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Utah governor says the motive in Kirk shooting is not yet certain but the suspect was on the left

By **NICHOLAS RICCARDI** and **JOSH BOAK**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Family and friends of the 22-year-old accused of fatally shooting conservative activist Charlie Kirk described his politics as veering left in recent years as he spent large amounts of time scrolling the "dark corners of the internet," Utah Gov. Spencer Cox said Sunday. Investigators were still piecing together information about the suspect, Tyler Robinson, and not yet ready to discuss a potential motive. But Cox noted that Robinson, who is not cooperating with law enforcement, disliked Kirk and may have been "radicalized"



A vehicle marked with messages written on its windows in tribute to Turning Point USA CEO and co-founder Charlie Kirk and carrying an American flag, drive past at Utah Valley University, Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, in Orem, Utah.

Associated Press

online. "There clearly was a leftist ideology," Cox said on NBC's "Meet the Press," citing interviews with Robinson's relatives and acquaintances. "Friends have confirmed that there was kind of that deep, dark internet,

the Reddit culture, and these other dark places of the internet where this person was going deep." He pointed to references found engraved on the ammunition used to kill Kirk, which included anti-fascist and meme-culture language. Court records show that one bullet casing had the message, "Hey, fascist! Catch!" A Republican who has called on all partisans to tone down their rhetoric following the attack, the governor added: "I really don't have a dog in this fight. If this was a radicalized MAGA person, I'd be saying that as well."

Cox stressed on several Sunday morning news shows that investigators are still trying to pin down a motive for the attack on Kirk, a father of two and Trump confidant who was killed Wednesday while on one of his signature college speaking tours at Utah Valley University. The governor said more information may come out once Robinson appears in court Tuesday.

Cox said the suspect's partner was transgender, which some politicians have pointed to as a sign Robinson was targeting Kirk, the founder of Turning Points USA, for his anti-trans views. But authorities have not said whether it is relevant as they investigate Robinson's motive.

"The roommate was a romantic partner, a male transitioning to female," Cox said. "I can say that he has been incredibly cooperative, this partner has been very cooperative, had no idea that this was happening."

Investigators have spoken to Robinson's relatives and carried out a search warrant at his family's home in Washington, about 240 miles (390 kilometers) southwest of Utah Valley University, where the shooting took place.

State records show Robinson is registered to vote but not affiliated with a political party and is listed as inactive, meaning he did not vote in the two most recent general elections. His parents are registered Re-

publicans. Robinson grew up around St. George, in the southwestern corner of Utah between Las Vegas and natural landmarks including Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks. He became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, known widely as the Mormon church, at a young age, church spokesperson Doug Andersen said.

Online activity by Robinson's mother reflects an active family that traveled widely. In one photo, a young Robinson can be seen smiling as he grips the handles of a .50-caliber heavy machine gun outside a military facility. A high school honor roll student who scored in the 99th percentile nationally on standardized tests, he was admitted to Utah State University in 2021 on a prestigious academic scholarship, according to a video of him reading his acceptance letter that was posted to a family member's social media account.

But he attended for only one semester, according to the university. He is currently enrolled as a third-year student in the electrical apprenticeship program at Dixie Technical College in St. George.

Meanwhile, Kirk was memorialized with candle-lit vigils and other events Sunday. At Dream City Church in Phoenix, where Kirk hosted one of his "Freedom Night in America" gatherings, attendees viewed clips of the conservative activist discussing his desire to be "remembered for courage for my faith."

During a question-and-answer session, a church pastor, Angel Barnett, called on the crowd to honor Kirk by carrying on his message. "The left is nervous," Barnett said. "And they're concerned because they've lost control. Charlie started that, and we will continue it." Added church panelist Brandon Tatum: "These cowards thought that they could end or eliminate the movement."

"They just made it bigger. They just made it stronger." □

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Annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations make adjustments in current political climate

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Each year during Hispanic Heritage Month, huge celebrations can be expected across the U.S. to showcase the diversity and culture of Hispanic people.

This year, the Trump administration's immigration crackdowns, a federally led English-only initiative and an anti-diversity, equity and inclusion push have changed the national climate in which these celebrations occur. Organizers across the country, from Massachusetts and North Carolina to California and Washington state, have postponed or canceled heritage month festivals altogether.

Celebrated each year from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, the month is a chance for many in the U.S. to learn about and celebrate the contributions of Hispanic cultures, the country's fastest-growing racial or ethnic minority, according to the U.S. Census. The group includes people whose ancestors come from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. More than 68 million people identify as ethnically Hispanic in the U.S., according to the latest census estimates. How did Hispanic Heritage Month start?

Before there was National Hispanic Heritage Month, there was Hispanic Heritage Week, which was created through legislation sponsored by Mexican American U.S. Rep Edward R. Roybal of Los Angeles and signed into law in 1968 by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The weeklong commemoration was expanded to a month two decades later, with legislation signed into law by President Ronald Reagan.

"It was clustered around big celebrations for the community," Alberto Lammers, director of communications at the UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Institute said. "It became a chance for people to know Hispanic cultures, for Latinos to get to know a community better and for the American public to understand a little better the long history of Latinos in the



A detail view of a Hispanic Heritage Month goal post wrap during the second half of an NFL football game between the Baltimore Ravens and the Dallas Cowboys, Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024, in Arlington, Texas.

U.S." Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point to coincide with the anniversary of "El Grito de Dolores," or the "Cry of Dolores," which was issued in 1810 from a town in Mexico that launched the country's war for independence from Spain.

The Central American nations of Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica celebrate their independence on Sept. 15 and Mexico marks its national day on Sept. 16, the day after the cry for independence.

Also during National Hispanic Heritage Month, the South American nation of Chile observes its independence day on Sept. 18.

The White House so far has not mentioned any planned events. Last year, President Joe Biden hosted a reception and issued a proclamation for the occasion.

Who is Hispanic?

Hispanic was a term coined by the federal government for people descended from Spanish-speaking cultures. But for some, the label has a connotation of political conservatism and emphasizes a connection to Spain. It sometimes gets mistakenly interchanged with "Latino" or "Latinx."

For some, Latino reflects their ties to Latin America. So some celebrations are

referred to as Latinx or Latin Heritage Month.

Latin Americans are not a monolith. There are several other identifiers for Latin Americans, depending largely on personal preference. Mexican Americans who grew up during the 1960s Civil Rights era may identify as Chicano. Other may go by their family's nation of origin such as Colombian American or Salvadoran American.

Each culture has unique differences when it comes to music, food, art and other cultural touchstones.

Immigration fears lead to celebration cancellations September typically has no shortage of festivities. Events often include traditional Latin foods and entertainment like mariachi bands, folklórico and salsa dance lessons. The intent is to showcase the culture of Mexico, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and other Latin countries.

Masked ICE agents carrying out President Donald Trump's policies via workplace raids at farms, manufacturing plants and elsewhere — which has included detaining legal residents — led some to fear large gatherings would become additional targets for raids. Another obstacle heritage celebrations face is the perception that they'd violate

bans on DEI programming — something Trump has discouraged across federal agencies. Some companies and universities have followed suit.

Early in September, organizers of a Mexican Independence festival in Chicago announced they would postpone celebrations due to Trump's promises of an immigration crackdown in the city.

"It was a painful decision, but holding El Grito Chicago at this time puts the safety of our community at stake — and that's a risk we are unwilling to take," said the organizers of the festival.

A new date has not yet been announced. Though Mexican Independence Day falls on Sept. 16, celebrations in Chicago typically span more than a week and draw hundreds of thousands of participants for lively parades, festivals, street parties and car caravans.

"The fact that the federal government is sending troops as we start these celebrations is an insult," Illinois state Sen. Karina Villa, a Democrat, said at a news conference. "It is a fear tactic. It's unforgivable."

Similarly, Sacramento's annual Mexican Independence Day festival was canceled with organizers citing the political climate and safety

concerns.

Other events that have been canceled include the Hispanic Heritage Festival of the Carolinas, Hispanic Heritage Fest in Kenner, Louisiana and FIESTA Indianapolis.

Protests may take the place of canceled festivals

Ivan Sandoval-Cervantes, an anthropology professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, said when celebrations are canceled from the top down it affects how we see them throughout the country. Used to seeing celebrations in Las Vegas advertised, he has seen very little leading up to this year's heritage month.

"If it's not being celebrated by a specific state that doesn't mean they won't be celebrated but they might go into the private sphere," Sandoval-Cervantes said. "Where it's safer to embrace the symbols or even speak Spanish."

In Mexico, the government launched a new appeal to raise awareness among Mexican migrants to take every possible precaution during the holidays because any incident, such as while driving, could lead to a deportation.

"Rather than not celebrating, be cautious" and gather at the consulates, President Claudia Sheinbaum said Friday.

On Thursday, Mexico's foreign affairs secretary said there would be more consular staff on duty to respond to any emergency. Mexican nationals stopped by U.S. authorities are advised to not flee, remain silent and not sign any documents.

Chicago Latino leaders called on residents to remain peaceful during expected protests at Mexican Independence Day celebrations, arguing that any unrest could be used as justification for sending federal troops to the city.

"We will not allow others to use our fear or our anger against us," said Berto Aguayo, of the Chicago Latino Caucus Association. "We will not take the bait. We will know our rights. We will protect each other and peacefully protest." □

Associated Press

Denver school shooting suspect posted online about mass shootings and neo-Nazi views, report says

By COLLEEN SLEVIN and MATTHEW BROWN

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — A teenager suspected in a shooting attack at a suburban Denver high school that left two students in critical condition appeared fascinated with previous mass shootings including Columbine and expressed neo-Nazi views online, according to experts. Since December, Desmond Holly, 16, had been active on an online forum where users watch videos of killings and violence, mixed in with content on white supremacy and antisemitism, the Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism said in a report.

Holly shot himself following Wednesday's shooting at Evergreen High School in Jefferson County. He died of his injuries. It is still unclear how he selected his victims. The county was also the scene of the 1999 Columbine High School massacre that killed 14 people.

Holly's TikTok accounts contained white supremacist symbols, the ADL said, and the name of his most recent account included a reference to a popular white supremacist slogan. The account was unavailable



Students walk to board a bus amid heavy police presence at the Evergreen Library after a shooting at Evergreen High School in Evergreen, Colo., on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025.

Associated Press

Friday. TikTok said accounts associated with Holly had been banned.

Holly's family could not be reached. The Associated Press left a message at a telephone number associated with the house that police searched after the shooting.

A spokesperson for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Mark Techmeyer, declined to comment on the ADL's findings or discuss its investigation into the shooting. The

office previously said Holly was radicalized by an unspecified "extremist network" but released no details.

Two recent suspects in school shootings were active on the so-called "gore forum" that Holly used called Watch People Die, according to the ADL. Holly appears to have opened his account in the month in between shootings in Madison, Wisconsin, and Nashville, Tennessee, the ADL said. A few days before Wednesday's shooting, Holly

posted a TikTok video posing in a similar way to how the Wisconsin shooter posed before killing two people during in December. He included a photo of the Wisconsin shooter in a post in which Holly wore black T-shirt with "WRATH" written on the front. He also posted videos showing how he made the shirt that was like the one worn by a gunman in the Columbine shooting, the ADL said.

"There is a through-line between those attacks," said

Oren Segal, the ADL's senior vice president of counter-extremism and intelligence. "They're telling us there is a through line because they are referencing each other." Watch People Die administrators said in an email that Holly lied about his age in order to access the site and was not a very active user of it, with only seven comments. The email said the site is "adamantly pro-Israel" but does not silence opposing viewpoints. It referred to Holly and the shooters in Wisconsin and Tennessee as "unhinged losers."

Holly was also active on TikTok's "True Crime Community," where it says users have a fascination with mass murderers and serial killers, the ADL said.

Some TikTok posts shared by the ADL show one user encouraging Holly to be a "hero," a term it says white supremacists use to refer to successfully ideologically motivated attackers.

The person also told Holly to get a patch with a Nazi-era symbol that was worn by the men who carried out the 2019 attack on a mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand, and the 2022 attack on a supermarket in Buffalo, New York. □



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.

Associated Press

By ALAN SUDERMAN
AP Business Writer

President Donald Trump's administration renewed its request Sunday for a federal appeals court to let him fire Lisa Cook from the Federal Reserve's board of governors, a move the president is seeking ahead

of the central bank's vote on interest rates.

The Trump administration filed a response just ahead of a 3 p.m. Eastern deadline Sunday to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, arguing that Cook's legal arguments for why she should stay on the

Trump administration renews push to fire Fed governor Lisa Cook ahead of key vote

job were meritless. Lawyers for Cook argued in a Saturday filing that the Trump administration has not shown sufficient cause to fire her, and stressed the risks to the economy and country if the president were allowed to fire a Fed governor without proper cause.

Sunday's filing is the latest step in an unprecedented effort by the White House to shape the historically independent Fed. Cook's firing marks the first time in the central bank's 112-year history that a president has tried to fire a governor.

"The public and the executive share an interest in ensuring the integrity of the Federal Reserve," Trump's lawyers argued in Sunday's

filing. "And that requires respecting the president's statutory authority to remove governors 'for cause' when such cause arises."

Bill Pulte, a Trump appointee to the agency that regulates mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, has accused Cook of signing separate documents in which she allegedly said that both the Atlanta property and a home in Ann Arbor, Michigan, also purchased in June 2021, were both "primary residences." Pulte submitted a criminal referral to the Justice Department, which has opened an investigation.

Trump relied on those allegations to fire Cook "for

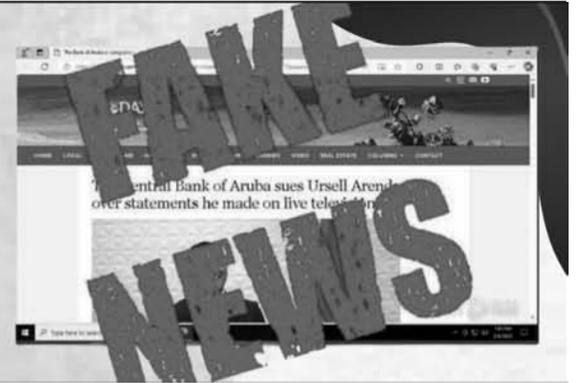
cause." Cook, the first Black woman to serve as a Fed governor, referred to the condominium as a "vacation home" in a loan estimate, a characterization that could undermine claims by the Trump administration that she committed mortgage fraud. Documents obtained by The Associated Press also showed that on a second form submitted by Cook to gain a security clearance, she described the property as a "second home."

Cook sued the Trump administration to block her firing and a federal judge ruled Tuesday that the removal was illegal and reinstated her to the Fed's board. □

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Qatar denounces Israel before major summit on Israel's attack in Doha targeting Hamas leaders

By JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) —

Qatar's prime minister denounced Israel on Sunday as foreign ministers from Arab and Muslim nations met to discuss a possible unified response to Israel's attack on Doha targeting the leadership of the militant group Hamas.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, who also serves as Qatar's foreign minister, made the comments before a meeting Monday of leaders from those nations.

Sheikh Mohammed said Qatar remained committed to working with Egypt and the United States to reach a ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war that has devastated the Gaza Strip after Hamas' attack on Israel nearly two years ago. However, he said that the Israeli strike that killed six people — five members of Hamas and a local Qatari security force member — represented "an attack on the principle of mediation itself."



Damage is seen after an Israeli strike targeted a compound that hosted Hamas' political leadership in Doha, Qatar, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025.

"This attack can only be described as state terrorism, an approach pursued by the current extremist Israeli government, which flouts international law," the minister said. "The reckless and treacherous Israeli aggression was committed while

the state of Qatar was hosting official and public negotiations, with the knowledge of the Israeli side itself, and with the aim of achieving a ceasefire in Gaza." Sheikh Mohammed stressed the moment had come for consequences to Israel's

attacks in the wider Middle East.

"It is time for the international community to stop applying double standards and punish Israel for all the crimes it has committed," Sheikh Mohammed said in footage later released by Qa-

tar's government from the closed-door meeting.

Arab League Secretary-General Ahmed About Gheit separately criticized Israel and warned that "silence in the face of a crime ... paves the way for more crimes."

There was no immediate response from Israel, which is hosting U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio this weekend.

But Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday night again defended the strike.

"The Hamas terrorists chiefs living in Qatar don't care about the people in Gaza," he posted on X. "They blocked all ceasefire attempts in order to endlessly drag out the war. Getting rid of them would rid the main obstacle to releasing all our hostages and ending the war."

Hamas official Bassem Naim said in a statement that the organization hopes that the summit on Monday will produce "a unified and decisive Arab-Islamic stance" on the war. □

Associated Press

China launches probes targeting U.S. semiconductors ahead of Madrid trade talks

By SIMINA MISTREANU

Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) —

China launched two probes targeting the U.S. semiconductor sector Saturday ahead of talks between the two nations in Spain this week on trade, national security and the ownership of social media platform TikTok.

China's Ministry of Commerce announced an anti-dumping investigation into certain analog IC chips imported from the U.S. The investigation will target some commodity interface

IC chips and gate driver IC chips, which are commonly made by U.S. companies such as Texas Instruments and ON Semiconductor.

The ministry separately announced an anti-discrimination probe into U.S. measures against China's chip sector. U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent is set to meet Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng in Madrid between Sunday and Wednesday, He's office said. U.S. measures such as export curbs and tariffs "constitute the containment and suppression of China's de-

velopment of high-tech industries" such as advanced computer chips and artificial intelligence, a Chinese commerce ministry spokesperson said. The announcements of the probes follow the U.S. on Friday adding 23 Chinese companies to an "entity list" of businesses that will face restrictions for allegedly acting against U.S. national security and foreign policy interests. The list includes two Chinese companies accused of acquiring chip-making equipment for major Chinese chipmaker SMIC.



Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng speaks during a press conference after the 11th China-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue in Beijing, on Jan 11, 2025.

Associated Press

The meetings between Bessent and He in Madrid will be the latest in a series of negotiations aimed at re-

ducing trade tensions and postponing the enactment of higher tariffs on each other's goods. □

Brazil's Lula pushes back against tariff, tells Trump the country's democracy 'is not on the table'

By ELÉONORE HUGHES and EDUARDO FRANÇOIS
Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva on Sunday pushed back against a 50% tariff on Brazilian imported goods to the United States, arguing that it was "political" and "illogical."

Lula said in a New York Times op-ed that his government is open to negotiating anything that can bring mutual benefits. "But Brazil's democracy and sovereignty are not on the table," he said.

U.S. President Donald Trump imposed the tariff on Brazil in July, citing what he called a "witch hunt" against former President Jair Bolsonaro, who at the time stood accused of trying to illegally hang onto power.

The trial came to an end on Thursday after a panel of Supreme Court justices ruled that Bolsonaro had attempted a coup after his 2022 electoral defeat to Lula, sparking fears of further U.S. measures against Brazil. Lula said he was proud of the Supreme Court for its "historic decision" which safeguards Brazil's institutions, the democratic rule of law and is not



Former President Jair Bolsonaro, center, temporarily allowed out of house arrest for medical treatment, departs a hospital in Brasilia, Brazil, Sunday, Sep. 14, 2025.

Associated Press

a "witch hunt."

"(The ruling) followed months of investigations that uncovered plans to assassinate me, the vice president and a Supreme Court justice," Lula said.

Lula added that the tariff increase was "not only misguided but illogical," citing the surplus of \$410 billion in bilateral trade in goods and services the U.S. has accu-

mulated over the past 15 years.

The op-ed is a sign that Brazil is bracing for more possible sanctions after the Supreme Court's decision.

After Thursday's ruling, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio posted on X that Trump's government "will respond accordingly."

Brazil's Foreign Ministry called Rubio's comments

an inappropriate threat that wouldn't intimidate the government, saying the country's judiciary is independent and that Bolsonaro was granted due process.

Bolsonaro on Sunday briefly left his home in Brasilia where he is under house arrest to undergo a medical procedure at a nearby hospital, his first public appearance since Thursday's ruling.

Escorted by police, Bolsonaro went to the DF Star hospital in Brazil's capital in the morning for procedures related to skin lesions — a temporary release granted by Justice Alexandre de Moraes on Sept. 8.

He was later discharged, doctors from the hospital said in a statement. Medical staff removed eight skin lesions that will be sent for analysis to establish a definitive diagnosis and assess the need for further treatment. The 70-year-old far-right politician was placed under house arrest in early August, after de Moraes said that Bolsonaro had violated precautionary measures imposed on him in the context of the coup trial. He had already been wearing an ankle monitor.

In late August, de Moraes increased security measures further and ordered that police conduct inspections of all vehicles leaving Bolsonaro's residence and monitor the exterior of the house. After the medical visit, Bolsonaro must file a certificate of attendance, indicating the date and times of the appointments, to the Supreme Court. □

Venezuela says U.S. navy raided a tuna boat in the Caribbean as tensions rise



Members of the Bolivarian Militia listen to a recorded speech by President Nicolás Maduro at a military garrison in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, Sept. 5, 2025.

Associated Press

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Personnel from a U.S. warship boarded a Venezuelan tuna boat with nine fishermen while it was sailing in Venezuelan waters,

Venezuela's foreign minister said on Saturday, underlining strained relations with the United States.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Tensions between the two nations escalated after U.S. President Donald Trump in August ordered the deployment of warships in the Caribbean, off the coast of the South American country, citing the fight against Latin American drug cartels.

While reading a statement on Saturday, Foreign Minister Yván Gil told journalists the Venezuelan tuna boat was "illegally and hostilely boarded by a United States Navy destroyer" and 18 armed personnel who remained on the vessel for eight hours, preventing communication and the fishermen's normal activities. They were then released under escort by the Venezuelan navy.

The fishing boat had au-

thorization from the Ministry of Fisheries to carry out its work, Gil said at a press conference, during which he presented photos of the incident.

Along with the statement, Venezuela's foreign affairs ministry distributed a short video, taken, according to the ministry, by the Venezuelan fishermen. In the video, it is alleged that part of the fishing boat, U.S. Navy personnel and the U.S. warship can be seen.

Gil said the incident was "illegal" and "illegitimate" and warned that Venezuela will defend its sovereignty against any "provocation." The Venezuelan foreign minister's complaint comes days after Trump said that his country had attacked a drug-laden vessel and

killed 11 people on board. Trump said the vessel had departed from Venezuela and was carrying members of the Tren de Aragua gang, but his administration has not presented any evidence to support that claim.

Venezuela accused the United States of committing extrajudicial killings. The South American country's interior minister, Diosdado Cabello, said Washington's version is "a tremendous lie" and suggested that, according to Venezuelan government investigations, the incident could be linked to the disappearance of some individuals in a coastal region of the country who had no ties to drug trafficking. □

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Keeping up with the conniving spider... Nanzi fools Cha Tiger

Many years ago, Cha* Tiger did not live in the mondi*, but among civil society. Back then, he was feared by everyone. When he walked past in a halfway, everyone around would make room immediately, that's how ferocious he was.

One night a group of friends was hanging out and they were talking about Cha Tiger. "You know, that tiger sure is incredibly strong and I don't trust him one bit. He probably eats a lot too. Oh, I'm so scared of him!" one person said.

"Oh, don't be stupid! What can Cha Tiger do? He's all bark and no bite, that's it. I certainly am not afraid of him. I bet you guys that I could even sit on his back like I would any donkey." It was Nanzi who said this. The people around him laughed at his remarks, thinking how silly it was for him to say such things.

"You, Nanzi? You are such a liar! He'll stomp you into next Tuesday, stop saying such nonsense."

"I'm not lying!" Nanzi defended himself. "He'll take me all the way to Shon Arei*."

The next morning, Shon Arei already knew of what Nanzi had been saying about Cha Tiger. He was really curious to see if Nanzi was brave enough to put his money where his mouth is. Cha Tiger walked past.

"Hey, Cha Tiger!" someone called to him. He growled at the person. "Hey, Cha Tiger! Listen!"



"Nanzi made fun of you, said he wasn't afraid of you at all! Said he could sit on your back and that you weren't as strong as we think you are."

Cha Tiger stopped dead in his tracks, furious. "Well, I'll set him straight!" Cha Tiger ran toward Nanzi's house, prepared to teach Nanzi a painful lesson. The entire way there he was growling and yelling, making everyone around aware what was going to happen. They all ran inside and peeped through the blinds to see the fight that was going to unfold.

Nanzi also heard Cha Tiger's screams, slowly getting closer and closer. He was terrified. His face turned pale, and his teeth started chattering like someone with a high fever. Sweat was dripping down his forehead.

When Cha Tiger arrived at Nanzi's place, he stormed in and saw Nanzi's frail body lying face down in the corner. "Hey, how are you, Cha Tiger?" Nanzi asked, his voice trembling. "I heard you were making fun of me in front of your little friends, so I came to hear from your own mouth what you have to say to me," Cha Tiger retorted, still fuming.

"Me? Talk bad about you?" Nanzi chuckled nervously. "People are such liars, I swear. Can't you see how sick I am here?" Nanzi took a pause, like someone who couldn't breathe properly. In his case of course, it was probably from extreme fear. "Shi Maria* wanted to take me to Shon Arei, where someone can heal me from my illness." Still wrapped up in his act, Nanzi turned back face down. "Me, a father of nine little children..."

Cha Tiger was shocked. Nanzi looked absolutely terrible, God knows he was dying.

"Cha Tiger, you're strong. Could you put me on your back and take me to Shon Arei, I can barely walk," Nanzi pleaded. Cha Tiger took pity on the spider and agreed to do this favor. Nanzi climbed on the tiger's back, letting his body fall down and grabbing on to Cha Tiger's neck. "Would you mind putting a rope in your mouth so I can hold on? That way I can sit up straight," Nanzi asked. Cha Tiger growled in reluctance but said OK. And so they made their way to Shon Arei.

Once they started traveling through the mondi, Nanzi turned to Cha Tiger and said: "These mosquitos are so annoying! Cha Tiger, do you mind if I cut a piece of branch so I can keep these mosquitos away?" Cha Tiger let him take



his branch.

Eventually they made it out the mondi to where everyone else was. Nanzi immediately perked up and whacked Cha Tiger with his branch, making the tiger jump. He ran all the way to Shon Arei's castle. Exhausted, he plumped down in front of His Majesty.

"See, Shon Arei? Cha Tiger ain't nothing but a big donkey!" Nanzi said proudly. Everyone around cheered: "Hurray, Nanzi!" Poor Cha Tiger was so embarrassed that he was fooled by the conniving spider, and so he ran into the mondi to hide. To this day, it's said that the tiger still hides away in the mondi.

Cha: Nickname placed in front of someone's name and can mean anything, like friend. However, it often has negative connotations first.

Mondi: dry wooded areas found on the ABC islands.

Shon Arei: The King

Shi Maria: Nanzi's wife. □

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



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Infini Named One of the 10 Best Restaurants in Aruba by Caribbean Journal

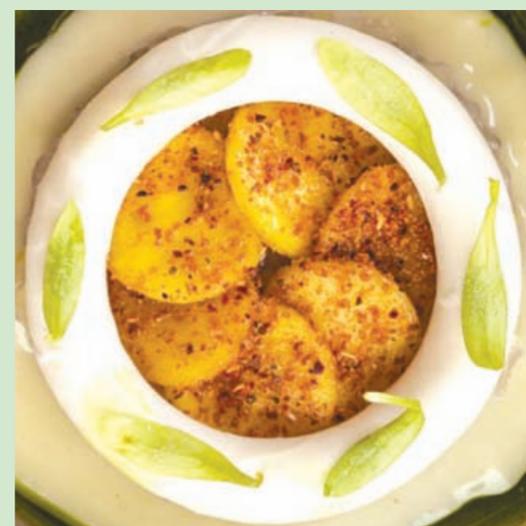
In a recent feature by Caribbean Journal, Infini has earned a coveted spot on the publication's list of the "10 Best Restaurants in Aruba for 2025." Known for spotlighting the finest in Caribbean travel and dining, Carib-

bean Journal praised Infini as a standout for its immersive, high-end culinary experience.

"Dining at Infini is an intimate encounter with culinary precision — just a few seats, one open kitchen, and a front-row view of Chef Urvin Croes in action," the article states. "For those seeking something rare and immersive in Aruba's dining scene, Infini delivers something unforgettable." Located inside the exclusive Blue Residences, Infini is not your typical fine-dining venue. With their open-concept kitchen, the restaurant invites guests to become part of the culinary journey. Each course—meticulously prepared by Chef Urvin Croes and his team—blends modern techniques with the bold, authentic spirit of the Caribbean.

Chef Urvin, celebrated for his innovative approach to island cuisine and crowned Iron Chef Aruba, has built Infini into a space where dining becomes storytelling. Every detail—from plating and pacing to personal engagement with the chef—is designed to elevate food into an experience.

With this recognition from Caribbean Journal, Infini continues to raise the bar for Aruba's culinary scene, offering something truly unique for food enthusiasts looking to go beyond traditional dining. □



From left to right, Bob, Allison, Steve, and Dean.

Friends of Aruba lending a helping hand Thank you Bob, Allison, Steve, and Dean!

(Oranjestad)—We are honored to share a touching story of a group of friends from the U.S. who regularly meet on Eagle Beach to lend a helping hand taking care of our cherished beaches by collecting and disposing trash.

This heartwarming tradition started all the way back in 1998, when Bob Zimmerman and a few of his friends took it upon themselves to help properly dispose trash around the Hooiberg Hill. Since then, it became a ritual of them to

meet up for four weeks every year and collect trash all over Eagle Beach—with new volunteers willing to join in on their good cause each year.

Bob told us that they usually stay on the island for four weeks, but this year they extended their stay to six weeks. During that time frame their trash collecting group ranged from one person (him) to six or more people. "It just depends on when our friends are here, who's available to do the trash walk, etc."

When asked why they have

been so dedicated to the cause, Bob shared that Aruba is their home away from home and they feel that they need to do whatever they can to help the island. "For my wife and me, this is our 40th consecutive year coming to Aruba, and my parents started coming here in the late 70's. Over the 4-6 weeks we're in Aruba we meet-up with about 100 friends. Aruba is TRULY our home away from home!"

Thank you Bob and friends for taking care of our beloved island! □

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Discover the New Menu at CAYA House: A Bold Take on Caribbean Flavors

(Oranjestad)—CAYA House Restaurant in Aruba invites you to experience a captivating new chapter in Latin-Caribbean dining with the launch of its latest menu items. Set in a beautifully restored traditional Cunucu house and surrounded by lush tropical greenery, CAYA offers an atmosphere where island heritage and modern culinary artistry come together in perfect harmony.

Rooted in the rich culinary traditions of the Caribbean—including influences from Cuba, Puerto



Rico, the Dominican Republic, Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Mexico, Costa Rica, Colombia, Panama, Nicaragua, and Venezuela—CAYA is a celebration of flavor, warmth, and culture.

The new menu is a vibrant tribute to that heritage. Each dish is carefully curated to reflect the spirit of the islands, with a contemporary twist that elevates every bite.

Start with the Celery Root Milanesa, a beautifully breaded and fried celery root served with a fragrant Caribbean curry sauce, mango and papaya relish, butter bean and potato curry, and sautéed spinach. It's hearty, elegant, and deeply satisfying.

Seafood enthusiasts will savor the Corvina, pan-fried and glazed in pineapple hoisin, accompanied

by cucumber and pineapple salsa, banana beurre blanc, and plantain fried rice—a delicate balance of tropical sweetness and savory depth.

The Creole Fish captures the soul of the Caribbean with snapper pan-fried and layered with Creole sauce, avocado salad, tostones, pickled onions, and rice and peas. It's a dish rooted in tradition and rich in flavor.

For something adventurous, the Beef Tataki Chino Latino offers a striking fusion of cultures, combining marinated tenderloin with potato and beet salad, piccalilli mayo, fried onion, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, avocado, and a zesty Maggi seasoning vinaigrette.

And for those who crave bold



spice and complexity, the Jerked Tuna delivers with a jerk crust, passionfruit leche de tigre, kefir lime oil, annatto oil, aji picante, orange crème, cilantro, red

onion, and crispy baby calamari—an unforgettable dish that pushes the boundaries of traditional island fare.

At CAYA, every meal is an experience—a celebration of life, flavor, and connection. Whether you're planning an intimate dinner or a lively gathering, CAYA promises an evening full of memorable moments.

Reserve your table now and taste the new flavors of CAYA. Call +297-699 39 82 to book. □

Aruba to me: Walt Cichonski

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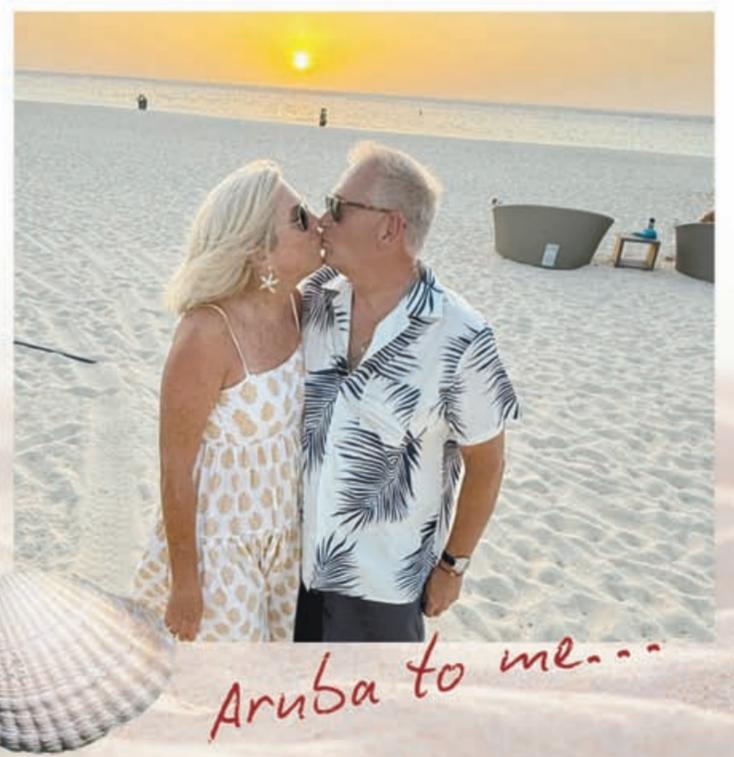
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For today we received a lovely message from Walt Cichonski from Pennsylvania.

He wrote to us saying: "Aruba to us is the place that we long for each year, to relax and enjoy the absolute best of the sun, sand and sky. The people, their culture and the amazing food, make it our favorite 'love place' on this earth. Thank you Aruba!"

Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □



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 located 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 (Ma-

rine 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.

Planning on snorkeling? Get to know our Picuda!

(Oranjestad)—If you're ever planning on snorkeling during your vacation on Aruba, you may spot fish that you can't recognize. One of these may be the "Picuda", a very common fish that swims all year long in the waters of Aruba.

Here's some information about the beloved Picuda.

Let's talk about the names of fish. Do you know your fish? This is an informative article that illustrate some fish and their names in Papiamentu, which the De-

partment of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, known as "Santa Rosa", wants to share and also obtain information from the public.

Picuda, Sphyræna barracuda, Greater Barracuda

Well known is the Picuda on the island—Barracuda in English. Its scientific name is Sphyræna barracuda. It is a widely caught fish. It is found throughout the year in our waters, where it is a so-called "ambush predator" that stays still or floats in the water waiting for its prey to approach so it can attack it with lightning speed. It is well known for fishermen, especially for its white flesh in fish soup. In fishing culture, there are many other names, such as Pecho blanco, Blekito, Banana, or Bleki. The names vary according to size.

Description

The Picuda is a long fish, with a round body like a torpedo and silver in color with shiny black stripes. Below, that is, the belly, is whiter, while the top part is darker. Its snout is very pointed, and the lower jaw is longer than the upper one. Its peduncle, where

the body meets the tail, is thick, while the tail also forms a crescent but in this case one more "full" than that of mullet or conefish. This reflects the hunting style of the Picuda. It needs to be able to accelerate quickly when the prey gets close.

In Aruba:

Picuda can be found in our waters around our island throughout the year. Picuda, in our waters, is edible without any problem. Picuda is also a highly sought-after fish by sports fishermen or recreational fishermen because it puts up a good fight once hooked. It can be caught via trolling from a boat, casting from shore with a line or rod, or by jigging, casting the lure (artificial bait) and moving it with certain rod motions.

Picture courtesy of the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. □



Fun facts about the 'Lisinbein'

The 'Lisinbein' (*Scolopendra gigantea*), also known as the Giant Centipede, is one of the largest centipedes in the world and is found in Aruba. Its size and hunting prowess make it a fascinating, if often misunderstood, creature.

Despite its fearsome reputation, it plays a crucial ecological role that often goes unnoticed:

As an apex invertebrate predator, *Scolopendra gigantea* helps maintain balance in the ecosystem. Moreover, they themselves are a food source for birds such as the Crested Caracara (Warawara) and the Aruba burrowing owl (Shoco).

It controls populations of smaller invertebrates and even small vertebrates, ensuring that no species over-

populates, which could disrupt local biodiversity.

Its presence can indicate a healthy, functioning ecosystem. Its sensitivity to environmental changes makes it a bioindicator of ecological balance.

It can reach an impressive length of up to 30 centimeters (approx. 12 inches) and live for around 5 to 10 years in the wild. Its size and longevity makes it a significant and long-term part of the ecosystem.

A mother's love

In *Scolopendra* species, the 'mother' typically exhibits maternal care by curling around her eggs and newly hatched young. She stays coiled around the clutch, protecting it from predators and fungi, which are

serious risks in the moist environments these centipedes often inhabit. The mother maintains a clean environment for the eggs by carefully grooming them, which helps prevent fungal growth that could endanger the brood. This behavior may continue until the young centipedes have undergone their first molt, making them more capable of independent survival.

This form of parental care is beneficial in increasing the survival rates of offspring, as the mother's protection provides a safe 'environment' during their vulnerable developmental stages. It's a fascinating adaptation because it shows a form of care that resembles more complex behaviors observed in vertebrates.



No bark, all bite!

The lisinbein is known locally for having a really painful sting. While venomous, the Lisinbein is generally not aggressive toward humans unless provoked. Its role as a guardian of balance in the ecosystem helps protect the

natural beauty of Aruba by keeping the ecosystem in harmony.

Editor's note: Information and pictures provided by Ms. Natasha Silva from the Aruba Conservation Foundation. □

Meet our Aruban trailblazers: Padu Lampe



(Oranjestad)—This week we remember one of our most beloved Aruban giant, Juan Chabaya Lampe—better known as Padu Lampe or Padu del Caribe. As one of the most important and renowned artists in the Aruban cultural sphere, Padu's long career led him to be honored today as "the father of culture."

On April 26th, 1920, Juan Chabaya Lampe "Padu Lampe/Padu del Caribe" was born in Nassausstraat, Oranjestad. He grew up in a happy musical environment, and it is because of this that he developed a love for music. Starting from the age of 12, he was agile in the clarinet, mandolin and cuatro. Henry Lampe, his father, was also a well-known pianist and musician.

In a publication of the informative seminar, "Observer", from August 1st, 1962, Padu's many merits and friendly personality stood out. It was said that he was an excellent pianist with a personal style and full of surprises. Secondly, though the composer was not too familiar with music theory, he showed innovations in his compositions. Lastly, Padu was a promoter of Creole music around the world.

One of the most important moments in Aruban history, in which he was able to witness first-hand, was the first radio broadcast on the island on March 20th, 1954. Here, he was accompanied

by Antillean guitarist Julian Coco and Hubert "Loi" Booi.

In the art world, Padu was also a known painter. During his youth, he made several paintings using his unique style. In 1939, he participated in an art exhibit in New York, where he won a bronze medal for his painting "Typical View of Aruba."

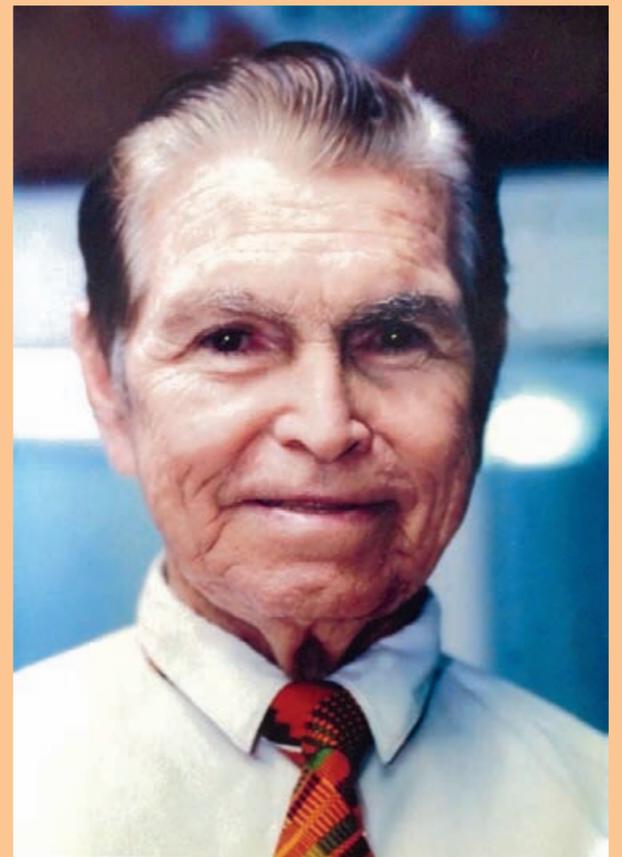
Padu remained a popular artist within the Dutch Antilles and the Caribbean as a pianist, singer, author and painter. Padu Lampe was a local artist who became renowned in Venezuela, Colombia, The U.S. and The Netherlands too. In the 1950s, he sold no less than 50 thousand copies of his long-playing albums (LPs).

Padu Lampe was a multifaceted artist, inspired by his interest in parapsychology and supernatural phenomenon. He wrote three books in Papiamentu on the subject in 1986, which was published by the Aruban National Printing Press with sponsorship provided by the Prince Bernhard Funds Netherlands Antilles.

Besides that, Padu passed his exam on "Society to Advanced Ethical Hypnosis" in 1964 in New Jersey. He received a certificate as a hypnotecian, which gave him the authority to practice hypnosis in some states.

Over the course of his career, he received many accolades and awards in Aruba, Curacao, Venezuela and the Netherlands.

Padu del Caribe passed away on November 29th, 2019, at the age of 99 years old. Padu brought the Aruban culture around the world. His legacy will remain ingrained in the Aruban cultural history, and he will be known forever as one of the most influential trailblazers of our



community.

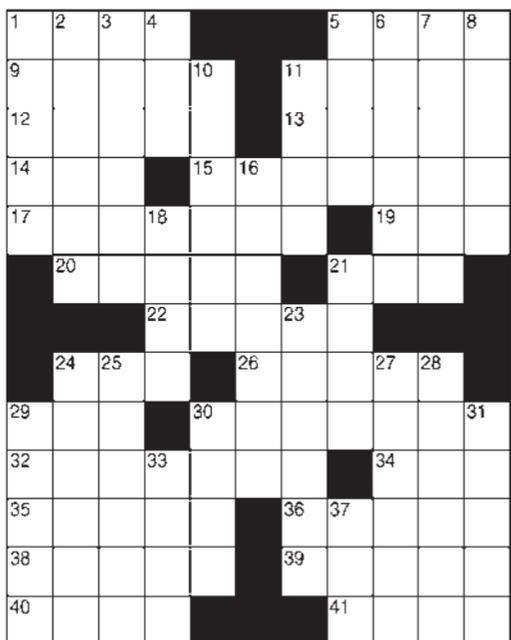
Padu will always be in Aruba's heart, because he had composed various special songs dedicated to the mothers of the island; his song "Sonrisa di un baby" ("A baby's Smile") has been written in three different languages. Padu also wrote our national anthem "Aruba Dushi Tera", along with Mr. Rufo Wever. This song was approved by the government of Aruba and was named the official anthem of the island in 1976.

Other songs that have been considered as being almost a second anthem for Arubans is the special composition he wrote for his wife Daisy Croes called "Abo so". Daisy later passed away in 1994. □

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 40 Chapel seats
 - 1 Fresh reaction
 - 5 Whole lot
 - 9 Foals' mothers
 - 11 Barrel piece
 - 12 Wise saying
 - 13 Despised
 - 14 Knight's address
 - 15 Getting warm, so to speak
 - 17 Congress event
 - 19 Once called
 - 20 Bar seat
 - 21 Misbehaving
 - 22 Native group
 - 24 Cobbler's cousin
 - 26 High-level execs
 - 29 Sermon topic
 - 30 Comportment
 - 32 Dressed in
 - 34 Eurasian deer
 - 35 Blundered
 - 36 Get smart
 - 38 Eat away
 - 39 Door sign
- DOWN**
- 1 Big hit
 - 2 Refined women
 - 3 Turkish peak
 - 4 Coat rack part
 - 5 Sirius, for one
 - 6 Guatemalan girl, say
 - 7 Made flat
 - 8 Doorstop shape
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 - 11 Uneven hairdo
 - 16 Pep up
 - 18 Learning method
 - 21 Saloon staple
 - 23 Snoopy, e.g.
 - 24 South Dakota capital
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 - 29 Search for bugs
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 - 31 Book category
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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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Cryptoquote: I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO BE A MESS AND COMPLETELY UNLIKABLE.

— VIOLA DAVIS

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TUE 23	CARNIVAL MAGIC	09.00	22.00	C 1
	ISLAND PRINCESS	09.00	21.00	B 1
	FREEWINDS	10.00	****	E 1
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	RHAPSODY OF THE SEAS	08.00	23.00	C 1
SUN 28	GRAND PRINCESS	09.00	17.00	C 1
	FREEWINDS - Dept.	****	22.30	E -
TUE 30	CARNIVAL HORIZON	09.00	23.00	C 1

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 tourists 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.

SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku

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Difficulty: ★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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Income inequality dipped and fewer people moved, according to largest survey of U.S. life

By **MIKE SCHNEIDER**
Associated Press

Income inequality dipped, more people had college degrees, fewer people moved to a different home and the share of Asian and Hispanic residents increased in the United States last year, according to figures released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

These year-to-year changes, big and small, from 2023 to 2024 were captured in the bureau's data from the American Community Survey, the largest annual audit of American life. The survey of 3.5 million households asks about more than 40 topics, including income, housing costs, veterans status, computer use, commuting, and education.

Here's a look at how the United States changed last year.

Income inequality dips

Income inequality — or the gap between the highest and lowest earners — in the United States fell nationwide by nearly a half percent from 2023 to 2024, as median household income rose slightly, from \$80,002 to \$81,604.

Five Midwestern states — Iowa, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin — had statistically significant dips, along with Georgia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon and Puerto Rico.

North Carolina was the only state to see a statistically significant rise in inequality.

North Carolina State economist Michael Walden said it reflected the state generating high-paying jobs in tech and other professional sectors, while the post-pandemic labor shortage which raised wages in lower-paying service jobs had ended. In South Dakota, which had a leading 4% drop, the inequality dip "could reflect stronger growth in the household income among lower and middle income households (or smaller growth in the income of the highest brackets)," state demographer Weiwei Zhang said Wednesday in an email.

In Nebraska, it could be high employment rates across all demographic groups since



Pedestrians walk in the rain on 20th Street and First Avenue, Thursday, July 31, 2025, in New York.

Associated Press

"high employment leads to income, thus less income inequality," said Josie Schaffer, director of the Center for Public Affairs Research at the University of Nebraska Omaha.

In Massachusetts, one of the traditional strengths of the state's economy — high-paying jobs in life science, high tech and research — has been sluggish in the past two years, said Mark Melnik, director of economic and public policy research at a University of Massachusetts Amherst institute.

"The typical jobs in this industry are the kind of thing that helps Massachusetts have the highest per capita (income) in the country but also exacerbates some elements of income inequality," Melnik said.

Greater diversity and fewer people married

The United States became

more demographically diverse, and fewer people were married from 2023 to 2024.

The non-Hispanic white population, who identify with only a single race, dropped from 57.1% to 56.3%, while the share of the nation's Asian population rose from 6% to 6.3% and the Hispanic population rose from 19.4% to 20%. The rate of the Black population stayed the same at 12.1%, as did the American Indian Alaska Native alone population at 1%.

In the marriage department, the share of men who have never married increased from 37.2% to 37.6%, and it rose from 31.6% to 32.1% for women.

Fewer people moved, as costs of renting and owning homes rose

Last year, only 11% of U.S. residents moved to another home, compared to 11.3%

in the previous year. The decline of people moving this decade has been part of a continuous slide as home prices have skyrocketed in some metros and interest rates have gone up. In 2019, by comparison, 13.7% of U.S. residents moved.

The monthly costs for U.S. homeowners with a mortgage rose to \$2,035 from \$1,960. Homeowners with a mortgage in California (\$3,001), Hawaii (\$2,937), New Jersey (\$2,797), Massachusetts (\$2,755), and the District of Columbia (\$3,181) had the highest median monthly costs.

Costs for renters also increased as the median rent with utilities went from \$1,448 to \$1,487. □

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Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen (17) passes against the New York Jets during the second quarter of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, in East Rutherford, N.J.

Associated Press

Josh Allen bounces back from bloody nose, leads Bills to easy 30-10 victory over Jets

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
AP Pro Football Writer
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)

— Josh Allen's nose might have taken the biggest hit by the Buffalo Bills against the New York Jets.

The defending NFL MVP shook off a bloody nose that sidelined him for two plays, James Cook ran for 132 yards and two touchdowns and the Bills cruised to a 30-10 victory on Sunday.

"We can breathe, so it's good," Allen said with a grin, his nose swollen and sporting a black and blue mark. Buffalo, coming off a 41-40 comeback win over Baltimore, needed no late rally in this one as the Bills (2-0) shut down Justin Fields and the Jets' offense from the start. With the Bills leading 10-0, Allen left late in the first quarter after he scrambled and was stopped for no gain. Michael Clemons appeared to get a hand under the quarterback's facemask.

"I pulled (the football) when I probably should've handed it off," Allen said. "I tried to throw it and I saw them push, so I decided to tuck it. I don't know what hit me — it was a knee, it was a hand, it was somebody — and the helmet just kind of came down on the bridge of my nose and just started leaking."

Allen, with blood flowing from his nose, ran to the sideline and was examined

by trainers. Mitchell Trubisky came in and immediately completed a 32-yard pass to Joshua Palmer for a first down. Trubisky then handed off to Ty Johnson as Allen continued to be looked at. Allen, with his left nostril packed with gauze, then jogged back onto the field on the next play to start the second quarter. The drive ended with a 52-yard field goal by Matt Prater that gave the Bills a 13-0 lead. With the game well in hand and the Bills leading 30-3 with 8:23 left, Allen came out and Trubisky finished. Allen was 14 of 25 for 148 yards and ran for 59 yards on six carries.

Fields, coming off a promising Jets debut in the opener, struggled to move the ball before leaving in the fourth quarter with a concussion. After being sacked by Joey Bosa, Fields was checked in the injury tent and then walked to the locker room. Tyrod Taylor replaced Fields with 12:03 remaining. Fields was only 3 of 11 passing for 27 yards and had 49 yards rushing on five carries. Taylor got the Jets, who fell to 0-2 under new coach Aaron Glenn, into the end zone for the only time when he tossed a 5-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Rucker with 3:28 left.

"When it comes to this game, very disappointed," Glenn said. "Like, very disap-

pointed. All three phases, to be honest with you."

After allowing 238 yards rushing in the win over Baltimore, Buffalo gave up just 100 to New York even with defensive tackle Ed Oliver out. The Jets finished with 154 total yards, the fewest allowed by the Bills in a road game since giving up 127 at Indianapolis in 1990.

"It was important for us to get off to a good start," Bills coach Sean McDermott said. "And I thought we did that in a complementary way."

Quick start

Cook ran it in from 1 yard to put Buffalo up 7-0 on its opening possession. The 12-play drive was prolonged by a roughing the passer penalty on Clemons, who slammed into Allen on third-and-19. Allen's pass fell incomplete, but the penalty kept things going for the Bills. Allen also had a 40-yard run earlier on the drive — a play on which Michael Carter II was also called for defensive holding — on third-and-8 from the Bills 21.

The Jets gave the Bills the ball right back on their next play from scrimmage when Fields was hit from behind by Bosa and fumbled, and A.J. Epenesa recovered at the 24. New York's defense stiffened against Allen and Buffalo settled for a 28-yarder by Prater to take a 10-0 lead. □

Urquidy returns from Tommy John surgery, Tigers beat Marlins 2-0 and tie for lead with 17th shutout



Detroit Tigers pitcher José Urquidy (65) aims a pitch during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Miami Marlins Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, in Miami.

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MIAMI (AP) — José Urquidy got four outs in his return from Tommy John surgery, combining with three other pitchers to lead Detroit over the Miami Marlins 2-0 Sunday as the Tigers tied Pittsburgh for the major league lead with their 17th shutout this season.

Detroit took advantage of three errors by Miami on a single ball in the second inning, scoring both runs and going on to stop a three-game losing streak.

Urquidy, a 30-year-old right-hander, had Tommy John surgery for the second time in June 2024 and signed a \$1 million, one-year contract with the Tigers in March following five seasons with Houston.

He relieved Keider Montero (5-3) started the sixth and worked around Agustín Ramírez's two-out single. Eric Wagaman singled leading off the seventh and Tommy Kahnle followed with one out. Urquidy threw 25 pitches, averaging 93 mph with his fastball.

Wil Vest followed Kahnle, who got five outs, and finished for his 21st save in 27 chances. After a single and walk put two on with out out, Vest retired Joey Wiener on a flyout and fell behind Javier Sanoja 3-1 before throwing a pair of called strikes with fastballs at the outside corner. AL Central-leading Detroit, closing on its first division title since 2014, was out-hit 7-4.

Montero allowed three hits in five innings.

Miami made three errors in the second as Detroit scored twice. With Spencer Torkelson on first, Colt Keith's grounder to first went off Wagaman for the first error. Second baseman Máximo Acosta retrieved the ball in foul territory and threw wildly past third.

Left fielder Troy Johnston tried to run down the ball but it bounced off a fence, through his legs and past as Keith reached third. Keith scored on Dillon Dingler's single.

Adam Mazur (0-4) allowed two unearned runs and one hit over six innings, retiring his final 11 batters.

Key moment

Kahnle inherited two runners with one out in the seventh, when he retired Victor Mesa Jr. on a flyout and Javier Sanoja on a groundout.

Key stat

Montero pitched his longest outing since throwing six innings against Tampa Bay on July 7.

Up next

Tigers: RHP Casey Mize (14-5, 3.83) starts Tuesday's series opener against Cleveland and LHP Joey Cantillo (5-3, 3.36).

Marlins: RHP Eury Pérez (6-5, 4.67) starts Tuesday's series opener at Colorado, which starts LHP Kyle Freeland (4-15, 4.97). □

Minnesota Lynx dominant Golden State Valkyries 101-72 in Game 1 of WNBA playoffs

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Napheesa Collier scored 20 points to lead five players in double figures and the Minnesota Lynx breezed to a 101-72 victory over the Golden State Valkyries on Sunday in Game 1 of the best-of-three first-round WNBA series.

Collier hit 7 of 11 shots with a 3-pointer and all five of her free throws, adding six rebounds.

Natisha Hiedeman made two 3-pointers and scored 18 for the Lynx, while Kayla McBride added 17. Jessica Shepard had 12 points and eight rebounds and Courtney Williams pitched in with 11 points and four steals. Veronica Burton and Cecilia Zandalasini both scored 14 to lead Golden State. Burton added seven assists and three steals but also had seven of the Valkyries' 16 turnovers. Janelle Salaun had 13 points and eight rebounds and Temi Fagbénlé scored 12 before fouling out.

Burton hit two 3-pointers for Golden State in an 11-4 run to start the game and the Valkyries led 28-21 after one quarter.

McBride had two baskets in a 12-3 run to begin the second period and Minnesota moved in front 33-31. McBride had 14 points by halftime and Collier scored 11 for a 47-39 lead.

Alanna Smith hit a 3-pointer with 8:47 left in the third quarter for a 52-42 advantage and Minnesota led by double digits the rest of the way. DiJonai Carrington sank two 3-pointers and Williams hit one in the final 70 seconds as the Lynx took a 79-58 lead into the final period.

The Valkyries are still looking for their first win over the Lynx in their first year in the league after losing all four regular-season matchups — three by double digits.

Minnesota's 34-10 record led the league. Golden State will host Game 2 on Wednesday.

Dream 80, Fever 68
COLLEGE PARK, Ga. (AP) — Alisha Gray and Rhyne Howard scored 20 points apiece to help the Atlanta

Dream beat the Indiana Fever 80-68 on Sunday in Game 1 of the best-of-three first-round playoff series.

Naz Hillmon, who was the AP Sixth Person of the Year, added 16 points and nine rebounds for the third-seeded Dream. Atlanta can advance to the semifinals with a win in Game 2 on Tuesday in Indianapolis. Brionna Jones made a tie-breaking layup and Gray hit a pull-up jumper before Howard hit a 3-pointer that gave Atlanta a 47-40 lead almost four minutes into the second half and the Fever trailed the rest of the way.

Kelsey Mitchell led No. 7 seed Indiana with 27 points. Odyssey Sims scored 10

points and Aliyah Boston grabbed 12 rebounds to go with eight points and five assists. The Fever were missing Caitlin Clark, who is sidelined for the playoffs with a groin injury she suffered in the middle of July. Indiana was also missing Sophie Cunningham (knee), Aari McDonald (foot) and Sydney Colson (knee). Mitchell made a free throw that cut Indiana's deficit to 10 points with 3:32 left in the fourth quarter but Hillmon, who scored 14 second-half points, answered with a three-point play and Atlanta led by double figures there on.

The Dream, under first-year coach Karl Smesko, doubled their win total from last



Janelle Salaun (13) shoots over Napheesa Collier (24) in the first half as the Golden State Valkyries played the Minnesota Lynx in Game 1 of the WNBA first round playoffs at Target Center in Minneapolis, Minn., on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025.

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year, shattered the club record for wins in a season (30) and finished with their highest win percentage (.682) in franchise history.

Mitchell hit a fast-break 3-pointer to cap a 9-0 run that gave Indiana a 15-6 lead with 4:55 left in the first quarter. □



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