firms in the AI supply chain," the European Central Bank warned in a recent report.❑



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Alcaraz downs Zverev to win ATP Finals for first time

Turin, Italy

Carlos Alcaraz won the ATP Finals with a 6-2, 7-6 (9/7) victory over world number one Alexander Zverev in the title match in Turin on Sunday.

After becoming the youngest man to complete a career Grand Slam at the start of the season with victory in the Australian Open, the 23-year-old has bookended an up-and-down year with a first title at the season-ending showpiece tournament.

Alongside Roger Federer, Andre Agassi and Novak Djokovic, Alcaraz now forms part of an exclusive list of men to have won all four majors and the ATP Finals.

With his illustrious compatriot Rafael Nadal never managing to win the season-ending tournament, Alcaraz became the first Spanish champion since Alex Corretja in 1998.

A wrist injury caused Alcaraz to miss a good chunk of the middle of the season and following that victory in Melbourne he failed to add to his seven major titles.

But since returning in August, he has enjoyed a blistering end to the year, winning his last 14 matches to capture trophies at the Vienna Open, the Paris Masters for the first time and now the elusive ATP Finals.



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz poses with the trophy after victory against Germany's Alexander Zverev during the final of the ATP Finals tennis tournament, in Turin on November 22, 2026.

He lost in the season-ender's final to Jannik Sinner last year, but with the injured Italian having curtailed his season, Alcaraz found himself again in the Turin title match against a world number one.

Zverev, a two-time ATP Finals champion, broke his Grand Slam duck this season by claiming the French and US Opens, catapulting him above Alcaraz and Sinner to the top of the rankings.

- Topsy-turvy -

The top two seeds in Italy, Alcaraz and Zverev were a cut above the rest all throughout the tournament, both topping their respective pools with three wins from three.

The first set of Alcaraz's semi-final win over Ben Shelton was the only frame either player had dropped all week.

Indeed Zverev had marched into the final without dropping a service game, but he was mightily tested straight out of the traps by Alcaraz as the world number three forced three break points in the very first game before the German dug in to hold.

Alcaraz was not so wasteful two games later, however, as he broke Zverev to love when the 29-year-old overcooked a mid-court forehand.

Zverev forced break-back points in the next game but, after failing to convert, he was left to rue his luck even further as the Spaniard broke to 30 to grow his lead to 4-1.

Zverev wiped out one break but Alcaraz was nonetheless firmly in the ascendancy and pounced for a third time on the Hamburg native's serve in an entertaining seventh game which saw Zverev dejectedly chuck his racquet to the floor after netting a smash from an Alcaraz tweener lob.

A netted backhand by Zverev -- his 19th unforced error of the match -- on Alcaraz's first set point then brought an end to a surprisingly sloppy opening frame.

The rampant Alcaraz closed in on victory in the third game of the second set as he again broke the out-of-sorts Zverev to love.

But there was a twist in the tale as Zverev broke back to level at 4-4, before confidently consolidating and asking Alcaraz to serve to stay in the set.

Despite falling love-30 down, Alcaraz rallied to hold and, with both players again solid on serve, the set went the distance.

The Murcian took a 3-0 lead in the tie-break before Zverev won the next six points to bring up three set points.

But the Spaniard struck back to wipe them out before getting a mini-break to bring up championship point on his own serve.

The first went begging when he whipped a forehand into the tramlines but he brought up a second with a drop-shot and sealed the title with a backhand.❑



Jeeno Thitikul of Thailand poses with the winner's trophy after winning the CME Group Tour Championship 2026 at Tiburon Golf Club on November 22, 2026 in Naples, Florida.

Jeeno wins third consecutive LPGA Tour Championship

Miami, United States

World number two Jeeno Thitikul of Thailand captured her third consecutive LPGA Tour Championship on Sunday, holding off Japan's Aki Iwai to become the tour's all-time prize money leader.

Jeeno fired a bogey-free seven-under-par 65 to finish 72 holes on 24-under 264 for a historic two-stroke victory in the season-ending $11 million showdown at Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, Florida.

"I have no idea, to be honest," Jeeno said when asked how she pulled off the 'three-peat' run.

"I have no words. The only words I have is not to change the course until I'm retired. It's just me and the course, we just are best friends. I think she is my best friend on the tour."

Jeeno captured the top prize of $4 million (3.6 million euros), the highest in women's golf.

As a result, Jeeno broke Annika Sorenstam's 25-year-old LPGA career prize money record of $22,583,693, the Thai star beginning the day at $20,292,858 in LPGA career winnings.

Jeeno paid tribute to her family in helping her reach the pinnacle of success in women's golf.

"Golf is my priority but family always comes first," Jeeno said.

"When we were young we had a long way. We overcome the obstacles. We overcome the trouble until the time when all people see the success, but behind the scenes it's not all that easy to come here on the LPGA Tour. A lot of talented players."

Not since South Korean Park In-bee at the Women's PGA Championship in 2015 had a player won the same LPGA event three years in a row and no one had ever won the Tour Championship three years in a row.

Jeeno took her 12th career LPGA title and fifth of the year after wins at LPGA Thailand, the Mizuho Americas Open, Portland Classic and Lotte Championship in Hawaii.

Iwai fired a 65 to finish second on 266 and take home $1 million. She played the final 68 holes of the tournament without a bogey or worse, the longest such LPGA streak this season, but fell short.❑

Mahomes and Prescott roll as Lions, Bears and Bills stretch streaks

Los Angeles, United States

Patrick Mahomes and Dak Prescott shined in lopsided triumphs on Sunday while the Detroit Lions, Buffalo Bills and Chicago Bears stretched their NFL win streaks with comprehensive victories.

Kansas City's Mahomes completed 27-of-39 passes for 324 yards and three touchdowns in a 34-7 home rout of Arizona as the Chiefs improved to 8-2.

Emmett Johnson ran for 105 yards and a touchdown as Kansas City cruised to a 27-7 halftime lead.

Prescott threw for 325 yards and four touchdowns and ran for another score as the Dallas Cowboys routed Tennessee 51-30.

Javonte Williams and Ka-Vontae Turpin ran for touchdowns as Dallas improved to 5-6 while the Titans slid to 1-9 despite two touchdown passes and a TD run by Cam Ward.

Josh Allen threw for 304 yards and a touchdown and James Cook ran for 89 yards and a touchdown



Patrick Mahomes #15 of the Kansas City Chiefs looks on in the line of scrimmage against the Arizona Cardinals during the first quarter at Arrowhead Stadium on November 22, 2026 in Kansas City, Missouri.

to spark host Buffalo over Miami 26-9 as the Bills (9-1) stretched their win streak to six games by dumping the Dolphins (1-9).

Jared Goff completed 20-of-28 passes for 279 yards and two touchdowns while Jahmyr Gibbs ran for 98 yards and two touchdowns in Detroit's 31-21 home triumph over Tampa Bay.

Goff fired a 14-yard touchdown pass to Amon-Ra St. Brown and a 57-yard touchdown to Jameson Williams while Gibbs scored on runs of one and four yards in the fourth quarter to seal the Lions' sixth victory in a row.

Chicago's win streak hit five as the Bears matched the Lions at 8-2 with a 21-13 home win over New Orleans as Caleb Williams threw for 181 yards and two touchdowns.

Philadelphia snapped a seven-game losing streak with a 19-16 home win over Pittsburgh, the woeful Eagles improving to 3-7.

Saquon Barkley had a 38-yard touchdown run and Jake Elliott kicked four field goals, including 53- and 55-yarders in the second half, to upset the Steelers (6-4).

At Charlotte, Chuba Hubbard ran for 120 yards and two touchdowns and Bryce Young threw for 254 yards and two touchdowns as Carolina edged Baltimore 35-33.

Ryan Fitzgerald's 37-yard field goal with 1:44 remaining gave the Panthers the winning points and extended Baltimore's losing streak to six games.

San Francisco (8-1) and Minnesota (7-2) meet in a night showdown at Mexico City. Later games also include Jacksonville (7-2) at the New York Giants (5-3-1) and Las Vegas (4-6) at Denver (7-2).❑

Skubal agrees to nine-year $450 mln MLB deal with Mets: reports

New York, United States

Tarik Skubal, a two-time Cy Young Award winner as Major League Baseball's top pitcher, has agreed to terms on a record nine-year deal worth $450 million with the New York Mets, according to multiple reports on Sunday.

The 30-year-old American left-hander spent his first six seasons with the Detroit Tigers before joining the Los Angeles Dodgers in a trade last August, but he was unable to help the club lift a third consecutive World Series trophy.

The $50 million (45.5 million euros) average annual value would make the deal a record for pitchers, surpassing the $43.3 million annual value of contracts for Max Scherzer and Justin Verlander.

Skubal's deal also would be the richest contract for any pitcher in MLB history, surpassing the mark of $325 million set when the Dodgers signed Japan's Yoshinobu Yamamoto to a 12-year



Tarik Skubal #29 of the Los Angeles Dodgers throws a pitch against the Milwaukee Brewers during the first inning in game one of the National League Championship Series at American Family Field on October 11, 2026 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

deal in 2024.

Skubal became only the 12th pitcher in MLB history to win back-to-back Cy Youngs when he captured the award in the American League in 2024 and 2025.

He completed the AL triple crown in 2024, leading the league in wins with 18 and in earned-run average at 2.39 plus topping MLB in strikeouts with 228.

Skubal, a unanimous Cy Young choice in 2024, also had the AL's lowest earned-run average in 2025 at 2.21 and struck out 241 batters over 195 1/3 innings to repeat.

In 2026, he won an arbitration hearing and was awarded $32 million for the 2026 season, but the campaign was cut short in May when he had to undergo surgery for loose bodies in his elbow.

He returned in July and after joining the Dodgers, Skubal went 5-2 with a 2.61 ERA and 70 strikeouts over 62 innings, then went 1-1 in the playoffs, where the Dodgers were eliminated by eventual champion Milwaukee.

Skubal, considered the top free agent player available, made the agreement as MLB owners and the MLB Players Association stand deadlocked over how to divide profits with the December 1 deadline for a new deal fast approaching.

If the sides cannot agree on terms for a new collective bargaining agreement, a lockout is expected next month.

Owners demand a salary cap system while the union has been against such a format for decades.❑



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

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.

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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.

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