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Former minister Richard Gibson dismayed by bribery insinuations

PHILIPSBURG--Former Minister of Finance Richard Gibson said, "It takes a very fanciful, devious and warped mind" to link the golden parachute payment of two million guilders he received from ENNIA insurance company in 2014 to his appointment as minister in 2015.

In a press release send to *The Daily Herald* on Sunday, Gibson responded to an article about him in *Antilliaans Dagblad* (*AD*) of Saturday, June 16. Under the headline "Indication of bribery", the newspaper wrote that the Central Bank of Curaçao and St. Maarten (CBCS) and the ENNIA companies placed under an emergency regulation "take the position that there are indica-

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Mandatory youth-hiring quota premise of draft law Gordon-Carty to submit

PHILIPSBURG--Establishing a mandatory annual quota for businesses to hire a "first-time youngster" between the ages of 18 to 26, in exchange for declaring 35 per cent of the employees' salary as a tax refundable "donation," is the premise of a draft law that United St. Maarten Party (US Party) leader Pamela Gordon-Carty intends to submit to Parliament after the summer recess.

Gordon-Carty outlined the details of the draft law proposal in a press release. "All businesses on country St. Maarten from large to small (excluding micro) businesses will be subjected to a yearly mandatory quota of hiring a first-time youngster between the ages of 18 to 26 that is unemployed, or a recent graduate whether on island or coming home from studying abroad," she said in explaining the premise of the draft law.

"As an incentive, businesses that comply will be able to declare 35% of the young adult's annual salary as a "donation" and get it reimbursed despite having an outstanding for government. Functions that require a particular expertise are also included as long as the student is a graduate in that area and was born on St. Maarten."

She explained that the proposed law focuses on recent college graduates and students seeking employment for the first time. The goal is to lower the unemployment rate among young people and give incentives to businesses that hire young adults.

"As a business owner for 26 years, and as an Accountant and tax expert I have a good understanding of the challenges faced by businesses on St. Maarten," said Gordon-Carty in the release. "We as business owners are facing challenging times and besides having to cope with running our

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National Institute for Professional Advancement (NIPA) established a partnership with Real Auto for its mechanics training. Page 7

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The French government is providing 1.4 million euros in animal feed assistance dedicated to livestock breeders in Guadeloupe and St. Martin, and available for eligible farms. Page 8



To conclude the annual Justice Week, police and staff of other Ministry of Justice departments marched through the streets of Philipsburg on Sunday. The "Justice Parade" was saluted by representatives of the Government of St. Maarten in front of the courthouse. See story on page 9.

Liquidity support postponed by Kingdom Council of Ministers

THE HAGUE--The Kingdom Council of Ministers RMR on Friday postponed a decision about new liquidity support for St. Maarten. The Dutch government wants additional advice about the vacation payment for civil servants. Minister plenipotentiary Rene Violenus of St. Maarten is disappointed but expects a positive decision within days. A decision about a possible financial instruction for Aruba was also postponed.

St. Maarten requested liquidity support of NAf. 14 million for the third quarter of 2022. It was the first request this year, because there was no need for additional liquidity loans in the first and second quarters. Violenus said the request had already been approved by the Committee for Financial Supervision CFT but the Dutch government had not agreed to it yet.

"We want more information [as to whether – Ed.] this single payment is according to the agree-

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Anguilla relaxes its COVID regulations

ANGUILLA--The government, through the Ministry of Health, has further relaxed some of the COVID-19 regulations. Effective July 15 there is no quarantine requirement for unvaccinated returning residents to Anguilla. Unvaccinated persons are now allowed to travel to neighbouring islands for no more than one night but must comply with the requirements of the destination. There will be no testing on return, but unvaccinated day trippers have to submit to a COVID-19 test four days after they return. This may also apply to some vaccinated returning persons.

From August 8 there will be no pre-arrival testing requirement for vaccinated persons. Unvaccinated persons will be required to have the pre-arrival test but will not need to quarantine or have further testing.

The ministry states, "The relaxation of protocols does not mean that the COVID-19 threat is over. Vaccination remains the most effective form of protection against severe disease and death and vaccination and booster doses are still available and are increasingly a requirement for travel. The ministry urges the general public to take proactive steps to protect your own health and that of your family by getting vaccinated."







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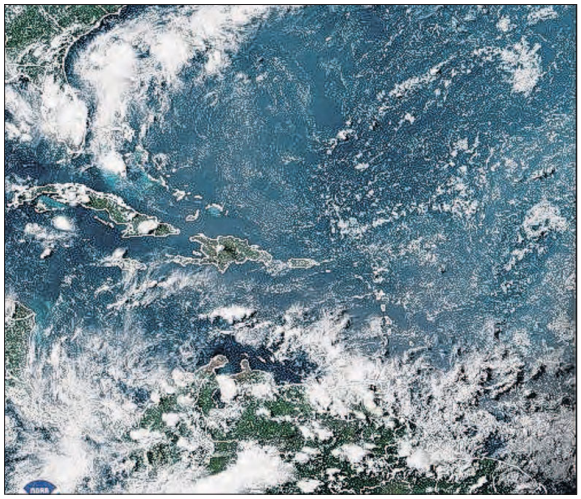
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SYNOPSIS: A relatively drier and more stable atmosphere is expected across the region, but patches of moisture drifting in the brisk wind flow may trigger a brief shower at times. Varying concentrations of Saharan dust will affect air quality. Persons with allergies and/or respiratory illnesses should be vigilant. Moderate seas are expected through the next few days. Small-craft operators and sea-bathers should continue to exercise caution.
SPECIAL FEATURE: Remaining names for this year's hurricane season (now to November 30): Danielle, Earl, Fiona, Gaston, Hermine, Ian, Julia, Karl, Lisa, Martin. Nicole, Owen, Paula, Richard, Shary, Tobias, Virginie, Walter.
Outlook through Tuesday evening: Partly cloudy, slightly hazy, and breezy with a few brief showers possible.
Sunrise: 5:46am.
Sunset: 6:50pm.

Game-changer

That a decision on more coronavirus-related liquidity support for St. Maarten was postponed (see related story) could be expected following the granting of 6% vacation pay last month to civil servants and public education teachers. After all, conditions set by the Kingdom Council of Ministers RMR Netherlands to start phasing out 12.5% in benefits cuts – of which suspending the holiday allowance was part – have not yet been fully met.

The amount of 14 million Netherlands Antillean guilders requested for the third quarter may not seem like much but is badly needed to keep government's deficit manageable. The Committee for Financial Supervision CFT must now advise whether the payment is covered by the budget.

The good news is that, based on CFT's comments, Dutch State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Alexandra van Huffelen and St. Maarten Finance Minister Ardwell Irion can further arrange this matter. This means it may not have to wait until the next RMR in August.

That's when a decision will probably be taken on the recommendation by the Aruba Committee for Financial Supervision CAFT to give that country a financial instruction. The Wever-Croes Cabinet already announced it would appeal such.

Aruba's acting Plenipotentiary Minister in The Hague Juan "Ady" Thijssen said many nations are still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and having to dealing with the impact of Russia's invasion into Ukraine. He pointed out that a growing number of European Union (EU) members are switching to more flexible budgetary rules due to the latter development.

As stated in this column before, the war and its effects on global supplies as well as prices sparked another crisis that is becoming a game-changer in the negative sense also for the islands. This should certainly be considered in any scenario going forward.

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PM about UN meet: 'It was very important to be at this forum'

PHILIPSBURG--Prime Minister Silveria Jacobs said on Sunday that it was "very important" to be present at the United Nations (UN) High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), which was held at the UN Headquarters in New York last week.

"It was very important to be at this Forum. The representation of the Caribbean islands is imperative when discussing the progression of global policies," Jacobs said in a press release reporting on her visit.

Although the international community is not completely aware of the differences between the Netherlands and the three Caribbean countries, the HLPF gave Jacobs a platform to highlight the vulnerabilities of the small island developing state (SIDS) countries even while being a part of a kingdom which many associate solely with the Netherlands.



Prime Minister Silveria Jacobs at the forum.

Jacobs was part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands delegation. During the forum she attended and presented at various discussions aimed at familiarising countries with the others' issues, solutions, and future plans.

According to the release, the days were packed with panel discussions, presentations, and other smaller networking moments. One such moment was broadcast live, as Jacobs sat in on a round table event with Tajikistan and other Netherlands representatives to converse on their joint plan for water conservation.

Jacobs had the honour to officially hand over the "SDG Piano" to the UN. A collaboration between the Kingdom and Sing for Hope, a non-profit US organisation whose mission is to harness the power of the arts to create a better world. The piano, painted in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), combines the value of art not only as a means of expression and healing, but as a diplomatic tool as well, with the important educational component of the global development agenda.

"In St. Maarten, we have seen the importance of art, in all its forms, as a means of comfort during this pandemic, but also as a serious means of expression and livelihood for our countless artists, so participating in this initiative fell very much in line with both my personal but also our cultural diplomacy programme," said Jacobs.

During the HLPF, Jacobs also attended bilateral meetings with United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Suriname and Jamaica, and the Minister of Planning, Economic Development, Climate Resilience, Sustainable Development, and Renewable Energy of Dominica.

There was also a technical-level meeting with the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The meetings were fruitful, centring around issues thematic to SIDS, including food security, rising inflation and global shortages, trade, and airlift. With some of the countries areas for cooperation in education, training, and sports were also identified.

Jacobs said, "It was an opportunity to meet other SIDS to share, learn and where possible to collaborate to build new partnerships with regional SIDS and organisations facing similar challenges. We are stronger together, and that can be expanded upon when we convene."

Each country presenting at the panel put forth its voluntary national review (VNR), which aims to share best practices and raise awareness of issues that may hinder the steps to implement the country's SDGs. Attending the HLPF, among other things, involved Jacobs presenting the VNR, which was an opportunity to highlight the effects of climate change on each of the low-lying, coastal countries.

"St. Maarten is particularly vulnerable to increased extreme weather, risks and vulnerabilities. We are investing heavily in disaster preparedness and disaster risk management. Coming together to draft and present the VNR was an enlightening process giving much insight into each other's challenges and strengths," said Jacobs.

"We are focused on strengthening our greatest asset, our people. Therefore, investing in the equitable development of our population is our priority – reducing inequalities by strengthening education, health and creating opportunities to build the needed human capacity," she said during one of her addresses.

"The government has been working diligently to rebuild and strengthen the country of St. Maarten, as well as solidify its position on a global level. As countries within the Kingdom, while we differ greatly in our geographical locations, economic and social capacities, and starting points of the SDGs, the report also identifies our commonalities.

"Climate change is the main overarching concern for us all, which coupled with COVID-19 has delayed the needed progress towards the goals. Having said that, our ability to combat the effects of climate change, given these significant differences, must be considered when we engage internally with our Kingdom partners.

"As such, in my bilateral meetings I indicated my strong support for the Multi-Dimensional Vulnerability Index, a mechanism being developed by the UN to determine developmental levels more comprehensively and in turn access to concessionary financing," Jacobs said.

"This is an important agenda for our region and, more importantly, very important to us as Caribbean countries within the Kingdom, given that it will consider a wide range of factors besides GDP [gross domestic product – Ed.] as a tool within which to frame future global discussions on development policy."

While the SDGs are part of a collective outlook, each country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands is responsible for its individual outcomes. "To represent SIDS at the Forum was an opportunity to be vocal about our challenges and provide a framework on how we can further develop," she said.

Dutch to ask attention for small island states

THE HAGUE--The Netherlands delegation participating in the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) from September 19 to 27 will draw attention to the special position of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and thus the specific challenges that the Dutch Caribbean territories face on a daily basis.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Wopke Hoekstra reports this in a letter to the Dutch Parliament's Second Chamber about the UNGA week. "Due to their location, small scale, great economic dependence on tourism and imports, they are vulnerable to geopolitical developments and climate change," he wrote.

"The kingdom is committed to sustainable development, equality of opportunity and climate adaptation, to ensure that everyone can fully participate in society. This is also of great importance for the SIDS within the kingdom. It is important that the specific challenges for island states remain on the agenda of the UN," added the minister.

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Freegan opens registration for tailored food assistance

PHILIPSBURG--Freegan Food Foundation is calling on anyone who cannot make ends meet to sign up for their food assistance programme. As of August first, new applicants can receive fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as other food options, for six months.

Since June 1, 2021, Freegan Food Foundation has a food assistance programme in the form of a client choice food market for people who are having trouble meeting their daily needs.

A client choice food market is a method of food distribution at a food bank, Joost de Jong of Freegan Food Foundation explained. "Similar to shopping at a grocery store, clients are encouraged to select the foods they want. The system acknowledges that no two families or individuals have the same needs or preferences."

St. Maarten Development Fund, Cooperating Foundations for the Caribbean and R4CR have been supporting this programme to help the families receive fresh fruits and vegetables, besides other healthy food options each week. "This programme has been a tremendous help for over 100 families in the past year," De Jong said.

The help is offered for a maximum of six months in a row. "Per August 1, a lot of spots open up to be filled by new beneficiaries," manager of the programme Jason Ballegeer said. "We are searching for people who are struggling and do not know where their next meal will come from. By entering in the programme, we hope people will experience less stress so they can focus on what's important for them, like finding a job, or taking care of their children."

In total 200 individuals can be assisted by this programme. Registration is only possible through WhatsApp. Persons who want to apply for the programme can send a message – no calls – to +1-721-580-7174. Applicants will receive an invite for an intake to get all the required information.

Persons are encouraged to register if they have not received food assistance in the past year through the Freegan Food Market or any other organisations, and there is little to no income in the household. Single person households, single (grand) parents with children under the age of 12 and pregnant women are prioritised. Individuals registering should be at least 18 years old and they will register for the entire household.

Other requirements are discussed in the intake, Ballegeer said. "Important to note is that everyone can apply, regardless of their legal status, information will never be shared with any other organisations."

For more information about the Foundation please visit Facebook/Instagram: Freegan Food Foundation.

Workshops for study financing recipients continue this week

PHILIPSBURG--Division Study Financing (DSF) will be organising preparatory workshops for study financing recipients who will be pursuing their studies in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and the Caribbean from today, Monday July 18, to Thursday, July 21.

The main objective of these preparatory workshops is to provide study financing recipients with information, skills, knowledge and toolkits with tips and tricks to facilitate a smoother transition into tertiary level education and their place of study.

A team of professionals and specialists in various disciplines who have studied and worked in the various countries, including several current and former study financing recipients will facilitate these workshops.

The preparatory workshops will be comprised of interactive, hands-on sessions topics to be covered are: budgeting and finance, study financing information, mental health and wellness, strategies for academic success, college life and home life maintenance.

The workshops will be held in the Soualiga Room on the ground floor of the Government Administration Building.

For more information, call or WhatsApp (721)-527-3840, or e-mail info@studyfinancing.sx.



"HNLMS Groningen" welcomed with a military salute at Fort Amsterdam.

Ceremonial salute for patrol vessel of Royal Dutch Navy

PHILIPSBURG--*HNLMS Groningen* entered Port St. Maarten on Saturday for a regular port visit. The ship had been present in the region since April but had not visited St. Maarten yet.



Governor of St. Maarten Eugene Holiday (centre front) attended the ceremony.

In accordance with military traditions, the crew was welcomed at Fort Amsterdam with a military ceremony, executed by marines of the Dutch Marines Detachment at St. Maarten and the Volunteer Corps St. Maarten.

Additional to the military ceremony, the Governor of St. Maarten, Eugene Holiday, attended the ceremony.

In the Caribbean, the crew primarily focuses on counter drug operations. In this way, the Dutch armed forces fulfil their constitutional tasks, such as promoting and maintaining the international legal order and stability in the region. The operations take place in collaboration with partners such as the Dutch Caribbean Coast Guard and the American Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-South).

The Royal Netherlands Navy has four patrol ships of the Holland-class. These Ocean-Going Patrol Vessels are flexibly deployable vessels for monitoring coastal waters. In addition, they can be used for law enforcement such as counter drug operations and humanitarian tasks such as providing emergency aid.

This year, the Dutch military forces in the Caribbean so far captured 5,300 kilograms of drugs.



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SEMSAMAR organises management seminar

MARIGOT--Following the territorial elections in St. Martin in March 2022, a new SEMSAMAR board of directors was installed in June with First Vice President of the Collectivité Alain Richardson unanimously appointed as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

To take full measure of the mixed-capital-company's activities and challenges, this new governing body organised a two-day management seminar in St. Martin in the presence of the entire management team and members of SEMSAMAR's board of directors. Some 15 managers attended the seminar and 30 others participated by video conference.

The objective was to enable the Chairman, CEO and board of directors to get to better know the company and the men and women who work for the company, and to encourage exchanges of views between departments.

The elected representatives of the Collectivité and members of the board of directors were able to appreciate the diversity of the company's real estate activities and local expertise built up step-by-step in each territory, and to gain an understanding of the operations in Guadeloupe, French Guiana and Martinique.

They were also able to see that the company is constantly evolving and must adapt to its economic, social, regulatory and competitive environment. The company has undergone numerous internal changes in recent years, re-focusing on its real estate activity and integrating the personnel of its rental management subsidiaries.

The new governing body intends to rely on the conclusions of this seminar to define strategic orientations and make trade-offs. At the end of the seminar Richardson expressed his optimism about the teams' ability to improve the level of the company's performance and affirmed his willingness to initiate new real estate projects in St. Martin.



SEMSAMAR Chairman and Director-General Alain Richardson (centre) talks during the management seminar with (from left) Territorial Councillor Steven Cocks, Third Vice-President Dominique Louisy (second right) and Territorial Councillor Valérie Damaseau (far right).



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Nominations opened for annual President of Parliament Award

PHILIPSBURG--Nominations can now be submitted for the annual President of Parliament Award 2022.

Each year the President of Parliament recognises a youth who has contributed to the community and the country positively whether it be academically, voluntary or in sporting achievements.

Any citizen of St. Maarten who believes that an individual meets the criteria can send the nomination to the Parliament of St. Maarten.

To be eligible, the candidate must have Dutch nationality and/or has been legally residing in St. Maarten for 10 or more years consecutively, and has been registered in the Civil Registry for that period of time; must be between the ages of 15-24 years; must have made a worthwhile contribution to the development of the community and the country; the contributions/achievements must have taken place within the last three years and must have been made while the individual was acting as a private citizen, not as an appointed or elected government official and must have demonstrated a capacity for leadership and ability to motivate.

The application form can be found on the Parliament's website: www.sxmparliament.org under the tab public. By selecting the President of Parliament Award you will be directed to the digital application form.

A hardcopy of the application form can also be collected at the reception desk at the Parliament Building located at Wilhelminastraat #1, Philipsburg.

The deadline to submit nominations is August 15. This can be done by hard copy in a sealed envelope addressed to: Annual President of Parliament Award Committee, Wilhelminastraat #1 Philipsburg, St. Maarten or via e-mail: info@sxmparliament.org.

The award is presented yearly to a recipient during the reception ceremony at the Opening of the Parliamentary Year. Nominations for the Annual President of Parliament Award 2022 may be submitted by any citizen of St. Maarten who believes that the nominated individual meets the criteria.





Minister plenipotentiary Rene Violenus after the Kingdom Council meeting. (Photo by Otti Thomas)

Liquidity support

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ment between St. Maarten and the Netherlands," said State Secretary Alexandra van Huffelen of Kingdom Relations and Digitisation, referring to the vacation pay. This was confirmed by Violenus. "The state secretary and the government request an additional review by the CFT to determine if the budget covers the vacation allowance," he said.

Violenus added that the liquidity support is extra important because of the hurricane season, which will possibly lead to higher expenses. The delay was therefore disappointing. "I stressed during the RMR that the CFT already gave a positive advice. St. Maarten also meets the requirements of the "Tijdelijke Werkorganisatie" (Temporary Work Organisation) about the reform package, so we actually expected a positive decision by the RMR," he said.

Violenus expects a decision will be made soon, maybe within a week. The review by the CFT can be concluded within days, which means the liquidity support can soon be approved. State Secretary Van Huffelen has a mandate to settle this with Minister of Finance Ardwell Irion. A new RMR is not necessary.

The RMR also discussed the financial situation of Aruba on Friday. The Aruba Committee for Financial Supervision CAFT advised the Kingdom Council last week to give the Aruban government a financial instruction. The CAFT concluded that most of its recommendations for a balanced budget were not followed-up on by Aruba.

"The CAFT gave an advice, but the government of Aruba still has an opportunity to react. I hope they will because nobody is looking forward to an instruction. But I especially hope that Aruba will get down to work and adjust its budget. A solid financial basis is incredibly important. So, first Aruba has to act and then the RMR can make its decision," she said.

Deputy Minister plenipotentiary of Aruba, Juan "Ady" Thijssen said that most countries are still recovering from the coronavirus COVID-19 crisis and at the same time are dealing with the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war. In the European Union more and more countries are in favour of flexible budget rules. "This should also apply to Aruba, Curaçao and St. Maarten. This is an extraordinary situation," he said. Thijssen expects that the CAFT and RMR will eventually agree with Aruba.



From left: Director of NIPA Sergio Blomont, with Manager of Real Auto BV Michael Scott.

NIPA, Real Auto BV enter partnership

~ New hospitality consultant for Culinary Arts/Hospitality programmes ~

CAY HILL--The National Institute for Professional Advancement (NIPA) has ventured into a partnership collaboration with Real Auto BV.

NIPA is offering Automotive Technician courses and has instituted an on-the-job training programme with Real Auto BV whereby NIPA trainees will undergo intense training in order to be adequately familiar with actual hands-on automotive training to augment their formal training.

Besides an on-the-job training programme, NIPA and Real Auto BV will also be working closely together to design and offer high-level automotive training courses.

These courses will be offered during the day as well as in the evening at NIPA, to accommodate the youth as well as the adult population on St. Maarten. Please stay tuned for this.

Real Auto BV is one of three automobile dealership locations in the KN Group of Companies which operates in St. Maarten/St. Martin and Dominica. Their sister companies include Real Foods in St. Lucia, Auto Trade Ltd & Island Car Rental, Fine Foods Inc, Do It Center, Dominica Freight Systems and Energy Management Solutions in Dominica. "They are proudly a part of one of the most knowledgeable and versatile companies in the Caribbean region," said NIPA.

NIPA has also recently added Hospitality Consultant Anuska Brown in its effort to give back to the community of St. Maarten with the introduction of its new Culinary Arts Level Four and Hospitality and Tourism Management programmes.

These programmes are aimed to start in the new academic year 2022-2023.

Brown, a well-known hospitality Instructor, was responsible for the implementation of the Cook and Hospitality Level One programmes when NIPA first opened its doors back in 2014. "With over 30-plus years of experience in the hospitality sector, Brown is now offering to give back to the community of St. Maarten," said NIPA.

Brown holds an Associate's degree in Culinary Arts as well as a Bachelor of Science in Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management. She is also a businesswoman and has run her own restaurant named "Fusion" at several locations for a period of eight consecutive years. She currently holds the position of Operations Manager at the local franchise of the Kentucky Fried Chicken food chain.

NIPA said it is well aware that it is the key institution for creating professionals in St. Maarten. "NIPA's goal is to increase the number of local skilled professionals on the island and in the region. NIPA is confident that it has the human resources necessary to facilitate this need to increase the skilled populace," the institute added.

"NIPA hopes that the St. Maarten community will make use of this opportunity and in turn, use their knowledge and skills to further contribute to nation-building," the institute concluded.

Youth-hiring quota

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business on a daily basis, non-paying customers, late paying customers, insufficient revenue generating months, and tax obligations, contributes to an already depressing atmosphere. The economy thrives when we as the business sector thrive, and it crashes when we as businesses owners crash. We are a strong contributing factor to the well-being of the country and are expected to contribute, but government also has a responsibility to facilitate some sort of alleviation as well," she noted.

She listed some of the pros of the law as being that companies will be directly contributing towards social development and the reduction of the unemployment rate. It directly targets the younger generation, encouraging them to be productive contributors to society by giving them employment opportunities across various sectors of the economy.

It would also lower work permits for functions that can be carried out by "our own" if given the opportunity. It will also contribute to the collection of taxes for the coffers of government.

Less immigrants will also be being misused in the work force and not getting paid or paying their fair share to the tax authorities. There will be better control; a positive impact on the emotional health amongst "frustrated young adults," promote a positive outlook of hope amongst graduating students; contribute towards decrease in criminal activities and abuse of substance, due stress, creating a healthier environment and encourage businesses to hire more locals.



US Party leader Pamela Gordon-Carty.

She said also that existing basic labour laws will still be applicable, especially the sick leave law.

The law proposal is also expected to stimulate internal shifting and promotions so that lower ranking jobs become available because they are incentivised and St. Maarten will be in compliance with the fundamental United Nations human rights laws which are: Article 2 – freedom from discrimination, Article 3 – freedom to live a dignified life, Article 4 – freedom of slavery, Article 7 – rights to equality before the law, Article 22 – right to social security, Article 23 – right to work, Article 25 – right to adequate standard of living, and Article 29 – right to duty to your community.

"Illegal workers cannot have preference over those that are registered and or born here," it was stated in the release.

Gordon-Carty said she welcomes the public to interact with her party as they would like to hear the public's views on the different laws proposals thus far. "A panel is being put together so healthy discussions can be held with the public so together we can push this country in the direction we want it to go. Having the population involved and moving towards creative ways of solving ongoing issues, can only be accomplished through the adoption and implementation of laws," she said.

"Country package, COHO [Caribbean Body for Reform and Development – Ed.] or not, government has a role to play and legislation needs to be put in place. The business community is encouraged and invited to interact with the party via its Facebook page United St. Maarten Party to express their sentiments and share constructive advice. This is an opportunity for us to seek solutions together in the best interest of all," concluded Gordon Carty.

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Bribery insinuations

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tions of (official) bribery of former Minister Richard Gibson."

CBCS does not trust ENNIA Caribe Holding Iranian-American major shareholder Hushang Ansary's golden handshake to Gibson, according to *AD*.

Gibson read the front-page article with dismay on Saturday morning. According to the newspaper, "The issue has become topical again with the intended 'intervention' by the Central Bank at SunResorts (Mullet Bay on St. Maarten) which is owned by ENNIA Investment (EC Investments). Also, for some time in writing – so out of sight of the public – the appeal in connection with the liability procedure against defendant ex-directors of ENNIA, including against the American owner Hushang Ansary, has been playing out."



Former Minister of Finance Richard Gibson in 2017, with then Prime Minister and National Alliance leader William Marlin.

In that regard, *AD* states, "His [Ansary's – Ed.] confidant Gibson is not a defendant, but as a commissioner he did play a significant role in the Ansary/ENNIA file and was 'put in the waiting room in writing' by CBCS."

Gibson said it is regrettable "that news organisations employ these questionable tactics," indicating that these are merely insinuations, without rebuttal. "Indication of a bribery of a government official to do what exactly? And on whose behalf?" Gibson asked. "And what exactly constitutes indication of bribery'? Is it anything you can fabricate to try to tarnish someone's reputation?"

Gibson said he had resigned as chairman of each of the ENNIA operating companies – namely, ENNIA Life, ENNIA Schade and ENNIA Zorg in Curaçao, as well as the Aruban companies with the same names – at the end of 2014. He also resigned as chairman of Banco di Caribe Curaçao and chairman of Banco di Caribe Aruba, as well as supervisory board member of ENNIA Caribe Holding (ECH). He also held the position of General Legal Counsel for all these companies.

Gibson said, "I was available 24/7 to the board of managing directors of these companies, the board of supervisory directors of these companies and to the chairman of the board of ECH, as a lawyer with more than 50 years of legal experience."

He explained that "in appreciation for all the services rendered during the many years he served the ENNIA Group, both management of ENNIA and its ultimate beneficial owner decided to give a golden parachute payment when he departed from the companies in 2014."

Approximately 50% of the NAf. 2 million (US $1.12 million) was deducted for taxes and paid to the government, Gibson said.

He explained to the newspaper that the CBCS had put the total amount of NAf. 7.8 million paid out to him over his years of service in the wrong context. CBCS assumed this was paid for his role as a member of the supervisory board. Hence it believed 7.2 million of the 7.8 was "excessive". But in reality this was renumeration for all the positions he held at ENNIA and Banco di Caribe. "Some people believed I was actually underpaid," stated Gibson.

For emphasis, he stated that the total amount mentioned was gross salary. Some 50% was deducted for tax purposes.

Gibson explained that he had approached the CBCS to explain all of this and that initially a date had been set for a meeting. This was later cancelled by CBCS, after which he received a letter asking him how much of the money he intended to pay back. He wrote them back that he intended no such thing. "I had no intention to settle anything. I did my work conscientiously and honourably."

After his departure from ENNIA, United People's Party (UP Party) approached Gibson to become Minister of Finance of St. Maarten. "This did not materialise," said Gibson, who, at the end of 2015, was approached by the National Alliance party to become minister of finance. His appointment as finance minister in the cabinet of then Prime Minister William Marlin had nothing to do with the golden parachute payment, he received from ENNIA, Gibson concluded.



The go-fast.

Coke catch off Curaçao

WILLEMSTAD--Royal Netherlands Navy vessel *Zr. Ms. Groningen* currently sailing for the Dutch Caribbean Coast Guard foiled a drug transport during the night of July 13 to 14. South of Curaçao, they managed to force a so-called go-fast to stop in record time.

The current station ship in "the West" and its new crew had only been declared operational for a few hours after an intensive training course. On the same day they completed their final exercise, they immediately achieved a first operational result.

The Coast Guard had spotted the suspect speedboat, after which the ship and a helicopter were immediately deployed to the area by the Maritime Operation Centre (MOC). Two so-called FRISCs interceptors were launched by *Groningen* and approached the go-fast.

However, those on board refused to stop, after which warning shots were fired and eventually the outboard engines were disabled. In addition to the five occupants and drugs, four firearms were found too.

A Metal Shark of the Coast Guard took over the people on board, bales found that turned out to contain a total of 650 kilograms of cocaine, and the weapons. They were taken to the Support Centre in Willemstad.

The suspects and contraband have meanwhile been handed over to the Curaçao Police Force KPC, which is further investigating the case.

Government gives livestock breeders aid for animal feed

MARIGOT--The Préfecture notes the war situation in Ukraine is causing major disruptions in the economy in terms of supply and prices for agricultural raw materials. In particular cereals and vegetable proteins have seen an increase in prices.

Among the measures of the economic and social resilience plan put in place by the French Government, the "animal feed" measure aims to absorb some of the increases in animal feed costs caused by the conflict.

This assistance valued at 1.4 million euros is dedicated to livestock breeders in Guadeloupe and St. Martin and is available to eligible farms or fish farms with an active company identification number (Système d'Identification du Répertoire des Entreprises SIRET) and having had at least 1,500 euros in animal feed cost from March 16 to July 15, 2021.

The aid application form and its notice are available on the website of the Préfecture of Saint-Barthélemy and Saint-Martin: http://www.saint-barth-saint-martin.gouv.fr/Action-de-l'Etat/Agriculture-et-alimentation/PLAN-DE-RESILIENCE-OUVERTURE-DUNGUICHET-POUR-SOUTENIR-LES-ELEVEURS-AIDE-A-L'alimentation-ANIMALE

The aid application files, completed and accompanied by the required documents, must be submitted to Direction de L'Alimentation de L'Agriculture et de la Forêt (DAAF) directly at its offices or by post to Unité Territoriale DAAF, Préfecture de Saint Barthélemy et Saint Martin, 23 rue de Spring, Marigot 97150 Saint-Martin, or electronically at aide-crise.daaf971@agriculture.gouv.fr.

The deadline for submitting the file is 12:00 noon July 29, 2022.

Heart and Stroke Foundation hosting Sports Day Fundraiser

PHILIPSBURG--The St. Maarten Heart and Stroke Foundation will be hosting its first Sports Day Fundraiser at Jose Lake Sr. Ball Park on Saturday, July 23.

The fundraiser is being held to raise funds that will be put towards the start-up of support group sessions for persons living with a cardiovascular disease. The event takes place from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

The foundation said the event is geared towards the whole family and will feature games and activities that everyone can enjoy.

There will be a "kiddies corner" available to entertain the children, and table games for those who cannot participate with the sports games. There will be several soft ball games, as well as basketball games.

This fundraiser will also have food and drinks on sale, entrance is free.

Anyone interested in signing up to participate in the Sports Day Fundraiser can contact the St. Maarten Heart and Stroke Foundation at (721)-523-7887, or sxmheartandstroke@hotmail.com.

3rd congress for communication professionals September 1, 2

WILLEMSTAD--Rijksdienst Caribisch Nederland will hold the third conference "Communication Power of the Kingdom" in the World Trade Center (WTC) in Curaçao on September 1 and 2 for communication professionals employed by the governments or government-related organisations of Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, St. Maarten, Saba, St. Eustatius, the Netherlands and Suriname.

The aim is to promote connection, knowledge transfer and collaboration. A good network of communication professionals strengthens their effectiveness within the Kingdom and beyond. The conference is financed by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations and the Ministry of Security and Justice.

A diverse palette of speakers will offer masterclasses and workshops on the various disciplines of communication. Topics such as intercultural communication, crisis communication, speech writing and strategic communication are discussed in master classes and in smaller sessions during two intensive days.

The workshop "Crisis communication: Working together in the eye of the storm" will be given on September 1, for a broader target group. This workshop is interesting for anyone who has a role during a crisis and who is not necessarily employed by the (semi) government.

The workshop will be given by Svenja Westerduin and Francien Machielse, risk and crisis communication experts at the National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism and the National Crisis Center of the Ministry of Justice and Security. The workshop will be provided in collaboration with Wilfred Muller, senior advisor crisis management in the Caribbean, of the Representation of the Netherlands in Aruba, Curaçao and St Maarten.

During this interactive presentation, the speakers will delve deeper into the world of crisis communication: crisis structures, collaboration, mindset and tips and tricks.

This workshop will be held in the WTC auditorium from 1:30m to 4:00pm September 1. Interested parties who will not be participating in the conference, but who would like to attend this workshop, can register up to and including August 15, via email address rcncommunicatie@rijksdienstcn.com, stating your name, organisation, position and contact details. Participation is free of charge.

The available places for the congress on September 1 and 2 are limited. Communications professionals employed by the government or a government company who have not yet registered can still do so until August 15 at the latest via Eventbrite.



The Moho Education Camp is in progress in French Quarter until August 28.

Moho Education Camp in Quartier d'Orléans

MARIGOT--Association Centre Symphorien d'Insertion (CSI) recently presented its "Moho Education Camp" which offers the youth of French Quarter the possibility to choose some thirty different activities to discover and practise during the summer vacation.

Thanks to the mobilisation of many partners, CSI has succeeded in organising fun educational and sports activities from July 11 to August 28. Young people can register for one or more of these activities depending on their interests.

For the July programme: music, singing, art, crafts and pottery workshops, theatre, writing, journalism, food trades, gardening, reading club, dance, music, while those keen on sports can enjoy soccer, table tennis, volleyball, boxing, and the most safety conscious can participate in a two-wheeler prevention course.

A refresher workshop and a carpentry workshop will be offered to respond to the academic or practical needs of young people in vocational training, for example.

In August, the activities will focus on discovery and outings with a choice of hiking, cinema, catamaran trips, boat trips, kayaking, picnics on the beach, treasure hunts, as well as the discovery of Moho and its resources, or learning about Caribbean history.

The activities will take place in the different partner clubs for the sports activities and for the others in French Quarter or in Marigot (a bus will be provided for the transportation of young people between French Quarter and Marigot).

Participants will be welcomed from 9:00am to 12:00pm and from 2:00 to 4:00pm, with a lunch break in partnership with Caisse Territoriale des Oeuvres Scolaires (CTOS).

Activities are offered at an attractive price for all: 50 euros for the month, lunch and transportation included. For more information and registration, call (0690) 81.55.96.



Police gathered at the Philipsburg Methodist Church on Sunday morning, when a service was held for the Ministry of Justice, to then lead the Justice Parade as ceremonial closing of this year's Justice Week.

Coast Guard Team victorious at Justice Week Amazing Race

PHILIPSBURG--Minister of Justice Anna Richardson and staff participated in the first Justice Week Amazing Race throughout Philipsburg on Saturday. The race was facilitated by Tri-Sport and combined action and fun in a fast-paced challenge modelled after the popular TV Show.

Present at this year's team building activity were teams consisting of the Minister of Justice, Acting-Secretary General of the Ministry, Staff Bureau, Judicial Affairs, Financial Intelligence Unit, Court of Guardianship, Foundation Judicial Institutes St. Maarten (SJIS), Coast Guard, Customs St. Maarten, Immigration and Border Protection Services, and the Secretariat of the Council of Ministers.

At the start of the race, Tri-Sport representatives briefed the participants with instructions and the rules. Each team included a navigator who was charged with a map of Philipsburg and a clue master who served instrumentally as the team member to solve the clues that would lead their team to the next destination, direct them to perform a task, or complete a challenge for bonus points.

Justice Week began with a three-day Justice Conference, where discussions were held to strengthen collaboration between departments and agencies within the Ministry, said Minister Richardson. "It was also necessary to include an exercise whereby staff of the different departments and agencies could interact. Workers within the different departments are not very familiar with each other. I am committed to changing the status quo to improve efficiency and collaboration across the entire Ministry."



Justice Minister Anna Richardson (third from the right) with Team Coast Guard.

During the prize-giving ceremony at the end of the race, the Coast Guard came out victorious as the winning team for having completed most of the challenges within the shortest time frame followed by the Immigration and Border Protection Services. "I'd like to thank the Avatars, Smooth Operators, Protection Avengers, Dynamite Explorers, Team Coast Guard, Team Customs and the IBP Minions for their participation, and I look forward to even more teams of the Ministry joining in on the fun in 2023," Minister Richardson said.

Sunday was the final day of Justice Week. In the morning a church service was held at the Philipsburg Methodist Church, followed by the Justice Parade. The procession walked from Front Street to Emma Plein, Vogestraat, ending on E. Camille Richardson Street at the Police Station.





Professor Flora Goudappel during the lecture.

Fair taxation, EU-OCT discussed at lecture

PHILIPSBURG--The Department of Legal Affairs and Legislation recently held a two-part lecture on "The Role of Small Island Developing States in the Formation of Fair Taxation as Customary Law" and another on "Development in EU-OCT Relations for St. Maarten."

The Department said in a press release that these topics are important because they are issues that affect and influence the country and its citizens.

"Before COVID-19, the Department of Legal Affairs and Legislation organised three to four times per year a lecture about a legal topic on the Legal Platform. The reason for this lecture is to provide policy officers/policy advisors/legal advisors/lawyers information about legal topics," said the department's Legal Policy Advisor Ramona Ismail.

The two lecturers were Professor Flora Goudappel and Germaine Rekwest, both of University of Curaçao.

Goudappel spoke about the relation and the development of the European Union and the Netherlands and St. Maarten as an Overseas Country and Territory (OCT), indicating that there are several aspects to the relationship, from the environmental to the social to the trade and development.

St. Maarten can benefit more and take advantage of the opportunities as a member of the EU, which ranges from having access to the European market to applying for EU funds to develop social and environmental projects. There is more to being a partner in this partnership, Goudappel said. A professor of European law and dean of the Faculty of Law at University of Curaçao, Goudappel specialises in the relation of the OCTs to the European Union.



Germaine Rekwest addressing attendees during the lecture.

There is a new instrument, Goudappel said, the Decision on the Overseas Association underpinning the political/institutional, trade and financial cooperation framework for the EU-OCT partnership for 2021-27. The new Decision on the Overseas Association unifies the rules for the partnership with all OCTs, which St. Maarten and other OCTs can take advantage of.

With an ever-changing world, from 25 OCTs down to 12, many changes are happening in this developing world. The aim of the new regulations is strengthening competitiveness, increasing resilience and reducing vulnerability, and promoting cooperation and integration between the OCTs and other partners and neighbouring regions.

In addition, there are financing options with regard to Disaster Risk Reduction, multiannual program funding, and emphasis on UN 2030 Agenda and Environmental Protection.

Rekwest provided information on the concept of fair taxation as it relates to an international standard and contextually to global developments, as well as exploring the topic of fair taxation from different angles – economic, legal/judicial, political, and philosophical.

The central question in this lecture was whether the implementation of fair taxation by the small island developing states contributes to the formation of fair taxation as a principle of customary international law, said Rekwest, who is a researcher and lecturer in tax law at the University of Curaçao and is currently finalising her PhD at Leiden University.

According to the release, government is dealing with (the implementation of) international tax standards, so it is relevant for civil servants to learn more about this. The same applies to the new OCT decision. In addition, there have to be considerations for not complying with certain EU stipulations as it regards the topic of fair taxation.

New Caribbean support programme is launched

THE HAGUE--Dutch State Secretary of Kingdom Relations and Digitisation Alexandra van Huffelen and chairman Jan van Zanen of the Association of Municipalities in the Netherlands VNG jointly launched a new support programme for Dutch Caribbean governments.

Through this "Caribbean Exchange Facility" the six islands are to be provided with assistance with specific capacity, learning or advice needs in the field of governing issues in a broad sense. Central to the programme is that they receive municipal, but also provincial and national departmental expertise.

This will take the form of short- and medium-term expert missions carried out on the islands, and two three-month internships for Caribbean staff in a municipality. Municipalities and the islands' governments often face similar challenges, which means that further knowledge-sharing has added value.

Around the end of the summer, information meetings will be organised for municipalities, provinces and departments that want to contribute expertise. The exchange facility is a result of the letter of intent signed in 2019 for a Caribbean exchange network.

The Caribbean Exchange Facility, a one-year pilot, is being implemented by VNG International, the organisation for international cooperation of VNG.

VNG International has extensive experience in project-based collaboration with the Caribbean. During the constitutional reforms that dismantled the former Netherlands Antilles per 10-10-10, they implemented an internship and exchange programme for the islands' governments and since 2018 VNG International has been working closely with St. Maarten in the "build back better" process after Hurricane Irma, through several programmes to strengthen government.

Schotte in Colombia

WILLEMSTAD--Negotiations with former Curaçao Prime Minister Gerrit Schotte on payment of the debt from a dispossession case related to his corruption conviction are ongoing, according to the Prosecutor's Office.

Schotte, who already served his main three-year prison sentence, was in Colombia last week and went "live" on Facebook from Cali, where his daughter took part in a horse-riding competition.

According to the prosecution, another meeting is planned with the co-founder and ex-leader of "Movementu Futuro Kòrsou" (MFK) in the coming days. Authorities will only consider payment arrangements with the deposit of a "substantial" amount.

Schotte must fork over 1.8 million Netherlands Antillean guilders in criminal proceeds or go back to jail for another three years. The official deadline was May 12.

MFK wants meals delivered to prison

WILLEMSTAD--Curaçao prisoners should be able to have an outside meal delivered to them at least once a week. The MFK faction in Parliament has submitted an initiative law for this.

Proposers of the draft bill say "Sentro di Detenshon i Korekshon Korsou" (SDKK) serves 21 chicken dishes per month, fish four days and another meat dish just five days. According to the coalition members, this lack of varied food can lead to aggressive behaviour among detainees and more recidivism.

New legislation should make it possible for inmates to have a meal delivered at their own expense, as is also the case on neighbouring Bonaire.



The Dutch Inspection Safety Defence IVD released its report "Fall in the Dark" about an incident in which a soldier was badly injured on Bonaire in August 2017. Military were using the never-finished Esmeralda Hotel as a camping location during training. Because the structure had no windows and doors, they installed temporary fall-prevention screens. However, after the exercise was completed, these were removed in preparation for departure early the next morning for Curaçao, where the troops were stationed. At night a navy seal needed to use the bathroom downstairs but took a wrong turn and ended up tumbling down nine metres through an uncovered opening. The victim suffered severe head fractures and a broken wrist that could not be repaired. After related complaints when the victim started diving again, he was declared unfit for such. The man could have remained in service of the Netherlands' armed forces with another job, but left.

No migrant holding site left in Curaçao

WILLEMSTAD--A recent court decision ended the existing migrant detention system in Curaçao. The prison regime faced by crisis refugees mainly from Venezuela is inadmissible and a violation of human rights under the European Convention on Human Rights, according to the verdict.

As a result, the Dutch Caribbean country no longer has a location to put undocumented foreigners. Nine Venezuelans were released immediately.

The ruling comes after the judge in this case decided to visit the "Sentro di Detenshon i Korekshon Kòrsou" (SDKK) at Koraal Specht. The deportee barracks there, to which the Netherlands has contributed millions of euros for improvements, are still not ready, so the Venezuelans were placed in block one of the penitentiary.

Last month, a Venezuelan woman who had been detained in the female wing of SDKK had been released by the court. In that case too, undergoing immigration detention in a penal prison was not considered permissible.

Government then decided to move all regular inmates of block one elsewhere and designate this block via ministerial decree as a place where foreign nationals without residence papers may be detained, even if they apply for asylum.

However, the prison regime continued. During his visit, the judge determined that the Venezuelans were held with even more restrictions than prisoners who had been criminally convicted.

The judge's findings fit in with previous observations by Amnesty International (AI), which twice investigated the detention conditions of refugees in Curaçao. A Venezuelan man who was to be repatriated on Sunday has also been freed due to lack of adequate detention space.

Ieteke Witteveen of Human Rights Defence HCR, who assisted the released migrants and is now guiding them, said the result of human rights violations and policies pursued by Curaçao is that hardly any more Venezuelans are trying to enter the country.

The island does not have an internationally recognised asylum procedure, but Venezuelans can invoke the European Convention on Human Rights. According to Witteveen, no one has ever succeeded in obtaining protection with this procedure.



Curaçao's national baseball team finished second at the "Haarlemse Honkbal Week" 2022 in the Netherlands. They lost the final 1-5 against the Dutch Kingdom squad with many players from the island, making it a very Caribbean affair.



Curaçao's Crime Fund has reserved 12 million Netherlands Antillean guilders to invest in law enforcement this year, announced Justice Minister Shalten Hato in his "Policy Plan Crime Fighting Fund 2022" presented to Parliament. The fund's current balance is NAf. 20.8 million, while commitments total some NAf. 8 million. The police force KPC is getting NAf. 5.7 million for – among other things – vehicles, bullet-proof vests and the latest Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS).





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CEO Maryteresse "Liesje" Lijfrock-Redan (fourth left) and Eutel staffers.



A Eutel staffer offers support to persons at the EU Internet Café.

Eutel to 'Buss Dah Chains' with new summer services

ST. EUSTATIUS--The St. Eustatius Telephone Company Eutel has launched an array of services for its summer extravaganza themed "Buss Dah Chains".

The services include EU-TV, which will allow clients to view Cable TV and EU-TV Channel 1; EU-TV Mobile, allowing clients to view Cable TV on their mobile devices; EU on the go MiFi (My WiFi) device; and EU-Data only.

The company also launched its EU Internet Café, which allows the public to have Internet access from a comfortable space located outside Eutel's Office on Van Tonningenweg. There are five booths the public can access during regular office hours, 7:30am to 4:30pm. A time-based rate is charged to use the computers. Counter spaces are also available for persons who would like to walk with their laptop and get connected to the Internet. The public was also able to try out the new EU Internet Café.

Eutel's new push is to allow persons to access Internet and TV services anywhere on the island, whether on a phone or at home.

General Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Maryteresse "Liesje" Lijfrock-Redan, staff members and members of Eutel's Supervisory Board were on hand at a summer event launched on Monday, July 4. A booth was set up at Eutel's office where the public had a chance to view the new services and the EU Internet Cafe. They were also able to sign up and to have their questions answered about the new services.

Eutel's managing director and staffers said they were happy to be able offer the public these new and exciting services to ensure continued connectivity anywhere on the island and beyond.

Snacks and refreshments were offered during the launching ceremony, in which Marlon Deejay "Runn Thingz" Hook provided entertainment.



Accountant Lilian Nicolaas (standing, extreme left), members of Eutel's Supervisory Board and staff with CEO Maryteresse "Liesje" Lijfrock-Redan (standing, third left).



Members of the public receiving information about the new services from Eutel staffers.

Minister defends timeline Curaçao gambling reform

THE HAGUE--Dutch Minister for Legal Protection Franc Weerwind has defended the timeline to reform Curaçao's offshore gambling system and points to progress being made in implementing adjustments requested by the Netherlands.

New legislation is expected to raise the barrier for entry, potentially forcing some operators out of the market, but Curaçao Finance Minister Javier Silvania says those unable to meet the new standards leaving would not be a big loss.

In response to parliamentary questions in The Hague, Weerwind said that the Dutch government was already working with Curaçao to update the gambling system. Coronavirus COVID-19 crisis liquidity support was linked to demands for transparency and a real licensing authority.

This remains a concern and is the reason that, among other things, the island's so-called "Country Package" contains two measures to reform and modernise the entire gambling sector, particularly online casinos. However, he added that the Dutch government cannot impose its own rules on Curaçao and instead must wait for these steps to pass the legislative process.

Weerwind also discussed the two other Dutch Caribbean countries Aruba and St. Maarten. The former has a regulator that oversees casinos while the latter does not, but the minister says both are committed to setting up an authority to supervise the entire gambling industry.

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The draft decree for the Detailed Development Plan Governor de Graaff School / Out of school Building, at present Ruimtelijk Ontwikkelingsplan (ROP) zone 'Residential Area – to be detailed' aims at the realization of a Out of School Building and to provide a suitable destination for the already realized Governor de Graaff School.

The draft decree for the Detailed Development Plan Out of School Building and Governor de Graaff School will be available for public inspection for a period of 15 days as of July 11th, 2022. During this period any person concerned may submit their objections either orally or in writing.

The draft decree for the Detailed Development Plan Out of School Building and Governor de Graaff School is available for consultation at the Government Offices on Van Tonningenweg, the offices of the Directorate ENI (former Planningbureau), and in the Public Library and on the website http://www.statiagovernment.com/.

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From left: Iantha Berkel, Adonis Haynes and Erva Jones-Richardson of Support Services Unit which falls under the Directorate of Social Affairs.

Domain Affairs will help Statians better financial management skills

ST. EUSTATIUS--The Directorate of Social Domain is working towards helping Statians in the area of budgeting and enhancing their financial management skills.

The initiative will be led by Iantha Berkel, Adonis Haynes and Erva Jones-Richardson of Support Services Unit, which falls under the Directorate of Social Affairs.

While the details are yet to be finalised, the initiative is expected to adopt an interactive, reflective and multidisciplinary approach, which helps individuals explore and address their unconscious feelings, thoughts and attitudes about money. It will be a self-examination process that will aim to enable people to improve their relationship with money and establish healthier financial habits.

Financial social work encourages professionals to think about and work with clients to address the financial stressors prevalent in these economic times, stated Social Domain Affairs.

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Curaçao drug suspects to remain in detention

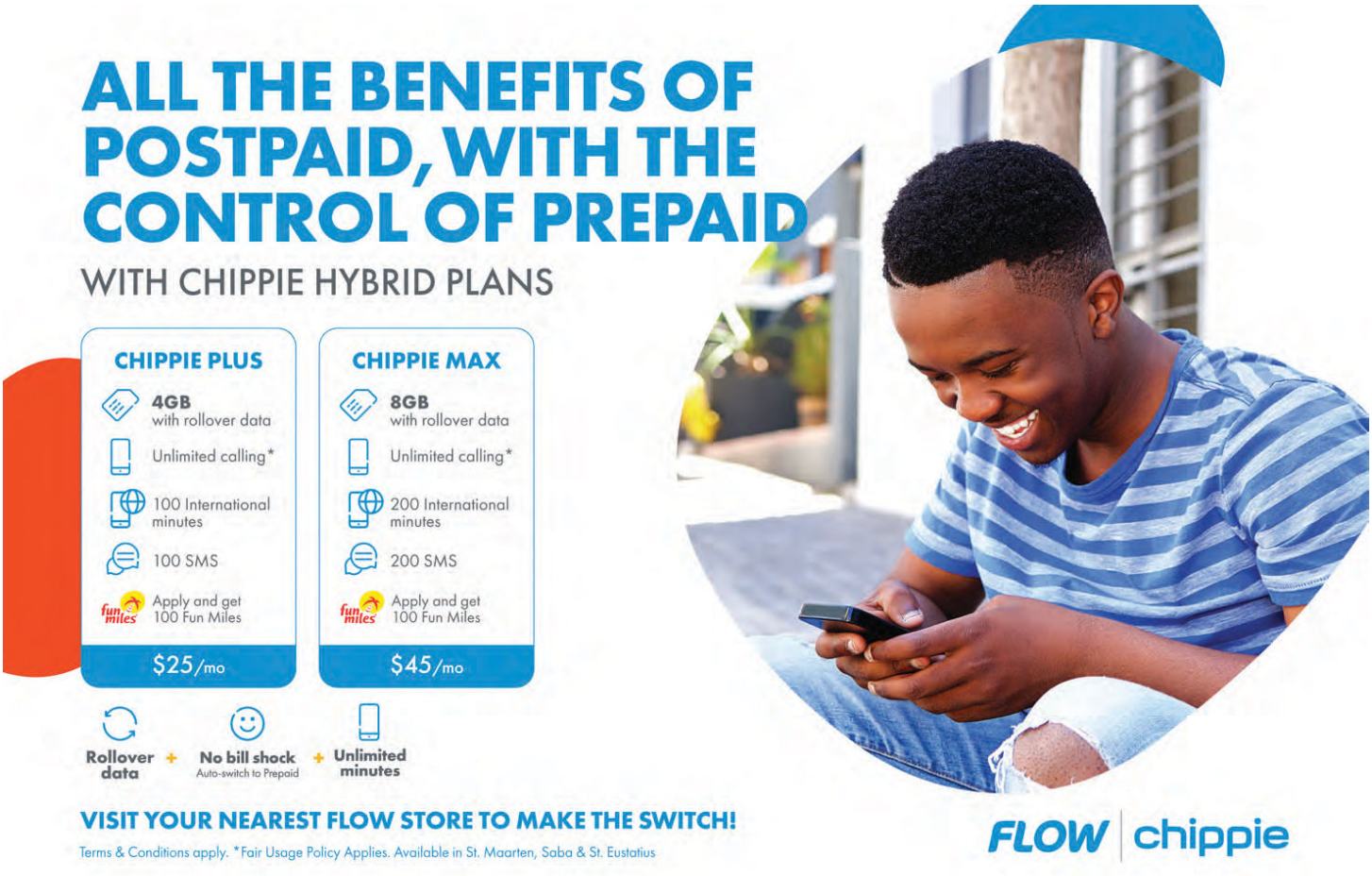
ALMELO--Six persons suspected of involvement in a large cocaine line between Curaçao, Twente and De Achterhoek in the Netherlands will remain in pre-trial detention three months longer. That is what the council chamber of the court in Almelo ruled.

At the end of last month police found 73 kilos of cocaine in a sea container at Silvolde. About a week later, Customs intercepted another 128 kilos of coke in a ship in the port of Vlissingen. The total street value was more than 15 million euros.

On Thursday, June 30, authorities raided 13 buildings with a combined 400 employees and arrested seven people. The court ruled that six must stay behind bars due to the ongoing investigation. This also means that they are only allowed to have contact with their counsel.

Justice suspects a total of seven of involvement in the large-scale importation of cocaine. One of the suspects was released earlier, but the others remain in custody until the first public pre-trial hearing in court.





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CFBC ushers in changes for 2022-2023 academic year



Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College.

ST. KITTS--Students, teachers and faculty of the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) will see changes for the 2022-2023 academic year which will officially commence on August 22.

"One such change pertains to the dates related to student advisement and the start of teaching and this would have been as a result of the delayed start of the [Caribbean Examinations Council – Ed.] CXC examinations. So, we just want the public to be aware of the changes, because persons may be accustomed to the general operations taking place within a certain time frame," said Dr. Moyia Rowtham, Vice President of Academic Student Affairs at CFBC, during her appearance on "Working for You" last week.

"College officially opens for the academic year 2022-2023, semester one, on the 22nd of August. We will be having divisional advisement sessions and registration for incoming and returning students from Monday, August 22, to September 2," she added.

As it relates to teaching, Dr. Rowtham said that all divisions will not begin teaching at the same time for all students; and this again is due to the delayed start of CXC. She noted teaching will commence on Monday, September 5, for all students – new and returning – from the Health Sciences and Teacher Education Divisions, as well as for returning students in the Divisions of Technical Vocational Education and Management Studies (TVEMS) and Arts, Sciences and General Studies (ASGS). On September 12, teaching will commence for new students in the Divisions of TVEMS and ASGS.

Vice President Rowtham noted that the early application for entry into CFBC is still open and will close on Sunday, July 31. All applications must be submitted online via cfbc.edu.kn. The fee for this period is EC $35. The late application period will run from August 1 to 31 and the fee is $85.

Courts slam Immigration Service for absenteeism

AMSTERDAM--Judges have criticised the Immigration Service IND for failing to turn up for around one in ten asylum case hearings, causing delays and higher legal costs.

Trouw newspaper reported that the IND decided in advance which cases it would not attend, blaming staff shortages and a high workload for its inability to cover all hearings.

The district court in Den Bosch issued a stinging rebuke last month to IND officials who sent a five-line letter explaining why they would not be present at the hearing of an asylum seeker from Pakistan whose application had been rejected. The man said he was claiming asylum because he feared reprisals from the Taliban if he were sent home.

In its ruling, the court described the IND's handling of the case as "unacceptable and disrespectful" and said the agency was "obstructing the court in its legal duty to deliver as final a judgment as possible."

The man's lawyer, Yvonne Verkouter, said the failure either to send IND officials or submit case files to the hearing, was "utterly incomprehensible."

"Clearly the court wants to send a message to the IND: this is not how you should treat foreign nationals," she told *Trouw*.

The practice also adds to the strain on the asylum system. Even if the judge rules in favour of the asylum seeker when the IND fails to attend a hearing, the applicant is not automatically granted permission to stay in the country and has to begin a new application.

The IND has been given government funding to add 200 full-time staff to its judicial service, but currently around a quarter are absent through sick leave.

A spokesman told *Trouw* discussions were ongoing with the courts and lawyers, but the current situation demanded "the utmost of our capacity and flexibility."

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NRP calls for resignation of Minister Spencer Brand



Minister Spencer Brand

NEVIS--The Nevis Reformation Party (NRP) has issued a release calling for the immediate resignation of Spencer Brand, Member of Parliament for Nevis One (St. Paul) and Minister of Public Works, Physical Planning, Posts and Water Services in the Cabinet of the Nevis Island Administration (NIA).

According to the release, recently leaked communication between Brand and the St. Kitts Investment Promotion Agency (SKIPA) shows that even after Brand was sworn in as a minister of government and Member of Parliament in 2017, he continued to negotiate for the US $44 million Citizenship By Investment (CBI) project to continue.

The release continues, "In a letter dated March 15, 2019, Honourable Spencer Brand wrote to SKIPA, requesting the allotment of 250 shares for the CBI development. That amount of shares would see Brand reaping a whopping US $200,000 per share. Mr. Brand, in another letter dated January 15, 2021, continued to negotiate for the CBI development to materialise where he was detailing the architectural designs of the CBI project

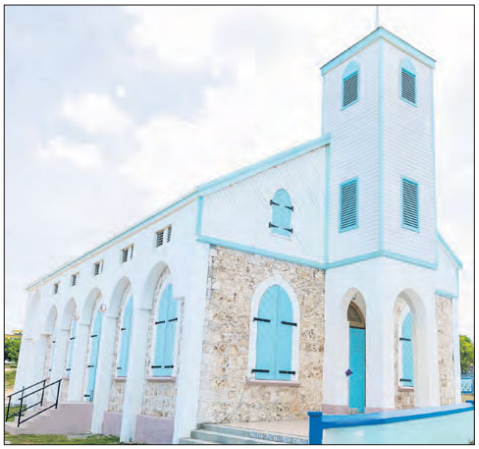
"Minister Brand, while confirming his involvement in this US $44 million CBI project, failed to inform the people of Nevis that he continued to negotiate for the development of this CBI Project even after becoming a public official."

The NRP states that the call for Brand's immediate resignation is "even more warranted as he is still yet to offer an explanation to the people of Nevis regarding the inexplicable errors at our island's main healthcare facility, the Alexandra Hospital, when he was granted the contract to design the new wing."

It alleges that Brand's involvement in this CBI project is "gravely wrong, unethical and goes contrary to the Integrity in Public Life Act Chapter 22.18, Part V, Section 27 (Abuse of office) specifically sub-section 1(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)," which it goes on to enumerate.

The NRP insists that Brand tender his resignation as a Member of the Nevis Island Assembly and a minister of government with immediate effect.

"The constituents of Nevis 1 (St. Paul), and by extension the people of Nevis, deserve an answer. The people deserve honest and just representation. While people are hurting from the dramatic increase in their electricity bills, and the high cost of living, ministers of government are busy with their agenda [which – Ed.] is to excessively enrich themselves by raping the system while many of us suffer," the release concludes.



Ebenezer Methodist Chapel.

Emancipation lecture scheduled for Thurs.

ANGUILLA--The University of the West Indies (The UWI) Open Campus Anguilla Emancipation Lecture will this year be delivered by members of the Anguilla Archaeological and Historical Society. The annual Lecture in collaboration with the Methodist Church, Anguilla, will take place at the Ebenezer Chapel in the historic Lower Valley, on Thursday, July 21. The Lecture forms part of the activities marking the celebration of Emancipation Day 2022, as well as the 192nd Anniversary of the Ebenezer Methodist Chapel.

The presenters from the Anguilla Archaeological and Historical Society (AAHS) are Dr. Ronald Harrigan and Kenn Banks, both noted historians. The topic is "The involvement of the church in the emancipation of the enslaved populations in Anguilla and the Leeward Islands". The programme will include presentations by David Carty, Roots Binghi as well as the Ebenezer Men's Fellowship.

According to the Organising Committee, the annual Emancipation Lectures are hosted at the Ebenezer Chapel because of its historic significance and given that the Methodist witness in Anguilla was mainly a mission to the enslaved. The mission was one of empowerment that provided religious instruction, education and healthcare, as well as the championing the rights of the enslaved. Ebenezer was the centre of that mission and was also a place of celebration when slavery was finally abolished on August 1, 1834.

The church was completed in 1830 by Anguilla's enslaved ancestors and the current Ebenezer Methodist Chapel has the distinction of being the only church in Anguilla that was built during the era of enslavement. It replaced the first chapel that was built in 1815 and was the place of worship for some 300 enslaved Africans. It is also the oldest Methodist chapel in the region still in use in its original form.

The chapel was dedicated on July 25, 1830, and according to Reverend Franklin Roberts, writing in 2013, it continues to be "a witness of the blood, sweat, tears and suffering of our enslaved forebears, who exhibited the virtue of patient and trustful endurance." The AAHS is inviting the general public to save the date and to be a part of this awareness-building celebration of the "resilience and legacy of our ancestors, as we reflect on our past and look to the future."

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Public Tender with pre -selection
Construction of a building for out-of-school care

General

The Public Entity Sint Eustatius intends to construct a new building for out-of-school care. The building has a gross floor area of approximately 1,750m2 and will be located on the Road to Lynch. Construction is scheduled to start in the first quarter of 2023.

What is OLE looking for?

In order to select a contractor for this project, the Public Entity of St. Eustatius organizes a public tender with pre-selection. Contractors interested in taking part in the pre-selection are invited to express their interest and submit the following information:

1. Excerpt from the Chamber of Commerce, not older than 3 months.
2. Organization chart of the company.
3. CV of personnel responsible for the planning and quality of this project.
4. Company's financial reports for the past 3 years, signed by an accountant.
5. Letter from the Tax office, stating that the contractor is up to date with his tax payments.
6. Proof by means of a CV. that the intended construction manager has successfully completed comparable projects.
7. A list of possible subcontractors and their technical references.

The companies that, based on the assessment of the submitted information, are assumed to be able to complete the project successfully, will be invited to participate in the tender and submit a financial proposal.

Are you interested?

The requested information should be sent to tender@statiagov.com before 4 p.m. (local time) on August 1, 2022. More information can be obtained by email: tender@statiagov.com .

The St. Eustatius 2020 Procurement Regulations apply to this tender.

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Public Announcement:

The Following permits have been issued by the Minister of V.R.O.M.I. as per activity description:

Building Permit no.	Location of Activities	Certificate of Admeasurement	Description of building activities	Date Issued
BP#282/2021	CUL DE SAC INDUSTRIE SUGAR CAKE DR. #1	C/A 252/2006 C/A 253/2006	Other	01-Jun-2022
BP#033/2022	LOWER PRINCE'S QUARTER MADAME ESTATE MADAME ESTATE RD.#2	C/A243/1987 C/A 411/1992 C/A 410/1992 C/A 288/1969	Other	03-Jun-2022
BP#281/2021	LOWER PRINCE'S QUARTER MIDDLE REGION VIRGIN GORDA DR.#8	C/A 164/1979	Residential	03-Jun-2022
BP#271/2021	LITTLE BAY CAYHILL POSSUM DR.#5	C/A 112/2021	Residential	03-Jun-2022
BP#234/2021	GREAT BAY PHILIPSBURG BACK STREET #9	C/A 166/2005	Commercial	03-Jun-2022
BP#218/2021	LOWER PRINCE'S QUARTER MIDDLE REGION OLD MAN CACTUS DR.#16	C/A 210/1997	Residential	03-Jun-2022
BP#047/2022	UPPER PRINCE'S QUARTER OYSTER POND WENTEL DR.	C/A 192/1988	Excavate	10-Jun-2022
BP#028/2022	COLE BAY COLE BAY WELFARE RD.#79	C/A 009/2015	Other	10-Jun-2022
BP#257/2021	CUL DE SAC CUL DE SAC ISIS RD. #4	C/A 412/2008	Residential	10-Jun-2022
BP#164/2021	COLE BAY CAPE BAY OCEAN DR. #136	C/A 137/2017	Other	10-Jun-2022
BP#091/2021	COLE BAY CAPE BAY GREEN WAY #3	C/A 161/2014	Residential	10-Jun-2022
BP#196/2020	UPPER PRINCE'S QUARTER OYSTER POND CARVED SCALLOP RD. #2	C/A 179/2009	Residential	10-Jun-2022
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BP#007/2022	UPPER PRINCE'S QUARTER OYSTER POND SURF CLAM RD. #24	C/A 376/1987	Residential	17-Jun-2022
BP#270/2021	COLE BAY ORANGE GROVE MAHOE TREE DR.#4	C/A 028/2020	Residential	17-Jun-2022
BP#253/2021	UPPER PRINCE'S QUARTER DEFIANCE BUCK ISLAND DR.# 1,3,5,7,9,11	C/A 537/2008	Other	17-Jun-2022
BP#239/2021	UPPER PRINCE'S QUARTER DEFIANCE HASSEL ISLAND DR.# 2,4,6,8,10,14,16,18,20,22,24	C/A 536/2007	Residential	17-Jun-2022
BP#070/2022	CUL DE SAC ST.PETERS ST PETERS RD.#18	C/A 90/1970	Residential	24-Jun-2022
BP#047/2021	LITTLE BAY CAYHILL POSSUM DR.#13	C/A 256/2008 C/A 106/2020	Residential	24-Jun-2022
BP#118/2019	UPPER PRINCE'S QUARTER DEFIANCE PINEL KEY ISLAND DR.#5	C/A 249/2003	Residential	24-Jun-2022
BP#020/2022	LOWER PRINCE'S QUARTER CLAUDE ESTATE CLAUDE ESTATE RD. #22	C/A 159/2005, C/A161/2005	Residential	28-Jun-2022
BP#062/2022	LOWER PRINCE'S QUARTER MIDDLE REGION VIRGIN GORDA DR.#14	C/A 394/1994	Residential	08-Jul-2022
BP#048/2022	UPPER PRINCE'S QUARTER OYSTER POND LIMPET RD.#3	C/A 192/1988	Residential	08-Jul-2022
BP#031/2022	COLE BAY CAPE BAY CLIFF VIEW DR.#8	C/A 031/2011	Residential	08-Jul-2022
BP#013/2022	LITTLE BAY CAYHILL PUMA RD.#36	C/A 108/1993	Residential	08-Jul-2022
BP#004/2022	COLE BAY COLE BAY WELFARE RD.#12	C/A 56/1980	Demolition	08-Jul-2022
BP#098/2020	LOW LANDS MAHO BAY HUDSON RD.	C/A 033/2014	Residential	08-Jul-2022

Objection/Appeals clause:

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A note of objection can be filed by persons affected by this decision against this administrative decision, on the basis of article 55 jo 56, first subsection, National Ordinance on Administrative Proceedings (Landsverordening Administratieve Rechtspraak), within six (6) weeks after the date of sending or issuance of this decision. The note of objection may be submitted to the same administrative authority that made the administrative decision.

Appeal: Instead of a note of objection, persons affected by this decision, in accordance with article 7 jo. 16, of the National Ordinance on Administrative Proceedings (Landsverordening Administratieve Rechtspraak), may appeal this decision at the Court of First Instance St. Maarten within six (6) weeks after the day of sending or issuance of this decision.

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. Regulation of the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic and Telecommunication of July 07, 2022 to determine the maximum consumer price for COVID-19 testing (Regulation maximum price for COVID 19 testing)

Datum inwerkingtreding is 16 juli 2022

Hard copy of this regulation is available via the Department of Legal Affairs & Legislation upon request.

Please email: **jzw@sintmaartengov.org** for more information.

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The Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic, and Telecommunication received a request from **Banditos Mexican Grill B.V.** d.b.a. **Banditos Mexican Grill** that is operating a Restaurant A & Coffeehouse at Welfare Road #103, Cole Bay, Sint Maarten.

- Permission is requested to make music and allow dancing until 1:00 am.

- Permission is requested for background music until 3:00 am.

- Permission is requested for later closing at 3:00 am.

In accordance with article 21 of the National License Ordinance ("Vergunningslandsverordening"), all requests with the relevant documents are available for public scrutiny at the Department of Economic Licenses, Government Administration Building, Soualuiga Road #1, Pond Island, Great Bay, St. Maarten for a period of **two weeks**, after the date of publication in the paper.

During that time objections against the issuance of a requested license can be addressed to the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic, and Telecommunication and submitted in writing at the afore mentioned address, or sent to **economiclicenses@sintmaartengov.org**.

Department of Economic Licenses (DEL)

NHCS to erect first statue of Alexander Hamilton on Nevis

NEVIS--The Nevis Historical and Conservation Society (NHCS) has announced plans to erect a life-size statue of Alexander Hamilton, Nevis' native son and Founding Father of the United States of America.

Speaking with the Department of Information on July 15, Jahnel Nisbett, Director at the NHCS, said the Society's membership is extremely proud and excited to be adding to the existing collection of artefacts that celebrate Hamilton's legacy in Nevis.

"We'll be unveiling a bronze Alexander Hamilton statue, depicting Hamilton as a young man, on the grounds of the Museum of Nevis History, on July 22. The statue was donated to us by one of our members, Robin Summers, and it was donated through the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society, which is assisting with coordinating the efforts to have it erected here in Nevis.

"At the Nevis Historical and Conservation Society we are trying to find a good balance of Nevis' history from the days of slavery and our modern history. We have the Trott House, also known as the Hamilton House, where we feature information about Alexander Hamilton as well as some artefacts. That is very useful in attracting tourists from the international market, mainly from North America, where he was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. He was born in Nevis, so the statue is expected to be a highlight for visitors and residents alike coming to the museums on Nevis," she said.

Tom Oller, Vice Chairman of the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society in the US, is presently in Nevis for the unveiling of the statue and to attend a number of activities being held July 18-23 to celebrate Hamilton.

"We are very grateful to Jahnel and the Nevis Historical and Conservation Society for accomplishing so much towards making this project possible and to Robin Summers for this generous donation," he said, adding that several persons have travelled to Nevis for the unveiling and are looking forward to enjoying all that the island has to offer.

The activities include a Hamilton Tea Party today, Monday, July 18, which will serve as a fundraiser for the Alexander Hamilton Scholarship Fund established by the Trott family. The fund awards 20 deserving secondary school students in Nevis annually with a bursary for uniforms, fees, books and other supplies.

There will be a hike to tour waterfalls near Nevis Peak on July 19, as well as an historical lecture "Statues: How they can Memorialise, Harm and Heal" by Cheyney McKnight, Manager of Living History at the New York Historical Society. This takes place at the Nevis Historical and Conservation Society at 5:30pm and is free of charge.

On Wednesday, July 20, there will be a Clifton Estate Rum Tasting and Bottling Tour; a Lunch at Golden Rock Inn; an Original Hamilton Documents Display event with Seth Kaller; and "Alexander Hamilton: Immigrant" talk by Sergio Villavicencio.

On Thursday, July 21, Michael E. Newton will present an historical lecture on the history of Hamilton's mother and family (the Faucetts) and their lives in Gingerland, Nevis, from about 1700 to 1745.

Friday, July 22, "Unveiling Day", there will be a visit to the Nevis Heritage Village, a lunch at the Hermitage and the feature event, the unveiling of the statue entitled "Alexander Hamilton as a Young Man" on the grounds of the Museum of Nevis History on Samuel Hunkins Drive, starting at 4:00pm.

The monument will be the only statue on the island which showcases Nevis' most famous native son, who went on to reshape the American economy during his appointment as the first Secretary of the Treasury.



Hands of a person with monkeypox.

Federation reports no cases of monkeypox

ST. KITTS--The Office of the Chief Medical Officer has issued a statement assuring that as of Sunday, July 17, there are no reported suspected, probable or confirmed cases of monkeypox in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

It says four other Caribbean Community CARICOM Member States have been affected by the travel of infected individuals and their close contacts, so far. However, the monkeypox outbreak has not affected St. Kitts and Nevis yet and there are no plans for border closure.

Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus which is part of the same family of viruses as smallpox. Monkeypox is rarely fatal. Monkeypox symptoms include: fever, chills, muscle aches, swollen lymph nodes, exhaustion and a typical rash that looks like pimples or blisters inside the mouth or on the face and other parts of the body like hands, feet, chest, genitals or anus. The rash goes through distinct stages before healing completely. The illness typically lasts two to four weeks. The monkeypox virus can spread from person to person through direct contact with an infected person, touching contaminated clothes or linen of infected persons and mother-to-child transmission through pregnancy, the statement explains.

Monkeypox is a different virus from the virus that causes COVID-19. Monkeypox is much harder to transmit. There is a limited likelihood of spread of this disease in the Caribbean region, it adds.

Based on the latest recommendations made by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and Caribbean Public Health Agency CARPHA regarding monkeypox, there should be no restrictions on entry of persons or imported goods from any country at this time, states the Office of the Chief Medical Officer.

The Ministry of Health will continue to be vigilant for the importation of this virus and any other communicable disease and the people of the Federation will be updated accordingly, the statement concludes.

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Openbare Aanbesteding met voorselectie
Bouw van een gebouw voor Buitenschoolse Opvang

Aanleiding.
Het Openbaar Lichaam Sint Eustatius heeft het voornemen om een nieuw gebouw voor Buitenschoolse Opvang te realiseren. Het gebouw heeft een bruto vloeroppervlak van ca. 1.750m2 en komt te liggen aan de Road to Lynch. De start van de bouw staat gepland voor het eerste kwartaal van 2023.

Waar is OLE naar opzoek?
Om een aannemer voor dit project te selecteren, organiseert het Openbaar Lichaam Sint Eustatius een openbare aanbesteding met voorselectie. Aannemers die interesse hebben om deel te nemen aan de voorselectie, worden uitgenodigd om hun interesse kenbaar te maken en de volgende informatie in te dienen:

1. Uittreksel KvK, niet ouder dan 3 maanden;
2. Organogram van het bedrijf;
3. CV van personeel dat verantwoordelijk is voor de planning en kwaliteit van dit project;
4. Financiële verslagen van het bedrijf over de afgelopen 3 jaar, ondertekend door een accountant;
5. Brief van de belastingdienst, waarin staat dat de aannemer bij is met zijn belastingbetalingen;
6. Bewijs d.m.v. een CV. dat de beoogde uitvoerder vergelijkbare projecten succesvol heeft afgerond;
7. Een lijst van mogelijke onderaannemers en hun technische referenties.

De bedrijven die op basis van de beoordeling van de ingediende informatie geacht worden het project tot een goed einde te kunnen brengen, zullen worden uitgenodigd om deel te nemen aan de aanbesteding en een financieel voorstel in te dienen.

Heeft u interesse?
De gevraagde informatie moet worden verzonden naar tender@statiagov.com voor 16.00 uur (lokale tijd) op 1 augustus 2022. Meer informatie kan worden verkregen via e-mail: tender@statiagov.com .
Op deze aanbesteding is de Regeling Aanbestedingen St. Eustatius 2020 van toepassing.



Wopke Hoekstra (second from left) with ICC prosecutor Karim Khan and Ukrainian attorney general Iryna Venediktova give a press conference. (Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs photo)

International tribunal for war crimes in Ukraine proposed

THE HAGUE--The Dutch Foreign Affairs Ministry is open to the idea of an international tribunal for war crimes in Ukraine, Foreign Affairs Minister Wopke Hoekstra said following a conference on accountability in The Hague on Thursday.

The International Criminal Court (ICC), also based in The Hague, has opened an investigation into the war in Ukraine, but the court is limited in what it can prosecute.

The crime of aggression – the literal invasion of another country – is off the table because of a 2010 agreement that prevents the court from investigating the crime against non-member states. Russia has never signed the 2002 Rome Statute, which created the court.

Hoekstra said the ICC should still be the first port of call for investigating war crimes and crimes against humanity, over which the ICC does have jurisdiction.

"We've established a permanent international court that can hold individuals accountable. In our fight against impunity, we have all the tools we need at hand," he said.

The conference in The Hague was organised to discuss accountability for the international crimes committed in Ukraine. Attendees included Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, ICC prosecutor Karim Khan and Ukraine's Attorney General Iryna Venediktova.

At the conference, the Netherlands pledged to contribute an additional three million euros to the cause. One million euros will go to the ICC, one million will go to support the UN Human Rights field office in Ukraine and the remainder will be earmarked for psychosocial support for victims of sexual violence.

The Netherlands has already sent more than a dozen investigators to collect evidence and document crimes as part of an ICC investigation team.

Previous tribunals, such as the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, were established by the United Nations.

Russia, as a member of the Security Council, would undoubtedly block any effort to establish a special UN tribunal for Ukraine. Legal experts have floated various other avenues, including allowing Ukraine to prosecute Russian perpetrators themselves. Kyiv has already held trials of several lower-level Russian soldiers who have been captured on its territory.

Nijmegen Four Day March becomes three-day event

NIJMEGEN--The first day of the Nijmegen Four Day March has been cancelled. The organisers of the walking event have decided to do so because the temperature is expected to rise to 38 degrees Celsius (C) on Tuesday.

The foundation behind the march does not think it is responsible to send the walkers on Tuesday. Temperatures are expected to be even worse than in 2006. That year, two walkers died during the first day of the event as temperatures rose to 34C. Although it was never conclusively proven that they died as a result of the weather, the organisers drew up a heat protocol soon after.

The first day traditionally takes the walkers via Elst and Arnhem through the Betuwe, north of Nijmegen. Last week it became clear that the temperature would rise considerably during the Nijmegen Four Day March, especially on the first walking day. Moving the entire event up for a day was not seen as a realistic option. March leader Henny Sackers spoke of a unique and perhaps historic situation. He said that if there were to be a walk on Tuesday, a "code red situation" would arise according to the models that the organisers use. It was then decided to cancel day one.

"The background to this decision has been that what is expected in terms of weather conditions – and their consequences – is going to put too much pressure on medical care, both from our own medical service and from the Red Cross," Sackers said. "It's not responsible to walk."

The decision has no consequences for receiving the Four Day March Cross: the march leadership has decided to adjust the design of the march so all participants who walk on the 104th edition of the march will be handed their cross. The rules provide for this.

Man arrested for helping mental patients break out

THE HAGUE--A man has been arrested for helping two men break out of a secure psychiatric clinic a month ago, police have confirmed. One of the escapees, Sherwin Windster, is still on the run.

The man was detained together with one of the fugitives, Luciano D. (24), after police stopped a car at a petrol station in The Hague on June 30, newspaper *Het Parool* reported. He is suspected of playing a key role in helping D. and Sherwin Benshomin Windster (27) escape from the Pompekliniek in Nijmegen eight days earlier.

The two men escaped through a hole in a fence. The hole had been cut in the perimeter fence using a grinder, which police found had been rented by the arrested man under his own name the week before.

Windster is still on the run. He had been sent to the clinic after he shot Tilburg resident Mick Pitai (48) in 2015, during a robbery that got out of hand. He was sentenced to 5½ years in prison with forced psychiatric treatment.



Luciano D. (l) and Sherwin Windster. (Politie.nl photo)

It was not the first time that Windster killed a person. Already at the age of 17 he had been convicted of manslaughter. The judge imposed on him, among other things, psychiatric treatment in a closed clinic for minors. On the day of the violent robbery of Pitai, Windster was on leave in preparation for his return to society.

Pitai, father of three children, was attacked at home after his son-in-law told Windster and his friend Adil El B. about his valuable collection of jewellery. The duo entered the house armed. Pitai was sitting in the living room with four friends. Windster held them at gunpoint and El B. tied their hands with tape.

When Pitai was forced to go upstairs to point out the jewellery, he managed to wring his hands loose, and a struggle with Windster ensued. Pitai was shot. Windster told detectives that he did not know the firearm had gone off.

Passport fraud possible at the hands of some civil servants

THE HAGUE--Rules surrounding the issuing of new passports have been flouted for years, promoting corruption and criminal use, a probe into proceedings by the National Office for Identity Data RvIG has found.

The RvIG, a government body which monitors the safe use of personal data, discovered that between 2010 and 2019, 17 big municipalities did not follow the correct procedures for issuing passports in more than 25% of cases. The investigation is ongoing.



Dozens of criminals are using legally-issued passports with photos that do not correspond with the name of the bearer.

In a letter to Members of the Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament last week, Digitisation Minister Alexandra van Huffelen said "a number of corrupt civil servants" are now being prosecuted and preventive measures are being put in place.

Dozens of criminals are using legally issued passports with photos that do not correspond with the name of the bearer, Van Huffelen said. That makes it easier for criminals to travel and stay under the police radar.

A civil servant in The Hague recently admitted falsifying passports for more than 20 criminals over the past few years, including gang leader Ridouan Taghi who was found in possession of a fake but legally issued passport when he was arrested in Dubai in 2019.

The civil servant in question handled both the request and the issuing of the passport, which is against the rules.

The problem is systemic, the probe showed. Of the 8.7 million passport proceedings checked by the RvIG, 2.4 million were handled entirely by one civil servant, particularly in municipalities of fewer than 100,000 people.

In 180,000 cases, passport photos that had been rejected with monitoring equipment were used nevertheless, while 18,000 passports had been issued ignoring the stipulated waiting time and outside office hours, which makes detection difficult.

Municipalities' files were also found to contain incorrect data for requesting and activating travel documents. The RvIG is still investigating how widespread this problem is.

Among the measures proposed by Van Huffelen are information programmes, including controls such as certification for staff who handle sensitive personal data and an integrity check in the form of a compulsory certificate of conduct.



Motorcycle drivers pass through a burning roadblock as anger mounted over fuel shortages that have intensified as a result of gang violence, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on July 13. File photo credit Reuters/Ralph Tedy Erol.

UN urges end to Haiti gangs weapons supply

~ *China wanted embargo* ~

UNITED NATIONS, New York--The United Nations Security Council on Friday unanimously threatened targeted sanctions against criminal gangs and human rights abusers in Haiti and called on countries to stop a flow of guns to the strife-torn Caribbean country.

Violence has soared since the assassination last year of President Jovenel Moïse, which created a political vacuum that gangs have taken advantage of to expand control over territory.

While China voted in favour of the resolution on Friday, which extended a UN political mission in Haiti for 12 months, it expressed disappointment that the 15-member body had not imposed a formal arms embargo on gangs in Haiti.

"We hope that this will not send any wrong signals to the gangs," China's UN Ambassador Zhang Jun told the council, adding that Beijing would continue to push for a UN embargo.

China took an unusually active stance in the Security Council negotiations on the resolution, drafted by the United States and Mexico.

To the ire of China, Haiti has long recognised Taiwan's sovereignty. Some analysts say Beijing may see the impending political transition in Haiti as a chance to convince the country to swap its diplomatic ties to China from Taiwan.

"Its statement about gangs maybe a constructive way for it to market a switch ... while also recognising that Chinese companies would operate in Haiti following such a change, and thus it has real practical interests in getting the gang violence under control," said Evan Ellis, a Latin America research professor with the US Army War College.

Zhang disagreed, saying China's only interest was to help the Haitian people and the Haitian government.

"I don't think it's reasonable today to link the two issues," he told reporters. "It's true that they have diplomatic ties with Taiwan and we are against it. However, on this issue, that's not the basis of our position."

The UN political mission in Haiti works with the government to strengthen political stability and good governance, rights protection and justice reform and to help with the holding of free and fair elections.

UN peacekeepers were deployed to Haiti in 2004 after a rebellion led to the ouster and exile of then-President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Peacekeeping troops left in 2017 and were replacing by UN police, who left in 2019. ~ *Reuters* ~

Call for artistes for this year's Caribbean Rhythm Showcase

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados--The Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export) in cooperation with the European Union and Headline Entertainment (Jamaica) is supporting Caribbean artistes gain greater exposure to international music executives with the second staging of the Caribbean Rhythm Showcase. The event producers are looking for 25 acts to perform live to an audience including music scouts, in September.

"We are looking for artistes from all genres to perform at this Showcase. From zouk to soca, calypso, reggae, rap, dancehall and pop, we want to support our artistes,." shared Allyson Francis, Services Specialist at Caribbean Export.

"Music is a critical industry for us in the region, and we are committed to supporting the development of our practitioners with our Business of Music courses to leverage digital platforms and to give them the exposure needed to be discovered," she continued.

The Caribbean Rhythm Showcase aims to unearth and display more of the region's talent. The organisers are inviting new and emerging artistes to register and submit a performance video for assessment, for a chance to participate in a dynamic event that will also include follow-up meetings with interested music executives.

Unlike previous editions which were held online, this years' staging will be in person in Kingston, Jamaica, and aims to give artistes the opportunity to showcase, gain exposure and create opportunity to collaborate with other regional musicians and generate international interest.

"This year is different; it allows us to bring the talent together in one space [so – Ed.] it's not just us seeing a video, but interacting with live talent, seeing the way they operate and understanding things about them," says Jerome Hamilton, Managing Director of Headline Entertainment.

He added, "The same applies to the buyers, which includes producers, distributors, publishers, company executives and artiste representatives assembled from around the world, [so] no longer will it be about if – or will – the respective persons log on. The buyers will be present and will be here actively looking to interact and find talent; and with everything up-close-and-personal continuously over a couple of days, we expect to reach solid results."

Artistes are encouraged to visit the website for details and are required to submit two original songs.

The live showcase will take place in Kingston, Jamaica, on September 17, and the selected artistes will participate in a number of activities designed to provide them with career development, including workshops and tours in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Culture, Entertainment, Gender and Sport.



Flyer for the Caribbean Rhythm Showcase.

Many complaints, concerns over cancelled Surinam Airways flights

SCHIPHOL, PARAMARIBO--Complaints have been pouring in from people who had booked a flight with the Surinamese airline Surinam Airways, also known as SLM. It cancelled a series of flights between Paramaribo and Amsterdam, but refuses to give customers their money back. In the meantime, there is also uncertainty about whether the flights from July 20 will continue as planned. Airline industry association ANVR wrote a letter to Suriname's president Chan Santokhi, about the issue.

Many victims have reported to EUclaim and other companies requesting help in reclaiming money for the travellers. "People want money back for their booking or money for a replacement flight," said Paul Vaneker of EUclaim. "SLM also has to pay that within a week, but that is not going to happen," he said.



A Surinam Airways Airbus A340-300 on final approach at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, on April 19, 2018. Photo credit: portosabbia/DepositPhotos.

The problem he said, is that SLM is in financial trouble and the company has not had ownership of its own aircraft for some time. "I understand that parties that rent out aircraft require payment in advance from SLM."

ANVR is also very concerned in the meantime. "SLM is cancelling flights during the lucrative summer period, does not refund money and there is no one available to clarify the flights from next week. Travel agencies are inundated with questions," said a spokesperson last week Thursday.

Because no one was available at SLM, the branch organisation turned to Santokhi, said the spokesperson. "The president has expressed his commitment to a healthy future for SLM, so we hope he will mediate."

In the meantime, eight flights have already been cancelled and hundreds of people have lost out on their travel plans. They do not have many other options for flying to Suriname, because Royal Dutch Airlines KLM is the only other carrier that has a direct flight to the country.

Platform Surinamese Diaspora (PSD) also called on SLM to do a better job of dealing with its customers. "PSD believes that it is the task and responsibility of SLM to transport the stranded passengers to their destination as soon as possible." According to the organisation, which represents the interest of the Surinamese Dutch community, this can also be done by rebooking SLM passengers on KLM flights.

Due to the increased demand for tickets and the fact that not many are available anymore, KLM tickets to Suriname have also become considerably more expensive. PSD is not happy about that either. The organisation calls on the Surinamese authorities to also enter into discussions with KLM. Source: ANP ~ *NL Times* ~

CIBC FirstCaribbean advances sale of its assets in two OECS countries

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados--FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited ("FirstCaribbean") announced on Friday that the sale of its business to two indigenous banks in the Eastern Caribbean has received approval from the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB).

The bank further announced that it will now begin the process of transferring its clients to the Bank of St. Vincent & Grenadines Limited in St. Vincent and the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank in St. Kitts.

This process is expected to take several months.

The sale of the Caribbean bank's business in five countries – Aruba, St. Vincent, Grenada and St. Kitts & Nevis and Dominica – was announced in October 2021.

The Aruba sale was completed earlier this year.

The parties continue to discuss and negotiate key aspects of the transaction in the proposed sale of CIBC FirstCaribbean's assets to Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited.



The four banks comprising The Consortium.



Façade of First Caribbean Bank.

The bank further announced that the sale of its assets in Dominica to the National Bank of Dominica (NBD) will not proceed, as NBD has announced a change in its strategic direction, which does not include an acquisition at this time.

Colette Delaney, Chief Executive Officer of CIBC FirstCaribbean, noted: "We are pleased at the approval of the sales in St. Vincent and St. Kitts. This helps us deliver on our strategy of simplifying our business.

"It's a complex set of transactions and it will be some months before we complete the transfer of client accounts over to the purchasing banks.

"In the interim, we will continue to provide our clients with first-class service through a modern everyday banking experience and our employees with the best possible work experience."

Meanwhile, a separate statement was issued from the Consortium of Eastern Caribbean Banks regarding the sale.

It states, "On October 12, 2021, the Consortium of Banks signed a definitive agreement to acquire the branches and banking operations of CIBC FirstCaribbean in Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

"Following regulatory applications to the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, the Consortium now further advises that today, [Friday, July 15 – Ed.], the ECCB notified the parties of its decisions regarding the applications to acquire the branches and banking operations in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and St. Kitts and Nevis.

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"The Consortium further announces that the sale of the assets of CIBC FirstCaribbean in Dominica to the National Bank of Dominica Ltd (NBD) will not proceed as NBD has announced a change in its strategic direction."

Commenting on the transaction, Consortium Lead and Managing Director of The Bank of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Limited, Derry Williams asserted: "We have made considerable progress, having received approval of the acquisition of CIBC FirstCaribbean's businesses in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and St. Kitts and Nevis. Our efforts are ongoing to complete the Grenada transaction and we support the decision made by the National Bank of Dominica Limited and CIBC FirstCaribbean in relation to the branch and operations in Dominica."

The four members of the Consortium are The National Bank of Dominica Limited; Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited; St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank Limited and The Bank of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Limited.

According to the Consortium statement, the Consortium members are market leaders in their respective territories, which offer the full spectrum of commercial banking services and electronic channels.

"As at June 30, 2022, the Consortium members held an aggregate deposit base of XCD $7 billion. Collectively, they have been serving the peoples of the [Eastern Caribbean Currency Union] ECCU for a combined period of over 200 years," the Consortium statement concludes. ~ *Loop News* ~

CARICOM CMOs receive updates on regional health coordination

GEORGETOWN, Guyana--Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) within the Caribbean Community CARICOM met on Wednesday, July 13, to review updates on strengthening the regional health system even as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

The 30th Meeting of Chief Medical Officers was convened virtually and saw them discussing, among other things, the Caribbean Public Health Agency CARPHA-led response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the current state of inoculation for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

Issues concerning the implementation of the Port-of-Spain Declaration that sets out CARICOM's actions to address the high burden of chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs) were also on the agenda. This included a presentation from Programme Manager, Health Sector Development at the CARICOM Secretariat, Dr. Karen Gordon-Boyle. She updated the meeting on the joint policy decision by the Council for Human and Social Development COHSOD and the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) to recognise trans-fats as harmful to health and to support the efforts of the Inter-Governmental Working Group (IGWG) on Unhealthy Diets and Obesogenic Food to eliminate industrially produced trans fatty acids (IP-TFA) from the regional food supply.

A CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality CROSQ-led process to establish policy guidelines on a front-of-package labelling system for CARICOM was also a key part of the discussion among the CMOs. CROSQ has been working to develop a standard for food package labelling that will allow consumers to quickly tell whether foods are high in sugars, salt and trans-fat.

The meeting was also updated on a campaign aimed at promoting actions including regular exercise and healthy eating, to reduce the onset of NCDs. This campaign resides within an initiative like Jamaica Moves, called Caribbean Moves.

The meeting also discussed recommendations from the Caribbean Heart Institute to enhance Member States' capacity to manage acute myocardial infarction (heart attack) through the development of a regional strategy that will create hubs of specialist service delivery referred to as Centres of Excellence.

In addition, the CMOs considered matters pertaining to CARICOM's involvement in international cooperation on health, coordinated by the World Health Organization (WHO) and Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

At the opening of the meeting, Director for Human and Social Development within the CARICOM Secretariat, Helen Royer applauded the "heroic efforts" of CMOs, who, along with the regional mechanism for coordination on health security, mounted an effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The coordinated and proactive steps you took, complemented by a collaborative response by CARPHA, the team from [Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency – Ed.] CDEMA, [The University of the West Indies] UWI, PAHO, [Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States] OECS and CARICOM, helped us as a Region to stay afloat," Royer stated.

Even as the Region celebrates the successes of its coordinated response to COVID-19, Royer encouraged the CMOs to keep their guards up during the hurricane season which started on June 1.

She also urged them to contemplate what measures CARICOM needs to take to avert or delay the importation of monkeypox to the Region.

Child stabbed to death in Rotterdam residence

ROTTERDAM--A child was killed Saturday afternoon in a stabbing at a home in the Charlois neighbourhood of Rotterdam. The incident happened on Wolphaertsbocht around 5:15pm, police said. A 22-year-old from Rotterdam was taken into custody.

"The victim, a child, was taken to hospital but died," police said in a statement. The child's age and gender were not released.

The suspect is a soldier who is currently serving in the Dutch military, authorities confirmed to Rijnmond and Dutch news outlet ANP. An investigation was ongoing at the home on Sunday night.

Because of the suspect's active-duty status, a branch of the military will be in charge of the case. "The Marechaussee is taking over the investigation into this sad incident and will now also be the spokesperson for this," police confirmed.

The stabbing was the latest violent incident in Rotterdam-Charlois in a 24-hour period. One man was shot in the neck and another was stabbed after an argument turned vicious on Schilperoortstraat just before 2:30am Sunday. The person with the gunshot wound was hospitalised and the stabbing victim suffered minor injuries.

Police also confirmed that an arsonist had set a house on fire on Zuidhoek late Saturday night. Neighbours believed that a firebombing took place there and told a media outlet that a man wearing a hoodie had been seen running from the area. There were no injuries.

Outside of Charlois, but still in Rotterdam, another person was hit in a drive-by shooting on Saturday night. Stabbings also took place on Coolsingel and Nieuwe Binnenweg on Sunday morning.

Biden fails to secure major security, oil commitments at Arab summit

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia--President Joe Biden told Arab leaders on Saturday that the United States would remain an active partner in the Middle East, but he failed to secure commitments to a regional security axis that would include Israel or an immediate oil output rise.

"The United States is invested in building a positive future of the region, in partnership with all of you—and the United States is not going anywhere," he said, according to a transcript of his speech.

Biden, who began his first trip to the Middle East as president with a visit to Israel, presented his vision and strategy for America's engagement in the Middle East at an Arab summit in Jeddah. The summit communique was vague, however, and Saudi Arabia, Washington's most important Arab ally, poured cold water on U.S. hopes the summit could help lay the groundwork for a regional security alliance - including Israel - to combat Iranian threats.



Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz and U.S. President Joe Biden meet at Al Salman Palace upon his arrival in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, July 15, 2022.

During a meeting with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Biden raised the highly sensitive issue of human rights, drawing countercriticism from the crown prince, also known as MbS. "We believe there's great value in including as many of the capabilities in this region as possible and certainly Israel has significant air and missile defence capabilities, as they need to. But we're having these discussions bilaterally with these nations," a senior administration official told reporters.

A plan to connect air defence systems could be a hard sell for Arab states that have no ties with Israel and balk at being part of an alliance seen as against Iran, which has a strong regional network of proxies including Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen.

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, said he was not aware of any discussions on a Gulf-Israeli defence alliance and that the kingdom was not involved in such talks. He told reporters after the U.S.-Arab summit that Riyadh's decision to open its airspace to all air carriers had nothing to do with establishing diplomatic ties with Israel and was not a precursor to further steps.

Biden has focused on the summit with six Gulf states and Egypt, Jordan and Iraq, while downplaying the meeting with MbS which drew criticism in the United States over human rights concerns. Biden had said he would make regional power Saudi Arabia a "pariah" on the global stage over the 2018 murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents, but ultimately decided U.S. interests dictated a recalibration, not a rupture, in relations with the world's top oil exporter.

The crown prince told Biden that Saudi Arabia had acted to prevent a repeat of mistakes like the killing of Khashoggi and that the United States had also made mistakes, including in Iraq, a Saudi minister said.

Biden exchanged a fist bump with MbS on Friday but said he told him he held him responsible for Khashoggi's murder at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. "The President raised the issue ... And the crown prince responded that this was a painful episode for Saudi Arabia and that it was a terrible mistake," said Saudi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel al-

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Biden brings Palestinians aid but no new peace plan

BETHLEHEM, West Bank--U.S. President Joe Biden promised on Friday not to give up efforts to end the decades-long Israeli Palestinian conflict, though he offered no new proposals to restart the stalled political dialogue between the two sides.

As he wrapped up the first leg of a Middle Eastern trip before departing for Saudi Arabia, Biden visited a hospital in East Jerusalem and pledged a multi-year $100 million package of financial and technical help.

But after a meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the occupied West Bank town of Bethlehem, he acknowledged that the creation of an independent Palestinian state remained a distant prospect. "Even if the ground is not ripe at this moment to restart negotiations, the United States and my administration will not give up on trying to bring the Palestinians and Israelis and both sides closer together," he said.

Abbas said prospects for a two-state solution to the conflict, the model favoured by the United States and world bodies including the United Nations, were receding and the opportunity may not remain for a long time. "Is it not time for this occupation to end?" Abbas said.

He reiterated demands that the United States open a consulate in East Jerusalem, which Palestinians want as the capital of a future independent state, remove the Palestine Liberation Organization from a list of terrorist groups and allow it to re-open an office in Washington. He also asked for U.S. support to bring to justice the killers of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, a Palestinian-American citizen who was killed during an Israeli raid on the West Bank city of Jenin.

Abbas repeated the Palestinian demand for East Jerusalem to become their capital, although a White House statement said the U.S. had not changed its position that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and that its specific boundaries would have to be negotiated by the two sides.



An image of slain Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh is placed on a chair, at a Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and U.S. President Joe Biden news conference, in Bethlehem, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank July 15, 2022.

U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said the two leaders discussed the consulate issue and said the administration did want to re-open the consulate closed by former President Donald Trump, which is located in the west of the city. But no public announcements were made on the trip.

Before his visit, Palestinian leaders had accused Biden of prioritizing Israel's integration into a regional security arrangement with Arab countries above their concerns, including self-determination and continued Israeli settlement building in the West Bank, occupied after a war in 1967.

Biden acknowledged that after years of failed attempts to resolve the conflict, Palestinians living under onerous restrictions in the occupied West Bank and Gaza were suffering. "The Palestinian people are hurting now, you can just feel it," he said.

As well as the money for East Jerusalem hospitals, he will announce measures to upgrade telecoms networks in the West Bank and Gaza to 4G standards by the end of 2023, and other measures to ease travel between the West Bank and neighbouring Jordan. There will be a separate $201 million funding package provided through UN relief agency UNRWA to help Palestinian refugees.

US approves possible sale of military aid to Taiwan

WASHINGTON--The U.S. State Department has approved the potential sale of military technical assistance to Taiwan worth an estimated $108 million, the Pentagon said on Friday.

China has never renounced the use of force to bring Taiwan under its control, and the democratically governed island has complained of increased military pressure from Beijing to try and force it to accept its sovereignty.

The United States has only unofficial relations with Taipei. But U.S. law requires Washington to provide Taiwan with the means to defend itself, and President Joe Biden's administration has vowed to step up engagement with the island.

Taiwan requested the latest assistance, including spare and repair parts for tanks and combat vehicles, and U.S. government and contractor technical and logistical support, the Pentagon said. "The proposed sale will contribute to the sustainment of the recipient's vehicles, small arms, combat weapon systems, and logistical support items, enhancing its ability to meet current and future threats," the Pentagon's Defense Security Cooperation Agency said in a statement.

It would also enhance Taiwan's military interoperability with the United States and other allies, and the island's armed forces would have no difficulty absorbing the equipment and support, it added.

The State Department notification does not indicate that a contract has been signed or that negotiations have concluded. However, Taiwan's Defense Ministry said the deal was expected to "become effective" within a month.

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Ukrainian servicemen fasten a tank at a military truck on the road not far from front line, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in the Donbas region, Ukraine on Sunday.

Russia prepares for its next Ukraine offensive

KYIV--Russia is preparing for the next stage of its offensive in Ukraine, a Ukrainian military official said, after Moscow said its forces would step up military operations in "all operational areas".

As Western deliveries of long-range arms begin to help Ukraine on the battlefield, Russian rockets and missiles have pounded cities in strikes that Kyiv says have killed dozens in recent days.

"It is not only missile strikes from the air and sea," Vadym Skibitskyi, a spokesman for Ukrainian military intelligence, said late on Saturday. "We can see shelling along the entire line of contact, along the entire front line. There is an active use of tactical aviation and attack helicopters. Clearly preparations are now underway for the next stage of the offensive."

The Ukrainian military said Russia appeared to be regrouping units for an offensive toward Sloviansk, a symbolically important city held by Ukraine in the eastern region of Donetsk. The British defence ministry said on Sunday that Russia was also reinforcing defences across areas it occupies in southern Ukraine after pressure from Ukrainian forces and pledges from Ukrainian leaders to drive Russia out.

Ukraine says at least 40 people have been killed in Russian shelling of urban areas since Thursday as the war launched by Russian President Vladimir Putin on Feb. 24 intensifies.

Dozens of relatives and local residents attended the funeral of four-year-old Liza Dmytrieva in the central Ukrainian city of Vinnytsia on Sunday. The girl was killed in a missile strike on central Vinnytsia on Thursday that killed 24 people, according to Ukrainian authorities.

To the south, more than 50 Russian Grad rockets pounded the city of Nikopol on the Dnipro River, killing two people who were found in the rubble, Governor Valentyn Reznichenko said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said Russia had used more than 3,000 cruise missiles to date and it was "impossible to count" the number of artillery and other strikes so far.

Meanwhile, Zelenskiy fired the head of Ukraine's powerful domestic security agency, Ivan Bakanov, and Prosecutor General Iryna Venediktova, who led the effort to prosecute Russian war crimes, saying many of their employees were collaborating with Russia. Zelenskiy said more than 60 officials from their two agencies were now working against Ukraine in Russian-occupied territories, and 651 treason and collaboration cases had been opened against law enforcement officials.

"Such an array of crimes against the foundations of the national security of the state ... pose very serious questions to the relevant leaders," Zelenskiy said in a Telegram post.

Kyiv and the West say the conflict is an unprovoked attempt to reconquer a country that broke free of Moscow's rule with the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991. Moscow calls the invasion a "special military operation" to demilitarise its neighbour and root out nationalists, says it uses high-precision weapons to degrade Ukraine's military infrastructure. Russia has repeatedly denied targeting civilians.

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu ordered military units to intensify operations to prevent Ukrainian strikes on areas held by Russia, according to a statement from the ministry. His remarks on Saturday appeared to be a direct response to what Kyiv says is a string of successful strikes carried out on 30 Russian logistics and ammunitions hubs, using several multiple launch rocket systems recently supplied by the West.

The strikes are causing havoc with Russian supply lines and have significantly reduced Russia's offensive capability, according to Ukraine's defense ministry.



Tip of the month July 2022

What is smishing?



- Smishing is a form of cybercrime where criminals send you a text message with a hyperlink.

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Mexico arrests drug lord wanted for killing US agent

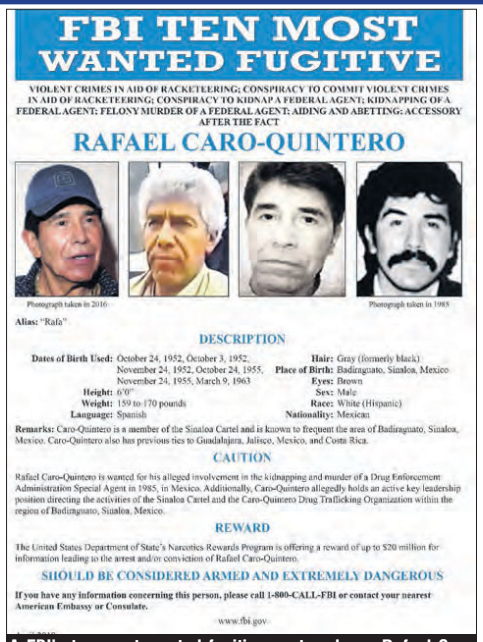
MEXICO CITY--Mexico's navy on Friday captured drug lord Rafael Caro Quintero, convicted of murdering a U.S. anti-narcotics agent in 1985, in a law enforcement coup that came at a heavy cost when a helicopter used in the mission crashed, killing 14 military personnel.

Marines flushed out Caro Quintero with a bloodhound in a far-flung corner of the northwestern state of Sinaloa, one of Mexico's drug-trafficking heartlands, before the Black Hawk chopper came down as it was about to land further south.

Caro Quintero rose to prominence as a co-founder of the Guadalajara Cartel, one of Latin America's most powerful drug trafficking organizations during the 1980s, and had been among the most prized targets for U.S. officials. The U.S. government hailed the arrest, and said it would waste no time in requesting his extradition.

"This is huge," White House senior Latin America adviser Juan Gonzalez said on Twitter.

Caro Quintero was captured in San Simon in the Sinaloa municipality of Choix after the military-trained female bloodhound named Max found him in shrub land, the navy said. The arrest comes after pressure from the United States, according to a Mexican official, and the same week that President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador met with U.S. President Joe Biden in Washington.



A FBI's ten most wanted fugitive poster shows Rafael Caro Quintero. (FBI - Federal Bureau of Investigation/ Handout via REUTERS)

Lopez Obrador said on Twitter the navy would investigate what caused the crash of the helicopter in the city of Los Mochis, Sinaloa, that killed 14 and left one seriously injured. He said it had been carrying military personnel who were backing up the team that arrested the kingpin.

Caro Quintero spent 28 years in prison for the brutal murder and torture of former U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, one of the most notorious killings in Mexico's bloody narco wars. The events, dramatized in the 2018 Netflix series "Narcos: Mexico," led to a nadir in U.S.-Mexico cooperation in a five-decade "war on drugs."

Caro Quintero has previously denied involvement in the killing of Camarena. He was released in 2013 on a technicality by a Mexican judge, embarrassing the previous government. He quickly went underground and returned to trafficking as part of the Sinaloa Cartel, according to U.S. officials, who put him on the FBI's Top 10 most wanted fugitives list and put a $20 million bounty on his head, a record for a drug trafficker.

Last year, he lost a final appeal against extradition to the United States. He will be extradited as quickly as possible, another Mexican official said.

"It is probably one of the most important captures of the last decade in terms of importance to the DEA," said Mike Vigil, the DEA's former chief of international operations.

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said he would seek Caro Quintero's immediate extradition. "There is no hiding place for anyone who kidnaps, tortures, and murders American law enforcement. We are deeply grateful to Mexican authorities for their capture and arrest of Rafael Caro-Quintero," Garland said in a statement.

Before extradition, Caro Quintero will be held in Altiplano prison in the state of Mexico, Mexican prosecutors said. The penitentiary is notorious as the one from which his old Sinaloa Cartel associate Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman escaped in 2015.

While the 69-year-old Caro Quintero is no longer considered a major player in international drug trafficking, the symbolic impact of his capture is significant. The arrest points to significant cooperation between the United States and Mexico despite recent clashes over security, said Mexican security expert Alejandro Hope. "This type of capture is unthinkable without the participation of the DEA," he said.

Mexico's unwillingness to extradite Caro Quintero to the United States before his release from prison had been a source of tension between the two countries. A U.S. official said Washington was very eager to have him extradited.

"This will hopefully start to mend the frayed relationship between the United States and Mexico in terms of combating drug trafficking," said former DEA official Vigil.

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Eight crew members killed in Ukraine cargo plane crash

ATHENS--A Ukrainian cargo plane carrying munitions from Serbia to Bangladesh crashed in northern Greece late on Saturday, killing all eight crew members on board, Greek and Serbian authorities said on Sunday.

Witnesses said the aircraft had come down in a ball of flames near the city of Kavala before exploding on impact in corn fields around midnight local time. Earlier the pilot had reported engine trouble and had requested an emergency landing.

Drone images from the scene showed smouldering debris from the Antonov An-12 aircraft strewn across fields. Ukrainian-based airline Meridian, which operated the aircraft, confirmed that all eight crew members had died in the crash. Ukraine's foreign ministry said they were all Ukrainian citizens.

Greek authorities have recovered the body of one crew member so far, a civil protection service spokesman said. Six bodies have been located during an initial drone inspection of the area, a local mayor said.

Serbian Defence Minister Nebojsa Stefanovic said the plane had been carrying 11.5 tonnes of products, including mortar and training shells, made by its defence industry. The buyer of the cargo was the defence ministry of Bangladesh, he added.

Confirming that account, Denys Bogdanovych, Meridian's general director, said the crash had no relation to the war currently raging in Ukraine.

Greek state TV ERT said the aircraft's signal was lost soon after the pilot requested an emergency landing. Amateur video footage uploaded on ertnews.gr showed the aircraft in flames descending fast before hitting the ground in what appeared to be an explosion.

"I wonder how it didn't fall on our houses," one witness, Aimilia Tsaptanova, told reporters. "It was full of smoke, it had a noise I can't describe and went over the mountain. It passed the mountain and turned and crashed into the fields."

Greek authorities said the special disaster response unit and military staff, including mine clearance units, had been dispatched to the scene. They banned people from moving around the area and advised residents to keep doors and windows shut.

Canadian police confirm high profile killing of Sikh businessman Malik

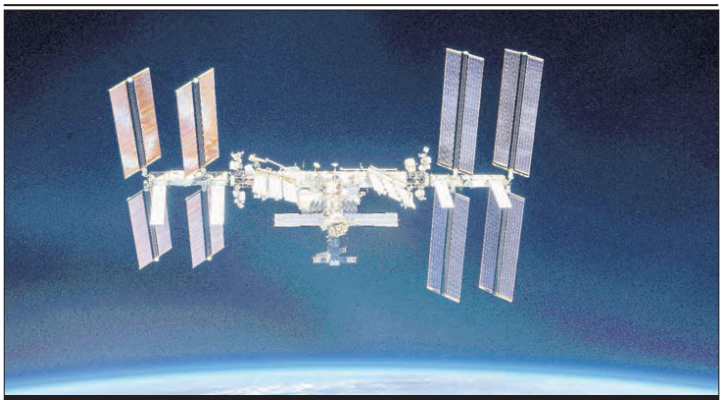
OTTAWA--Canadian police confirmed on Friday that a man shot dead in British Columbia on Thursday was Ripudaman Singh Malik, a Sikh businessman acquitted in connection with the 1985 Air India bombing that killed 329 people. Police said they have not established a motive for the killing or have evidence to suggest whether the incident was connected to the airline attack.

Malik and Ajaib Singh Bagri, a worker in British Columbia, were acquitted in 2005 of charges related to the attack on Air India Flight 182, which exploded over the Atlantic Ocean in 1985 in one of history's deadliest bombings of a commercial airliner.

"We understand this is a high-profile international story. However, we urge not to speculate as to the motive as our homicide investigators will be following the evidence," Royal Canadian Mounted Police Sergeant David Lee said at a news conference. Lee, from the RCMP's homicide investigation team, said the killing is believed to be targeted and sought dash-cam footage or any other information the public might have on the incident. On Thursday morning, police, responding to a reported shooting, had found a man, now confirmed as Malik, suffering from gunshot wounds that resulted in his death at the scene in Surrey, British Columbia.

Lee said CCTV footage shows that a white Honda CRV arrived near the scene of the incident shortly before the shooting and waited for Malik, 75. Police found the car burned and left on a nearby street.

Canadian police were criticized for their investigation of the Air India attack, and the government formally apologized in 2010 to families of the victims, saying authorities failed to act on information that could have prevented the attack or catch those responsible. Authorities in Canada and India have alleged the attack was plotted by Sikh extremists living in Canada as revenge on India for its storming of Sikhism's Golden Temple in Amritsar in 1984.



The International Space Station (ISS) photographed by Expedition 56 crew members from a Soyuz spacecraft after undocking, October 4, 2018.

NASA, Russian space agency sign deal to share space station flights

HOUSTON--NASA and Russia's space agency Roscosmos have signed a long-sought agreement to integrate flights to the International Space Station, allowing Russian cosmonauts to fly on U.S.-made spacecraft in exchange for American astronauts being able to ride on Russia's Soyuz, the agencies said Friday.

"The agreement is in the interests of Russia and the United States and will promote the development of cooperation within the framework of the ISS programme," Roscosmos said in a statement, adding it will facilitate the "exploration of outer space for peaceful purposes."

NASA and Roscosmos, the two-decade-old space station's core partners, have sought for years to renew routine integrated crewed flights as part of the agencies' long-standing civil alliance, now one of the last links of cooperation between the United States and Russia as tensions flare over the war in Ukraine. The first integrated flights under the new agreement will come in September, NASA said, with U.S. astronaut Frank Rubio launching to the space station from the Moscow-leased Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan alongside two cosmonauts, Sergey Prokopyev and Dmitry Petelin.

In exchange, cosmonaut Anna Kikina will join two U.S. astronauts and a Japanese astronaut on a SpaceX Crew Dragon flight to the orbital laboratory, launching from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The two agencies had previously shared astronaut seats on the U.S. shuttle and the Russian Soyuz spacecraft.

After the shuttle's retirement in 2011, the U.S. relied on Russia's Soyuz for sending American astronauts to the space station until 2020, when SpaceX's Crew Dragon capsule revived NASA's human spaceflight capability and began routine ISS flights from Florida.

Kikina, an engineer and the only woman in Russia's active cosmonaut corps, is set to be the first Russian to fly SpaceX's Crew Dragon capsule. She has been training for the mission at NASA's astronaut headquarters in Houston while the agreement was under negotiation.

The U.S. space agency has said having at least one Russian and one American aboard the space station is crucial to keeping the laboratory running.

NSI National Sports Institute St. Maarten

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Sport & recreation Coordinator

The National Sports Institute (NSI) is looking to hire an experienced Sport & recreation Coordinator (male & female) to coordinate sport & recreation programs that are executed by NSI.
The programs are; the school program, the afterschool program, the senior program, and the district sports program. Additional programs are scheduled to be implemented as planned by the organization.
To be successful as a Sport & recreation Coordinator, he/she must be able to plan, organize and be responsible for the direct operations of sports and fitness programs, events/activities and services of the organization. This involves working on publicity and finances for the programs, and managing coaches and other individuals involved in running the events/activities

Task and responsibilities:
- Research various sport and recreation programs.
- Ensure that a variety of sport, recreation and cultural programs are planned and implemented,
- Over time evaluate the effectiveness of these programs and identify future needs.
- Create new, unique and interesting recreation activities that draw upon the best cultural, sporting or other offerings of the area in which the facilities are located.
- To continually be positioning the sports and leisure offering as a differentiator and a point of competitive advantage for the organization.
- To have a complete knowledge of the products and services offered by the organization.
- To lead the implementation of all health and safety codes in the sports and leisure activities of the organization.
- Take the lead on the afternoon school programs.
- Ensure that all activities are performed in a safe environment using proper safety techniques.
- Train and assist in the evaluation of attendants/volunteers who work with the programs. Supervise coaches and all other Team Members helping with any activities or functions arranged via the Sports & Recreations.
- Monitor the success of the activities / programs through the number of participants per scheduled event and through guests' feedback. Make necessary adjustments to maintain top quality, fun filled and original programs for the participants.
- Prepare and circulate clear information to participants of the events offered by the organization.
- Be prepared to assume other Sports & Recreations duties or responsibilities as requested by management.

Educational background and skills:
Education:
- Secondary Vocational Education Degree (MBO) in recreation administration, physical education, or a closely related field.
- Four (4) years of experience in supervising sports & recreation programs, or any equivalent combination of education and experience.

Core skills:
- Experience with Sport & recreation events coordination and planning
- Proficient with Microsoft Office applications including Word, Excel & Publisher
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Physical fitness
- Team and management skills
- Effective decision-making and negotiation skills

Advanced skills:
- Knowledge of emergency procedures, First Aid and CPR
- Knowledge of the management and operation of recreation facilities and equipment
- Understanding of coaching theory and practice

If you believe to fit the profile for this function and wish to be part of the NSI family, please forward your application and resume to contact@nationalsportsinstitute.sx, no later than **22 July 2022.**



British Conservative MP Penny Mordaunt appears on BBC's Sunday Morning presented by Sophie Raworth in London, Britain, on Sunday. (Jeff Overs/BBC/Handout via Reuters)

British prime minister contenders clash over tax cuts in TV debate

LONDON--The five Conservative contenders still vying to be Britain's next prime minister clashed over tax cuts in a second televised debate on Sunday, with the two frontrunners - Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss - stepping up their battle on the economy.

With no clear candidate to succeed Boris Johnson who is stepping down after a series of scandals, the battle to be the next leader remains unpredictable and increasingly fractious, exposing rifts in the ruling Conservative Party.

Ex-finance minister Rishi Sunak has emerged as the favourite among the 358 Conservative lawmakers, who will hold further votes this week to whittle down the field of contenders to a final two. He said on Sunday evening his number one priority would be tackling inflation and not making it worse before he would deliver tax cuts.

Foreign minister Liz Truss, who has proposed plans to axe increases in payroll tax and corporation tax at a cost of over 30 billion pounds ($36 billion) a year, said Sunak had raised taxes to the highest level in 70 years. "Raising taxes at this moment will choke off economic growth," she said in the debate, hosted by broadcaster ITV.

Sunak retorted by saying he would "love to cut tax" but it would come at a cost of higher inflation. "This something-for-nothing economics isn't conservative, it's socialism," he said.

Junior Minister Penny Mordaunt, who currently ranks third, also took aim at Sunak, saying the public needs "immediate action" to tackle the rising cost of living.

A JL Partners poll for the Sunday Telegraph suggested almost half of Conservative voters thought Sunak would make a good prime minister, ahead of Truss and Mordaunt. However, Truss also has wide support, including from those most loyal to Johnson, and Mordaunt has topped surveys of the 200,000 party members who will ultimately choose who becomes Conservative leader and therefore prime minister.

In a demonstration of how open the race is, a survey of party members for the Conservative Home website on Saturday suggested former equalities minister Kemi Badenoch was now ahead of the others, with Truss in second and Mordaunt, currently the bookmakers' favourite, slipping to third. That came after the fifth candidate, Tom Tugendhat, chair of parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, topped a viewers' poll after the first TV debate on Friday.

Whoever gets the job will take on rocketing inflation and low economic growth, as well as the public's lack of confidence in politics after Johnson's scandal-ridden time in power. Opinion polls also suggest the Conservatives are falling significantly behind the opposition Labour Party.

When asked by the moderator, all candidates said they would not hold an immediate election if they won. No national election needs to be held in Britain until 2024.

One candidate will be knocked out every day in the next three days, leaving a final two to face the verdict of Conservative Party members. They will vote for the winner who will be announced on Sept. 5.

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The opportunity has arisen for a Laboratory Manager to join Intertek Caleb Brett on the Dutch island of St. Eustatius. St. Eustatius, together with sister islands Saba and St. Maarten, forms the Windward Islands of the Dutch Caribbean. The population is approximately 3400.

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Job description: The Laboratory Manager will also oversee the following: Quality Management, Health, Safety and Environmental Compliance, Legal and Ethical Compliance, Training, and will ensure that the laboratory contributes to a fair and reasonable profit for the branch.

Duties and responsibilities:

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Qualifications:

- BA or BS required, preferred in Chemistry.
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- 8-10 years petroleum lab and/or refinery experience.
- Knowledge of the significance of the data generated by test methods.
- Experience with industry specific databases and MS Office.
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Core competencies:

- Fluent in English.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
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Applications should be addressed to: gina.soobratee@intertek.com. Deadline for submission of applications: July 31st, 2022.

UNSUITABLE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACKNOWLEDGED.

OPROEPING

Bij exploot van de 13e juli 2022, waarvan afschrift is gelaten aan de Officier van Justitie op St. Maarten, heb ik, Mark John Rabess, gerechtsdeurwaarder voor burgerlijke zaken bij het Gemeenschappelijk Hof van Justitie van Aruba, Curaçao, St. Maarten en Bonaire, St. Eustatius en Saba en bij het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg van St. Maarten, wonende op St. Maarten en kantoorhoudende aan de A.Th. Illidge Road #11 op St. Maarten, gevolggevend aan de beschikking van 8 juli 2022 van de E.A. Rechter in het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg, is

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De deurwaarder,
Mark John Rabess

French public figures accuse new minister of homophobia

PARIS--More than 100 French public figures have signed an open letter denouncing what they said were homophobic remarks by a recently appointed government minister.

Caroline Cayeux, appointed minister for territorial cohesion as part of France's new government formed on July 4, was asked by the Senate on Tuesday whether she maintained her opposition to the law for same-sex marriage and adoption in 2013. At the time, she called the reform a "caprice" and "plan that goes against nature".

Cayeux initially stood by what she said, adding: "I have a lot of friends among those people." Two days later she apologised for her remarks.

The open letter, published in the Journal du Dimanche newspaper on Sunday, took issue with the choice of words and called into question whether she should keep her post. "How can we accept that a member of government ... calls French citizens 'those people'? How can we avoid that, in her mind, they do not belong to the same category of citizens?"

The letter was signed by members of parliament, mayors, former members of government including former Prime Minister Manuel Valls, as well as journalists, lawyers and members of civil society.

On Friday, Prime Minister Elizabeth Borne said that Cayeux had made "shocking" remarks in the past and had explained herself awkwardly but that she would continue working and remain "concentrated on her mission" in government.



Ana Estrada, 43, a euthanasia advocate who suffers from an incurable condition that atrophies her muscles and has left her breathing through a ventilator, lies in bed at her home in Lima, Peru February 7, 2020.

After long battle, Peru confirms woman's right to assisted death

LIMA--After a long legal battle in Peru for the right of an assisted death, Ana Estrada said she now feels free to avoid suffering from an incurable and debilitating illness that has plagued her for three decades.

The Peruvian Supreme Court this past week confirmed a prior ruling that allows Estrada, a 44-year-old psychologist, to end her life after a five-year legal battle and years of illness.

Under Peruvian law, assisting someone's suicide and killing a terminally ill patient are punishable with prison time. In a deeply Roman Catholic country where abortion and gay marriage remain illegal, the court's decision is seen as a milestone in the debate over euthanasia. In Latin America, only Colombia allows the procedure, but under certain conditions.

"This victory will help me better cope with this imminent, inevitable deterioration of the disease. It will give me peace of mind and calm," she told Reuters.

Estrada suffers from polymyositis, a rare disease that attacks her muscles with a degenerative deterioration. She has spent most of her life lying prostrate in a bed connected to a mechanical respirator and with almost daily assistance from a nurse.

The Supreme Court ruling issued this week ratifies a previous court decision requiring Peru's state health insurance to provide "all the conditions" for Estrada's euthanasia, which must be executed within a period of 10 days from the date she expresses her will to end her life. The Supreme Court exempted the doctor who eventually supplies a drug intended to end Estrada's life from any punishment.

"Why death with dignity? Because I want to avoid suffering, I want to avoid pain, but above all because this is about life and it is about freedom," Estrada said, lying in bed after her nurse placed a pillow on her.

"Establishing the right to death is a fundamental precedent. It is the first case and it is irrevocable, and it allows Ana Estrada to be able to make a decision to end her life at a certain time," said Walter Gutierrez, Estrada's lawyer and a former ombudsman.

Gender neutral bathrooms at OAS summit causes Peru row

LIMA--Peru's Congress on Friday voted to host the Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly, after outrage over the legislature's initial decision not to approve the summit because of requirements to provide gender neutral bathrooms.

Peru's Congress, controlled by socially conservative parties, on Thursday first rejected the government's request to host the regional body's assembly in October over the requisite. On Twitter, lawmaker Ernesto Bustamante, the head of Congress's foreign relations committee, said the OAS had "attempted to introduce ... gender ideology" into Peruvian law.

Peru, a deeply Catholic country, is among Latin America's most socially conservative nations, with years of infighting among lawmakers and activists over whether the state should recognize multiple gender identities or only biological sex. Government offices in Peru do not normally offer gender neutral bathrooms.

The OAS did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The theme for this year's Assembly is "Together against inequality and discrimination."

Foreign Minister Cesar Landa said on Twitter that Congress' decision "gravely affects Peru's international image" and asked that it reconsider its stance. Luis Almagro, the head of the OAS regional bloc, said on Twitter he agreed with Landa's position, thanking him for the government's efforts. He said he "hoped" the summit could still be held in Peru.

The largest congressional bloc, Popular Force, led by former presidential candidate Keiko Fujimori, voted unanimously to reject the OAS Assembly. Fujimori has previously criticized the OAS over an electoral controversy.

Fujimori lost the 2021 election by just 0.2 percentage points and declined to concede for weeks, putting forward unsubstantiated allegations of electoral fraud. At the time, Fujimori allies travelled to Washington to request that the OAS carry out an audit of the results. The OAS, however, declined their request.

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Interested persons are invited to submit a cover letter and a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae including copies of diplomas, certificates and ID card by July 31st, 2022 to the following:

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Attn.: Human Resources
Email: hr@skos-sxm.org
Address: P.O. Box 404, St. Maarten
Website: www.skos-sxm.org

In Venezuela, cars catch fire as maintenance becomes unaffordable

MARACAIBO/CARACAS--Baseball coach Adolfo Alvarez was traveling to a game with a group of children and their parents toward Venezuela´s northwestern city of Maracaibo, when the bus' engine suddenly caught fire.

The blaze was caused by a fuel leak, according to firefighters, who say this has become increasingly common in Venezuela due to the rising cost of maintenance for autos, trucks and buses following years of economic turmoil. So far in 2022, some 595 vehicles have caught fire, firefighters say. There were 590 such cases in all of 2021, according to the country's mechanics' association.

There have been no deaths from these fires, according to former vice president of civil protection of the central state of Carabobo, Jacobo Vidarte. But many of the incidents have led to injuries.

"I took a blow to the arm, but I'm fine. The children fortunately had no injuries, we were taken to the hospital, but we are fine and at home," coach Alvarez said.



A fire fighter extinguishes a fire that broke out in a car, in Maracay, Venezuela April 24, 2022.

Experts say the fires are happening because people are delaying car maintenance, using unsuitable parts and tampering with fuel or fuel injection systems due to gasoline scarcity. "There are many vehicles with maintenance faults," said Luis Mantilla, chief of the fire department of the Santa Rita municipality, who participated in the rescue operation on a highway to Maracaibo.

"When they start moving, they generate these types of accidents," he said, estimating that they had roughly tripled in the fourth quarter.

Despite slight improvements in the Venezuelan economy since the 2019 relaxation of currency controls and the broader adoption of the U.S. dollar, the country is still marked by extreme income inequality, limiting access to certain goods. Due to low production, the Venezuelan vehicle fleet has aged, and most of the cars in circulation have exceeded their recommended life span, said Gino Fileri, president of the mechanics' association.

"The country's economic situation is leading people to Google how to remove the (fuel) injectors, assemble them, but they don't have the knowledge, nor the experience, nor are they prepared, nor trained to do so," added Fileri.

Meanwhile, vehicle production in the country is minimal after companies like General Motors Co or Ford Motor Co F.N abandoned or drastically scaled back operations in recent years. Imported cars remain beyond the reach of most Venezuelans. The Ministry of Communication did not respond to a request for comment.

Firefighters and union spokesmen said Venezuelans needing emergency repairs are increasingly relying on inexperienced curbside mechanics that have popped up in several cities offering improvised part installations. Unable to afford original car parts, people also tend to buy unsuitable ones sold in hardware stores, they added.

Repairing a car with partial engine damage can cost as much as $2,500, said Vidarte. That amounts to a crushing blow in a country where the minimum wage is around $30 a month.

"Unfortunately we are living an economy in which people are looking for the cheapest," said Angelo Sangregorio, the vice-president of the chamber of mechanical workshops. "And the cheapest is not good."

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Deforestation in Colombia edges up, moving further from national target

BOGOTA--Deforestation in Colombia edged up for the second year in a row in 2021, rising 1.5% versus 2020 levels, the environment ministry said on Friday, as environmentalists warned of the impact of a high number of fires this year.

In 2021, 174,103 hectares (430,218 acres) of forest were destroyed, the ministry said in a statement.

Though no comparative figure was given on Friday, the ministry last year said 171,685 hectares had been destroyed in 2020. The increase on-year takes the government further away from its target of reducing the rate by 30%.

Despite the slight increase, the ministry celebrated what it called a reduction in deforestation growth trends. "Concerning the goal of the National Development Plan, which proposes cutting the growth trend of deforestation by 30% by 2021, the figures found that, on average, this phenomenon was reduced by 34%," the ministry said.

The use of the hypothetical trend measurement - which the ministry said was based on modeling by the meteorological agency - instead of a reduction figure appeared at odds with previous goals and promoted criticism from environmentalists.

Colombia's President Ivan Duque has repeatedly pledged to cut deforestation in half by the end of his term next month, while Environment Minister Carlos Correa promised a reduction of 30% in deforestation by 2022 in a Reuters interview last year. The reduction target was based on 219,552 hectares destroyed in 2017, after a peace deal with the now-demobilized FARC guerrillas opened swathes of forests - including in the Amazon - to deforestation.

The ministry did not immediately respond to requests to clarify either why it referenced rate of growth in the latest figures, instead of an overall reduction. "This is ridiculous, it's unforgivable," Rodrigo Botero, director of the Foundation for Conservation and Sustainable Development (FCDS), told Reuters about the use of the trend measurement instead of a reduction figure.

Just under 80% of deforestation occurred in six provinces, including Meta, Caqueta, Guaviare and Putumayo, which count Amazon rainforest in their territory, the ministry said, though it did not offer a specific Amazonian deforestation figure.

The FCDS reported separately on Friday that 113,572 hectares (280,643 acres) of Colombia's Amazon was deforested between April 2021 and March 2022. Compared with previous periods, the first six weeks of this year saw the highest number of fires in a decade, FCDS said, citing a record 50,571 fire alerts in forests throughout the country.

Nationally 40,650 hectares (100,450 acres) of forest were destroyed between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2022, it said.

Colombia is not the only country in the region where deforestation is trending upwards. Deforestation in Brazil's Amazon reached a record high in the first six months of this year, as an area five times the size of New York City was destroyed.



A felled tree is seen in the middle of a deforested area of the Yari plains, in Caqueta, Colombia March 3, 2021.

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Jubeir.

The accused were brought to trial were and being punished with prison terms, he said.

U.S. intelligence agencies believe the crown prince ordered Khashoggi's killing, which he denies. Jubeir, talking to Reuters about Friday's conversation, said MbS had made the case that trying to impose values on other countries by force could backfire.

"It has not worked when the U.S. tried to impose values on Afghanistan and Iraq. In fact, it backfired," Jubeir quoted the crown prince as telling Biden. "Countries have different values and those values should be respected!"

The exchange highlighted tensions that have weighed on relations between Washington and Riyadh, its closest Arab ally, over issues including Khashoggi, oil prices and the Yemen war. Biden needs the help of OPEC giant Saudi Arabia at a time of high crude prices and other problems related to the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Washington also wants to curb Iran's sway in the region and China's global influence.

Biden came to Saudi Arabia hoping to reach a deal on oil production to help drive down gasoline prices that are driving inflation above 40-year highs and threatening his approval ratings. He leaves the region empty-handed but hoping the OPEC+ group, comprising Saudi Arabia, Russia and other producers, will boost production at a meeting on Aug. 3.

"I look forward to seeing what's coming in the coming months," Biden said.

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Sint Maarten Yacht Club

JOB DESCRIPTION
SMYC OFFICE MANAGER

Position description:
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  - o Manage and maintain up to date SMYC social media (Facebook and Instagram) and the website.
  - o Create and send out monthly newsletters.
  - o Maintain contact with the press.
- Assist with bookkeeping
  - o Enter data in QuickBooks
  - o Reconcile Petty Cash
- Administrative
  - o Serve as Liaison with SMYC Board and prepare reports and documentation as required.
  - o Manage administrative and HR duties
  - o Manage membership promotions and admin
- Arrange for and assure the proper maintenance Yacht Club building / terrain

Yacht Club Merchandising:
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- Guard the brands and logos of the SMYC.
- Manage merchandise income and expenses.

Other duties:
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- Coordinate with SMYC volunteer committees, as needed or requested.

Requirements:
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- Ability to work in a dynamic environment.
- Pro-active attitude.
- Independent worker, as well as supportive of a team.
- Proficiency in standard Office software (Outlook, Excel, Word, Powerpoint).
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Rached Ghannouchi, the head of Islamist Ennahda party and former speaker of the parliament, during an interview with Reuters at his office in Tunis, Tunisia, July 15, 2022.

Tunisia's Islamist leader says president moving country towards dictatorship

TUNIS--Tunisia's president is using a referendum on a new constitution to move back towards dictatorship, the head of the biggest Tunisian opposition party, the Islamist Ennahda, warned on Friday.

Rached Ghannouchi, who was parliament speaker until President Kais Saied shut the chamber and seized most powers last summer, said the atmosphere in the build-up to the July 25 vote was "undemocratic and funereal".

Saied's focus on political changes while the economy slid further towards crisis also meant Tunisia faced a "Sri Lanka situation" with a looming social explosion, Ghannouchi told Reuters in an interview. "Saied's speeches can only be translated into clashes, chaos and assassination... Tunisia could reach the point of famine and is in dire need of dialogue to confront these crises," he said.

Ghannouchi, a former political prisoner, has been a leading player in Tunisian politics since the 2011 revolution that ousted autocratic leader Zine al-Abidin Ben Ali, introduced democracy and triggered the Arab Spring uprisings. He has been a main critic of Saied since the president's seizure of broad powers last year.

"Tunisia is moving towards a dictatorial regime that brings together all powers (under one person)," he said.

Saied has said his actions were needed to save Tunisia from years of political infighting and stagnation, and that his constitution is correcting the course of the 2011 revolution. This year, in the run-up to the referendum, Saied has greatly expanded his control over the judiciary and the formerly independent electoral authority, raising questions over rule of law and a fair vote.

His proposed constitution gives him nearly unlimited powers while diluting the role of the parliament and judiciary. Ennahda and most other parties have urged a boycott of the referendum.

This week, Ghannouchi must appear before an investigating judge on suspicion of corruption, which he and Ennahda both deny, calling the charges political. Activists have warned that the authorities may use his hearing to arrest Ghannouchi. "It would not be surprising if I am arrested," he said.

"Dictatorial regimes seek to use the judiciary and employ the security services, as Ben Ali did, against the opposition," he said.

Ghannouchi compared the new constitution, which contains a legislative body based on regional councils, to that of Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi and other Arab autocrats. "The constitution establishes a unilateral, populist regime reminiscent of that of Gaddafi and the Arab dictators," he said.

However, he said, democratic principles had become well established among Tunisians over the period since the revolution. He said Ennahda was urging its supporters to boycott the referendum instead of voting 'no' because "entering a game where your opponent sets all the rules is unwise."

Ennahda will call protests for July 19, the day he faces the judicial hearing, and July 23, two days before the referendum, he said.

Top court warns Hong Kong against risk of prosecuting 'thought crimes'

HONG KONG--Hong Kong's highest court on Friday overturned the conviction of a protester for carrying plastic zip fasteners, with judges warning that the authorities' expanded interpretation of the law risked creating a "thought crime".

Chan Chun-kit was sentenced to 5-1/2-months' jail by a lower court after his arrest in November 2019 towards the end of prolonged and sometimes violent anti-government protests that rocked the Asian financial hub that year.

Prosecutors had said the 48 zip ties that police found in his backpack fell foul of section 17 of the Summary Offences Ordinance in that he possessed "an instrument fit for unlawful purposes". The defendant denied the charges.

The lower court magistrate ruled that Chan intended to use the ties to illegally bind street railings together to build barricades for fights and roadblocks. The arguments and ruling were later upheld on appeal.

But a panel of five judges on the Court of Final Appeal unanimously overturned both the conviction and sentence on Friday, saying such a wide interpretation would do violence to the language. "Furthermore, such a construction would render the scope of section 17 extremely wide and effectively turn the section into a thought crime," the judges said in their ruling.

The panel was headed by Chief Justice Andrew Cheung, and included a foreign jurist, Anthony Gleeson, the former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. Rulings by Hong Kong's highest court are being closely watched by lawyers, activists and diplomats as national security and other protest-related cases start to work up through the court system. Both local and foreign lawyers say the top court will be vital in the months and years ahead to ensure Hong Kong's rule of law is maintained.

In the wake of the 2019 crisis, China imposed a sweeping national security law on the city - legislation that gave the city's leader the power to select judges to hear national security cases. While this case did not involve the new law, the initial appeal was initially dealt with by three national security judges, Jeremy Poon, Derek Pang and Anthea Pang.

Spokesmen for Hong Kong police and the government's Department of Justice both said they respected the Court of Final Appeal ruling and would study it. "The decision ... clarifies the relevant legal principles," the Department of Justice spokesman said.

OPROEPING

Bij exploot van de 13e juli 2022, waarvan afschrift is gelaten aan de Officier van Justitie op St. Maarten, heb ik, Danica E.N. Zichem, gerechtsdeurwaarder voor burgerlijke zaken bij het Gemeenschappelijk Hof van Justitie van Aruba, Curacao, Sint Maarten en Bonaire, Sint Eustatius en Saba en bij het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg van Sint Maarten, wonende op Sint Maarten en kantoorhoudende aan de A.Th. Illidge Road #11 op Sint Maarten, gevolg gevend aan de beschikking van 4e juli 2022 van de E. A. Rechter in het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg,

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G20 finance chiefs resolved on food security, Ukraine war prevents formal communique



Janet Yellen, U.S. Secretary of Treasury speaks with South Africa's Finance Minister Enoch Godongwana before their bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the G20 Finance Ministers Meeting in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia July 16, 2022.

NUSA DUA, Indonesia--The Group of 20 major economies' finance chiefs on Saturday pledged to address global food insecurity and rising debt, but made few policy breakthroughs amid divisions over Russia's war in Ukraine at a two-day meeting in Indonesia.

With questions growing about the effectiveness of the G20 in tackling the world's major problems, U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said the differences had prevented the finance ministers and central bankers from issuing a formal communique but that the group had "strong consensus" on the need to address a worsening food security crisis.

Host Indonesia will issue a chair's statement instead. Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati said most topics were agreed by all members except for particular statements about the war in Ukraine. She described it as the "best result" the group could have achieved at this meeting.

Western countries have enforced strict sanctions against Russia, which says it is conducting a "special military operation" in Ukraine. Other G20 nations, including China, India and South Africa, have been more muted in their response. "This is a challenging time because Russia is part of the G20 and doesn't agree with the rest of us on how to characterize the war," Yellen said, but stressed the disagreement should not prevent progress on pressing global issues.

Russia's finance minister attended the meeting virtually while his deputy attended in person. Ukraine's finance minister addressed the session virtually where he called for "more severe targeted sanctions".

Indonesia's Sri Mulyani said while chairing a fractured G20 has been "quite overwhelming" due to the war in Ukraine, all members agreed that food insecurity requires special attention and she called for removal of trade protections that prevented flow of food supplies. The G20 will set up a joint forum between finance and agriculture ministers to address food and fertilize supply issue. A similar forum has been set up for finance and health ministers for pandemic preparedness.

Analysts said the failure to agree on a communique reflected the weakness of the once-mighty economic grouping. "We are in a rudderless moment in the world economy with the G20 paralysed by Putin's war and the G7 unable to lead on global public goods," said Kevin Gallagher, who heads the Global Development Policy Center at Boston University.

G20 members pulled together at the start of the pandemic, but initiatives to cushion the shock for heavily indebted poor countries failed to produce significant results. Western countries, concerned about the lack of transparency in China's lending, were pressuring Beijing to restructure debt contracts and transform its role to "one that (contributes) to the country rather than to one of indebtedness and servitude," said U.S. Ambassador to Japan Rahm Emanuel. But they were frustrated that Chinese officials did not attend the meetings in person, making sideline discussions impossible.

Kristalina Georgieva, head of the International Monetary Fund, warned more than 30% of emerging and developing countries - and a staggering 60% of low-income countries - were in or near debt distress. "The debt situation is deteriorating fast and a well-functioning mechanism for debt resolution should be in place," she said.

Sri Mulyani said G20 also encouraged further progress on the implementation of the Common Framework for Debt Treatment beyond the debt service suspension initiative in a timely, orderly, and coordinated manner.

She said there were discussions on how to make the framework more effective for countries in need.

Wells Fargo profit slumps on higher loan loss reserves, mortgage weakness

NEW YORK--Wells Fargo & Co reported a 48% drop in quarterly profit on Friday as the bank set aside more funds to cover potential loan losses, while its mortgage lending business came under pressure from higher interest rates.

The company bolstered its loan loss reserves by setting aside $580 million in the second quarter, compared with a release of $1.26 billion a year earlier, when aggressive monetary stimulus measures cushioned a blow from the pandemic and propped up the economy.

Last quarter, the bank's reserve release helped offset a decline in its mortgage lending business. This quarter soaring interest rates further dampened demand for mortgage originations, causing home loans to fall 53% from a year ago.

After hiring tens of thousands of staff between 2018 and 2020 to handle surging mortgage originations and refinancing driven by low interest rates, the mortgage sector is downsizing. U.S. banks including JPMorgan Chase & Co and Wells Fargo have started cutting staff, with more industry layoffs expected in coming months, said analysts and economists.

"We do expect credit losses to increase from these incredibly low levels, but we have yet to see any meaningful deterioration in either our consumer or commercial portfolios," Chief Executive Officer Charlie Scharf said in a statement. Wells Fargo shares fell nearly 3% in premarket trading.

The fourth-largest U.S. bank has been in the regulators' penalty box since 2016 for governance and oversight lapses related to a series of sales and other scandals. It remains under the Federal Reserve's $1.95 trillion asset cap, which has curtailed loan and deposit growth that Wells needs to boost interest income and cover costs.

The fourth-largest U.S. lender reported a profit of $3.1 billion, or 74 cents per share, for the quarter ended June 30, compared with $6 billion, or $1.38 per share, a year earlier. Analysts on average had expected a profit of 80 cents per share, excluding items, according to the IBES estimate from Refinitiv

Wells Fargo's average loans rose to $926.6 billion from $854.7 billion a year earlier. Home lending recorded a 53% fall in earnings from a year earlier. Overall, non-interest expenses fell to $12.9 billion from $13.3 billion a year earlier.

Citigroup's shares surge on profit beat

NEW YORK--Citigroup Inc shares surged more than 10% on Friday after the third-largest U.S. bank posted a smaller-than-expected 27% drop in quarterly profit on unusual strength in its treasury services business and its trading desks cashed in on market volatility, cushioning a slump in investment banking.

The Treasury and Trade Solutions (TTS) business, Citi's crown jewel, posted a 33% jump in revenue to $3 billion on the back of higher net interest income and fee growth, the best performance in a decade, the bank said.

Markets revenue, meanwhile, jumped by 25% to $5.3 billion, thanks to volatility in the commodities and foreign exchange markets -- a particularly strong segment for the bank. Investors and analysts hailed the quarter as a long-awaited sign that Chief Executive Officer Jane Fraser's ambitious plan to restructure the bank and bring its share price and profitability in line with peers was paying off.

"The results we saw from Citi today show that the turnaround plan is on track. Trading and interest income offset the industry-wide weakness in investment banking," Thomas Hayes, chairman and managing member at Great Hill Capital LLC, wrote on Friday. "This is the cheapest large ... bank with the highest upside potential."

The bank's profit fell to $4.5 billion, or $2.19 a share, in the quarter ended June 30, from $6.2 billion, or $2.85 a share, a year earlier. Excluding items, Citi earned $2.30 per share, according to Refinitiv calculations, beating the average analyst estimate of $1.68 per share.



People walk past a Citibank branch in this file photo.

The profit decline also reflected a $375 million increase in reserves for potential loan losses as the economic outlook darkens. A year earlier exceptional government stimulus and the economy's recovery from the pandemic had allowed it to release $2.4 billion of reserves.

That increase in reserves pushed up Citi's overall credit costs to $1.3 billion, a sharp contrast to the $1.07 billion benefit it enjoyed a year earlier. Putting aside the reserve build, the stronger-than-expected results suggest Citi's core operating businesses are performing well, said analysts and investors.

"Citigroup appears to be one of the highlights of the bank earnings season so far," said David Wagner, a portfolio manager at Aptus Capital Advisors, adding that the treasury and trade solutions business was "firing on all cylinders, insulating all of the losses from the investment banking segment."

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Top US energy envoy expects further steps from OPEC producers on supplies

WASHINGTON--Major crude oil producers have spare capacity and are likely to boost supplies following President Joe Biden's visit to the Middle East, a senior U.S. energy envoy said on Sunday.

Speaking on CBS' "Face the Nation," Amos Hochstein, senior U.S. State Department adviser for energy security, said: "Based on what we heard on the trip, I'm pretty confident that we'll see a few more steps in the coming weeks."

Hochstein did not say which country or countries would boost production or by how much.

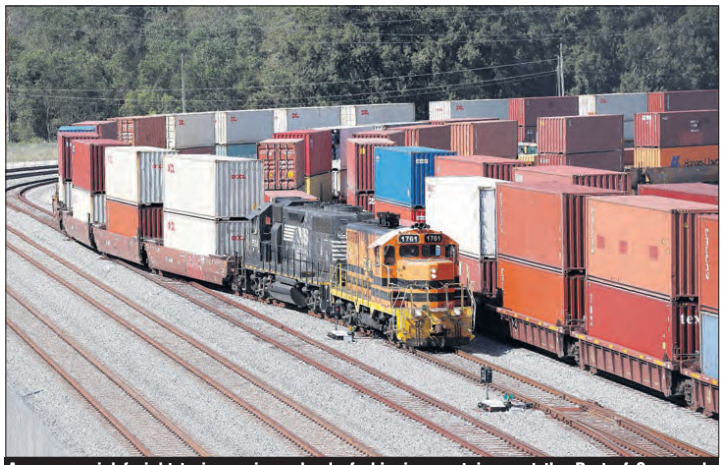
"It's not just about Saudi... We met with the GCC, and with Saudi Arabia. I'm not going to go into how much spare capacity there is in Saudi Arabia and in UAE (the United Arab Emirates) and Kuwait etc. But there is additional spare capacity. There is room for increased production," he said. GCC stands for Gulf Cooperation Council and includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Biden visited Saudi Arabia on Friday as part of his first trip to the Middle East as U.S. president, hoping to strike a deal on oil production to help drive down gasoline prices. A rise in U.S. gasoline prices to more than 40-year highs is fuelling inflation and pummeling his ratings in opinion polls.

But he has not secured a clear assurance on an oil production increase. Saudi Arabia's foreign minister said a U.S.-Arab summit on Saturday did not discuss oil. He said that OPEC+ would continue to assess market conditions and do what is necessary. OPEC+, which also includes Russia, meets next on Aug. 3.

Oil prices rocketed to their highest levels since 2008, climbing above $139 a barrel in March, after the United States and Europe imposed sanctions on Russia over its invasion of Ukraine, which Moscow calls a "special military operation". Prices have slipped since then.

Hochstein also said he expected to see U.S. gasoline prices to fall further towards $4 a gallon, after exceeding $5 a gallon earlier this year for the first time in history.



A commercial freight train carries a load of shipping containers at the Port of Savannah, Georgia, U.S. October 17, 2021.

Biden names board to help end freight railroad and union contract disputes

WASHINGTON--U.S. President Joe Biden on Sunday named the members of an emergency board tasked with helping resolve disputes between freight rail carriers and their unions, the White House said.

Biden signed an order on Friday ahead of a deadline to intervene in nationwide U.S. railroad labour talks covering 115,000 workers or open the door to a potential strike or lockout that could threaten an already fragile economy and choke supplies of food and fuel.

Biden named Ira F. Jaffe to chair the presidential emergency board. Jaffe, who has been involved in labour and employment arbitration cases for more than four decades and chaired or served on five other emergency boards, is a U.S. panelist on the Rapid Response Labor Panel under the United States-Mexico-Canada trade agreement.

He also named Boston College Professor David Twomey, who has served on prior boards that helped resolve major rail and airline disputes, and Barbara C. Deinhardt, an independent arbitrator who has served as chair of the New York State Employment Relations Board and New York State Workers' Compensation Board.

If Biden had not created the board by Monday, railroads and unions could have opted for operational shutdowns or strikes, respectively. The board "will provide a structure for workers and management to resolve their disagreements. The Board will investigate the dispute and, within 30 days of its establishment, deliver a report recommending how the dispute should be resolved," the White House said.

Talks between major freight railroads, including Union Pacific and Berkshire Hathaway-owned BNSF, and unions representing their workers have dragged on for more than two years. The order triggers a "cooling-off" period to help the sides reach a settlement.

American tourists splurge in Paris boutiques as euro slides

PARIS--American tourist Shawna Wilson says she has splashed out on four dresses at the high-end LVMH-owned department store La Samaritaine in Paris, tempted by the prices as the euro reached parity with the U.S. dollar.

The euro tumbled below $1 on Wednesday for the first time in two decades on fears that rising energy prices triggered by the Ukraine conflict could tip the European Union into a prolonged economic crisis.

"It's like it's on sale here," said Wilson, 49, from Colorado, whose purchases included two dresses for her daughter. "Because the euro and the dollar are about the same, it definitely encourages us to spend."



A man enters the flagship store of luxury brand Dior, the 30 Montaigne, in Paris, France, July 13, 2022.

The weak euro is big draw for tourists, particularly Americans – who are flagged as a key growth driver for the European luxury goods sector in the second quarter, according to analysts from Barclays. The strong dollar versus the euro contributed to a four-fold rise in tourism spending in Europe in June compared with last year, with an acceleration in spending from Americans, analysts at UBS, citing data from VAT refund provider Planet, said.

The luxury sector has rebounded quickly from the pandemic as people rushed to spend money saved during lockdowns -- buying themselves treats as socialising resumed. But sales in China, the world's largest luxury goods market, have plunged this year as a new wave of strict COVID-19 lockdowns shuttered shops, crimped demand and also meant fewer high-spending Chinese tourists in Europe.

So as Americans fill up transatlantic flights, their eagerness to cash in on the weak euro is helping to replace business lost as a result of the lack of Chinese visitors, who were the main source of luxury sales growth in Europe pre-pandemic. Luxury goods companies Richemont and Burberry on Friday reported higher sales in Europe, which helped to offset a drop of more than 30% in China.

France has benefited most from the tourists' splurge. Sales to tourists in France in June climbed to just 11.3% below 2019 levels, a positive sign for French luxury labels that have a big exposure to their home market, UBS analysts said.

American tourists were thronging Paris's Avenue Montaigne this past week, browsing in the luxury boutiques, which include designer names such as Louis Vuitton, Chanel and Gucci. Cheryl Penn, 70, a realtor from Delray Beach, Florida, had already bought herself a skirt and stocked up on baby clothes for her granddaughter.

"We just got on the Avenue, so we just started our shopping spree," said Penn.

"I like that the euro and the dollar are equal so I know exactly what I'm spending," she said.

Jennifer Groner, a TikTok influencer, went on a shopping spree in Paris in April when the euro was under pressure versus the dollar. "I've never seen anything like this in terms of the price savings," she told Reuters, estimating that she snapped up a Birkin bag from Hermes in Paris for $4,000 less than it would have cost her in the United States, paying little over $9,000, thanks also to a VAT refund.

"You're able to travel to Europe, take in the culture but at the same time buy a bag," said Groner, who also bought handbags and accessories from Prada, Dior, Louis Vuitton and Chanel, for overall savings of $8,000 compared with U.S. prices, based on her calculations.

Monika Arora, founder of pursebop.com, a news and information website for luxury brands, said she believes the brands will eventually "harmonise" prices. "They've done that many times before," she said.

Boeing ready to ignite Farnborough Airshow

FARNBOROUGH, England--Boeing will seek to shore up its troubled 737 MAX 10 and 777X jetliners with orders officially worth over $15 billion from Delta Air Lines and Lufthansa this week, as the aerospace industry swelters at its largest event since COVID-19.

Industry sources said the U.S. planemaker, struggling to maintain a grip on its duopoly with Europe's Airbus, would strike early at the Farnborough Airshow, which opens on Monday, after months of talks on its largest 737 with Delta. Reuters first reported in March that Delta was discussing buying 100 MAX 10 and reported last week that the airline was in talks to order around 12 more Airbus A220s in a deal likely be announced on Tuesday.

Germany's Lufthansa is likely to firm up a deal for around 10 large Boeing freighters, including seven of the recently launched cargo version of the 777X, sources said.

None of the parties commented ahead of the show, which is going ahead despite an emergency weather warning and transport disruption caused by forecasts for record high temperatures. As Britain melts, aerospace firms will do their best to show civil demand is intact after the worst downturn in their history. Rising defence spending will also be in focus as the industry gathers under the shadow of war in Ukraine.

Boeing unveiled broadly stable civil airplane forecasts on Sunday. Even so, many of the deals will be provisional ones or formal signings of business already in the works, and virtually all will be packaged as contributions to lower emissions in support of a common goal of net zero by 2050, delegates said.

EasyJet is set to win shareholder approval for a recent deal for 56 Airbus A320neos, placing it on Farnborough's radar. Etihad has firmed up an order for seven A350 freighters, though it is unclear whether these will be unveiled at the show.

Poland's LOT is studying proposals from existing suppliers Boeing and Embraer as well Airbus and engine firms, but will not make a decision at the show, a person close to the talks said, denying a report that the airline had already picked Airbus.

Demand for jets peaked in 2016 but remained buoyant until the pandemic crippled air transport. Now, travel is rebounding, passengers face long lines and some jets are back in demand.

Yet, apart from Delta's expected MAX purchase, the big-ticket orders that dominated past events are rarer as airlines repair balance sheets weakened by COVID-19 travel restrictions. Airbus and Boeing officials flew to India ahead of the show chasing a potential $50 billion blockbuster from Air India owner Tata Group. It is studying 200-300 narrow-bodies and 30-70 wide-bodies split between suppliers, but hopes of a sizzling order to match this week's temperature are on hold for now, sources said.

That means most attention will be on the MAX 10 and 777X which Boeing plans to fly in a scaled-down Farnborough display.



Toyota Motor Corp. unveils four new models of its Crown range, including a sport-utility vehicle (SUV) for the first time, in Chiba, east of Tokyo, Japan July 15, 2022.

Toyota revamps Crown range

MAKUHARI, Japan--Toyota Motor Corp unveiled four new models of its Crown range on Friday, including a sport-utility vehicle (SUV) for the first time, seeking to reboot the 67-year-old brand as Japan branches out from its long love affair with sedans.

The 16th generation of the Crown will be sold outside Japan for the first time in earnest, with plans to reach about 40 countries and regions. The first new model will be a crossover that will be available in Japan around this autumn.

"The Crown was a symbol of Japan's affluence and Japanese pride. It was also a car that brought together Japan's world-class technology and human resources," said Toyota President Akio Toyoda during a presentation. "The new Crown is filled with such Japanese underlying strengths."

The models will be released over the course of next year and a half, said Hiroki Nakajima, president of Toyota's mid-size vehicle company. "Customers from around the world will now get a chance to drive this historic Japanese nameplate born out of passion, pride and progress," Toyoda said.

The four new models are a sedan, an SUV, a station wagon, and a crossover, which combines a sedan with an SUV. The crossover will be offered as a hybrid, while the powertrain of the other models has not been decided.

Reuters reported in April that the world's largest automaker by sales was aiming to launch an SUV version of the Crown. The Crown, which debuted in 1955, was the first passenger car developed and built entirely in Japan, marking a pivotal moment in the country's rise to a global automaking giant. It was also the first car Toyota exported to the United States, in 1958. Two years later, Toyota was forced to suspend exports as the Crown's engine wasn't capable of speeds needed on American freeways.

Unlike Biden, most Democratic voters want strict abortion limits

By Marc A. Thiessen

WASHINGTON -- The Biden administration is under fire from abortion rights activists after White House communications director Kate Bedingfield told *The Washington Post* they were "out of step" with the mainstream of the Democratic Party.

She's more correct than she realizes. Unlike the Biden administration and Democrats on Capitol Hill, most Democratic voters want to impose strict limits on abortion.

A new Harvard CAPS-Harris poll, conducted by Democratic pollster Mark Penn, finds that a 60% supermajority of Democrats supports restricting abortion to 15 weeks or less. What this means is that, in practice, most Democratic voters agree with Mississippi's ban on abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, which the Supreme Court upheld when it overturned Roe v. Wade. Many would restrict abortion even further: A third of Democratic respondents would either ban abortion after six weeks of pregnancy or allow it only in cases of rape or incest. None of the restrictions they support would be allowed if Roe were still the law of the land.

But that is not the position of the Democratic Party. In the 1990s, Democrats' position was, as Bill Clinton famously put it, that abortion should be "safe, legal and rare." But in 2012, they expunged "rare" from the platform, and in 2016 they promised to oppose all "federal and state laws and policies that impede a woman's access to abortion, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment," which restricts federal funding for abortions.

Joe Biden had to renounce his 40-plus-year support for the Hyde Amendment to win the Democratic nomination in 2020. Today, the White House refuses to say whether Biden supports any limits on abortion at all. New York Democrats lit up the Freedom Tower in 2019 to celebrate the passage of a state law that removed almost all restrictions on abortion, even in the third trimester, while Illinois Democratic Governor J.B. Pritzker signed a law repealing his state's Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act.

How many Democrats support that? According to the Harvard-Harris poll, just 15% of Democrats would allow abortion at will through all nine months of pregnancy.

The rest of the country agrees with the Democratic majority. The poll finds that 72% would restrict abortion to 15 weeks or less. Those figures include 69% of men and 75% of women.

Just 10% of Americans believe abortions should be allowed at will up to nine months. In other words, the official position of the Democratic Party is not just outside the Democratic mainstream – it is outside the American mainstream.

That is not stopping left-wing abortion activists from pressing Biden to show more outrage over the Supreme Court's decision to return abortion policy to the states – where a plurality of Americans believe it belongs. In an economic moment when many are forced to choose between buying gas or food, this makes the president appear deeply out of touch. A *New York Times*/Siena College poll shows that only 5% say abortion is the most important issue facing the country today – and many of those voters are pro-life. By contrast, the poll found that the biggest issues are, in order of importance, the economy, inflation and our divided politics.

Not only do most Americans disagree with the activists' position on abortion, they disagree with their smash-mouth tactics. Sixty-two percent of respondents in the Harvard-Harris poll oppose allowing protesters to harass Supreme Court justices and their families in their homes. And now abortion activists are harassing conservative justices while they dine at restaurants. The group ShutDownDC tweeted that it would pay restaurant workers $50 for confirmed sightings of the conservative justices, and the bounty rises to $200 if the justices are still there 30 minutes after the message.

This incivility is hurting Biden as much as the abortion extremism is. Americans voted for Biden because he promised to heal the nation and unite the country. In his victory speech, he promised "to marshal the forces of decency," and in his inaugural address, he promised to "end this uncivil war." Every time his supporters make headlines by harassing a Supreme Court justice, it underscores the biggest failure of Biden's presidency, which is his refusal to deliver on these promises.

Americans are sick and tired of incivility. And they care more about inflation than abortion. The more his radical base forces Biden to focus on abortion advocacy that's outside the mainstream, at the expense of issues Americans care about, the more likely it is that Americans will elect a pro-life Republican majority this November.

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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		4		8	1			
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

Previous puzzle solution

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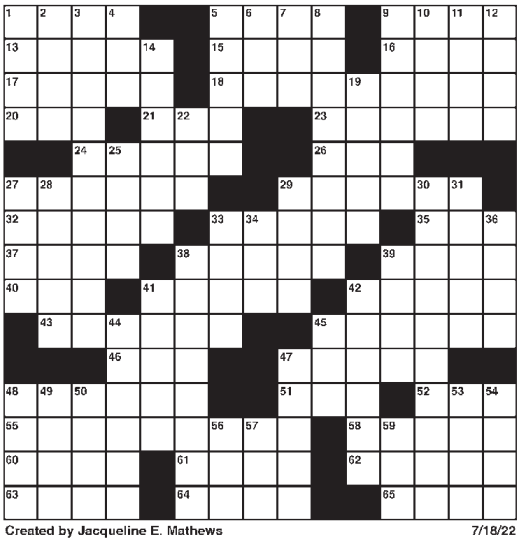
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ACROSS

1 One of the Kennedys
5 Fifty percent
9 __ known as; aka
13 Remove the lid from
15 "__ my dead body!"
16 Null's partner, in phrase
17 Supermarket
18 Try to work it out
20 Weather word
21 Expert
23 Humiliates
24 Frolic about
26 Wee one
27 Haul; transport
29 Woe
32 Change a little
33 LAX arrival
35 Mom's dinner table advice
37 Aegean & Adriatic
38 Hang on tightly
39 Show boldness
40 Tree secretion
41 Eat away at
42 Winnie-the-Pooh's creator
43 Required
45 Hug
46 By way of
47 At all __; no matter what
48 Far from lenient
51 Make a selection
52 Place for three nursery rhyme men
55 Down-to-earth
58 Clear the board
60 Bee, to Andy
61 Cast a ballot
62 Ceremonies
63 Team at NY's Citi Field
64 Alimony recipients
65 Yellow Muppet

DOWN

1 Go quickly
2 Not fooled by
3 Sticky strip
4 In one __ and out the other
5 Show respect for
6 Ventnor or Virginia, in Monopoly: abbr.
7 Piece of turkey
8 Cake coating
9 Fly a plane
10 Sandy soil
11 Web designer's creation
12 Anthology selections
14 Jalapeño or cayenne
19 "All __ in favor, say 'Aye'"
22 Elected official: abbr.
25 Thirst quenchers
27 Insolent talk
28 Spotless
29 Lion's hair
30 Land & the structures on it
31 Tales
33 Walk with heavy steps
34 Tupperware top
36 Golf shop purchase
38 Artistic
39 Earthworm's milieu
41 Official decree
42 Get the hang of
44 Kicks out
45 Lawman
47 Nat & Natalie
48 Canned meat
49 Accurate
50 Carry on
53 __-friendly; easy to learn
54 "Father Knows __"
56 Wally or Courteney
57 Suffix for medic or fabric
59 Tease

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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Four Bajan Legends of Literature revisited for Caribbean Literature Day 2022

Editor's note: The following article, in observance of Caribbean Literature Day 2022, addresses the need to archive and to continually engage expressions and "resources" of the region's Literature. In 2015, David Comissiong, as president of the Clement Payne Movement, wrote and released a longer version of this article, entitled "Four Bajan Living Legends of Literature". It was reprinted in 2016, a few months before Barbados celebrated its 50th year of Independence. The legends cited have since passed on and, like their legacies, the essential recommendation and proposals put forward in this writing remain relevant today to the region and its Diaspora.

Dear Editor,

I would like – at this time – to urge the people, organisations, and Government of Barbados to make an effort to identify and catalogue the various "resources" that Barbados possesses, and to resolve to fully deploy and utilize these "resources" for the development of our country.

One of the resources that I would like to identify and bring to the attention of the nation is the cultural and psychological power embedded in the collected works of Barbados' four living legends of literature, George Lamming, Paule Marshall, Kamau Brathwaite, and Austin "Tom" Clarke.

The ability to lay claim to these four cultural treasures is a relatively superficial thing! The real issue is, do we recognize the valuableness of the resource that lies in our hand, and are we putting it to good use?

The first and most senior of our four living legends of literature is 88-year-old George Lamming, who is considered to be the dean of Caribbean writers, an accolade bestowed upon him by C.L.R. James, the great literary critic, in the 1960s.

George Lamming is the author of six novels: *In the Castle of My Skin* (1953), *The Emigrants* (1954), *Of Age and Innocence* (1958), *Seasons of Adventure* (1960), *Water with Berries* (1971), *Natives of My Person* (1972), and of three books of critical essays, *Pleasures of Exile* (1960), *Coming, Coming Home* (1995), and *Sovereignty of the Imagination* (2009).

Lamming's fellow legend, Kamau Brathwaite, explained the groundbreaking significance of Lamming's first novel as follows: "Then in 1953, George Lamming's *In the Castle of My Skin* appeared and everything was transformed. Here breathing to me from every pore of line and page was the Barbados I had lived. The words, the rhythms, the cadences, the scenes, the people, their predicament."

In addition, C.L.R. James never spared any opportunity to bring to our attention the many profound and cutting-edge cultural/political critiques and perspectives contained in Lamming's works. A couple examples from just one novel will suffice to prove the point: "Free is how you is from the start. An' when it look different you got to move, just move! An' when you moving say that it is a natural freedom that make you move." (*Season of Adventure*, 1960)

"Until the age of ten, Powell and I had lived together, equal in the affection of two mothers … . Powell and I were taught at the same primary school. And then the division came. I got a public scholarship which started my migration into the world of the educated … the elite … which now shut Powell and the whole village right out of my future … . I attached myself to that new privilege … . I believe that the mad impulse which drove Powell to his criminal defeat was largely my doing … . I am responsible for what happened to my brothers." (*Season of Adventure*)

The second living legend in order of seniority is 86-year-old Paule Marshall, who was born in Brooklyn, New York City, to Barbadian parents, and who not only grew up in a tightly knit Barbadian immigrant community, but also visited and lived in Barbados for varying periods of time.

The highly acclaimed Paule Marshall has produced five novels, four of which explore the history, culture, vernacular, predicament, and spirit of the Barbadian people "at home and abroad," *Brown Girl, Brownstones* (1959), *The Chosen Place, the Timeless People* (1969), *Praisesong for the Widow* (1983), *Daughters* (1991), and *The Fisher King* (1998), and a Barbados-steeped memoir entitled *Triangular Road* (2009).

The novels of Paule Marshall are filled with Barbadian female characters who would resonate with and speak in a profound way to the current generation of Barbadian girls and women, if only these novels were made widely available in our country!

I refer to such characters as middle-aged Silla Boyce and her Brooklyn-born daughter, Selina, whose coming of age is explored in *Brown Girl, Brownstones*; racially conscious Merle Kinbona ,who defends the cultural integrity of the island in *The Chosen Place, the Timeless People*; and the sophisticated 1980s young professional, Ursa Mackenzie, who, out of a sense of love for her country and her politician-father, sabotages the latter's election campaign and his Cahill-type plan to sell out the country, in *Daughters*.

Marshall's novels also express what Kamau Brathwaite has described as the "literature of re-connection" with Africa. Thus, in describing several of the quintessentially Barbadian characters in *The Chosen Place, the Timeless People*, Marshall reaches back to Africa: "A … strikingly tall, lean old man … . His face, his neck, his clean-shaven skull, had the elongated intentionally distorted look to them of a Benin mask or a sculpted thirteenth century Ife head."

Whereas, Delbert, the shopkeeper "was huge with massive limbs … . He was the chief presiding over the palavering … the colourful shirt he had on was his robe of office; the battered Panama hat … his Chieftan's umbrella, and the bottle of white rum he held, the palm wine with which he kept the palaver and made libation to the ancestral gods."

Our third living legend is the 85-year-old Kamau Brathwaite, whose works of poetry, drama, history, literary criticism, and cultural analysis are far too numerous to list!

I will therefore satisfy myself with stating that Kamau Brathwaite is easily one of the world's most outstanding intellectuals and scholars, and that he should have won the Nobel prize for literature many times over!

I will recommend that our educational authorities should deem at least three of Brathwaite's works essential and mandatory texts for our secondary and tertiary curriculum: *The Arrivants* (Brathwaite's first, Pan-African based, trilogy of poetical works); *Ancestors* (Brathwaite's second, and Barbados-centred, trilogy); and *Barabajan Poems* (Brathwaite's encyclopedic exploration of Barbadian poetry, history, landscapes, and culture).

The youngest of the four living legends is the 81-year-old Toronto-based Austin "Tom" Clarke, winner of such prestigious international awards as Canada's W. O. Mitchell Prize, Cuba's Casa de las Americas Prize, and the Martin Luther King Junior Award for excellence in writing. Tom Clarke's body of work consists of ten novels, six short story collections and three memoirs, most of which are based either in Toronto or in Barbados.

In Clarke's Toronto-based stories, we can more clearly discern the elements of the true Barbadian, portrayed as they are against a foreign backdrop. And, as Barbadian literary critic John Wickham has observed, Clarke brings to this act of re-creation a faithful ear for the accent and rhythms of our Barbadian nation-language, and a powerful visual memory.

The Barbados-based novels of Clarke, such as *Growing Up Stupid Under the Union Jack*, *The Prime Minister*, and *The Polished Hoe*, help us to understand and to come to terms with the trauma of colonialism and the psychic damage that it inflicted.

Fellow Barbadians, we will not have the living legends with us forever! Let us, therefore, show them our appreciation, love, and respect now! And let us have the good sense to do ourselves a big favour by embracing, reading, and making full use of their invaluable works!

David Comissiong

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Good is good and can become better

Dear Editor,

My father always used to tell us that "experience is the best teacher, if not of the best teachers."

Someone sent me a video on WhatsApp which reminded me of my father.

Dear Editor, I have written another letter to you, but I think that this should make a greater impact.

I have decided to put it black on white in order that for those persons who are not so well versed with cell-phones, it can be clipped out and saved. The other letter can wait. Here we go.

A young man who appeared to be frustrated posted the following:

"Sorry to say this, but being a good person does not get you love. It gets you used."

An older man, and so to see, a much more experienced person, with a white beard, read that post and gave the young man this advice.

"My dear brother, I totally understand what you're saying, but let us look at this from a different perspective.

"Before we decide to throw away those 'good qualities', let us define 'Good'.

"A good person is kind, but not gullible

"A good person shows respect, but expects respect in return A good person will lift you up, but will not tolerate you pulling him down A good person can have a good heart. That does not mean that he is passive.

"A good person would tell another person, regardless of who he is ,what he needs to hear and not necessarily what he wants to hear.

"A good person, just like anyone else, has standards, he has goals and he sets boundaries. Whenever you cross them, he will check you.

"A good person will look out for you, but he has no problem saying 'no.'

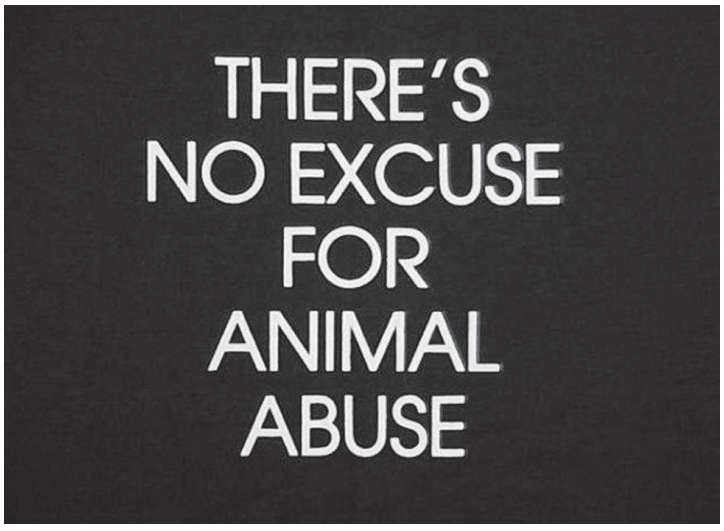
"A good person has patience, but that does not mean that he is going to let you

take his kindness for weakness.

"So just because a person is good, that does not mean that he is going to put up with nonsense.

"Love you, brother."

Russell A. Simmons



Three men jailed for 1995 murder to be exonerated

NEW YORK--Prosecutors asked a judge to reverse the convictions of three men who have spent decades in prison for the 1995 arson death of a subway token clerk, Brooklyn's district attorney said on Friday, adding the men were victims of "problematic identifications and false and contradictory confessions."

The three men - Vincent Ellerbe, Thomas Malik and James Irons - were convicted as teenagers of murdering token seller Harry Kaufman in 1995. They were each sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. Malik and Irons remained incarcerated, and Ellerbe was paroled in late 2020.

The clerk was set afire in his booth during a robbery attempt in Brooklyn and was seen running and screaming from the scene, his clothes aflame. He was burned over 70% of his body and died two weeks later.

"The findings of an exhaustive, years-long reinvestigation of this case leave us unable to stand by the convictions of those charged," Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said in a statement.

Gonzalez blamed the convictions on the lead detectives on that case, Louis Scarcella and Stephen Chmil, adding that Scarcella pressured the teenage defendants into confessions and ignored factual inconsistencies in the evidence.

"Above all, my obligation is to do justice, and because of the serious problems with the evidence on which these convictions are based, we must move to vacate them and acknowledge the harm done to these men by this failure of our system," Gonzalez said.

Scarcella was repeatedly accused of forcing confessions and framing suspects. After the allegations, the Brooklyn district attorney's office began in 2013 to review many cases that he had worked on. He retired in 2000 and has denied wrongdoing. Over a dozen convictions in his cases have been overturned.

Representatives of Scarcella and Chmil were not immediately available for comment.



Cast member Julianne Moore attends a premiere for the film "Dear Evan Hansen" at Walt Disney Concert Hall, in Los Angeles, California, U.S., September 22, 2021.

Julianne Moore to head Venice Film Festival jury

LONDON--Oscar winning actress Julianne Moore will head the main competition jury at this year's Venice Film Festival, organisers said on Friday.

Moore will be joined in deciding this year's winners by French director Audrey Diwan, who scooped the festival's Golden Lion award last year for her film "Happening", Iranian actress Leila Hatami, Italian director Leonardo Di Costanzo and Nobel Prize winning author Kazuo Ishiguro.

Argentine director and screenwriter Mariano Cohn and Spanish filmmaker Rodrigo Sorogoyen will complete the international jury, which assigns the festival's main competition awards, including the Golden Lion.

The 79th edition of the festival, held on the lagoon city's Lido island, will run from Aug. 31 to Sept. 10.



South Korean band AESPA perform at ABC Good Morning America summer concert series in Central Park in New York City, U.S., July 8, 2022.

Aespa rub shoulders with fans for first time

LOS ANGELES--Making their debut in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic didn't stop Korean pop group aespa from winning fans, but it did stop the band from meeting them.

The group - made up of members Karina, Winter, Giselle and Ningning - has tried to remedy that since launching in late 2020. On a tour to promote their new album "Girls," the group performed at Coachella and appeared on "Good Morning America" - and are soaking up the chance to see fans in person.

"Because we didn't have a lot of opportunities to interact with a live audience because we were doing it during the pandemic, it didn't feel real when we first debuted," said group member Ningning. "It's a fascinating time for us."

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12:35pm	Nederland in Beweging
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1:05pm	NOS Journaal
1:15pm	De kleuren van Caspers
1:55pm	Nu te Zien!
2:05pm	NOS Journaal
2:20pm	Fryslân DOK
2:50pm	Gort over de Grens
3:30pm	Blauw Bloed
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5:00pm	Overdrive ku Nahason
6:00pm	Bonochi Kòrsou
7:00pm	Before & After (r)
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9:00pm	Wega di Number Kòrsou
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9:15pm	Pagina Sosial
9:30pm	Punto Final
11:00pm	TeleNotisa (r)

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9:00pm	Morning Show (Pearl FM)
12:05pm	Viewpoint (PJD2/3)
5:00pm	Animated Kids Program
6:30pm	Viewpoint Encore
7:30pm	TV-Carib Informer
8:00pm	Special
10:00pm	Noticias en Español
10:20pm	Late Night

Program Rotation

Beer for sunflower oil? Munich pub finds novel way to beat frying crunch



Moritz Baller exchanges a bottle of sunflower oil for two glasses of beer at the Giesinger Brewery in Munich, Germany, July 15, 2022.

BERLIN--A Munich brewpub has found a novel way to beat Europe's cooking oil shortages - letting customers pay for their beer with sunflower oil to ensure plentiful stocks for frying schnitzels.

With Ukraine and Russia accounting for about 80% of global exports of sunflower seed oil, many European countries including Germany have seen supplies dwindle since Russia invaded its neighbour in February.

Managers at the Giesinger Brewery, a brewhouse and pub in the southern city of Munich, think they may have the answer, offering beer lovers a litre of their favourite brew for the same quantity of sunflower oil. "The whole thing came up because we simply ran out of oil in the kitchen and that's why we have to be inventive," the pub manager, Erik Hoffmann, told Reuters TV.

Bottles of rapeseed and sunflower oil have often been missing from supermarket shelves in Germany since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and many shops ration the number of bottles per customer. "Getting oil is very difficult ... if you need 30 litres a week and only get 15 instead, at some point you won't be able to fry a schnitzel any longer," Hoffmann said, adding that customers have swapped 400 litres so far.

While a litre of beer costs about 7 euros ($7) in German pubs, a one-litre bottle of sunflower oil retails for about 4.5 euros - making the offer tempting for many customers. Customer Moritz Baller bought 80 litres of sunflower oil in Ukraine during a trip to deliver humanitarian aid, swapping his shipment for eight crates of beer for his birthday party.

"The campaign is cool," he said. "We can get cheap beer and yes, Giesinger Brewery is also helped."

Thor: Love and Thunder rules again

LOS ANGELES--Marvel's "Thor: Love and Thunder" managed to fend off three new nationwide releases to remain the No. 1 movie in North America.

Though ticket sales for "Thor" cratered in its second weekend, falling by 68% to $46 million from 4,375 theaters, the latest installment in Disney's Marvel Cinematic Universe easily towered over a trio of newcomers: Sony's literary adaptation "Where the Crawdads Sing," Paramount's animated "Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank" and the Focus Features period drama "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris". After 10 days on the big screen, "Love and Thunder" has generated a sizable $232 million at the domestic box office.

For "Thor," the fourth superhero adventure to spotlight Chris Hemsworth as the Asgardian god with abs that won't quit, a concerning 68% decline is signalling the movie is not breaking out beyond the comic book empire's (still very robust) fanbase. Though "Love and Thunder" will certainly end its box office run with a tidy sum, it's not ideal for a film of "Thor's" size and scope to lose the majority of its audience after opening weekend.

It's one of the biggest second-weekend drops in MCU history next to "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness," which tumbled 67% in its sophomore outing. (Disney's "Strange" sequel film went on to earn a mighty $411 million domestically). By comparison, recent Marvel entries like "Eternals" dipped 61% and "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" fell 52%.

Among newcomers, "Where the Crawdads Sing" easily scored the best start. The page-to-screen adaptation debuted in third place with a better-than-expected $17 million from 3,650 cinemas. That's an impressive start for this kind of movie, especially at a time when television has become a haven for literary favourites. And Sony spent just $24 million to produce the film so it won't be impossible to turn a profit.



Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck attend a special screening of the film "Marry Me" at the Directors Guild of America in Los Angeles, California, U.S., February 8, 2022.

Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck wed in Las Vegas, reports say

LAS VEGAS--Singer Jennifer Lopez and actor Ben Affleck have married in Las Vegas, media reported on Sunday, after the celebrity couple rekindled a romance almost 20 years after they first got together.

The couple announced their matrimony in a newsletter from Lopez revealing that they flew to the desert city in Nevada to gain a marriage license and wed at a chapel late Saturday, according to People Magazine.

"Love is beautiful. Love is kind. And it turns out love is patient. Twenty years patient. Exactly what we wanted," Lopez said in the newsletter, the outlet reported.

The newsletter was signed "Mrs. Jennifer Lynn Affleck," The Los Angeles Times reported, denoting a name change for the award-winning entertainer.

A representative for Affleck could not immediately be reached for comment. Phones rang unanswered at Lopez's talent agency Creative Artists Agency.

A marriage license was obtained in their name from Clark County dated Saturday, July 16, according to document details posted online by the county clerk's office. Lopez posted a photo on social media depicting her in a bed while sporting a silver wedding ring.

Affleck and Lopez, a glamorous duo widely known as "Bennifer," got back together last year after almost 20 years. They got engaged in April of this year.

In 2002 Affleck gave Lopez a large 6.1-carat pink diamond engagement ring, but they abruptly called off their wedding in 2003 and split up a few months later.



Venezuelan professional breakdance athlete Kenyer Mendez, 27, who has gone viral by performing a head slide trick to make a living dancing at Colombia's traffic lights and dreams of joining Venezuela's first Olympic breakdance team in 2024, slides down a street headfirst at a traffic light, in Caracas, Venezuela June 22, 2022.

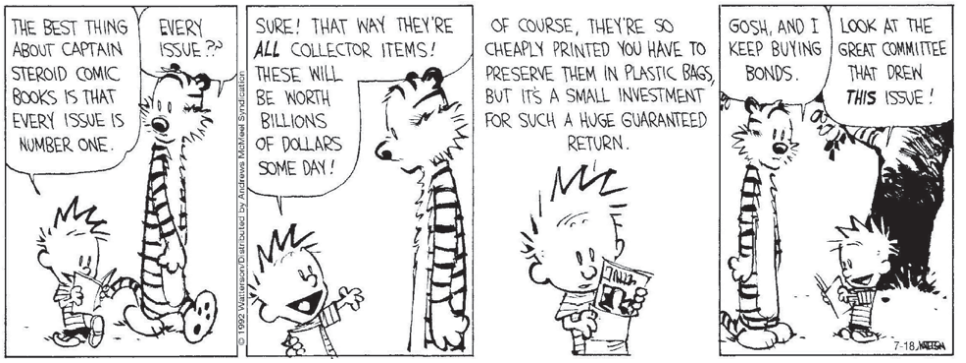
Breakdancer's helmeted head slides stop traffic

CARACAS--When the traffic light turns red on a busy Caracas street, Venezuelan dancer Kenyer Mendez seizes his chance -- sliding headfirst between waiting cars to show off his daredevil breakdance moves.

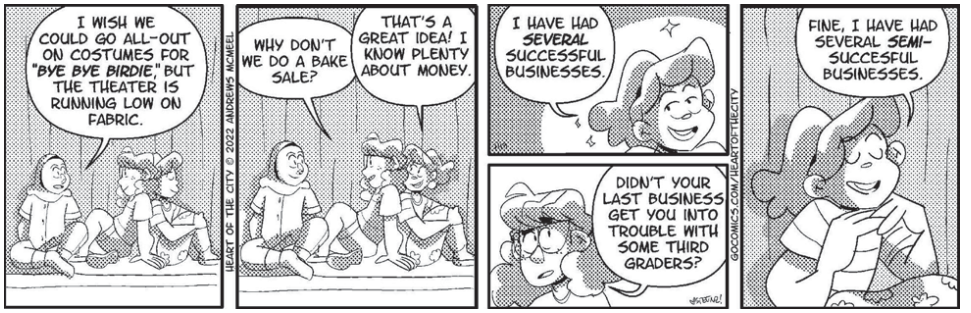
Videos of Mendez performing the so-called "head slide" with an oiled helmet on the streets of Venezuela's capital have gone viral, and the 27-year old dancer is dreaming big now: hoping to make the national breakdancing team for the Olympics as well as break the Guinness World Record for longest head slide.

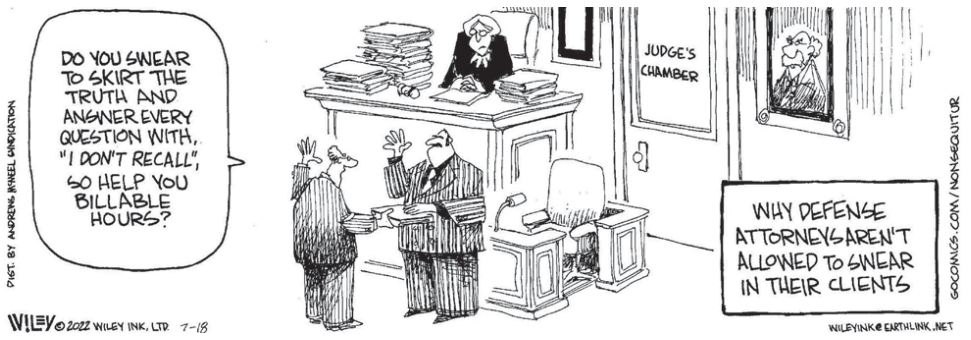
"You need to be in good physical condition to perform each trick," said Mendez. "Even for the easiest trick, you need to be in good physical condition. It is why it (break dancing) has to be admired and respected like the other sports."

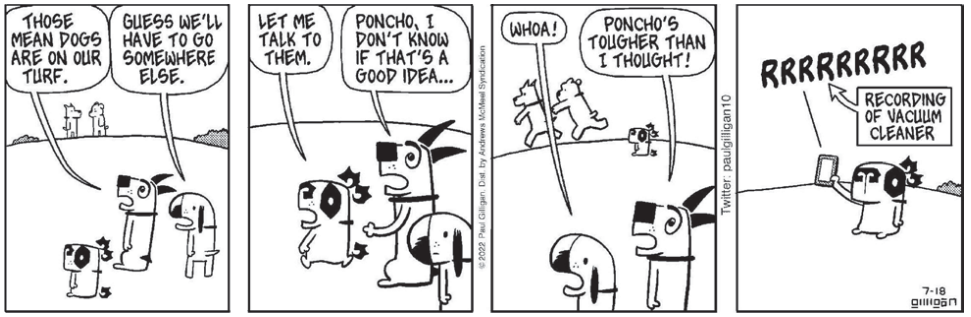












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By Nancy Black

Today's Birthday (July 18) – Ride an exciting career surge this year. Consistent contribution grows family financial strength. Slow to recharge and recuperate with summer health challenges for renewed energy and wellness this autumn. Winter reflection, contemplation and imagination feed plans for springtime social fun. Enjoy professional recognition and acclaim.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) – Today is a 9 – You're growing stronger. Keep personal objectives in mind. Clean messes and reduce clutter. Dress to impress. Talk about what you'd like to accomplish.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) – Today is a 7 – Take a private pause to reflect and organize. Rest and recharge. Clean up and put things away. Keep systems in order. Peaceful activities get productive.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) – Today is an 8 – Community participation provides satisfying results. Connect to share your views and support positive outcomes. Contribute for common gain. Strengthen friendship and collaboration.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) – Today is an 8 – Focus on short-term professional objectives. Clean a mess. Shine light into a dark corner. Strengthen basic foundational structures. Heed recommendations and warnings. Collaborate.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) – Today is a 9 – Expand terrain. Change up the scenery. Keep to practical objectives. Monitor conditions closely. Handle the basics and build on strong foundations. Study and investigate.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Today is an 8 – Abundance is available. Make outstanding payments. Generate, produce and contribute to shared accounts. Collaborate on lucrative ventures. Pull together for common gain.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) – Today is a 9 – You don't need frills or romantic gestures. Connect with your partner over shared passions. Listen and provide support. Learn something new about someone familiar.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) – Today is a 9 – Practice for excellence and mastery. Physical tricks require repetition and muscle memory. Faithful routines lead to high performance. You're growing stronger.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) – Today is an 8 – Prioritize fun. Collect the ingredients, including good company, delicious snacks and special equipment. Enjoy time with children and pets. Creativity abounds. Invent diversions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Today is an 8 – Family comes first. Catch up on domestic chores and enjoy the renewed space. Home is where your heart is. Make a lasting improvement.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) – Today is a 9 – Research and learn. Develop your ideas into a cohesive thesis. Edit and refine. Creative projects produce satisfying results. Capture imaginative thoughts. Generate your message.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) – Today is a 9 – Cash flow can surge. Beauty, creativity and profit come together. Strengthen basic infrastructures. Wheel, deal and put lucrative deals together. Sign on the dotted line.



Dear Queenie,

My son has graduated high school and has a good job for the summer, so he spends his days working and at night he stays out late having fun with his friends.

I work full time in the day and go to bed fairly early at night to get some rest and I don't like being waked up when he comes home late or staying awake worrying if he doesn't get home by a reasonable hour.

Queenie, how do I stop worrying and let him enjoy himself?—**Sleep-deprived mother**

Dear Mother,

If your son has a job he needs to get enough sleep at night that he can do his work well during the day. You also need to set some rules so that you can get the sleep you need.

Make an agreement with your son that when he is out at night he will answer promptly if/when you call him, set an hour by which he agrees to be home, and let him promise to call and let you know if he has a problem getting home by that time so that you can come and get him if necessary.

However, your son is growing up and soon enough you will have no control whatsoever over what he does or what happens to him, so you had better start learning how to let him go.

Only notices and events of non-profit or educational organisations will be placed in the Events/Notices column. Notices/Events should be sent to notices@thedailyherald.com in the wording format used on this page. Do not send fliers, photos, locked files or press releases to this address.

NOTICES

Our Creations, Arts and Crafts Foundation will be offering the following courses:

Basket weaving (recycling newspapers)
Instructor: Belkis del Cristo
Duration: 4 weeks (2 hours weekly)
Started on Wednesday, July 6, from 6:00 to 800pm
Or Saturday, July 9, from 10:00am to 12:00 noon.

Art Classes
Instructor: Adrien St. Surin
This course lasts 12 months, with each month a different topic.
Per week: 2 hours
Course started on Friday, July 8, from 4:00 to 6:00pm
Or Sunday, July 10, from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

Calabash Workshop
Instructor: Ras Mosera
Duration: 4 weeks of 2 hours weekly
Started Monday, July 11, 6:00pm to 8:00 pm
Or Saturday, July 16, 1:00 to 3:00pm
Cost: $ 100.00 or Naf.180.00.
All material included.
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13 years and older.
Courses and workshops will be held at Our Creations Arts and Crafts Home on Union Road # 43, Cole Bay. For more information please call: 554 2933.

Seniors Yoga
Free gentle stretch and breathe sessions for seniors online 10:00-11:00am Tuesdays and Thursdays. Visit Yoga with Lisa SXM on Facebook. Come with your mat. For more info contact Lisa at 554-0115 or email davisburnettlisa@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed
Animal Defenders SXM could use some volunteers to help feed cats and dogs at several different locations (own transportation is important). We are also looking for help with admin work and creative computer skills. Please call or contact ADS for more information at 5533116.

Prosecutor's Office Hours
Prosecutor's Office has adjusted its public opening hours as of January 3. The office is now open in the morning and afternoon Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 12:00pm and 2:00pm to 5:00pm. During those hours, the public may visit the office to get information, pay fine (by debit/credit cards only), and access other services. The office is also reachable via telephone + 1721 542 2243 or email Info@OMCarib.org. The Prosecutor's Office is located on Emmaplein behind CIBC First Caribbean Bank.

Volunteer.sx Registration
St. Maarten Development Fund (SMDF) and NPOwer invite persons and non-profit organisations to register on volunteer.sx to find volunteering opportunities and/or to post volunteer events. To register go to volunteer.sx, follow the sign up process and start building a better future for St. Maarten.

Player Selection
St. Martin Pony League reminds players 9 - 16 years that in connection with the upcoming 2022 Pony Caribbean Zone Tournaments in Bonaire (9-10 years) - the Dominican Republic (11-12 years) – Puerto Rico (13-14 years) and Colombia (15-16 years), preselection practice has begun at the John Cooper/Jose Lake Sr. Ballpark from 3:00 - 6:00pm. Practice takes place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Players are also reminded to take a copy of their travel and required documents to the St. Martin Pony League Office at Cannegieter Street 93, Philipsburg as to be able to participate in the Caribbean Zone Tournaments.

Duplicate Bridge
The St Maarten Duplicate Bridge Club is now meeting Wednesday nights at 7:15pm at LaVista Resort on Billy Folly Road in Pelican Key. Bring a partner for a fun night of bridge. US $10 per person, coffee and water provided, cash bar. Proof of COVID vaccination is required, masks optional. For information call Jan Peter 721-520-0594.

Club Meeting
Cobraced Toastmasters Club meets virtually on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month at 6:30pm. Zoom Meeting ID 379 297 3244 Password: today.

AA Meetings
Al-Anon is a non-profit 12-step programme of men and women who may have a common problem and solution to stop drinking. The support group meets at Red Cross on Airport Boulevard every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:00pm, and on Sundays at Guana Bay Beach (near old restaurant) at 8:30am.

Read a Book
Philipsburg Jubilee Library's online reading service is available to all readers. All current library members who have not yet activated their digital service are encouraged to e-mail admin@sxmlibrary.org to get this going. Non-library members are also encouraged to contact the library via admin@sxmlibrary.org for more information about activating their access to the library of digital books. For more information about the library and its services, visit www.stmaartenlibrary.org or Philipsburg Jubilee Library.

Club Meeting
Elite Soualiga Toastmasters Club meets virtually on Zoom from 2:00 to 3:30pm on the first and fourth Sunday of every month. For more information, please email: elite.soualigatm@gmail.com.

Consular Services
The Office of the Honorary Consul of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana operates on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 5:00pm and on Saturdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm by appointment only. For further information, please call 580-1617, 527-3198, or 527-0704.

Homework Guidance
Oranje Community School is looking for dynamic youth leaders and homework guidance persons. Pass by the Oranje Community School at 11:00am or call 580-2882.

Positive Thinking
Brahma Kumaris St. Maarten invites persons to its ongoing free meditation and Positive Thinking courses at Raj Yoga Centre, 16 Front Street. Call 524-2554 or 542-0541 for more information.

Church Service
Grace International Baptist Church invites you to its services that are currently virtual-only. Follow us on Facebook at Grace International Baptist Church for the live stream of Sunday's sermon at 11:45am. Visit our website at graceinternationalbaptist.com and contact 1 721 586-2738/554-9590 or allbecauseofgrace@gmail.com for more information.

Club Meeting
Soualiga Corporate Toastmasters Club meets at the new Government Administration Building on the second and fourth Wednesday every month from 5:30 to 7:00pm.

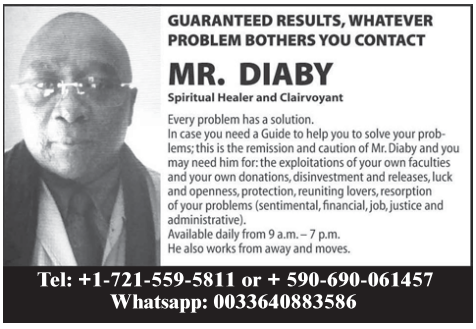
Club Meeting
SXM Achievers Toastmasters Club meets on Zoom every second and fourth Thursday (except on holidays) of the month from 7:30 to 9:00pm. All are welcome to join. Please email sxmachieverspresident@gmail.com for the zoom meeting details.

Community Service
Foundation Judicial Institutes St. Maarten requests foundations, associations, schools, clubs and other public organisations, including Government organisations, to contact the Probation Office to register as community service workplace. For more information e-mail greta.pantophlet@sjis-sxm.org

Foster Parents Needed
Foundation Judiciary Institutes Windward Islands (FJIWI)/Stichting Justitiele Inrichtingen Bovenwinden (SJIB), is looking for foster parents: Interested persons ages 24-67 can apply. Contact Meredith Concincionor at number 526-4310.

Volunteers Needed
St. Maarten Animal Welfare Foundation is seeking volunteers for special activities. For more information call 520-8887.

Animal Volunteer
Animals R Friends (ARF) Foundation needs volunteers 15 years and older who are not afraid of handling animals for various tasks: feeding cats and dogs, walking dogs, guest-speakers for ARF, lesson materials for schools, etc. For more information call 556-1191/520-7365/526-0113 or e-mail: arf_sxm@yahoo.com







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St. Maarten has five players in LI U17 team

CUL DE SAC— Five players from St. Maarten have been selected to represent the Leeward Islands U17 in the upcoming Cricket West Indies U17. The 50 overs tournament, which comprises of teams from Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Windward Islands, the Leeward Islands and Trinidad and Tobago, will be hosted by the latter this year.

Nathan Edward, Michael Palmer, T'yanick Honore, Randel Longville and Samuel Morton are set to play in the regional tournament, which bowls off on July 19. Devanand Singh was named a reserve player.

All five players performed well in St. Kitts and Nevis for the trial matches, in which St. Maarten beat Nevis twice and St. Kitts twice.


Nathan Edward (LI U17 Captain)


Randel Longville (wicketkeeper)


Michael Palmer


T'yanick Honore


Samuel Morton

Edward lives in Cay Bay and is a former Milton Peters College student. He represented the West Indies U19 team in the last youth World Cup. In another historic moment, Edward became the first St. Maarten player to captain any Leeward Islands team. The highlight of his preparation for the regional tournament was a 113 off 92 balls (11 fours, 3 sixes) in a practice match on July 11 in Antigua.

Palmer lives in Cul de Sac and is a student at the St. Maarten Vocational Technical School. He is a hard-hitting opening batsman and also is pacy with the ball in hand. His best performance in the practice matches was 75 not out against St. Kitts on July 3 in St. Kitts.

Honore lives in Dutch Quarter and is presently a student at Milton Peters College. He is an attractive stroke player who has demonstrated the ability to clear the ropes. His outstanding performance in the trials so far was 104 off 77 balls (11 fours, 2 sixes) against St Kitts on July 6 in St. Kitts.

Longville is the first player with a Spanish background from St. Maarten to make the Leeward Islands U17 team. He lives on Tassel Road and attends the St. Maarten Vocational Technical School. He is a wicketkeeper batsman and has a good cricketing brain that he uses to help his captain.

Morton is a fast bowler. He just completed his CSEC at the Methodist Agogic Centre Comprehensive Secondary School. His fast bowling talent was the talk of the town on St. Kitts and Nevis during the practice matches. He has a smooth rhythmic approach to the crease and bowls very fast with an easy action. His performance in the practice match was an important 46 against Nevis when St. Maarten was on course to lose the match.

St Maarten is scheduled to play against the Windward Islands on July 19, against Barbados on July 21, against the host on July 23, against Guyana on July 25, and against Jamaica on July 27.

The other members of the Leeward Islands 14-man squad are Jewel Andrew (Vice-captain), Carlton Pluck, Xaveek Toppin, Wilden Cornwall, Yanick Wattley, Micah Mc Kenzie, Tijuani Stevens, Matthew Miller and Brent Joseph. The coach is Sylvester Joseph, and Rishie Singh and Shane Jeffers are the assistant coaches.

Orioles select Jackson Holliday No. 1 overall in MLB draft

NEW YORK--Stillwater High School shortstop Jackson Holliday was selected first overall in the MLB draft by the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday.

The Baseball America 2022 High School Player of the Year is the son of former major league outfielder Matt Holliday. He's the second No. 1 pick ever whose father played Major League Baseball, following Ken Griffey Jr. in 1987.

"It is an absolute honor to be the No. 1 pick," Holliday said in a TV interview with MLB Network moments after the selection was made.

Holliday, 18, hit .685 with 17 home runs and set a high school record with 89 hits in a single season. He had 30 stolen bases in 30 attempts.

The left-handed hitter is also committed to Oklahoma State, where his uncle, Josh Holliday, is the head coach.

Royce Lewis (2017, Minnesota Twins) and Carlos Correa (2012, Houston Astros) are the last two shortstops selected No. 1 overall in the draft.

This was the third time the Orioles held the No. 1 overall pick. The club chose right-hander Ben McDonald (LSU) in 1989 and catcher Adley Rutschman (Oregon State) in 2019.

The Arizona Diamondbacks chose outfielder Druw Jones with the second pick. His father, Andruw Jones, was a long-time big league outfielder.

"It takes a lot of hard work to get here and I'm excited for the next part," Jones said on MLB Network.

Jones batted .570 with 13 homers, 39 RBIs and 32 steals for Wesleyan High in Norcross, Ga., and was named the Gatorade Georgia Player of the Year. He has committed to Vanderbilt.

The Texas Rangers took right-hander Kumar Rocker with the third overall pick. Rocker was selected 10th by the New York Mets in 2021 but opted not to sign before the Aug. 1 deadline and made five starts earlier this season in the independent Frontier League.

Rocker went 28-10 with a 2.89 ERA in three seasons at Vanderbilt (2019-21). He will join former Vandy teammate Jack Leiter, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2021 draft, in the Texas organization.

National Sports Institute launches anti-vandalism campaign


One of the damaged basketball hoops at the Sport Centre.

PHILIPSBURG-- "Lets Take Care Of Our Sport Facilities. Help Keep Our Facilities Intact & Safe For Our Children," is the message from The National Sports Institute (NSI), as they launched their anti-vandalism campaign at the Melford Hazel Sport Centre on Friday.

Featuring prominently in the campaign is a banner that reads in part "Don't Be A Zero, Be A Hero." The campaign will be ongoing through the 2022 sports year, with radio programs, social media exposure and the culmination of an anti-vandalism walk a thon.

"The NSI has been seeing an increase in the vandalism & destruction, and even theft at the sports facilities," said Mike Cornet, Director of NSI which is responsible for the managing and maintaining of the government owned sport facilities on St. Maarten.

"NSI wishes to bring the awareness to the community, that the sports facilities are meant for the use by the community, and therefore should be cared for by the community."

NSI is asking the communities of St. Maarten to become more vigilant and assist the NSI in maintaining a safe and intact sport facilities for all by being vigilant, speaking out to the youngsters or to call the authorities when encountering these incidents.

The Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, drs. Rudolphe Samuel, endorses this endeavour and pledges full support to the campaign.

For more information visit the NSI website: www.nationalsportsinsitute.sx of on Facebook @nsisxm.



St. Maarten's National Sports Institute launched their anti-vandalism campaign at the Melford Hazel Sport Centre on Friday.

MLB Saturday roundup:

Matt Carpenter's 2 HRs, 7 RBIs lead Yanks' rout of Red Sox

NEW YORK--Matt Carpenter hit a three-run homer in the first inning, another three-run shot in the fifth that earned him a curtain call, and drove in seven runs as the host New York Yankees cruised to a 14-1 rout of the Boston Red Sox.

Aaron Judge homered twice, extending his major league lead to 33. Carpenter appeared in his 30th game since joining the Yankees on May 26 and in his 72nd at-bat, he slugged a 1-1 curveball from Boston starter Nick Pivetta (8-7) into the right field seats for his 12th homer.

After striking out in the third, Carpenter lifted an 0-2 slider from left-hander Darwinzon Hernandez into the first few rows of the right field seats in the fifth.

Yankees starter Jameson Taillon (10-2) allowed one run on two hits to go along with five strikeouts in six innings. Rafael Devers homered for the third straight game, but the Red Sox were held to three hits.



New York Yankees right fielder Matt Carpenter (24) hits his second three run home run of the game in the fifth inning against the Boston Red Sox at Yankee Stadium. (Wendell Cruz-USA TODAY Sports.)

Mariners 3, Rangers 2 (10 innings)

J.P. Crawford delivered an RBI single in the 10th inning as Seattle won its 13th straight game by beating Texas in Arlington, Texas. The Mariners are two victories shy of matching their longest winning streak in franchise history, set in the 2001 season.

Carlos Santana slammed a two-run homer, Ty France had three hits, while Crawford -- who had missed the two previous games with a bruised right index finger -- delivered two hits for the Mariners, as did Adam Frazier.

Seattle starter Logan Gilbert allowed one run and four hits in five innings. He struck out four and didn't walk a batter on 85 pitches.

Sam Haggerty started the 10th inning on second base as a pinch runner for Santana against Brett Martin (0-5). Haggerty stole third and scored on Crawford's ground ball single down the first-base line for the 3-2 lead.

Dodgers 7, Angels 1

Trea Turner homered twice and Freddie Freeman and Max Muncy also went deep as the Los Angeles Dodgers cruised past the host Los Angeles Angels to sweep the two-game set in Anaheim, Calif.

Dodgers starter Julio Urias (8-6) gave up five hits, including a solo homer to Brandon Marsh, in seven innings to earn the victory. He struck out eight and did not issue a walk while hurling 91 pitches. Angels starter Jose Suarez (1-4) lasted 3 2/3 innings and allowed six runs on five hits. He walked three and fanned six.

The Dodgers took control of the game with a five-run third inning. The first two runs came in on Turner's second homer of the game, and the next three scored on Muncy's homer.

Astros 5, A's 0

Justin Verlander earned his major-league-leading 12th victory, and his battery mate, Martin Maldonado, hit a grand slam as host Houston shut out Oakland.

Verlander (12-3) produced his sixth scoreless outing in 17 starts this season, winning his fourth consecutive start by limiting the Athletics to six hits while recording 10 strikeouts over six innings.

It marked just the second double-digit strikeout performance of the season for Verlander, who moved past Curt Schilling and Hall of Famer Bob Gibson into 14th place on the career list with 3,121 strikeouts. Verlander fanned at least one batter in every inning, excluding the fifth.

Twins 6, White Sox 3

Jorge Polanco hit a three-run home run and Carlos Correa added a two-run shot to highlight a five-run third inning and lead Minnesota over Chicago in Minneapolis.

Luis Arraez also homered for the Twins, and Correa and Polanco each finished with two hits as Minnesota improved to 6-3 against the White Sox this season.

Dylan Bundy (6-4) picked up the win, allowing three runs on five hits over 5 1/3 innings. He walked one and struck out three while improving to 6-0 in nine career appearances (eight starts) against the White Sox. Chicago had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Cardinals 11, Reds 3

Paul Goldschmidt hit his 300th career homer and drove in three runs as St. Louis routed visiting Cincinnati.

Goldschmidt became the 10th active player in the majors to reach that plateau.

Lars Nootbaar hit a three-run homer for the Cardinals and Edmundo Sosa drove in two runs before departing in the eighth inning after crashing into the side wall while chasing a pop-up and injuring his lower leg. Albert Pujols scored twice and moved past Lou Gehrig for 12th place all-time with 1,889 career runs.

Mets 2, Cardinals 1 (Game 1, 11 innings)

Pete Alonso hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly the 11th inning and visiting New York beat Chicago in the opener of a day-night doubleheader. Alonso drove in both New York runs, giving him 76 RBIs with two games before the All-Star break. He added another RBI in the second game of the twin bill. Alonso broke the previous team record held by former captain David Wright, who drove in 74 runs before the All-Star break in 2006.

New York won for the 10th time in 15 games, handed Chicago its eighth straight loss, and improved to 8-1 in extra innings by scoring against Mychal Givens (5-1).

Mets 4, Cubs 3 (Game 2, 10 innings)

New York scored two runs in the top of the 10th without hitting the ball out of the infield before holding off host Chicago in the bottom half of the inning to earn a doubleheader sweep of the Cubs.

Mets starter Max Scherzer allowed two runs on eight hits and one walk while striking out 11 over 6 1/3 innings. The 11 strikeouts tied his season high; he also fanned 11 against the Cincinnati Reds on July 5.

Cubs starter Drew Smyly allowed two runs (one earned) on five hits. He walked one and fanned four in 4 1/3 innings.

Rockies 2, Pirates 0

Kris Bryant had three hits and Jose Urena tossed six scoreless innings as Colorado beat Pittsburgh in Denver.

Urena (1-1) gave up five hits, struck out four and walked two before exiting after the sixth. Daniel Bard got the final three outs to earn his 20th save for the Rockies, who have won five straight and eight of their last 10. It is their longest winning streak of the season.

Ben Gamel had two hits for Pittsburgh, which has lost four in a row. Mitch Keller (3-7) took the hard-luck loss despite giving up one unearned run. He struck out six, walked two and allowed five hits in six innings of work.

Blue Jays 6, Royals 5 (10 innings)

Teoscar Hernandez capped a three-run rally in the bottom of the 10th inning with an RBI single to lift Toronto to a 6-5 win over visiting Kansas City.

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. doubled against Joel Payamps (2-3) to score automatic runner George Springer in the bottom of the 10th. Pinch hitter Raimel Tapia tied the game with an RBI single. Bo Bichette then singled, and Hernandez won the game with a sharp ground-ball single to left.

Vinnie Pasquantino had hit a two-run homer with two outs in the top of the 10th against Jordan Romano (3-2) to give the Royals a 5-3 lead.

Braves 6, Nationals 3

Matt Olson and Austin Riley hit back-to-back home runs and visiting Atlanta beat struggling Washington.

The Braves have won the first three games of the series, with Sunday's matchup the last game before the All-Star break. Atlanta has won seven of its last nine, with six coming against the Nationals.

Washington's losing streak has reached nine games. The Nationals have lost 15 of their last 16 games to mark the worst stretch in team history. Braves starter Max Fried (10-3) went seven innings, giving up three runs on seven hits with four strikeouts and no walks.

Guardians 10, Tigers 0

Four-time All-Star Jose Ramirez hit two home runs and drove in five runs, and Cal Quantrill pitched six shutout innings to lead Cleveland to the easy victory over visiting Detroit.

The Guardians have won the first three games of the series heading into Sunday's finale.

Quantrill (6-5) surrendered four hits, no runs and two walks while striking out five in winning his second consecutive start before the All-Star break. He is 10-0 lifetime at Progressive Field.

Orioles 6, Rays 4 (11 innings)

Ryan Mountcastle singled home two runs in the top of the 11th inning as Baltimore defeated Tampa Bay in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mountcastle's single drove in Jorge Mateo, who had tripled, and Cedric Mullins, who had walked.

In a dramatic finish that featured several lead changes, Mountcastle wasn't the only one who came through in the clutch for the Orioles. Adley Rutschman, who entered the game in the eighth inning, made two big plays with his bat and one with his arm after taking over behind the plate.

Phillies 10, Marlins 0

J.T. Realmuto and Rhys Hoskins homered against rookie Max Meyer, who was making his major league debut, as Philadelphia defeated host Miami.

Meyer (0-1) allowed seven hits, one walk and five runs in 5 1/3 innings. Meyer, the third overall pick in the 2020 draft, struck out five batters as his parents and other family members and friends watched from the stands.

Didi Gregorius and Kyle Schwarber homered off Miami's bullpen. Gregorius finished the day 2-for-4 with a game-high four RBIs. Schwarber leads the National League with 29 homers.

Ranger Suarez (7-5), who hadn't pitched since June 29, earned the win, allowing four hits and no walks in five innings. He struck out four.

Giants 2, Brewers 1

Wilmer Flores was awarded home plate on a two-out balk called on Milwaukee reliever Jandel Gustave in the eighth inning, giving host San Francisco what turned out to be the game-winning run.

Reliever John Brebbia (5-1), who got out of a jam in the top of the eighth when Jonathan Davis was thrown out stealing third base for the final out, was credited with the win. Dominic Leone, whose errant pickoff throw had put Willy Adames on second base with no outs in the ninth, retired the final three batters he faced for his second save.

Brewers lefty Eric Lauer went seven innings, allowing one run on two hits with three walks and four strikeouts.

Padres 4, Diamondbacks 3

Luke Voit erased a two-run Arizona lead with a three-run homer off reliever Noe Ramirez in the sixth inning to lead host San Diego past the Diamondbacks.

The Padres have won the first two games of the series and are 9-2 against the Diamondbacks this season. Sean Manaea (5-4) gave up three runs on seven hits and two walks with three strikeouts in six innings to earn the win. Taylor Rogers earned his 26th save with two strikeouts in a perfect ninth.

Arizona starter Tyler Gilbert allowed three runs on five hits and a walk with a strikeout in five-plus innings. Ramirez (2-3) took the loss.

Pant, Pandya fire as India beat England in third ODI to win series

MANCHESTER, England- - Rishabh Pant's unbeaten 125 and Hardik Pandya's superb all-round display helped India seal a five wicket victory over England in the third and final one-day international at Old Trafford on Sunday and complete a 2-1 series victory.

Chasing 260 for victory, India lost skipper Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli for 17 runs each after both experienced batsmen fell to Reece Topley, before Pandya took charge with a fluent 71 off 55 balls in the company of Pant.

The pair stitched together 133 runs for the fifth wicket to set up a comfortable win, with Pant going on to score his maiden ton in the format after Pandya fell to a spectacular catch by Ben Stokes off the bowling of Brydon Carse.

India's explosive wicket-keeper batsman Pant took them home with 47 balls to spare by reverse-sweeping Joe Root for four, after he smashed David Willey for five boundaries in the previous over.

"Hopefully I'll remember my first ODI century for the rest of my life," Pant said.

"But when I was in there, I was just focusing on one ball at a time. When a team is under pressure and you bat like that, that's what you aspire to do."

Earlier, England were dismissed for 259 in 45.5 overs after Pandya picked up four wickets.

India won the toss and chose to bowl first and fast bowler Mohammed Siraj gave the tourists the perfect start, dismissing Jonny Bairstow and Root for ducks in the second over to leave England at 12-2.

Jason Roy (41) and Stokes (27) steadied the ship but Pandya (4-24) struck in his first over to remove Roy and later dismissed Stokes to put the brakes on.

Moeen Ali then combined with Jos Buttler for a 75-run fifth-wicket stand before he was caught behind off Ravindra Jadeja.

India's bowlers used the short ball to good effect and Buttler looked shaken up when he was hit twice on the helmet by two bouncers in one over from Siraj, but the skipper settled down and looked to push England to a competitive total.

But Pandya struck twice in the 36th over, dismissing Liam Livingstone (27) before getting rid of Buttler (60), with both batsmen holing out to Jadeja in the deep.

England failed to get going in the death overs and although Craig Overton made 32, they were bowled out as Yuzvendra Chahal (3-60) cleaned up the tail.

"We were short on runs," said Buttler. "We needed a good start with the ball so that was fantastic. We created chances, but two guys took the game away from us, that's where we lost the game."

Indian paceman Jasprit Bumrah, whose 6-19 had laid the foundation for a 10-wicket victory in the first ODI, missed the decider due to a back spasm.



India's Rishabh Pant hits a four against England during their One Day International Series - v India - Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Manchester on Sunday.

Elena Delle Donne, Mystics charge past Lynx 70-57

WASHINGTON --Elena Delle Donne scored 17 of her 21 points in the first half as the Washington Mystics defeated the visiting Minnesota Lynx 70-57 on Sunday afternoon.

Ariel Atkins had 15 points and reserve Shatori Walker-Kimbrough posted 11 points for the Mystics (16-11), who were playing just their third game since the All-Star break. They went 1-1 on a West Coast swing before returning home.

Kayla McBride racked up 16 points and Aerial Powers had 11 points for the Lynx, who lost for the second time in their last six games. Sylvia Fowles added nine points and 12 rebounds.

Delle Donne also grabbed a team-best 10 rebounds for a double-double. She, Atkins and Walker-Kimbrough each made two 3-pointers for the Mystics, who were 7-for-25 from long range. Minnesota went 4-for-20 from the arc, including 1-for-8 in the first half.

The Lynx were hurt by 16 turnovers compared to eight charged to Washington, which was efficient at the free-throw line by going 11-for-12. The turnover margin negated some of the impact of Minnesota's 45-38 rebounding advantage.

The Lynx led early in the second quarter before a big Mystics surge late in the first half resulted in a 37-28 Washington lead at the break.

After Fowles posted the first points of the second half with a pair of free throws, the Mystics responded with a 12-0 run. The margin ballooned to 49-30 by the time Natasha Cloud connected on a jumper.

The Lynx scored the next eight points but didn't make another sustained charge. Minnesota managed only seven points in the game's final six minutes.

Minnesota, which had scored 80 or more points in each of its last 11 games, shot 33.3 percent (22-for-66) from the field, though Washington wasn't much better at 37.7 percent (26-for-69). The Mystics held a 21-14 edge in bench scoring.

The Lynx played their third game in four days and fourth game in six days.

Plum's 22 powers Aces past Sun91-83

CONNECTICUT --Kelsey Plum's 22-point performance Sunday led five players in double figures as the Las Vegas Aces used a big third quarter run to topple the short-handed Connecticut Sun 91-83 in Uncasville, Conn.

Chelsea Gray added 21 points and nine assists for Las Vegas (18-7), while A'ja Wilson scored 20 points. Jackie Young contributed 12 and Riquna Williams came off the bench to hit for 11 points.

DeWanna Bonner paced Connecticut (16-9) with 19 points, although she made just 5 of 12 shots. Courtney Williams, Brionna Jones and Natisha Hiedeman added 16 points apiece. The Sun lost despite canning 47.7 percent of their field goal attempts and earning a 41-30 advantage on the boards.

But the Aces made up for that by forcing 22 turnovers and committing just seven. In fact, Connecticut's Alyssa Thomas committed nine turnovers by herself, which helped offset her 14 rebounds and six assists.

The result moved Las Vegas within a game of Chicago for the WNBA's best record. It also gave the Aces the tiebreaker over Connecticut for playoff seeding purposes.

The pregame storyline was the absence of Connecticut's Jonquel Jones, the WNBA's reigning MVP. Jones was ruled out before the game when she was placed in the league's health and safety protocol, putting the team's leading scorer and rebounder out of the lineup.

But the Sun still got off to a strong start, doing it with defense. Las Vegas made just 6 of 19 field goal attempts while Connecticut used balanced scoring to grab a 20-14 advantage after the first quarter.

The Sun maintained their small lead through the second quarter, although the Aces gradually chipped away. Wilson finished a 10-point half by converting a layup with 2.3 seconds left, cutting the Connecticut lead to 37-35 at intermission.

Plum enabled Las Vegas to seize control in the third quarter when she followed Gray's 3-pointer with two more of her own, then added two foul shots. The Aces rattled off a 24-7 run in the period's first 4:23 and took a 64-58 advantage to the fourth quarter.



White Sox throw combined one-hitter, trounce Twins 11-0

MINNEAPOLIS --Dylan Cease allowed one hit over seven shutout innings and Yoan Moncada, Andrew Vaughn and Josh Harrison each homered during a six-run seventh as the Chicago White Sox cruised to a 11-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Sunday afternoon in Minneapolis.

Cease (9-4), who entered the contest with a 1-4 record and 7.64 ERA in seven career starts against the Twins, didn't allow a hit over the first 4 1/3 innings until Alex Kirilloff singled to left. Relievers Joe Kelly and Jose Ruiz held the Twins to the lone hit.

Cease walked two and struck out eight to take the American League strikeout lead with 150.

Vaughn went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBIs while Harrison also had two hits and three RBIs. Jose Abreu and Moncada, who had a ground-rule double and two runs scored, also had two hits for the White Sox.

Adam Engel added three hits, including an RBI double, and scored twice as Chicago finished with 16 hits.

Minnesota's Chris Archer (2-4), activated off the 15-day injured list earlier Sunday, allowed four runs on five hits over 4 2/3 innings. He walked one and struck out five.

The game was scoreless until the fifth, when the White Sox took a 4-0 lead after Archer retired the first two batters of the inning on two pitches. Seby Zavala walked and advanced to third on a single by Engel, who took second when left fielder Nick Gordon mishandled the ball for an error. Tim Anderson made it 2-0 with a single to right and went to third on Moncada's ground-rule double down the right field line. Vaughn then doubled in Anderson and Moncada to increase the lead to 4-0.

Chicago blew the game open with the six-run, 10-batter seventh inning that featured three home runs, all against reliever Joe Smith.

Moncada upped the lead to 6-0 with his fifth homer of the season, a 437-foot two-run shot off the batters' eye in center. Vaughn followed with his 10th home run of the season to left-center to make it 7-0. Abreu singled and advanced to second on a walk by Gavin Sheets. Harrison then clubbed his fourth homer of the year to left to increase the lead to 10-0.

Engel added a bloop RBI double in the ninth to finish the scoring.

Despite the loss, Minnesota heads into the All-Star break with a two-game lead over the Cleveland Guardians in the AL Central.



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Aaron Nola (27) delivers a pitch during the seventh inning against the Miami Marlins at loanDepot Park. (Sam Navarro-USA TODAY Sports.)

Nola whiffs 10 as Phillies finish sweep of Marlins

FLORIDA--Aaron Nola pitched tossed 8 1/3 scoreless innings and struck out a season-high-tying 10 batters as the Philadelphia Phillies completed a three-game sweep, defeating the host Miami Marlins, 4-0, on Sunday afternoon.

It was Philadelphia's first sweep in South Florida since 2010 as the Phillies finishing their nine-game road trip at 5-4 entering the All-Star break.

Miami, which has gone eight straight games without hitting a homer, scored just one run in this series, including two consecutive shutouts.

It marked the sixth shutout in the past 13 games for Philadelphia, which continues to play without injured starters Bryce Harper and Jean Segura -- both out with broken hands.

Yairo Munoz lofted a two-run homer to lead the offense for the Phillies, who head into the All-Star break on a roll. It was Munoz's first homer since June 18.

Former Marlins catcher J.T. Realmuto went 1-for-3 with a run Sunday. He finished the series batting 6-for-11 with three doubles, one homer, three runs and three RBIs.

Nola (6-7) allowed just four hits -- all singles -- and one walk, earning his first win since June 30 and lowering his ERA to 3.13.

The Marlins didn't get a runner to second base until Joey Wendle and Brian Anderson hit one-out singles in the ninth, forcing Nola out of the game.

Reliever Jose Alvarado picked up his first save of the season, striking out Garrett Cooper and getting Bryan De La Cruz on a grounder.

Trevor Rogers (4-9) took the loss, allowing seven hits, no walks and four runs -- including Munoz's homer -- in six innings. Rogers allowed just six homers in 133 innings last year. This season, he has already allowed 11 homers in 84 innings.

Added to Miami's misery was the ejection of DH Jesus Aguilar, who was tossed in the second inning after he disputed a called third strike.

Philadelphia got all the scoring done in the fourth inning. Leadoff man Nick Castellanos started the rally by floating a soft single to center. Realmuto beat out a would-be, double-play grounder and scored from first on Alec Bohm's double off the wall in right-center.

Matt Vierling followed by grounding an RBI double down the third-base line. Vierling fouled off four pitches before smacking a 1-2 changeup.

After Didi Gregorius hit a pop fly for the second out of the inning, Munoz swung at the next pitch, a 92-mph fastball, slugging his homer 386 feet to left.

The Marlins, who are now off until they play host to the Texas Rangers on Thursday, didn't threaten until the ninth, when Cooper's two-on shot down the left-field line was foul by just one foot. He struck out on the next pitch, and De La Cruz bounced out to end the game.

Philadelphia is off until Friday, when the Phillies will play host to the Chicago Cubs.

Mariners defeat Rangers, extend win streak to 14

TEXAS--Cal Raleigh and Ty France each homered and drove in two runs as the visiting Seattle Mariners extended their winning streak to 14 games with a 6-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

Julio Rodriguez went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and Sam Haggerty had three hits for Seattle, which completed a four-game sweep of the Rangers. The Mariners matched the longest winning streak in the majors this season, set by the Atlanta Braves last month.

France had two hits for Seattle, which will attempt to match its club-record 15-game winning streak after the All-Star break. The Mariners won 15 straight in 2001.

Marcus Semien homered among his two hits for Texas, which has lost six of its last eight games.

Ryan Borucki (2-0) relieved Seattle starter Chris Flexen in the fourth inning and pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings for the victory.

Texas took an early lead on Semien's two-out, solo homer in the third. The 418-foot blast was Semien's 13th of the season and 12th since the beginning of June.

Seattle moved ahead on Raleigh's 13th homer, a two-run shot with two outs in the fourth against Glenn Otto (4-6).

Texas threatened in the bottom of the fourth, loading the bases with two out, but Josh Smith grounded out to second baseman Adam Frazier.

France, who was named to his first All-Star Game prior to the contest, extended Seattle's lead with a two-out, solo homer in the fifth.

Otto allowed three runs on five hits over six innings. He walked one and struck out four.

Seattle, which has won eight straight series and 22 of its past 25 games since June 21, drew clear with three runs in the seventh.

Rodriguez doubled in two runs against Garrett Richards with one out and France followed with a run-scoring single to center.

Flexen allowed one run on four hits over 3 2/3 innings, striking out three with one walk.

The Rangers pushed a run across in the seventh on Corey Seager's RBI single against Matt Brash. Seager is batting .405 (15-for-37) during his 10-game hitting streak.

Cubs edge Mets to avoid another 10-game skid

CHICAGO --Nico Hoerner's third hit of the day brought home the tiebreaking run as the Chicago Cubs scored twice in the eighth to snap their nine-game losing streak with a come-from-behind 3-2 win over the visiting New York Mets on Sunday.

Down 2-1 entering the bottom of the eighth, Christopher Morel and Willson Contreras opened with back-to-back singles off New York reliever Drew Smith (1-3). Chicago tied the contest on Ian Happ's RBI groundout, and eventually went ahead on Hoerner's line-drive single to center field, with Contreras just beating the tag at the plate from Brandon Nimmo's throw.

David Robertson induced a game-ending, 5-4-3 double play for his 13th save, keeping the Cubs from going into the All-Star Break with their fourth losing streak of at least 10 games since June 25, 2021.

Starling Marte and Francisco Lindor each had two hits for the Mets, who were trying for a fifth consecutive victory and first sweep of at least four games at Wrigley Field since 1970. New York had a chance to extend its lead in the top of the eighth, but Lindor was thrown out at the plate by left fielder Nelson Velazquez on Eduardo Escobar's single.

After retiring Nimmo to open the game, Chicago's Adrian Sampson allowed back-to-back singles to Marte and Lindor. Marte eventually made it home after the Cubs were unable to get Lindor out in a rundown on a double-steal attempt for a 1-0 New York lead.

Chicago tied the game when New York starter David Peterson issued a bases-loaded walk to Patrick Wisdom in the fourth. However, Pete Alonso's bloop RBI single to right field in the top of the fifth put the Mets back on top.

Despite allowing those two runs, plus six hits and three walks, Sampson completed 5 1/3 innings. Meanwhile, the run Peterson yielded was unearned; he gave up three hits and three walks over five innings, striking out eight.

Rowan Wick (2-5) picked up the win for Chicago after pitching a scoreless eighth.

Cameron Smith storms past McIlroy to win The Open

SCOTLAND --The 150th playing of The Open Championship called for a final round worthy of the annals of history. Cameron Smith rose to the occasion and wrote his own chapter at the Old Course.

Smith used a run of five consecutive birdies to card an 8-under-par 64, overtake Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy and win The Open by one stroke for his first major title Sunday at St. Andrews in Scotland.

The Australian posted a four-round score of 20-under 268, tying the major championship record for lowest score relative to par. Cameron Young, his playing partner, eagled the 18th hole to place second with a 65, while McIlroy finished two shots back.

Smith, who began the day four shots off the pace, won The Players Championship in March and had a close call at the Masters, where he stumbled in the final round and tied for third.

"I want to thank the team, all the hard work we've done," said Smith, 28, as he accepted the Claret Jug. "The last couple years have really started to pay off, and this one definitely makes it worth it."

McIlroy's bogey-free 70 was only enough for third place at 18 under. He notched top-10 finishes at all four majors this year, but couldn't cure his major title drought that dates to 2014.

"At the end of the day, it's not life or death," McIlroy said. "I'll have other chances to win the Open Championship and other chances to win majors. It's one that I feel like I let slip away, but there will be other opportunities."

Smith made two birdies on the front nine before rattling off five straight at Nos. 10-14 to pass McIlroy and touch 19 under. He rolled in putts of 16, 11 and 18 feet at the 11th through 13th holes to tie McIlroy, then got up and down for birdie at the par-5 14th to grab the solo lead.

"I really wanted to stay patient on that back nine," Smith said. "I think I was maybe three back at the turn. I knew I just had to be patient. I felt good all day, and those putts just started going in on that back nine and just got a lot of momentum going."

Smith's strength became McIlroy's weakness on Sunday. The crowd favorite hit every green in regulation but two-putted all 18 holes, leaving several birdie opportunities behind him.

"I felt like I didn't do much wrong today, but I didn't do much right either," McIlroy said. "It's just one of those days where I played a really controlled round of golf. I did what I felt like I needed to just apart from capitalizing on the easier holes ... If I had made the birdies there from good positions, it probably would have been a different story."



Australia's Cameron Smith plays an approach on the 18th during the final round of the 150th Open Championship at Old Course, St Andrews, Scotland.

Smith preserved his one-stroke lead with a par save at the par-4 17th, the "Road Hole." His second shot missed short, and he had to putt around a pot bunker up onto the green to set up a 10-foot par putt.

Young, the PGA Tour rookie making his Open debut, drove the 18th green and drained a 17-foot eagle putt to increase the pressure on Smith. The Australian got up and down for a short birdie, and McIlroy couldn't pull out a must-have eagle at No. 18.

"I feel like I can breathe," Smith said. "These last four or five holes aren't easy around here, especially with the wind up off the left. ... Yeah, just really proud of how I kind of knuckled down today and managed to get it done."

Smith also fired a 64 Friday to take the 36-hole lead, but a 73 on Saturday sent him tumbling four shots behind McIlroy and Norway's Viktor Hovland.

Hovland went toe to toe with McIlroy Saturday, when they both shot rounds of 66 and took a four-shot co-lead. But on Sunday, Hovland didn't make a birdie until No. 12 and posted a 2-over 74. He tied for fourth at 14 under with England's Tommy Fleetwood (67).

Neither McIlroy nor Hovland made any big putts on the front nine, converting just one birdie between them. Hovland hit a poor approach shot at No. 4 and three-putted for bogey, making McIlroy the solo leader.

McIlroy capitalized on the next hole, a par 5, by reaching the green in two and landing a birdie while Hovland parred. McIlroy drove the green at the par-4 10th and two-putted for his second birdie to get to 18 under before Smith's charge began.

Young posted five birdies and two bogeys before his electric eagle at the last. The 25-year-old notched his second top-three major finish this year after finishing a stroke out of the playoff at the PGA Championship in May.

"I think I said at the PGA, one of these times I'll shoot 5 under on the back and that will be enough," Young said. "And today I did. And it wasn't. So I guess one of these times I'll shoot 6 (under) on the back on Sunday and that will be enough."

Brian Harman (66) and Dustin Johnson (69) finished at 13 under, tied for sixth. Bryson DeChambeau (66), Jordan Spieth (68) and Patrick Cantlay (68) were T8 at 12 under.

Mexico's Abraham Ancer and Thailand's Sadom Kaewkanjana fired 65s early in the day to reach 11 under; they finished in a tie for 11th with South Africa's Dean Burmester (66) and England's Tyrrell Hatton (68).

Cheptegei retains world 10,000 title and eyes distance double

EUGENE, Ore., - - Uganda's world record holder Joshua Cheptegei showed he had learned his Olympic lesson as he delivered a tactical masterclass to win a second successive world 10,000 metres gold in a superb race on Sunday.

Last year in Tokyo Cheptegei kept his powder dry until the bell, only to be outkicked by Selemon Barega. On Sunday he started upping the ante with over a kilometre to go, throwing in laps of 64 and 63 seconds to stretch a group of eight as they hit the bell.

He then continued to press and though there was a mad scramble behind him that had the healthy Hayward Field crowd roaring in appreciation, he was strong enough to hold the field off and come home in 27:27.43 minutes.

Kenya's Stanley Mburu, who took a heavy fall on the first lap, recovered well to finish second in 27:27.90. Jacob Kiplimo, 21, who was third in Tokyo, claimed another bronze for Uganda in 27:27.97.

"I knew that if I get into the last fight, I can control it and I could speed it up," said Cheptegei, still only 25 but who made his world championship debut back in 2015.

"I did not aim to run really fast because of the heat, the sun was very strong, but I was able to get stronger and keep it faster and faster."

Fast-finishing Grant Fisher just ran out of track in his bid to win a first medal in the event for the United States, finishing fourth, with Ethiopia's Olympic champion Barega unable to repeat his Tokyo fireworks as he ended up fifth.

Cheptegei, who also took a silver in the event in 2017 and who won Olympic gold over 5,000m last year, will now attempt the elusive double when going again over 5,000 later in the week in Eugene.

"It was very emotional for me to come back to the USA where I started my international career in 2014 (winning the world junior 10,000m title in Eugene)," he said. "Now, I want to continue my dominancy in the long distance running and I hope I will manage it."

Andersen crushes women's hammer field for gold medal

EUGENE, Ore., - - American Brooke Andersen secured a crushing victory in the hammer throw on Sunday, taking World Championship gold with a throw of 78.96 metres.

Cool and calm Camryn Rogers briefly had the lead after her best attempt of 75.52 metres in the third round but Andersen trounced her on the fourth throw with 77.42 metres, forcing the Canadian down to the second spot on the podium.

Andersen kept the gold even further out of reach as she threw 77.56 on her fifth try and let out a cry as she beat that effort with her final throw to cheers from the home crowd, as compatriot Janee Kassanavoid finished third.

"It hasn't really quite set in yet. I was looking out across the field and I thought to myself, I'm a world champion," said Andersen.

Four-times world champion and three times Olympic gold medallist Anita Wlodarczyk of Poland was out with injury, while reigning champion DeAnna Price of the United States opted out after a COVID-19 infection derailed her preparations, leaving a wide open path to the podium.

It was the first time that Poland has not won a women's hammer medal at the worlds since 2011.

"I'm just very fortunate to have the competition I did have," said Andersen.

"I knew if I stayed in it and focused on the little things I could control and hopefully the performance would get better and be a gold medal."

It was the second field triumph for the United States in Eugene, Oregon, after Chase Ealey collected the Americans' first women's world shot put title in spectacular fashion on Saturday.

While she was unable to improve on her second attempt of 74.86, Kassanavoid said she was proud to round out the North American podium triple and add to the United States' medal count.

"We're doing great as a team. I'm super happy and super proud of everyone," Kassanavoid told reporters. "We're working extremely hard."

Rogers claimed Canada's first world hammer medal and the 23-year-old said she gained energy off the support of the crowd.

"Being able to bring home this medal for Canada means the world to me," she said. "I know this isn't the end of the journey."



Netherlands' Romee Leuchter scores their third goal against Switzerland during their Women's Euro 2022 Group C match at Bramall Lane in Sheffield.

Netherlands reach quarters after scoring three late goals against Switzerland

SHEFFIELD, England-- The Netherlands will face France in the quarter-finals of the women's Euros after they thrashed Switzerland 4-1 to finish second in Group C on Sunday.

Three late goals for the Netherlands transformed a nervy afternoon into a comfortable final scoreline for the Dutch.

"I'm really proud of the whole team how we have done this in the group," Dutch midfielder Sherida Spitse said.

"This win makes us so strong, not only the starting 11 but also the players that are coming in and what kind of energy they are bringing in for us."

A Swiss own goal had opened the scoring as Ana-Maria Crnogorcevic diverted a Stefanie van der Gragt header into her own net shortly after halftime.

Switzerland kept the pressure on, though, and replied four minutes later when Geraldine Reuteler slotted in from close range to draw the scores level.

Forward Coumba Sow went close to putting her side ahead soon after, but was denied by Dutch goalkeeper Daphne van Domselaar from close range before she then hit the post with the rebound.

Van Domselaar was called into action again, tipping over Riola Xhemaili's drive from long range to keep her side in the game.

Switzerland continued to trouble the Dutch with Ramona Bachmann an energetic force on the left wing, but their efforts were to no avail.

With record goalscorer Vivianne Miedema still ruled out after testing positive for COVID-19 on Tuesday, the Dutch looked to their bench to provide their scoring spark.

Romee Leuchter netted her first goal for her country and earned her side victory when she headed Stefanie van der Gragt's cross over the head of keeper Gaelle Thalmann in the 84th minute.

Victoria Pelova added another which was awarded after a lengthy VAR check before Leuchter sealed the result with her second goal of the game five minutes into added time.

"The first half was very difficult but later we came into our groove," Spitse added.

"I am very proud of the way the substitutes have played, it was a collective performance. I like how all the girls played, the experienced as well as the new players."

Switzerland bowed out of the competition after finishing third in the group while the Dutch will play France on 23 July in the quarters.

Sweden advance to quarters as set pieces sink Portugal

LEIGH, England- - Sweden finished their women's European Championship group campaign with a statement 5-0 drubbing of Portugal on Sunday to top Group C ahead of the Netherlands and advance to the quarter-finals.

Sweden, who will meet the runner-up of Group D in the last-eight, topped the group on goal difference after the Netherlands beat Switzerland 4-1 to join them on seven points.

The Scandinavian side needed just a draw to advance but they showed signs of peaking at the right time and were ruthless when presented with opportunities to score, with the first four goals all coming from set-pieces.

"It feels really good to have a good game with a lot of goals and that we are top of the group," Sweden's Nathalie Bjorn said.

"We know that we are good offensively and today we showed that we should not be counted out. We have only just started."

Filippa Angeldal scored twice in the opening half, first pouncing on a weak clearance from a corner to guide the ball into the net before the unmarked midfielder curled home a first-time effort from the edge of the box after a short free kick.

Goalkeeper Patricia Morais made a couple of decent saves to keep Portugal in the game but Sweden were relentless.

Another corner just before halftime had Portugal defender Carole Costa turn the ball into her own net under pressure from Sweden's Amanda Ilestedt.

Sweden continued to dominate proceedings after the break and a penalty for a handball in the box allowed Kosovare Asllani to score from the spot past a diving Morais who guessed the right way.

Another effort from a well-worked free kick was ruled out by VAR for offside but Sweden finally scored from open play when Stina Blackstenius finished a flowing move in injury time by curling her shot into the top corner.

Germany beat Finland to grab third group win at Euros

MILTON KEYNES, England- - Already-qualified Germany recorded a comfortable 3-0 win over Finland in their final Group B clash at the Women's European Championship on Saturday, making it three victories from three games as they continue their bid to win a record ninth title.

Group winners Germany, who have scored nine without reply in the group stage, had secured a quarter-final spot with a game to spare by beating Spain 2-0 and will face Austria on Thursday.

Germany imposed their dominance over Finland from the start, with striker Alexandra Popp having their first attempt inside a minute, but Anna Signeul's Finland side defended well and had some luck to avoid their opponents taking an early lead.

It took 40 minutes and 20 shots at goal for the record eight-time champions to score against lower-ranked Finland, who did not qualify for the previous tournament and have now been winless in their last eight Euro finals games.

Finland goalkeeper Katriina Talaslahti was not without merit either. Stepping in for Tottenham Hotspur keeper Tinja-Riikka Korpela, who was ruled out of the match with COVID-19, the 21-year-old tried everything to stop Finland from conceding.

Germany's well-deserved breakthrough, in a repeat of the Euro 2005 semi-final, arrived five minutes before halftime when defender Sophia Kleinherne headed home a precise cross from the right by midfielder Giulia Gwinn.

The Group B winners doubled the lead three minutes into the second half with another header as captain Alexandra Popp became the first German - and second player ever- to score in all three Euro group games.

England's Beth Mead was the first to reach that mark on Friday, in their record 8-0 win against Norway.

Substitute Nicole Anyomi then lashed the ball home in the 63rd minute from the edge of the box with a wonderful first touch for her first international goal at senior level.

"It was a hard piece of work," Popp told reporters. "We were clearly the better team, but you could tell that our strength had waned a bit for the time being. But the team can be forgiven for that.

"First and foremost, the win counts. This is a starting position that we've earned. There are minor things to criticize, but we'll fix them before the quarter-finals," Kleinherne added.

Group B runners-up Spain, who beat Denmark 1-0 with a last-minute goal, will meet Group A winners England in Brighton in the first quarter-final on Wednesday. Read full story

Ranked 29th in the world, Finland's hopes of reaching the quarter-finals were ended by a 1-0 loss to Denmark on Tuesday after their opening defeat by Spain.

"We did really well against a very strong German team," Finland coach Anna Signeul said.

"We had (new) players on the pitch today. The players showed today that we have a strong squad... They made themselves and Finland proud - although we are, of course, not happy with the results."

Spain seal Euro last-eight clash with England after win over Denmark

LONDON- - Spain booked a quarter-final meeting with Women's Euro hosts England after a 1-0 win over Denmark on Saturday ensured they finished as runners-up in Group B.

Having beaten Finland in their opening game, a draw was all Jorge Vilda's side needed to seal a place in the last eight behind group winners Germany but a late header from Marta Cardona put a gloss on their progression.

It was a cagey affair to begin with at a sunny and noisy Brentford Community Stadium, with 2017 runners-up Denmark threatening on the break but unable to find a clear shot on goal.

Spain had numerous efforts from forward Athenea Del Castillo but all were stopped by goalkeeper Lene Christensen, while captain Irene Paredes had a goalbound header cleared off the line on the stroke of halftime.

Spain dominated possession in the second half but their end product let them down, while Denmark's best chance fell to substitute Nadia Nadim in the 78th minute when she was set up by Pernille Harder in the box moments after coming on. However, her right-footed shot was tipped over by Sandra Panos.

Denmark looked out of ideas as the clock ticked down and their fate was sealed in the 90th minute as Cardona drifted in at the far post to get on the end of a deep cross from Olga Carmona and head in the winner.

"We knew their game - they were just waiting for the moment to counter-attack, or get a corner to score a goal," Paredes said. "We knew that but had to trust in ourselves - just keep the ball and try, try, try, and defend. We suffered a lot but we trust in this team a lot and we won the game."

It is the third successive time Spain have qualified for the quarter-finals but they face a tough battle to reach the last four when they take on England at Brighton's Amex Stadium on Wednesday.

"To play in this country against them, with the atmosphere there'll be in that game, is going to be amazing. It's going to be a tough game but we are ready for that," Paredes added.

For Denmark it was a disappointing exit considering their strong showing in 2017 but captain and Chelsea forward Harder was proud of her team's showing on Saturday evening.

"I think the girls fought fabulously well, and I'm proud of them. We fought our backsides off, but the ball simply wouldn't go in," she told TV2.



Alpecin - Deceuninck's Jasper Philipsen celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win Tour de France stage 15 Rodez to Carcassonne.

Philipsen wins Tour de France stage 15 as Vingegaard hits the deck

CARCASSONNE, France-- Belgian Jasper Philipsen claimed his maiden victory on the Tour de France when he won a bunch sprint in the 15th stage as overall leader Jonas Vingegaard and his team suffered a bad day on Sunday.

Alpecin-Deceuninck rider Philipsen timed his effort to perfection to beat compatriot Wout van Aert and Dane Mads Pedersen, who were second and third respectively.

"It's the biggest victory you can hope for. I came close a few times last year and our ambition was to win this year. There were very few opportunities for sprinters so we had to be patient," said Philipsen.

Vingegaard retained the yellow jersey but hit the deck and lost two of his Jumbo-Visma team mates as Steven Kruijswijk crashed out and Primoz Roglic did not take the start of the 202.5-km ride from Rodez after failing to recover from injuries.

With the temperature above 40 degrees Celsius, organisers sprayed parts of the road with water to cool down the melting tar before the riders passed.

Ineos-Grenadiers rider Tom Pidcock even threw himself into a fountain to cool down after the finish.

Nils Politt and Mikkel Honore built up an advantage of about 2:30 over the peloton while Michael Morkov was dropped early on and suffered an ordeal alone at the back.

The breakaway was reined in with 50km left, shortly after Vingegaard crashed along with team mate Tiesj Benoot.

Vingegaard, who appeared not to suffer any injuries, made it back into the peloton and still leads defending champion Tadej Pogacar by two minutes and 22 seconds.

"It was not a memorable day. Today was not the best day with Steven and Primoz abandoning," the 25-year-old said.

"I don't know exactly what happened. Tiesj crashed in front of me and I could not avoid him. That's cycling, I just have some bruises on my left side. I'm ok but it was a bad day."

Vingegaard will be without two key climbers in his team for two gruelling stages in the Pyrenees that could decide the outcome of the Tour next week.

"If we hadn't lost Vegard Stake Laengen and George Bennett (with COVID-19) we would be in a different situation," said Pogacar.

"Now we're on an equal footing. It's going to be interesting next week."

Two Frenchmen, Alexis Gougeard and Benjamin Thomas, attacked with 48 kilometres remaining.

Thomas, a track pursuit specialist, went solo in the finale but was caught 500 metres from the line, leaving the French riders still waiting for their first stage win in this edition.

His Cofidis team have not won a stage on the Tour since 2008.

"I believed I could make it. If we could have stayed together with Alexis maybe it would have been different," said Thomas.

"I'm completely dead, I'm seeing stars. I was not thinking anymore."

Monday is a rest day on the Tour de France.

Manchester United agree 67-million-euro deal to sign Ajax defender Martinez

MANCHESTER, England- - Manchester United have agreed a deal with Ajax Amsterdam to sign defender Lisandro Martinez for an initial fee of 57.37 million euros ($57.87 million), with 10 million euros of potential add-ons included, both clubs confirmed on Sunday.

The deal is subject to a medical examination and a visa being granted, with completion expected in the coming days.

The length of the contract was not announced, but a source with knowledge of the agreement told Reuters that Martinez would sign a five-year deal with the Premier League club, with an option for a further 12 months included.

The 24-year-old, who can also play in midfield, will be manager Erik ten Hag's third signing following the arrivals of Dutch left back Tyrell Malacia and Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen.

Ten Hag coached Martinez for three seasons at Ajax after the player moved to the Netherlands from Argentine side Defensa y Justicia in May 2019. Martinez made 118 appearances for the Dutch club.

A new defender was seen as priority for United after their struggles at the back last season. They conceded 57 goals last term, the most among the Premier League's top six and 31 more than champions Manchester City.

The deal comes too late for Martinez to join up with his United team mates on their pre-season tour in Australia. They open the new league campaign at home to Brighton & Hove Albion on Aug. 7.

Ethiopa's Tola takes Men's marathon gold

EUGENE, Ore., - - Ethiopia's Tamirat Tola won the World Championship men's marathon in dominant fashion on Sunday as heforged powerfully clear around 34km to come home more than a minute ahead to take gold in a championship record two hours, 05.37 minutes.

Taking advantage of relatively cool conditions afforded by the 6.15 am local start time, the 2017 silver medallist splintered the pack with a sustained acceleration and by 39km he was safely 46 seconds clear and continued to press all the way home.

Over a minute back in 2:06.44, Mosinet Geremew made it an Ethiopian 1-2 for the second World Championship in a row with his second successive silver. Belgium's Somalia-born Bashir Abdi matched his bronze from the Tokyo Olympics in 2:06.48,taking his country's first medal in the event for men or women.

All three men were inside Abel Kirui's 2003 championship record of 2:06.54 in Paris, though championship marathon time comparisons bear little scrutiny due to course differences.

The early pace was brisk, but manageable, keeping a pack of over 30 together at halfway, but Ethiopian defending champion Lelisa Desisa wasn't one of them as he fell off the back and eventually dropped out.

American favourite and former University of Oregon runner Galen Rupp was next to slip back, much to the disappointment of the fans lining the three-lap course, which was also livened up by large numbers on bikes accompanying the runners.

Tola, 30, made what turned out to be the decisive move soon after, escaping solo to almost immediately open a 12-second gap at 35km and splintering the pack on the back of a 2.44 minute kilometre.

From then on, looking relaxed throughout, he steadily built the lead as the chasing group was reduced to three.

He waved to the crowd over the last few hundred metres, enjoying the biggest win of his career.

"It was a dream come true," Tola said. "I learned from my mistake in 2017 (World Championships) and I made sure it did not happen again."

Geremew broke clear for second and Abdi was just behind him. Canada's Cameron Levins delivered a late surge to take fourth in a national record of 2:07.09, with Kenya's Geoffrey Kamworor, back racing after suffering a badly broken leg after being hit by a motorbike during a training run in 2020, finishing fifth.

Storm continue dominance over Fever 81-65

SEATTLE --Breanna Stewart scored 17 of her 25 points in the first half and the Seattle Storm withstood a second-half surge from the visiting Indiana Fever in an 81-65 victory Sunday.

Jewell Loyd and Tina Charles each added 15 points and Ezi Magbegor tacked on 10 for the Storm (17-8), who are in the midst of a four-game winning streak. Seattle is 6-1 since Charles joined the team.

Indiana (5-22), which lost its ninth game in a row, had balanced scoring with NaLyssa Smith notching 15 points, Emma Cannon tallying 14 and Queen Egbo chipping in 13.




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