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I'm Nick Miles. And at 13 hours GMT on the 4th of October, these are our main stories.

Women, homosexuality and climate change. Pope Francis looks to the future of the Catholic Church. But how divided are his followers? Britain's governing party tries to transform its electoral prospects as it lags in the polls. And Columbia's apologies to the families of those murdered in death targets. Also in this podcast.

We are spreading the news. Frank Sinatra is back on stage.

We begin in Vatican City in Rome.

Where Pope Francis has opened a major meeting of the Roman Catholic Church. Rarely in recent times has a Vatican gathering generated as much hope and fear as this one. On the agenda is climate

change. But they will also be considering many aspects of the church and its future, including the role of women and the question of its attitude towards homosexuality.

Our religion editor, Ali McBall is in Vatican City and has been telling me what has happened so far. It started with the Pope presiding over Mass here in St Peter's Square.

And then yes, the opening of the bishops conference. And then just a couple of hours ago, almost eclipsing all of that, the Pope released this new document about the climate crisis.

And we know throughout his papacy, Pope Francis has been very clear on his views on climate change.

He released in 2015 and then cyclical on climate change. That is the highest level of teaching document a pope can release. But since then, he's reflected in this document on what's happened. And he says essentially that it's got to the stage now where the world didn't act with urgency. And as such, there are already issues with the climate that are irreversible at least for several hundred years. So he's been critical of global decision making bodies saying they've been ineffective. He's criticized politicians, some of those who deny the problem, some of those he accuses of acting so slowly in moving away from fossil fuels to other sources of energy that it may even look like they are diverting attention. And then he's also criticized some individuals, particularly in the West, he particularly singled out the amount of emissions

per individual in the US, which he says was double that of the emissions of someone in China and seven

times as much the emissions for someone, the average person in the poorest country. So a very, very strong document and a major moment in his sort of fight to get people to act more quickly on climate change. Aline, climate change is a topic that's likely to unite most of the bishops there. But there are other subjects on the agenda that are far more divisive, aren't there?

Yes. So the bishops conference will last for 26 days. The agenda has been drawn up from a massive consultation that's taken place over two years. They've been trying to reach as many Catholics all over the world as they can over those two years to ask what's important to them. And a couple of issues came up very high on the priority list and are major points of discussion through this conference. One is the role of women, over which of course there's much division in the Catholic Church. Of course, women can't be ordained in the Catholic Church at the moment, but they have been asked to find a way to move forward so women can be part of the decision

making process. And the other key issue is how to better include LGBTQ plus Catholics.

Allie McBull murders, rapes, torture. There were countless human rights abuses during Columbia's decades long civil war, but none were perhaps as horrendous, as cynical as the killing by the army of thousands of civilians that were then passed off as guerrilla fighters simply to meet death targets. Well, now the families of those killed have received an apology for the first time from the government at an event in Bogota attended by the families of 19 victims. The president Gustavo Petro asked for forgiveness for a policy that offered those soldiers leave days and decoration. I ask for your forgiveness.

Mothers.

You are the mothers of all Columbia. You are the motherland. May the blood of your children water the furrow of human Columbia that we will become tomorrow of the powerful army that we will have tomorrow, not to kill, but to live. But for Mr. Petro, this is a personal issue.

For any youth, he was a member of a militant group. He was detained, tortured and imprisoned by the

state. Nevertheless, his words didn't impress people at the event. Luceno Carmono san, was amongst those killed by the army.

Let it be very clear that today my family and I are not granting forgiveness. For us, it's very painful because we're still in a moment of total impunity. I've been waiting more than 16 years for justice to be served, for the truth to be found and for there to be no more repetition of these cases. I've been speaking to William Marquez from BBC Mundo more about the killings that led to the government's apology. They were known or came to be known as the false positive scandal. It happened during a right-wing president's government, Alberto Rive, between 2002 and 2008. He had a very aggressive policy against the rebels. He had some very good military results which made him very popular amongst certain sectors. The military were given incentives to show better results but what they were actually doing was killing innocent civilians, passing them off as guerrilla casualties killed in action. There were many members of the same families who were killed, even children as young as 14. And getting credit for it almost. Yes, yes they were. In what sense? What was happening? Well, they were given scholarships, they were promoted and this all served the purposes of the president who was showing good results to a good sector of the of the population who would elect him. And we've heard reaction to the apology from that person.

It's been mirrored by a lot of other people's reaction as well and that is possibly because a lot of these soldiers will perhaps never be held to account. Yes, after the peace treaty with the guerrillas there was a judicial body that was created and there was a process, a mechanism by which any crime committed by any of the parts in the conflict who confessed to it would not be prosecuted. So there's no expectation that anyone will. William Marquez. A British army investigation has found that a teenage female soldier who died at her barracks in 2021 probably took her own life. The BBC has seen an official report on the death of 19 year old Jaisley Beck. It suggests relentless sexual harassment from her boss may have contributed.

Here's our home affairs correspondent, June Kelly. The report describes how Jaisley Beck's immediate boss wanted a relationship with her. She didn't feel the same. In October 2021 he sent her over a thousand WhatsApp messages and voicemails. The following month this increased to more than

three and a half thousand. This was part of his obsessive behaviour which the report says took a toll on her mental well-being. Her mother, Leanne McCready, has told the BBC that Jaisley said there was no point in reporting her boss. This was because when another officer had sexually assaulted her a few months before he had merely been told to write her a letter of apology.

No one is named in the report. An inquest which will officially decide the cause of Jaisley Beck's death is yet to be held. The Army said their thoughts and sympathies were with her family and friends. That was June Kelly. The US government has announced sanctions on more than 20 individuals and entities based in China which make and distribute compounds

which are later used in illegal drugs. They include ingredients for fentanyl that's a synthetic opioid that's been blamed for tens of thousands of recent deaths in America. Our North America correspondent Peter Bowes reports from Los Angeles. This is indeed an attempt to clamp down on what

are known as the precursor chemicals, the raw ingredients that go into making fentanyl, this synthetic opioid that is so deadly as you say responsible for killing tens of thousands of people in the United States alone every year. And according to the Justice Department here it is Chinese companies that are responsible for making these precursor chemicals that then find their way into the fentanyl compound which is again then used by Mexican drug cartels as part of their operation getting drugs into the United States. So there is a global chain if you like and a chain that starts in China and that's why the Justice Department has announced this clampdown in terms of indictments and sanctions against those companies and the sanctions mean that they will essentially be cut off from the US financial system and that means in turn that anyone in this country doing any kind of business with those entities will be breaking the law and would themselves find themselves at the at the end of a lawsuit. So this is a US wide but you could see it more globally in terms of its likely impact. Peter Bose Police in Jamaica are investigating how 60 primary school children were sold sweets laced with cannabis. The pupils some as young as seven were taken to hospital.

Nick Davis reports from the capital Kingston. Buying sweets is for many pupils the highlight of their day. Outside most schools here you'll see street vendors with cheesy corn snacks, drinks in a bright array of biscuits and other confectionery but finding out that marijuana was in a batch sold to children in the resort town of Ocherias has caused outrage across the country. Favour Williams the education minister met with parents of the affected children who

experienced symptoms such as vomiting and hallucinations after eating the sweets but none are reported to be in a serious condition. She promised to strengthen the safety and security regime to combat what she described as the unconscionable sale of marijuana infused products to children. Jamaica may be seen by some outside of the country to have a favourable attitude towards marijuana or ganja but the Caribbean nation only decriminalized possession in 2015 allowing up to 57 grams for religious medicinal and scientific purposes only. The sweets sold to the children were advertisers containing a hundred milligrams of THC a strong dose for experienced adults police have named a person of interest who they want to speak to over the sale but so far he hasn't come forward. Nick Davis

coming up for centuries he was depicted as a criminal by the Dutch authorities even in Curacao he was spoken of in a negative derogatory way because that's the way he was portrayed in the history books the leader of a slave uprising finally gets at least a partial form of justice with staples business advantage you get the benefit of thousands of experts plus optimizations powered by the latest technological innovations one plus one equals two three whatever sign up today and save 20% staples business advantage business is human that world has in up and spit out a lot of young and attractive guys this is the story of one of fashion's dark secrets I was overwhelmed like I had never seen anything like this at the height of Abercrombie and Fitch's success this was me being carefully manipulated being lied too tricked and traded like a commodity investigating allegations that would take me into a world of money sex and power

this is world of secrets season one the Abercrombie guys listen wherever you get your podcasts here in the UK the prime minister has just finished delivering what was billed as a transformational speech designed to boost his party's lagging poll ratings ahead of next year's expected general election after days of speculation which have overshadowed the ruling conservatives conference Rishi Sunak confirmed that he was scrapping part of a controversial multi-billion dollar rail project he explained why he was cancelling the section of the high speed two line known as HS2 that would have linked northern England to London HS2 is the ultimate example of the old consensus the result is a project whose costs have more than doubled which has been repeatedly delayed and it is not scheduled to reach here in Manchester for almost two decades and for which the economic case has massively been weakened with the changes to business travel post-covid the facts have changed and the right thing to do when the facts change is to have the courage to change direction our political correspondent Rob Watson is at the conference as the prime minister has argued i mean his case is that this is just good money after bad and that essentially because the costs have gone up so much and because as he would argue

that the pattern of rail use has been changing that it would be just smarter to reinvest the money and it's sort of over 40 billion dollars into other infrastructure projects here in the north and in the midlands of the uk which are sort of parts of the country which are pretty far behind the southeast of the country and London so that's the argument that the money would be better spent

elsewhere but of course it is an enormous risk and of course there are plenty of people who disagree with them about the facts changing and plenty of people in the north of England who voted conservative in the last general election who will be pretty miffed at this well it's a mix picture nick i mean it's certainly the true that an awful lot of business leaders in the north and a lot of awful lot of politicians in the north both in the governing conservative party

in the opposition parties think that this is a massive mistake one of them has talked about this cancelling the north's future but actually that the sort of the picture in terms of the polling amongst ordinary folk here in the north is somewhat mixed i mean some people would prefer to see more

local trains some people do think that HS2 is a good idea so it's a rather mixed picture in terms of how is this going to play with the voters i mean of course what of what most people would like nick is to have both HS2 and much better local infrastructure as well absolutely what about the rest of his speech if picking through it is there anything else that was notable that might boost his re-election chances you know i mean the most important thing to say about these speeches nick is that you have to remember that there are 45 million eligible voters in this country i mean i suspect that probably fewer than 200 000 watch the whole speech so one shouldn't overstate these things it's more people vote according to sort of general impressions and whether they feel their lives are getting better or worse but i mean i i guess he would say he was making this argument that he is um you know he's a sort of he as he would say it someone who tells it like it is i mean whether people feel that way i i don't know but i mean that that that is his pitch to the electors that somehow he represents change but obviously after 13 years of the conservatives in power it's a tricky argument to make nick rob watson the leader of a slave uprising on the island of kurosawa a dutch caribbean settlement is being formally rehabilitated by the dutch government more than 200 years after he was killed tula was one of a group of 50 slaves who down tools on the kenapa plantation in 1795 and marched towards the island's capital to demand freedom anaheulagan is in the haig and tell me more about him for centuries he was depicted

as a criminal by the dutch authorities even in kurosawa he was spoken of in a negative derogatory way because that's the way he was portrayed in in the history books in the dutch teaching materials in schools which were of course based on the dutch education system so for example in kurosawa for a long time if you were seen to be working too hard then you were called a tula it was only really in the 1980s that more and more people in kurosawa began to push for him to be recognized as a freedom fighter and a hero instead of a criminal he was declared a national hero in kurosawa in 2010 and then he became a symbol of resistance recognized as a symbol of resistance because he led this uprising so he stood up against the oppressors he went to his slave owner on the kenapa plantation august 17th uh 1795 refused to go to work and then along with the 50 others um they went round different plantations as they were on their way to the capital and there they picked up thousands of more slaves and then eventually

there was a very bloody battle he was captured interrogated convicted and then publicly executed anana this is part of a wider move in the Netherlands to address its colonial legacy isn't it exactly wide-ranging reckoning dutch state acknowledging and apologizing for this slavery legacy so we had an apology from the prime minister i think it was last december in the summer king willam alexander made a powerful speech he said of all the ways in which a person can be robbed of their freedom slavery is surely the most painful the most degrading the most inhuman and he said at the time he recognized how deep the wounds that remain so this move the issuing of this decree which we should say hasn't actually been issued yet because the weather was so bad on kurosawa the ceremony was was rained off before they could deliver the decree officially um but this is all part of trying to reframe the narrative and the

significance of tulip being reimagined historically means accepting that it wasn't the man that was wrong it was the system of oppression that he rose up against anaheulagan a court in russia has handed out an eight and a half year jail sentence to a journalist who interrupted state television news in protest at the invasion of ukraine marina of yankeva fled the country a year ago paul mos reports the russian authorities have done their best to smother any criticism of the invasion of ukraine but marina afsiana keva had a captive audience when she entered the main news studio of russian state television stopped the war was written on a placard she waved in front of the cameras they're lying to you read another she also protested outside the kremlin and a court has now found her guilty of spreading false information about the russian armed forces in a statement issued from abroad miss afsiana keva said they decided to flog me for not being afraid this year's Nobel prize for chemistry has been awarded to three scientists for their research in tiny particles known as quantum dots that are used in led lights and tv screens the laureates the french-born mongie by wendy lewis bruce from the united states and alexa ekimov who grew up in russia all work in the us now our science correspondent palab gauche has been looking at their work as their name suggests quantum dots are extremely small typically the diameter of between 10 and 50 atoms their exact size determines the color of light they emit when given energy it's blue at the smaller end becoming red at the larger sizes and all the colors in between this property has been used to produce tv screens with more accurate color but their applications go far beyond displays because changing sides at these atomic levels also changes the quantum dots electrical magnetic and many other properties they're beginning to be used for more efficient solar power cells information storage devices and they have the potential to be used to develop technologies to deliver cancer drugs to specific organs without the side effects of whole body chemotherapy palab gauche in the 25 years since frank sanatra died there have been many tribute shows which tried to recreate the stage presence and voice of a performer widely seen as one of popular music's greats but the latest sanatra the musical is different it recreates how the singer's career took off in 1944 making him a star but eventually ending his marriage vincent doubt you make me feel so young you make me feel so spring has sprung this show is an attempt to tell on stage a chunk of frank sanatra's life the moment that you speak i want to go play hide and seek there are songs but the plays honest about sanatra's infidelities as a husband so did tina sanatra hesitate to approve a candid script from writer joe de pietro no i didn't and mom was alive when we first met and started to talk with joe i don't remember her ever thinking oh dear you can't do that that was not my mother the show's focus is the married sanatra's obsession with the hollywood star who became his second wife ava gardener yes it's frank sanatra and his wife ava gardener making a call on britain i was tiny and grew up into the situation kind of after the fact my mother never said a word about ava nothing favorable or dis favorable the mess was over and i would get to know ava as a young adult and i liked her very much and i i'm glad to represent her because i don't think she's been well represented matt other times on stage when you have to make it clear that at that point in the narrative frankie's maybe not a nice guy what i know that we're doing here is telling a really honest story and that's because of tina's bravery and even if sometimes the audience might be uncomfortable with frank's choices they're watching how he became who he was matt doil last year a tony winner on
broadway sings some of frank sanatra's most famous songs with an 18 piece band

but does he impersonate sanatra's singing on stage i think it's just a really important balance listening to him and understanding his nuances and the diction it's almost like training that as muscle memory and then just trusting that my voice has to tell the story fill my heart with song and let me sing forever more you are all i long for all i worship and adore thebe paneratos plays nancy senior the first mrs sanatra he i think was an incredibly lonely man he tended to his career with the most love and devotion and i think while that was torturous for him it gave the rest of the world this gift that is frank sanatra and i think nancy always believed in him and i think she saw how great he could be and how great he was to her detriment like she put herself second the new show isn't afraid of dark periods in frank sanatra's life but actor matt dole and tina sanatra say it's also a celebration i think dad was the first in his form a pop artist and they were swooning for him and that's where our story really kicks in emotionally frank used the lyric of the song that's why everyone talks about his phrasing is that he cared about the words that he was singing and that's what you find when you're listening to him you can emulate his sound you can work on all the small things but what made him who he was is that he was an actor first because you you make me feel so young you make me feel so young you make me feel

so young oh you make me feel so young

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