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# FETES FORBIDDEN THIS CHRISTMAS!

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*THE FACE OF SELFLESSNESS: Michele Longford merely heard that another woman was in danger of death from renal failure and only a kidney transplant could save her. Without hesitation, the over-40 mother made contact and offered to donate one of her kidneys to an unrelated someone she did not know and had never met. Her willingness to sacrifice for a stranger's urgent need was as well-matched in spirit as it was confirmed by a subsequent battery of tests that she and the prospective recipient were suitably matched for the vital surgical procedures that are expected to take place sometime next year. MORE DETAILS OF THIS TRULY AMAZING STORY ON PAGES 4-5*

# Vaccine hesitancy: The American influence

by *Everton Barnes*

In this the second in my Letters from Canada series I want to explore the continuing vaccine hesitancy in Antigua and Barbuda and how that may have been influenced by American social media and American society generally.

As I reported in the last article, Canada has one of the highest rates of vaccination in the world. Here in Ontario province, the figure stands at 87 percent of eligible persons 12 years and older, while those with at least one shot, the figure is just over 90 percent. Not that Canada doesn't have its share of anti-vaxxers – the group of small but very vocal people who oppose vaccination against COVID-19.

The Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, reported that anti-vaxxers have been demonstrating in front of his house, making it difficult for him and his family to enter their premises. He is not the only government official to encounter this. It has been a tough time for other senior politicians as well.

Despite all of this, I became very intrigued with the high rate of vaccination among Canadians. I have interpreted this as a conscious decision by the people of Canada to chart their own course on this matter and not to be unduly influenced by what's happening south of their border in the United States.

It is interesting to note that most Canadians live within one hundred miles of the US border. A cursory glance will show that most of the major Canadian cities and urban centres are literally a stone's throw away from the United States. There's much cross-border movement for commercial, business, sporting or even personal reasons. Yet fully vaccinated persons in the US amount to roughly 60 percent, with many southern states recording much lower rates compared with Canada's more than 80 percent.

The anti-vaxxers movement is a highly developed, highly organized movement that has morphed into an anti-science echo chamber regurgitating a

series of unfounded conspiracy theories that range from being an attempt by Microsoft founder Bill Gates to control the world; to allegations that it would make women and men sterile. In addition, it has become a badge of honour for many right-wing politicians and commentators in the US who see the calls for increased vaccination as an 'anti-American' campaign.

There are no facts to support these claims, yet somehow an unsuspecting public has bought these stories 'hook, line and sinker'. And, with much of this information being circulated via the social media giant Facebook, it is almost impossible to convince many otherwise.

Antigua and Barbuda has had a remarkable record with respect to the anti-COVID-19 campaign. Despite its size and limitations on resources, it raced ahead of other Caribbean territories in vaccinating 24 thousand persons within the space of three weeks in February. It was only because the country ran out of vaccines

that it lost momentum in the campaign. It was a momentum it would never regain. After its initial successes, it would take 10 months to fully vaccinate 58-thousand persons and a further four thousand who have had only a single dose.

This is not for a lack of vaccines; there are five different vaccine brands readily available in Antigua and Barbuda. Very few Caribbean countries are able to make that boast. Yet the initial sprint to get vaccinated has slowed to a crawl; a very slow crawl.

The absence of enthusiasm

for getting vaccinated has puzzled and frustrated politicians, business owners and many in society who want to see an end to the pandemic.

Facebook has been the main purveyor of anti-vaccine misinformation, such that even its founder, Mark Zuckerberg, conceded as much in an interview last August with CBS Morning's Gayle King. He confirmed that Facebook had to remove as much as 20-million pieces of misinformation from its site, but not before more than one billion persons were exposed to these falsehoods.

In conversations with many of those leading the anti-vaccine campaign locally, they all refer, at some point, to information gleaned from Facebook.

Into this mix is the presence of individuals who are seemingly desperate for an issue upon which to pin their political hopes. But COVID as a political issue poses as much danger to governments as to would-be politicians. It knows no political colours nor does it discriminate on who it will infect ... a word to the wise!

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# Total stranger gives end-stage kidney patient another shot at life

by Shelton Daniel

Curleathea Gomes had been battling kidney disease for 10 years, eventually needing life-saving dialysis three times a week.

But even that encountered a challenge at the start of this year when she developed an infection at the site on her body that gets hooked up to the dialysis machine, putting the continuation of her vital treatment – and her very life – in jeopardy.

The only hope for her continued survival was a kidney transplant; which naturally presented the inevitable – and often daunting – challenge of finding a suitable and willing donor.

She publicized her predicament on Facebook and one of the responses came from 42-year-old

Michele Longford who had never before known or heard about the now desperate kidney patient.

Longford sent Gomes a message asking to speak with her and it wasn't long before they were in touch and met.

The rest, as they say, is history – but also a most beautiful story of extraordinary altruism and humanitarianism: Michele Longford expressed a willingness to donate one of her kidneys in order to keep Curleathea Gomes alive.

Many examinations, tests and screenings later, and the willing would-be donor was found to be a suitable match and her offer became a firm commitment.

The kidney extraction surgery from Michele Longford and subsequent transplantation into Curleathea Gomes is still to be

scheduled for some date in the New Year (it's been only a week since confirmation came that they're a match) but Longford says she has never wavered – and is confident she will never waver – in her resolve to help this needy other woman.

They speak every day, she says, and have become the closest of friends; being in each other's company so much as to be nigh inseparable – twinned and conjoined by the pledge of a sacrifice as incredible as it is uncommon among people who are neither blood-related nor share any prior history of acquaintance or closeness.

“When I saw the profile, it kind of made me put myself in Curleathea's shoes,” Longford explained, “because Curleathea



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has a daughter who is around the same age as my daughter. And I just thought about what it is like to be living the kind of life that she is living – on dialysis; being dependent on a machine, basically, in order to have a healthy life.”

She said having two kidneys and learning that she did not need both of them in order to live “was the premise on which I decided she could have one”. Longford said she also wants to set an example to inspire others, as she is of the view that Antiguan and Barbudans are overly reluctant to donate even blood, much less a kidney.

Longford heartily laughed off any suggestion that between now and the actual removal of her kidney, she might get cold feet and back away from the commitment. “There’s absolutely nothing that has deterred me from the decision I made over six months ago. I am going to remain with it, and as long as God gives me life and strength, she will get this kidney.”

While the conferenced interview was in progress on **Pointe FM 99.1’s**



***Like sisters now – kidney patient Curleathea Gomes (left) with her Good Samaritan prospective donor Michele Longford.***

STARTING POINTE program on Tuesday morning, Curleathea Gomes was hooked up to a dialysis machine at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Center.



# Solid Waste offers reward to bust unsightly illegal dumping at Burma

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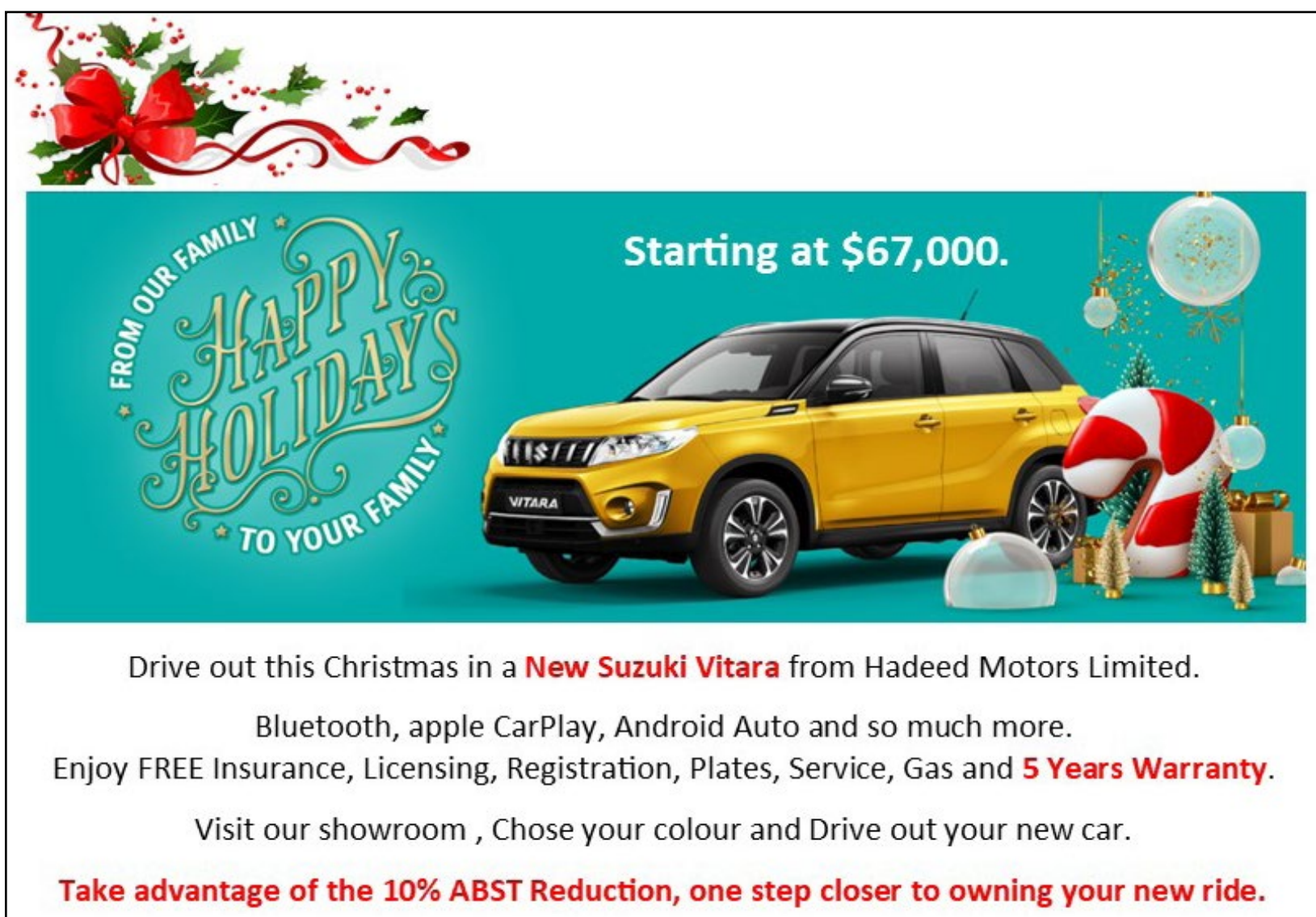
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# Gov't gives \$2M to former LIAT workers

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda, on Monday 20 December 2021, dispatched EC\$2,000,000 to the Court-appointed LIAT Receiver for distribution to former LIAT workers who reside in Antigua and Barbuda.

A statement to the media from the Office of Prime Minister Gaston Browne, who is also the country's Finance Minister, said: "This sum is intended to meet partial satisfaction of the cash component of the compassionate

payout which the Antigua and Barbuda Government has volunteered. It extends this compassionate offer, though the Government has no legal obligation to make any such payments.



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The statement added: “The payment by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda is a compassionate payment, intended to bring some Christmas cheer to those who have been unable to earn incomes since they were severed. The payment is limited to former LIAT workers resident in Antigua and Barbuda.”



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# No fetes this festive season because of Omicron threat



**Minister of Health, Wellness & the Environment, Sir Molwyn Joseph.**

Health Minister Sir Molwyn Joseph says there will be no fetes during the festive season, due to the threat from the highly-transmissible Omicron variant of COVID-19.

Sir Molwyn made the announcement during an exclusive interview with ABS Television on Monday evening.

The Minister said the risk profile would be significantly elevated from having an event with 300

patrons amid the removal of the state of emergency and curfew as of Friday

this week, December 24th.

According to Minister Joseph, the situation continues to be reviewed but fetes are being put on hold “for the time being”.

He said Cabinet continues to monitor the emerging situation regarding the Omicron variant, the fifth variant of concern, which spreads more than five times

faster than the Delta variant.

Sir Molwyn added that “it is fair to assume” the Omicron variant is already in Antigua and Barbuda.

He emphasized the importance of citizens and residents exercising personal responsibility in the fight against this viral disease.

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# National Parks Authority cancels Annual Champagne Party

The National Parks Authority (NPA) says that, after consulting with the health authorities, it has decided to postpone the annual Champagne Christmas Party in the Nelson's Dockyard.

"We strongly believe that this is the responsible thing

to do at this time, in the interest of public safety," NPA says in a notice issued on Tuesday. It continued: "The NPA wishes to apologise to the organisers, sponsors and patrons who were looking forward to the traditional Christmas activity.

"The Nelson's Dockyard will however remain open on Christmas Day for anyone to visit, with the usual protocols in place.

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# Composting: waste utilization for productive and sustainable agriculture

Regional ministers of agriculture and heads of governments have approved a *Post-COVID Response Plan*.

In that plan, there is a clear articulation of the value of exploring opportunities for waste management and benefits from effective management of the same.

Regional governments have identified the critical importance of generating revenue from various avenues, given the loss of revenue-generating opportunities from established markets that are normally available via the tourism industry.

As such, commercialization of waste management can contribute significantly to this process.

Through this agreement, a program was developed under the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA) technical cooperation project, titled *"Bio-economy for production"*.

A practical exercise took place at Grandads Garden Goodness in November, where an un-



***IICA National Specialist Craig Thomas (left) with some of the participants.***

derstanding was gained of the different types of composting, as well as the do's and don'ts of composting.

Plastic to cover the compost that will help maintain the heat, and 50-foot hoses to help in irrigating the compost whenever the temperature increases, were given to the participants. These inputs will help offset the costs of certain items, so the gardeners are better able to sustain their compost bins and backyard gardens.

Backyard garden facilitator Efuru Elihu – attached to the Ministry of Agriculture's Extension Division – explained that composting is greatly encouraged in backyard

gardening, as it is an organic fertilizer.

"We are trying to eliminate the excessive use of synthetic fertilizers, so implementation of composting is [highly recommended] for backyard gardeners."

Elihu also pointed out that backyard gardening [allows] eating straight from the garden to the pot. It is therefore more beneficial to use organic fertilizers for backyard gardening to enhance food security and the many health benefits of eating what one grows.

IICA National Specialist for Antigua and Barbuda, Craig Thomas, explained that the inputs for the participants have been invested to support

backyard gardeners who utilize composting.

Backyard gardener and agriculture science teacher Memicah Severin related that she has always grown her own food at home and therefore found the training to be very helpful and interesting. She also stated that, in the coming year, she will be teaching her students many of the things she learned.

Backyard gardener Laureen Graham expressed her gratitude to IICA and the Ministry of Agriculture for the initiative and the training provided, which she described as 'very helpful'. Graham said she will not only make use of what she has learned, but will also share the knowledge obtained.

Blair Christian, a full-time backyard gardener, is encouraging other persons to start composting, as it is the way to go; especially since it reduces the need for synthetic fertilizers and gives added nutrients – once done the right way.

# Local bank in Christmas spirit of giving

For the second consecutive year, CIBC-FirstCaribbean's Christmas Caravan has been out, sharing gifts and spreading good cheer.

The final stop was at the Soup Kitchen where the bank donated \$5,000 and boxes of Christmas cookies in support of this essential service to the needy.

Prior to leaving the bank's Old Parham Road branch, donations of \$500 each were made to five needy families.

The Caravan – bearing members of staff, with music, gifts and cash – then made its first stop at the Ministry of Education to donate \$2,500 in support of a programme for enabling teen mothers to continue their education.

The next stop was at the Victory Centre for Special Needs Children on Nugent Avenue where the bank made a donation of

\$2,500 and some surprise goodies.

The final stop was at the Soup Kitchen where the bank donated \$5,000 and boxes of Christmas cookies in support of this essential service to the needy.

“Tis the season of giving and we at CIBC-FirstCaribbean honestly believe that we must continue to play our part in lifting up those less fortunate in our country. We honestly believe that without giving there is no true Christmas. We started this initiative of the Christmas Caravan last year and it was such a rewarding experience for all of us, that we just had to do it again,” said Ladesa James-Williams, the bank's Country Head.



*Presentation to Veldon Ragguette (third from left) of the Soup Kitchen.*

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# Police respond to allegations by **MP Michael Browne**

The Police administration says it is “aware of several allegations levelled against members of the Police Force by the Member of Parliament for All Saints West Constituency, the Hon. Michael Browne, following a recent court case.”

It says, “His assertions of ‘blackmail’ and ‘collusion’ by members of the Police Force – in an attempt to have influenced the outcome of criminal proceedings against him – are viewed to be very serious.”

The statement from the Police Strategic Communications Unit (STRATCOM) adds that, “In light of the allegations, the Police administration has requested that the Hon. Michael

Browne provide the information – including the names of the officers allegedly involved in the conspiracy – so that an internal investigation can be initiated into the matter.”

The release – signed by Police PRO and Acting Superintendent Frankie Thomas – concludes by stating that Police Commissioner Atlee Rodney is, meanwhile, “assuring the general public that the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda will continue to thrive on the highest level of discipline, and will not condone any unethical and unprofessional behavior from any member within that noble organization.”



*Police Commissioner Atlee Rodney.*

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# Planning an employee event



Planning an event as joyful as an office Christmas Party – or any other employee event, for that matter – may seem easy. But from experience we know that lots of thought go into making such events memorable.

In the spirit of the season, we offer these guidelines to help human resource (HR) practitioners with their event planning.

First is deciding on the day and date. It would be a miracle if all employees will be available on the date that is finally decided on. But care must be taken to select a date convenient to most of the employees. One senior HR practitioner shared that

she always chooses a Thursday or a Saturday evening for employee events so as not to exclude her small number of Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) employees.

It is also advisable that instead of calling the event a 'Christmas Party', to use a more inclusive moniker such as an 'End-of-Year Celebration' so as not to offend those of other faiths or beliefs who may not celebrate this holiday.

Be careful not to set a date too late into December to avoid having competing events with family and friends.

Next is deciding on the type of event. Again, the

event must be suitable for most employees. The HR professional who is planning the party ought to consider the demographics of the employee body. According to another HR colleague, her young, mostly male warehouse employees prefer an after-work cook-out with "plenty beer" and reggae or dance-hall music. Her middle-aged employees enjoy sunset cruises or any event with elegantly casual attire, plenty soca music and dancing. She observed, however, that senior staff generally enjoy a formal dinner with excellent cuisine, wines, and a live band for entertainment.

These guidelines may not match everyone's reality, as some organizations may not have the budget to please everyone, and having different events could be counterproductive if staff are not going to celebrate in a unified way. There is no one size that will fit all and you may need to encourage compromise to foster camaraderie and team spirit.

Now, what is your budget? A discussion with your executives or your finance department will offer some guidance based on the available resources. With a budget in mind, you can now seek quotations from providers. Bear in mind that decisions such as open bars, number of entree or dessert options, table service versus buffer stations, length of the event, allowing spouses or partners to attend, and requesting the chosen venue to close for the event, are all known to affect cost.

There are many ways to delight your valued employees. A tastefully created invitation makes employees feel special, even if the invitation is issued by email. A photo booth or decorated background is always a crowd-pleaser as an event

is only memorable if it is memorialized by social media-worthy pictures. The element of surprise is always a winner, as well as creating opportunities to win prizes – maybe for best-dressed or the first to arrive.

If you will be having entertainment, consider what will please the employees most. Will it be a live band, or a DJ?

There are also special considerations to ensure that the event runs smoothly and achieves its desired effect. Avoid having managers seated together and instead seek to achieve true unity and mixing at your event.

If there will be drinking, ensure transportation is provided. On occasion, there may be unpleasant situations where an inebriated employee behaves inappropriately. As HR, it is your responsibility to speak with that employee in private, counseling them to prevent them from spoiling the event for others. Ensure the employee slows down or stops drinking completely. This may mean a whispered word to the bartender if alcoholic beverages are being served. It may even be necessary to arrange for the employee to leave the event and

be taken home safely.

Before the event ends, the CEO or most senior executive present must thank the employees for attending.

These have been trying times and however you decide to celebrate your successes as a group this year and honour your employees, it has to be memorable. We believe that the way to accomplish this is with proper planning and attention to detail.

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# Deputy Speaker upset at 'missing in action' Opposition members

**BVI News** - Territorial At-large Representative and Deputy Speaker Neville 'Sheep' Smith has accused members of the Parliamentary Opposition of not showing up when it really counts in the House of Assembly (HOA).

Speaking during the debate for the government's Integrity in Public Life bill, Smith said Opposition members usually go missing at key moments, particularly during what is known as 'Committee Stage' deliberations, which is a privately-held segment of the legislative process.

"Half of the time when we come to do bills here and you're looking for the Opposition, they gone home; in the committee stage. Most times whenever we do a bill here, when everybody done make their comment and when time

come for the Committee, half of them cannot be found," Smith said.

The Deputy Speaker was keen on stating, however, that Opposition Leader Marlon Penn is present most times, but said the majority of the Opposition is usually not around.

According to the Deputy Speaker, the most important part of the legislative process is during the 'Committee Stage' when bills are being ventilated and amendments and changes are made.

"If you are not there, how can you contribute?" Smith questioned.

"You contributing now [when proceedings are public] is just for the media?"

"If we are serious about this country, these are the kinds of bills that we have to pass to show that we have integrity and we are going to



**Government legislator Neville 'Sheep' Smith**

be accountable," Smith added.

He further questioned why there was opposition to the Bill and why it appeared that bills were being brought 'for show' whenever they were presented by the

ruling Virgin Islands Party (VIP) administration.

"Every time we try to do something to make things right, it's a problem," the Deputy Speaker stated.

# CARICOM faces pressure on global warming from COP-26 decisions



**St. Kitts Observer** - The Belize based Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) says the decisions reached at the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP26) in Glasgow last month “only afford a very narrow window of opportunity” to keep the Caribbean Community’s (CARICOM) position of maintaining global warming below 1.5 degrees centigrade.

In a statement on Monday, the CCCCC – which is mandated to coordinate CARICOM’s response to climate change – said its board of governors discussed the implications of the

outcome of the COP26 for CARICOM.

According to the CCCCC, the ongoing process required for keeping global warming below 1.5°C will demand strong and global political commitment towards achieving this goal.

The CCCCC Board said, “The COP26 outcomes did not meet, in the main, the region’s preCOP26 expectations.

“With increasing climate impacts already being felt worldwide, particularly so among Small Island Developing States (SIDS) – and the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Sixth Assessment report that these impacts will worsen with every fraction of a degree of warming – CARICOM States expected major emitters to step up their near-term 2030 emissions pledges and to do so in line with the science of 1.5°C and the pursuit of the net-zero target by 2050.

“In addition, CARICOM expected major emitters to urgently scale up their support to enable the far-reaching systemic transformation of economies and societies toward low emission climate-resilient development pathways.”

The CCCCC said more than 140 countries at COP 26 announced net-zero goals, but without strengthened 2030 targets, 1.5°C of global warming “will be ‘locked in’ for this decade with devastating implications for CARICOM member states and all SIDS.

“Given current policies, global warming is still projected to surpass the 1.50C by 2030 and to reach 2.7°C within this century.”

The CCCCC said, regarding adaptation and finance, it acknowledged that pledges to the financial mechanisms of the UNFCCC do not come close to the US\$70 billion per annum needed now to build climate resilience in the region.

“Furthermore, the demand for climate financing is projected to quadruple by 2030, based on impacts associated with climate change and slow onset events. Still more concerning is the fact that the pledge for a US\$100 billion floor by 2020 was not achieved at COP26, with developed countries indicating that they may not be able to meet this target – even with the most creative accounting matrix adopted – until 2023.”

# Guyana Dental Council concerned by proliferation of fake dentists

**Caribbean Loop** - The Dental Council of Guyana (DCG) is warning the general public to be wary of what it calls “phonies” pretending to be certified dentists and dangerously offering placement of dental braces.

DCG chairman Dr. Pravesh Harry said the Council has been keeping up its mandate to protect the public from these illegal practices.

He said these “quacks” have been advertising the implementation of dental braces at what seems to be a slightly lower price than what is standard.

“The primary issue that has come to light in recent times is the promotion of braces on Facebook where you can see these ads for ... very cheap, attractive prices,” he said.

The Council said that, in many instances, these persons offering the services are unregistered and unqualified to perform any dental practices, resulting in serious injuries to patients.

“This, of course, is very harmful because that particular specialty within dentistry can cause irreversible damages to patients who are going to be unsuspecting and very much unaware of the consequences of that nature of the treatment,” Dr. Harry said.

He said many members of the public are oddly referring to this form of orthodontic treatment as a fashion statement.

“These braces are also being advertised for fashion purposes ... It’s somewhat of a trend globally where



people want to have braces because it looks cool [and] ... very much a status thing. But there is no such thing as fashion braces. Braces are an orthodontic treatment done to correct dental and medical issues, not to look good,” he explained.

Dr. Harry said if someone is looking to have dental treatment, the patient must also own up to his responsibility to verify the status of the dental practitioner.

“Primarily, all dentists will be issued a certificate of registra-

tion at the beginning of the year. That certificate is displayed within their practice whether it be private practice or at a hospital. We [are encouraging] persons who are attending a clinic to look out for that and if they don’t see it, ask about it,” he noted.

The DCG is urging members of the public to continue to report these fake dental practitioners so that relevant action could be taken against them.

# Group of Haitian migrants sue Biden Administration over poor treatment



**CNN** - A group of Haitian migrants is suing the Biden administration over its treatment of migrants; recounting in detail squalid conditions at a makeshift camp in Del Rio, Texas this year, and confrontations with officers on horseback, according to a lawsuit filed Monday.

In September, an influx of migrants — primarily Haitian — caught the Biden administration flatfooted, resulting in thousands amassing under the Del Rio International Bridge waiting to claim asylum.

During that time, images of Border Patrol agents on horseback aggressively confronting migrants drew swift condemnation from advocates, lawmakers, and senior administration officials who pledged to investigate the incident.

Monday's lawsuit provides firsthand accounts from migrants who had been in the encampment and had been confronted by Border Patrol, with one plaintiff saying she was "terrorized by officers on horseback".

Mirard Joseph, a plaintiff in the case, said he watched his family suffer from hunger and dehydration while waiting at the makeshift camp under the Del Rio International Bridge in September. He de-

cided to cross into Mexico to buy food and water but, upon returning, he encountered a mounted officer.

"After Mirard stepped out of the river — holding two bags of food for Madeleine and his daughter — he encountered a mounted officer. As other officers looked on—some on foot, others on horseback or in official vehicles—the mounted officer shouted at Mirard, lashed at him with split reins, grabbed his neck, and held his collar," the lawsuit states. "For several minutes the officer attempted to drag Mirard back to the river, destroying Mirard's shirt and causing his shoes to fall off in the process. The officer released Mirard only when the horse was about to trample him," it continues.

Customs & Border Protection's Office of Professional Responsibility is investigating the horse patrol incident caught in photos and videos. The office has reviewed videos and photographs and interviewed witnesses, employees, and CBP leadership.

Monday's lawsuit was filed in the US District Court for the District of Columbia. It includes accounts from 11 Haitian asylum seekers, all of whom say they fled dangerous conditions in Haiti and in South

America where some of those in the complaint had been living prior to coming to the United States.

Esther, another of the plaintiffs, said she was "terrorized by officers on horseback" when she tried to cross the river to find food for her baby, according to the complaint.

Migrants staying at the camp had been going back and forth between the US and Mexico for resources amid a lack of adequate food and water.

Joseph and his family were ultimately expelled to Haiti under a Trump-era public health order known as Title 42 that allows for the swift removal of migrants. The Biden administration has leaned on the order to expel tens of thousands of migrants, including many of those who had been under the Del Rio International Bridge.

Monday's lawsuit states that the Title 42 process "has been brutally deployed against Haitians". It also claims that the Department of Homeland Security violated the rights of thousands of Haitian migrants in Del Rio, alleging that the administration knew there would be an increase of Haitians seeking asylum.

"Despite these warnings, the White House and DHS Defendants decided to take no action to plan for the arrival of these asylum seekers," the complaint says.

For months, the Biden administration has wrestled with an unprecedented number of migrants crossing into the US, many of whom are fleeing deteriorating conditions in their home countries that have been exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic.

# COVID Omicron variant will push Europe hospitals towards brink, says WHO

**BBC** - A surge of Omicron cases will push European health systems towards the brink, the World Health Organization's (WHO) top official on the continent has warned.

Hans Kluge said "another storm" was coming and governments should brace for significant increases in cases.

His warning came as several countries re-imposed social distancing restrictions.

Germany announced new post-Christmas rules including limits on parties.

Meanwhile, Portugal ordered bars and nightclubs to shut from December 26.

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson has ruled out any new restrictions for England before Christmas, but Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have all announced curbs on social mixing.

Omicron was first identified in southern Africa last month but has now spread around the globe.

It has been detected in at least 38 of the 53 countries in the WHO's European region - which includes Russia and Turkey - and is dominant in several, the organisation says.

"We can see another storm coming. Within weeks Omicron will dominate in more countries of the region, pushing al-



**Portugal is one of the European countries where the Omicron strain is already dominant.**

ready stretched health systems further to the brink," said Mr. Kluge, quoted by Reuters.

"The sheer volume of new COVID-19 infections could lead to more hospitalisations and widespread disruption to health systems and other critical services. "Governments and authorities need to prepare our response systems for a significant surge."

Portugal announced on Tuesday that nightclubs and bars would have to close, and made working from home obligatory from 26 December until 9 January.

Outdoor gatherings would be limited to 10

people.

In Sweden, bars, cafes and restaurants will only be able to serve seated guests from Wednesday, and all employees have been asked to work from home. Health Minister Lena Hallengren said she expected Omicron cases to rise and warned that "the burden on the health care system is increasing."

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said that nightclubs would be closed and private gatherings restricted to 10 people from 28 December. Football matches from that date will also be played behind closed doors.

Recommending strict-

er social distancing measures, the country's public health agency warned that with intensive care units already at high occupancy, a major surge in cases could overburden the health system.

In the Netherlands, the Dutch government announced a strict lockdown on Monday, but BBC Europe correspondent Nick Beake says other European leaders want to delay tighter controls until after the festive period if possible.

Europe has already seen more than 89 million cases and 1.5 million Covid-related deaths, according to the latest EU figures.

# Dubai ruler ordered to pay princess \$734m in royal divorce case

*Al Jazeera* - Dubai's ruler was ordered to provide his estranged wife and their children at least 554 million pounds (\$734 million) in the largest financial award the UK family courts have ever seen.

A London judge ordered Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum to pay Princess Haya Bint al-Hussein 251.5 million pounds within three months to cover security and lost items like jewellery and clothing.

He must also make annual payments of around 11 million pounds toward costs for his children while they are in education, which will be secured by a 290 million-pound bank guarantee, the judge ruled.

The remaining millions account for backdated sums and a learning fund.

This would provide Princess Haya with a "clean break" from the sheikh following their divorce, Judge Philip Moor said in a ruling published Tuesday. He said the sheikh, who didn't give evidence in the case, has brought the unusually high award for security on himself after another judge found that he ordered the hacking of phones belonging to her and her legal team.

The total amount the sheikh will have to pay to his family is likely to be much higher because

of annual security costs he must pay directly to his children after they've completed education.

The sheikh said in a statement that he "has always ensured that his children are provided for".

Lawyers for Princess Haya declined to comment on the ruling.

London's family courts have been a popular destination for high-value legal fights, with judges typically prepared to order a more equal share of a couple's assets.

Before Tuesday's decision, the largest publicly known judge-ordered award in a divorce was 450 million pounds to the wife of billionaire Farkhad Akhmedov — though the two settled with a payment of less than one-third of that amount.

Over the past two years, London's courts have played host to a number of explosive allegations and rulings concerning the Dubai royal family.

Princess Haya said during the case that she was "under siege" and that the sheikh's surveillance of her "could not be more intrusive and distressing", according to the ruling.

The only claim for financial provision she made for herself was for security and some lost personal possessions.

The case has also re-



*Princess Haya Bint al-Hussein of Dubai.*

vealed the lavish spending enjoyed by middle-eastern royalty.

As part of the settlement, Judge Moor awarded the family over 5 million pounds a year to spend on vacations, including for flights on private jets. There's nearly 300,000 pounds annually to cover the upkeep of their horses and other pets and even 39,000 pounds to install two trampolines.

Princess Haya said during the hearing that her reliance on periodical payments would put "incredible additional pressure" on the family be-

cause they will "be living always under the shadow of possible litigation".

Judge Moor ruled that she can be trusted with the lump-sum awarded to her.

He acknowledged the "truly opulent and unprecedented standard of living enjoyed by these parties in Dubai" and said he had to reach "a conclusion as to what is reasonable, while remembering that the exceptional wealth and remarkable standard of living enjoyed by these children during the marriage takes this case entirely out of the ordinary".

# Fauci calls for Fox News host to be fired 'on the spot' for 'kill shot' comments

**(CNN Business)** - Dr. Anthony Fauci on Tuesday said that Fox News host Jesse Watters should be fired for using violent language at a conservative conference to encourage attendees to conduct an ambush interview with him in hopes of creating a viral moment.

"I mean, that's crazy," Fauci added. "The guy should be fired on the spot."

Fox News defended Watters. A spokesperson said in a statement, "Based on watching the full clip and reading the entire transcript, it's more than clear that Jesse Watters was using a metaphor for asking hard-hitting questions to Dr. Fauci about gain-of-function research and his words have been twisted completely out of context."

Watters made his remarks Monday at the right-wing Turning Points USA conference where he gave students a playbook on how to record a viral moment that Fox News would air and that other right wing outlets would amplify.

"Now you go in for the

kill shot. The kill shot? With an ambush? Deadly. Because he doesn't see it coming," Watters said.

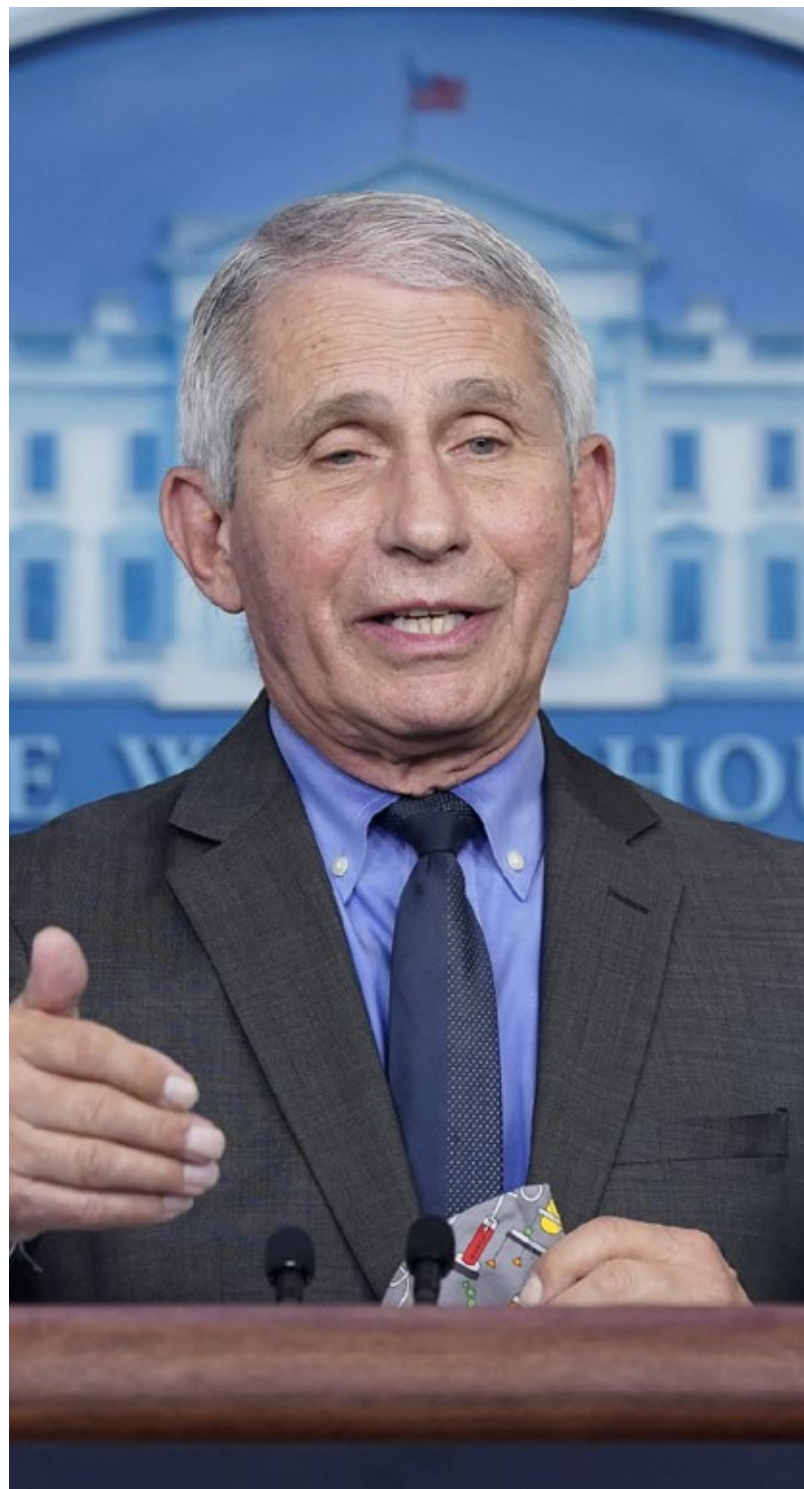
Fauci reacted with shock to the "awful" comments on Tuesday, but also acknowledged that it's "very likely" Watters would go "unaccountable" at Fox News.

"The only thing that I have ever done throughout these two years is to encourage people to practice good public health practices: to get vaccinated, to be careful in public settings, to wear a mask," Fauci said on "New Day."

"And for that," Fauci continued, "you have some guy out there saying that people should be giving me a kill shot to ambush me? I mean, what kind of craziness is there in society these days?"

Watters' comments come just weeks after Lara Logan – another Fox News personality who hosts a show on the channel's streaming network – compared Fauci to a Nazi doctor infamous for experimenting on prisoners at the Auschwitz death camp.

At the time, Fauci called



**Dr. Anthony Fauci**

out Fox News for staying silent and not commenting on Logan's comments.

"What I find striking, Chris, is how she gets no discipline whatsoever from the Fox network,"

Fauci said at the time to MSNBC host Chris Hayes. "How they can let her say that with no comment and no disciplinary action. I'm astounded by that."

# Putin blames West for tensions since end of Cold War



*President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin.*

**(Reuters)** – Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday blamed the West for escalating tensions in Europe, saying it had incorrectly assessed the outcome of the Cold War.

Speaking to senior military officials, Putin said Russia would respond “adequately” to any Western aggression and would develop its army further.

“Why did they expand NATO and renounce the missile defence treaties? They are to blame for what is happening now, for the tensions building

up in Europe,” Putin said.

After what it regarded as its victory in the Cold War, Washington’s judgement has been clouded by euphoria, he said, leading it to poor policy choices.

Russia has amassed tens of thousands of troops on the border with Ukraine, demanding that NATO refuse to accept the former Soviet republic as a member and guarantee that no weapons or troops will be deployed there.

Putin said he hoped for constructive talks with Washington and Brussels on Russia’s demands for

security guarantees as there were signs the West was ready to work on the issue. “Armed conflicts and bloodshed are absolutely not something we would choose, we do not want such a scenario,” Putin said.

He said Russia’s proposals were no ultimatum, but it had nowhere to retreat over Ukraine.

Speaking at the same meeting, Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said the United States had deployed some 8,000 troops near Russian borders and, alongside NATO al-

lies, frequently mounted flights by strategic bomber planes close to Russia.

Attempts by NATO to get the Ukrainian army involved in the alliance’s activities present a security threat, Shoigu said.

Earlier on Tuesday, a senior Russian diplomat said contacts had already begun between Moscow and Washington on the issue of security guarantees that Russia is seeking, and there was a possibility that the sides would reach an understanding.

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Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

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# Swimming: Evergreen Santos, 41, wins 50m butterfly at world c'ships

**ABU DHABI (XINHUA)** - Brazilian Nicholas Santos showed age is just a number after winning the men's 50m butterfly at the age of 41 while Margaret MacNeil triumphed in the women's 50m backstroke with a world-record time at the Fina short-course World Swimming Championships on Monday (Dec 20).

On the penultimate competition day, Santos starred in the 50m butterfly final, where his rivals were at least 11 years younger than him.

The veteran was only 0.12sec behind the championship record, which was also set by him three years ago in Hangzhou, China, as he comfortably defended his title in 21.93sec.

"I have my own company. I have to work. I also have a

son to take care of, so I'm changing my life now," said Santos, who also won the same event at the 2012 edition.

"But at the same time, the competition still gives me great feelings.

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China-born Canadian MacNeil, 20 years younger than Santos, contributed another highlight as did Japan's Daiya Seto on Monday.



***Brazilian Nicholas Santos was only 0.12sec behind the championship record.***

The reigning world and Olympic champion in the 100m butterfly showed her power in the 50m backstroke this time, slicing 0.33sec off the previous world record - set last year by Dutch swimmer Kira Tussaint - to win her first individual gold at the meet in 25.27.

Seto, 27, won his fifth short-course world title in the 400m individual medley with a time of 3:56.26, equaling the competition record by Britain's James Hickman, who also won five times in the 200m butterfly.

He said:

"This event is my favourite and I really wanted to win it for the fifth time, so I am really happy to have done that.

"Now I want to win my sixth world title and hope to be an Olympic champion at the Paris 2024 Games."

China's Tang Qianting, 17, edged out Sophie Hansson, 23, of Sweden to win the women's 100m breaststroke in 1:03.47, but fellow Chinese Yu Yiting, 16, had to settle for silver in the women's 200m individual medley, with Canadian Sydney Pickrem, 24, touching the wall first in 2:04.29.

# ICC honours 'Little Master' Hanif Mohammad on birthday

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday commemorated Pakistani Test cricket legend Hanif Mohammad on what would have been his 87th birthday.

The star cricketer – who set a major record in Test cricket, bagging 337 runs in a 970 minutes innings against West Indies – was born on December 21, 1934, in Junagadh, India.

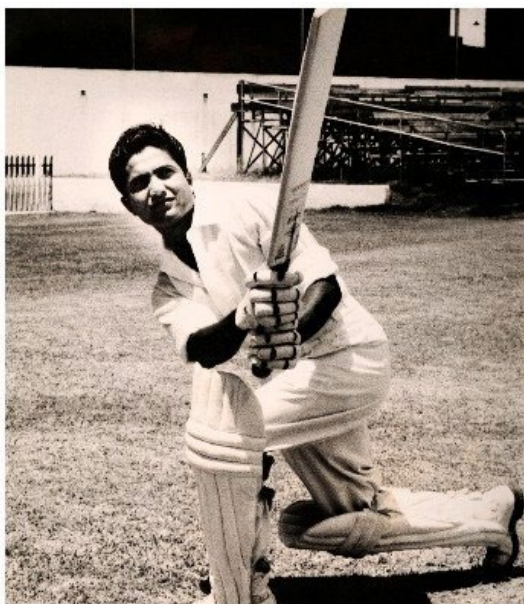
He passed away in 2016.

“On this day in 1934, the architect of the longest Test innings – a 970-minute vigil for 337 runs in Bridgetown in 1958 – Hanif Mohammad was born,” a special post from the official handle of ICC read on Twitter.

Mohammad Hanif, widely known as the Little Master, was the first star of Pakistan cricket to play the longest innings in Test history. The knock was followed a year later with the highest first-class innings to that point, 499 run out.

With such feats – broadcast on radio, he turned cricket in Pakistan from the preserve of the Lahore educated elite into the mass sport it is today,” ESPNcricinfo reported.

While being famous for excel-



***Legendary Test cricketer Hanif Mohammad. — Twitter***

lent defence and never hitting the ball in the air, Hanif Mohammad could also attack and was the [presumptive] inventor of the reverse-sweep.

He represented Pakistan in 55 Tests, scoring 3,915 runs at an average of 43.98.

He still holds the record for highest score (337) in an innings by a Pakistani batsman, followed by Inzamamul Haq (329) and Younus Khan (313). The veteran was also named as Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1968.

In January 2009, Hanif Mohammad was named along with two other Pakistani players — Imran Khan and Javed Miandad — among the inaugural batch of 55 inductees into the ICC's Hall of Fame.

The cricketer's versatility covered captaining for the squad, wicket keeping, and bowling both right and left arm in Test cricket.

He was among four brothers to represent Pakistan. His elder brother Wazir played along with him during Pakistan's debut Test against India at New Delhi in 1952.

In his last Test against New Zealand in Karachi in 1969, he played along with younger brothers Mushtaq and Sadiq. Another brother, Raees, played first-class cricket and was once the 12th man for a Test match.

His son, Shoaib Mohammad, played 45 Tests and 63 One-Day Internationals for Pakistan.

# Mike Tyson says tennis changed his life

Mike Tyson was the most feared man in the world during his boxing heyday, but his later years could not be more different. He is a different man now. His vegan diet transformation has been well documented, and he has also developed a love of tennis.

The brutality of boxing is the polar opposite to the subtlety and finesse of tennis, but Tyson is an avid follower of the sport.

He has regularly attended matches at the US Open and Indian Wells over the years, sitting in the front row and cheering on his favourite players.

One of the main reasons for him developing his love of the game is through his daughter, Milan.

The 12-year-old is a budding tennis star and has even trained with Serena Williams' coach Patrick Mouratoglou.

In a podcast with the tennis coach, Mouratoglou said: "One of your children, Milan, is playing and she's a good tennis player. She's talented and very motivated to become a professional."

Tyson admitted that tennis had 'changed his life'. He said: "It broadened my horizons and I'm grateful to be involved and meeting everybody. It changed our life.

"Our whole life has changed over tennis. I thought we were doing well and everything, and everything we were doing was making money, but that's not bigger than my daughter playing tennis.

"She's bigger than everything in our life now.

"I see her transcending into something she would never have before if she hadn't got involved in tennis.

"She has confidence. At 11-12 years old, she has confidence in herself."

Tyson also explained that his daughter also has the same mentality that made him heavyweight champion of the world.

He added: "She is disciplined in her own. She gets up, cooks her meals, takes a shower and goes to the gym every day at 7 or 8am.

"She stays there until 4pm. She is very diligent and she wants to do this.

"I'm very proud to have



**Mike Tyson (right) and daughter Milan (left) with Novak Djokovic, who the former undisputed world heavyweight boxing champion says is his favourite tennis star.**

someone in my family who understands that sometimes things don't go your way.

"That's what life is about; sometimes things don't go your way and you handle your situations and misfortunes."

Tyson is a huge Serena Williams fan and even showed her a thing or two about how to throw a punch.

On his Instagram account, he posted a video of Williams hitting the bag and looking like a pro. Tyson wrote that Williams 'has some power'.

Tyson also added a pho-

to with the caption 'I don't want to get in the ring with this GOAT @ Serena Williams, much love and respect.'

Iron Mike has even weighed in on the greatest-of-all-time (GOAT) debate and clearly follows the sport closely.

In an interview last year, Tyson said: "Novak Djokovic is my favourite at the moment. If he is okay, I really like to watch him.

"He is my favourite, because the way he has come back from injury and beaten guys like Nadal and Federer is amazing. He is a true fighter."

## LAKERS SIGN TWO PLAYERS TO BOLSTER DEPTH AROUND LEBRON JAMES

CLUTCHPOINTS

The Los Angeles Lakers signed two players from the NBA G League on Monday morning, as seven current players remain in the league's health & safety protocols.

First, the Lakers signed 6'5 forward Jemerrio Jones, according to The Athletic's Shams Charania. Jones has played 11 games for the Wisconsin Herd (the Milwaukee Bucks' G League affiliate) this season, averaging 6.3 points, 8.3 rebounds, 3.5 assists, and 1.5 steals per game. He's shot 52.5 percent from the field, though he's not

a three-point shooting threat.

Jones played six games for the Lakers in 2017-18, including two starts. He grabbed 49 rebounds over that stint, including 16 in one game.

Following the addition of Isaiah Thomas, Jones will mark the eighth former Lakers player to re-join the franchise this season. Because teams are only limited to two 2-way players, the Lakers will be forced to cut either Chaundee Brown Jr. or Jay Huff.

Like Thomas—who has shone in his two

games with the Lakers (32 total points)—Jemerrio Jones will be signed to a 10-day deal via the hardship exception which allows teams to add players without waiving others if the roster is severely depleted by ailments.

Minutes later, Shams reported that the Lakers will also sign Mason Jones to a two-way contract. The 6'4 guard has been one of the best players for the team's G League affiliate, the South Bay Lakers, this season. He has helped

lead the squad to the best record in the West Division and a spot in the Winter Showcase semifinals.

Mason Jones has put up 17.8 points, 6.5 rebounds, 7.1 assists, and 1.1 steals in 12 games while hitting over 41 percent of his three-point attempts.

Considering the lack of available bodies at the moment, don't be shocked to see both guys on the floor in the coming days.

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