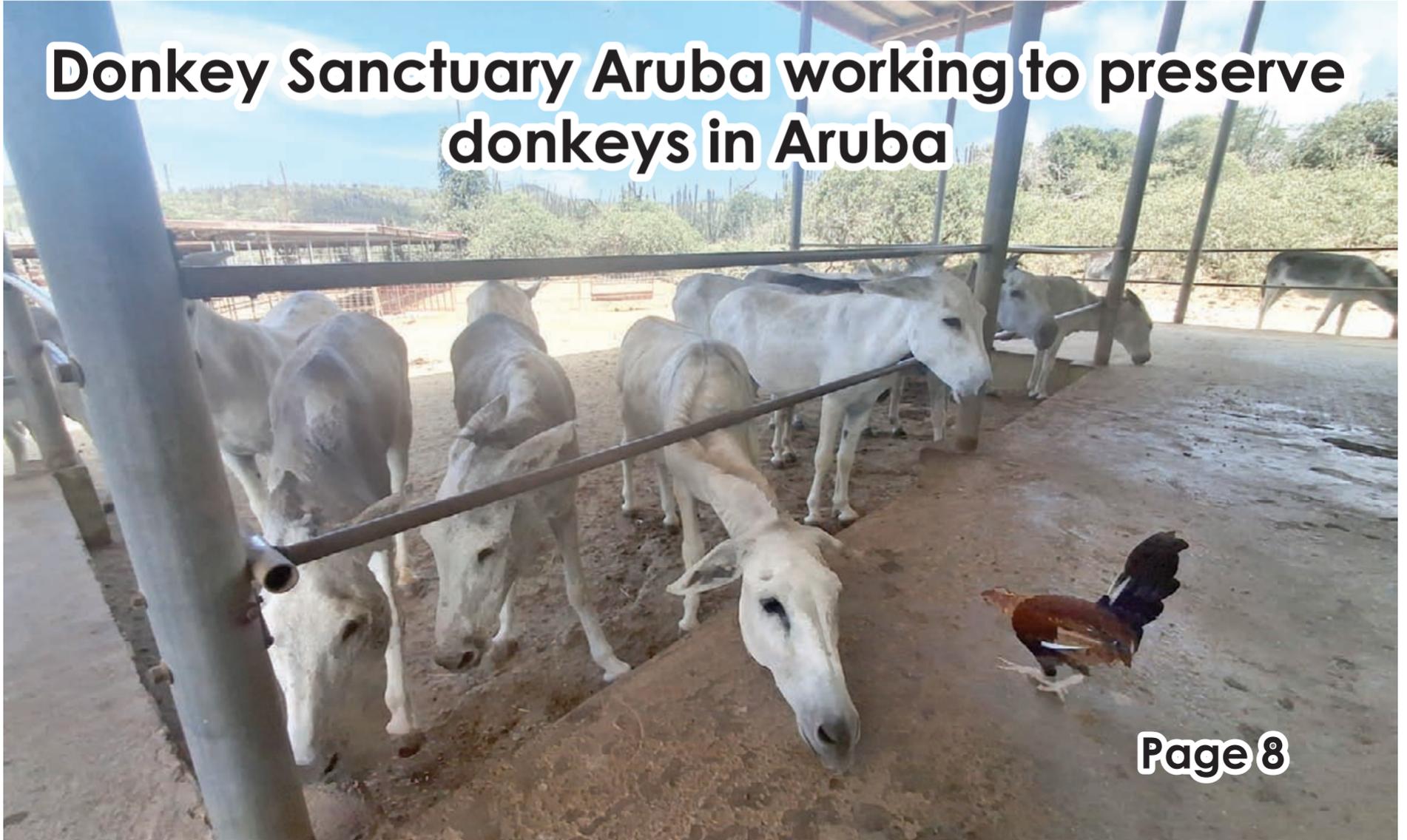




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## Embattled Fed Gov. Lisa Cook says she'll sue Trump to keep her job

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**  
AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Federal Reserve Gov. Lisa Cook will sue President Donald Trump's administration to try to prevent him from firing her, her lawyer said Tuesday.

"President Trump has no authority to remove Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook," said Abbe Lowell, a longtime Washington lawyer who has represented figures from both major political parties. "His attempt to fire her, based solely on a referral letter, lacks any factual or legal basis. We will be filing a lawsuit challenging this illegal action."

Trump's unprecedented effort to fire Cook is likely to end up at the Supreme Court and could more clearly define the limits of the president's legal authority over the traditionally independent institution. The Fed exercises expansive power over the U.S. economy by adjusting a short-term interest rate that can influence broader borrowing costs for things like mortgages, auto loans and business loans.

The Federal Reserve weighed in Tuesday for the first time on the firing, saying it would "abide by any court decision."

The Fed also defended its independence from politics: "Congress, through the Federal Reserve Act, directs that governors serve in long, fixed terms and may be removed by the president only 'for cause,'" the central bank said. "Long tenures and removal protections for governors serve as a vital safeguard, ensuring that monetary policy decisions are based on data, economic analysis, and the long-term interests of the American people." A spokesperson said the



**Federal Reserve Board of Governors member Lisa Cook listens during an open meeting of the Board of Governors at the Federal Reserve, June 25, 2025, in Washington.**

Fed has deferred any decision on Cook's working status and added that there is no official business before the board this week.

But the Fed's statement did not explicitly criticize Trump's decision to fire her. Trump, a Republican, has repeatedly demanded that Chair Jerome Powell and the Fed's rate-setting committee cut its rate to boost the economy and reduce interest payments on the government's \$37 trillion debt pile.

If Trump succeeds in removing Cook from the Fed's board of governors, it could erode the Fed's political independence, which is considered critical to its ability to fight inflation because it enables the Fed to take unpopular steps like raising interest rates. A less-independent Fed could leave Americans paying higher interest rates, because investors would demand a higher yield to own bonds to offset potentially greater inflation in the future, pushing up borrowing costs

throughout the economy.

### Who's on the board?

Trump appointed two members of the board, Christopher Waller and Michelle Bowman, in his first term and has named Steven Miran, a top White House economist, to replace Gov. Adriana Kugler, who stepped down unexpectedly Aug. 1. If Miran's nomination is approved by the Senate and Trump is able to replace Cook, he would have a 4-3 majority on the Fed's board.

Trump criticized Powell at a cabinet meeting Tuesday and said "we'll have a majority very shortly" on the Fed. The Fed's board oversees financial regulations and also votes on all interest rate decisions. Five of the Fed's 12 regional bank presidents also have a vote, with one of those five always being the New York Fed and the other four serving on a rotating basis. Legal experts say the Republican president's claim that he can fire Cook, who was appointed by Demo-

cratic President Joe Biden in 2022, is on shaky ground. But it's an unprecedented move that hasn't played out in the courts before, and the Supreme Court this year has been much more willing to let the president remove agency officials than in the past.

"It's an illegal firing, but the president's going to argue, 'The Constitution lets me do it,'" said Lev Menand, a law professor at Columbia University and author of a book about the Fed. "And that argument's worked in a few other cases so far this year." Menand said the Supreme Court construes the Constitution's meaning, and "it can make new constitutional law in this case."

### Allegations against Cook

Bill Pulte, a Trump appointee to the agency that regulates mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, made the accusations last week. Pulte alleged that Cook had claimed two primary residences in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and in Atlanta in 2021 to get better

mortgage terms. Mortgage rates are often higher on second homes or those bought to rent.

The most likely next step for Cook is to seek an injunction against Trump's order that would allow her to continue her work as a governor. But the situation puts the Fed in a difficult position.

"They have their own legal obligation to follow the law," Menand said. "And that does not mean do whatever the president says. The Fed is under an independent duty to reach its own conclusions about the legality of Lisa Cook's removal."

Trump said in a letter posted on his Truth Social platform late Monday that he was removing Cook effective immediately because of allegations she committed mortgage fraud.

### Cook says she won't resign

Cook said Monday night that she would not step down. "President Trump purported to fire me 'for cause' when no cause exists under the law, and he has no authority to do so," she said in an emailed statement. "I will not resign." The courts have allowed the Trump administration to remove commissioners at the National Labor Relations Board, the Merit System Protection Board and other independent agencies. Yet Cook's case is different.

Those dismissals were based on the idea that the president needs no reason to remove agency heads because they exercise executive power on his behalf, the Supreme Court wrote in an unsigned order in May. In that same order, the court suggested that Trump did not have the same freedom at the Fed, which the court called a "uniquely structured, quasi-private entity." □

# Researcher who has distorted voter data appointed to Homeland Security election integrity role

By ALI SWENSON Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A conservative election researcher whose faulty findings on voter data were cited by President Donald Trump as he tried to overturn his 2020 election loss has been appointed to an election integrity role at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Pennsylvania activist Heather Honey is now serving as the deputy assistant secretary for election integrity in the department's Office of Strategy, Policy and Plans, an organizational chart on its website shows. The political appointment, first reported by Democracy Docket, shows how self-styled election investigators who have thrown themselves into election conspiracy theories since 2020 are now being celebrated by a presidential administration that indulges their false claims. Her new role, which didn't exist under President Joe Biden, also comes as Trump has used election integrity concerns as a pretext to try to give his administration power over how elections are run in the U.S.

The president has ordered sweeping changes to election processes and vowed to do away with mail ballots and voting machines to promote "honesty" in the 2026 midterms, despite a lack of constitutional authority to do so. Trump's Department of Justice also has demanded complete state voter lists, raising concerns about voter privacy and questions about how the federal government plans to use the sensitive data. Neither Honey nor DHS immediately responded to requests for comment on Tuesday.

Honey runs an investigations and auditing consulting firm called Haystack Investigations, according to contact information provided on her LinkedIn profile. Since 2020, she also has led a variety of election research groups whose flawed analyses



Heather Honey, a conservative election researcher, leaves the federal courthouse in Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 18, 2024.

Associated Press

of election data have fueled right-wing attacks on voting procedures, including in battleground states Pennsylvania and Arizona. In 2020, her election research misrepresented incomplete state voter data to falsely claim that Pennsylvania had more votes reported than voters. Trump echoed the falsehood during his speech to supporters on Jan. 6, 2021, saying Pennsylvania "had 205,000 more votes than you had voters." Shortly after, his supporters violently attacked the U.S. Capitol in an effort to prevent Biden from becoming president. In 2021, Honey was involved in the Arizona Senate's partisan audit of election results in Maricopa County, she confirmed in a podcast interview with a GOP lawyer. That review in the state's most populous county, which spent six months searching for evidence of fraud, was described by experts as riddled with errors, bias and flawed methodology. Still, it came up with a vote tally that would not have altered the outcome, finding that Biden actually won by more votes than the official results certified in 2020. In 2022, Honey's organization Verity Vote issued a report claiming that Pennsylvania had sent some

250,000 "unverified" mail ballots to voters who provided invalid identification or no identification at all. Officials in Pennsylvania said the claim flagrantly misrepresented the way the state classified applications for mail-in and absentee ballots. The "not verified" designation did not mean the voter didn't provide accurate identification information, nor did it mean their ID wasn't later verified. Former Maricopa County Recorder Stephen Richer said he received dozens of public records requests related to elections from Honey during his time in office, which took up "scores of hours of staff time." □

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# Pennsylvania must stop throwing out mail ballots over date errors, court rules

By **MARC LEVY**  
Associated Press

**HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)** — A federal appeals court on Tuesday ruled that it is unconstitutional for the presidential battleground state of Pennsylvania to throw out mail-in ballots simply because the voter didn't write an accurate date on the return envelope. The unanimous decision by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered Pennsylvania to stop throwing out such ballots and upheld the decision earlier this year by a federal judge in Pittsburgh.

In its 55-page opinion, the three-judge panel said it had to weigh the state's interest in throwing out the ballots against the constitutional right to vote.

The panel wrote that it was "unable to justify" the practice of discarding such ballots "that has resulted in the disqualification of thousands of presumably proper ballots."

Under Pennsylvania law, voters are required to write the date on the return envelope for their mail ballot. However, thousands of voters, confused by the request to write the date, might skip it or write another date, such as their birth date.

Tuesday's decision marks



**Election workers recount ballots from the recent Pennsylvania Senate race at the Allegheny County Election Division warehouse on the Northside of Pittsburgh, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024.**

Associated Press

the latest instance in more than a half-dozen cases where a court has instructed election officials in Pennsylvania to count such ballots.

However, higher courts have always reinstated the requirement in the heavily litigated matter that has pitted Democrats and their allies in trying to get rid of the requirement against Republicans who defend it. For Tuesday's ruling to be reversed, the U.S. Supreme Court would need to take up the issue.

Asked whether they might appeal, the state and national Republican parties said in a joint statement that they were considering their next steps in the case. Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania supported the lawsuit against the provision and, in a statement Tuesday, said it is "disenfranchisement and unconstitutional" to throw out a voter's ballot over the handwritten date. His administration's lawyers had argued that "meaningless errors shouldn't cost you

your right to vote in Pennsylvania," he said.

Democrats typically cast more mail-in ballots than Republicans, perhaps a result of President Donald Trump's demonization of mail-in voting and baseless allegations that it is rife with fraud. As recently as last week, Trump claimed there is "MASSIVE FRAUD" due to mail voting, when in fact voting fraud in the U.S. is rare.

The decision affects a small percentage of votes typically cast in the state.

However, it also results in thousands of mail-in ballots being thrown out in every election and, in the politically divided state, every vote truly counts in state-wide races. Last fall's U.S. Senate race came down to about 15,000 votes.

Tuesday's decision was a victory for the groups that sued, including the American Federation of Teachers of Pennsylvania. They were supported by the Black Political Empowerment Project, Common Cause Pennsylvania, the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania State Conference of the NAACP, among others. In a statement, AFT Pennsylvania's president, Wendy Coleman, called the decision a "victory for Pennsylvania voters and our democracy."

The campaign arms of Democrats in the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate accused Republicans of trying to disenfranchise voters across the country ahead of 2026's elections and vowed to be "united in the fight to ensure every legal vote is counted."

The Republican parties said that the groups fighting to overturn the state law "are essentially fighting to count illegal ballots. That's unacceptable." □

## Parents of missing 7-month-old California boy are charged with murder



**Visitors gather around a makeshift memorial prior to a vigil for missing 7-month-old Emmanuel Haro outside the child's home in Cabazon, Calif. on Friday, Aug. 22, 2025.**

Associated Press

**RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP)** — The parents of a missing 7-month-old boy in Southern California have been charged with murder. The Riverside County District Attorney's office charged Jake Haro, 32, and his wife Rebecca Haro, 41, in the death of their son Emmanuel, according to court papers filed Tuesday.

They are also charged with filing a false police report, which is a misdemeanor.

The Haros were scheduled to be arraigned later Tuesday. It wasn't immediately known if they had lawyers.

The boy hasn't been found, and authorities said they believe he is dead.

Last week, the couple urged the public to help find their son. They were arrested Friday, a little more than a week after Rebecca Haro told authorities she was changing her son's diaper outside a store

in the San Bernardino County community of Yucaipa when she was assaulted and left unconscious.

She told deputies that when she awoke, her son was gone.

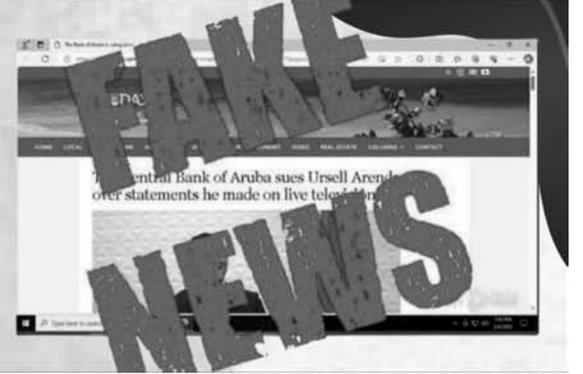
Authorities said they later confronted Rebecca Haro about inconsistencies in her account, and that she refused to cooperate.

Authorities searched the family's home in the Riverside County community of Cabazon. Over the weekend, they also searched for the boy's body near a freeway while his father, wearing a jail jumpsuit, was present. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department said it wouldn't describe Jake Haro's presence during the search as "providing assistance," but it declined to provide further details. □

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## European and Iranian diplomats fail to agree on how to avoid reimposition of U.N. sanctions

By **STEPHANIE LIECHTENSTEIN**

Associated Press

**VIENNA (AP)** — Representatives of three European countries threatening to reimpose U.N. sanctions on Iran over its nuclear program failed to agree with their Iranian counterpart Tuesday on how to avoid the measures days ahead of a deadline, a diplomat said.

The talks in Geneva among representatives of Britain, France and Germany -- known as the E3 -- and Iran "ended without a final outcome," said the diplomat with knowledge of the meeting, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the sensitive discussions.

The diplomat said efforts would continue to search for a solution ahead of an



An Iranian security official in protective clothing walks through part of the Uranium Conversion Facility just outside the Iranian city of Isfahan, March 30, 2005.

Associated Press

E3 deadline at the end of this month to invoke the so-called "snapback mechanism" of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal over what the countries have deemed

Iran's lack of compliance. The snapback would mean a return to wide-ranging U.N. sanctions in place before the deal, including a conventional arms embar-

go, restrictions on ballistic missile development, asset freezes, travel bans and a ban on producing nuclear-related technology. The meeting among the E3

and Iran was announced by the Iranian Foreign Ministry on Monday. The talks follow a previous meeting between the Europeans and Iran in Istanbul on July 25.

Kazem Gharibabadi, Iran's deputy foreign minister for legal and international affairs, said on X that Tehran "remains committed to diplomacy" and that it was "high time" for the European countries "to make the right choice, and give diplomacy time and space." The Europeans' concern over the Iranian nuclear program, which had been enriching uranium to near weapons-grade levels before the 12-day Iran-Israel war in June saw its atomic sites bombed, has only grown since Tehran cut off all cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency in the conflict's wake. □

## Trump vows retaliation against countries with digital rules targeting U.S. tech

By **SAM McNEIL and KELVIN CHAN**

Associated Press

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — President Donald Trump vowed to impose new tariffs and export curbs on countries with digital taxes or regulations that affect American technology companies.

Trump didn't mention specific places but his comments were taken as a threat against the European Union's digital rules to rein in companies like Google, Apple, and Meta. In a post on Truth Social late Monday, Trump said he would "stand up to Countries that attack our incredible American Tech Companies."

"Digital Taxes, Digital Services Legislation, and Digital Markets Regulations are all designed to harm, or discriminate against, American Technology."

The 27-nation EU has cracked down on Big Tech companies with sweeping rules. The bloc's Digital Services Act aims to clean up social media and online platforms and its Digital Markets Act is designed to prevent digital monopolies, under threat of hefty fines for breaches.

Some individual European Union countries like France, Italy and Spain have a digital services tax, as does Britain.

The Trump administration

has long held the EU's tech regulations in contempt and tech companies have chafed against them.

Trump also complained that big Chinese tech companies get "a complete pass" from the rules. "This must end," he said and vowed that "unless these discriminatory actions are removed," he would "impose substantial additional Tariffs" on the offending nation's exports to the U.S. and also "institute Export restrictions on our Highly Protected Technology and Chips."

The EU's executive Commission pushed back. "It is the sovereign rights of the EU and its member

states to regulate economic activities on our territory, which are consistent with our democratic values,"

Commission spokesperson Paulo Pinho said at a regular press briefing. □



European Union flags flap in the wind outside EU headquarters in Brussels, Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025.

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# Mass evacuations in eastern Pakistan as India releases water from swollen rivers

By **BABAR DOGAR** and **MUNIR AHMED**

Associated Press

**LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)** —

Pakistan has evacuated tens of thousands of people to safer areas after neighboring India released water from overflowing dams and swollen rivers into low-lying border regions, officials said Tuesday.

The move came a day after New Delhi alerted Islamabad about possible cross-border flooding, marking the first public diplomatic contact between the two nuclear-armed rivals in months.

Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority said it had issued an advance alert to its Punjabi counterparts about a surge in the Sutlej River and the risk of flooding, and that evacuations from various districts in the eastern Punjab province were underway.

In a statement, it said rescuers evacuated more than 14,000 people from Kasur, a district in Punjab province, while over 89,000 were moved to safer ground from the city of Bahawalnagar, near the Indian border.



**In this photo released by Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority, rescue workers evacuate villagers from a low-lying area due to rising water level in the Sutlej River following neighbouring India released water from overflowing dams, in Bahawalnagar a district in Pakistan's Punjab province bordering India, Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025.**

The NDMA said authorities have urged residents to stay away from rivers, streams and low-lying areas, avoid unnecessary travel, and follow alerts issued through the media, mobile phones and the NDMA's disaster alert app. The latest flood alert and evacuation drive by Pakistan comes as heavy monsoon rains continue to bat-

ter both South Asian countries.

In Pakistan's northwest, many residents complained this month that they had received no warning before flash floods struck Buner district, killing more than 300 people. Officials have said the devastation was caused by a sudden cloudburst, which could not have been predicted,

and that many of the victims were living along natural water pathways.

Nationwide, floods triggered by seasonal rains have killed more than 800 people in Pakistan since June 26.

In Kashmir, which is split between the two sides and claimed by both in its entirety, at least 65 have also died and hundreds have

been displaced in the Indian-administered Jammu area.

Many of the region's rivers and tributaries eventually flow into Pakistan and the part of Kashmir it controls. On Tuesday, Indian officials said most rivers and streams were overflowing, with muddy waters inundating homes in several places and damaging roads and bridges. Water levels in multiple rivers continued to rise in the region.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department, rains should persist until late Tuesday.

In 2014, Kashmir saw its worst monsoon flooding in a century, leaving 500 people dead across the region. This week's flood alert was conveyed to Pakistan through diplomatic channels rather than the Indus Waters Commission, the permanent mechanism created under the 1960 World Bank-brokered Indus Waters Treaty, which was suspended by New Delhi after the April killing of 26 tourists in Indian-controlled Kashmir.

Pakistan says India cannot scrap the treaty unilaterally. □

## Bolivia's long-ruling party was almost eliminated from Congress, final vote results show

By **PAOLA FLORES** and **ISABEL DEBRE**

Associated Press

**LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)** —

Voters in Bolivia practically threw the long-governing party out of Congress, a final count released Tuesday showed, after presidential and parliamentary elections this month heralded a tectonic shift in this Andean country.

In a devastating defeat, the Movement Toward Socialism party which has ruled for much of the last two decades and held a supermajority in both houses of Parliament lost its 21 Senate seats and all but two of its 75 seats in the lower house of Con-

gress. Centrist and right-wing parties took the most votes.

"These elections really spelled the end of the MAS," said Diego von Vacano, an expert in Bolivian politics at Texas A&M University, using the Spanish acronym for the ruling party. "As a party, as a movement, it's defunct. This is a new period in Bolivian history."

The Aug. 17 general election delivered a shocking 32% of votes to centrist Sen. Rodrigo Paz after a campaign dominated by concerns over Bolivia's dire fuel shortages, a scarcity of U.S. dollars and inflation on track to hit 30% this

year.

On Oct. 19, Paz will run off against Jorge "Tuto" Quiroga, a right-wing former president who led his coalition to almost 27% of votes, the Supreme Electoral Tribunal announced Tuesday.

On the basis of the official numbers, neither Paz's Christian Democratic Party nor Quiroga's Libre Party has enough lawmakers to push through their proposals alone, with the CDP taking 70 out of 166 total congressional seats and Libre taking 53.

Crucially, for the first time since Bolivia's 2002 parliamentary elections, whichever opposition candidate

wins will have no trouble gaining leverage in both the 36-seat Senate and the less powerful, 130-seat

Chamber of Deputies to enact their plans to resolve the country's worst economic crisis in 40 years. □



**A person walks through Plaza Murillo outside Congress in La Paz, Bolivia, Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025.**

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## Enjoy one of the best views on Aruba at the top of the Hooiberg Hill

(Oranjestad)—If you are a regular hiker, or maybe want to spice up your morning work out session, then you might enjoy one of the most popular climbing sites on the island: The Hooiberg Hill. Accompanied with a 600-step staircase, this hill overlooks a great part of the island, the Caribbean sea, and sometimes even the Santa Anna mountain located in the coastal state of Falcon in Venezuela, providing one of the best views you can get on Aruba.

located at the center district of the island, Santa Cruz, the Hooiberg Hill is the second highest point on the island at 165 meters above sea level (or about 540 feet above sea level). The highest point is Jamanota Hill at 189 meters (620 feet),

located in the Arikok National Park. The staircase that run on the side of the hill was first built in 1951, when Mr. Eduardo Tromp constructed it. At that time, the staircase consisted of 900 steps. Over time, as the steps faced erosion, the government decided to renovate these stairs in 1991. This new project delivered the newer staircase with only 587 steps. However, don't be fooled—it may still be a work out to get on top. In addition, there is now a gazebo placed half-way up the stair for a little rest. The view at this resting stop is also a sight to see. The best time to climb the hill would be early in the morning or right before sunset, as it may not be as hot. However, the hill is of course open all day, every day. □



## Forgotten gems: Open air movie theaters

(Oranjestad)—During the span of over 100 years, Aruba only saw five open air movie theaters. Now practically obsolete on the island, these theaters were once frequently visited by locals and migrants in the 20th century.

The first open air theater was constructed in 1920 and was commissioned by Shon Eduard (Eddy) de Veer. This theater was lo-

cated at the Hotel Colombia in Oranjestad, which is now where the Aruban census office is located. The theater was simple; it only consisted of a screen, and visitors had to bring their own chairs to enjoy the popular silent movies of the time.

American migrants who worked in the refinery and lived in the Lago Colony in Sero Colorado also had their piece of the pie with their Open air Theatre, which formed part of the Esso Club, also known as the Pan-Am Club. It was at this theater that "Talkies" were first streamed, movies with sound. This theater mostly streamed American blockbusters for the American expats, this way making sure that these migrant were not missing out on entertainment from their home land.

In the 1950's and 60's, Savaneta saw their own open air theater, located in front of the Marinier's Kazerne (Marine Barracks). This theater was mostly visited by the neighboring marines,

who didn't have much entertainment other than movies at that time.

The last and most recent open air theater was constructed in the form of a drive-in theater. A popular American concept, the Drive Inn located in Balashi was a hot spot for teenagers, who had the habit of cramming all their friends in one car to go see the movies. For this phenomenon there was a separate price that you had to pay called the "car crash".

This theater closed around 2012, but was re-opened during the pandemic in July 2020, where movies were streamed on a gigantic screen set up in front of stacked containers. However, this nostalgic form of entertainment did not last very long as it was closed again only a year or two later. Nowadays you can still see the stacked containers when you drive near the bridge in Balashi. □

Source: "De kolibrie op de rots en meer over de geschiedenis van Aruba" by Evert Bongers.





## Donkey Sanctuary Aruba working to preserve donkeys in Aruba

**(Oranjestad)—For 28 years now, Donkey Sanctuary Aruba has been providing help and assistance to donkeys in Aruba. A project that started with 10 donkeys has now expanded to more than 130. In an interview with Bon Dia Aruba, the director of Donkey Sanctuary Aruba, Mrs. Desiree Eldering, shared the vision, work, and future goals of the donkey sanctuary.**

Eldering explained that they started the sanctuary 28 years ago after noticing how many donkeys were being mistreated and struck by cars.

She explained that Donkey Sanctuary is a non-profit organization that mainly operates with volunteers, though they also have some paid employees. The mission of the organization is to preserve the donkeys of Aruba. But very quickly, they discovered that there was a lot of inbreeding among the donkeys, which resulted in health problems such as chronic infections in their hooves, dental problems that prevent them from grazing properly since they need an exact bite to pull grass, and other serious health issues.

In addition, they faced problems with joints lacking cartilage, heart failure, kidney failure, and different other diseases.

At that point, the organization decided not to continue breeding donkeys with these health conditions because their goal is for the donkey breed to survive in Aruba. "The donkeys arrived in Aruba more than 500 years ago because the Spaniards brought them here over 500 years ago. So, we started castrating all the males that came in, and we always said we wanted to begin a controlled breeding program with fresh blood from Bonaire, Curaçao, Colombia, Venezuela, to make them healthy again," Eldering explained.



She continued, explaining that it takes about 10 generations before you can have healthy donkeys again. Finally, two years ago, the organization brought in four donkeys from Bonaire, and so far, they have two foals. Unfortunately, both foals are male, and to continue the breeding process, they need females.

"We are still working on this. We are also waiting for two donkeys to arrive from Curaçao soon, just to bring a bit of variety, because if you only breed with one donkey, it doesn't work, so you need more chances. We hope that with more donkeys on the island, we will have more babies. We are doing everything possible to create healthy donkeys again. Many people think, oh, sanctuary, you are a rescue, so why are you breeding? We are breeding because we want to preserve them, and if we don't do that, then eventually they will die out. We believe that donkeys are part of Aruba's history and culture," she added.

Eldering also mentioned that the sanctuary carries out rescue work. There are still many donkeys roaming in different areas, for example near Baby Beach, in Arikok Park near Jamanota, and recently they found out that donkeys have returned to Natural Bridge.

If something is wrong with those donkeys, the sanctuary goes out to see how they can help. She shared that a few weeks ago they received a phone call from someone who found a donkey that had been attacked by dogs, and the animal was in terrible condition. She explained that the donkey's legs were severely injured, one of

its testicles was missing, and its ears and mouth were bitten everywhere. Sadly, the veterinarian had to put the donkey to sleep because there was no way it could walk again.

She emphasized that if people call because they are worried about a donkey, the sanctuary always sends someone to assess the situation to see if the animal is truly in need, and if so, they help it.

She also commented that although dog attacks on donkeys are not frequent, when they do occur, they are horrible. At the same time, she expressed concern and highlighted the need to find a solution to the problem of stray dogs on the streets, to prevent attacks not only on donkeys but also on other animals and people.

As for Donkey Sanctuary's plans for the future, she explained that for now they remain focused on breeding in order to have healthy donkeys again and to preserve the breed for the years ahead.

On the awareness side, Eldering emphasized that when it comes to feeding donkeys, specifically those near Baby Beach, it is important for the community and tourists to know what they can and cannot feed them. She pointed out that sometimes people give the donkeys bread, chicken nuggets, or chips, which are not healthy for them.

She stressed that donkeys are herbivores, meaning they primarily eat grass and plants, but if people want to feed them, it's okay to give them an apple or carrot, but not bread or chicken nuggets.

She explained, for example, that chicken contains protein, and protein is not good for donkeys. If donkeys consume protein while pregnant, the babies become too large for the mother to give birth, and as a result, both mother and baby can die. She also pointed out that people should be aware that donkeys standing near the road are trying to approach cars to find food, which puts them at risk of being hit by vehicles.

"Be kind to animals, they don't deserve to be mistreated. Be kind to them. And if you see a donkey in need, even if you're not sure, just call us, and we will send someone to check on what is happening," she concluded.

For those who want to support the beautiful work of preserving and ensuring the welfare of donkeys in Aruba, this can be done through donations—which cover the daily operations of this valuable foundation—or by volunteering, since an extra helping hand is always needed. You can contact Donkey Sanctuary by calling +297 593 2933. □

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**The legend of the Kibrahacha tree**

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

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

growing its green leaves. The Kibrahacha is especially particular, as it's the only one among its neighboring trees to starts blooming first.

**The legend of the Kibrahacha**  
*Written by Hubert (Lio Booi)*

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

Aterima wasted to time and went to go fetch Kudawecha. Upon telling Kudawecha that her father was sick, he immediately accompa-

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

When they arrived at the tree, they saw that it was covered head to toe in thorns, with only a few closed flowers at the very top. Kudawecha, experienced veteran in all things Aruban flora and fauna, told Aretima to start plucking the thorns of the tree to climb to the

top where the flowers are. Aretima, just as determined to save her father, didn't hesitate to start.

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

Upon arriving back at the hut, Aretima's mother quickly made a tea out of the flowers and gave it to her sick husband. Miraculously, after just one sip of the tea, the fa-



ther's fever left his body immediately, and he opened eyes and sprung up feeling new.

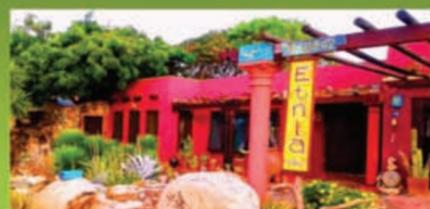
The next morning, they all visited the same Kibrahacha tree that saved the life of Aretima's father and they saw another miracle. The tree was covered again in the same bright, yellow flowers, with not a thorn in sight. And as the legend goes, from that day on, the Kibrahacha tree no longer produced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

**Birds of Aruba; Caribbean Parakeet- Prikichi**



(Oranjestad)—If we go back 15 years ago, visitors of Aruba could delight at seeing flocks of native, wild parakeets roaming the countryside, sometimes coming near some of the resorts that maintain native vegetation. Unfortunately, this bird has experience steep declines in recent years, apparently due to introduced boa's. Although efforts are underway to eradicate the snake, such a task is proving difficult.

To try and locate Brown-throated Parakeets, listen to their loud, raucous shrieks. The birds may appear green at first glimpse, but a closer view will reveal the beautiful bluish colors in the wings, the yellow under the tail, and the yellowish eye ring. Parakeets from Aruba are described as a distinct subspecies and are drabber than the subspecies from Curacao and Bonaire, which have brighter yellow on the face and throat. □



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## Pie di Mula: An Aruban Heritage

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Through this platform, Etnia Nativa shares authentic native perspectives—educating the public and inspiring a deep connection to Aruba's environment through what we call the 'island caretaker' mindset.

In this episode, we introduce our readers to a native object known as Pie di Mula in our local language, Papiamentu. This ancient artifact refers to a traditional Caquetian grinding stone, the Mano and Metate—a vital tool of our ancestral heritage, also known by its old native name Qudi.

Interestingly, the word Qudi is also used to describe natural cracks commonly found in the flat limestone areas where coral meets the rocky terrain of the island. These formations occasionally harbor small springs or expose groundwater. In addition, Qudi refers to depressions found on granite boulders that can collect and retain rainwater for extended periods—sometimes even until the next rainfall. These natural water containers were essential sources of fresh water in ancient times.

The Qudi, or Pie d'Mula, is a powerful symbol of our survival as sedentary settlers dating back thousands of years. It stands as one of Aruba's key heritage artifacts: an ancestral grinding stone traditionally paired with a perfectly shaped pestle known as the Mano, or Manga in Papiamentu.

Over the centuries, both stones—the Pie d'Mula and its Manga companion—would shape each other through repeated use. The Pie d'Mula is typically made from granite, part of the island's batholithic rock formation. To find the right Manga, one had to go to the north coast, where dry rooi (riverbeds) meet the beach, and select a naturally rounded stone that fit the grinding depression perfectly.

These tools were primary commodities—raw materials transformed into Aruba's unique milling stones. Together, they form a lithic testimony to our island's ancestral agro-pottery tradition.

Some scholars have even debated whether the Qudi is a Caquetio adaptation of an even older cultural heritage.

The basic mechanical purpose of the Pie d'Mula or Qudi is to grind and polish. Its surface serves as an anvil, while the Manga functions as the pestle—primarily used to grind maize into flour. In many cultures, corn



flour symbolizes spiritual transformation and is closely tied to the mysteries of life, death, and rebirth.

Traditionally, the Pie d'Mula was passed down to the eldest aunt or sister, who served as the matriarch and guardian of the stone. Like mortars or metates in other traditions, these stones carried deep symbolic meaning—representing the cycles of life and death, and the enduring hope for renewal and transformation across generations.

Typically, the Pie d'Mula is a large stone with a smooth depression or bowl worn into its upper surface. This bowl may have formed naturally through weathering or been created over time by the continuous grinding of materials using a smooth, hand-held stone known as a Manga.

The horizontal grinding motion used with the Pie d'Mula is more efficient than the vertical crushing method of a mortar and pestle. Deeper bowls indicate either long-term use or a high level of daily activity.

In traditional Amerindian cultures, the Pie d'Mula or Qudi was most often used by women during food preparation to grind maize and other organic materials into flour—used to make staple foods such as tortillas, cachapa, or pan bati bread.

Beyond grinding cereals, seeds, and legumes, the Qudi or metate served a wide range of other purposes: preparing healing potions, grinding clay, milling fish bones, extracting natural dyes from plants and minerals, and even assisting in rope-making. Its uses were nearly endless.

Sadly, much of our Qudi's cultural heritage was lost during the 1970s due to the illegal export of artifacts to foreign collectors.

Although often overlooked by scholars as simple, everyday tools, a closer and

more methodical study reveals how central the Pie d'Mula or Qudi was to native life. Their origins may even predate the well-known Caquetio culture, suggesting an even older heritage rooted deep in the island's history.

It is therefore vital to document the remaining Pie d'Mula—including their family owners, origin stories, and places of discovery—tracing their history across generations. From their creation ("birth") to their eventual abandonment or repurposing ("death"), these artifacts reflect the life cycles of entire communities. They represent one of the most unique and complex traditions among pre-Columbian cultural objects.

Pie d'Mula comes in various forms and sizes, with their morphology differing by region. Some are circular, rectangular, or curved; some have rims, while others do not. Many show signs of prolonged use—some even carved from limestone or coral, later repurposed as freshwater filters. □

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# Aruba's neighborhoods; the meaning behind their names



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

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

## Anabui/Tierra Del Sol

This neighborhood can be seen on Van Raders map and Werbata as Anna Boei. Anna Boei is a name of which there isn't much information about its origin.

The best historians were able to deduce is that this name came to be because of a miscommunication between Van Spengler and the natives who were living on the island. In the Arawak/Taino language one can find the word Anaiboa, which consists of

Ana meaning flower or the best and Iboa; the juice of a cassava, which together would mean "the best juice of a cassava".

If one assumes that the actual word heard was Ana-boio instead, consisting of Ana meaning the best and Boio (bohio); house, the iteration of Anabui would mean "the best house." This is the origin that has been more or less speculated and assumed for the word Anabui and it's meaning.

During the second world



war and later, this area was used as a terrain for training of shooting by militia and later on Korps Mariniers (the marines of Aruba). By the end of the previous century a large part of Anabui was developed to have luxurious villas and a golf course, which lead to it getting the name Tierra Del Sol, Spanish for Land of the Sun. The name is not an official name, but the name of the development project that took place. It is hoped that the original and 'old' name of Anabui is never lost and now it will be remembered by both locals and tourists.

## Angochi

This name can be seen on the Werbata map with little and cursive letters. It is the unofficial name for the

area given by a tenant to the land that was rented to him.

The biggest probability that historians believe is that it comes from native descent, during the time in the 19th century where Mestizos still lived on Aruba. The name can't really be explain and according to books on its history seems to be more of a sign of corruption.

However, it seems to come from combining A(n), which is a generalizing prefix and Goeiza, which means 'the spirit of a living man'. Angochi remains more of a guess.

This neighborhood's abbreviation is; An.□

# Aruba's kite flying tradition

(Oranjestad)—Every year for King's Day, Arubans gather with friends and family to fly kites. Big or small, paper or plastic, blue skies fill up with these colorful flying contraptions, brightening our yearly celebration of the Dutch Monarch.

The tradition of flying kites

starts at home in the weeks leading up to King's Day. These kites were traditionally made with things found in the nearby mondi\* and in the kitchen at home. Using dried up cactus sticks for the frame, old newspapers, and glue made from flour, water and salt to dry faster (some people even use cornstarch slurry as glue),

kids usually make their own kites with their friends, parents or other close family members. Tails are made from old bed sheets, ripped and tied together to create a long string of fabric trailing behind the back end of the kite. To finish off the process, people used fish lines or thin rope to tie three corners of the kite together. Another long string of rope is tied in the knotted center and bundled up, used to steer the kite as it flies in the air. Decorating the kite was especially important, and children would use paint to create their own designs—the more colorful, the better!

People usually fly their kites in big open fields, like empty soccer and baseball fields found all around the island around noon, when



the sun is at its brightest.

In the past few years, kite flying has become a sport in which groups of people would battle against each other to see whose kite is the biggest, the prettiest, and whose could fly flawlessly and longer in the air. For this year's celebration, Centro di Bario Playa Pabao located in Madiki is

organizing another edition of their kite flying event with different categories of height starting at 8AM.

Gather your family and be a part of this colorful Aruban tradition in celebration of our King Willem-Alexander's birthday!

\*Mondi: Aruban woods.□



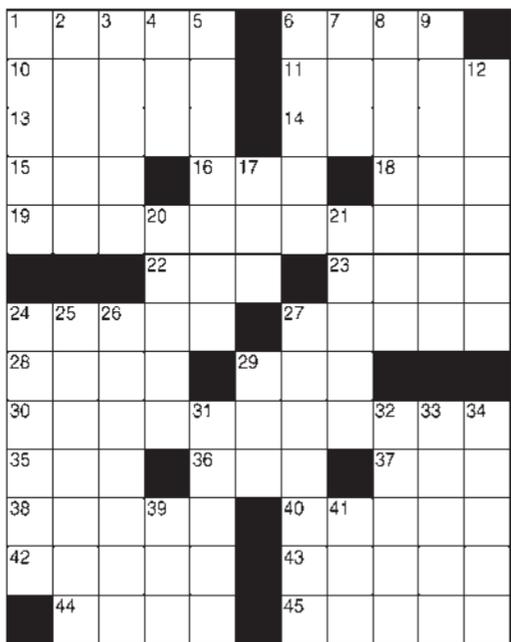
**CROSSWORD**

By THOMAS JOSEPH



- ACROSS**
- 40 Oral traditions
  - 1 Stay away from
  - 42 Contest form
  - 6 Homer and Marge's boy
  - 10 Murdered
  - 11 Really impressed
  - 13 Not flimsy
  - 14 Strips for breakfast
  - 15 Quarter-back Manning
  - 16 Motor need
  - 18 Retina setting
  - 19 John L. Lewis or Cesar Chavez
  - 22 Employ
  - 23 Antlered animal
  - 24 Let up
  - 27 Tale
  - 28 Do origami
  - 29 Water cooler
  - 30 Supply of available workers
  - 35 Had lunch
  - 36 Corn unit
  - 37 Brewery product
  - 38 Bogged down

- DOWN**
- 1 Car of the '50s
  - 2 One of the strings
  - 3 Make up lines
  - 4 502, in old Rome
  - 5 Sign, as a check
  - 6 Pastor's book
  - 7 Santa —, California
  - 8 Ap-proached speedily
  - 9 Like a congressman's term
  - 12 Vigor
  - 17 — de France
  - 20 Surpass
  - 21 Fall flower
  - 24 Blazing
  - 25 Lake activity
  - 26 Skier Tomba
  - 27 Red hue
  - 29 "— little teapot ..."
  - 31 Color anew
  - 32 Singer Carpenter
  - 33 Put in office
  - 34 Exams
  - 39 Make missteps
  - 41 Mine rock



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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.

**9-4 CRYPTOQUOTE**

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V E T Q I H C O R Q D N B W D , K C N

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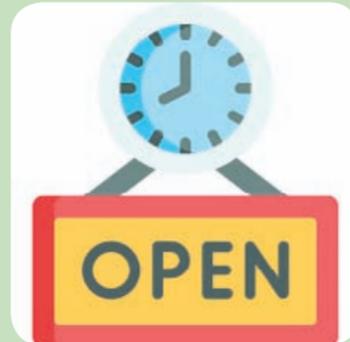
**Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba**

(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.



**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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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.

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Difficulty: ★★★

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**Answer to previous puzzle**

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2	8	1	9	3	7	5	4	6
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## What shoppers can do to limit charges once the U.S. ends a tariff exemption for goods under \$800

By MAE ANDERSON  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. consumers have gotten used to shopping the world without paying customs duties on the international packages they receive from big e-commerce companies like Shein and Temu, specialty shops and businesses that sell goods through online marketplaces like Amazon, Etsy and eBay.

That era is about to end. On Friday, the United States plans to eliminate a tariff exemption that allowed imports worth \$800 or less to enter the country tax-free. With the sun-downing of the "de minimis" exemption, such shipments will incur charges that range from 10% to 50% of their declared value or, for the next six months, a flat duty of \$80 to \$200 per parcel. "Consumers are going to be shocked," Alison Layfield, vice president of product development at international shipping and logistics provider ePost Global. "They are going to end up, I think, (with) sticker shock, or somewhere along the way, they're going to see that extra cost." Customers won't necessarily be on the hook for paying all of the import taxes on their orders, depending on where they shop, what they buy and how much of the cost retailers decide to foot themselves. □

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# A new 'Toxic Avenger' emerges from the ooze

By **ANDREW DALTON**  
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**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — "The Toxic Avenger" got stuck in the sludge.

Director Macon Blair's reboot of the classic 1980s cult superhero franchise from Troma Entertainment was shot four years ago and had its festival premiere two years ago, but for a long time, no theatrical distributors would bite. It had bona fide stars, including Peter Dinklage as the tutu-wearing, mop-wielding, chemically-altered title vigilante, and Kevin Bacon and Elijah Wood as a villainous duo. But the buzz was it was just too weirdly violent for theaters.

"I was definitely anxious, but I never felt like it was going to be doomed," said Blair, an actor in films including "Oppenheimer" and "Green Room" who previously directed 2017's "I Don't Feel at Home in This World Anymore."

Now, Toxie, as he's commonly known, has emerged. Production company Legendary Entertainment struck a deal with Cineverse earlier this year to give it an unrated theater run in all its gory glory starting Friday.

Last month at Comic-Con International in San Diego, it was given a packed, rap-



**Lloyd Kaufman, from left, Peter Dinklage, and director Macon Blair pose for a portrait to promote "The Toxic Avenger" during Comic-Con International on Thursday, July 24, 2025, in San Diego.**  
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turous panel in the massive, storied Hall H, as if it were a Marvel movie. The cast and creators sat with The Associated Press for an interview during the convention.

"To think that this is where it would have its sort of blast off moment is not something I ever would have expected," Blair told the AP.

"I would have been happy to wait eight years if that's what the result is going to be."

Taylor Paige, who plays a whistleblower who teams with Toxie against Bacon's

nuclear-polluter villain, was more blunt in her description of the long wait.

"It's like being constipated for a really long time," said Paige, to big laughs from the rest of the cast. "Because for years you're like, 'When am I gonna go?'"

The film is a stew of tones and genres like few others. It's equal parts splatter, warmth and comedy. Its vibes are very indie, but it often feels big and superheroic.

The film was a shift from Blair's other work as both actor and director.

"The idea of doing something that could be more of like a live-action cartoon was really exciting," he said. "I just kind of wanted it to be very over the top, very ridiculous and, in an affectionate way, very in tune with the vibe of Lloyd's original."

Lloyd is Lloyd Kaufman, creator of the franchise that began with the 1984 film and spawned three sequels, a stage musical, a comic-book series, a video game and an animated TV show.

But Kaufman said not un-

til now did the real "Toxic Avenger" appear. His original never got to be as graphic as he wanted it to be because of the censors of the era.

"Macon talked about eight years, I had to wait 40 years to finally see this," he said. "The original got chopped up, mercilessly."

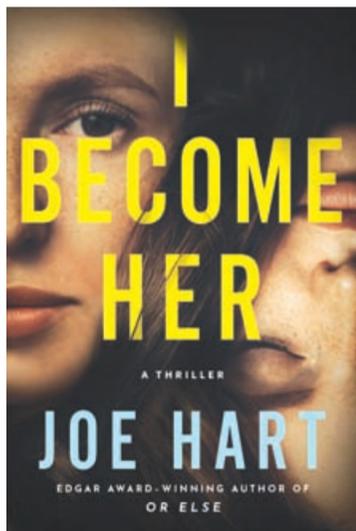
He knew from the start that Blair had the right sensibility. "This Toxic Avenger by Mr. Macon is better than the original," Kaufman said. "Seriously, it is, it's a real film. It's not just a cartoony thing."

The film's earnest, family-centered plot features the "Game of Thrones" star Dinklage as Winston Gooze, a sad, down-on-his-luck janitor and single step-dad trying to win the approval of his stepson, played by Jacob Tremblay, who co-starred as a child with Brie Larson in her Oscar turn 2015's "Room."

An accident leaves Gooze mutated into the title hero, who is at-first horrified by the buckets of blood brought on by his supercharged mop, before embracing the righteous violence.

"He's a very kind man and trying to do the right thing," Dinklage said. "He's a stepfather, he's lost his wife, he's gained her son, and Winston has to walk eggshells because of that." □

## Book Review: Wife digs into husband's past and finds unsettling things in 'I Become Her'



**This image released by Thomas & Mercer shows "I Become Her" by Joe Hart.**  
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By **BRUCE DESILVA**  
**Associated Press**

Imogene's first serious love affair ended when she discovered her partner was unfaithful, and this has left the insecure young woman watchful and suspicious.

She is returning from a restaurant bathroom break when she sees her new husband, Lev, sitting at their table and appearing to flirt with a beautiful waitress, looking into her eyes and holding her hand.

So begins "I Become Her," the latest psychological thriller by veteran author Joe Hart.

Is Imogene paranoid to think that 10 days into their marriage Lev might be cheating on her? On their honeymoon cruise of the Mediterranean? It seems so, but that evening, when the newlyweds both have consumed too much champagne, she accuses him.

They fight, and she shoves him.

He loses his balance, hits his head on a railing, and tumbles into the sea. Amazingly, Lev is rescued by a fisherman, but the ordeal has left him with short-term amnesia.

He doesn't remember the push. (Or does he?)

Back home to begin daily life with her new husband, Imogene is terrified that Lev will remember the push and decide to leave her.

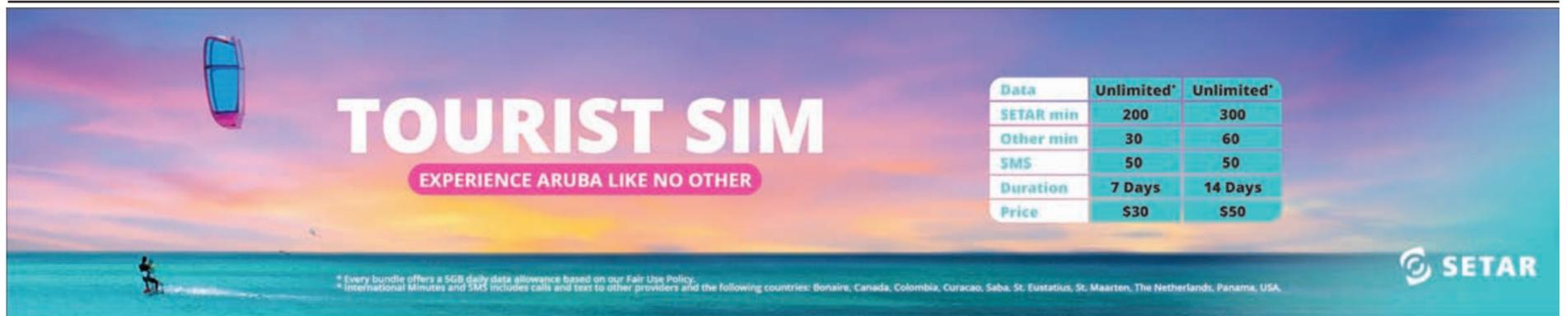
But she also can't stop obsessing about whether she can trust him.

Secretly, she digs into his past, and what she finds disturbs her. For one thing, a woman Lev once lived with, but never told Imogene about, has disappeared. Is Lev keeping other secrets from Imogene? For that matter, does she have secrets she's keeping from him?

Imogene's friends and family tell her that Lev is a great catch, and it's true if he is the man he appears to be. But is he?

Lev keeps assuring his wife that all is well, but is he gaslighting her? Is she paranoid and delusional? Could he be dangerous? Is she?

Hart slowly ramps up the tension in this masterfully plotted, tightly-written thriller, keeping readers off balance with twist after twist on the way to a shocking conclusion. □



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## Wimbledon champions Jannik Sinner and Iga Swiatek get off to good starts at the US Open

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
AP Tennis Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Iga Swiatek is trying to do something no woman has done since Serena Williams in 2012: win the U.S. Open and Wimbledon in the same season.

Jannik Sinner is trying to do something no man has done since Roger Federer in 2008: repeat as U.S. Open champion.

By the looks of things on Tuesday in Arthur Ashe Stadium as the now-three-day first round wrapped up, the two players who triumphed at the All England Club last month and who both served short doping-related bans last year look ready to contend again in New York. And how.

The second-seeded Swiatek was up first in the U.S. Open's main arena and needed merely an hour to dismiss Emiliana Arango of Colombia 6-1, 6-2. No. 1 Sinner then took only 39 minutes more to finish off



**Jannik Sinner, of Italy, serves to Vit Kopriva, of the Czech Republic, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025, in New York.**

his 6-1, 6-1, 6-2 victory over Vit Kopriva of the Czech Republic.

"Obviously, every year is different," said Sinner, sporting the white arm sleeve he began wearing after hurt-

ing his elbow in a fall during Wimbledon.

"You come here starting this tournament, hopefully, the best possible way which I did."

He certainly showed no

signs of the virus that forced him to quit in the first set of the Cincinnati Open final against his biggest rival, No. 2 Carlos Alcaraz, last week. Either Sinner or Alcaraz, who have combined to win

the past seven major titles, can own the top ATP ranking after these 15 days. Similarly, Swiatek, Coco Gauff or No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka, the defending champion, can leave New York atop the WTA.

On Tuesday, Sinner saved both break points he faced and won 33 of 40 first-serve points.

Swiatek was even more dominant, not only never facing a break point but never even being taken to deuce in any of her eight service games, while accumulating a 26-5 edge in winners.

There was a time when some folks, perhaps swayed by Swiatek's dominance on the French Open's red clay, thought she couldn't succeed on the speedier surfaces of hard and grass courts.

That certainly was not the case, as her championships at Wimbledon in July and at the U.S. Open in 2022 make obvious. □

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## New York Liberty aim for top four playoff seed as stars return from injuries

By **DOUG FEINBERG**  
AP Basketball Writer

The New York Liberty are finally getting healthy and hope to make a run at getting at least a top four seed and homecourt advantage for the first round of the playoffs.

The defending champions have been beset by injuries this season with stars Jonquel Jones and Breanna Stewart both missing extended time. Now the team is almost completely healthy heading into the stretch run.

Stewart returned Monday

after a 13-game absence to recover from a bone bruise in her right knee. The Liberty held off Connecticut 81-79.

This season the Liberty have gone 10-0 when Stewart, Jones and Sabrina Ionescu have all played and finished a game. The defending champions are 13-15 when they don't.

"Someone was talking about it, and it was like, 'Wait, that's crazy,'" Ionescu said. "It's just been tough for this group and I think it's kind of one of those opportunities where

we know when we're at full strength, we're a really tough team to beat."

Now they are in a battle with Atlanta, Las Vegas and Phoenix for seeds 2-5 in the postseason. Minnesota is on the verge of clinching the top seed and homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs. The Lynx just got back MVP candidate Napheesa Collier from an ankle injury last week.

While the Liberty are in the mix for homecourt in the first round, Seattle, Indiana, Golden State, Los Angeles

and Washington are within four games of each other

for the final three playoff spots. □



**New York Liberty forward Breanna Stewart holds the ball during a WNBA basketball game against the Seattle Storm, June 22, 2025, in Seattle.**

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# Tommy DeVito is the latest quarterback being released as teams must trim rosters to 53

By **ROB MAADDI**  
**AP Pro Football Writer**

Tommy DeVito is the latest quarterback looking for a new team.

The New York Giants are waiving the local fan favorite, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the team hasn't announced the move.

Elsewhere, Kyle Trask lost his job as Baker Mayfield's backup in Tampa Bay after the team chose veteran Teddy Bridgewater to hold the No. 2 position. Trask was informed of the decision on Monday, a person with knowledge of the situ-



New York Giants quarterback Tommy DeVito (15) passes against the New York Jets during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game, Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025, in East Rutherford, N.J.

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turn in their playbooks because they didn't make the team.

"It rips at my heart. It does because if they were my son, I see them through that lens because my kids are getting older now and you see how hard they work and what they put into it and they've done everything that we've asked," Buffalo Bills coach Sean McDermott said. "These guys are so grateful, they're so appreciative and full of class. Again, it's hard from a football standpoint but even harder from a, 'Hey, these guys are good guys and they're winners,' (standpoint). Sometimes it doesn't last in football, right? But that's where you get a reminder that football isn't every-

thing and life is what's most important.

I told these guys they're going to be winners in life and that's ultimately what is most important."

Teams that have several talented players competing for the same position end up with the toughest decisions. It's a welcome problem.

"When you become a good team, the cuts get harder," Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach Todd Bowles said. "When you don't have anything, you can keep everybody. The cuts become harder. It's always difficult because you don't want to be a guy to tell (someone) they can't play pro ball anymore. It doesn't mean it's the end of the road, it just means it's the end of the road here.

That's always tough when you have to tell someone that. I think any coach will tell you that same thing. (There are) always difficult decisions, but we understand that going in from a coaches' and players' standpoint, and we make decisions we think will make us better and we move on from there."

Teams can bring guys back on the practice squad if another team doesn't claim them off waivers. □

ation said.

Tyler Huntley didn't make the cut in Cleveland. The veteran QB joined the Browns earlier this month as the fifth QB behind veterans Joe Flacco and Kenny Pickett and rookies Dillon Gabriel and Shedeur Sanders. Pickett was traded to Las Vegas on Monday.

Rookie sixth-round pick Kyle McCord isn't making Philadelphia's initial roster. The quarterback out of Syracuse is a candidate for the practice squad if another team doesn't sign him. The defending Super Bowl champions acquired Sam Howell to back up Jalen Hurts and Tanner McKee.

DeVito, an undrafted free agent and a northern New Jersey native who picked up the nickname "Tommy Cutlets," was not expected to make the team after the signings of veterans Russell Wilson and Jameis Winston and selection of Jaxson Dart in the first round.

Ask any NFL coach the worst part of the job and the overwhelming response will be cutting players.

More than 1,100 players will be released Tuesday when teams have to trim down their rosters to 53 by 4 p.m. EDT. It's a difficult task for coaching staffs. Nobody enjoys telling players to

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