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 $\cdot$  Seeking legal counsel on next steps forward  $\sim$ 

PHILIPSBURG--The Windward of education in our country," John-Islands Teachers Union (WITU) says it is disheartened by the nonpayment of the vacation allowance for subsidised school employees.

President of the(WITU, Stuart Johnson stated in a press release on Monday, "I am profoundly saddened by the overall handling of the vacation allowance payment affecting subsidised school board employees."

"The precedence set by Government and the clear inequity it has caused is truly affecting the quality

son continued.

On July 8, the WITU participated in a meeting with school boards and the Minister of Education, Rudolph Samuel. Subsequently, the WITU and school boards also had a virtual meeting.

"Government seemingly wants to recuse itself from the debacle and place the matter exclusively to the discretion of the subsidised school boards," said Johnson. "If you have not touched the subsidy yet, what

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Bernadette Davis became 2nd Vice-President of the Collectivité on Friday, replacing Frantz Gumbs who is now Député for St. Martin and St. Barths but still remains a Territorial Councillor. Gumbs had officially tendered his resignation to President Louis Mussington. Davis, the only candidate, was elected unanimously at the Territorial Council meeting. She is now Vice- President in charge of the Living Environment (Cadre de Vie). She will also be a member of the Executive Council.

# reaty approved for World

Council of Ministers RMR last Dutch Minister of Foreign Af-Friday took the decision to establish a treaty to facilitate the setting up of a small World Bank office in St. Maarten.

The treaty will be established between the Dutch Kingdom, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development IBRD and the International Financing Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank Group. The

THE HAGUE--The Kingdom treaty will be arranged through fairs Wopke Hoekstra.

The treaty regulates the setting up and functioning of a small office of the World Bank organisations IBRD and IFC to facilitate the support for projects of the St. Maarten Reconstruction and Resilience Fund, funded by the Netherlands after Hurricane Irma devastated St. Maarten in September 2017.

The establishing of the small World Bank office also depends on legislation that is being prepared by Country St. Maarten with regard to the possibility of tax exemptions for personnel of the World Bank office. This legislation is almost ready, it was stated in the published decision list of the RMR.

#### After that, the 'host country treaty' can be established. This treaty will regulate the execution of the work by the World Bank organisations' offices, including Continued on page 7



lin Kristensen (63) and corrupt police officer Jerry-Lee Gerardus (46) have received the same sentences on appeal as more than three years ago at First Instance. The years-long suspension of both detentions for medical reasons are no longer necessary, according to the Court, which ordered imprisonment.

The Attorney General had asked the Court for confirmation of Kristensen's sentence to seven years in prison, and of Gerardus's sentence to three years in prison and disqualification from the of-

St. Maarten

of eight years. The Court granted that request.

The sentences have remained the same, even though the Court is of the opinion that it cannot be legally and convincingly proven that Kristensen treated the policeman to dinners, drinks and visits from prostitutes to bribe him. During the hearing of the case, it was established before the Court that the two had built up a mutual friendship, and the gifts should, according to the judges, be considered in that context.

Although there are strong suspicions that Kristensen entered into a friendship with Gerardus precisely because Gerardus was a police officer and he could thus have useful information, there is insufficient evidence that Gerardus's actions were completely controlled by Kristensen, the Court concluded.

However, it could be proven that Kristensen was guilty of bribery when he bought plane tickets to Curacao for Gerardus and gave him a considerable amount of

-Aruba Prime Minister Evelvn Wever-Croes announced on Monday that she will be travelling to the Netherlands for deliberations with the Dutch government about the repayment of 5% to (semi) public employees.

The Aruba government has asked to pay back its employees as well as personnel at semipublic entities 5% of the 12.6% reduction of labour conditions that were implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic as a requirement to receive liquidity support from the Netherlands. The 5% repayment is scheduled for the end of July.

The Kingdom Council of Ministers RMR during its meeting last Friday did not give the go-ahead for this repayment because, as Dutch State Secretary of Kingdom Relations and Digitisation Alexandra van Huffelen informed the media, more information was needed before a decision could be taken.

Determined to find a solution to repay the 5% to (semi) public employees at the end of this month, Wever-Croes stated om Monday that she would be going to the Netherlands to deliberate with State Secretary Van Huffelen this week.

Another topic at that meeting is expected to be the advice of the Aruba Committee for Financial Supervision CAFT to the RMR to give Aruba an instruction to make a number a number of adjustments to the 2022 budget to reduce expenditures and increase revenues.

According to Wever-Croes, the CAFT has advised Aruba to implement tax measures that will increase tax revenues by 15 million Aruba florin this year and yield Afl. 170 million in additional tax revenues next year.

Wever-Croes said that her government explained to the CAFT that the Aruba economy and the people could not carry this additional burden at this time because the cost of living had already gone up drastically due to the war in Ukraine and the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Hillside Christian Schools completed the two-week National Summer School Programme (NSSP) with a fieldtrip to American University of the Caribbean (AUC) School of Medicine.





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Weather

Today: Partly cloudy and slightly hazy, with a few brief showers possible.

Winds: Easterly, 8-16mph, with higher gusts possible.

Sea conditions: Light to moderate.

Seas: 4-6 feet.

Forecast high: 32°C 90°F

Forecast low: 27°C 81°F

SYNOPSIS: A dry and stable atmosphere is restricting significant precipitation, but a trough approaching the region is predicted to increase cloudiness and the probability of isolated showers. Varying concentrations of Saharan dust continue to affect air quality. Persons with allergies and/or respiratory illnesses should remain vigilant. Light to moderate seas are expected through the next few

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 Wednesday evening: Partly cloudy to cloudy and breezy with isolated showers.

Sunrise: 5:46am. Sunset: 6:50pm.

#### Their own house

Government is to reduce its rental expenses by 20% in five years, according to a "country package" of restructuring measures agreed on with the Netherlands as condition for CO-VID-19 crisis liquidity support. The General Audit Chamber in a report requested by Finance Minister Ardwell Irion (see related story) suggests relocations and lease terminations are likely, whereby the expenses of moving and remodelling existing accommodations ought to be reviewed.

The minister stated that, for example, buildings have been purchased or rented in the past without appraisal reports, which he called a requirement. There thus apparently remains much room for improvement, but the chamber doubts the feasibility of the target set and said an impact study should have preceded such, also regarding possible long-term empty office space and its economic effect.

The good news is that a short survey of some of government's private landlords shows 64% would be willing to possibly renegotiate existing leases. Although not statistically indicative it provides some insight to pursue dialogue in that direction. Irion mentioned during last Wednesday's press briefing that since the audit started at least two entities had looked at their rent and real estate policies to make sure these are properly being implemented. Ironically, reducing rental cost had been one of the main arguments for the "new" Administration Building on Pond Island, which took so long to be completed and put into use that it was already too small from the beginning.

The current leased facility of Parliament is also a major monthly burden. The upcoming demolition of the old government building at Clem Labega Square opens an opportunity to possibly construct a new legislature there perhaps with involvement of the General Pension Fund APS and other local financial institutions, as a project that will earn itself back in saved rental payments.



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## Irion pushing to lower rental costs as part of cost reduction



Finance Minister Ardwell Irion.

Minister Ardwell Irion is pushing to lower the cost that is forked out on rent as part of efforts to lower costs in government and wants to see proper procedures followed when renting.

He said there have been cases where government rents or purchases property without an appraisal report, which he said is necessary. Irion provided the information in response to a question during last Wednesday's live Council of Ministers press briefing when asked whether government will be able to reduce rental costs by 20 per cent as proposed and address discrepancies that were identified in the General Audit Chamber report entitled: "Audit on the possibilities of reducing rental costs for Government.'

Irion made clear that he was the one who requested the Audit Chamber to conduct the audit on government and all government owned entities and their not just form an opinion

rent - that's also the big idea when it comes to finance. It doesn't necessarily fall under us, but we are pushing that because we want things." to reduce cost - so that is how we started this process, looking at - before you rent, you need to have an appraisal report or an idea of what the per square meter rental value in this district will cost so we have a good comparison and also look at the opportunities of taking departments out of where they are at now into maybe cheaper locations, bigger locations and so forth. So. we are looking at this whole aspect holistically," Irion explained.

In its report, the Audit Chamber explores the feasibility of reducing government's rental costs by 20% over five years, as stated in the country packages. The 2020 budget is the baseline for the reduction. The

PHILIPSBURG--Finance Chamber questions whether the 2020 budget is a feasible benchmark noting that the 2020 financial statements are unreliable, making it challenging to determine the figures to calculate the 20% reduction effectively. In addition, the report highlights how the increases in annual rental costs in the 2020-2022 budgets further complicate the calculation.

To achieve a 20% reduction, relocation (to government property) or termination of leases is likely. The Audit Chamber advises government to consider (or investigate) the costs associated with relocating government organizations and review the expenses related to remodelling spaces used by various departments based on their individual needs and office requirements.

Irion said he had received questions about a year and a half or two years ago regarding rent and other entities renting and as a minister he wanted factual advice and about the issue. "That's why "In regard to reducing we went in and requested the Audit Chamber to do this audit. So, with that basis, now we can look and see how we can tackle these

> He continued: "There were things, let's say, for example, within government that I also had my concerns on in regard to rent and so forth which we also started to address... Government would, for example, rent a building without an appraisal report or purchase a building, sometimes, without an appraisal report, but let's say

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he spoke to Prime Minister Silveria Jacobs about these concerns. Government, he contended, cannot just look at a building and decide to rent the one that is the lower cost, "We have to look at the 'per square meter' what we are renting. So, these policies were not in place and... from the outside it looks as if all these things are happening and government isn't doing anything about it and yes, when we come in and make these changes, it makes some individuals or even entities uncomfortable because they were used to just collecting a certain amount of money without a iust reason."

Irion said having the audit gives him another tool to 'put pressure" on getting the proper policies in place and ensuring that renting properties are done in the correct manner by both government and government owned entities. "I am happy to hear at least one or two entities that have, since this audit started, looked into their rent... and their policies and made sure that their policies are properly being implemented when it comes to their real estate."

In its report the Audit Chamber said it believes there was a need for an impact study before setting a 20% reduction goal for rental costs in the Country Packages. Furthermore, terminating leases might result in long-term office building vacancies. The aim is to reduce costs; however, the potential negative economic impact should not be underestimated and requires research, the Chamber said. The report includes the findings of a short survey issued to landlords of the government to determine the level of willingness surrounding rent reduction. Almost twothirds (64%) of respondents indicated a willingness to (possibly) renegotiate existing leases.



## Integrity Chamber gives info on integrity to various organisations

tegrity Chamber, in June, provided information on the importance of integrity to members of the St Maarten Police Force KPSM, National Detectives (Landsrecherche), Pointe Blanche Prison, and the National Security Service VDSM.

The information was presented by Integrity Chamber members Rian Vogels, Hans Lodder and Rafael Boasman, with the assistance of the secretariat.

by the Integrity Chamber, based on its task of bringing awareness and promoting integrity to the community. the Chamber said in a press release on Monday. The sessions included information about the various tasks and working methods of the Integrity Chamber, the values of integrity in the workplace, and the various aspects of integrity that are specific to the working duties and responsibilities of each executing agency.

The members of the Integrity Chamber encouraged the participants to be mindful of their actions as servants of the community. On the basis of their own experiences, the members also provided tips on how to maintain integrity within the executing agencies. Interactive sessions were encouraged, allowing for a question-and-answer segment, where the par-

In- ticipants also shared their cies for recognizing the imopinions, it was stated in the release. The Secretariat also provided answers to questions related to the advice and proposals that were published by the Integrity Cham-

"The executing agencies welcomed the information sessions for the benefit of staff and

Chamber applauds the agen-

portance of

upholding integrity," it was stated in the release.

The Integrity Chamber said it appreciated the opportunity to discuss integrity with members of the community and looks forward to future collaborations. For more information about the Integrity Chamber, visit the website management. The Integrity at www.integritychamber.sx.

## he secretariat. The sessions were initiated Man dies of a suspected heart attack swimming in Grand Case

MARIGOT--Emergency responders Structure Mobiles d'Urgence et de Reanimation (SMUR), Gendarmes and Pompiers, were on the scene in Grand Case on Monday around 2:00pm for reports of a man drowning.

A man who was said to be in his 20s was pulled out of the water in a state of cardiac arrest. Despite the immediate intervention by SMUR, he could not be saved and was declared dead. The Gendarmerie has opened an investigation into the incident.





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## Gendarmerie gives tips to prevent car thefts

merie has given advice to merique. car and two-wheeled-vehicle owners of actions to tem can be set up in a parkof vehicles (two-wheelers, cars and vans) represent ev- much as possible. Some ery year an average of 500-800 incidents, it estimated, a phenomenon that shows little sign of abating.

"This has a major impact on cost of insurance, or even refusal of some insurance companies to insure people who have same been victims of theft on too many occasions," it stated. "People who are uninsured heavy chain to which the and continue to use their vehicles are not only in violation in the eyes of law enforcement, but face serious financial consequences in the event of an accident."

The Gendarmerie notes theft by criminal groups, but there are simple actions to take to prevent car theft. Equip the car with an antitheft rod and attach it every time the car is parked.

Install an alarm in the car. picious, note the licenceplate number, colour and the information to the Gendarmerie by calling 17 or connect with the digital brigade

www.gendarmerie.in- only does one risk up to five

MARIGOT--The Gendar- terieur.gouv.fr/brigade-nu-

A video surveillance systake to prevent theft. Thefts ing space at home. Park the vehicle in a well-lit area as owners have even shown imagination by welding on tabs to prevent the car's computer from being ripped out or by removing the hood release handle to prevent battery theft.

> For two-wheelers, the recommendations apply. If possible, install a strong-enough ring and motorcycle or scooter can be attached

"It is better to spend 50 euros or more rather than buy cheaper and inadequate products that will be very quickly destroyed that small town cars are by thieves. A vehicle or particularly susceptible to two-wheeler can also be equipped with a tracking device. These systems are very efficient, especially when linked to a smartphone (sending an alarm)."

The Gendarmerie tracks down stolen vehicles that If a car appears to be sus- are put back into circulation after having been "made up" (modification model, and communicate of serial number and repainted).

> It is important to know that if stopped in a control driving a stolen vehicle, not



Traffic control in progress.

seizure of the vehicle. To avoid this, there are some simple things one can do:

Beware of overly attractive offers when buying a vehicle: a vehicle that is 30% below market price is a vehicle that may have been stolen or may be defective. Beware of sellers who only ask for cash payments: they don't want to be tracked down by the victim or police.

Always ask for a copy of the seller's ID and check that it matches the original ID. If the seller refuses, beware, it is probably a scam. Keep the copy of the ID, it could be asked for by the investigation services if controlled at the wheel of a stolen vehicle. Check that to fight against car theft.

years in prison but also the the name on the ID is the same as the one on the registration card or the inspection card. Do not buy a vehicle that is not registered.

Check the integrity of the vehicle serial number: If it is not clear, if it looks like it has been filed down, it means that the seller is trying to sell a stolen vehicle. If in doubt, contact an authorised garage.

Finally, if one has been the victim of a theft or attempted theft, immediately notify Police/Gendarmerie and do not touch anything. The preservation of traces and clues is important to optimise results of the investigation.

Law enforcement and public authorities continue

## Minister asks for Ocean Clear

WILLEMSTAD--Minister of Health, Environment and Nature GMN Dorothy Pietersz-Janga has requested Boyan Slat to bring his project "The Ocean Clean Up" to Curação as well. A special device is used to remove plastic from the water with two large sweeping arms.

Pietersz-Janga met Slat at the United Nations (UN) Ocean Conference in Portugal. She decided to "take the plunge" and asked him whether The Ocean Clean Up could also come to the island

According to her, the foundation was interested, so arrangements have already been made to further develop a plan. The idea is that this organisation will have a local branch in Curação and can clean the Caribbean Sea from

## **Air Belgium cancels** few flights to Bonaire

BONAIRE--Air Belgium has cancelled a number of flights to Bonaire that were planned for the upcoming winter season. The airline recently announced the island as a new destination in collaboration with Tourism Corporation Bonaire

According to TCB, external factors such as the availability of the room inventory and the challenges in the field of route planning led to scrapping a few flights.

The changes will affect service from Brussels between November 4, 2022, and March 25, 2023. TCB confirmed that the "Christmas flights" will continue December 23 and 25 onwards.

Customers who have already booked an affected flight are given the opportunity to choose a new one or receive a voucher for the same value as the booking. A complete reimbursement is also possible.

#### **Vacation allowance**

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ture liability," he questioned. said.

"I strongly implore the relevant authorities to figure it out and make the payment without any pay cut whatsoever," he added.

Johnson further disclosed that the board is busy with legal counsel for the next steps forward. "I will continue to be fully transparent with my

message do you send school facets of this ongoing unnecboards without removing fu- essary saga facing them," he

> According to the release, WITU will be meeting with its membership to update them on all circumstances regarding the payment of the vacation allowance very

"I need to speak to my members; their mandate will determine the next steps takmembership, inclusive of all en," Johnson concluded.

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Fluent in English (French or Spanish is a plus.) Customer service minded.

Must be physically fit, job entails lifting items as well.

Only Dutch passport holders or person with permanent residence should apply.

All Interested candidates must submit their application to the National Employment Service Center (NESC) or Via apply.nesc@sintmaartengov. org within two (2) weeks to the attention of **Employment Services Center.** 

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- Willingness to work flexible hours including early morning, evening, weekends and holidays.
- Fluent in English (French or Spanish is a
- Customer service minded.
- · Must be physically fit, job entails lifting items as well.

Only Dutch passport holders or person with permanent residence should apply.

All Interested candidates must submit their application to Cost u Less Store St. Maarten or email it to rrimon@northwest.ca to the attention of the hiring manager.

## **Appeals Court is lenient** for older drug trafficker

PHILIPSBURG--Jamaican the Cost-U-Less boxes and unlikely. (60) used St. Maarten as a Jamaica to Antigua. Because he had not been convicted before, the Court of Appeal showed leniency and converted half of the thirty months he received at First Instance into a suspended cepted in Antigua. These sentence.

marijuana (71 kilogrammes) was intercepted at V.C. Bird International Airport in Antigua on March 16, 2018. The batch of narcotics was found Marechaussee, Coast Guard by the K9 unit during the cargo handling of the Leeward Islands Air Transport Services (LIAT) flight from tors have tried to link these St. Maarten.

them in red letters, sent from company InnCargo NV. The man who signed for the cargo shipment called himself Paul case on appeal, Merx point-Newman, but camera footage shows that it was Brown. A cargo handler at the company recognised him; he had been there before to send packages.

The camera footage shows Brown filling out a form for court considered this highly

Emmanuel Anthony Brown paying for them with cash for shipping. He was recogniztransit port for drugs from able by his rasta hairstyle and white beard.

Several hundred kilos of drugs were found in a container in the port of St. Maarten at about the same time the boxes were intercases were transferred to A total of 156 pounds of the Alpha team, a multidisciplinary team consisting of members of St. Maarten Police Force KPSM, Customs Department, Royal and the French Police Aux Frontières (PAF).

"Understandably, investigacases together," said Brown's The drugs were in three attorney Cor Merx, "but if boxes with Cost-U-Less on we put the cases in a row, one sees here the horrible St. Maarten by the transport phenomenon that can only happen in a Netflix movie."

> During the hearing of the ed out that the boxes at the cargo company had been withdrawn from camera surveillance for four hours. He suggested that a cargo company employee had put the marijuana in the boxes. The

The court found it proven that Brown had signed the shipping order with the cargo company on behalf of one David Jones. The name Paul Newman would have already been on this form. Brown paid InnCargo US \$150 for shipping the boxes, whereas he received \$400 for placing his signature.

Based on WhatsApp messages on his phone, it has been established that Brown was involved in drug trafficking. During a search in his house in St. Maarten, \$16,800 and 3,000 euros were found. That money was seized by the court.

Brown has admitted that he sold marijuana to tourists. He has to go to jail for 15 months for dealing in drugs and is faced with another 15 months if he is caught at it again. In sentencing, the court considered his age and the fact that he had not previously been convicted.

The Court found it insufficiently proven that Brown is part of a criminal organisation. He could not be linked to the hundreds of kilos of drugs that were found in Port St Maarten



Ambulance nurse pose for a photo.

## Ambulance Dept. nurses complete ACLS course

Department nurses recent- skills of the ambulance ly completed an Advanced nurses sharp and up to par (ACLS) training course in vance ambulance care. collaboration with Curacao Heart Foundation (CHF).

release on Monday.

Head Cylred Richardson ACLS. said that this specific training is ongoing for his staff national Training Center partment.

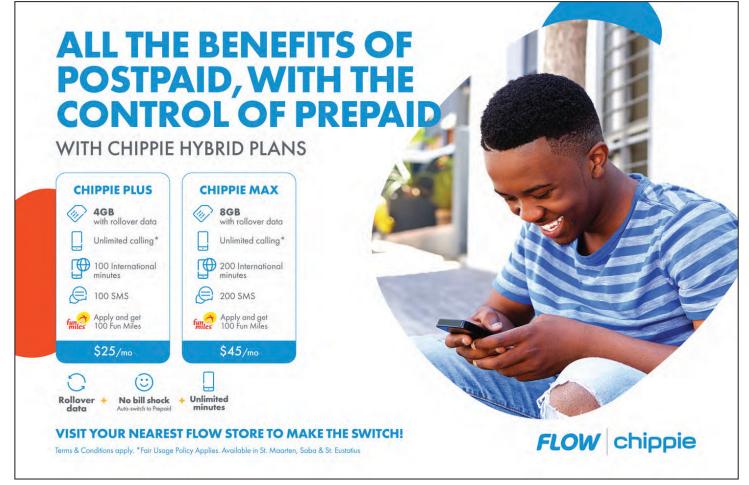
Cardiac Life Support in the daily delivery of ad-

According to the release, every two years the ambu-This was shared in a press lance nurses go through a rigorous training to be Ambulance Department certified and recertified in continue supporting edu-

The CHF is an Inter-

HILL--Ambulance in an effort to keep the (ITC) of the American Heart Association (AHA) and the European Resuscitation Council (ERC).

Minister of Public Health Omar Ottley congratulated management and the ambulance nurses on their achievement and vowed to cational initiatives for the staff of the Ambulance De-









#### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT START OF UNDERGROUND CABLING WORK

In collaboration with N.V. GEBE and the National Recovery Program Bureau (NRPB), works will soon start to place more than 9 kilometers of overhead low-voltage electricity lines in underground trenches, in addition to water pipes and conduits for fiber-optic cabling. During the final stages, aluminum light poles will be installed to replace the older wooden poles. Placing these utility connections underground will expand N.V. GEBE's existing underground network and will also greatly improve Sint Maarten's resilience to natural disasters. The Contractor executing the works is Windward Roads B.V. The works are supervised by ILACO Suriname N.V. on behalf of the NRPB.

#### When does the activity start and end?

The work is being executed over several phases, with the first phase beginning in mid-July. Each phase will take approximately 2-5 weeks to complete.

Phase	Affected Streets	Scheduled Start
1	Spanish Fort Road, Crocus Road, Tassel Drive, Tassel Road, and Lavender Road	July - August 2022
2	Carnation Road, Amaryllis Road, Gladiola Road, and Killebarn Drive	August 2022
3	Bleeding Heart Road, Betty's Estate Road, Flamboyant Road, and Orchid Road	August - September 2022
4	Marigot Hill Road, Soursap Road, and Mesapple Road	September 2022
5	Banana Drive, Genip Drive, Soursap Road, and Guavaberry Road	September - October 2022
6	Peach Road, Beet Road, Cherrynut Road, and Radish Road	To be defined
7	Pumpkin Road, Pumpkin Drive, Okra Drive, and Okra Road	To be defined

#### How will the work affect me?

Unless you have an overhead electricity line connected directly to your home, the work will not take place on your property, but on the public road. All residents on the affected streets can expect that:

- Safe crossings will be placed over trenches outside of your driveway and entrances so that you and your household can freely and safely access your home.
- Traffic management measures will be in place to alert and guide motorists and pedestrians of the work in progress.
- Debris and waste will be properly collected and disposed of.
- Noise, vibration, dust, and emissions will be kept within legal limits and specifications.
- No work will be done after 5:00pm unless absolutely necessary.
- The availability of electricity and water will not be interrupted, except when each house is being reconnected to the new underground system.
- Workers will be respectful and considerate when interacting with community members.

#### I have an electricity line connected to my home. What happens to me?

You will be contacted by N.V. GEBE and asked to sign a permission form to allow work to occur on your property. This will include digging a trench to connect your home to the underground grid. The exact placement of the trench will be coordinated with you. At the completion of the work, the contractor will return your property to its original state. This means that all trenches will be filled, and any concrete that was damaged will be replaced. All reconnections will be done by technicians of N.V. GEBE, and not the contractor. Your electricity service may be disrupted for up to an hour when the reconnection is being done.

#### How can I file a complaint?

During the course of the work, if you are negatively impacted by the project's activities, you can submit an official complaint. You can file a complaint through the contractor, N.V. GEBE, and/or the NRPB. This can be done in several ways:

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• N.V. GEBE:

1-721-546-1100 / 1160

© 1-721-588-3117

ERP1@nvgebe.com

www.nvgebe.com/contact-form

• NRPB:

🕓 1-721-542-8886 / 8887

complaints@nrpbsxm.org

www.nrpbsxm.org/complaints-procedure/







## Hillside Schools conclude summer programme with field trip to AUC

CUPECOY -- Hillside Maarten native who is cur-Christian Schools completed the two week Na- ter at AUC, with aspirational Summer School Programme (NSSP), a Ministry trician. of Education initiative, by taking a field trip to American University of the Caribbean (AUC) School of of Psychology and Assis-Medicine on Friday, July 15th.

members enjoyed a fun filled afternoon of science and physical activities arranged by the Paediatric Interest group of AUC students.

The pupils, between age Asha Stevens campus in Cay Hill and the Helmich Snijders campus in St. Peters, were shown around the expansive Cupecoy

They are taken into the research labs, participated in doctor/patient simulations, took quizzes, visited the dorm, and played in the university's family playground. They got to ask questions to the future phy-

The pupils also met a St. Technology (IT), and Physi-

rently in her fourth semestions of becoming a paedia-

The day was made possible by Dr. Natalie Humphrey, Associate Professor tant Dean of Community Engagement at AUC, who Eighty pupils and 15 staff had worked closely with the AUC students to plan and organise the different activities for the day.

The National Summer School Programme, an initiative by the Ministry of Education, was designed as 9-11 years old, from the an enrichment programme focusing on numeracy and literacy, but with physical and artistic elements as

> For two weeks, invited Hillside pupils assembled at the Asha Stevens campus in Cay Hill, where handpicked teachers rotated to teach each group a "specialty" such as English, Dutch, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Extracurricular classes included



Hillside pupils and staff joined by students of the AUC.

Asha Stevens Mohabier.

the Chief Executive Direc-

tor of the Foundation for

Protestant Christian Edu-

cation, expressed her grati-

tude. "What an amazing

opportunity it is to see this

happen," said Stevens Mo-

"A summer school pro-

gramme has been a dream

of mine for many years,

and I just hope that we've

shown that small group

learning truly is a great

way to explore every child's

"I hope we have inspired

other schools to join the

NSSP in the coming years,"

she said also thanking the

Ministry of Education and

AUC for their support and

collaborative efforts.

God given ability.

habier.

cal Education (PE) classes.

On the morning of the last day of the programme, Minister of Education Rodolphe Samuel, along with a small delegation from the Department of Education, visited the school where pupils exhibiting some of what they learned during the summer school.

Samuel participated in some of the exercises, and many laughs were shared with the staff and pupils all wearing colourful shirts sponsored by the Ministry to signify their participation in the NSSP under the slogan "Focusing on Edu-Dance, Arts, Information cation to Develop our Na-

## Collectivité organising three training forums

29, in Marigot, in partner- ment. ship with employment of-Locale and the Chamber of Commerce CCISM. 9:00am to 1:00pm.

The mission of the "Employment Caravan" is to put training institutions in touch with people looking for qualification. This initiative allows for a faceto-face exchange on the possibilities offered in the territory in terms of refresher training, vocational training, and obtaining professional titles such as Certificat d'Aptitude Professionelle (CAP), Bac Pro or even post-Baccalaureate training for Brevet de Technicien Supérieur (BTS).

This operation creates proximity with the public who are more distanced from employment. It is financed by the State's overseas investment in skills pact (Pacte

MARIGOT--The Collec- d'Investissement dans les tivité and the State are Compétences (PIC)) and organising three training promotes training activiforums on Wednesday, ties available in the region July 27, in French Quarter, to meet expectations of Thursday, July 28, in Sandy people of all ages seeking Ground and Friday, July qualifications and employ-

The training proposals fice Pôle Emploi, Mission are extended to several sectors: trade, industry, real estate, health and social The forums are held from affairs, tourism, aesthetics, early childhood, etcetera. Training courses at BAC and BAC +2 levels (professional degrees, professional Baccalaureate, BTS) are offered, as well as coaching courses for entrepreneurs provided by CCISM.

The list of available training courses is accessible from the QR code placed on the event poster. This information is also available to the public on the Collectivité's website

www.com-saint-martin.fr.

The Collectivité and its partners look forward to meeting participants at the training forums on July 27, 28 and 29. For any information, call the Infoline: (0690) 18.11.03/ (0690) 88.83.55.

## St. Maarten not affected by glass in Heineken bottles

PHILIPSBURG--Heinek- Maarten Tanvi Goklani as- Heineken beer Mono 6 x en lovers in St. Maarten sured on Monday. need not worry about po-Maarten is not affected by

The public entity Bonaire tential glass in their fa- recently issued a warning vourite beverage, as St. about the risk of glass fragments in Heineken brand the risk of potential glass in products from the Neth-Heineken bottles, Heinek- erlands with an expiration en Brand Manager for St. date of January 31, 2023:

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the status, privileges and taking several years, and and its personnel.

The host country treaty is based on the United Nations (UN) convention immunities of specialised construction projects. organisations and founding treaties of the IBRD and IFC, and places the existing multilateral agreements in the context of the host country. As the treaty will only concern St. Maarten, it will not be validated for the Netherlands, Aruba and Curação.

The establishing of an office for the World Bank organisations has been

immunities of the office the Dutch government has been asking St. Maarten's cooperation in getting this done as the office is an important factor in the prepathat regulates rights and ration and execution of re-

25cl, Heineken beer mono 12 x 25cl and Heineken 0% FL 6 x 25cl. Persons who purchased any of these products in Bonaire were advised not to use them.

In an invited comment on whether consumers in St. Maarten should be concerned, Goklani said: "We are aware of the issue, and we internally checked with Heineken against the codes issued in their press statement and none of our product is affected."

It is understood that the affected bottles are the screw-cap bottles, which are not distributed by the Heineken distributor in St

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# Mini e-sport tournament held Sat. at Emile Choisy School

event to St. Martin's first challenges of cutting fruits successful video game and with movement sensors). digital culture (e-sport) festival held in the Jean- children could enjoy the Louis Vanterpool Stadium different animations in a sports hall on Saturday, Association Anis organised sphere. on Monday a mini e-sport camps of Caisse Territorial des Oeuvres Scolaires (CTOS).

At Emile Choisy School some 50 children had fun on video games such as

MARIGOT--As a side is composed of 60-second During the whole day, the friendly and warm atmo-

Association Anis prides tournament for children itself on raising awareness registered in the summer among children and parents about good practices around video games and attitudes to have to prevent screen addiction for adults and children.

This tournament for day. Mario Kart 8 and Kinect children was organised Fruits Ninja (this fun game with the support of Caisse

(CAF) of Guadeloupe and St. Martin and is intended to continue throughout the year, in the same way as digital workshops are organised for seniors, disadvantaged persons or young people in insertion programmes.

The Dutch side's Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport (ECYS) Rodolphe Samuel was seen taking a keen interest in the e-sport festival on Satur-



Gijs Mantel (second left) receives his award from the jury.

## **VWO student wins CBCS 2022 Economic Research Award**

WILLEMSTAD/PHIL-IPSBURG--VWOstudent at the Vespucci College in Curação Gijs Mantel was

awarded this year's Central Bank of Curacao and St. Maarten (CBCS) Best Economic Research Award for his economic research paper titled "Restaurant Gouverneur De Rouville.

In his paper, Gijs explored factors which could improve the competitive position of the restaurant on the local market. The jury, chaired by José Jardim and with Alberto Romero, Russel Voges, and Eric Matto as members, was unanimous in its decision. It particularly appreciated the survey that Mantel conducted for his paper and said the paper was original and creative in its content.

Mantel presented his main research findings during a special celebration at CBCS. He received an award and a money prize of NAf. 2,500. This year's competition is the second edition of the research competition, which was launched by CBCS in 2018 to stimulate and promote research on the economies of Curaçao and St. Maarten. HAVO and VWO students in Curação and St. Maarten as well as local and foreign bachelor and master students were invited to participate in this competition.

To participate in the award programme, HAVO and VWO students could submit their economic

research paper for the subject of economics, while students at bachelor's and master's level

competed for a prize by submitting their graduation thesis. This year, students at HAVO and VWO level from Curaçao and St. Maarten participated in the competition. There were also submissions on bachelor's level.

The jury evaluated each entry on its applied research method, originality, creativity, writing skills, lay-out, and relevance for the economies of Curação and St. Maarten. After a thorough assessment, the jury unanimously decided to award the CBCS Best Economic Research Award 2022 to Mantel. CBCS congratulated the winner and thanked all participants in the 2022 Research Award, and said it looks forward to the upcoming



Children enjoy playing video games at Emile Choisy School.

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want additional measures at this time, said Wever-Croes. She hoped that a solution could be found and thus avoid an instruction by the RMR.

Van Huffelen said after Friday's RMR that she hoped Aruba would continue to work on adjusting its 2022 budget. "Aruba has to increase its tax revenues or generate other sorts of income. Aruba also has to decrease its expenditures, because it is important that as a country it emerges stronger from this crisis," she said.

The state secretary reiterated that there was a process to follow when the CAFT rendered an advice and the Netherlands agree for an instruction. The next step is for the Aruba government to respond to the CAFT advice, after which the RMR will deliberate on the subject.

Wever-Croes explained



that her government was working on amending the 2022 budget and that these changes would be sent to the Aruba Parliament after the summer recess. The amendments will contain various recommendations of the CAFT.

"Government of Aruba that Aruba has to get out of the budget deficits and work towards budget surpluses. The only difference of opinion is how fast we do that," said Wever-Croes.

The prime minister said

she did not agree with the CAFT that Aruba had not done enough to lower the deficit. "The pandemic threw us into a 16% deficit. Last year, we had a deficit of 9%, this year we reduced it to 4% and in the amended 2022 budget, we will further bring it down to 2%. For next year, we have projected a 0.6% surplus. From 16 to 9, to 4, 2 and 0.6% is a remarkable result. So, I don't share the opinion of the CAFT that we are doing too little."



Gijs Mantel presenting his research findings.

## Pointe Blanche prison receives award for Agency of the Year

PHILIPSBURG--The Justice Week celebrations culminated on Sunday with a church service, followed by the Justice Parade and ending with a night of elegance at the First Annual Justice Ball to recognise Ministry of Justice workers.

Justice Week events began on Monday, July 11, consisting of a three-day Justice Conference at Simpson Bay Resort which saw department heads, management teams and external partners discuss various topics of concern for the ministry while receiving critical feedback from a panel of experts in the field.

This was followed by the Ministry of Justice expo held on Thursday, unveiling 12 years of accomplishand the certification of



Pointe Blanche Prison Director Steven Carty accepting the plague for Agency of the Year.

seven extraordinary immigration police officers.

A block party was held on ments within the ministry Friday where justice work-

work, followed by the Justice Week Amazing Race

team-building activity on Saturday that saw more ers celebrated their hard than six departments come

## Sent to prison

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money. In exchange, Gerardus had to provide information from ongoing police investigations into Kristensen, as well as other confidential information, and he had to make a report falsely.

Kristensen's false report involved assault, threats and the deliberate disposal of objects by Kristensen's ex-wife and her new boyfriend. Kristensen had Gerardus record false accusations to get back at his former wife who had found out that he had sexually abused their baby girl.

The mother had gone to the police station in Philipsburg with underwear of her young daughter to prove that it was the same as on the child pornography the police had found on Kristensen's phone. She had been shocked seeing her little girl and a familiarlooking naked man on a bed sheet which she knew was his.

Investigators established dophile. He loves to watch videos of small children satisfying adults sexually. That gets him excited. He sent view. Also, with regard to one of the child-pornography videos on his phone to a female contact, nicknamed Bella, asking her if she could bring him little girls, Bella later testified to

By judgment of February 13, 2019, Kristensen was sentenced to seven years of the opinion that this situ-

for committing fornication with his minor child: acquiring, possessing and distributing child pornography; assaulting his landlord; possessing 197 grams of cocaine; planned sale of stolen jewellery; provoking forgery; and bribery of an official, police officer Gerardus.

The one-legged Kristensen, whose detention was suspended so that he could get a prosthetic limb in his native Scotland, insists that he is innocent. Prior to the hearing of his case on appeal on June 23, Kristensen had sent the court a letter denying everything except possession of 197 grams of cocaine. The drugs served as painkiller, he explained.

Kristensen is still in Scotland, claiming he suffers from a heart condition and is unable to return to St. Maarten. "It cannot be the case that a suspect permanently avoids detention with reference to medical that Kristensen is a pae- treatment abroad without making it concrete," the attorney general stated.

The Court shares this Gerardus, who has a neck hernia and underwent surgery in Colombia and Panama. "Whereas in 2018 and 2019 the medical situation of the suspect weighed so heavily that the suspension of his pre-trial detention was indicated, the Court is

ation no longer occurs," the iudgment states.

The Court does want to assume that suspects may now have to contend with physical limitations, but it has not been shown that the suspects are incapacitated for detention. Scotland has been asked for Kristensen's extradition.

This is an old case, the prosecutor said in his closing statement on June 23. "The convictions of Kristensen and Gerardus date from almost three years ago. The fact that the appeal took so long is not only due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but it has also more to do with Kristensen's procedural attitude. Defendant ignores the court, he refused to return to St. Maarten when the court determined that medical treatment in Scotland was no longer necessary. That was on December 5, 2019. We are now 2.5 years fur-

"There is an extradition procedure because the defendant does not want to come back and that refusal has not only to do with the medical condition of the defendant. His criminal file shows that he uses everything to avoid returning to the Pointe Blanche prison. I have called the defendant unscrupulous before, and I repeat that again."

The Prosecutor demanded that the sentences would be effectively enforced.

Ministry of Justice workers gathered at the Philipsburg Methodist Church on for 35 years of service, and ates the wisdom and guid-Sunday morning for divine worship. The service was attended by Governor of St. Maarten Eugene Holiday, Chairlady of Parliament and Chair of the Justice Committee of Parliament Grisha Heyliger-Marten, Minister of Justice Anna Richardson, Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport Rodolphe Samuel, department heads, ministry management teams and workers, and members of the Voluntary Corps of St. Maarten VKS and the St. Maarten Youth Brigade.

Following the church service, the Justice Parade consisted of officers of the St. Maarten Police Force KPSM, Customs St. Maarten, Immigration and Border Protection Services. Coast Guard, and members of the VKS and the St. Maarten Youth Brigade who marched through Philipsburg, ending at the police station.

An updated plaque of Walter R. Kramers Police Station was unveiled during the ceremony by Richardson, Chief of Police Carl John and Suzette Kramers, daughter of former Commissioner of Police and former Chief of Police the late Walter R. Kramers who contributed significantly to the establishment of the station where it now stands. Richardson and Heyliger-Marten also laid a wreath in honour of the late Officer Gamali "Benji" Benja-

The justice parade ended with words of encouragement to the officers by Chief of Police Carl John.

The first Justice Ball was held on Sunday evening as the final event to recognise Ministry of Justice workers who have been committed to service for 25, 30, 35, and 40 years, as well as outstanding workers. The wellattended ball was filled with a night of elegance.

Following speeches, ministry workers were presented with certificates of recognition and awards by Richardson and their respective department heads during the evening.

Some 36 persons in the various ministry departments received certificates for 25 years of service, 35 persons for 30 years of service. seven KPSM members

and one from Immigration and Border Protection Services received certificates four KPSM members and Blanche prison and House of Detention for 40 years of service. In addition, 12 persons received awards of recognition: seven for 35 years of service and six for 40 years of service.

Addressing the audience, justice workers for their hard work, commitment and dedication to building the ministry to where it is

the evening was the awarding of Agency of the Year to the Pointe Blanche prison and House of Detention. This was a deciding factor from the select panel of experts tasked with providing critical and structured feedback at this year's Justice Conference, based on the progress made at the prison during the past 12 months. The award was received by Prison Director Steven Carty.

Another highlight was Richardson's special recognition of Governor Holiday. In light of the governor's tenure coming to an will continue to work in the end in a few months. Richardson recognised his remarkable service and sup- ue improving the ministry port over the past 16 years, not only to the country, but tice with optimal efficienspecifically to the Ministry cy," concluded Richardson. of Justice.

son addressed Holiday and expressed how she appreciance he has shared with one person from the Pointe her in the past  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years. "Your support and wealth of knowledge that makes vou who vou are can't be described in words. Thank you!" said Richardson as she addressed Holiday on

She presented Holiday Richardson thanked all with a crystal award that reads "The Minister of Justice Anna E. Richardson presents this award of appreciation to Governor Holiday for all his years A special highlight during and dedication of service to Country St. Maarten. We salute you for a job well

> "I would like to humbly thank all who were in attendance for the various Justice Week events held in celebration of the justice system of St. Maarten and the Justice Week Committee and sub-committee for making it a success. Since 2020, the Ministry has made significant strides such as the achievement of the entire Ministry's Function Book.

> "However, there is much work to be done. As such, I interest of all workers of the justice system to continso that we can carry out jus-



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## Curaçao trying to work with top salary earners

Finance Minister Javier Silvania (MFK) wants to accommodate high-raking officials and executives in the (semi) public sector regarding the standardisation of top incomes, provided they provide complete transparency.

with several of the persons involved. They discussed components of the proposed norm, duration of a transitional arrangement and the amount of severance pay in case of dismiss-

Silvania has indicated that he wishes to submit a memorandum of amendof the calculation of the salary limit in the current law proposal. However, this can according to their calcula-

and figures to be provided before July 26.

The recalculation will be done in collaboration with "Keesen Actuarissen. Any amendment will have to comply with the decision of the Kingdom Council of Ministers RMR in The The minister recently met Hague and be in the best interest of the Dutch Caribbean country."

Directors of government-

owned companies had earlier expressed their dissatisfaction in a position paper with the standard amount calculated by law at 263,000 Netherlands Antillean guilders per year (which should correspond to 130% of ment for a reconsideration the prime minister's standard). They say they are not against a standard, but

WILLEMSTAD--Curação only happen based on facts tions this should amount to more than double, namely NAf. 535,000.

> "It has been agreed with employees of the Ministry of Finance that, together with actuary Keesen, they will advise the minister on three points on August 8: the components of the standard income; the term of the transitional arrangement; and the amount of the severance pay."

> Based on the advice, the minister will request the Legislation and Legal Affairs Department to draw up a memorandum of amendment. But Silvania has also made clear to the directors that the amended draft bill must at least meet the requirements set by the RMR and be in the general interest of the population.



## Statia's COVID-19 cases drop to

tius dropped from 53 as of Thursday, July 14, to 41 as of Monday, July 18.

A total of 24 persons were in Statia on December 28, number of active COV- tested on Monday, six of 2021. Five deaths were re-ID-19 cases in St. Eusta- whom were positive. A corded There are currently total of 1,074 active cases no hospitalisations. have been recorded since the start of the outbreak



Residents of Ronde Klip are completely done with illegal waste incineration in the area, reported "Stichting Uniek Curação" on social media. For more than two years, inhabitants have been trying to combat and denounce the trash dumping and burning in their neighbourhood. There would be a landowner who, for a fee, allows these practices on a daily basis. According to the foundation, police are aware of who it regards, which terrain is involved and what happens on that property, but no action has so far been taken. The illicit dump and fires are a nuisance. Some even find the smoke and stench unbearable, especially people with asthmatic conditions. After several reports to the X-Team and other government services, the residents will now file a complaint with the Prosecutor's Office.

## Al says time to really protect Venezuela:

WILLEMSTAD--Amnesty International (AI) was happy that the judge acknowledged that Curação had been acting unlawfully with the inhumane incarceration of Venezuelans and now looks forward to their protection, according to Yara Boff Tonella, AI's project leader refugees' and mi-Aruba

The court in Willemstad ruled last Thursday that 10 Venezuelan deportees had to be released instantly because their detention conditions are contrary to the European Convention on Human Rights.

The holding of undocumented foreigners on the island thus came to an end grants' rights Curação and because there are no more suitable locations that meet

international requirements.

"This is an important step in improving the situation of Venezuelan refugees in Curação. It is now important that the Curação government really offers these people a fair chance of protection and is humane. We will keep a close eye on the situation," added AI.

# Islands part of return

Uslu of Education, Culture and Science will involve autonomous countries Aruba, Curação and St. Maarten as well as special municipalities Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba in the return of colonial cultural goods.

Uslu wrote to the Second

HAGUE--Dutch Chamber of Parliament in Secretary Gunay The Hague about the es- considers this important brought to the Netherlands Netherlands in these develduring colonial times and are now on display in Dutch museums.

The state secretary also tablishment of an indepen- for the entire Caribbean dent committee that will part of the Kingdom. "I will assess applications for the therefore involve Aruba, return of cultural objects Curação and St. Maarten that may have been illegally as well as the Caribbean



Damen Shipyard in Curação recently had to fly in two water pumps for work on a cruise vessel. They were provided by the Van Heck Group in the Netherlands that is very active abroad as well. The HK-700 machines with fuel tanks and lines were needed to remove 70,000 cubic metres of water from a dock so the necessary repairs could be made.

Islands THE DAILY HERALD, Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Members of the wedding party await the bride's arrival.

## Civil servant ties the knot in Statia

Servant Rianna Bennett- in the ceremony. Robins was taken off the reception at Statia Lodge among family and friends.

EUSTATIUS--Civil both families were involved Edris

Bennett-Robins works single market on Satur- for the St. Eustatius Govday, July 16, when she ex- ernment at Personnel and changed vows with Mariano Organization and Robins Robins during an intimate works at Global Terminal Investments Statia. Bennett-Robins is the daughter It was a family affair, as of Disaster Coordinator emony.

Bennett-Merkman and former Statia Fire Chief Andre Bennett, and Robins is the son of Gladys

Pastor Virgil Sams blessed the ceremony. Several persons travelled from abroad to attend the wedding cer-

## **Motorists wrongly** sent assessme

WILLEMSTAD--Curaçao tax authorities mistakenly sent motor vehicle tax assessments to owners of cars, reported Minister of Finance Javier Silvania on his Facebook page. According to him inaccuracies led to this unfortunate situation.

In connection with catching up on administrative arrears, motor vehicle tax assessments were recently imposed for the years 2018 and 2019 on persons or businesses who had vehicle registration numbers registered in their name during those years but never paid the road tax.

"There has been some negligence in the imposition of these assessments, which resulted in the wrongly sent out ones. The cause of this error has been identified and the reduction notices will be sent in the week of July 18 for the

assessments that have been wrongly imposed," explained Silvania.

He said motorists who wrongly received such an assessment do not have to file an objection. "If by August 1 still no reduction assessment has been received, an objection to the assessment can be submitted via mrb@gobiernu.cw. In the e-mail, reasons can be given as to why the assessment imposed is incorrect," the minister wrote.

Soon the assessments for the years 2020 and 2021 will also be imposed. Adjusted assessment notices will be used for this because, it was also found that the current assessment notice on the back contained incorrect and outdated information.

"The tax authorities apologise for any inconvenience and ask for understanding for the

service faces to make up for years of arrears in a short time," added Silvania.

The person or company in whose name the license plate is registered is responsible for paying the tax. If a vehicle is no longer used, for example because it has been declared a total loss or is parked in the garden, the number plates must be handed in to the tax authorities in the World Trade Center (WTC). As long as the plates have not been handed in, the tax remains due.

When a vehicle is sold, it is essential to have the registration number transferred to the name of the new owner at both the tax authorities and the vehicle inspection department to transfer the road tax obligation to the new owner.



Bride Rianna Bennett-Robins, Pastor Virgil Sams, and groom Mariano Robins.

## **Ombudsman working** on two law proposals

WILLEMSTAD -- Everyone has a right to clean drinking water. To realise this, Curação's Ombudsman is preparing a draft National Ordinance.

They are also working on a bill to (better) regulate the handling of complaints with government. Both will be submitted to government this year, said the bureau in its annual statement for 2021.

Last year, they received 785 complaints. The vast majority concerned a lack of response from government to letters and applications submitted by citizens.

The Ombudsman's reports are still not taken seriously enough by authorities either. At the end of 2021 government had so far not responded to any of the 53 released that year.



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#### Coastguard NA&A 113 Red Cross

General meeting every last Monday, 6 p.m, Eugenius A. Johnson Center.

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SERVICE CLUBS Rotary Meets at Roy's Restaurant Every Thursday 6 pm Soroptimist International Meets at Day Care Centre 2nd Tuesday in month 4.30 pm Lions Club 1st and 3rd Tuesday Arts and Craft Centre 5.30 pm Toastmasters Club Every 2nd and 4th Saturday Anguilla Community College 6.45pm





A survey of Saba's labour market will be done.

## Survey to be done of Saba's labour

Saba has contracted Ernst of key groups within the and Young (EY) Consulting to conduct a survey to assess the current state of the labour market in Saba.

EY's work will consist of a detailed survey to get a comprehensive picture of the current state of the labour market in Saba, it was stated in a press release. The survey will focus on the size and distribution of the workforce; representation of key occupations, industries and workforce education in the current labour market; and diversity, inlabour market.

As part of the survey, a representative sampling methodology will be developed and a digital/telephone survey will be developed and carried out. The key findings and insights from the survey data will be stated in a summary report.

The local government will use the analysis of the labour market for its economic development policy. The findings will also be important for Saba's new multimillion-dollar harbour

SABA--The public entity clusion and representation project at Black Rocks. EY has also been contracted to conduct a socioeconomic impact assessment of the to-be-constructed Black Rocks harbour.

The Saba Island Council during one of its recent meetings had requested insight on the local labour market. Therefore, the Executive Council decided to request that EY also carry out a labour market survey while conducting the socioeconomic impact assess-



# Fundraising shows by

WILLEMSTAD--In their efforts to generate funds to continue helping the com-Curação Lions Club (CLC) organised and presented two shows titled 'Shall we go again" featuring Dutch stand-up comedian Roue Verveer. Both took place in the service club's country house at Klein Kwartier and were completely sold out.

Verveer said he was verv happy to be in Curação and will soon make it more than a country where he only performs. The island is becoming a second home to him.

CLC operates in several arenas. For example, they recently inaugurated the inclusive "Huntu" playground at the Children's Museum. This is the only such facility in the region where all chil-

dren with different abilities can really play together.

CLC is also active in "Duna mucha un man" foundation, which is responsible for providing a good breakfast for underprivileged pupils at a number of local primary schools. Another major project is "Bon Bisiña", where food parcels are made for less fortunate families during the Christmas holidays.

## **Continued recovery** of Curação air traffic

International Airport's first half of 2022 passenger traffic overview shows continued positive trend on twice weekly non-stop serthe path to recovery. Total Passenger Movements (all arrivals and departures through the main terminal) were 657,339 which is a 91% recovery compared to year-to-date June 2019 movements.

Seat capacity (in- and outbound) over the same first six-month period of 2022, was 888,063, which is a 90% recovery compared to yearto-date June 2019. The Netherlands continues to dominate the market with a 54% share: the Dutch Caribbean 16%; the US 13%; and South America 10%.

The possible negative impact of the Omicron variant in the beginning of the year resulted minimal. Pent up travel demand, the removal of strict entry requirements, the restart of service by the remaining pre-pandemic airline partners and strong bookings over the Easter and May Holidays in The Netherlands, contributed to the overall growth of passenger traffic.

Monthly figures for the Second Quarter indicate an tablished US brand names, overall passenger traffic increase in April of 15% compared to March 2022. May traffic decreased by 10% compared to April 2022 and June traffic increased by 3% over May 2022.

The average load factor (occupied seats per flights) for that period was 84% compared to an average load factor during the first three months of 75%, a growth of 9 percentage points quarter over quarter. Monthly traffic recovery compared to the Second Quarter of pre-pandemic 2019, was 104% for April; 98% for May and 104% for June 2022.

During the Second Quarter KLM reduced twice daily non-stop service from Amsterdam to daily after the May holidays, but resumed twice daily service at the end of June.

Avianca increased to nonstop daily service from Bogota.

Jetair launched twice weekly non-stop service to Paramaribo.

Jetblue expanded to three flights per week non-stop service from New York -

Copa increased its service ceived a fine.

WILLEMSTAD--Curação from Panama City to five non-stop weekly flights.

And with the restart of Caribbean Airlines with vice from Port-of-Spain, all pre-pandemic valued airline partners have resumed service to the island.

Curação Airport Partners (CAP) is pleased with the positive traffic results and anticipates a continued growth through the second half of 2022, but with cautious optimism. "The pandemic impact thus far has been immediate with every variant. However, the war in Ukraine, inflation, cost of living, fuel and oil price increases, airfare increases, flight cancellations, airline and airport shortages of crew and personnel, the euro devaluation, will impact passenger traffic growth."

CAP says it continues to focus on retention, diversification, and growth of airlift in close partnership with the Curação Tourism Board (CTB) and Curação Hospitality & Tourism Association CHATA.

"The anticipated additional room inventory in 2022 by primarily well-known esincluding the recently opened Sandals Royal Curaçao, support the efforts to create additional demand for the destination," concludes CAP.

# issued in

WILLEMSTAD--Curação police issued 124 fines on Friday during two traffic checks on Kaminda Rignald Recordino in Santa Rosa and Snipweg near Biesheuvel.

Between 9:30am and 11:15am officers wrote out 72 summonses. A total 47 motorists had not been wearing their seatbelts and nine were using their mobile phones while driving.

Fines were also handed out for a lack of a valid proof of insurance, vehicle inspection card and/or driver's license.

During the check at Biesheuvel 89 drivers were again pulled over in the late afternoon of whom 52 re-



#### OPENBAAR LICHAAM ST. EUSTATIUS CARIBISCH NEDERLAND

Het Bestuurscollege van het Openbaar Lichaam St. Eustatius, Caribisch Nederland wenst op korte termijn in contact te komen met kandidaten die geïnteresseerd zijn in de volgende functie.

Vac. 12-2022 Directeur Bedrijfsvoering & Klantenservice (Voor een bepaalde tijd)

Voor het cluster Bedrijfsvoering & Klantenservice (B&K) zijn wij op zoek naar een directeur B&K. Unit financiën, Unit Klantenloket en Unit Interne dienstverlening vormen samen de directie.

De directie B&K faciliteert de overheidsorganisatie met de interne bedrijfsprocessen en is met het Klantenloket de overheidsdienstverlener voor de burger en ondernemer. De directie draagt met zijn diensten bij aan betrouwbaar, transparant, doeltreffend en doelmatig openbaar bestuur en een afhandeling van vragen en verzoeken van burgers die tijdig, soepel en op maat is. Hiertoe wordt een uitgebreid netwerk van samenwerkingsrelaties gecreëerd en onderhouden. De directeur Bedrijfsvoering & Klantenservice faciliteert de organisatie bij de verdere ontwikkeling van de werkprocessen, digitalisering en het vraaggericht werken.

Op dit moment heeft de organisatie een aantal cruciale functies die nog niet vervuld zijn. De ambitie en doelen van Sint Eustatius zijn vertaald in een "Roadmap to Statia" waar al de projecten en deadlines in zijn vertaald. Het is van belang om de samenhang en voortgang van deze projecten goed te monitoren en bij te stellen waar nodig. De directeur B&K heeft met de directie een leidende rol om de directeuren te ondersteunen in het rapporteren van de resultaten van deze projecten.

#### Hoofdtaken directeur:

- ddaken directeur:
  Geeft leiding aan de directie;
  Bewaakt de samenhang van de bedrijfsvoerings- en informatievoorzieningsprocessen binnen de organisatie;
  Ziet toe op het ontwikkelen en up-to-date houden van de gehele administratieve organisatie en interne controle binnen de directies;
  Treedt op als voorzitter van complexe projecten; zoals de bouw en inrichting van het nieuwe bestuurskantoor;

  CE-Live de progeographen projecten projec
- Coördineert de managementrapportages en informatievoorziening; Controleert en stimuleert de doelmatigheid van het aan de begroting ten grondslag liggende beleid;
- Houdt toezicht op de administratie van de planning, de administratieve organisatie/interne controle en geeft afwijkingen en aandachtspunten door aan de directeuren en unitmanagers. Rapporteert periodiek aan de Eilandsecretaris en waar nodig aan het bestuurscollege
- rkapporteert periodiek aan de inlandsecretaris en waar nodig aan net bestuursconege Stell het (jaar- en meerjaren) beleids- en beheersplan van de directie op, draagt zorg voor de uitvoering ervan en rapporteert hierover Begeleiden en faciliteren van de uitvoering Bewaken van de naleving van (internationale) verdragen en wet-en regelgeving Evalueren van beleid en wetgeving Treedt op als voorzitter van het unitoverleg binnen de directies

- WO werk- en denkniveau
- Aantoonbare affiniteit en ervaring met een van de werkvelden overheidsfinanciën, Human Resource Management, ICT en/of
- Beheersing van de Engelse en Nederlandse taal in woord en schrift.
- Tenminste vijf jaar managementervaring. Ervaring met coaching- en verandertrajecten strekt tot aanbeveling

Competentes:
Je straalt senioriteit en natuurlijk gezag uit, hierbij gaat het vooral over (persoonlijk) leiderschap. Naast academisch- werk- en
denkniveau en ervaring met het hebben van een eindverantwoordelijke rol in een politiek-bestuurlijke context zijn competenties en
persoonskenmerken een belangrijk uitgangspunt voor de rol van directeur.

Leiderschap: als directeur Bedrijfsvoering & Klantenservice sta je voor de organisatie en haar opgaven en ben je continue in verbinding. Je schakelt soepel in stijl variërend van coachend tot 'de leiding nemend', afhankelijk van wat nodig is. Informeel, open, transparant zijn aspecten die jou kenmerken. Je brengt rust en balans en geeft van nature invulling aan de waarden van de organisatie.

Visie: Je hebt een duidelijke visie op de rol van de organisatie in de samenleving. Je bent iemand die in samenspraak een heldere en stabiele koers uitzet, richting en perspectief geeft en je visie voorleeft. Als persoon heb je het natuurlijk gezag om verschillende geledingen op een

Analytisch vermogen: je bent in staat om hoofd- en bijzaken te onderscheiden, waarbij je feiten en meningen herkent. Je bent in staat een logische structuur aan te brengen in een veelheid van informatie en kan verbanden leggen, hierbij onderscheidt je oorzaak en gevolgd. Besluitvaardig: je doorzeit wat nodig is en handelt daarnaar, waarmee je richting geeft en helderheid schept. Je bent daadkrachtig en als het er echt om gaat -in onzekere of spannende situaties- neem je weloverwogen strategische beslissingen.

Omgevingsbewust: je volgt ontwikkelingen op de voet en hebt een scherpe antenne voor wat er leeft en speelt. Je anticipeert snel op wensen vanuit de omgeving en politiek bestuur die van invloed kunnen zijn

Verbindend vermogen: je hebt een open manier van communiceren, bent toegankelijk, aanspreekbaar, empathisch en hebt de houding van 'we doen het samen'. Je bent zichtbaar op alle niveaus, schakelt makkelijk en je beweegt je soepel in de organisatie.

De functie is gewaardeerd in schaal 13. De inpassing, met een minimaal \$ 4,925.14 tot een maximaal \$ 6,147.15 bruto per maand bij een 39,5-urige werkweek, vindt plaats afhankelijk van ervaring en opleiding. Interne kandidaten hebben bij gelijk geschiktheid voorrang op benoeming. Een assessment kan onderdeel uitmaken van het selectieproces.

#### Aanstellingseisen:

- Een verklaring omtrent her gedrag (VOG);
   Een medische keuring ten behoeve van toelating tot het pensioenfonds;
- · Het Nederlanderschap

- Goed om te weten voor geïnteresseerden buiten Caribisch Nederland:
  Het salaris is in Amerikaanse dollars, de officiële munteenheid in Caribisch Nederland;
  Caribisch Nederland kent een eigen belastingregelgeving. Het inkomen boven de belastingvrije som (\$ 12.575,-- in 2021), wordt belast met een percentage van 30,4% aan loonheffing;
  Deelname aan het pensioenfonds is verplicht, inclusief een eigen bijdrage hieraan;
  Je bent of wordt ingezetene van Caribisch Nederland.

Solliciteren: Wilt u solliciteren op de functie van Directeur Bedrijfsvoering & Klantenservice Openbaar Lichaam St. Eustatius? We zien graag je C.V. en motivatie tegemoet voor 22 Juli 2022. Een referentiecheck maakt onderdeel uit van de sollicitatieprocedure. Voor inhoudelijke vragen over de functie kunt u via email contact opnemen met mevrouw M. Dijkshoorn – Lopes (eilandsecretaris): island.secretary@statiagov.com

U kunt uw brief richten aan het Bestuurscollege van Sint Eustatius

Ta v Mw Francisca Gibbs Unit manager Interne Dienstverlening personnel.affairs@statiagov.com

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## Anguillian golfers priced out of play at Aurora Golf Club

ANGUILLA--Vice President of the Anguilla Golf Association (AGA) Valentine Banks is raising the concern and angst of local golfers being denied the courtesy of reduced local rates for play on the island's sole golf course now owned and under the operational control of the Aurora Anguilla Resort.

From 2006 to 2021 when the course was owned by the Cuisinart Resort, local players were charged between US\$80 to US\$125 at any time of day to play a round of golf. This changed in 2021 when Cuisinart Resort was sold and renamed the Aurora Anguilla Resort and Golf Club.

Banks said that the rates suddenly increased to US\$205 per round after 1:00pm which is cost prohibitive for many local players. Several discussions between the AGA and the resort owner and management have been unsuccessful in achieving a tangible rate reduction structure for local players. Additionally, several e-mails to and a meeting with Premier Ellis Lorenzo Webster requesting assistance with lowering the cost for local players to a more affordable level have also been unsuccessful.

Banks noted that the management of Aurora suggested to Anguillian golfers that they could travel to St. Martin to play golf on one of their courses, but Banks said this is both burdensome, costly and insulting.

Additionally, the periodic competitive tournaments played between Anguilla and St. Martin/Maarten golfers in Anguilla will also cease due to the prohibitive cost increases for golfers from both sides.

In his correspondence to Premier Webster, Banks wrote, "The Anguilla Golf Association has now determined that it will pursue courses of action designed to significantly raise the awareness of the Anguillian public to the suppressive stance of Aurora to locals playing golf on its Anguilla courses. Hopefully these actions will result in a re-think by

## Half of Dutch universities have empty lecture halls after Covid

AMSTERDAM--Almost half of the Dutch universities still have emptier lecture halls than before the coronavirus pandemic, NOS reports after surveying the higher education institutions in the Netherlands.

Even after the Cabinet scrapped all Covid-19 measures, many students are still opting for distance learning out of convenience or necessity.

The universities that indicated that fewer students are attending lectures in person; hope to improve that in the coming academic year. Radboud University stressed the importance of the social aspect of studying. Students learn from and through each other, and in-person education is essential for that, the university said.

Tilburg University hopes that mixed education will encourage students to come to campus. The university will offer online education along with "activating" and "in-depth" on-campus education. Utrecht University will give lecturers the option of giving courses only in person.

Other universities said that most students returned to campus after the coronavirus restrictions disappeared. TU Delft offers a lot of practical training and reports having a high turnout. In some classes, students' physical presence is also compulsory. The VU University Amsterdam said students quickly found their way back to lecture halls once it scaled down online education. Lecturers also put in extra effort to stress the added value of coming to campus.



Finalists for the TDC Senior Kaiso Competition for Culturama 48.

## Culturama 48 Kaiso and Soca finalists announced

NEVIS--Following a weekthe St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Soca Monarch Competition for Culturama 48 have been announced.

Fifteen kaisonians performed one song each for the kaiso semi-finals on Sunday night, July 17, 2022, at the David Freeman Centre of Excellence.

end of keen competition, with Oscar "King Astro" the finalists in the TDC Browne topping the finals Senior Kaiso Fiesta and list with a score of 240 points. Joining him in the National Bank (SKNANB) TDC Senior Kaiso Finals are Keith "Dis N' Dat" Scarborough (239 pts); Andrew "Murray" Hendrickson (230 pts); Bernette "Nutsy" Thompson (229 the judges and patrons at pts); Ted "Sabu" Brandy (227 pts); Nayala "Queen Ny" Daniel (226 pts); and Shomarie "Sookie" Mitchell (226 pts).

## **OAS-Marconi International University scholarships 2022**

ST. KITTS--The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Aviation is pleased to inform the general public that the Marconi International University (MIU) in collaboration with the Organization of American States (OAS), is offering partial scholarships for studies at Bachelor's, and Master's levels in selective fields. Please be informed that the scholarship is being offered for online instruction/learning.

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For more information regarding this scholarship programme and guidance on the application process, interested persons may visit:

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Once applicants have received an acceptance letter, he/ she will automatically be considered for OAS-MIU Schol-

The deadline for the submission of applications is August 15, 2022.

They will be coming up against reigning Monarch Andrew "King Hollywood" Nisbett on July 28.

The SKNANB Soca Monarch Power and Groovy semi-finals were held Saturday, July 16, at Nevis Cultural Village. Making the cut in the Power segment were X-man; Bad Man Polo; Soca Empress; T-Bone featuring Mr. Hype; Klymate; Adowah; Jeezy Sparta; Keedo; and Mulley Media.

Advancing in the Groovy segment were Irveeka; X-man; Blade; T-Bone; K-Warner; Pakiss; and Ad-

Soca Empress will be defending her Groovy Monarch crown, however Power Monarch Eazi will not be competing this year.

The St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla-National Bank Soca Monarch Competition is slated for July 29 at the Cultural Village.

Eric Evelyn, Minister of Culture congratulated all the successful artistes and wished them success in the respective finals. He said artistes and fans alike seem excited for the return of a fully in-person Culturama festival for 2022, having gone without the event in 2020 and having a virtual celebration in 2021.

The festival will run from July 21 to August 2, 2022. under the theme "Fete and Celebrate, Nevis Culturama 48!'

## No restrictions due to monkeypox at this tin

ST. KITTS--The Pan Ameri- fatal. Monkeypox symptoms can Health Organization (PAHO) and the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) in their latest recommendations regarding monkeypox have said that there should be no restrictions on the entry of persons or imported goods from any country at this time.

In a media release from the Ministry of Health of the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis it said, "As of Sunday, July 17, 2022, there are no reported, suspected, probable, or confirmed cases of monkeypox in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. Four other the [Caribbean Community - Ed.] CARICOM member states have been affected by the travel of infected individuals and 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

aches, swollen lymph nodes, exhaustion and a typical rash that looks like pimples or blisters inside mouth, on 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 2-4 weeks. The monkeypox virus can spread from person to person through direct added. contact with infected per-

son, touching contaminated include fever, chills, muscle clothes or linen of infected persons and mother-tochild transmission through pregnancy," the media release stated.

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

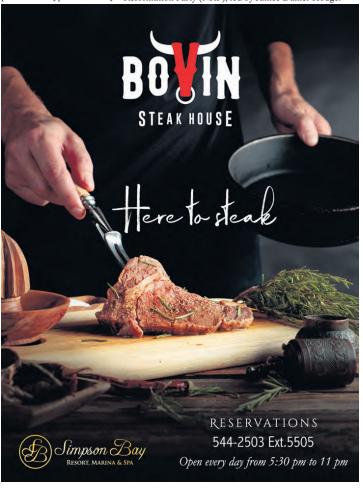
## St. Kitts, Nevis to go to the polls on Friday, August 5

ST. KITTS--General Elections in St. Kitts and Nevis will be held on Friday, August 5, 2022, with Nomination Day being Tuesday, July 26.

The long-anticipated election date was announced by Prime Minister (PM) Timothy Harris at his People's Labour Party Rally on Sunday, July 17, in Tabernacle Village where PM

PM Harris said that he had informed Governor-General Sir S.W. Tapley Seaton last week of the recent developments with respect to the constitutional prerogative of holding general elections 90 days after the dissolution of Parliament.

The elections will be contested by the People's Labour Party (PLP) led by PM Harris, the People's Action Movement (PAM) led by Shawn Richards, the St. Kitts and Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) led by Terrance Drew, the Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM) led by Mark Brantley, and the Nevis Reformation Party (NRP), led by Janice Daniel-Hodge.



## Rutte: No plans yet to stop serving as prime minister



"I do feel I'm halfway there," Rutte said.

Mark Rutte will soon break the record to become the longest-serving prime minister of the Netherlands this summer, he is not vet considering calling it quits. "I do feel I'm halfway there," he joked during his regular weekly press conference.

He said questions about his future as VVD party leader and the leader of the country should only become an issue when elections are about six months away. The next election which will determine the composition of the cabinet

HAGUE--Although the Dutch Parliament will take place in 2025, unless the current cabinet resigns before that time.

> "The decisive factor for me is: Do I have the ideas, the energy?" He emphasised the importance of being ready to get down to business at the start of his weekly meeting with ministers on Friday morning so he can say, "Let's get to work, solve problems!" Rutte said, "As long as I have that. I'd like to continue."

He called the premiership of the Netherlands "the most wonderful job in the world. and the Second chamber of An incredible honour," and

the number of puzzles on my desk now is quite large." He cited the invasion of Ukraine as an example, which in turn has consequences for the economy, purchasing power and energy supply in the Netherlands.

He said he can accept that people in the media occasionally wonder aloud whether he is past his expiration date as the country's leader. "I've learned to live with that question being asked every now and then.

It seems likely that Rutte will match Ruud Lubbers' record as longest-serving prime minister on August 1. He will not be in the Netherlands on that date and said he will not hold a celebration.

In any case, Rutte did not want to attach too much importance to the historical significance of the record. He referred to the record as a "footnote" that only shows someone was successful as a seat-filler.



Most millionaires settled near the city of Haarlem, in Bloemendaal by the sea.

## Netherlands attracts 350 more millionaires this year

AMSTERDAM -- More millionaires are settling in lands is attractive to for- include real estate, for exthe Netherlands than leaving the country. This year, the Netherlands will gain 350 millionaires on balance, NOS reports based on figures from Henley and Partners, a company that offers migration advice to wealthy people.

"Last year, we saw a movement of millionaires towards the Netherlands," a spokesperson for Henley and Partners said to NOS. "A fair number of expat millionaires from the United Kingdom have moved to the Netherlands.'

eign millionaires is unclear. really have an investment ligence Unit. migration programme," the referring to programmes whereby the rich can obamount in the country.

The Netherlands does have a scheme whereby foreign investors can get a residence permit if they invest at least 1.25 million euros in the Netherlands. But the conditions for the scheme are relatively strict.

Exactly why the Nether- The investments cannot ample. And there is a strict "The Netherlands does not test by the Financial Intel-

Henley and Partners is curspokesperson said. She was rently tracking the migration movements of about 150,000 millionaires based tain a "gold" visa or pass- on its customer base and port if they invest a certain real estate and visa application statistics. The company expects Russia, China, and India to lose many millionaires this year, while the United Arab Emirates, Australia, and Singapore will gain thousands.

## Man arrested for shooting four people at Spanish beach club

MARBELLA--Spanish po- NU.nl reports. lice have arrested a 40-yearold Dutch national on suspicion of shooting four people after a fight broke out in the early hours of Monday at a local night spot in the resort town of Marbella.

Various Spanish media had shooter was Dutch, which has since been confirmed by the Dutch foreign ministry,

A 32-year-old woman and a 32-year-old Irishman are in a critical condition in hospital. Two others sustained less severe injuries.

It is not clear what the row at the Opium Beach Club was about but according to already said the suspected witnesses a visitor who was removed from the club by security after a fight with the Dutchman returned with a

knife and attacked him. The Dutchman then drew a gun and started shooting. He was also taken to hospital with knife wounds to his eye, neck and back.

Video footage made by one of the visitors to the club shows a man grabbing a big bottle while others are taking off their shirts as if in preparation for a fight. Shortly after four shots were fired, causing panic on the dance

Dutch social media celebrity Kelly van der Minne, was at the club and said she had spent 10 minutes on the floor "in fear for her life". "A woman next to us was shot in the buttock. This is just simply the worst," she said on social media.

According to Spanish media, the nephew of Spanish king Felipe IV's Froilán de Marichalar and his friends were also at the venue to celebrate his 24th birthday. It is not known if any of his party got hurt

A man who lives opposite

popular among tourists, including many Dutch. It was closed in 2020 because visitors refused to keep to Covid safety measures.

## **Dutch regulator fines crypto** exchange 3.3 million euros

AMSTERDAM--De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB) fined the world's largest crypto exchange Binance, where you can trade in digital currencies like Bitcoin, over 3.3 million euros.

According to the regulator, Binance offered crypto services in the Netherlands without a legally required registration with the DNB. The central bank called it a 'very serious" violation.

When determining the amount of the fine, DNB took into account Binance's position as the largest crypto party in the world, good for a daily trading volume of \$13.7 billion. Binance has a vast number of customers in the Netherlands, according to the regulator. Binance also enjoyed a competi-

tive advantage because the company did not pay levies to DNB or incur other supervision-related costs due to the lack of registration.

In August last year, the central bank already issued a warning about Binance's illegal practices. But the company failed to respond immediately. According to DNB, the crypto exchange did not comply with the rules for a long time - from May 2020, when the DNB implemented the registration obligation, until at least early December when the regulator completed its investigation.

DNB lowered the fine by 5 percent partly because Binance has now submitted a registration application. The regulator also said that Binance was relatively

transparent about its operations business throughout the process. Binance still does not have the required registration because DNB is still assessing the application.

Binance has long had a reputation for doing everything it could to avoid supervision. The company is officially located in the Cayman Islands. It has an office in Singapore but no official headquarters. Founder Changpeng Zhao previously said this was because the company operates in a decentralized manner, just like the cryptocurrencies it trades. Several regulators around the world have already told Binance that its methods are unacceptable.

## Police ask tourists to keep an eye out for wanted criminals

SCHIPHOL--The photos of eight criminals on the run have been put up at three Dutch airports so tourists can keep an eye out at their holiday destinations.

The men, who have all been sentenced to four years or more in jail for crimes ranging from armed robbery to murder, are thought to be abroad.

By asking travellers to be on the lookout for them, police and the prosecution office hope to track down their where-

It is sometimes complicated to go after criminals who have fled abroad, police said. Some countries have different statutes of limitations, or have no extradition treaty with the

"No one can hide forever, and we won't stop looking," said police officer Andy Kraag, from the national crime squad's FASTNL unit. "We will continue to go after them using new methods. We will do everything that is necessary, so they had better hand themselves in to finish their sentences."

FASTNL is tasked with finding wanted criminals who have at least 300 days left of their sentence or owe more than 10,000 euros in fines. The photos of the criminals have been put up at Schiphol, Eindhoven and Rotterdam airports where they will stay until July 31.

the club said police had been called out "frequently" in the last few months for other incidents. The Opium Beach Club is

## CANTO Caribbean opens LIVE Conference, Trade Exhibition

first live event in two years, the Opening Ceremony of the CANTO 37th Annual Conference and Trade Exhibition 2022, more than 300 guests arrived at the Fontainebleau Miami Beach.

The conference's theme, "Enabling the Digital Evolution," was reiterated by Secretary General Teresa Wankin in her opening remarks. She also reaffirmed CANTO's commitment to meet the needs of the Caa primary focus on digital

and improvements that will result in digital transformation. She highlighted the incredible opportunity for knowledge sharing to strengthen Information and Communications Technology (ICT) that this conference presents with all the appropriate people and businesses in attendance.

Following her heartfelt remarks, Chairman of CAN-TO Caribbean David Cox graced the stage with his presence. He thanked all ribbean Community with stakeholders and attendees for their support dur-

of turbulence and said that it demonstrated the resilience of Caribbean people. In addition, Cox expressed his sincere gratitude and honour at having Guyana's prime minister deliver the kevnote address at this auspicious event. Noting that Guyana is a significant member of the CANTO Caribbean family, he expressed his eagerness to learn more about Guyana, especially at this moment when the nation is undergoing incredible change.

Cox continues to hold



## Strengthening capacities at national, local levels for safeguarding of ICH

ROSEAU, Dominica--The Dominica National Commission for UNESCO through the government of Dominica officially launched the project "Strengthening capacities at the national and local levels for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage in Dominica", at the Division of Culture, Old Mill Cultural Centre, on Friday, July 15. The project is supported by the State of Kuwait through the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund (ICH) project to the tune of US \$65,000 and was officially launched by Dr. Anna Paolini, UNESCO Representative in Dominica and Director to the UNESCO Office in Jamaica, according to a UNESCO press release. The release states, "Intangi-

ble heritage refers to the traditions or living expressions inherited from our ancestors and passed on to our descendants, such as oral traditions, performing arts, social practices, rituals, festive events, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe, or the knowledge and skills to produce traditional crafts. In Dominica, map on how to implement

folk performing arts, including the traditional dances like Bele Quadrille Flirtation, Heel and Toe, Mazook, our musical instruments like the bamboo flute and tanbou (drum), jing-ping music, string band, Kweyol song, creative dance short story writing and performing art, poetry, festivals and the making of our traditional dress. Safeguarding these practices is imperative to protecting Dominica's heritage and cultural identity."

With a planned 18-month schedule for implementation, the project will be executed by Dominica's National Commission for UNESCO in collaboration with the Division of Culture, through the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Community Development, with the technical support of UNESCO.

The project aims at strengthening the capacities of government officials, civil society, individual practitioners and knowledge bearers to document, safeguard and promote Dominica's living or intangible heritage, thereby developing a roadthis is manifested through the 2003 Convention for the

Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Dominica, which was ratified in 2005. Key activities will include a country needs assessment, inventorying, targeted policy advice and the review of national policies, programming and public awareness activities targeting the media, public and youth populations.

The project applies a gender-responsive and inclusive multi-stakeholder approach, including collaboration with the indigenous communities in Dominica, the release

"A special emphasis of the project lies in strengthening the participation of indigenous communities and applying an inclusive approach, taking the voices of all stakeholders and local communities, including youth, women, heritage community leaders, tradition bearers and practitioners into account. Their participation is pivotal to generating awareness and fostering self-appropriation and ownership," highlighted Anna Paolini, UNESCO Representative in Dominica and Director of the UNES-CO Office in Jamaica.

greatest value is that it is a unique market for ideas," as he has stated in previous contexts. The goal of CANTO is to provide a forum where ideas can debate one another, not to tell people what to think. Our mission is to inform, enlighten, challenge, listen, and ultimately to encourage the growth of our people." The chairman, the board of directors, and the staff at CANTO sincerely hope that these conference facilities will fulfil that goal.

After that, the keynote address was given by Brigadier (ret'd) Mark Anthony Phillips, M.S.S, Prime Minister of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana. He began by highlighting the significance of CANTO and its mission to provide solutions and initiatives that will allow for the realisation of this year's theme and to facilitate shaping the ICT industry in the Caribbean Region and the Americas.

Mentioning the widespread use of ICTs for service and product delivery in the post-pandemic era. They will enable us to socialise, plan and collaborate in the workplace, as well as carry out many of the other tasks that we were accustomed to doing in person. Nevertheless, the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic has firmly established the value and influence of ICTs in our lives.

In addition, he pointed out that the Internet has drawbacks. As the national CO-VID-19 Task Force's chairmisinformation can do to the public good as they dealt with vaccine hesitancy and other types of scepticism about science-based public health measures. In response, made a request to the conference's telecommunications operators, content providers, and regulators to look into policies that support and guarantee responsible Internet usage while still maintaining the universally accepted principles of freedom of speech and freedom of expression as their basis.

Brigadier (ret'd) Phillips

addressed the issue of the digital divide, pointing out the harsh reality that less than 50 per cent of Caribbean residents have access to the Internet, and that, during the worst of the pandemic, those without Internet access were essentially unable to access financial, governmental, and other essential services. For some people, a lack of meaningful social interaction made mental health problems worse. And the outcome was a nearly complete, if not total, loss of incomes and means of subsistence for many of those for whom participating in economically enabled by technology was not feasible.

The answer, according to Prime Minister Brigadier (ret'd) Mark Anthony Phillips, is for governments to commit to creating the required infrastructure to make it possible for everyone to use ICTs. His networking, to this sentiment and has close the digital divide.

munications industry on October 5, 2020, ending a 30-year monopoly on fixed landline and international long-distance services. For residential customers, the value added tax on Internet data has been eliminated. This action has increased consumer disposable income and decreased the service's effective cost, both of which should lead to an increase in demand for the operator's services. He also stated, "We have made more spectrum available to the industry, especially in the critical 700MHz band, to increase coverage and enable the deployment of LTE and later generation networks."

The introduction of robotic applications, the use of drones in agriculture, apps for reporting public incidents, tax collection, e-health, e-banking, and other new technologies are now all a part of digital evolution, he said. He also noted that our service providers are moving from 4G to 5G services and that artificial intelligence (AI) engines drive many backoffice operations.

With a closing ceremony on July 20, 2022, the CAN-TO 37th annual Conference and Trade Exhibition continues at the Fontainebleau Miami Beach, Canto members, government ministers, and speakers from across the region from all facets of ICT are present to support the extensive government is committed and idea-sharing needed to

## Member States to remain vigilant to protect health of all within their borders

dad--The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CAR-PHA) stated on Monday that Member States should continue to remain on high alert for the importation of viral or other infections and monitor in country syndromic surveillance systems for increases in fever and rash illnesses.

"At CARPHA we coordinate public health policy and work closely with our Member States and other public health partners to respond to public health issues. As part of our regional public health management, we provide assistance Member States are in vari- borders.

for investigation and epidepersonnel are prepared to respond in country to assist in the investigation and control of outbreak, should the need arise," stated Executive Director at the Caribbean Public Health Agency Dr. Joy St. John.

Dr. St. John further stated We know that diseases do not recognise borders, and international travel makes us aware that no borders are secure from the threat of diseases, especially infectious ones. At this time,

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trini- to Member States through ous stages of easing of rethe development of tools strictions for [coronavirus - Ed.] COVID-19 which miological monitoring, and severely impacted the region.'

CARPHA is monitoring the spread of the monkeypox virus - looking at prevention and control. We have also commenced testing for the monkeypox virus. At this time, CAR-PHA does not recommend restrictions on entry of persons from any country. Working alongside our Member States, we will support activities and educate the public to protect the health of all within their



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#### Ministerie van Algemene Zaken

De Afdeling Burgerzaken is een moderne ingerichte afdeling waarin goed opgeleide en gemotiveerde medewerkers met ondersteuning van automatisering en hoogwaardige gegevens de dienstverlening uitvoeren om op een klantvriendelijke, effectieve en efficiënte wijze, om hiermee de interne en externe klanten optimaal te bedienen. De afdeling is op zoek naar een enthousiaste, dynamisch, ervarend en opgeleide kandidaat voor het vullen van de functie:

#### **Hoofdmedewerker Back Office**

#### Specifiek doel van de functie

Het volledig en juist vertalen van wet- en regelgeving en jurisprudentie Burgerzaken naar de verstrekking van producten en diensten aan de klant, rekening houdend met de binnen de afdeling gestelde normen. Eventuele omissie kien leiden tot klantschade en financieel, juridisch en politiek consequenties.

#### Specifieke resultaat gebieden

- De functionaris is verantwoordelijk voor de inhoudelijke analyses en adviezen m.b.t. wet-en regelgeving Burgerzaken;

  Op basis van kennis en ervaring met wet- en regelgeving, almede beleid en jurisprudentie, het zelfstandig afhandelen van complex vraagstukken;

  Signaleren en rapporteren van knelpunten in het beleid, regelgeving en de uitvoering daarvan en het doen van voorstellen ter aanpassing en verbetering;

  Is verantwoordelijk voor het inhoudelijk instrueren, opleiden en begeleiden van medewerkers;
  Participeren in-initiëren van projecten ter verbetering van de inhoudelijke kwaliteit;

  Op basis van wet- en regelgeving analyseren en beoordelen waar de veranderingen in de klantengegevens geregistreerd moeten worden en deze muteren in corrigeren;

  Verzoeken tot schriftelijke verstrekking van gegevens uit de basisadministratie beoordelen, overeenkomstig wet- en regelgeving;

  Ondersteunen van het managementteam van Burgerzaken;

  Alle andere werkzaamheden die nodig zijn om de doelstelling van de afdeling te realiseren;

  Is verantwoordelijk aan de Sectie Hoofd Back Office.

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  HBO Diploma;
  HBO werk- en denkniveau;
  Ruime ervaring op het terrein van Burgerzaken en bij voorkeur ook met wet- en regelgeving BW,
  Jurisprudentie, GBA, verordening basisadministratie en rijkswet op het Nederlanderschap;
  Ervaring in het succesvol begeleiden van medewerkers;
  Zelfstandigheid in het oplossen van problemen.

- Klant en kwaliteit en resultaatgerichtheid met aandacht op de oplossing van complex zaken;

- Samenwerken met collega's en klanten;
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  Omgeving bewustzijn voor het uitvoeren van het functie en de organisatie.

Voor nadere informatie kan contact opgenomen worden met mevrouw Kathy Snijders, Diensthoofd Burgerzaken via email <u>Kathy Snijders@sintmaartengov.org</u> of met mevrouw Denise Williams-Warner, Sectie Hoofd Back Office via email <u>Denise (Williams-Warner@sintmaartengov.org</u>).

Salaris Het salaris is afhankelijk van uw opleiding en ervaring en bedraagt minimaal NAF. 3.751,00 en maximaal NAF. 7.627,00. De salarisschaal behorende bij deze functie is schaal 10.

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U kunt uw sollicitatiebrief en curriculum vitae digitaal sturen naar de bovengenoemde mailadressen tot en met 20 juli 2022.



#### Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth & Sport

#### Vacancies announcement school year 2022 -2023

Division Public Education (DPE) unlike any other Division or Department of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports is a "couple or dual role entity". While it operates as a full Division within the Ministry, DPE Head is also tasked with the responsibility of the management and supervision of the overall operations of the Central Office and that of the Public Schools.

The Division Of Public Education (DPE) is in need of Educators/Teachers for the school year 2022-2023 for Elementary, Special and Vocational Education

- Special Education Teacher(s)
   Cycle Coordinator (Special Education)
   Music Teacher

#### Secondary Vocational Education

- ary Vocational Education
  Automotive Teacher
  English Language Teacher
  Student Counselor (Concentration on Behavior Modification)

Deadline for applicants to submit their applications is Monday, July 25th, 2022 via below link

All Diploma/Degree's outside of the Dutch Kingdom are subject to be evaluated by Examination Bureau. Forms are available on the webisite <a href="www.sintmaartengov.org">www.sintmaartengov.org</a>

The government's Policy is geared towards the employment of Antilleans. Qualified Antilleans are, therefore, urged

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC LICENSES**

The Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic, and Telecommunication received a request from Sky Vogue Beach Restaurant & Rooftop Lounge B.V. d.b.a Sky Vogue Beach Restaurant & Rooftop Lounge to operate a Restaurant A & Coffeehouse at Front Street #119, Philipsburg, Great Bay, Sint Maarten.

- Permission is requested to make music and allow dancing until 2:00 am on occasion.
- Permission is requested for background music until 2:00 am.
- Permission is requested for later closing at 2:00 am.

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

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 <u>economiclicenses@sintmaartengov.org</u>.

Sint Maarten,

Department of Economic Licenses (DEL)

#### Ministry of Public Health, Social Development and Labor

If you are a medical doctor or a pharmacist and are looking for a challenge, the Ministry of Public Health, Social Development and Labor is looking for an enthusiastic, dynamic, experienced and qualified professional to fill the following function.

#### **Head of the Inspectorate**

As Head of the Inspectorate, you will be responsible for the management of the supervisory service in the diverse and multifaceted field of Public Health, Social Development and Labor. You will be in charge of independently supervising, enforcing, and reporting on compliance with laws, regulations, and the operation of quality systems. You will be in charge of coordinating investigations,

spotting risks or violations, and intervening in a preventive and/or corrective manner.

You will direct the overall development of the field of supervision and enforcement to provide quality assurance, as well as provide advice on policy and execution of field-specific measures. You will need a broad or specialized knowledge of the policies and legislation in the area of Public Health, Social Development and Labor as well as knowledge of administrative and organizational structures within the government and that of the functioning of the business community.

You will be responsible for submitting petitions and initiating (complex) proceedings before the court, chair or participate in large and complex implementation projects and participate in ministerial / departmental consultation and advise on overarching issues based on the area of expertise.

#### Skills should include

- Management experience Advising experience

- Guiding of projects and working groups
  Result-oriented negotiation
  The ability to convey and defend Governmental positions, including in an (inter)national context

#### Requirements for our preferred candidate

- Master's Degree in the field of pharmaceuticals and/or medicine; Previous experience of working within a similar field; Experience with working in a high pressure environment; Committed, driven and tenacious; Client oriented and organization focused; Albita to explic formilization according to the control of the co

- Ability to easily familiarize oneself with new legislation;
- Fluent in the Dutch and English language, both oral and written, with a strong emphasis on writing skills in both languages.

Salary range: minimum NAF. 6.934,00 to maximum NAF. 12.629,00

The salary is based on your relevant work experience and overall qualifications.

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than August 8, 2022 to: ht candidate for this position, please submit your application letter and resume no later

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## increase' in

HAMILTON, Bermuda--A growing trend of young people carrying knives for protection has contributed to a surge in violence, according to a senior police officer. Assistant Commissioner of Police Antoine Daniels said he had been told that bringing weapons to school had become "normal", and that a rising number of young women, as well as men, had begun to carry blades.

"People take knives to school for protection," Daniels said. "This is the scale of the problem that we have in Bermuda. We have met with the senior high schools and provided some advice about how we can mitigate risks among kids. We need to mitigate the risk because some students are going to school, and they are too scared to use the bathroom because they are afraid they are going to get jumped or stabbed by some opposing groups. If kids can tell me, the Assistant Commissioner, that this is normal, it tells you a lot of the state of Bermuda today."

Police in February highlighted "an uptick in violent incidents involving the use of bladed articles", and Daniels spoke out in March after a spate of attacks, help, and often lead to pre-



Assistant Commissioner Antoine Daniels.

including one at a foot- emptive attacks on potenball match in the National Sports Centre.

He told The Royal Gazette last week that about a dozen serious wounding's involving bladed articles have been reported so far this year, which he described as 'alarming".

"What's also concerning is many of the victims have no interest in helping police – they are stuck on this thing of revenge or avenging," he said. "The problem continues to spiral because they are going to carry a knife. Every household has knives. Every restaurant. It is easy to purchase a knife from a store."

He said that those who carried knives "for protection" created a greater risk of harm to themselves and bystanders who attempt to

tial threats.

Daniels said: "They think that they may not live to 25, and before someone puts me down, I am going to take them too."

He said the rise in knife violence could not be solely linked to gang activity as statistics have shown a rise in the amount of domestic violence - including incidents that involve knives - across the world in the wake of coronavirus CO-VID-19.

"Everyone looks at knife violence as if it is young people out on a Friday or a Saturday, an incident arises and they stab each other," he said. "Yes, that happens. However, some incidents are in different categories. Not all the incidents are gang related."

He added that the Bermu-

a sharp surge in antisocial past two years.

"In 2020, 768 incidents of reported," he said. "That is just police attendance. In 2021, it was 722. I looked back over a ten-year period and in that period it was nowhere near that. The highest we got in the two or three preceding years was in the 300's. That is the vast difference since the pandemic, the number of antisocial incidents. In 2012 it was 550, and that was when we were dealing with a big issue with gangs and guns. To see that in the last couple of years I thought I was seeing things."

He added that between those who have been killed, those who have been jailed for such offences and those Bermuda has lost a great many young black men over the past decade, which highlighted the need for a wider community strategy.

"It has become a public health issue, almost," Daniels said. "Before this becomes a pandemic, we need to act. Government is attempting to create a plan around violence, which is positive, but for me it is the impact across families that is profound. There is so much carnage across the board beyond the victims."

It is illegal under Section 315 of the Criminal Code to possess a knife in public including a pocketknife if the blade exceeds three inches - without lawful reason such as work. Summary conviction can come with a prison term of no less than three years, with five years for conviction on indictment. Possession on school premises draws a higher penalty.

Police powers under the code include officers being authorised to stop and search "any person or vehicle" suspected of carrying a weapon. The law was ramped up with the Criminal Code Amendment Act (No 2) Act 2005, which put in place strict mandatory sentences. The move initially curbed knife violence, with two arrests on offensive weapons charges in the second half of 2005 compared with 17 before the penalties came into effect.

Daniels said that mandatory minimum sentences for knife possession were

da Police Service had seen challenged in the courts. but statistics showed the behaviour overall in the success of stop and search strategies.

"The figures show when antisocial behaviour were the stop and searches were high, the violence was low." he said. "When the stop and searches decreased, the violence increased. There was definitely a correlation. That was one of the reasons we really stress to our guys and girls on the front lines that when done lawfully, it can be a powerful tool.'

that law enforcement was only one piece of the puzzle and wider community it is going to sink." ~ The change was needed to make Royal Gazette ~ a lasting difference.

of mindset, these things will get you some results, but you cannot solve this with handcuffs," he said.

He said police have been working with other agencies to support young people who are at risk, but more co-operation is needed.

"The police cannot do it all. No organisation or department can do it all," he said. "We can share skills. we can share information. All of these things need to However, Daniels added be put in place sooner rather than later. If you go out in a boat with a hole in it,

## Canadian officials to collect biometric information from visa applicants

who have left the island, ST. JOHN'S, Antigua--Canadian officials will be on island for four days, starting today, Tuesday, July 19, until July 22, to carry out biometric processing for persons wishing to obtain Canadian visas.

As part of the visa-application process, Antigua and Barbuda nationals must provide biometric information - including fingerprints and a photo - when applying for a visitor's visa, study, work, temporary-residence permit, or for permanent

Persons planning on travelling to Canada for study, business, tourism, family reunions or any other reason should have completed their online visa application already in order to take advantage of this week's opportunity.

The biometrics collection will take place from 8:30am to 5:30pm on all four days at the Siboney Beach Club.

All applicants are required to bring along their biometrics instruction letter to their appointment. Officials say they will not be collecting applications or biometric information from applicants who have not received this letter.

Meanwhile, the appointment process had to be closed early, since the biometric processing for visa applications in this country reached its maximum limit of scheduled appointments. ~ Antigua News Room ~

## **'90** per cent of airport workers on NP did not report to work'

-Labour Director Robert should have reported for Farquharson said 90 per cent of the airport staff in New Providence (NP) and more than 100 airport employees throughout the to work on the Family Is-Family Islands failed to report to work on Monday morning.

As travellers face long Labour Minister workers to return to work and referred to the action as an illegal strike.

We estimate about 90 per cent of the employees in New Providence who should have reported to work did not report to work for the first shift [on Monday morning - Ed.]," Farquharson told *The Nassau* those who have to travel, Guardian.

"We know there are a little over 200 employees who extra hour or so to get past were assigned in New Prov- the TSA certified agents. idence and the information

NASSAU. The Bahamas- is 90 per cent of them who Authority to conclude an duty this morning did not report for duty. We also know that over 107 of those who should have reported land did not report to for Family Island duties."

Farquharson said the workers involved in the industrial action include Keith Bell asked airport firefighters, airport screeners, along with others associated with the Airport Authority

He added that while the airports were operating and a contingency plan was in place, there were long lines at Lynden Pindling International Airport.

"We want to encourage particularly on the international side, to put in an

The failure of the Airport

industrial agreement with the Airport Airline and Allied Workers Union's (AAAWU), along with other outstanding issues, has led to the action. Farquharson confirmed that the matter has been referred to the Industrial Tribunal.

"Once the matter has been referred to the tribunal the law makes provisions that any action subsequent to that is deemed an illegal action," he said.

"...Despite that however, the government, through the Ministry of Labour and Immigration and the Department of Labour, has indicated that we will immediately intervene with a view to having this matter resolved in an amicable fashion." ~ The Nassau Guardian ~

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# James Arthur and his family, including daughter, Madison Willoughby react after leaving a shooting at Greenwood Park Mall in Greenwood, Indiana, U.S. July 17, 2022. (Kelly Wilkinson/

## Bystander credited with preventing more deaths in Indiana shooting

GREENWOOD, Indianathree people in a shopping mall near Indianapolis would likely have taken many more lives if not for the "heroic" actions of an armed bystander who shot the suspect dead and stopped the attack, police said on Monday.

Elisjsha Dicken, 22, who was lawfully carrying a concealed pistol at the time, "engaged" the suspect on Sunday almost as soon he opened fire with a rifle in a food court at the Greenwood Park Mall in Greenwood, Indiana, authorities said. Police said they did not know the

Dicken immediately be--The gunman who killed came a cause celebre for gun rights advocates, who argue -- despite government statistics to the contrary -- that armed civilians are the best defense against the kinds of random mass shootings that killed more than 100 people in the United States last year.

Greenwood Police Chief Jim Ison credited Dicken. who was at the shopping mall with his girlfriend on Sunday night, as a hero whose bravery and competence prevented further bloodshed. Dicken now needed "space and time to process what he's gone through," the chief said in an appeal for restraint by

## Millions of dollars in jewelry stolen from armored truc

LOS ANGELES--Millions they're just gone," said one of dollars in jewelry and gems belonging to exhibitors at a California retail show were stolen from an armored truck traveling north of Los Angeles last week, authorities said on Monday.

The robbery took place in the early hours of July 11 in the city of Frazier Park as the Brink's Co truck was heading toward a storage facility, said Brandy Swanson, director of the International Gem & Jewelry Show, which hosts retail exhibits in venues around the country.

Authorities initially reported the heist occurred in the Mojave Desert city of Lancaster in northern Los Angeles County, but FBI officials later confirmed the location as the community of Frazier Park about 50 miles (80 km) to the west in Kern County.

"It's all fine jewelry ... and

victimized vendor who spoke to Los Angeles-based television station KCAL9, a CBS affiliate, on condition of anonymity. "Sunday you had merchandise, today you don't have anything.'

He said much of the stolen goods consisted of one-ofa-kind pieces he showed in video clips, like a sparkling bracelet made with 100 carats of natural, multicolored saffires set in 18-carat yellow gold.

The robbery involved about 25 to 30 lockers of jewelry and gems belonging to 18 individual exhibitors at a show in San Mateo, south of San Francisco, Swanson said. The merchandise was going into storage ahead of another show scheduled in Pasadena. No other details of the rob-

bery were provided.

Although he lacked any law enforcement or military training, Dicken exhibited "proficient" and "tactically sound" moves in firing at "the gunman with a handgun from quite a distance," Ison told reporters. "As he engaged and closed in on the suspect," Dicken motioned for others in the vicinity to exit behind him, the chief said, adding that Dicken afterward turned himself over to mall security personnel and cooperated with police.

The shooting lasted just two minutes from the time the suspect opened fire until he was killed. Beforehand, the gunman had spent more than an hour in a mall restroom, apparently preparing for the attack and putting together the murder weapon he carried disassembled in a bag, the chief said.

Dicken was initially handcuffed and his gun was confiscated before he was taken for questioning to the police department, where his account was verified by video footage, according to Ison. "Many more people would've died last night if not for a responsible armed citizen that took action very quickly within the first two minutes of the shooting," Ison said.

The gunman was identified as Jonathan Douglas Sapirman, 20, a local resident who had lived alone, quit his warehouse job in May and had recently been evicted, the chief said. Ison said Sapirman lacked any previous criminal history, except for a juvenile record including a fight at school and a runaway incident. He did not drive and was believed to have walked to the mall on Sunday, the chief said.

## Rash of shark attacks prompt New York governor to ramp up beach surveillance

governor on Monday ordered state agencies to step up surveillance off Long Island beaches following a string of five shark attacks in the last two weeks.

The sudden rash of summer shark attacks, which have left Long Island beachgoers on edge, began on June 30 at Jones Beach and included two on Wednesday. None of the bites have proven fatal.

"We are taking action to expand patrols for sharks and protect beachgoers from potentially dangerous situations," New York Governor Kathy Hochul said in a written statement.

The governor's order calls for using overtime pay to boost lifeguard staffing at Jones Beach. beaches by 25 percent, deploying patrol boats, drones and helicopters and distributing materials to warn beachgoers of the threat.

The shark encounters off Long Island, which saw only one last summer, may be down to a sharp increase in the number of so-called bait fish, Menhaden or bunker, in the shallow waters near shore, said Gavin Navlor of the International Shark Attack File. Navlor said most of the attacks appear to have been carried out by juvenile sand tiger sharks, which have been nursing in large numbers off Jones Beach, A swimmer was bitten on his right foot on June 30 near

"Juveniles tend to be less discerning (when targeting prey) and less experienced. The larger ones tend to be further from shore." Navlor said. "But the proximal reason is sharks are looking for food and they target Manha-

A Smith Point lifeguard was bitten on the hand while training on July 3. Four days later a lifeguard was attacked near Ocean Beach, suffering minor injuries to his ankle.

The latest two attacks took place on Wednesday, when a surfer suffered a shark bite to the leg at Smith Point Beach and a swimmer from Arizona was attacked off Seaview Beach.



Assistant Public Defender David Wheeler and Assistant Public Defender Tamara Curtis during the penalty phase of his trial at the Broward County Courthouse in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, U.S. on Monday.

## Prosecutor calls for school shooter to get death penalty

-A prosecutor on Monday told jurors they should sentence to death the gunman who killed 17 people and wounded another a Florida high school in 2018.

Nikolas Cruz, 23, pleaded guilty in October to the premeditated murder staff members at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, about 30 miles (48 km) north of Fort Lauderdale.

Prosecutor Michael Satz told Broward County jutrial that Cruz committed Cruz sat with his head in

"goal-directed planned, his hands, at times resting systematic murder -- mass murder -- of 14 students, an athletic director, a teacher and a coach."

Satz called witnesses, 17 in a mass shooting at including students who were at school that day -studying Shakespeare, the Holocaust -- and played cellphone videos in which terrified students cried for of 14 students and three help or spoke in hushed whispers as they hid.

Around three dozen family members of the chance to help others. Satz victims were present in court, some of whom cried as they watched the proceedings. Dressed in rors on the first day of a gray-and-black sweater the penalty phase of the and wearing a black mask,

his head on the defense table, as videos played.

Cruz, who was a 19-yearold expelled student at the time of the massacre, will be sentenced to life in prison without parole if any of the 12 jurors objects to the death penalty. Their decision could take several months.

Cruz in his guilty plea said he was "very sorry" and asked to be given a said aggravating factors in the case, including premeditation, outweighed arguments for leniency. including Cruz's history of mental health problems.

## Zelenskiy sidelines close allies in Kyiv's biggest purge of

myr Zelenskiy sidelined his childhood friend as head of Ukraine's security service and another close ally as top prosecutor in Kyiv's biggest internal purge of the war, citing their failure to root out Russian spies.

The careers of SBU security service chief Ivan Bakanov and Prosecutor General Iryna Venediktova had personified Zelenskiy's policy of putting young loyalists in charge of fighting corruption since the former TV comic came to power in 2019.

But nearly five months after Russia's invasion, the president acknowledged that his two allies had failed to root out traitors and collaborators in their organisations. The deputy head of Zelenskiy's administration said on Monday they had been suspended pending further investigation.

More than 60 officials from Bakanov's SBU security agency and the prosecutor's office were working against Ukraine in Russian-occupied territory, and 651 treason and collaboration cases had been opened against law enforcement officials, Zelenskiy said in a video address

"Such an array of crimes against the foundations of the national security of the state ... poses very serious questions to the relevant son leaders." Zelenskiy said. He appointed Vasyl Maliuk, first deputy head of the SBU since March 2020, as acting chief on Monday.



by accusations that he had

named friends and other

outsiders to jobs in which

they were out of their depth.

Bakanov, a friend since

their childhood in southern

Ukraine, had helped run

Zelenskiy's media business

during his television career.

He then led the campaign

that saw Zelenskiy shift from

playing the president on a

sitcom to being elected in a

Venediktova, a jurist who

attended a meeting just last

week in The Hague discuss-

ing the international effort

to prosecute Russian war

crimes in Ukraine, had ad-

vised Zelenskiy on judicial

landslide in real life.

kiy said in a late Monday video address that a "personnel audit" of the SBU was under way and the dismissals of 28

sia's attack on Ukraine continues, in Donbas Region, Ukraine.

officials for "unsatisfactory work results" was under consideration. Despite Zelenskiv's com-

ments on Russian infiltration of the service, the U.S. State Department on Monday said that Washington would continue sharing intelligence with Kyiv. U.S. officials have said Ukraine's military has used the information to respond to Moscow's invasion.

White House spokesper-Karine Jean-Pierre said the United States still would help Ukraine "defend against Russian aggression," document war crimes and pursue anti-corruption re-

reform since he entered Zelenskiy, widely feted on politics. the world stage as a decisive war-time leader, had been dogged before the invasion

#### 3.000 Cruise Missiles

After failing to capture Kyiv early in the invasion, Russian forces used a campaign of devastating bombing to cement and extend their control of the south and east.

In recent weeks the Russians have stepped up longdistance strikes on targets far from the front, killing large numbers of civilians in what Ukraine calls terrorism. Moscow says it is firing at military targets. Zelenskiy said Russia had used more than 3,000 cruise missiles so

Drone footage showed destroyed apartment blocks in Saltivka, the biggest residential neighbourhood of the about 300,000 people before the invasion. Parts of buildrubble or concrete shells where window fittings have been blown out.

local residents on Sunday attended the funeral of 4-year-old Liza Dmytrieva, one of 24 people killed in a Russian missile strike in the city of Vinnytsia, far from the frontlines, last week. The the biggest swath of territory death of the girl, who had Down's Syndrome and was filmed cheerfully pushing a pram the morning she was ed across Ukraine.

turning point, with Moscow having exhausted its offensive capabilities to seize a few small cities in the east, while Ukraine has now weapons that can strike behind Russian lines. European Union foreign ministers on Monday agreed to provide Ukraine with another 500 million euros (\$504 million) of EU funds for arms. raising the bloc's support to 2.5 billion euros since Moscow invaded on Feb. 24

Kviv cites a string of successful strikes carried out on 30 Russian logistics and ammunition hubs, which it says are crippling Russia's artillery-dominated forces that need to transport thousands of shells to the front each day.

Ukraine's military "has been able to inflict signifi- that broke free of Moscow's cant logistical losses on the

which had been home to in his late Monday video address. "It is getting harder for the Russian army to hold ings have been reduced to its positions in occupied territory."

Russia said on Monday Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu Dozens of relatives and had ordered the military to concentrate on destroying Ukraine's Western-supplied rockets and artillery.

In the south, Ukraine is preparing a counterattack in coming weeks to recapture taken since the February invasion. Ukraine reported destroying Russian missile systems, communications, killed next to it, has resonat- radar, ammunition depots and armoured vehicles in Kyiv hopes the war is at a strikes in the southern Kherson region.

In the east, Ukrainian forces withdrew at the start of July from Luhansk, one of two provinces Russia claims fielded long-range Western on behalf of its separatist proxies. Kyiv says Moscow is planning another assault to capture the last Ukrainianheld pocket of neighbouring Donetsk province. Ukrainian emergency services said six civilians were killed on Monday when shells hit a two-storey building in Toretsk, a Ukrainian-held Donetsk town close to the frontline

> Russian President Vladimir Putin launched his invasion on Feb. 24 calling it a "special military operation" to demilitarise its neighbour and root out nationalists. Kyiv and the West call it an attempt reconquer a country rule in 1991.



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- To have a complete knowledge of the products and services offered by the organization.
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- 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
- 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.

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

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- Knowledge of emergency procedures, First Aid and CPR
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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.

## Increasingly bitter race to replace **UK PM Johnson narrows to four**

finance minister Rishi Sunak held onto his lead in the race to become Britain's next prime minister on Monday as another hopeful was knocked out, leaving four candidates in an increasingly bitter contest to replace Boris Johnson.

Sunak got 115 votes in the third ballot of Conservative lawmakers on Monday, ahead of former defence minister Penny Mordaunt on 82 and Foreign Secretary Liz Truss

Since Johnson said he would resign earlier this month after his scandal-ridden administration lost the support of many in his ruling Conservative Party, the race to replace with several contenders turning their fire on the frontrunner Sunak. He has faced criticism on everything from his record in government to the wealth of his wife by those vying to make it to a run-off between the final two candidates, with foreign secretary Truss and Mordaunt, currently a junior trade minister, his most likely opponents.

The chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee Tom Tugendhat, a former soldier and Johnson critic who has never had a role in government, was

eliminated from the leadership contest on Monday, after their party colleagues. "The securing the fewest votes with 31. Former equalities minister Kemi Badenoch came fourth in the ballot with 58 votes

The governing Conservative Party's 358 lawmakers will whittle the field down to the final two this week, eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes each time. The results of the next ballot are due at 1400 GMT on Tuesday. A new prime minister will then be announced on Sept. 5, after the Conservative Party's 200,000 members cast postal ballots over the summer.

The race has become fohim has taken an ugly turn cused on pledges, or nonpledges, to cut taxes, at a time when Britain's economy is beset with spiralling inflation, high debt and low growth that have left people with the tightest squeeze on their finances in decades. Truss has also come under fire for saying she would change the Bank of England's mandate.

At a televised debate on Sunday, candidates attacked each other over their records. and Truss and Sunak pulled out of a planned third debate on Tuesday, amid concern among Conservatives

nature of the Conservative Party is to have vigorous debate and then coalesce once a new leader is selected. I have no doubt that the same will happen on this occasion," Conservative former minister David Jones told Reuters.

Sunak extended his lead over Mordaunt, who lost support and registered one fewer vote than she had in round two. Bookmaker Ladbrokes said on Monday Truss, who got seven more votes in round three than she had in round two, was now the second favourite ahead of Mordaunt but behind Sunak.

Truss's campaign tried to buttress their argument for lower taxes by citing a report by The Centre for Economic and Business Research, a private sector think tank, showing there was more room for manoeuvre from higher tax receipts. But a top Bank of England official, Michael Saunders, pushed back at her suggestion the government should set a "clear direction of travel" for monetary policy, saying the foundations of Britain's framework were best left untouched.

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## Britain, northern Europe brace for record temperatures

MADRID/LISBON--Britain was heading for its highest temperatures on record and firefighters battled blazes across southern Europe as a heatwave sent people hunting for shade and compounded fears about climate change.

In Spain, a wildfire raced across a field and engulfed a excavator near the northern town of Tabara, forcing the driver to run for his life as flames burned the clothes off his back.

In Portugal, half the municipality of Murca was on fire and the bodies of an elderly couple trying to flee had been found inside a "completely charred vehicle," the mayor told local broadcaster SIC.

In southern Europe there were some signs conditions were starting to ease after days of blistering highs that have caused hundreds of deaths and left the countryside dangerously dry, authorities

temperatures nudged 38C (100 Fahrenheit) in southern England on Monday ready influenced the likeand are forecast to hit a lihood of temperature record-breaking 40C (104 F) on Tuesday, according to Britain's Meteorological Office.

cancelled services and mate than under a natural some schools closed while climate unaffected by huofficials urged the public man influence," he said. to stay home and the government triggered a "na- 'We Have Nothing' tional emergency" alert. Wildfires raged across Flights were suspended Portugal, at Luton airport after France and authorities



Cornwall, Britain, on Monday,

staff identified a "runway defect". The hot weather had melted the runway at the Royal Air Force's Brize Norton air base, Sky News reported.

Sales of electric fans, hoses, air conditioning units and sprinklers are soaring, retailers said. "We hoped we wouldn't get to this situation but But the heatwave was for the first time ever we moving north. Belgium are forecasting greater and Germany are expect- than 40C in the UK," said ing the heatwave to hit climate attribution scienthem in coming days, while tist at the Met Office, Dr Nikos Christidis.

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warned there was a risk of more as tinder-dry con- a trench between the fire ditions persisted. Spain was facing the last day of a more than weeklong heatwave, which has caused more than 510 heat-related deaths, according to estimates from the Carlos III Health In-

In Tabara, locals said the driver of the excavaas Angel Martin Arjona

- had been trying to dig and buildings. But orange flames surrounded the vehicle. TV footage showed him emerging from the blaze, tripping, scrambling to his feet as people shouted out to him and a firefighter ran up to

The driver was airlifted to hospital with burns, tor - a man they identified witnesses said, though there were no detailed re-

ports on his condition.

Catalonia, evacuees gathered outside a civic centre, among them rewho said that his home and van had been completely destroyed. "We bought the van when I retired and now it's totally scorched. We have nothing," he said.

#### **EU Sends Support**

In Portugal, temperatures dropped over the weekend, but the risk of wildfires remained very high, the Portuguese Institute of Meteorology said.

Around 1,000 firefighters, backed by 284 vehicles and 18 aircraft, were battling 10 wildfires, mainly in northern regions, authorities said.

The EU sent a firefighting plane to Slovenia over the weekend, adding to recent deployments to monitor the situation during this unprecedented cooling water. heatwave and will continue to mobilise support as needed," spokesperson

Balazs Ujvari told a brief-In El Pont de Vilomara ing.

The bloc is in talks with manufacturers to buy more firefighting planes, tiree Onofre Munoz, 69, the EU head of crisis management told Reuters.

In the Gironde region in southwestern France, fires had destroyed 14,800 hectares (37,000 acres), local authorities on Monday. More than 14,000 people have been evacuated from the area. France has issued red alerts, the highest possible, for several regions, with residents urged "to be extremely vigilant".

In Italy, where smaller fires have blazed, forecasters expect temperatures above 40C in several regions in coming days.

Switzerland also suffered the effects of the heatwave. Axpo, the operator of the Beznau nuclear plant, said on Monday it was forced to reduce France and Portugal. "We output so that it does not continue of course to overheat the Aare river from which it draws its



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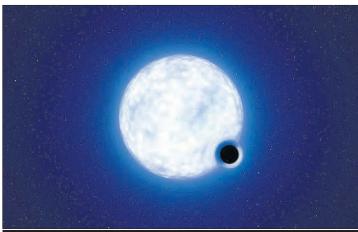
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Application Deadline: July 22nd, 2022

## Scientists find an exotic black hole deemed a 'needle in a ha



An artist's impression showing what the binary star system VFTS 243 - containing a black hole and a large luminous star orbiting each other - might look like if we were observing it up close is seen in this undated handout image.

WASHINGTON--Astrono- day this one differs from all dinarily dense objects with mers have spotted in a galaxy adjacent to our Milky Way what they are calling emitting powerful X-ray a cosmic "needle in a haystack" - a black hole that not only is classified as dor- with its strong gravitational mant but appears to have been born without the explosion of a dying star.

Researchers said on Mon-

other known black holes in that it is "X-ray quiet" - not radiation indicative of gobbling up nearby material pull - and that it was not born in a stellar blast called a supernova.

Black holes are extraor-

gravity so intense not even light can escape. This one, with a mass at least nine times greater than our sun, was detected in the Tarantula Nebula region of the Large Magellanic Cloud galaxy and is located about 160,000 light years from Earth. A light year is the

distance light travels in a year, 5.9 trillion miles (9.5 trillion km).

An extremely luminous and hot blue star with a mass about 25 times that of the sun orbits with this black hole in a stellar marriage. This so-called binary system is named VFTS 243. The researchers believe the companion star eventually also will become a black hole and could merge with the other one.

Dormant black holes, thought to be relatively common, are hard to detect because they interact very little with their surroundings. Numerous prior proposed candidates have been debunked with further study, including by members of the team that uncovered this one.

'The challenge is finding those objects," said Tomer Shenar, a research fellow in astronomy at Amsterdam University, lead author of the study published in the journal Nature Astronomy. "We identified a needle in a haystack."

its kind discovered after formed by the collapse of astronomers have been massive individual stars at searching for decades," said astronomer and study coauthor Kareem El-Badry of ate-mass black holes as well the Harvard & Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. The researchers used six the center of most galaxies. years of observations from the European Southern cally dark objects. They do Observatory's Chile-based Very Large Telescope.

egories of black holes. The look at binary systems in smallest, like the newly detected one, are so-called

"It's the first object of stellar-mass black holes the ends of their life cycles. There also are intermedias the enormous supermassive black holes residing at

"Black holes are intrinsinot emit any light. Therefore, in order to detect There are different cat- a black hole, we usually which we see one luminous

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## GBTQ+ Nigerians fear violence

ILORIN, Nigeria--A Ni- which could be grounds cision to sentence three thrown out, rights advomen to death by stoning cates said. for homosexual acts could trigger similar cases in the country's states that apply Islamic law and unleash wave of homophobic violence, LGBTQ+ rights groups said.

Male same-sex relationships are punishable by up to 14 years in prison under Nigerian national law. but 12 states in the mainly sibly violence against LG-Muslim north also use parallel sharia courts to punish residents for crimes ranging from adultery to blasphemy. Last month's ruling in the northern state of Bauchi has raised fears of an increase in homophobia in Africa's most populous nation, where many are already hostile towards LG-BTQ+ people.

"This sentencing opens the door for more draconian judgments against LG-BTQ persons. It's a call for di, director of LGBTQ+ rights group Equality Triangle, told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "With this judgment, the times have been rolled back. (It) affects the very essence of freedom of expression and association. People have been given some sort of rights to attack, maim and violate LGBTQ+ persons."

A culturally conservative country, some Nigerians believe that homosexuality is a sin, with many arguing that same-sex relations are antithetical to the country's culture and beliefs. The three men sentenced to death in Bauchi, one of whom was aged 70, were not represented by lawyers,

gerian sharia court's de- for their conviction to be

The men have 30 days to appeal the judgment. Any death penalty passed by sharia courts also needs the approval of the state governor, whose office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

But whatever the outcome, the case is likely to whip up hostility and pos-BTQ+ people in a country where homosexuality is widely seen as unacceptable, campaigners said. "It's a very slippery slope," said Marline Oluchi, a board member of global LGBTQ+ rights group IL-GA's African arm. "These are dangerous terrains and safety for others is a huge consideration."

The case is thought to be the first in which a Nigerian sharia court has imposed a death sentence for hoviolence," William Rashi- mosexuality, said Ayomide Adebayo-Oyetoro, a lawyer at Lilywood Legal, a law firm that focuses on tech and human rights issues. In 2014, a gay man was lashed 20 times after being convicted for sodomy in Bauchi.

> LGBTQ+ rights groups said they were working to support the men, who, according to local media, are aged 20, 30 and 70, and to rescind the death sentence. The absence of lawyers to represent the men breaches their constitutional rights, added Adebayo-Oyetoro.

"I do believe if due process is followed, that is an appeal, the judgment will be overturned," she said.





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#### **Mexican president** renewed asylum offer for Assange in letter to Biden

MEXICO CITY--Mexico's President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said on Monday he gave a letter to U.S. President Joe Biden where he defended Julian Assange's innocence and renewed a previous offer of asylum to the WikiLeaks founder.

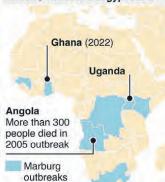
The United Kingdom last month approved Assange's extradition the United States to face criminal charges relating to WikiLeaks' release of confidential U.S. military records and diplomatic cables.

"I left a letter to the president about Assange, explaining that he did not commit any serious crime, did not cause anyone's death, did not violate any human rights and that he exercised his freedom, and that arresting him would mean a permanent affront to freedom of expression," Lopez Obrador said in a regular news conference.

#### What to know about the Marburg virus

Marburg, a close relative of the more well-known Ebola virus, is a highly infectious disease affecting humans and non-human primates

- First outbreak occurred in 1967 in Germany, where seven people died following import of infected monkeys from Uganda
- Subsequent outbreaks reported mostly in sub-Saharan Africa
- Natural host of virus is African fruit bat, Rousettus aegyptiacus



#### in Africa

- Initially from prolonged exposure to caves inhabited by bat colonies
- Spreads among humans via direct contact with bodily fluids of infected people and with contaminated surfaces and materials

Sources: BBC, CDC, Reuters, WHO

improves survival Picture: Wikimedia Commons

## Ghana confirms its first cases of Marburg virus

DAKAR--Ghana has officially confirmed two cases of the Marburg virus, a highly infectious disease similar to Ebola, its health service said on Sunday, after two people who later died tested positive for the virus earlier this

Tests conducted in Ghana came back positive on July 10, but the results had to be verified by a laboratory in Senegal for the cases to be considered confirmed, according to the World Health Organization.

"Further testing at the Institute Pasteur in Dakar, Senegal has corroborated the results," Ghana Health Service (GHS) said in a statement.

GHS is working to reduce any risk of the virus spreading, including the isolation of all identified contacts, none of whom have developed any symptoms so far, it said.

This is only the second outbreak of Marburg in West Africa. The first ever case of the virus in the region was detected last year in Guinea, with no further cases identi-

"(Ghanaian) health authorities have responded swiftly, getting a head start preparing for a possible outbreak. This is good because without immediate and decisive action, Marburg can easily get out of hand," said Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa.

The two patients in southern Ghana's Ashanti region both had symptoms including diarrhoea, fever, nausea and vomiting, before dying in hospital, the WHO said.

There have been a dozen major Marburg outbreaks since 1967, mostly in southern and eastern Africa. Fatality rates have varied from 24% to 88% in past outbreaks depending on the virus strain and case management, according to the WHO

It is transmitted to people from fruit bats and spreads among humans through direct contact with the bodily fluids of infected people, surfaces and materials, the

## lears of neglect leaves sexual health clinics ill-prepared for monkey

Microscopic image

SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT

Initial onset: Illness begins

2-21 days. Common symptoms

Further symptoms: Include

abdominal pain, sore throat and

non-itchy rash. Patients may develop

severe bleeding within seven days

Fatality rates: Vary from 24% to

88% in past outbreaks depending on

virus strain and case management

currently available. Supportive care

and treatment of specific symptoms

Treatments/vaccines: None

and muscle aches and pains

nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea,

abruptly after incubation period of

include high fever, severe headache

of virus particles

CHICAGO/LONDON- World Health Organization frontline of the monkeypox response are already finan-United States and UK illequipped to tackle the first since the COVID-19 pan-

Infectious disease experts say sexual health clinics which offer confidential ment - are best placed to identify and treat cases of monkeypox, which is largely affecting men who being transmitted through have sex with men. Yet such programmes are doing so infect anyone who comes largely without additional funding despite years of financial neglect. There is little data on funding for sexual health services globally, but experts agree that the sector is under-resourced.

That has impeded the monkeypox response and diverted scarce resources needed to curb rising rates of other sexually transmitted diseases (STD), sexual health experts in the UK and the United States told Reuters. This lack of resources could result in further spread of monkeypox, they said. According to the

-Sexual health clinics on the (WHO), the outbreak has reached 63 countries.

"This is a gap and a weakcially stretched, leaving the ness in our public health system that monkeypox has exposed," Dr. Meg major global health test Doherty, director of the WHO's Global HIV, Hepatitis and STIs Programmes, said in an email.

"Even among high income countries, funding walk-in diagnosis and treat- for sexual health globally is decreasing or remains unfunded," she said.

> Although monkeypox is sexual contact, the virus can in contact with pus-filled sores, body fluids, respiratory droplets or contaminated linens. Clinic staff must take extra time cleaning exam rooms and buy additional protective gear. When added to chronic low staffing, a problem exacerbated by the COVID pandemic, appointments can be hard to come by. Testing equipment in the United States is also in short sup-

Monkeypox has been endemic in parts of Africa for years, but since early May, the virus has been spread-



Tareco Timothy receives a monkeypox vaccination at the Northwell Health Immediate Care Center at Fire Island-Cherry Grove, in New York, U.S., July 15, 2022.

ing rapidly in other countries mainly among gay and bisexual men, who often present with rashes in the genital and anal area that doctors may confuse with herpes or syphilis. Out of 11,500 confirmed cases globally, 1,469 are in the United States and 1,856 are in the UK, according to a Reuters tally.

In Spain, with 2,447 cases - the most in the world -

hospitals and health clinics. Local health authorities said they added extra testing capacity early in the system was not under pressure.

Data from a UK charity called the Health Foundation show England's sexual health services' budget was cut by 14% over a sixyear period ending in fiscal 2022. UK clinics have yet to

meet the additional monkeypox demand.

In the United States, funding for sexual healthcare outbreak and the health and research likewise has dwindled said David Harvey, executive director of the National Coalition of oritizing those with pain or STD Directors (NCSD). "Monkeypox has shone a glaring light on this fact. Broadly speaking, the STD field has been vastly underfunded for 20 to 30 years," patients are being seen in receive any new funding to said Harvey, whose group

has requested \$100 million in funding to address the monkeypox outbreak.

Federal funding for STD programmes has remained relatively flat in the past two decades - \$168.5 million in 2003 vs \$152.5 million in 2022 - a 40% drop when accounting for inflation, according to the NCSD. State and local investments also have fallen. even as STD rates reached all-time highs, according to a 2021 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine report.

A survey of NCSD's membership released on June 12 found that 42.7% of U.S.based sexual health clinics have access to appropriate testing swabs, and less than 20% have appropriate tubes for collecting monkeypox specimens for transport to clinical labs.

With limited providers and appointment slots, clinics must triage patients, prirash or suspected monkeypox. That has left asymptomatic patients and those in need of other services without care.

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## Bolsonaro attacks Brazil's election system in briefing of

Bolsonaro invited the dip-mised the result in any way. lomatic corps on Monday to hear his charges that Brazil's election system was open to fraud ahead of Ocis trailing in a bid for a second term.

"The system is completely vulnerable," he told some 40 diplomats invited to his residence in an unprecedented briefing three months before a general election.

Bolsonaro gave no evihacker got inside the electronic voting system during 2018, an attack that police

BRASILIA--President Jair concluded had not compro-

Bolsonaro told the diplomats the Brazilian military should be called in to help secure transparency in the tober elections in which he Oct. 2 election. He has pushed electoral authorities to accept a parallel vote count to be carried out by the armed forces. They have ruled that out.

Diplomats attending included the envoys of the United States, the European Union, France, Spain and Portugal, of the 50 dence of fraud, but said a ambassadors invited from among 127 nations that have embassies in Brasilthe election that he won in ia. Neighbour Argentina, whose president is a leftist,

was not invited.

U.S. officials have said Brazilians should trust their institutions. democratic Central Intelligence Agency director William Burns last year told senior Brazilian officials that Bolsonaro should stop casting doubt on his country's voting system, Reuters reported in May. The head of Brazil's top election authority, the Superior Electoral Tribunal, Edson Fachin, was invited to attend Monday's briefing along with the diplomats but declined, saying he could not meet with an electoral candidate.

#### BLACK HOLE

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star moving around a second, not-detected object," said study co-author Julia Bodensteiner, a postdoctoral research fellow at the European Southern Observatory in Munich.

It is typically assumed that the collapse of massive stars into black holes is associated with a powerful supernova explosion. In this case, a star perhaps 20 times our sun's mass blew some of its material into space in its death throes, then collapsed in on itself without an explosion.

The shape of its orbit with its companion offers evidence for the lack of an explosion. "The orbit of the system is almost perfectly circular," Shenar said.

Had a supernova occurred, the blast's force would have kicked the newly formed black hole in a random direction and yielded an elliptical rather than circular orbit, Shenar added.

Black holes can be mercilessly ravenous, guzzling any material - gas, dust and stars - wandering within their gravitational pull. "Black holes can only be mercilessly ravenous if there is something close enough to them that they can devour. Usually, we detect them if they are receiving material from a companion star, a process we call accretion," Bodensteiner said.

Shenar added, "In socalled dormant black hole systems, the companion is far enough away that the material does not accumulate around the black hole to heat up and emit X-rays. Instead, it is immediately swallowed by the black hole."

tionalist who has said he modeled his presidency after Donald Trump's, has echoed the former U.S. leader's baseless allegations of fraud in the 2020 U.S. election. He has repeatedly questioned Brazil's electronic voting system, argu-

Bolsonaro, a far-right na- ing without proof that it is regularities, has led his opsusceptible to fraud, which ponents to suspect Bolsohas raised fears he might refuse to concede defeat, as a possible victory by leftist election.

Brazil's electoral system, opinion polls. which has been used since 1996 with no evidence of ir-

naro may refuse to accept Trump did in the 2020 U.S. former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who is His attempts to discredit leading by double digits in



Houthi supporters perform the Baraa dance during a rally marking the Ghadeer day, a day Shi'ites believe Prophet Muhammad nominated his cousin Imam Ali to be his successor, in

## UN presses Yemen warring parties for six-month ceasefire extension

tions is pushing Yemen's six-month truce extension, two sources familiar with the talks said, which would be the longest in the sevenyear-old conflict as interboth sides to end the war.

Peace efforts gained a boost after U.S. President Joe Biden visited Saudi Arabia last week, where he announced agreement with the Saudi leadership to "deepen and extend" the ceasefire expiring on August 2. The war has pitted a coalition led by Riyadh against Yemen's Iranaligned Houthis since 2015.

However U.N. Special Envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg has to address strong grievances from both sides before they accept a further renewal of the existing two-month truce deal that first took hold in April, the sources said. If agreed, the six-month extension would be the biggest step so far in the U.N. process

that has killed tens of thou-structively... that they do warring parties to agree a sands of people and left not miss this opportunity millions facing famine in a severe humanitarian crisis.

"The proposal (for a sixmonth extension) has been with the parties for some national pressure grows on time now," one of the tion of the full terms of sources said.

Grundberg will in coming days travel to Oman, where the Houthis' chief negotiator is based, and to Yemen's southern port city of Aden, where the Saudi-backed government is headquartered, for discussions, the source added.

Ismini Palla, spokesperson of Grundberg's office, said the U.N. envoy has been discussing with the parties the renewal of the current truce, including the possibility of extending it for a longer period but "cannot discuss details at this time".

"Mr. Grundberg will continue his extensive engagements with the parties in more than one flight from the coming days," Palla Sanaa to Cairo. told Reuters by email. "We hope that the parties will

RIYADH--The United Na- towards resolving a conflict engage with his efforts conto reach a just and sustainable end to the conflict in Yemen.'

Both sides have been frustrated about implementathe deal which included allowing fuel ships to dock into Houthi-held Hodeidah port, some commercial flights from the capital Sanaa, which is also under the group's control, and talks to reopen roads in disputed Taiz region. The sources said that the Saudibacked authorities blame the Houthis for not reopening main roads in Taiz and accuse them of not sharing tax revenues from Hodeidah port, while the movement accuses the coalition of reducing the number of fuel ships arriving at Hodeidah over recent weeks, and says Egypt has not allowed

# Firefighters spray water on a plane that flipped over after a crash landing, in Mogadishu, Somalia, on Monday, in this screen grab obtained from a social media video by Reuters.

## Plane crash-lands at Somalia airport

ger plane crash-landed at ently flipped over on landan airport in Somalia's cap- ing. ital Mogadishu on Monday, and all those on board more than 30 passengers rescued.

Video from the scene crashed plane. showed the plane upside

MOGADISHU--A passen- down after having appar-

Black smoke and flames with no deaths reported rose into the air as fire trucks approached on the runway and firefighters started hosing down the

## **Bank of America consumer** unit offsets deals drying up

NEW YORK--Bank of have economists calculat-America Corp beat analysts' estimates for secondwith healthy consumer spending and strong debanking business.

Executives at the secondlargest U.S. bank painted an overall positive outlook for consumer spending going forward, saying that despite decades-high inflation, spending continues to grow, albeit at a slower pace.

data spending remains excellent, deposit balances remain high, capacity to borrow is still there, credit quality is still there," Chief Financial Officer Alastair Borthwick said on a call.

The U.S. Federal Reserve has been hiking interest rates rapidly as it attempts to tame inflation, and though that continues to

ing the risk of a recession, it meant healthy profits for quarter profit on Monday, banks in the second quarter. Bank of America's net interest income, a key meamand for loans limiting sure of the difference bethe hit from its investment tween the interest earned on loans and the amount paid out on deposits, jumped 22%, or \$2.2 billion, to \$12.4 billion in the second quarter.

> The bank expects it can grow NII by \$900 million to \$1 billion by the third quarter, Borthwick said.

With respect to its eco-"We observed from our nomic outlook, the bank released \$48 million of reserves in the quarter, compared to rival banks JPMorgan Chase & Co and Wells Fargo & Co, which boosted loss provisions in the quarter. BofA's total loan loss provisions as of June 30 were \$500 million.

> "Net interest income growth has always been its



bridge (the bank) through the oncoming recession, even if credit losses rise off of historical lows," Viola Risk Advisors president David Hendler wrote in a note on Monday.

Bank of America's shares, which have fallen nearly 28% so far this year, were up 0.91% at 11:45 EST.

The company's profit fell strong point and should 34% to \$5.93 billion, or

73 cents per share, for the quarter ended June 30. On an adjusted basis BofA earned 78 cents per share, compared with estimates of 75 cents per share, according to Refinitiv IBES data.

Bank of America's investment banking fees fell 47% to \$1.1 billion in the second quarter, as Wall Street has seen public listings and dealmaking activity

slump amid volatile capital markets and geopolitical tension. Revenue, net of interest expense, rose 6% to \$22.7 billion despite a downturn in the leveraged finance markets. Borthwick said the bank will be working down leveraged loan exposure from the \$300 million mark.

### Airbus, airlines to explore carbon capture technology

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FARNBOROUGH, England--European airplane manufacturer Airbus and more than a half dozen airlines said on Monday they had signed letters of intent to discuss buying carbon removal credits to offset the emissions from air travel.

Airbus joined by Air Canada, Air France-KLM, FasyJet. International Airlines Group, LATAM Airlines Group, Lufthansa Group and Virgin Atlantic have committed to engage in "negotiations on the possible pre-purchase of verified and durable carbon removal credits starting in

The carbon removal credits will be issued by Airbus' partner 1PointFive - a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corp Low Carbon Ventures business, which plans to build a direct air carbon capture and storage facility in Texas for carbon removal that will be able to remove up to 1 million tons of C02. Construction is expected to begin toward the end of this year and be running by 2024, said Steve Kelly, who heads 1Point-Five.

Airbus' partnership with 1PointFive includes pre-14, the date that Gazprom purchasing 400,000 tons of carbon removal credits over a four-year period, the companies said.

"These first letters of intent mark a concrete step towards the use of this promising technology for both Airbus' own decarbonization plan and the aviation sector's ambition to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050," Airbus' Julie Kitcher said.

The airline industry, responsible for nearly 3% of global carbon dioxide emissions, faces significant challenges in meeting ambitious goals to cut emissions. Airline officials argue that carbon capture can be one part of a multi-pronged strategy to cut emissions.

In 2020, United Airlines said it agreed to a multimillion-dollar investment in a project to built a U.S. industrial-sized direct air capture plant with 1Point-Five. The technology has meant to be used only from yet to be proven up to scale. And it's expensive, costing hundreds of dollars to capture just one ton of CO2. Several previous carbon capture and storage (CCS) efforts have failed.

## Gazprom tells European buyers gas supply halt beyond its control

LONDON--Russia's Gazprom has told customers in Europe it cannot guarantee gas supplies because of "extraordinary" circumstances, according to a letter seen by Reuters, upping the ante in an economic tit-fortat with the West over Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

The Russian state gas monopoly said in a letter dated July 14 that it was retroactively declaring force majeure on supplies from June 14. The news comes as Nord Stream 1, the key pipeline delivering Russian gas to Germany and beyond, is undergoing 10 days of annual maintenance scheduled to conclude on Thursday.

The letter added to fears in Europe that Moscow may not restart the pipeline at the end of the maintenance period in retaliation for sanctions imposed on Russia over the war in Ukraine, heightening an energy crisis that risks tipping the region into recession.

Known as an "act of God" clause, force majeure is standard in business contracts and defines extreme A trading source, asking circumstances that release not to be identified because a party from their legal ob- of the sensitivity of the is-



ligations. The declaration does not necessarily mean that Gazprom will stop deliveries, rather that it should not be held responsible if it fails to meet contract terms. Gazprom did not respond to a request for comment.

Russian gas supplies have been declining via major routes for some months, including via Ukraine and Belarus as well as through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline under the Baltic Sea. sue, said the force majeure concerned supplies through Nord Stream 1.

"This sounds like a first hint that the gas supplies via NS1 will possibly not resume after the 10-day maintenance has ended," said Hans van Cleef, senior energy economist at ABN Amro.

"Depending on what 'extraordinary' circumstances have in mind in order to declare the force majeure. and whether these issues are technical or more political, it could mean the next step in escalation between Russia and Europe/ Germany," he added.

Uniper, Germany's biggest importer of Russian gas, was among the customers that said it had received a letter, and that it had formally rejected the claim as unjustified. RWE, Germany's largest power producer and another importer of Russian gas, also said it has received a force majeure notice.

"Please understand that we cannot comment on its details or our legal opinion," the company said.

Gazprom cut Nord Stream

said in the letter to buyers would be the start of the force majeure. Gazprom blamed sanctions for that reduction, citing the delay in the return of a gas turbine from maintenance in Canada by equipment supplier Siemens Energy. Canada sent the turbine for the pipeline to Germany by plane on July 17 after repair work had been completed, Kommersant newspaper reported on Monday, citing people familiar with the situation.

1 capacity to 40% on June

It will take another five to seven days for the turbine to reach Russia, the report said, provided there are no problems with logistics and customs. Germany's economy ministry said on Monday it could not provide details of the turbine's whereabouts.

But a spokesperson for the ministry said it was a replacement part that was September, meaning its absence could not be the real reason for the fall-off in gas flows prior to the mainte**Business** THE DAILY HERALD, Tuesday, July 19, 2022

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## IBM beats quarterly revenue estimates, warns of forex hit

ware and services company IBM Corp beat quarterly revenue expectations on Monday but warned the hit from forex for the year could be about \$3.5 billion due to a strong dollar.

A hawkish Federal Reserve and heightened geopolitical tensions have driven gains in the dollar against a basket of currencies over the last year, prompting companies with sizeable international operations, including Microsoft and Salesforce, to temper expectations.

Shares of IBM pared losses and were down 1.3% in extended trading. On the earnings call, Chief Financial Officer James

both currency headwinds Russia operations has put pressure on IBM's nearterm results but reiterated tiv data. the company's full-year forecast of hitting the upper end of mid-single-digit revenue growth at constant currency.

exchange hit to revenue of about 6% this year, Kavanaugh said. It had previously forecast a 3%-4% hit.

Second-quarter revenue was hurt by \$900 million due to a stronger U.S. dollar, Kavanaugh said, adding the pace and magnitude at which the currency has strengthened was "unprecedented". IBM posted ad-

NEW YORK-- IT hard- Kavanaugh told analysts justed gross profit margin of 54.5% for the quarter and impact from exiting ended June 30, while analysts on average expected 56.6%, according to Refini-

> However, strong demand at its consulting and infrastructure businesses helped IBM post second-quarter revenue of \$15.54 billion, IBM expects a foreign beating analysts' average estimate of \$15.18 billion.

> > IBM sees revenue growth continuing, including in regions like Europe and Asia Pacific, despite geopolitical turmoil and inflationary pressures, Kavanaugh said, echoing words of peer Accenture, which had last month said it does not foresee a pull back in client



## Apple to slow hiring, spending for some teams in coming year

plans to slow hiring and spending growth next year in some units to cope with a potential economic downturn, Bloomberg News reported on Monday, citing people with knowledge of the matter.

The potential move would see Apple - the world's most valuable company - join a growing pool of American corporations including Meta Platforms and Tesla Inc in slowing hiring. Apple shares reversed course to trade down 1.6% at \$147.6. The company did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for com-

The Bloomberg report said the changes would not affect all teams and worries that customers

ning an aggressive product cretionary items like smartlaunch schedule in 2023 that includes a mixed-reality headset, its first major new category since 2015. "Apple's move reflects a broader slowdown in investing in new things, new companies and new products," said Kim Forrest, chief investment officer at Bokeh Capital Partners in Pittsburgh. "It signifies that inflation is an issue for these companies."

Fears have risen in recent months that aggressive interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve to tame an unabating surge in inflation could tip the economy into a recession. The price pressures have also raised lent employees.

NEW YORK--Apple Inc that Apple was still plan- could curb spending on disphones.

Smartphone shipments declined 9% in the second quarter, according to data from Canalys. Still, Apple's iPhones remain among the most sold phones in the world, with the company holding a 17% market share just behind market leader Samsung, the data

Apple typically launches a new version of its iPhone and other wearable products in September ahead of the busy holiday season. As of its last annual report, the Cupertino, Californiabased company had about 154,000 full-time equiva-

## Microsoft president sees 'new era' of stagnating labour pool

REDMOND, Washington- aren't as many people en- economic challenges. The -U.S. companies are facing a "new era" in which fewer people are entering the workforce and pressure to pay higher salaries may become permanent, Microsoft Corp's President Brad Smith told Reuters in an during the pandemic, COinterview.

At the software maker's Washington, Redmond. headquarters, Smith highlighted one source of what he called today's "greater economic turbulence." In his office, he walked over to a wall-sized touchscreen device and pulled up a series of charts, showing how population growth has tumbled in the United States. Europe, China and Japan.

The trend of around 5 million people expanding the U.S. working age population every five years since 1950 has shifted, starting in the period between 2016 and 2020 when growth slowed to 2 million, and is now slowing further, said Smith late last week, citing United Nations data. Major markets overseas have seen outright labor force declines.

"That helps explain part of why you can have low growth and a labour shortage at the height at the same time. There just

tering the workforce," said Smith, who helps oversee the nearly \$2 trillion company selling cloud-computing services to major busi-

Government stimulus VID-19 concerns, childcare and other factors have contributed to the current labor shortage as well.

Executives including Mark Zuckerberg, chief executive of Facebook parent Meta Platforms Inc, have recently fretted about the economy. Zuckerberg warned the United States might face "one of the worst downturns that we've seen in recent history," though Smith said it would be premature to declare a recession inevi-

Competing for limited workers. Microsoft recently boosted pay at the same time as it slowed hiring, company officials said. The software maker also trimmed a small percentage of jobs pegged to the start of its new fiscal year.

Smith said Microsoft's business selling productivity tools, cloud services and technology with artificial intelligence, which enterprises may need in a downturn, sets it up to weather

company has faced antitrust scrutiny in Europe, and Smith said Microsoft had until October to "finalize the implementation" of changes he promised.

U.S. Department of Labor data from June showed employers broadly had continued to raise wages and hire more workers than expected. Labor force participation, however, shrank for the second time in three months, to 62.2%, showing no persistent improvement since the start of 2022.

Population growth has become a hot topic in the tech larly drawn attention to the



industry. Tesla Inc CEO low U.S. birth rate. "Doing with Musk "maybe in the Elon Musk, who reportedly has nine children including newborn twins, has particu-

my best to help the underpopulation crisis," he wrote on Twitter.

Smith said he concurred

problem. I'm not recommending the same solution."

## Goldman warns it may slow hiring

Sachs Group Inc on Monday warned it may slow hiring and cut expenses, as the economic outlook worsens, after reporting a 48% slump in quarterly profit which beat forecasts due to gains in fixed-income and commoditiestrading.

U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate hikes, aimed at taming runaway inflation, have rattled global financial markets, curbing companies' appetite for deals and

YORK--Goldman making them wary of stock ensure the best use of our a process it had suspended and debt offerings.

Goldman's investment banking revenue fell 41% to \$2.14 billion in the second quarter, as fees from both equity and debt underwriting fell along with those from advising on stock listings and mergers and acquisitions.

"Given the challenging operating environment, we are closely re-examining all of our forward spending and investment plans to

resources," Chief Financial Officer Denis Coleman told analysts on an earnings' call. "Specifically, we have made the decision to slow hiring velocity and reduce certain professional fees going forward, though these actions will take some results."

The bank will also reinstate its annual performance review for employees at the end of the year,

during the period of the pandemic, he said.

The restoration of the process that tends to identify under-performers was the strongest signal that Wall Street banks may consider potential job cuts as outlook for dealmaking turns time to be reflected in our challenging. Wall Street had eased up on hiring after a recruiting frenzy last

> Goldman Sachs CEO David Solomon said the market environment has become more "complicated" due to a combination of macroeconomic conditions and geopolitics, citing the war in Ukraine

> "We see inflation deeply entrenched in the economy," he said. "And what's unusual about this particular period is that both demand and supply are being affected by exogenous events, namely the pandemic and the war."

> Despite the slump in deals, Goldman's shares rose 3% as revenue at the global markets unit, which houses its trading desks, jumped 32% to \$6.47 billion, with fixed income, commodities and trading revenue surging 55% and equities revenue adding 11%.

> Goldman's chief financial officer also said the bank will "very carefully" look at buybacks. Other banks, such as JPMorgan, have suspended buybacks.

"We didn't give a number for this quarter but we did say that we're looking at it very carefully. We're operating with a capital surplus right now," he said.

## US wants to end dependence on China rare earths, says Yellen

SEOUL, South Korea--The United States wants to end concerns in a major policy its "undue dependence" on rare earths, solar panels day after touring the faand other key goods from cilities of South Korean China to prevent Beijing from cutting off supplies as it has done to other countries, U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said.

Yellen, who arrived in Seoul late on Monday, told Reuters she was pushing for increased trade ties with South Korea and oththe resilience of supply chains and avert possible manipulation by geopolitical rivals.

"Resilient supply chains mean a diversity of sources of supply and eliminating to the extent we can the possibility that geopolitical rivals will be able to manipulate us and threaten have substantial capacity to

address in Seoul on Tuestech heavyweight LG Corp during the final leg of an 11-day visit to the Indo-Pacific region. According to excerpts of her remarks, Yellen will make a strong pitch for "friend-shoring" or diversifying U.S. supply chains to rely more on trusted trading partners, a er trusted allies to improve move she said would also combat inflation and help counter China's trade practices."

Yellen said South Korea had "tremendous strengths in terms of resources, technology, abilities" and its companies, including LG, were already investing in the United States. "They interview en route to Seoul. ductors," was particularly said.

Yellen will map out her "unfair

It was critical to reduce U.S. dependence on certain Chinese exports since Beijing had cut off supplies to countries such as Japan in the past, while applying pressure in other ways to Australia and Lithuania. our security," she said in an produce advanced semicon- a senior Treasury official

important given the United

States' "huge dependence"

on Taiwan Semiconductor.

"They have used coercion to pressure a number of countries whose behaviour they have disapproved of," Yellen said. "We know that's a reason we don't want to be dependent on

Despite her strong words, Yellen said the relationship with China was not "totally negative or escalating into tremendously hostile terri-

She said China was listening to U.S. concerns in other areas and that it had now made some constructive moves on restructuring the debt of low-income countries. "We have real concerns with respect to China and we're pressing them, but I don't want to convey a picture of purely escalating hostilities with China,"



Samples of rare earth minerals from left: Cerium oxide, Bastnaesite, Neodymium oxide and Lanthanum carbonate at Molycorp's Mountain Pass Rare Earth facility in Mountain Pass, California June 29, 2015.

**Opinion** THE DAILY HERALD, Tuesday, July 19, 2022

## Alcohol plus low self-esteem equals more alco

souls that are submerged in the miserable sea of alcohol will resonate with the title/ equation of this article, as countless are struggling to keep their sense of worth above the surface of water, while witnessing others

sinking with alcohol lower - negative feelings about scious and unconscious are and flows in proportion to to be the weapon that faever.

It's an exercise in futility for those who are consuming alcohol to assuage feelings of inferiority and poor self-worth, trying to excise from consciousness what consciousness cannot bear

I am not sure how many and lower, going under for- self. Escaping from oftentimes unbearable feelings of purposelessness, of not being socially useful and enduring a meaningless existence with the aid of alcohol only provides temporary respite and a kind of pseudo-relief. Trying to suppress our reservoir of feelings of inadequacy with copious amounts of alcohol is like trying to erase your shadow instead of the thing that causes it.

Personally I have had my episodes of drunken escapades, drinking sprees and periods of sobriety and relapses. I have on countless occasions tried to articulate the reasons why I have imbibed and overindulged so many times over, the totality of which are too numerous to recall. And almost invariably what I have discovered about myself is that lingering somewhere on the border of the confeelings of not being good one's alcoholic intake. enough, of not being confident enough, of not making the cut. Negative feelings of being inadequate aided and abetted by the poisonous culture of comparison resulted in me internalising unhealthy impressions about myself.

And what worked therapeutically for me to assuage feelings of low self-esteem albeit temporarily with long-term unavoidable consequences was a high daily rate of alcohol consumption; in order to flee from my low sense of worth. I literally medicated myself with alcohol and sought refuge in the abundance of confidence which increases

Where those feelings of low personal value came motivation to be productive by drowning ourselves, goparticipants in life. And I ing overboard with alcohol. know there are communiin relation to others.

helpless on occasions to ates with never-ending days keep comparing ourselves of misery and darkness. to others at bay, comparison nevertheless continues

talises our joy, taking with it any residue of any positive regard we may have from I have tried to appre- had about ourselves. We ciate from the literature of then, unknown to ourselves psychoanalysis, as constant- and unaware, mistakenly ly being at a low about how try to eject from our person you feel about yourself can those images, feelings and have a debilitating effect thoughts of not being good on your morale and overall enough in relation to others

But somehow we continuties of people who have had ally fail to see or are fearful their spirits crushed be- of seeing that the illusion cause of how they have per- and relief alcohol promceived their sense of worth ises us is the beginning of a dangerous, self-destructive And as much as we seem habit. A habit that perpetu-

Orlando Patterson

# lgrimage

Dear Editor,

Pope Francis will be coming to Canada this summer. We are told the purpose of this visit is to show penance for the treatment of Canada's Aboriginal community within the residential school system, many of which were managed by the Catholic Church, The Anglican Church and various governments. Possibly admitting wrongdoing by members of the Catholic Church's religious and diocesan communities.

Is Pope Francis coming to Canada to act as a fixer of the situation and apologist for the Church? Will His Holiness admit to the Church's historic wrongdoing, and also the systematic Churchled actions to deny the Aboriginal communities and Canadian Government's demands for full transparency, giving these organizations all historic documents for investigation? Will Pope Francis straight out admit the Church's destructive contrarian actions towards the Aboriginal people or "Say Sorry" and deny any other action.

The Church has been acting just as it did when historic accusations of sexual improprieties against Church members by the clergy and religious have happened.

1. Receive information of impropriety, and then do nothing about it.

2. Say they're investigating the accusations, and play the waiting game (diversion).

fer insufficient solutions to and also elsewhere. problem (see if they can get away with it).

a. Clergy will go to special classes for adaptive training (sex addiction ... what-

funds as restitution while admitting nothing.

Pope Francis will not fall upon his sword of morality. He will probably not admit to anything that will touch the Church now, admitting to only that bad things happened in the past. The @ \$30 million offered by the church will probably not be paid, but offers will be given. A hocus-pocus situation will be created, where the Church's Rock Star will perform for the Aboriginal community and Canadians a song and dance of penance but nothing more. "We're so sorry" and "we feel so horrible about it."

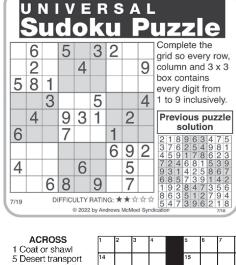
Why is Pope Francis coming to Canada? He has been told to do so by the Church hierarchy as a face-to-face showing, a diversion from what their church should be doing. The Canadian Catholic Church is worth over \$2.5 billion dollars, and there can develop a situation where the Aboriginal community or the Canadian government will lay multiple lawsuits against the Church. This can happen, and if it does there is a chance for Aboriginal communities all over the world to follow suit. Members of

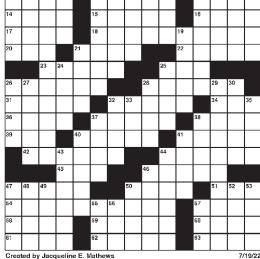
3. When forced to admit the Church have behaved possible improprieties of- badly in Africa, Australia

I like Pope Francis, and having this elderly cleric coming to Canada to do what should typically be a young man's job seems wrong. Maybe get Cardib. Offer a small sum of nal Collins to do something useful and have him commiserate with our Aboriginal neighbors out west. If these religious pilgrims arrive without a cheque in hand, and pound their breasts loudly in penance while not having a plan of restitution, this will not go

> In my experience, the Church takes care of itself and its foot soldiers (clergy) just like any other "boys club", similar to the police's blue line do. The Aboriginal community should welcome Pope Francis firmly, protesting the horrors their families had to historically endure. No more dancing peacefully but throw an egg or two perhaps. Getting blessed by the Pope will be a wonderful thing, but that blessing won't pay their bills, or somehow heal them. All authority wants a passive Aboriginal community, you know, easily pushed around. History has shown the aboriginals are pushovers. How about doing something totally different. Raise your fists and demand satisfaction.

> > Steven Kaszab Bradford, Ontario





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## Gromyko Wilson, respect the rights of the unions

Today's article of 721 news and I quote: "Wilson: Jacobs and unions must stop lying to civil servants" warrants a reaction from me as President of the Windwards Islands Chamber of bers and the public at large. Labor Unions (WICLU), umbrella organization representing 8 unions of organized workers in St. Maarten in the public, collectively on behalf of semi-public and private their members.

is written by "a jack of all trade, but master of none". The writer, who is supposedly a civil servant who received his vacation allowall public sector workers, has decided after a month and three 3 days to write an article filled with erroneous information.

Even though it is underried the illegality of the payment of the vacation allowance, I am curious to know if Mr. Wilson, after sounding his concern and discontent with the civil servants (which he is one) receiving their vacation allowance, returned his vacation allowance after it was paid to him. I challenge Mr. Wilson to present a deposit slip indicating that he returned the illegal vacation allowance in June, dated June 16, 2022, that he received on June 15, 2022.

As a presumed journalist and aspiring political candidate on a political party slate, this is not a good example of what we are to expect God forbid you get elected. Your assumptions of the sequence of events of the law retracted and are mind-blowing. A responsible journalist/aspiring politician would first be, if not already presented seek facts before assuming and making emotional statements.

It is very unfortunate that that is also used to disburse news items, to give misin-

cusation against the unions their members as vacation without ever contacting any of the presidents of the civil servants or teachers' unions to get the truth of the matter and to share objective information to our mem-

The task of a trade union represented by its president and board is to firstly seek social dialogue and bargain

Mr. Wilson, your politi-The content of this article cal campaign might have started, but let me inform you it is with the wrong set of people.

As President of the Chamber of Labor Unions I ance on June 15, just like would not permit your story to live a life of its own, with your efforts to accuse and smear the unions of activities contrary to their goals and objectives as unions.

All the unions involved stood that the writer que- have represented their members diligently meetings with such as the CCSU; various committees, stakeholders, schoolboards and even in the meeting with State Secretary Van Huffelen with the COM during her last visit. No union agreed to the payment of 50% vacation allowance, this was a proposal that was made by the Minister of Finance and was stated publicly by the

> The objective of all the discussions was to get a final payment of 6% vacation allowance. However, since the payment of the employee benefit package formed part of the ordinance #7 that entails the 12.5% cut. the possibility to have parts that is what the Council of Ministers indicated and will to parliament for amendment.

This is the way the unions in solidarity conducted Mr. Wilson is making use of their meetings in order to this social media platform reach a consensus or agree-

The objective of the formation and create ac- unions was to get relief for

allowance is not a luxury to go on vacation, these funds have a multipurpose use and therefore can be seen as a supplementary budget forming part of relief for our members to prepare for hurricane season, new school year, etc.; a vacation allowance is just called that by name.

To show the fact that this story is based on non-objective or -factual information, I would like to state that the WITU is still working on getting equal treatment for the teachers of the private subsidized schools who haven't received their vacation allowance payment as yet, since this is entangled in an issue of budgetary cuts to the school boards on their subsidy of 12.5%.

In my opinion this topic would have made more sense for the author to try and investigate and write his story on. As this is discrimination and inequality in treatment and payment

ing fraternity, this would strongly show his solidarity for the teachers and his concern for what all subsidized school boards are facing which constitute to their non-compliance with the payment of the vacation allowance, which government set a precedent by paying all civil servants (including public school teachers).

However, the author is not interested in writing the facts, but let me caution Mr. Wilson/aspiring political candidate that his political campaign against whomever is dead before arrival, as the unions are motivated to defend the rights of workers and stand in solidarity for them. Unions will not jump on his bandwagon to defame anyone.

Respect the rights of the unions to defend the wellbeing of the workers.

> Claire Elshot-Aventurin President of WICLU

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of:



#### Harry Jilbere Peterson

Sunrise: August 13th, 1944 Sunset: July 16th, 2022

He was preceded in death by:

Camelia Beatrice Peterson-Rey †
Austin Boyce Peterson † Mother:

Left to mourn are his:

Brothers & sisters: Odalie Lake and family, George Thompson and family, Charles Peterson & family, Rose-

Peterson & Joseph Peterson & family Aunt & uncle:

Muriel Rogers and family & Thomas Rey and family Tisha Lake, Natasha Lake, Georgina Thompson &

Nieces:

Cindy Peterson Nephews: Daron Lake, Aaron Thompson, Mitchell Peterson, Ryan Peterson

Pamela Thompson &

Dolores Peterson Cousins and family members: too numerous to mention.

He was a former employee of the Fire Department and the Princess Juliana International Airport.

The thanksgiving service for the late Harry J. Peterson will be announced in a subsequent announcement.

The Management and Staff of Emerald Funeral Home Chapel & Crematory would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

May his soul rest in Eternal Peace



Psalms 27 The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear. The Lord is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid. It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of:



#### Adriana Lorencia Halley-Henry

Sunrise: August 10th, 1948 **Sunset:** July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Left to mourn are her:

Husband: Bernard Halley

Carlota and Keith Badasie and family, Children:

Mientje Pieters and family and Suzette and Rensley Jansen and family

Grandchildren:

Indira Bedasie, Imani Bedasie, Inari Bedasie, Ishmael Pieters, Ishana Bedasie, Inaivah Bedasie, Isaiah Jansen & Ianthae Jansen

Stepchildren:

Sharon Halley, Shanda Halley, Sharif Halley

& Guillermo York

Godchild: Ginelle Hodge

Winston Mathew and family, Neville Henry Brothers: and family, Julien Henry and family & Stanley

Henry and family

Mary Henry and family - NL, Judith Henry

and family, Esther Peek and family - NL

& Beryl Henry and family

Brothers-in-law:

Hans Peek and James Richardson

Aunt: Beryl Rombley (Aruba) Uncle: Sony Richardson (U.S.A.)

Nieces, nephews and cousins too numerous to mention

Special nephew:

Romigio Rogers

Eric (Ricky) Van Putten

She was a former employee of Spritzer & Furmann and the Windward Islands Bank.

She was related to: Henry, Halley, Mathew, Pieters, Bedasie, Jansen, Peek, Richardson, Stapleton, Lake, Rogers, Maduro, Cooks, Arrindell, Arndell, Chemont, Rombley, York, Williams and Peterson.

Special friends:

Gerald Peterson, Johnny B, George Greaux Sr., Lionel Halley, Hyacinth Halley, Jenny Claxton.

> We apologize if during our grief, we forgot to mention anyone as this is not intentional.

The funeral service for the late Adriana Lorencia Halley-Henry

Will be held on: Thursday, July 21st, 2022 At the: Methodist Church in Philipsburg

Viewing and tributes will be from: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Service commences at: 11:00 a.m.

Interment will take place at Simpson Bay Cemetery. May her soul rest in Eternal Peace.

The family requests no visitors after the service.

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#### By Nancy Black

Today's Birthday (July 19) - This year opens professional doors. Shared savings surge with regular contributions. Pausing with physical barriers this summer builds strength and endurance for an autumn energy surge. Envision perfection and prepare this winter for team and social fun next spring. Take the career escala-

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 – Express your heart. The next three weeks, with Mercury in Leo, favor creativity, romance and fun. Discuss passions, hobbies and games with beloved people.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) – Today is a 7 – Enjoy domestic communications. The next three weeks, with Mercury in Leo, favor family conversations. Talk about future plans and dreams. Beautify spaces. Share your heart.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - Today is an 8 - Team collaboration flowers. Communication channels flow. For three weeks, with Mercury in Leo, it's easier to learn, express and get your message across.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Today is a 9 - Develop profitable projects. With Mercury in Leo for three weeks, communications become especially profitable. Negotiations come naturally. Wheel and deal. Craft win-win

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 9 - You're especially clever and confident, with Mercury in your sign. Whistle your own tune. Articulate and develop creative personal projects. Pitch for your cause.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Today is a 7 – Clean messes; notice dreams. Keep a journal. Complete or abandon old projects, with Mercury in Leo. Envision and articulate plans. Enjoy a private organization phase.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Social participation opens new possibilities. Get together with friends and allies. Communication generates teamwork, with Mercury in Leo. Connect and collaborate for common gain.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 9 - Brainstorm lucrative projects and ventures with mentors. A rise in professional status is possible through communication over three weeks, with Mercury in Leo.

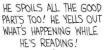
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - Have fun. Expand your investigation. Educational opportunities arise, with Mercury in Leo for three weeks. Travel beckons. Long-distance communication opens new doors. Learn and grow.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Tally shared resources. Profitable collaborations arise in conversation over three weeks, with Mercury in Leo. Collaborate to grow financial strength for a common venture.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) – Today is a 7 – Talk about what you want. Partnership is key. It's easier to communicate and delegate over three weeks, with Mercury in Leo. Generate new possibilities together.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 9 - You're learning valuable skills. With Mercury in Leo, you're especially clever and creative with your work, health and fitness. Genius ideas spark in conversation.













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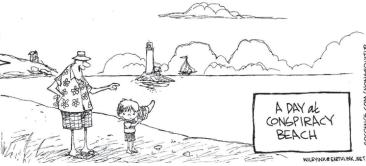


















#### Community



#### Dear Queenie,

My husband is always complaining that I'm not willing to have sex with him often enough.

I would love to feel like having sex with him but I'm always too tired from working a full-time job and then coming home and looking after our children and having to do all the house-cleaning and cooking and clearing up. I know he works full time too, but then he comes home and relaxes and watches TV or plays a computer game.

Queenie, how can I get him to help around the house so that I will have the energy for making love with him?-Exhausted wife

#### Dear Wife,

Have you talked to your husband about this and explained your problem to him? If not, have a long talk with him about it until you think he has heard and understood what you are trying to tell him.

If that doesn't help, you may need professional counselling - for both of you, would be best. And you should also have a complete physical check-up; make an appointment with your family doctor ASAP and try to have your husband go with you to hear what the doctor says.

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.

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.

Work belongs to student.

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 Yoga Centre, 16 Front Street. Call 524-2554 or 542-0541 call or contact ADS for more information at 5533116. for more information.

#### **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.

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.

#### Positive Thinking

Brahma Kumaris St. Maarten invites persons to its ongoing free meditation and Positive Thinking courses at Raj

#### 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.

#### **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 allbecause of grace@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





People THE DAILY HERALD, Tuesday, July 19, 2022

## Filmmaker fights for Ukraine, driven by memories of sexual assau

survived.

Alisa Kovalenko signed up says she was driven by outrage over Russia's invasion of her home, and memories most work on her latest of the sexual assault she production and volunsurvived during battles with teered to fight on the east-Moscow-backed separatists ern front. eight years earlier.

rector is best known for her ears, she told Reuters her documentaries,

WARSAW, Poland--When her 'Sister Zo' and 'Alisa where she has been living in Warland'. But days after on Feb. 24, she put down her camera, suspended

Slight and animated with The 34-year-old film di- piercings climbing up her including story in the Kyiv suburbs

with her father when she to fight for Ukraine, she Russian forces charged in is not fighting as a soldier near Kharkiv. She said she was working on a film on the conflict in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region in 2014 when she was stopped at a separatist checkpoint, taken away for questioning, then sexually abused by a Russian officer in a nearby apartment.

> Russian authorities did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Kovalenko's account. But Moscow regularly denied sending officers and troops to the separatists at the time, and has since dismissed all accusations that its forces have committed acts of sexual violence. calling them lies and propaganda.

> Kovalenko said she was interrogated for hours in 2014 and accused of being a Ukrainian sniper before the officer took her to the flat and forced her to strip naked in a bathtub. She said she remembers crying as he asked her to lie down on a bed, lay on top of her then tried to rape her before falling asleep. After repeated interrogations, she added, she was freed a few days later.

> "I think I was so afraid, it was like an animal ... animal fear. I never had (that kind of) fear before," she recalled. "I promised myself if a war ... will cover all Ukraine, then I will fight not with my camera but with a gun.'

Eight years later, when Russia did send tens of thousands of soldiers over the border in what it called its "special military operation", Kovalenko's memories came flooding back.

The prospect of fighting off in a list of factors. All of ing, the soldiers talk about a full-blown invasion was them played a role in trying daunting. But then she re- to protect ourselves from called what she had already these sorts of things - not just protecting myself but

"It (the sexual assault) also all people, my family." broke me. But at the same Since then, she has spent time, I was not afraid of months on the frontline anything after it," she said. under shelling, miles away "When I went to the war ... from her husband and I was not so afraid about young son in France. She has lost one close friend The memories of the atin the fighting. "It's comtack fed into a mix of mopletely unbearable ... you tivations, said Kovalenko, became a family with some who was born in the eastern of your comrades because

> you spend so much time together," she said.

films and music, smoke cigarettes and share jokes and life stories. Many survivors of sexual

violence choose to stay silent, she said, fearing reprisals from Russia and stigma from their Ukrainian neighbours. But she appeared in a play about her ordeal before the invasion, and talks freely about it now.

"It's not only for me, but it's for others, and it's generally also for Ukraine because we need to talk about crimes, about what Russia



Alisa Kovalenko reacts as she speaks during an interview with Reuters, as Russia's attack on Ukraine continues, in Kyiv, Ukraine, July 11, 2022.

#### Mexican teenager was asphyxiated MEXICO CITY--A young

Mexican woman whose body was found in a well in the northern state of Nuevo Leon in April died of "asphyxia by suffocation," authorities said Monday, contradicting the state's earlier findings and adding to doubts over the conduct of the investigation.

The results of a third autopsy were presented on Monday in the case of Debanhi Escobar, 18, who vanished when returning home from a party April 9.

Escobar's case became a national scandal when in- Debanhi's body in order to vestigators took almost two weeks to find her body, which was located just meters away from where she was last seen. Authorities initially suggested Escobar died after falling into the well on the grounds of a roadside motel outside the city of Monterrey as she was returning home from a

State attorney general Gustavo Guerrero also said in late April that Escobar's death was due to "a profound contusion to the skull."

Escobar's father criticized investigators for their inability to find his daughter's body and cast doubt on their version of the events leading to her death. The family later hired independent investigators to carry out a second autopsy, which found Escobar had been sexually assaulted and murdered.

Authorities then exhumed conduct the third autopsy, which contradicted elements of both the state's original autopsy, as well as the independent one. It found Escobar died of asphyxia, not blunt force trauma to the head. It also did not find evidence that she had been sexually assaulted.



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## Wild boar rescued from Spain golfing pond amid heatwave

MADRID--Spanish fire- a refreshing splash amid from a distance. rescued a large wild boar on Monday from a pond at a golf course near Madrid after the animal went for

city of Zaporizhia. "It's one

factor that made me take

this decision ... one thing

fighters and forest rangers a scorching heatwave and found itself trapped.

Video footage showed four people chasing the boar in an inflatable boat and then using catchpoles to bring it to the shore where they and half a dozen other rescuers finally pulled it out up the artificial pond shore's slippery plastic lining. A few golfers watched the rescue

"A wild boar thought it was too hot and went for a splash," the Madrid region's Fire Brigade tweeted. "It wasn't an easy task."

The boar weighed over 100 kg (220 pounds) and forest rangers ultimately sedated the animal to be able to move it to a forest nearby.



#### TeleCuração Channel 130 SXM Cable Channel 202 WTN

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6:00am	Efata - Habri bo mes pa Señor
6:30am	Mòru Bon Dia
9:30am	Ban Halsa e Standarte
10:00pm	Gostoso ku Maristella
11:00am	Dun'e un Chèns
12:00pm	TeleNotisia Mèrdia/Extra Journa
1:00pm	Entiero Diana Lebacs live
3:30pm	Punto Final (r)
4:30pm	Ban Halsa e Standarte (r)

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TV-CARIB (local) Channel 010 WTN

10:20pm

Program Rotation

Tuesday, July 19				
8:00am	Good Morning Beautiful			
9:00am	Morning Show (Pearl FM)			
12:05pm	Viewpoint (PJD2)			
5:00pm	Animated Kids Program			
6:30pm	Voice of Our Kids News			
7:00pm	Special			
7:30pm	TV-Carib Informer			
8:00pm	Special			
10:00pm	Noticias en Español			

Late Night

## Ny dream came true': Indian woman revisit Pakistan home after 75 years

LAHORE--When old Indian citizen Reena Varma visits her childhood home in Pakistan this week. for the first time in 75 years, she will be the only one of her family to make it back India, I got sentimental," she home since they left shortly before partition divided the two nations.

"My dream came true," she said, adding her sister had died without ever being able to fulfil her wish to return to the home in the city of Rawalpindi they left when Varma was 15 years old.

The family of five siblings fled to the Western Indian state of Pune shortly before partition in August 1947. Although Varma was able to travel once to the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore as a young woman, she has never been back to Rawalpindi. Her parents and siblings have since died.

Crossing into Pakistan by

92-year road last week after decades of attempts to get a visa, she felt a wave of emotion. "When I crossed the Pakistan-India Border and saw the signs for Pakistan and said, speaking during a stop in Lahore. "Now, I cannot predict how I will react when Î reach Rawalpindi and see my ancestral home in the street.'

Varma's family was among the millions of people whose lives were disrupted in 1947, when departing British In-dian colonial administrators ordered the creation of two countries - one mostly Muslim and one majority Hindu. A mass migration followed, marred by violence and bloodshed, as about 15 million Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs, fearing discrimination, swapped countries in a political upheaval that cost more than a million lives.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since 1947, and relations remain tense, particularly over the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, which both claim in full. Aug. 14 will mark 75 years since partition split the two countries, dividing the province of Punjab roughly down the middle.

Varma remembers those tumultuous days clearly. The family worried as reports of violent incidents reached them and decided to leave, her father quitting his public servant job and Varma leaving her school. "Initially we could not understand what happened," she said, adding her mother never wanted to believe that the two countries had been divided.

"She kept saying we will go back to Rawalpindi soon, but ultimately she had to accept the reality that India and Pakistan are two separate



Reena Varma, 92-year-old Indian citizen born in Pakistan, who after 75 years came to visit her ancestral home and school, speaks during an interview with Reuters, in Lahore, Pakistan July 16, 2022.

countries," she said.

Varma has been trying since 1965 to get a visa for Pakistan, finally succeeding this vear when the Pakistan India Heritage Club and Pakistan's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar helped with the process. Varma is being hosted by Im-

Club, which works to highlight the shared heritage of citizens on both sides of the border and reunite family members separated by parti-

"India and Pakistan are two separate countries but we can bring peace between ran William, the director of them through love and peo-

the India Pakistan Heritage ple-to-people contact," Wil-

When Varma, who is Hindu, was leaving India for her trip she said many warned her not to travel to the Muslimmajority country, but she was not deterred. "Here I feel I am in my own town with my own people," William said.

# A female police officer stands guard on the Canary Island of La Palma, in La Laguna, Spain,

## Short women can be cops too, Spain top court ru

MADRID--Shorter women will be able to join Spain's police forces after the country's top court ruled on Monday that a minimum height requirement for female officers is discriminatory.

The court scrapped the 1.60 metre (5 ft 3 inch) height requirement in a ruling on a case filed by a young woman who was barred from taking her selection tests in 2017 because she was 4 cm shorter than the required minimum.

The requirement "constitutes an indirect discrimination against women compared to men whose required height (1.65 metre) is much less demanding, since tres tall. Spanish men ranked

the percentage of women (in Spain) below the threshold (25%) is much higher than the percentage of men (3%)," a court document said.

Provided the plaintiff passes her exams, the court ordered the police to employ the woman and give her the same pay seniority as the women who were admitted in 2017

According to a world survey conducted by Imperial College in London, the average height of 19-year-old Spanish men was 1.76 metres in 2019 while women the same age were on average 1.62 me-

58th tallest out of 200 countries and territories, while women ranked 77th

The court said the national police provided no justification for limiting access to job seekers based on their height. The process of selection for police officers includes physical and medical tests which guarantee the candidates are fit enough to comply with the job, the court said.

"Within the police structure, there are many functions that require no special physical condition and even less a tall stature," the court

## **Prince Harry celebrates** Mandela, urges climate action

ain's Prince Harry spoke on manity," he said. Monday at the United Nations about seeking insight from the late Nelson Mandela during a time of global uncertainty and urged countries to take action on climate change.

Accompanied by his wife Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, the couple held hands as they walked into U.N. headquarters in New York City to mark Nelson Mandela International Day, held annually on the former South African president's birthday.

In the U.N. General Assembly hall, Harry spoke about the threats from Russia's invasion of Ukraine, what he called the reversal of constitutional rights in the United States and the "weaponizing" of lies and disinformation. "We are witnessing a global assault on democracy and freedom - the cause of Mandela's life," he said.

Mandela became South Africa's first Black president in 1994 after spending 27 years in prison during apartheid. He died in 2013 aged 95, but remains an icon for his struggle against apartheid and message of reconciliation.

Harry warned about the impact of climate change on Africa and the world. "This crisis will only grow worse, unless our leaders lead, unless the countries represented by the seats in this hallowed hall make the decisions - the daring, transformative decisions

- our world needs to save hu-

Harry spoke about a 1997 photo taken in Capetown of Mandela and his late mother Diana, Princess of Wales, which he said hangs on his wall. "When I first looked at the photo, straight away, what jumped out was the joy on my mother's face. The playfulness, cheekiness even, pure delight to be in communion with another soul, so committed to serving hu-

manity," he said.

Harry described Africa as a "lifeline," saying: "It's where I felt closest to my mother and sought solace after she died, and where I knew I found a soulmate in my wife."

Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, moved to the United States two years ago to lead a more independent life. They live in California with their two



**Sports** THE DAILY HERALD, Tuesday, July 19, 2022

## Red Sox LHP Chris Sale has finger surgery, could return this season

BOSTON-- Red Sox left- day, with multiple reports

hander Chris Sale under- saying that the seven-time went surgery on his broken All-Star could return beleft pinkie finger on Mon- fore the end of this season.

## Rangers agree to terms with 1st-round pick Kumar Rocker

agreed to terms with their third overall pick in the MLB draft, right-handed pitcher Kumar Rocker, for \$5.2 million, multiple reports said Monday.

Per the New York Post, Rocker -- who was unsigned by the New York Mets af-

#### **Soto on Nats** negotiations: 'Don't know what to trust

LOS ANGELES -- In light of a report that he turned down a 15-year, \$440 million contract offer, Washington Nationals star Juan Soto faced questions about ESPN reported at the time. his future with the club Monday during media availability for the MLB All-Star Game in Los Angeles.

Soto called the leak "pretty frustrating" but said his motivation for now was to concentrate on baseball.

"It feels pretty tough, pretty frustrating, because I try to keep my stuff private,' said Soto, who was named to his second straight All-Star Game. "I don't try to throw stuff out there. But it feels really bad. But at the end of the day, we just got to keep playing. It don't matter what's happening."

The 23-year-old reportedly turned down an offer that would have made him the highest-paid player in baseball history, exceeding Mike Trout's \$426.5 million deal with the Los Angeles Angels. The Athletic reported that the Nationals did not include any deferred money in the offer. something that had become a sticking point in past negotiations with stars like Bryce Harper.

It was Washington's third offer to Soto in recent months, and with Soto's camp declining, it made the club more open to considering trade offers, per the

Rangers ter being picked 10th overall in the 2021 draft - will earn "nearly a half million dollars

more than last year's Mets slot

The Rangers' selection of Rocker at No. 3 overall Sunday stunned draft experts, as many of whom had predicted him to be chosen in the middle of the first round.

Rocker, 22, was named an All-American in 2021 after going 14-4 with a 2.73 ERA and 179 strikeouts in 122 innings and previously helping Vanderbilt win the 2019 College World Series -- where he was named the Most Outstanding Player.

The Mets failed to sign Rocker last year after reported concerns about the health of his arm raised by a team physical,

In May Rocker signed with the Tri-City ValleyCats of the independent Frontier League, where he posted a 1.35 ERA over 20 innings while auditioning before the draft.

Because they didn't sign Rocker, the Mets receive the 11th pick as compensation, where they chose Georgia Tech catcher Kevin Parada.

Per the team's announcement, Sale "underwent an open reduction and internal fixation of a left fifth finger proximal phalanx fracture" after being hurt in just his second start of the season on Sunday.

Against the New York Yankees, Sale was struck on his throwing hand by a line drive hit by Aaron Hicks with two outs in the first inning, forcing him to depart after just 24 pitches. The ball caromed into right field, allowing Gleyber Torres to score to give New York a 3-0 lead in an eventual 13-2 Yankees victory.

Sale was making his second start since returning from a fractured rib cage suffered in late February while he was working out on his own during the major league lockout. In his first start of the season, Sale threw 78 pitches in five scoreless innings versus the Tampa Bay Rays on July 12.

Sale, who is signed through 2024 on a fiveyear, \$145 million contract, has thrown just 48 1/3 innings for the Red Sox since the end of the 2019 season. Last season, he went 5-1 with a 3.16 ERA in nine starts in his return from Tommy John surgery.

The Red Sox hit the All-Star break at 48-45 in fourth place in the American League East, 16 1/2 games behind the first-

## **Giants acquire LHP Young** from Guardians for cash

SAN FRANCISCO -- The one hit while striking out Giants traded for leftreliever handed Alex Young on Monday, sending cash considerations to the Cleveland Guardians.

Young, who had been designated for assignment last week by the Guardians, was immediately optioned to Triple-A Sacramento.

To make room on the Giants' 40-man roster, the team also outrighted lefthander Aaron Fletcher to Sacramento on Monday.

The 28-year-old Young has appeared in just one game this season, facing two batters in Game 1 of Cleveland's doubleheader on July 4 against the Detroit Tigers. He allowed the other batter.

This marks Young's third organization in the past two seasons. Originally a second-round pick by the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2015, the TCU product began his career as a starter -going 7-5 with a 3.56 ERA in 17 outings (15 starts) as a rookie in 2019. He split time between starting and relieving in 15 appearances in 2020 and his ERA rose

Young was waived and picked up by Cleveland last season. In four major league seasons, he is 11-15 with a 4.90 ERA in 73 games (24 starts).



inning against the Los Angeles Angels at Angel Stadium in this July 15 file photo. (Jayne Kamin-Oncea-USA TODAY Sports.)

# Clayton Kershaw, Dodgers ready

LOS ANGELES -- Major League Baseball will throw it back to 1980 on Tuesday, finally finding its way back to Dodger Stadium for an All-Star Game.

The contest will have distinct Southern California flair, with the National League not only using Los Angeles Dodgers legend Clayton Kershaw as its starting pitcher, but also starting two Dodgers position players in shortstop Trea Turner and center fielder Mookie

It is the first time the Dodgers will have multiple starters for an All-Star Game in 42 years, and it is perhaps no coincidence that game was the 1980 contest at Chavez Ravine. Six total Dodgers will be on the squad, along with six Atlanta Braves players, while the New York Yankees and Toronto Blue Jays will have six apiece on the American League team.

"I am just so excited I get to do it here at Dodger Stadium," Kershaw said of the start, recognizing that the sentimental value of making him the starter pushed him ahead of worthy NL pitchers like the Miami Marlins' Sandy Alcantara, the Braves' Max Fried and teammate Tony Gonsolin.

It is Kershaw's ninth All-Star nod, but his first start.

"I really didn't think anything of it (previously)," said Kershaw (7-2, 2.13 ERA). "I was like, 'Well, yeah, it would be fun to do it or whatever,' but now that it's finally here and I get to start that game (Tuesday) night, it just means a lot, and it means a lot to my family and we're excited."

team in the NL at the break. can help end the side's eightgame losing streak to the AL. The last time the NL won the Midsummer Classic was an 8-0 victory at Kansas City in 2012.

The past 25 years of All-Star Games have been nothing but AL domination. The AL holds a 20-3-1 advantage, with the 2020 All-Star Game canceled by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Another local player on the NL squad is former Dodger and current San Diego Padres third baseman Manny Machado. Other NL starters include catcher Willson Contreras (Cubs), first baseman Paul Goldschmidt (Cardinals), second baseman Jeff McNeil (Mets), outfielders Joc Pederson (Giants) and Ronald Acuna Jr. (Braves) and designated hitter William Contreras (Braves).

McNeil and William Contreras are in the lineup as replacements for Marlins second baseman Jazz Chisholm Jr. and Phillies designated hitter Bryce Harper, who were voted as starters but are injured.

The AL had a pair of L.A.area starters in OF Mike Trout and DH/RHP Shohei Ohtani of the Los Angeles Angels, but Trout announced Sunday he will not participate because of back

AL starters in the field will be catcher Alejandro Kirk (Blue Jays), first baseman Vladimir Guerrero Jr. (Blue Javs), second baseman Andres Gimenez (Guardians), third baseman Rafael De-

The cluster of players from vers (Red Sox), shortstop the Dodgers, who are the top Tim Anderson (White Sox) and outfielders Aaron Judge (Yankees), Giancarlo Stanton (Yankees) and Byron Buxton (Twins). Buxton was Trout's replacement, while Gimenez is in for injured Astros second baseman Jose Altuve

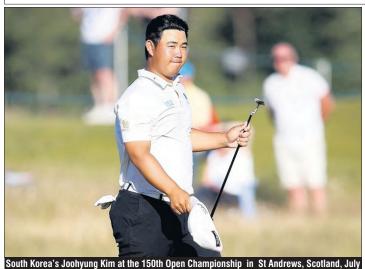
> The Rays' Shane McClanahan (10-3, 1.71) will get the start instead in just his second major league season and first All-Star appearance. Ohtani, who started for the AL last year, will start at DH but could pitch later in the game.

"I think growing up, I've always been a baseball lover and always had great respect for the (All-Star Game)," McClanahan said. "I would be lying if I told you I didn't ever envision myself being on that mound and competing against the best players in the world and for it to come true is truly an exciting opportunity for me."

Even the AL team has a tie to the last All-Star Game in Los Angeles. AL manager Dusty Baker of the Astros played for the Dodgers in 1980 -- and felt he was an All-Star snub.

"I was a little hurt because I wasn't chosen because we had about half the team that went to the All-Star Game.' said Baker, who batted .294 that season with 29 home runs and 97 RBIs, while finishing fourth in NL MVP voting. "So it's come full circle for me and I'm glad I'm here."

Baker did go on to make his only two All-Star teams in each of the next two seasons in 1981-82.



## **PGA Tour awards Joohyung Kim** special temporary membership

BLAINE--Joohyung Kim, made the cut in his debuts golfer from South Korea, received a special tempo-PGA Tour for the remain- the Genesis Scottish Open. der of the season Monday.

Kim is now eligible for an unlimited number of sponsor exemptions into PGA Tour events so he can attempt to earn his tour card for next season.

Kim is ranked No. 40 in the Official World Golf Ranking Monday after reaching a personal high

a promising 20-year-old at both the U.S. Open and The Open Championship, and the week before The rary membership from the Open, he finished third at

Kim has picked up four The special status means victories across the Asian Tour and Korean Tour since 2019.

"I've worked really hard to get to this point, and now I have more work ahead of me to earn full PGA Tour status for 2023," Kim said in a news release. "It has always been a dream of mine to play the PGA Tour and I of No. 39 last week. He am very grateful to 3M for

giving me this opportunity to compete."

According to the PGA Tour, to earn full status for next season Kim must earn at least as many "non-member FedEx Cup points" as the final eligible player to qualify for this year's FedEx Cup Playoffs.

Kim will play this week's 3M Open in Blaine, Minn., on a sponsor exemption.

He is the youngest player to be awarded special temporary member status since Chilean Joaquin Niemann in 2017-18, when he was 19.

## Sparks seek end to slump versus last-place Fever

Sparks have lost three consecutive games after a season-best three-game winning streak.

That has them stuck in a six-team logjam for the final three playoff spots with a month left in the WNBA regular season.

The Sparks (10-14) hope to get back on the right track when they host the league-worst Indiana Fever in L.A. on Tuesday night.

Los Angeles welcomed back All-Star forward Nneka Ogwumike after a one-game absence due to a non-COVID illness, but dropped an 80-68 decision to the visiting Chicago Sky on Thursday night.

Ogwumike had 16 points and eight rebounds and points, but were outscored her sister, Chiney, had 14 26-17 in the fourth quarter.

Los Angeles played without starting center Liz Cambage, who entered the health and safety protocol Thursday afternoon.

The Sparks led the defending champion Sky 17-16 after the first quarter, but got outscored 21-11 in the second quarter and 31-20 in the third.

"The whole game we had great defense," Sparks guard Jordin Canada said, "but the second quarter is what got us and a little bit in the third."

The Fever (5-22) have lost nine in a row after an 81-65 defeat at Seattle on Sunday. They trailed by just seven points after three quarters despite scoring just 48

opportunity because I felt like we had some good cracks at it, some good looks that just didn't go down," Indiana interim coach Carlos Knox said.

The Fever committed 19 turnovers and made just 4 of 24 3-pointers. Queen Egdo scored 13 points in just 16 minutes before fouling out. Two other starters -- Kelsey Mitchell and Na-Lyssa Smith -- also were hampered by foul trouble, matching Egbo's three firsthalf fouls.

"I think that hurt us," Knox said. "It kind of slowed down our momentum from the jump, but we have to really understand what it takes to guard at this level without fouling."

## Pogacar trails Vingegaard but takes momentum into Tour third week

Jonas Vingegaard holds a commanding ahead of the final week of the Tour de France, but with the Dane reeling from a crash and having lost two key team mates, Tadej Pogacar is taking a fresh momentum into the Pyrenees.

Defending champion Pogacar was toppled last week in a gruelling Alpine stage after coming under sustained fire from Vingegaard and his Jumbo Visma team mates, but the Slovenian has vowed to fight until the end.

Despite a two minute and 22 second-deficit, the 23-yearold can still hope to win a third consecutive Tour.

On Sunday, Vingegaard hit the deck and sustained bruises on his left side while Steven Kruijswijk crashed out and Primoz Roglic abandoned after failing to recover from a back injury.

It leaves Jumbo Visma down to six riders and with one of them, Tiesj Benoot, battered and bruised after also crashing on Sunday, the Dutch outfit could struggle to control the aggressive Po-

"I need to grab every chance, use every climb there is. I need to try and attack," Pogacar told reporters on Monday.

"I will give everything and I hope I don't have any re-

Pogacar tried last Thursday on the climb to l'Alpe d'Huez but after being greatly helped by his team's fast tempo in the first part of the ascent, Vingegaard followed easily.

With Kruijswijk and Roglic out, the 25-year-old will be less protected.

"Ît's going to be a crazy third week," Groupama-FDJ sports director Philippe Mauduit, whose leader David Gaudu is gunning for a top five finish in Paris, told

Tuesday's 16th stage features two brutal category-one climb before the 17th and 18th stages take the peloton into some of the toughest climbs of the Pyrenees.

Vingegaard said he felt good after his crash.

'I slept well, I'm a bit bruised but I'm good. It stings a little but I'm not hurting," he said on Monday.

"I still have a two-minute and 22-second lead so we're good, even if losing two team mates is not a good thing."

Behind the leading duo 2018 champion Geraint Thomas, who cannot match Vingegaard and Pogacar's so far managed to limit the damage and his Ineos-Grenadjers team have three riders in the top 10.

"I think up to this point Jonas has been the strongest, he's been able to respond to every attack as well and he's been riding cleverly," said Thomas.

"But it's a three week race not 15 days."

Will Ineos-Grenadiers col-

Vingegaard?

"It's not like Pogacar is gonna be ringing me up and we're gonna make a plan tonight but once you're on the road if a situation comes where it works for both of us it's just like any other race," Thomas explained.

"But it's not like a vendetta against Jonas or Jumbo, but it's bike racing, so anything can happen."

### Sun looking to minimize mistakes vs. Liberty

Jonquel Jones was unable to be in the arena after test- ner led the Sun with 19 ing positive for COVID-19, the Connecticut Sun were in position Sunday to beat the Las Vegas Aces until the second half. they started making mis-

Jones will be out again Tuesday morning and the Sun will look to correct some of their miscues when they host the visiting New York Liberty in Uncasville,

The Sun (16-9) head into the early tipoff in fourth place in the league and trailing the third-place Seattle Storm by one game. They missed a chance at gaining ground in a 91-83 loss to the Aces.

"It is what it is," Sun coach Curt Miller said. "It's what everybody deals with in this league and no one's going to feel sorry for each other. So, we've just got to weather this stretch and continue to push to try to peak at the right time and get in the best playoff position as we

Without Jones, Brionna Jones moved into the starting lineup and finished with

CONNECTICUT --While 16 points, six rebounds and four assists. DeWanna Bonpoints but they also allowed 33 points off 22 turnovers -with 12 of those coming in

New York (9-15) is on a three-game losing streak and has lost five of six. Unlike the first four losses in that stretch, the Liberty were non-competitive in an early tipoff Thursday when they were handed a 108-74 loss to the visiting Aces.

On Thursday, the Liberty allowed 71 points in the first half after giving up the game's first 12 points and allowing Las Vegas to make its first 10 field goals.

"That was an absolutely (expletive) game, and I had to sit through it, unfortunately." Liberty coach Sandy Brondello said. "Sometimes you feel helpless. You're like, 'I don't know. Can we stop at halftime?"

Natasha Howard led the Liberty with 19 points and nine rebounds, but the rest of the starters struggled, including Sabrina Ionescu. She was held to nine points on 1-of-8 shooting from the field.

#### **MARATHON**

km mark but was nonetheless pleased with her performance.

"The Ethiopian runners are very fast. It not easy to after less-than-ideal preparun with them, but I tried my best," she said.

The field produced a speedy start at 6.15 am local time, benefiting from sunny but pristine conditions, with temperatures hovering above 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10C).

Israeli Lonah Salpeter seized a chance to secure third spot on the podium after Ethiopian Ababel Yeshaneh fell off the leading to stomach issues.

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pack and dropped out with less than 10 km to go.

Salpeter told reporters she was thrilled with the bronze

"I remained patient after the ladies pushed early in the race, no matter (how) the race would unfold," she

"Today, it was really a fantastic achievement. The marathon starts at 30km."

Kenyan Ruth Chepngetich, who won three years ago, dropped out at around the 18-kilometre mark due

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## Mo Farah says he was victim of child trafficking

LONDON - Multiple Olvmpic and world champion Mo who was born in Somalia, Farah was brought to Britain from Djibouti at the age of nine and was forced to do housework and childcare in exchange for food, he told

The 39-year-old Briton, before. added his name had been from Hussein Abdi Kahin in used to fly him to Britain by

## Lyles puts 200m field on notice with red-hot heat

world champion Noah Lyles day, equalled Knighton's showed he is no mood to give up his 200 metres crown after setting a red-hot pace to win his heat on Monday.

The sprinting showman rounded the curve with ease before wagging his finger at the rest of the field down the straight to finish in 19.98 seconds and advance to Tuesday's semi-finals.

Celebrating his 25th birthday, Olympic bronze medallist Lyles said he had jitters during the three-day wait to compete in front of the home crowd in Eugene, Oregon.

His rivalry with fellow American Erriyon Knighton is expected to produce fire-

Lyles denied the 18-yearold a place on the podium at the Tokyo Olympics and ran past him down the stretch to clinch the national championship last month, prompting Knighton to storm off during a post-race interview. Read full story

Knighton got off to an explosive start on Monday before easing up near the halfway mark and cruising to victory in his heat in 20.01.

"I cannot ask for more, I am at the spot where I want to be," said Knighton. "One of my best years, if not my best and I am just happy."

Alexander Ogando, who helped the Dominican Republic pick up gold in the changed to Mohamed Farah the fake travel documents a woman he had never met

EUGENE, Ore., -- Reigning 4x400m mixed relay on Fritime in his heat, cruising past the U.S. Olympic silver medallist Kenny Bednarek down

> the straight. Two days after leading an American sweep of the 100m, Fred Kerley jogged through to the finish to win his heat but said he was "still in recovery mode".

> Canadian Andre De Grasse, the Olympic champion who took silver at the worlds three years ago, withdrew from the 200 after failing to qualify for the 100m final on Saturday.

> Another Canadian, Aaron Brown, stumbled and fell forward after his blocks slipped but was issued a green card and allowed to run, finishing second in his heat behind 400m indoors champion Jereem Richards of Trinidad and Tobago.

> In the women's heats, Jamaica's terrific trio of Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Shericka Jackson and Elaine Thompson-Herah rolled through to the semi-finals less than 24 hours after sweeping the 100m podium.

> "Oh man, it was hard," said Fraser-Pryce, who collected her fifth world 100m gold on Sunday. "It was a late night and I needed to come back and try to qualify as easy as I can to preserve my strength for tomorrow.

Once he arrived in the UK, the woman took him to her home in Hounslow, west London, and tore apart a paper with the contact details of his relatives.

"For years I just kept blocking it out, but you can only block it out for so long," he said in the BBC documentary, which will be broadcast this week.

"Often I would just lock myself in the bathroom and cry. The only thing I could do to get away from this (living situation) was to get out and

Farah was enrolled at two primary schools for a very short period of time before attending Feltham Community College at 11.

His physical education teacher Alan Watkinson contacted social services and helped him find a foster family in the Somali community after Farah told him what he was going through.

"I felt like a lot of stuff was lifted off my shoulders, and I felt like me. That's when Mo came out - the real Mo," Farah said.

"I had no idea there was so many people who are going through exactly the same thing that I did. It just shows how lucky I was.

"What really saved me, what made me different, was that I could run."

He said in May his elite track career could be over after he finished runner-up in the London 10 000 metre race and ruled out taking part in this month's World Championships.

Farah, who completed the 5,000 and 10,000 metres double at the 2012 and 2016 Olympics will however run a marathon for the first time since 2019 when he takes part at the London Marathon in October

# Netherlands' Anouk Vetter in action during the women's 100 metres hurdles heptathlon at the World Athletics Championships at Hayward Field, Eugene, Oregon.

## Vetter and Thiam set for heptathlon 800m decider

EUGENE, Ore., - - The and 200 metres to open a World Championships heptathlon is set for an exciting 800 metres finale on Monday as Anouk Vetter of the Netherlands found her second-day form to take a slender 19-point lead over Belgium's Nafissatou Thiam after the first six events.

After ranking fifth in the opening 100m hurdles with personal best of 13.21 seconds on Sunday, Thiam, the double Olympic gold medallist and world champion in 2017, put together her usual consistent perfor-

healthy lead and her first and her 19-point advantage day total of 4,071 points equates to around a second was her highest in a major championships.

Vetter, silver medallist in Tokyo, ended Sunday's morning programme with a shot put pb of 16.25 metres that propelled her from seventh to second on the back of her best first-day tally of 4,010 points.

She then produced another pb of 6.52m in the long jump and followed up with a 58.29m javelin throw that was good enough to edge mances in high jump, shot her clear of her great rival.

Vetter has 6.045 points in the 800m, where Thiam's personal best of 2:15.24 is 2.5 seconds quicker than Vetter's.

American Anna Hall, 21. is some way back in third but as one of the fastest 800m runners in the field looks set to collect bronze.

Britain's defending champion Katarina Johnson-Thompson, who edged out Thiam in the 2019 worlds, was below-par throughout and was in eighth place go-

# Jacobs vows to return stronger after

pic champion Lamont Marcell Jacobs has vowed to come back stronger after he was forced to pull out of his 100 metres semi-final at the World Championships in Eugene, Oregon at the weekend due to a thigh injury.

The Texas-born 27-year-old shocked the world when becoming the first Italian to win Olympic 100 metres gold last August, before adding a second gold in the 4x100 metres relav.

Appearances since the Tokyo Games have been few

OREGON - Double Olym- and far between due to injury, but Jacobs still travelled to Oregon in search of a first gold medal at the world championships, only to have to pull out of Saturday's semi-final.

"It was a painful choice," Jacobs said on Instagram. "I wanted to be here in Eugene and confront my opponents at any cost.

"There is nothing I love more than racing and competing. I am a fighter and it is with this spirit that I decided not to miss the appointment with the World Champion-

"But now, in order not to risk a more serious injury, I have to postpone the challenge to the next important races, after a full recovery. I make a promise to the Italian people and to my fans: I will do my best to keep you

In Jacobs' absence, the man who came second behind the Italian sprinter in Tokyo, Fred Kerley, led an American clean sweep in the 100 metres final on Saturday, the first since 1991, to send the home fans wild.

## Holloway retains 110m hurdles title, injured Parchment misses final

EUGENE, Ore., - American Grant Holloway successfully defended his 110 metres hurdles world title on Sunday after Jamaica's Olympic champion Hansle Parchment injured himself in the warmup and world leader Devon Allen was disqualified for a false start.

Tokyo silver medallist Holloway opened up a lead from the 10m mark and came home in 13.03 seconds, ahead of compatriot Trev Cunningham and Spain's Asier Martinez.

"At the start, it was just me, my lane and my space and I was ready for whatever happens," said Hol-

We have to continue the hard work and we will see what happens next. It feels good to win in front of the home crowd."

It was the United States' second track gold in Eu- Eagles earlier this year, gene, Oregon, a day after had produced the third-Fred Kerley led an American sweep 100 metres.

Cunningham said he was disappointed at not finishing higher on the podium in his worlds debut, after picking up the collegiate title at the springy and speedy rus of boos from the home Hayward Field track last month.

"We came for even a shinier medal. I don't like to settle, but it's the world championships, and everyone brings their best," said Cunningham, adding that he had struggled on the sixth hurdle before regaining his poise.

"I stayed composed and in my lane and did what I needed to do."

American Allen, who signed as a wide receiver back this up."

with the NFL's Philadelphia fastest time in the event in June but left the blocks one thousandth of a second

He made numerous appeals to officials but was rebuffed, prompting a chocrowd as he was removed from the track.

"I'll learn from it and not react as fast next time," he

Martinez was overjoyed after producing a personal best (13.17) to collect Spain's second consecutive bronze in the event.

"This is a dream and I am having a hard time to wake up from it," he said. "We are becoming a leading sport in Spain and results



France's Melvine Malard scores their first goal against Iceland during their Women's Euro

## France score fastest goal of **Euro to knock Iceland out**

land--- France forward vourites, then saw two goals Melvine Malard scored the fastest goal of the Women's Euro 2022 as Les Bleues drew 1-1 on Monday with Iceland, who became the first side ever to go out of the tournament despite remaining unbeaten.

Iceland, who previously drew 1-1 with Belgium and Italy, maintained their quarter-final chances until their last group game, but Belgium's 1-0 win over the Italians secured them second spot in Group D on four points. Read full story

It took 43 seconds for Malard to put already-qualified France ahead with a low shot from the edge of the box, making it the quickest goal of this year's tournament so far.

Having scored eight goals in the tournament so far, France have improved their best ever total in a Euro group stage by one strike.

The French dominated the opening stages of a game that was being contested in extreme heat, with Britain braced for hottest temperature on record this week.

But Iceland, who grew into the game as the first half wore on, came close to equalising in the 11th minute when Sveindis LONDON--Swedish golfer funded LIV tour. Jane Jonsdottir's header bounced off the crossbar.

Forward Berglind Thorvaldsdottir wasted another great chance just before halftime after she received the ball from a corner kick but fired her effort over the bar despite being unmarked.

Iceland continued to give absolutely everything in the second period, as midfielder Agla Maria Albertsdottir and captain Sara Biork Gunnarsdottir also came close to scoring.

ruled out by VAR.

First it was Malard who thought she had bagged her second of the evening in the 68th minute but was ruled offside. Grace Gevoro netted 20 minutes later but the goal was disallowed for handball.

Iceland, who were awarded a penalty in the dying minutes, grabbed a consolation goal in the 12th minute of stoppage time through Dagny Brynjarsdottir, making history as the only team to ever go out of Euros despite not losing once.

'France Need To Be More Clinical'

"I'm very disappointed that we didn't go through but at the same time I'm extremely proud of the team," Iceland defender Glodis Perla Viggosdottir

"I think we played very good game today, we are undefeated in the group. unfortunately

The last-gasp goal by Iceland ended France's 16-match winning run, leaving them one short of equalling their all-time record of 17 consecutive wins, set between August 2011 and July 2012.

"This evening I was able to give playing time to other players, and that went very well. We (also) have no new injuries... and that is important." France coach Diacre

"We need to be more clinical. If we can take all our chances that would be much better. But what matters is creating chances, if you don't do that you can't

France, who made a dream start to the tournament by thrashing Italy 5-1 and secured their place in the quarter-finals after their 2-1 win over Belgium, will face the Netherlands on Saturday.

Group D runners-up Belgium will play Sweden on

## LA28 announce key dates for Ga

LOS ANGELES- - The host the biggest cultural, opening ceremony of the 2028 Summer Games in event in the world." Los Angeles will be held on July 14 and the Games will conclude on July 30, games organizer LA28 announced on Monday.

The LA28 Paralympic Games will kick off August 15 and close August 27.

"Today marks the official countdown to the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games," said five-time Olympic medalist and LA28 Chief Athlete Officer Janet Evans.

'The LA28 Games will be unlike any other, showcasing the best of Southern California's exceptional stadiums and world-class culture to athletes and fans alike.

"This milestone makes the Games real for every athlete actively training for their LA28 dream and the fans who follow the jour-

The LA28 Games will mark the third time the Games have been held in the Southern California city after previous events in 1932 and 1984. This will be LA's first time hosting the Paralympic Games.

Organizers have said the use of existing stadiums as well as college dormitories to house athletes and media will help keep costs down and reduce the environmental impact.

"LA is an ambitious city of endless possibilities and the Games will reflect our community," said LA28 Chairperson Casey Wasserman.

"Los Angeles will provide the perfect backdrop to

Opening Ceremony of the sporting and entertainment

International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach said he was impressed by the progress and creativity of the organizers, including LA28's \$160 million investment to support youth sports in Los Angeles.

'Six years before the

Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028, this is already a significant Games legacy, making a difference in the lives of over a hundred thousand children." Bach

"It will help to bring new fans to Olympic sport and leave a sporting legacy for generations to come.'

## Lewandowski credits Xavi for 'easy' decision on Barcelona move

SPAIN-- Polish striker Rob- nally came to an agreement ert Lewandowski has hailed Barcelona coach Xavi as the main reason for his move to the LaLiga club, saying the former midfielder's ideas and methods painted an "amazing future" for the Spanish team.

Lewandowski, who had 12 months remaining on his Bayern contract, moved to Barcelona in a deal worth 45 million euros (\$45.84 million) and has joined the team on their U.S. pre-season tour.

The Poland international said that he "always wanted to play for a big club" in LaLiga and praised Xavi, who was roped in last season when Barca were ninth and dragged them out of a slump to eventually finish second in the standings.

"I was speaking with Xavi and from the beginning I know (what's been on his) mind, his ideas," Lewandowski told Barca's media channel.

"It was easy for me to decide to come to Barcelona because I'm the guy who wants to play, who wants to win, and I think that with Xavi it's very possible.

"He knows exactly how to coach Barcelona because he was an amazing player and now he's also a very good coach. He has an amazing future and I want to be a part of this as well."

Lewandowski, who won the last two FIFA Best Player of the Year awards, is the German Bundesliga's all-time second highest scorer. He scored 348 goals for Bayern in eight seasons, winning the league title every year and the Champions League in 2020.

The 33-year-old had been forcing a move from Bayern since May and was relieved after both clubs fi-

last week.

"Finally, I'm here, I'm very happy to be here with Barcelona. The last few days were very long days but in the end the deal is done,'

#### Chelsea appoint Glick as president of business

ENGLAND- - Chelsea have appointed Tom Glick as their president of business, the Premier League club said on Mon-

Previously chief commercial officer of the City Football Group, Glick will assume dayto-day operational control of the club, including managing its global commercial strategy, driving revenue growth and enhancing fan engagement, the statement said.

His appointment follows the departure of several executives and staff members at Stamford Bridge following the takeover led by Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital. Read full story

"Chelsea FC is an iconic sports institution, known and admired all over the world. I have been very impressed with the vision and mission of Todd Boehly and Clearlake," Glick said in a

"They have the Chelsea community at the heart of everything they do. We have a huge opportunity here to enhance performance across the board. on behalf of everyone we serve."

Glick was president of NFL franchise Carolina Panthers until February. He was previously chief executive of Derby County and has served on the English Football League board.

A group led by Boehly and Clearlake Capital acquired Chelsea in May after Abramovich put the club up for sale following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which Moscow calls a 'special military operation".

Boehly said Glick was the "obvious choice" for the position.

## Henrik Stenson to join LIV, be stripped of Ryder Cup captaincy

Henrik Stenson is planning to make the jump to the LIV Golf Invitational Series and lose his 2023 Ryder Cup captaincy in the process, Sky Sports reported

Stenson, 46, was named the captain for Team Europe earlier this year for the 2023 competition in Rome. At the time, he described the distinction as a dream come true.

Now the 2016 Open Championship winner is likely to lose that role once his renowned Ryder Cup Corinne Diacre's France, he commits to the Saudi- career would be over as a cuit were untrue.

In June, former European Ryder Cup stars who had joined LIV argued that their decision should not take them out of the running for future Ryder Cup consideration. But players must be members of the DP World Tour, previously known as the European Tour, to be considered for Team Europe.

Spaniard Sergio Garcia recently said he was quitting the DP World Tour. with the understanding that

Zach Johnson will captain Team USA in 2023 and has made it clear that Americans who join LIV will not be considered for the team.

Stenson has already named two vice captains for the 2023 Ryder Cup, Thomas Bjorn of Denmark and Edoardo Molinari of Italy. One of them could be elevated to the role if Stenson's captaincy is stripped.

Sky Sports also reported that rumors of Englishman Tommy Fleetwood readying a jump to the LIV cir-



# Dream hope for second road win on visit to streaking Aces

LAS VEGAS -- The Atlanta interior, but the Dream will rout of host Atlanta. Al-Dream will head into the second leg of a four-game road swing on Tuesday when they face the streaking Las Vegas Aces.

Three Aces scored at least 20 points -- Kelsey Plum with 22, Chelsea Gray with 21 and nine assists, and A'ja Wilson with 20 -- as Las Vegas downed Connecticut on Sunday, 91-83. The win marked the Aces' third

"We were getting rolls, we were getting shots and knocking them down," Gray said of the Las Vegas offense in her postgame press conference. "It's easier to pick apart (a defense) when we're in our spots."

Las Vegas (18-7) is averaging 102 points per game over the three victories. Its league-leading season average of 91.3 points per game is more than five points higher than the closest team -- and almost 14 more per contest than Atlanta, which ranks last in the league at 77.5.

The Dream (11-14) twice failed to score at least 70 points, and never more than 75, over a three-game skid preceding Sunday's outing in Phoenix. But Atlanta opened its road trek by defeating the Mercury 85-75 in a game that Dream coach Tanisha Wright said was "good for our morale."

Nia Coffey (knee), Monique Billings (ankle) and season-long leading scorer Rhyne Howard (shoulder) all missed Sunday's game.

"People took advantage of those opportunities" that absences from the lineup presented, Wright said in the postgame press conference. "Particularly Naz (Hillmon).

In her first career start, the rookie Hillmon finished with six points, seven rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot. Her performance in Phoenix followed career bests of 13 points and 11 rebounds Friday against Connecticut.

Hillmon's emergence gives Atlanta a boost on the need to improve their deperimeter to avoid a repeat of their last encounter with the Aces

3-point range in a 96-73 ing.

though tied with Chicago fensive performance on the for the league's best 3-point shooting percentage on the season at 36.4, the Aces were more than nine per-On May 13, Las Vegas centage points better than shot a torrid 16-of-35 from that in the previous meet-

# Trout to join Team USA for

Although he has been batthe past two seasons and is missing this week's All-Star Game with an inflamed ribcage, Los Angeles Angels star Mike Trout announced Monday that he plans to be a member of Team USA next March in the 2023 World Baseball Classic.

In making his first appearance in the WBC, Trout has been appointed a team captain by Team USA general manager Tony Reagins.

The event, postponed since 2020 by the coronavirus pandemic, is set for March 11-23, 2023, with Team USA participating in pool play in Phoenix and the finals set for Miami.

'I'm excited ... it means tling injuries for much of a lot," Trout said at All-Star media day. "I missed the opportunity the first time and I knew this was a chance I can't miss. It'll be fun with the team that Tony puts together ... I'll be calling some guys, for sure."

The United States won the WBC for the first time in 2017 after reaching the top four only once in the three previous tournaments, when Japan (2006 and 2009) and the Dominican Republic (2013) won the championship.

Trout previously competed for Team USA in 2010 at the Pan American Games qualifying tournament.



Championships in Eugene, Oregon.

## Gebreslase wins world marathon title in championship-record time

EUGENE, Ore., - - Ethio- Briton Paula Radcliffe's marathon triumph in Eupian Gotytom Gebreslase survived a two-way battle with Kenyan Judith Korir to win the women's marathon title in a world championship-record time on Monday.

Gebreslase broke away with about two kilometres to go and never gave Korir a chance down the final stretch to cross finishing line two hours, 18 minutes and 11 seconds, smashing

previous mark of 2:20:57 set in 2005.

"I am very happy and I want to give all the glory to God," said Gebreslase, who title of her career in Berlin last year.

cided to leave."

It was Ethiopia's second

gene, Oregon after Tamirat Tola won the men's title in another championship record 2:05:36.

"Tola's win yesterday mopicked up the first major tivated me a lot today," said Gebreslase.

Korir, who produced the 'The Kenvan runner fastest time of her career. asked me to pass her but said she was frustrated that I stayed patient. Towards Gebreslase did not want 40km, I felt strong and de- to pace with her after they pulled away around the 27-

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Belgium's Laura Deloose in action with Italy's Barbara Bonansea during their Women's Euro 2022 Group D match at Manchester City Academy Stadium in Manchester.

## **Belgium into Women's Euro** quarters as Italy crash out

MANCHESTER, England--Belgium knocked Italy out of the Women's Euro 2022 and reached the knockout stages of a major tournament for the first time thanks to a 1-0 win over the Azzurri on Monday.

Tine De Caigny struck the decisive goal four minutes after halftime, collecting the ball on the edge of the box and smartly moving on to her left foot before drilling into the bottom corner.

Belgium, who will face Sweden in the last eight on Friday, take second place in Group D behind France who drew 1-1 with Iceland.

The Italians finish the group in bottom position with a solitary point, a hugely disappointing tournament for Milena Bertolini's side.

De Caigny's goal brought to life what had been a lacklustre game in hot conditions and Italy piled on the pressure in search of a way to keep their tournament alive.

Italy's Cristiana Girelli hit the bar shortly after the goal but despite creating pressure and making a series of attacking substitutions they could not find a way through.

Tessa Wullaert went close to wrapping things up for Belgium in the final stages with a shot against the woodwork. A solitary goal was enough for Belgium, who are featuring in only their second European Championship.