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Judge says former Trump lawyer Alina Habba has been unlawfully serving as US attorney in New Jersey

By **MIKE CATALINI**
Associated Press

A federal judge ruled Thursday that President Donald Trump's former lawyer, Alina Habba, has been unlawfully serving as the top federal prosecutor in New Jersey.

The court, saying the administration used "a novel series of legal and personnel moves," held that Habba's term as the interim U.S. attorney ended in July, and the Trump administration's maneuvers to keep her in the role without getting confirmation from the U.S. Senate didn't follow procedures required by federal law.

"Faced with the question of whether Ms. Habba is lawfully performing the functions and duties of the office of the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, I conclude that she is not," Chief U.S. District Judge Matthew Brann wrote.

The opinion says that Habba's actions since July "may be declared void." Brann, a Barack Obama appointee, said he's putting his order on hold pending an appeal. It wasn't immediately clear if that meant Habba would re-



Alina Habba, President Donald Trump's pick to be the interim U.S. Attorney for New Jersey, speaks with reporters outside the White House, March 26, 2025, in Washington.

Associated Press

main in charge of the U.S. attorney's office.

A message seeking comment was sent to Habba's office Thursday.

The Justice Department said it intends to appeal the ruling.

Brann's decision comes in response to a filing on behalf of New Jersey defendants challenging Habba's tenure and the charges she was prosecuting against them.

They sought to block the charges against them, arguing that Habba didn't have the authority to prosecute the case after her 120-day term as interim U.S. attorney expired in July.

The defendants' motion to block Habba, a one-time White House adviser to President Donald Trump and his former personal defense attorney, is another high-profile chapter in her short tenure.

She made headlines when Trump named her U.S. attorney for New Jersey in March. She said the state could "turn red," a rare, overt political expression from a prosecutor, and said she planned to investigate the state's Democratic governor and attorney general.

She then brought a trespassing charge, which was eventually dropped, against Newark Mayor Ras

Baraka stemming from his visit to a federal immigration detention center. Habba later charged Democratic Rep. LaMonica McIver with assault stemming from the same incident, a rare federal criminal case against a sitting member of Congress other than for corruption. She denies the charges and has pleaded not guilty.

Volatility over her tenure unfolded in late July when the four-month temporary appointment was coming to a close and it became clear that she would not get support from home state Sens. Cory Booker and Andy Kim, both Democrats, effectively torpedoing her chances of Senate approval.

The president withdrew her nomination.

Around the same time, federal judges in New Jersey exercised their power under the law to replace Habba with a career prosecutor when Habba's temporary appointment lapsed, but Attorney General Pam Bondi fired that prosecutor and renamed Habba as acting U.S. attorney.

In his opinion Brann questioned the legal moves the administration conducted to keep Habba in place. □

Wisconsin court commissioner resigns after dispute over immigration warrant

By **SCOTT BAUER**
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A Wisconsin court commissioner has resigned from

his job after he asked to see an immigration arrest warrant, the latest conflict between judges and President Donald Trump's

administration over the Republican's sweeping immigration crackdown.

Peter Navis, who worked as a Walworth County Court Commissioner for four years, resigned from his position last month, county clerk Michelle Jacobs said Thursday. She declined to comment further because it is a personnel matter.

The incident that cost Navis his job happened on July 15. It was first reported on Thursday by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

The blowup in Navis' courtroom comes after Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Hannah Dugan was charged in May with obstructing federal officers

and attempting to hide a person to avoid arrest. Authorities said Dugan tried to help a man who is in the country illegally evade U.S. immigration agents who wanted to arrest him in her courthouse.

Dugan is seeking to have the charges against her dropped, arguing that she was acting in her official capacity as a judge and therefore is immune to prosecution. A ruling on that motion by U.S. District Judge Lynn Adelman is pending.

Navis was presiding in his courtroom that day in the case of Enrique Onan Zamora Castro, of Milwaukee, who faced a misde-

meanor charge of operating a vehicle without a valid driver's license for the second time in three years. Navis said in an interview Thursday that about 15 minutes before Castro's case was to be called, a deputy told him that Castro was going to be arrested on behalf of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, on an immigration warrant.

A court transcript shows that Navis objected to sheriff's deputies attempting to detain Castro without a valid federal warrant.

"In my courtroom, a person cannot be detained without lawful authority," Navis said in the transcript. □



Immigration agents conduct an operation at a car wash, Aug. 15, 2025, in Montebello, Calif.

Associated Press

Illegal immigration hit a record-high of 14 million in the U.S. in 2023, Pew report finds

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

The number of people in the United States illegally surged to an all-time high of 14 million in 2023, a research group said Thursday, a major increase that still falls well short of estimates from President Donald Trump and some critics of immigration.

The Pew Research Center's closely watched gauge rose from 11.8 million a year earlier and surpassed the previous high of 12.2 million in 2007. The increase was driven by some 6 million who were in the country with some form of legal protection. Trump has stripped many of those protections since taking office in January.

Pew, whose estimates date back to 1990, said that, while 2023 is its latest full analysis, preliminary findings show the number rose in 2024, though at a slower rate after then-President Joe Biden severely restricted asylum at the border in June of that year. The number dropped this year under Trump, but is still likely above 14 million.

The overall U.S. immigrant population, regardless of legal status, reached an



A family of five claiming to be from Guatemala and a man stating he was from Peru, in pink shirt, walk through the desert after crossing the border wall in the Tucson Sector of the U.S.-Mexico border, Aug. 29, 2023, in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument near Lukeville, Ariz.

Associated Press

all-time high of more than 53 million in January 2025, accounting for a record 15.8% of the U.S. population. The number has since dropped, which Pew said would be the first time it has shrunk since the 1960s.

While the findings are unlikely to settle debate, Pew's report is one of the most complete attempts to measure illegal immigration. Nearly all the increase came from countries other

than Mexico. Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and India accounted for the largest numbers after Mexico. Totals from Venezuela, Cuba, Colombia, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Ukraine and Peru each more than doubled in two years.

Trump said in an address to Congress in March that 21 million people "poured into the United States" during the previous four years, far exceeding estimates

from Pew and what figures on border arrests suggest. The Federation for American Immigration Reform, a group largely aligned with his policies, estimated 18.6 million in March.

The Center for Immigration Studies, a group that favors immigration restrictions, reported that there were 14.2 million people in the U.S. illegally last month, down from a peak of 15.8 million in January. Homeland Security

Secretary Kristi Noem touted the reported drop of 1.6 million in six months. "This is massive," she said in a press release last week.

Noem's own department, through its Office of Homeland Security Statistics, estimates there were 11 million people in the U.S. illegally in 2022, its most recent count. The Center for Migration Studies, author of another closely watched survey, most recently pegged the number at 12.2 million in 2022, topping its previous high of 12 million in 2008.

Pew's findings, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau survey and Department of Homeland Security, reflect an increase in people crossing the border illegally to exercise rights to seek asylum and Biden-era policies to grant temporary legal status. Those policies included a border appointment system called CBP One and permits for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans and Venezuelans. Trump has ended those policies and also sought to reverse Biden's expansion of Temporary Protected Status for people already in the United States whose countries are deemed unsafe to return to. □

Privacy and civil rights groups urge U.S. colleges to end campus surveillance to protect protesters

By ADAM GELLER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A coalition of more than 30 privacy

and civil rights groups called on U.S. universities Thursday to dismantle campus surveillance and

data collection, to protect student protesters and others from government retaliation.

The demands, issued in a letter sent to leaders of 60 major universities and colleges, come as President Donald Trump has pressed schools to crack down on alleged antisemitism and take a harder line on demonstrations.

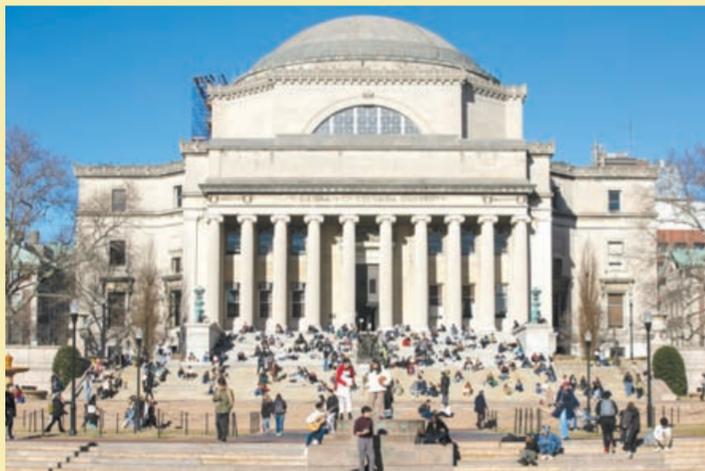
But the groups said it is essential that universities resist that pressure, including threats to millions of dollars in federal research grants, to preserve the academic freedom and rights to expression of their students, faculty and others.

"We are open-eyed to

the financial pressure that all campuses are under," said Golnaz Fakhimi, legal director for Muslim Advocates, a civil rights group that has counseled students who participated in pro-Palestinian protests and which joined in signing the letter. "But we think this is the moment for all campuses to hunker down" and hold the line against government interference. In their letter, the groups called on university leaders to refuse to cooperate with law enforcement agencies seeking to surveil, detain or deport students, and demanded they do more to secure and delete sensitive data.

The letter also asked that schools reject restrictions on masks worn by some student protesters to conceal their identities, work to prevent doxing and dismantle campus surveillance systems.

"Without immediate action, surveillance tools and the data they amass will be used to supercharge the virulent attacks on campus communities," says the letter, coordinated by the group Fight for the Future. It was signed by 32 groups, including Amnesty International USA, the Electronic Privacy Information Center and the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. □



Students sit on the front steps of Low Memorial Library on the Columbia University campus in New York City, Feb. 10, 2023.

Associated Press

Reporter says former aide to New York City Mayor Eric Adams gave her a chip bag filled with cash

By **DAVE COLLINS**
Associated Press

A longtime adviser to New York City Mayor Eric Adams who resigned from his administration while under FBI scrutiny gave a reporter a potato chip bag filled with cash Wednesday following a campaign event, a gift her lawyer later insisted wasn't an attempted bribe.

The local news site The City reported the episode hours after one of its reporters said Winnie Greco had pressed a bag of potato chips into her hands containing a red envelope with a \$100 bill and several \$20 bills.

The reporter, Katie Honan, had scrutinized Greco's conduct in the past as a major fundraiser for Adams in the Chinese American community.

Greco's attorney, Steven Brill, told The Associated Press that the situation was being "blown out of proportion." "This was not a bag of cash," Brill wrote in an email. "In the Chinese culture, money is often given to others in a gesture of friendship and gratitude. And that's all that was done here. Winnie's intention was born purely out of kindness."

Asked why Greco wanted to make such a gesture to Honan, Brill said, "She knows the reporter and is fond of her."



This photo provided by the New York Mayoral Photography Office shows New York Mayor Eric Adams as he delivers remarks and marches in the 21st Autumn Moon Festival and 12th China Day Festival with Winnie Greco, right, Oct. 1, 2023, in New York.

The City said it interviewed Greco later Wednesday and she apologized, saying she made "a mistake."

"I'm so sorry. It's a culture thing. I don't know. I don't understand. I'm so sorry. I feel so bad right now," Greco said, according to The City. In response to the report of the bag filled with cash, Adams' reelection campaign said it had suspended Greco from further work as an unpaid volunteer and that Adams had no prior knowledge of Greco's actions.

The City reported Greco had texted Honan to meet her inside a Whole Foods store after they both attended the opening of Adams' campaign headquarters in Harlem.

When given the chip bag, Honan at first thought Greco was just giving her a snack and said she could not accept it but Greco insisted, according to the report.

Honan left and later discovered the money, then called Greco and told her she could not accept it and

asked to give it back. Greco said they could meet later but then stopped responding, the report said.

Greco later called The City back and asked them not to do a story, saying "I try to be a good person," the news outlet reported.

A City Hall spokesperson declined to comment Wednesday night. An Adams campaign aide, Todd Shapiro, said Greco holds no position in the campaign.

"We are shocked by these reports," Shapiro said. "Mayor

Adams had no prior knowledge of this matter. He has always demanded the highest ethical and legal standards, and his sole focus remains on serving the people of New York City with integrity."

A text message sent to a phone number listed in public records for Greco was not immediately returned Wednesday night.

Since she resigned as Adams' director of Asian affairs last fall, Greco has occasionally been seen at Adams campaign events. Before her resignation, Greco had served as Adams' longtime liaison with the city's Chinese American community. She was also a prolific fundraiser for Adams' campaigns.

In February of 2024, federal agents searched two properties belonging to Greco. Authorities didn't explain what the investigation was about, and Greco has not been charged with committing a crime, but she was a number of close aides to Adams who resigned or were fired amid the federal scrutiny.

The City has reported extensively on the investigation and Greco's conduct, including a campaign volunteer's allegations that Greco had promised to get him a city job if he helped renovate her home. □



United and Delta Airlines jetliners taxi down a runway for take off at Denver International Airport, Dec. 24, 2024, in Denver.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A pair of federal lawsuits filed in San Francisco and New York this week accuse Delta Air Lines and United Airlines of misleading passengers by charging premium fees for window seats next to blank

walls. A New York law firm brought the cases as proposed class actions on behalf of any passengers who say they wouldn't have selected or paid more for their reserved places if they had known the

Passengers sue United and Delta for selling 'window' seats next to blank walls

seats did not include a window.

"We have received a flood of interest from passengers who feel they have been harmed by this practice and who wish to join the lawsuits," the Greenbaum Olbrantz firm said in a statement. "It makes sense that people are upset. The majority of Americans fly on one of these airlines at some point and a large proportion of them want or need a window, and they pay good money for the privilege."

Both Delta and United declined to comment, citing pending litigation.

The lawsuit against Delta Air

Lines states that when New York resident Nicholas Meyer arrived at row No. 23 for a flight to California earlier this month, he discovered the seat he bought was next to a blank wall.

At no point during the seat selection process did Delta warn him that 23F was a windowless window seat, according to Meyer, one of the lead plaintiffs.

Alaska Airlines and American Airlines also sell such seats but disclose the information when customers choose their seats, the lawsuits assert.

The lawsuits allege that United and Delta long have

been aware of consumer complaints posted on social media about the windowless seats yet continued charging extra for window seats without windows.

The Delta lawsuit includes screenshots of some of those complaints.

"Your seat map should not consider this premium, nor should it call it a window seat ... There is actually LESS leg room and no perks," one Delta customer said in a post on Reddit.

The proposed class actions are seeking millions of dollars in damages from each carrier. □

Uganda agrees to take deported migrants from U.S. if they don't have criminal records

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Uganda has agreed to a deal with the United States to take deported migrants as long as they don't have criminal records and are not unaccompanied minors, the foreign ministry said Thursday.

The ministry said in a statement that the agreement had been concluded but that terms were still being worked out. It added that Uganda prefers that the migrants sent there be of African nationalities, but did not elaborate on what Uganda might get in return for accepting deportees.

The U.S. embassy in Uganda declined to comment on what it called "diplomatic negotiations," but said that diplomats were seeking to uphold U.S. President Donald Trump's "policy of keeping Americans safe." The Trump administration has been seeking ways to deter migrants from entering the country illegally and to deport those who already have done so, especially those with criminal records and including those who cannot easily be deported to their home country.



People wade into the waters of Lake Victoria, the world's second-largest freshwater lake, Nov. 25, 2024, in Entebbe, Uganda.

Human rights activists criticized the deportee deal as possibly going against international law.

Henry Okello Oryem, Uganda's state minister for foreign affairs, on Wednesday had denied that any agreement on deportees had been reached, though he said his government was in discussions about "visas, tariffs, sanctions, and relat-

ed issues." He also suggested that his country would draw the line at accepting people associated with criminal groups.

"We are talking about cartels: people who are unwanted in their own countries. How can we integrate them into local communities in Uganda?" he said at the time.

Oryem and other Ugandan

government officials declined to comment Thursday.

Opposition lawmaker Mwada Nkunyingi suggested that such a deal with the United States would give the Ugandan government legitimacy ahead of elections, and urged Washington not to turn a blind eye toward what he described as human rights and gover-

nance issues in Uganda. Uganda's leaders will rush into a deal to "clear their image now that we are heading into the 2026 elections," Nkunyingi said.

Human rights lawyer Nicholas Opio likened a deportee deal to human trafficking, and said it would leave status of the deportees unclear. "Are they refugees or prisoners?" he said.

"The proposed deal runs afoul of international law. We are sacrificing human beings for political expediency; in this case because Uganda wants to be in the good books of the United States," he said. "That I can keep your prisoners if you pay me; how is that different from human trafficking?"

In July, the U.S. deported five men with criminal backgrounds to the southern African kingdom of Eswatini and sent eight more to South Sudan.

The men from Cuba, Jamaica, Laos, Yemen and Vietnam sent to Eswatini are being held in solitary confinement until they can be deported to their home countries, which could take up to a year. □

Associated Press

Lawyers for Brazil's Bolsonaro surprised by new accusation of obstruction of justice

By MAURICIO SAVARESE
Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Lawyers for former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro expressed surprise Thursday by the federal police's decision to formally accuse him of obstruction of justice less than two weeks ahead of the verdict and sentencing phase of his trial over an alleged coup plot. Bolsonaro would face another trial if the attorney-general decides to charge him based on the new accusations.

The federal police investigation unveiled on Wednesday showed Bolsonaro considered seeking political asylum in Argentina last year and that he continued to com-

municate with allies in recent weeks despite precautionary measures that now force him to be under house arrest.

Justice Alexandre de Moraes, who oversees the case, told Bolsonaro's lawyers late on Wednesday that they had 48 hours to explain why the former president was not complying with measures established for his house arrest order.

Bolsonaro's lawyers denied any wrongdoing.

"There was never noncompliance with any precautionary measure previously imposed," the lawyers said in a statement, in which they added they will clarify Bolsonaro's recent actions to de Moraes in a timely

fashion.

Also on Thursday, one of Bolsonaro's lawyers said in a TV interview that the former president never seriously considered seeking political asylum in Argentina. Paulo Cunha Bueno told TV GloboNews that Bolsonaro received "every kind of suggestion" as the investigations on him went forward.

"Someone sent him that asylum request in February of 2024. He could have gone, but he did not. He didn't want it and he was neither in house arrest nor in ankle monitoring. He had every condition to flee and he did not," Cunha said.

Bolsonaro claimed in a 33-page document to Milei he was being politically perse-

cuted in Brazil, documents obtained by federal police show. Both are staunch supporters of U.S. President Donald Trump, who has

recently repeated some of the former president's claims in his decision to impose 50% tariffs on Brazilian exports. □



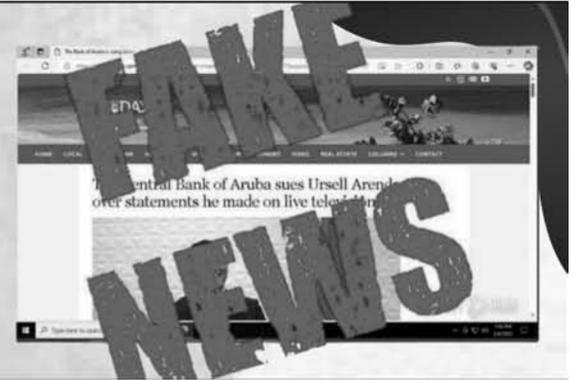
Brazil's former President Jair Bolsonaro, center, temporarily allowed out of house arrest for medical exams, departs a hospital in Brasília, Brazil, Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025.

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The U.S. and E.U. release a bare-bones account of their trade deal, but it's a work in progress

By SAM McNEIL, DAVID McHUGH and FATIMA HUSSEIN

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — American and European Union officials released a bare-bones account Thursday of their trade deal that imposes a 15% import tax on 70% of European goods exported to the United States, but they left blank key areas such as wine and spirits as well as steel and indicated that talks would continue on those and a slew of other important sectors. The two sides said the document was only “a first step in a process that can be further expanded to cover additional areas.”

They are dealing with the vast range of goods traded between the two economies in what is the largest bilateral trading relationship in the world, involving \$2 trillion in annual trans-Atlantic business.

The 3 1/2-page text represents a political commitment and is not legally



President Donald Trump and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen talk after reaching a trade deal at the Trump Turnberry golf course in Turnberry, Scotland Sunday, July 27, 2025.

Associated Press

binding. It contrasts with the typical format for trade agreements, which can be hundreds of pages long and carry legal force.

The key provisions are the

15% tariff on most EU goods, a zero rate on U.S. cars and other industrial goods exported to the 27-member EU, and a range of exceptions to the 15% rate for

aircraft and aircraft parts, generic pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical ingredients, with other sectors to be added for goods crucial to each other's economies.

Those goods would face lower tariffs from before President Donald Trump's tariff onslaught.

“The EU has agreed to open its \$20 Trillion market,” Trump's commerce secretary, Howard Lutnick, said on X. “The second largest in the world behind the great USA.”

He said the deal was “a major win for American workers, US industries, and our national security. Tariffs should be one of America's favorite words.”

European officials have had to defend the deal against dismay from businesses and member governments at the higher tariffs and criticism that the EU gave away too much. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen sold the deal as granting quick relief from the even higher U.S. tariff on EU cars of 27.5% and as opening the way for further negotiations that could exclude more goods from the 15% tariffs. □

Guatemala grants temporary status to 161 Mexicans fleeing organized crime



An aerial view of Vuelтамina village in La Mesilla, Guatemala, on the border with Mexico, July 30, 2025.

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Guatemala on Wednesday granted temporary humanitarian status to 161 Mexicans who fled their country last week seeking refuge from organized crime, even as Mexican officials denied that anyone had been displaced. The Guatemalan Immigration Institute said that 39 families, including 69 children, from the Mexican municipality of Frontera Comalapa would be allowed temporarily to remain legally in the country.

The families were staying in rented homes, with relatives or in temporary shelters in the Guatemalan border town of La Mesilla.

But Eduardo Ramírez, governor of the Mexican border state of Chiapas, said Wednesday on X that those who went to Guatemala have relatives who have been arrested and are facing charges in Mexico, a claim he made without provid-

ing evidence.

“The organized crime that operates in the neighboring country of Guatemala wants to discredit our public safety strategy that has given tranquility and social peace in Chiapas” by saying people have been forcibly displaced by crime, Ramírez wrote. “I categorically deny that fact.”

It was not the first time that Mexicans crossed the border to escape violence. In July of last year, nearly 600 crossed at another point on the border.

Two of Mexico's most powerful cartels from the northern states of Sinaloa and Jalisco have been battling for control of smuggling routes in the area of southern Mexico in recent years causing multiple displacements. In June, Chiapas state police pursued suspects into Guatemala and engaged in a shootout. □

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.

No interfering, please

Please refrain from interfering with the “Lora”. The 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.

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. □



Surf’s Up: Favorite places to catch waves in Aruba

ORANJESTAD – Whether you are a salt-seasoned surfer looking for a thrill, or just looking to wet your toes in a little ocean adventure, Aruba has amazing places to learn and practice surfing! Although more known for the calmer waters of Palm Beach, Eagle Beach and Mangel Halto, Aruba also has some special places to thrill your senses.

Because of strong winds and breezes, Aruba is perfect for wind and kite surfing. You will surely notice kites in the air as you drive around the wilder, rougher areas on Aruba’s east side.

There are plenty of surf shop rentals to help you with your gear, and there are also a lot of tutors if you’re looking to try for the first time and need a little help. These can be found around the island, and will surely come in hand if you’re wanting to try a new experience!

With that said, here are Aruba’s

favorite surf spots!

Andicuri

Andicuri is recognized as the best place for body boarding. Because of the rough waves, this beach is better suited for those with more experience in surfing. However, the beach with two bluffs – one on each side – is worth a visit, if only to watch the exciting show presented by the surfers.

To go to Andicuri, you will need a 4×4 vehicle and drive from the ex-Natural Bridge Center. Alternatively, you can make it an adventure by going on a hike! The scenery is unique and beautiful on its own.

Reaching Andicuri Beach can be an adventure in itself, as it can be difficult to find and is only accessible by 4×4 vehicle or walking from the ex-Natural Bridge center, but the impressive scenery makes it all worthwhile!

Arashi

Arashi, a beach located close to the California Lighthouse, is a good spot for learning and having fun – if you’re lucky! The waves at Arashi are usually calm, but with just the right weather, a swell forms attracting all the local surfers to the area.

Boca Grandi

Boca Grandi is at the most southern spot in Aruba, and is a popular spot with experienced surfers. Close to the famous Red Anchor and our beloved Sunrise City – San Nicolas, a trip to Boca Grandi can easily turn into an all-day trip to this area of the island. With a beautiful beach (although it is not allowed to swim here, because of strong currents), you can enjoy a relaxing time combing the beach for driftwood, coral, and little crabs and snails.

Hadicurari

Known locally as Fisherman’s Hut, here is where you will find most of



the action for surfers in Aruba. With a variety of surf shops and schools in this area, you will find it easy to get in on the action. Hadicurari is also the site of the Aruba Hi Winds World Challenge, which takes place usually in June/July, and it is the largest windsurfing competition in the Caribbean!

Malmok

If you’re a beginner, this is your spot. There are also various shops to rent gear and receive lessons, facilitating learning and just trying out a new experience. The beach is also popular for paddleboarding and other watersport activities. □

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The Bali Restaurant: a touristic hot spot and lost gem on the island

(Oranjestad)—Once located in what is now the Renaissance Marina, the Bali Restaurant was once both a touristic and local hot spot, and nowadays it's considered a forgotten gem on the island.

Known as "the floating restaurant", Bali first opened in 1955 by Willem "Bill" Strijland, who had experience in Javanese cuisine. At the time, the restaurant was pretty exclusive—with space to host only 25 guests. Yet, 4 years later, it was named the best restaurant in the Caribbean by the Caribbean Tourist Association.

The restaurant was probably most iconic for its Javanese-inspired exterior with its pointy, slanted roofs. However, the first version of Bali did not look like that at all but was still considered as one of the most popular restaurants on the island at the time. The restaurant

saw three different owners during its existence, during which it underwent various renovations and rebranding.

In 1964, the restaurant was taken over by Karel "Carl" Schmand. Over the years, the restaurant needed constant renovation and repair, mainly due to its vul-

nerability to leaks and the unstable pillars underneath the foundation. However, the biggest change made to the restaurant happened in the year 1970—still under the ownership of Schmand, when it got its iconic pointy roofs. The restaurant was also expanded to host a total of 85 guests. This was "The New Bali", who had its

official (re)opening in 1972.

After 1972, when Ronny Schmand took over, the restaurant saw yet another expansion; this time complete with a long bar and dance floor, where guests enjoyed live music from legendary Aruban musician and composer, Toti Arends.

After 1989, the restaurant was again handed over to other owners, and since then suffered from unstable pillars underneath the foundation, resulting in various leaks and overflowing of water into the restaurant. And as most great things come to an end, so did the survival and maintenance of the Bali Restaurant. However, folks today still reminisce its legacy, and it's now considered a lost monument.

Be apart of the conversation: if you or any family member of yours have a memory of the Bali restaurant, whether it be a picture or just a story, share it with us! We would love to see this legendary hot spot through the lens of our visitors! ☐

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Ayo & Casibari: Aruba's famous rock formations

(Oranjestad)—The Ayo and Casibari Rock Formations are known locally as one of the crucial sites to have in your "off-road" trip itinerary. These naturally formed rock formations as just one of the few places on the island that hold a rich history of our culture and of our ancestors.

Ayo

The Ayo Rock Formation is located in the northern part of the island, right on the road that leads you to the Black Stone Beach, and close to the Natural Bridge. The Ayo is a fenced terrain that consists of several giant boulders, resting neatly on top of or side by side each other, adding gorgeous natural architecture to the surrounding "mondi". This is also one of the few sites to contain prehistoric markings of our indigenous ancestors. The Ayo Rock formation contains stairs that lead you to the top of the highest boulder, offering a breath-taking



view of the Aruban backyard. The Ayo is usually quiet, as it is situated farther away from the busier parts of the island. However, this is just another charm of the site: the quiet area and the refreshing breeze offer a sense of comfort and peace.

Casibari

Probably the busier rock formation site, the Casibari is situated more in the center of the island, much closer—and more accessible—to the general public. Just like Ayo, Casibari is a fenced area containing several boulders that lay on top

or lean on each other. The best aspect of the Casibari Rock Formation is the accompanying view when you climb up the top of the round, flat bolder. For this position, you can see the majority of the island and the ocean in the south. Right in front of the entrance, there is the Casibari Café and Grill, a great place to get refreshments and snack before continuing your off-road adventure!

Both sites are open free to the public, 24 hours a day. However, unless you are taking a trip with a professional tour guide, there are no guides at the sites to help you climb the rock. So, do be careful when trudging on the boulders, and make sure to befriend any roaming goats you see along the way!

*Mondi: what we call our Aruban wilderness. We don't have forests, or deserts, but we do have mondi! □

Dining in? Try making a local favorite; How to make "pan bati"

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

Ingredients:

- 2 cups of all purpose flour
- 1 cup grams of fine cornmeal (we recommend the Harina PAN brand)
- 2 tbsp baking powder
- 1 1/3 cup of milk
- 1 pinch of salt
- 2 tbsp of granulated sugar
- Oil for cooking

Instructions:

Add all the dry ingredients in a bowl first, and stir until well mixed. Then add the milk and beat until reached a pancake-like consistency. If more moister is needed, add some water until reached desired consistency.

In a hot pan with oil, pour in enough batter to cover the bottom of the pan. Just like pancakes, flip the pan bati when one side turns golden brown. When your pan bati is ready, place on a plate and cover with a

clean kitchen towel.

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



National Park Arikok: Aruba's biggest nature conservation

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 numerous animals to discover, for example the bright blue Cododo or mighty Warawara.

The national park Arikok takes you on a memorable journey of the islands 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 seven species of sea turtle lay their eggs on Aruba's beaches? 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*) heading back to the ocean after laying her eggs. 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.

Nature Conservation

The protected area of National Park Arikok was officially established in 2000. Arikok National Park is a 34 square kilometers (7907 acres) of natural area, located at the north-eastern part of Aruba which contains examples of most of the island's flora and fauna against a backdrop of great geological complexity. We are proud to state that approximately 18% of the total land area of Aruba is assigned as a National Park, to protect and preserve the flora, fauna, geology



and historical remains present within Arikok National Park.

The Landscape

There is a great geological variety within the park. The main aspects are the rough hills of the volcanic Aruba lava formation, the mysterious rocks of the batholithic quartz-diorite/tonalite, and the limestone rocks from fossilized coral. The two tallest hills on the island are situated within the park. Jamanota hill 188 meters (617 ft) and Arikok hill 176 meters (577 ft), from which the name of the park is derived.

The line of the permanently wind-and-wave beaten North Coast is broken by several bays (boca's). Most of them are small yet impressive inlets at the mouth of dry riverbeds. Some of these bays (boca's) are spectacular sights, adorned with white, sandy beaches and sand dunes, as is the case at Boca Prins and Dos Playa.

Arikok is also home to Conchi, Aruba's most important natural attraction; also known as The Natu-

ral Pool. The journey to the Pool is and adventure by itself and only possible by foot, horse, or 4x4 vehicle. As of 2020, ATV's and UTVs are not allowed in the park due to its significant impact they have on nature.

Cultural and Historical components

There are a number of sites within the park that attest to the history of Aruba. The Caquetío Indians left rock paintings in Cunucu Arikok and Fontein Cave.

Old plantation (Cunucus) sites tell the story of an active yet challenging agricultural past.

These Cunucus were also residential areas for the few families that worked the land. These families found ways to survive in the difficult conditions, and were able to erect their homes with materials found in the area. Two of these adobe houses have been restored. Park rangers are learning many of the old building techniques in order to preserve this unique Aruban mud-house. At Cunucu Arikok and near Plantation Prins you can find these adobe houses.

Park Management

For the management of the park, a dedicated foundation "Aruba Conservation Foundation (ACF), formerly known as Aruba Nation-

al Park Foundation. This foundation was established in July 2003. In February 2017, mangrove and wetland RAMSAR site #198 Spanish Lagoon was annexed to Arikok National Park due to its importance as a feeding and breeding area for water birds and as a nursery area for a variety of marine organisms. With this addition, the areas under management increased by 70 hectares while the amount of species of flora and fauna to be conserved to over 250. On December 21st, 2018 (AB 2018 no. 77) Parke Marino Aruba – currently consisting of four marine protected areas (MPAs) – was officially established and subsequently brought under management of ACF. In 2019, preliminary management plan for marine were introduced for Parke Marino to conserve reefs, seagrass beds, and mangrove forests and in 2020 ACF was given additional management areas such as the Saliñas (Druif, Malmok, Cerca, Palm Beach, Bubali etc.) and also additional areas such as Rooi Manonchi, Ser'I Teishi etc. Managed areas can be seen here: <https://acf.aw/>.

Visit the National Park Arikok to see the wonder of Aruba's nature. The visitor center in San Fuego and entrance in Vader Piet (San Nicolas) is open daily from 8:00 AM to 16:00 PM. Contact the ACF via e-mail, info@acf.aw or call +297 585 1234 for more information. □



Aruba's cultural and literary development: Then and now

(Oranjestad)—The Aruban culture has seen many substantial developments over the course of a century. With the introduction of the Lago Refinery at the turn of the 20th century, followed by the breakout of the Second World War and the general incentive for political independence during the mid-century, a cultural identity on the island began to take form and have since developed through international and local influences.

In the pre-industrial era of the 19th century, much could not be said about a cultural identity on the island. Still being a part of a Dutch colonial territory at the same, as well as not having political or economic autonomy (Curacao was the center of commerce, cultural life, and political management of the Netherland Antilles at the time), the small population of Aruba consisted mostly of farmers and fishermen, tending to their crops and their cattle, or going out to fish to provide for their family. As Quito Nicolaas states in his article *Historia di Literatura Arubiano: E Bida Cultural* (Literary History of Aruba: Cultural Life), "during the pre-industrial period, there were no significant economic activity that could have created a cultural ambience, with only one way to generate profit at the time for the sub existence of Aruban families."

It wasn't until the introduction of the Lago Refinery in San Nicolas in 1928, that the island saw a small boom in cultural manifestations and entertainment, as farmers left the 'cunucu' (country) life to work in the refinery, which resulted in Aruba acquiring a different economic pillar. Before this, entertainment and cultural manifestations



were mostly experiences by local parishes and the island's elite, who often partook in cultural and entertaining activities around the island, like going to the movie theater or coming together to share poetry on Sundays after church.

Literary life

Throughout the 19th century and up until the 1940s, there were also not much trace of a cultural climate for the cultural-literary sector on the island. Primary education was introduced on the island mid-

19th century, followed by secondary and higher education around the late 30's and 40's. It wasn't until the 1950s, with the introduction of the E.R.N.A agreement in 1951 and the signing of the Statute in 1954, which allowed more space for and control over the economic and cultural development of Aruba, that the literary life on the island began to grow substantially compared to decades before. This was in response to local institutions established in the 1940s for cultural and literary growth on the island,

but that did not yet capture the attention of the general public. The 1950 brought with it a boom of literary production on the island, like those of V.S. Piterrella, as well as migrant authors José Ramón Vicioso y Rings William Rufus, who have also contributed to the literary development on the island. The literary movement was further promoted by local broadcasters Voz di Aruba and Radio Kelkboom, with their regular broadcast of literary works.

The 50s and 60s also saw the influence of international cultures, especially that of the United States. During this time, because of international influences as well as the continued prosperity of the oil refinery, cultural traditions in Aruba began to really take form and become widespread, as different worldly and local concepts were introduced in the Aruban society. With the establishment of local television broadcast station Tele-Aruba in 1963, and with time and possibilities, local programs such as "Nos Tera" ("Our Land") started to pay more attention to the Aruban culture and worked to form a cultural consciousness in the community. The 1960s also saw the rise of local authors and artists, who were more comfortable in producing works in our native tongue, Papiamentu, but who also produced works in Spanish, English and Dutch. This new phenomenon was in response to the interaction between economic growth, individual prosperity, cultural life and literary expression.

The 21st century

Nowadays, international influence on our culture is still prevalent, especially those from Latin America, the United States and The Netherlands. Nevertheless, there also exists a strong cultural identity and traditions that are exclusive to the Aruban culture, often manifesting during traditional celebrations, like Dia di San Juan/Dera Gai (St. John's Day), Dia di Himno y Bandera (National Hymn and Flag Day), Camping during Easter and much more. With the surge of social media in the last decade, artistic voices, especially those of the younger generation, has become even more prevalent and easily accessible to the community of Aruba through online platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

Source: *Historia di Literatura Arubiano: E Bida Cultural* by J.R. "Quito" Nicolaas



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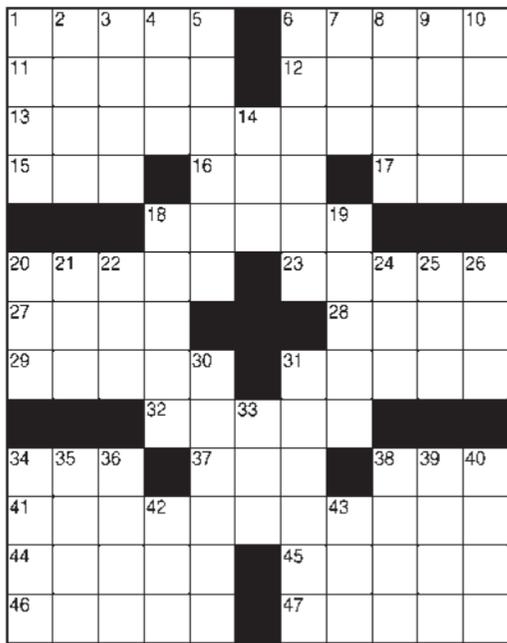
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 11 Inert element
- 12 Fleet-based
- 13 Rooftop spots for heli-copters
- 15 Memorable time
- 16 Compete
- 17 "Science Guy" Bill
- 18 Chops down
- 20 Charity events
- 23 Young pigeon
- 27 Full range
- 28 Spur on
- 29 Rat's home
- 31 Singer Jackson
- 32 Red-ink entry
- 34 Outdated
- 37 Droop
- 38 Summer sign
- 41 Pain-reducing mats
- 44 Christens
- 45 Defame, in a way
- 46 Start
- 47 Kind of question

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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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.



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.



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 occur, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 8 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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Bones of ancient child suggest humans could have interbred with Neanderthals earlier than thought



In this undated photo provided by Tel Aviv University, lead researcher Israel Hershkovitz holds the skull of a child from Skhul Cave, in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Associated Press

By MELANIE LIDMAN
Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Modern humans and Neanderthals were interacting 100,000 years earlier than previously thought, according to researchers who used CT scans and 3D mapping to study the bones of a child they believe was the result of interbreeding between the two distinct groups. The child, described in a recent study published in the peer-reviewed journal *L'Anthropologie*, was buried in a cave in Israel some 140,000 years ago. Because no ancient DNA was extracted from the fossilized remains, it's impossible to confirm the child's origins, but scientists say

microscopic details in the bones indicate the child had traits of both groups. When the bones were first excavated from Skhul Cave in northern Israel in 1931, archaeologists recognized that the child belonged to neither Homo sapiens, who had arrived in the region from Africa, nor Neanderthals, who arrived from Europe. They concluded it was a separate species indigenous to the area. But the new 3D mapping allowed researchers to study small details of the skull that had previously been difficult to see or decipher. Researchers were able to examine distinctive traits such as the construction of the inner ear and

the imprint of blood vessels that supplied the brain. By comparing known characteristics of both Homo sapiens and Neanderthals, the researchers concluded the child was the result of interbreeding. Previously, the earliest known example of interbreeding between the groups was around 40,000 years ago in central Europe, explained Israel Hershkovitz, the lead researcher of the study and a professor of archaeology and human evolution at Tel Aviv University.

A new glimpse into ancient relations The new research helps shed light on when the two groups began interacting and offers clues about their relationships. "What we're saying now is that there was an extensive relationship between Homo sapiens and Neanderthals that started around 140,000 years ago," and the two groups

"managed to live side by side with no evidence for hostile encounters," Hershkovitz said. The interbreeding and shared cultural practices, including burials and tool construction, challenge the notion of Homo sapiens as "intolerant" to other human groups due to their eventual dominance, Hershkovitz said. □



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ARUBA TODAY NEWS

Playing politics gets dangerous for Julie Delpy and Suranne Jones in 'Hostage'

By HILARY FOX
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Only a few people know what it's like to stand outside 10 Downing Street and address the world's media.

Suranne Jones and Julie Delpy aren't politicians, but they got that opportunity playing rival stateswomen in thriller miniseries "Hostage." No. 10 is where the British prime minister lives and works and it's at the heart of Matt Charman's new Netflix show releasing Thursday.

During a tense Anglo-French summit, Jones power-dresses as Prime Minister Abigail Dalton, while Delpy wears the red lipstick of the pristinely presented French President Vivienne Toussaint.

Also starring Ashley Thomas, Corey Mylchreest and Lucian Msamati, both women wrestle with power and their personal lives when Dalton's husband is kidnapped and Toussaint is threatened with a career-ruining scandal.

"The speeches is the hardest thing to do in the show," says Delpy, who stood at a podium on the set of an impressive recreation of Downing Street. "I had the same anxiety as if I was doing it for real."



This image released by Netflix shows Suranne Jones, left, and Julie Delpy in a scene from "Hostage." Associated Press

Jones also had to address the House of Commons, with everyone shouting at her. It's a common sight in British politics, with politicians yelling and making noise over the top of a rival to drown them out in Parliament.

Once everyone started braying at her, Jones "couldn't remember anything" she was saying. Then they'd retake it without the extras shouting, which threw her after she'd got used to the all the noise.

And words are weapons in

this thriller, as negotiations veer between solidarity and betrayal.

"Every word is being scrutinized, like if you use a term instead of another, it's going to be judged by the press. And I mean, it happens a little bit in our business, but nothing compared to a politician," adds Delpy.

Delpy and Jones sat down with The Associated Press to talk about politicians and power pants. Remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: How do you think France will feel about you being president?

DELPY: I think they might get upset, I don't know, at my representation no I'm joking of a French president with a sex scandal and all that. I don't know, French are not very big on judging sex scandals with people. I don't think it works in France, like it works everywhere else, but not in France so much. Like they don't care when a president has an affair. It's more the politics.

AP: These aren't specific politicians, but you did research and speak to female politicians. What did you learn?

JONES: I wanted to talk to loads of women that were in it and from lots of different parties as well. So some on the phone, some were in person. I interviewed a couple of people high in power. We went to the Commons, watched the PMQs (Prime Minister's Questions), felt the atmosphere, walked the halls, talked to the speaker. And it was all, it was all so ... to be in the world that I know nothing about. I've been invited as a creative or a celebrity, but to actually talk to people about the balance and the cost of what it takes and what it does to your kids ... that was really helpful.

DELPY: I've listened to a lot of politicians about their life, about what it's been like after they were in power and stuff and the pressure and stuff, but I didn't want to inspire myself on someone specific so there's no reference. It's like, "Oh, she's like the blah blah blah or she's like so." I made her different than some French women politician that would be the obvious persons to be inspired by. □



The Beatles, foreground from left, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, John Lennon and Ringo Starr, on drums, perform on the CBS "Ed Sullivan Show" in New York, Feb. 9, 1964. Associated Press

New Beatles 'Anthology' projects will be released this fall

By The Associated Press

Beatles fans will be feeling some "real love" for this: New content from the iconic band is coming this fall on screen, in music and in print. "The Beatles Anthology" will be returning "in its ultimate form," according to a release issued Thursday.

The famed 1995 "Anthology" music documentary, recounting the band's journey beginning with its Liverpool roots through to its explosive stardom, has been restored and remastered, and will feature a new, ninth episode. It will stream on Disney+ beginning November 26.

The ninth episode features behind-the-scenes footage of Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr coming together in 1994-1995 to work on the series and "reflecting on their shared life as the Beatles." Giles Martin, son of the late Beatles producer George Martin who died

in 2016, has created new audio mixes for the majority of the featured music.

New "Anthology" music will be released on Nov. 21. A fourth album, to be released alongside remastered versions of the first three, includes 13 previously unreleased demos, session recordings and other rare recordings.

"Anthology 4" also includes, according to the release, new mixes of the Beatles' "Anthology"-related hit singles: "Free As A Bird" and "Real Love." The original "Free As A Bird" music video has also been restored. The two new mixes come alongside 2023's "Now And Then," the last Beatles song. (All three singles were created from home demos that John Lennon, who was killed in 1980 outside the Dakota apartment building, recorded not long before, with vocal and instrumental parts later recorded by Paul, George and Ringo.) □

Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz, aka Sincaraz, rule men's tennis as the 2025 US Open arrives

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NEW YORK (AP) — OK, sure, maybe it wouldn't be rational to say there's no point in actually holding the full U.S. Open and instead just fast-forwarding to the inevitable matchup for the men's championship between Jannik Sinner assuming he's healthy and Carlos Alcaraz on Sept. 7. Seems reasonable, though. "We know," Novak Djokovic acknowledged, "they're the dominant force right now."

When singles action begins Sunday at Flushing Meadows, a change from the usual Monday start, there are cases to be made for various players to make their way to the women's final. The top three in the rankings No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka, No. 2 Iga Swiatek and No. 3 Coco Gauff have won the past three U.S. Open titles, for example. Other past major champions such as Naomi Osaka or Elena Rybakina have performed well lately; maybe a new face will emerge.

Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz have won the last 7 Grand Slam titles

When it comes to the men, there really is just one name that matters in this post-Big



Italy's Jannik Sinner, left, celebrates with the trophy after beating Carlos Alcaraz of Spain, right, to win the men's singles final at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, July 13, 2025.

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Three era, and that name is "Sincaraz," the silly, made-up, "Fedal"-style mashup of the guys who are ranked No. 1 (Sinner) and No. 2 (Alcaraz) and have claimed seven Grand Slam trophies in a row and nine of the last 12.

Djokovic took the other three in that span.

There is nothing quite like it in the women's game at the moment. The past five Slams were won by five players: Swiatek (Wimbledon in July), Gauff (French

Open in June), Madison Keys (Australian Open in January), Sabalenka (last year's U.S. Open) and Barbora Krejickova (last year's Wimbledon).

'Sincaraz' is a cut above as the U.S. Open starts

"Sinner and Alcaraz," said Marcos Giron, an American who has been ranked 37th and faced both, "are bringing a ridiculous level, week in and week out." Look at the ATP rankings, which either could lead after the U.S. Open. Look

at the titles. Look at the past two Grand Slam finals, with Alcaraz erasing a two-set deficit and saving three championship points to win the French Open in June, before Sinner won in four sets at Wimbledon in July. Look at the most recent Masters 1000 tournament, the Cincinnati Open, where Sinner didn't drop a set en route to Monday's final but quit because he was feeling ill, ceding the trophy to Alcaraz.

That ended Sinner's

26-match winning streak on hard courts; Alcaraz was responsible for the previous defeat, too. Alcaraz collected his tour-leading sixth trophy this season and has won 39 of his most recent 41 contests.

Since Sinner returned in May from a three-month doping ban, Cincinnati was the fourth event both entered and they met to decide the title in all four.

What makes No. 1 Sinner and No. 2 Alcaraz so good?

They hit the ball as hard as anyone. Sinner's returns rival Djokovic's for best in the game. Alcaraz's drop shots are unrivaled. The athleticism displayed by both is remarkable. Alcaraz might be the fastest guy around. Sinner's long limbs reach everything.

What sets them apart from others?

"Their confidence. Their ball-striking. Their movement is basically perfect," said Sam Querrey, a former player who made it to Wimbledon's semifinals and the U.S. Open's quarterfinals. "It seems like they hit the ball with just a little extra force when they need to."

It leaves other elite players such as Ben Shelton, the 22-year-old American who is ranked No. 6, so-close-yet-so-far at majors. □

Cruiserweight Jake Paul and lightweight Gervonta Davis announce they will fight on Nov. 14

ATLANTA (AP) — YouTuber-turned-cruiserweight boxer Jake Paul and undefeated WBA lightweight champion Gervonta "Tank" Davis have agreed to fight on Nov. 14 at Atlanta's State Farm Arena.

Paul's promotional company, Most Valuable Promotions, and Netflix announced the highly unusual matchup Wednesday. Netflix will stream the fight worldwide to its more than 300 million subscribers.

The 30-year-old Davis (30-0-1, 28 KOs), a three-division world champion, would be the first star near his ostensible prime to face Paul (12-1, 7 KOs), the online celeb-

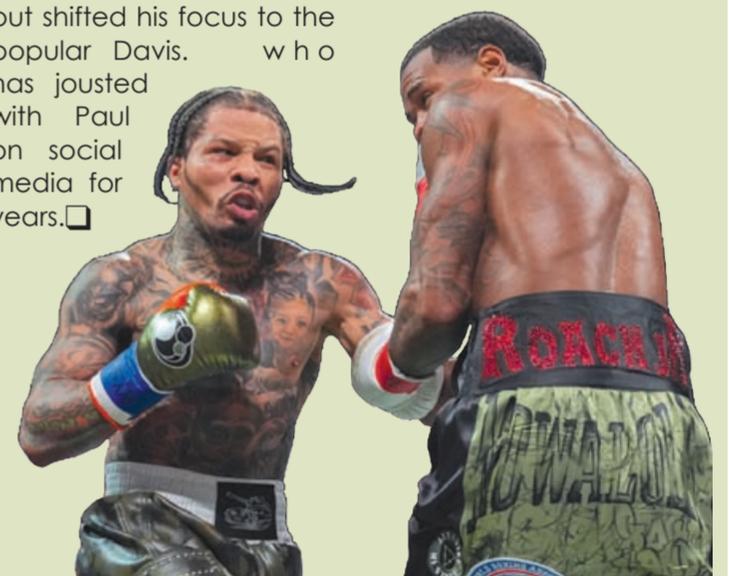
rity who has become one of the world's highest-paid combat sports athletes despite never fighting an elite boxer. Netflix and Nakisa Bidarian, Paul's business partner, did not refer to the fight as an exhibition, but it's unclear how Georgia officials would allow the matchup to be held as a competitive bout, given the fighters' dramatic difference in size and experience. Paul typically weighs more than 200 pounds in the ring, while Davis is a 135-pound champion who has never fought above 140 pounds. The fighters did not announce a contracted weight or the number of rounds in their

planned bout. The fight would mark a return to Netflix for the 28-year-old Paul, whose victory last November over the then-58-year-old Mike Tyson drew an estimated 108 million viewers globally.

After Paul beat a tepid Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. by decision earlier this summer, he entered the World Boxing Association's cruiserweight rankings at No. 14, making him eligible to fight for world titles.

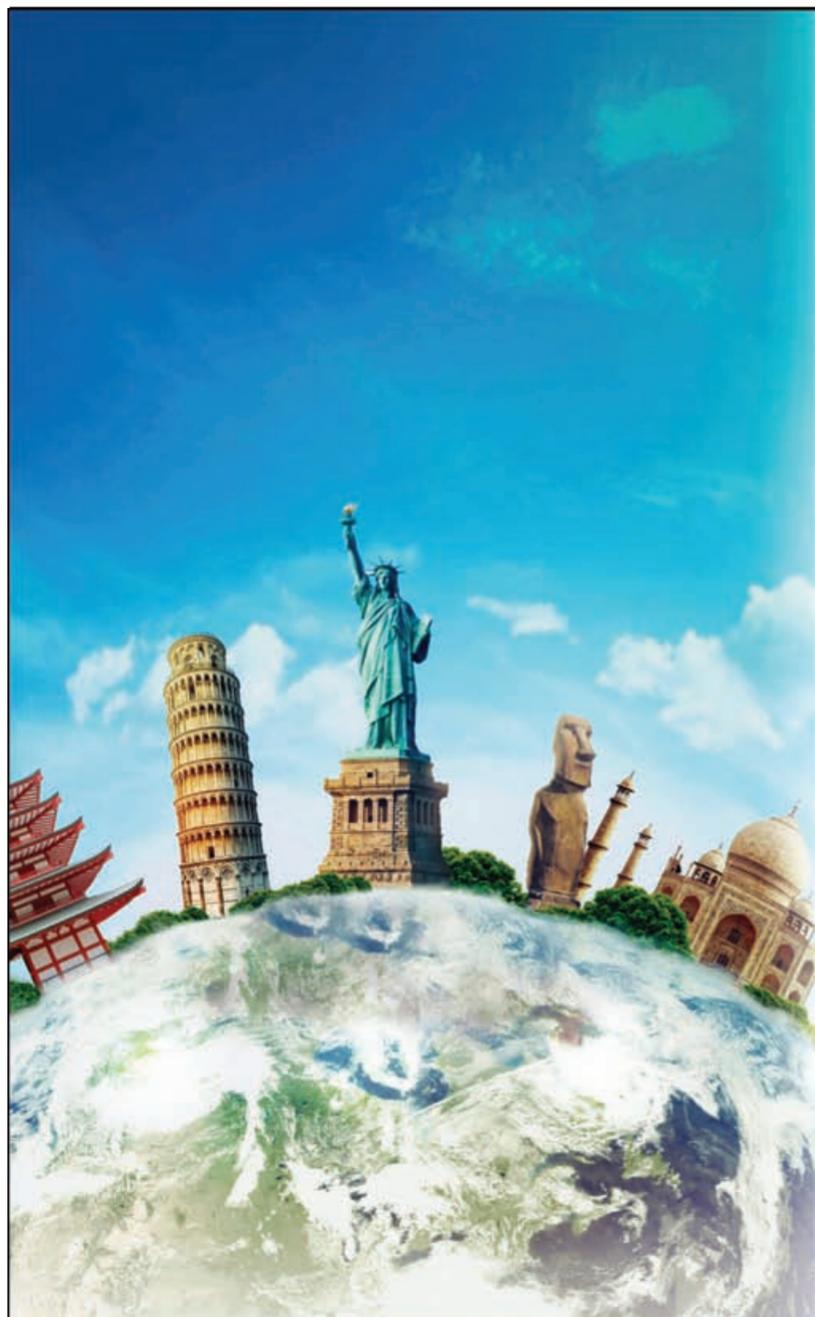
Instead of pursuing a cruiserweight belt, Paul recently discussed a fight with two-time heavyweight champion Anthony Joshua a more logical opponent in

terms of size and strength but shifted his focus to the popular Davis, who has jostled with Paul on social media for years. □



Gervonta Davis, left, punches Lamont Roach during the third round of a WBA lightweight championship boxing bout on March 1, 2025, in New York.

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Fever overcomes Caitlin Clark's absence and 3 season-ending injuries to stay in WNBA playoff hunt

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana Fever coach Stephanie White returned to her home state to win a championship.

She knew that meant navigating a series of obstacles and, of course, a daunting schedule of top teams and great players. She figured with the Fever dubbed a preseason title contender, opponents would play their best against Indiana.

White never envisioned how off script things could go.

An injured right groin and subsequent bone bruise suffered while recovering have kept two-time All-Star guard Caitlin Clark out since July 15, and there's still no timetable for her return. Backup guards Aari McDonald and Sydney Colson had season-ending injuries in the same game, Aug. 7 at Phoenix. Then Sunday,



Indiana Fever forward Aliyah Boston (7) shoots between Washington Mystics forward Kiki Iriafen (44) and Washington Mystics guard Sug Sutton (1) in the first half of a WNBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Friday, Aug. 15, 2025.

guard Sophie Cunningham sustained a season-ending knee injury.

Still, with nine regular sea-

son games remaining, the resilient Fever are somehow still in playoff position. Indiana held the sixth seed en-

tering Thursday night, two games clear of ninth-place Los Angeles.

"We have a group that's

ready to respond. There's a difference in reacting to situations and responding to situations and this group responds and that fuels us," White said. "You've got two options, right? You can fight or you can fold, and we aren't folding."

Clark previously missed time with two different muscle injuries, and the Fever didn't give in then, either. Clark injured her left quad in May, then missed the WNBA's Commissioner's Cup title game in July because of an injured left groin. The Fever still beat Minnesota 74-59.

This stretch has been far more stressful for everyone, though.

Instead of leaning on the experience and depth team executives added during the offseason, White finds herself juggling lineups, managing roster moves and reteaching Indiana's playbook. □

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