

PAN LEGEND, VICTOR “BABU” SAMUEL, PASSES AWAY



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PM Browne extends condolences to the family of Victor “Babu” Samuel

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has expressed a deep sense of loss at the passing of pannist extraordinaire, Victor “Babu” Samuel, who passed on Tuesday afternoon following recent health challenges.

“I would like to extend condolences to family members of the late Victor “Babu” Samuel.

“I have known Babu Samuel as a child growing up in Grays Farm. In fact, I recall seeing him sometime around 1976/77 in the King



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

George Grounds where he was doing a composition alongside the world-renowned Len ‘Boosie’

Sharpe, and I saw him grow into one of our best cultural icons, one who was easily our best pan player.

“I hope that I am not offending any of our current pan players in the country, but I felt that Victor ‘Babu’ Samuel was in a class of his own, and clearly, his passing has left the people of Antigua and Barbuda poorer,” he stated.

Prime Minister Browne said he hopes that Samuel’s contributions towards the art form would have helped to encourage others, especially younger people, to contribute to the further development of pan in this country.

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Steelpan titan Victor “Babu” Samuel has passed away

The nation, and particularly the steelpan fraternity, has been plunged into mourning following the news that legendary pannist, Victor “Babu” Samuel, has died.

The pan virtuoso passed away on Tuesday afternoon at the age of 64, after ailing for some time.

His contributions to the advancement and preservation of the pan aspect of this country’s cultural fabric are immense, having served in various roles in the pan industry including captain, arranger and tutor.

From training the youngest children, to leading the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda band, Special Constable Victor “Babu” Samuel was respected greatly for the talent he possessed.

Many are paying tribute to the outstanding Antiguan and Barbudan for his contributions to the Arts.

Minister of Education and Sports, Daryll Matthew, who previously held the Culture portfolio, quoted Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in his tribute:



Victor “Babu” Samuel (right) with Governor General, H. E. Sir Rodney Williams (centre) and Lady Williams

“When a great man dies, for years the light he leaves behind him, lies on the paths of men.

Say not in grief 'he is no more' but in thankfulness that he was.

Every man's life ends the same way. It is only the details of how he lived and how he died that distinguish one man from another.

Sleep well fallen soldier. Rest In Peace Mr. Victor “Babu” Samuel”.

Former Antigua and Barbuda Pan Association President, Leon “Kuma” Rodney added, “It is with all sadness I have learned of the passing of our pan great, Victor ‘Babu’ Samuel.

“We have had many steel band wars, but remain [sic] great friends. We have worked together on so many gigs. RIP Babu.”

In 1989, Samuel became the first Antiguan and Barbudan to arrange for a

steel orchestra in Trinidad and Tobago, the Tunapuna Pan Symphony. He used his skills to promote his homeland throughout the region, and internationally, during a brief stint as a cruise ship employee. In March, he spoke to state television about what pan did for his life.

“Pan take me off the streets. I could have been in prison now or something like that but pan saved me from that. So, I’ll say thank God for putting pan inside of me and really getting so seriously involved in pan that the rest of the World didn’t exist for me.”

In 2019, Samuel was the recipient of the Governor General’s Faithful and Meritorious Service Medal – Gold, for Meritorious Performance in Music.

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LIAT pilots up in arms against PM Gonsalves

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines prime minister, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, has found himself in the cross-hairs of LIAT's pilots after comments he made during a radio programme in Kingstown just over a week ago.

During the programme, in which Gonsalves said he had a "plan" to save LIAT, he placed a great part of the responsibility for the decline of the regional air carrier on the shoulders of its employees.

Discussing a wide range of issues the airline faced during his tenure as chairman of LIAT, Gonsalves said, "As I say, when some pilots, engineers, and flight attendants pull a wildcat

strike or delay the aircraft somewhere at the base for 3 or 4 hours, they lose you \$750,000 – 1 million that day.

"You do that two or three times a month; you see the problem? That kind of near banditry created a problem.

"Now some of the same pilots, engineers and flight attendants who can't get any work are begging for it to come back - and of course, we see people, Skinny Fabulous, for instance, wrote a letter of apology - and other people," said Dr. Gonsalves.

The Antigua/Barbuda based Leeward Islands Airline Pilots Association



(LIALPA) did not take the jab lying down, however and countered that Dr. Gonsalves' comments were unfair as other issues, including high taxes and mismanagement of the airline, were far more significant reasons that contributed to the fall of LIAT.

"Every time that LIAT comes up and the failure of LIAT comes up, the narrative is the loss of revenue due to strike actions by employees. There is no mention to mismanagement of the company [by] the persons responsible to the

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company. You cannot tell me that a strike action every blue moon is causing the collapse of a company when there are many other issues that are endemic to the airline...that is causing the loss of revenues," said Ewing Dorsett Jr., an executive member of LIALPA earlier this week.

A statement from LIALPA went further, chastising Gonsalves for being "silent for virtually two years".

"The Leeward Islands Airlines Pilots Association (LIALPA) is disappointed and saddened by the unfortunate comments made by the Prime Minister of St. Vincent and Grenadines, The Honourable Dr. Ralph Gonsalves recently in the media," the statement issued on Monday began.

"The workers were not responsible for the high taxes on tickets, the scheduling of unprofitable routes, the selection of various management, the costly selection of the ATR aircraft, the hangar fire which destroyed vital

technical historical records for the aircraft and for the hurricanes which ravaged the region," LIALPA retorted.

LIALPA also accused Gonsalves of personally rejecting a suggestion made by LIAT's staff concerning the introduction of baggage fees "which are common in the airline industry".

Despite the challenges facing LIAT and the fact that many former shareholder governments bailed on the company after it was declared insolvent and went under administration by order of the court, the Antigua and Barbuda government, led by Prime Minister Gaston Browne, has continued to argue for the regional air carrier's survival.

On 27th June 2020, Prime Minister Gaston Browne announced that LIAT would be liquidated following increased debt and the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The airline would be reformed into a new entity LIAT (2020) which would con-


tinue to provide connections between the Caribbean islands.

On 24th July 2020, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda secured an order for administration for LIAT and named Cleveland Seaforth as administrator of the company.

On 20th December 2021, the government of Antigua and Barbuda dispatched EC\$2,000,000 to the LIAT court-appointed Receiver for distribution to former LIAT workers resident locally.

This sum was intended to meet partial satisfaction of the cash component of the compassionate pay out which the Antigua and Barbuda Government volunteered.

It was noted that the compassionate offer was being made although "the Government has no legal obligation to make any such payments" and was "intended to bring some Christmas cheer to those who have been unable to earn incomes since they were severed".



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Current global mechanism for determining access to concessional finance inappropriate

The current global mechanism for determining access to finance using gross national income (GNI) is inappropriate, “unjust” even, and urgently needs to be replaced.

This was the consensus from high level economic and international development experts speaking at the final seminar of the Caribbean Development Bank’s (CDB) 52nd Annual Meeting in the Turks and Caicos Islands earlier this month.

The seminar, ‘Measuring Vulnerability and Resilience for Small States’ brought together Dr. Keith Nurse, a member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Principal of the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College in Saint Lucia, Professor Eric Strobl of the Department of Economics and Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research at the University of Bern in Switzerland and Ambassador



Aubrey Webson, Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and Antigua and Barbuda’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Leading off the seminar, CDB Economist Jason Cotton presented an overview on the Recovery Duration Adjuster (RDA), CDB’s proposed measure to replace the current GNI-based system for determining access to concessional finance.

“This is an issue that we would like to see realised for small island developing states as we have been working on and advocating for this change for decades,” responded Ambassador Webson, sharing how AOSIS initially came together as a grouping in 1990 around the issue of climate change and its outsized impacts on small states.

However, accessing concessional financing is still a challenge for such states, he highlighted.

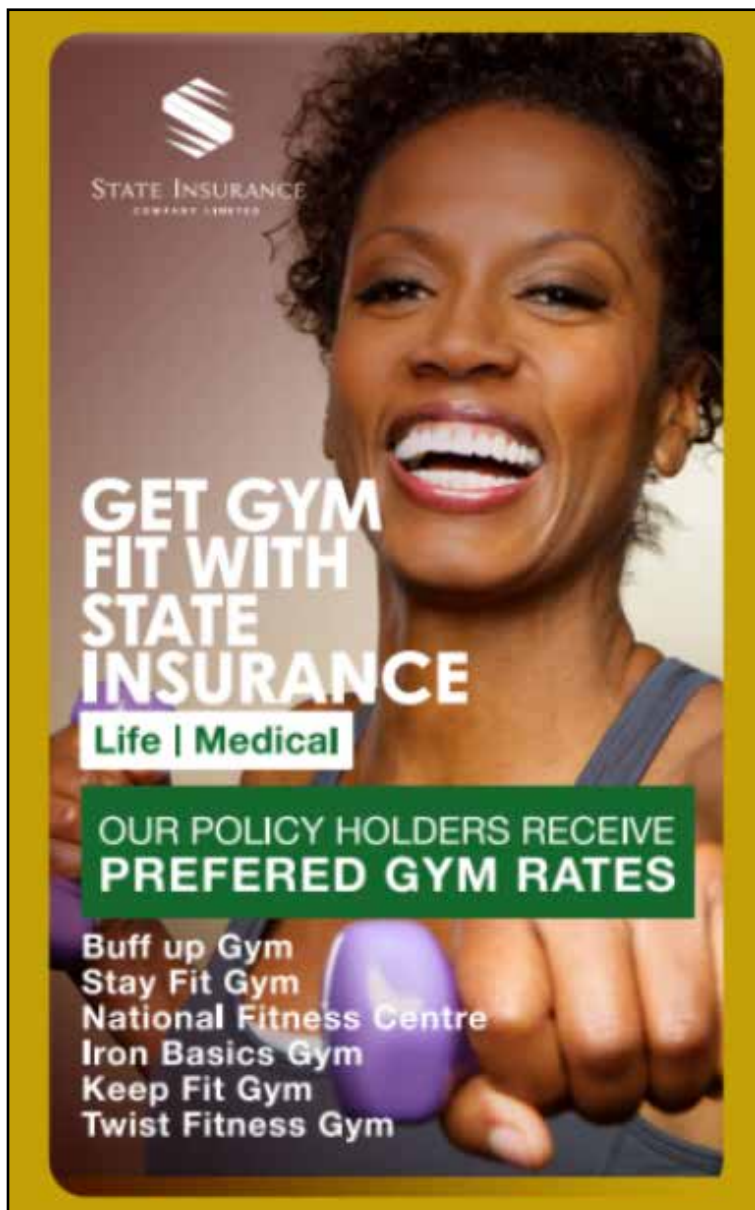
“We believe conditions for access should take into

account the unique and extreme vulnerabilities of the islands. Yet today, access falls woefully short for many of these islands - especially the islands in the Caribbean, despite the very clear evidence that the mechanism being used which denies opportunity and access to finances, is unjust.”

Dr. Nurse noted the dilemma for small states which have often been the first to ‘graduate’ from Least Developed Country status and the attendant access to concessional finance, because their small population base and economic structure make it easier to meet certain indicators, especially during “boom years”.

“At the same time that we’re saying that small states are the most vulnerable, it is the small states among the Least Developed Country category that have been the ones to graduate. For example – Botswana was first, 1994, Cape Verde, 2007, the Maldives 2011, Samoa in

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2014, Equatorial Guinea in 2017, Vanuatu was due to graduate in 2020," he outlined.

"The reason why is ... you only need to have two of the criteria to graduate. So, in small states what you find is that they have, in many cases, mono-economies [like] the tourism sector which can generate high levels of GNI with the surplus being easily redistributed into the educational sector, health, infrastructure and so on.

"So small states with mono-economies, particularly in boom years, can generate significant growth in their human asset index. This is far more difficult for larger least developed countries with large rural populations and high levels of poverty historically," shared Dr. Nurse.

However, he stressed that the focus on GNI and human assets masks deep vulnerabilities including the impact of climate change which are not adequately captured in the existing economic and

environmental vulnerability indices.

"So, one of the concerns that we have is how can you graduate a country that you know is going to be severely impacted?

"And so, the issue of the internal resilience capacity ... should be the key indicator that we should be using. Let us move away from just the use of economic growth which has severe limitations and does not take into account all of the sustainability issues."

Panellists agreed that any new measure must consider the lived reality in small island developing states, their extreme vulnerability to climate change and natural disasters and how this hinders growth and development.

Professor Strobl shared an experience earlier in his career which brought this into sharp focus.

"I remember when I first started doing this research and I focused on just GDP. After a lot of work, I was very proud of it, and I presented my findings

at a conference in Jamaica. I started to show the impact and mentioned that the average hurricane causes an initial 7% drop in growth which then recovers, and I remember there was someone in the audience who said 'Dr. Strobl, I find your results offensive because the IMF is going to come in and say since the impact only lasts a year, we have nothing to worry about' whereas I know that my cousin is still suffering from the effects seven years ago when the hurricane hit."

Against this background, he underlined the flaws in using GNI and called for a more appropriate measure, stating, "Understanding the complexity is a very challenging task.

"One really has to understand how these events impact economies, and I believe that just concentrating on GNI alone is not going to help a lot of countries. Some countries are going to get finance when they probably don't need it and other ones are not going to get it when they really do need it."



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Plastic Waste Free Island Project resumes in July

The government of Antigua and Barbuda will relaunch the Plastic Waste Free Island Project on 4th July, 2022.

The goal of the Plastic Waste Free Island Project is to drastically reduce and hopefully eliminate single use plastic waste in the country.

In this round of plastic collection, emphasis will be placed on picking up bottles, some of which participants have reportedly been holding on to since the close of 2021.

Collection will take

place each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 9am to 3:30pm at a collection point adjacent to Epicurean Fine Foods & Pharmacy Supermarket, Ebenezer Plaza South Mall and Crab Hole Liquors and Fresh and Easy Supermarket on Saturdays.

In the pilot phase of the Plastic Waste Free Island Project, participants received voucher booklets, which are redeemable for various reward incentives. These include cashback and rewards redeemable at telecommunications providers,



People in queue to drop off bottles at a collection point opposite Epicurean Supermarket in August, 2021.

including APUA Inet, Digi-cel and Flow.

New participants who get involved will receive a voucher booklet at their first bottle drop off.

The bottles that will be accepted include transparent soda and water bottles with the origin code visible. Their caps should be removed, they should not contain liquids and they should be clean and undamaged.

At the end of August last year, the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment reported that 65,264 bottles had been collected.

The Plastic Waste Free Islands (PWFI) Project, an initiative spearheaded by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), seeks to address the problem of plastic waste leakage from island states. To this aim, the project

works in three regions: the Caribbean, the Mediterranean and Oceania, to promote a significant, quantified reduction in plastic waste leakage.

In 2019, with support of the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) and the Didier and Martine Primat Foundation, IUCN launched the PWFI project, as part of its global Close the Plastic Tap Programme.

In the Caribbean, the project is being implemented by IUCN's Regional Office for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean (IUCN ORMACC), and focuses on Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, and St. Lucia, and involves participation of the country governments, as well as regional partner, the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

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CBH employee interrupts AGHS graduation ceremony

The graduation ceremony of more than 90 students of the Antigua Girls' High School was interrupted yesterday morning by an employee of the Central Board of Health.

The ceremony being held at Spring Gardens Moravian Church, was almost an hour in when a student was introducing the feature speaker, Dr. Adama Francis, when a man dressed in CBH uniform snatched the microphone away from her.

He argued that COVID-19 protocols were being breached since the church was packed to capacity.

An eyewitness said the basic protocols of hand washing and sanitising were in place, but the man, did not feel that was enough.

He also took serious issue with the number of people in attendance.

The eyewitness recounted that despite being castigated, the CBH employee refused to leave the podium and became aggressive toward the principal who attempted to speak with him.

All this occurred in the presence of Governor General Sir Rodney



Williams and his wife, Sandra Lady Williams, Minister of Education and Sports, Daryll Matthew and Director of Education, Clare Browne.

Several people continued attempts to persuade the man to step down, but their efforts were in vain.

At one point, Minister Matthew was seen outside on his mobile phone and was believed to have been having a conversation with his colleague minister, Sir Molwyn Joseph.

This has not been verified.

Those in attendance were shocked, as it seemed the graduation ceremony was heading for a premature end.

It continued, however, approximately fifteen minutes after the interruption, but not before the governor general's security detail escorted the man from the Spring Gardens Moravian Church.

Social distancing is one of several protocols the government has removed as it continues to revise its COVID-19 management strategy.

Police charge Point man with shooting 19-year-old



Point resident, Brandon Murphy, will appear in the St. John's Magistrates' Court today on a charge of shooting with intent to murder.

Murphy is accused of shooting 19-year-old Jhonte Meade of Parham in the thigh outside the Diamond Edge Night Club on All Saints Road shortly before 6am on Sunday.

The circumstances leading up to the incident are unknown.

Meade was transported to the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre, a short distance from the club, where he received medical treatment for the injury he sustained.

Police say shortly after the incident, Murphy was taken into custody for questioning.

Significant number of Caribbean nationals 'moderately or severe food insecure'

A new report by the Organization of American States (OAS) notes that a significant number of nationals in Latin America and the Caribbean are "moderately or severely food insecure."

The report titled, "Confronting Food Insecurity in the Americas: Good Practices and Lessons Learned during the COVID-19 Pandemic," systematises information from 16 countries on policies and programs to ensure food security in the region and identifies priority lines of action on this issue.

It also states that 41 percent of people in the region were "moderately or severely food insecure."

The report also notes 14 percent experienced extreme food insecurity, defined as having no food and going a day or more without eating, according to data from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

"The number of people lacking physical or economic access to a quantity and quality of food necessary for health and development increased to 267 million people in 2020, an increase of 60 million people from the previous year.

"Food insecurity disproportionately affects groups that are already in a situation of greater vul-



nerability, such as women, Indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples, people with disabilities, the elderly, people in a situation of human mobility, among others," according to the report.

It notes that food insecurity is on the rise in several countries around the world, reversing years of progress and jeopardising the ability to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, specifically the goal to "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture."

The combination of the onset of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic with declining incomes and disruptions in food

supply networks and distribution chains have led to a significant increase in chronic and acute hunger, the report says.

"We hope that this report will be of the greatest use to member states in combating this scourge," said Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, director of the Department of Social Inclusion of the OAS Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, which prepared the report.

"Sharing this information at the regional level is of great importance to guide countries in their actions to expand and improve their efforts towards food security in the Americas."

This report is one of the actions adopted by the OAS as a follow-up to the

declaration adopted at the OAS General Assembly in 2021, "Renewed Commitment to Post-COVID-19 Sustainable Development in the Americas", which highlights the "commitment to continue promoting national and regional measures to respond to the multiple crises that have unfolded, addressing the structural causes, particularly to counteract the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss, as well as discrimination, hunger and food, and nutrition insecurity, displacement, poverty, and violence".

The OAS said it "remains at the disposal of member states to continue to promote effective measures to eradicate hunger throughout the region." (CMC)

Can online dating burnout be stopped?

By Jessica Klein

Andy Hong feels like he keeps meeting the same woman online: a graduate from a small school in New England who likes to ski and play sports. The twenty-eight-year-old says he has nothing against this kind of woman, but he's not necessarily clicking with them, and knows there are all kinds of people out there with whom he could enjoy a romantic relationship.

The repetition is wearing on him, but still the dating app Hinge keeps recommending people from the same mould. "They cater to a type, and they will feed you a type," Boston-based Hong says of Hinge.

The experience has left Hong with what he calls "decision fatigue" – something others refer to as "dating app burnout". It's a prevalent phenomenon in the app-based dating world. People grow tired of the endless scroll of potential dates available on the apps. Many users become frustrated with the time they spend swiping online, compared to the time they spend actually going on dates.

"From a pure numbers perspective, of a hypothetical 10 people you match with, you'll probably have a solid conversation with seven or eight," says Hong. "Of those seven to eight, you might net out at like one or two [in-person dates]."

These days, however, single people are hard-pressed to not engage with the world of online dating – even though many know it's hard work, and potentially disappointing. According to a 2019 study, online dating has become a much more likely way to meet a partner than a chance encounter.

Yet it can take a toll: a recent survey from UK-based dating app Badoo showed more than three-quarters of singles felt burnt out by unrewarding interactions and inappropriate matches from platforms and apps. Research



Scrolling, chatting, meeting, ghosting: online dating can be a depressing grind that leaves many singles feeling burnt out.

from Hinge also found a significant portion of its users (61%) were overwhelmed by the modern dating process, and an April 2022 US study showed four in five adults "experienced some degree of emotional fatigue or burnout from online dating".

Still, people keep using dating apps to find potential partners. It seems that regardless of how bad the experience gets, these apps remain one of the easiest ways to meet people romantically in a world that's moving increasingly online. If people are going to remain on these apps to find dates, are there ways to mitigate the grind?

'So much to wade through'

Simply, dating app burnout refers to exhaustion that comes from prolonged dating app use, says Nora Padison, a licensed graduate professional counsellor at Space Between Counseling Services in Baltimore, US.

There are a few basic signs of this fatigue: when a user associates negative feelings with approaching dating apps; when the act of using the app and

the ensuing dating process exhausts them; and when it feels like "a second job", says Padison, who has led two "modern dating support groups" for adults ages 25 to 35.

According to research by Leah LeFebvre, an associate professor of communications studies at the University of Alabama, more than half of the 395 Tinder users she surveyed in 2017 had deleted the app multiple times. In nearly 40% of those cases, it was because the user had started a relationship. But 35% of participants said they got rid of the app because they "felt unsuccessful". This meant they either had "no responses, no matches, no potential partners or negative experiences", LeFebvre wrote to the BBC in an email. Some just got "bored" or "tired" of using the app; others found it "pointless" – all signs of dating app burnout.

"I feel burnt out sometimes when I feel like I have to swipe through literally 100 people to find someone who I think is moderately interesting, or that

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I would maybe want to talk to,” says Rosemary Guiser, 32, a speech therapist based in Philadelphia, US. “It just feels like there’s so much to wade through.”

Guiser started using apps like Bumble and Hinge when a relationship ended in January, though her first experience with dating apps was back in 2013 and 2014, with OkCupid and Tinder. She says she started to feel burnt out with the apps almost “immediately upon opening” them.

“The process of talking with someone, planning to meet with them and then

meeting them – it’s a lot of time and work,” says Guiser. She doesn’t like chatting on the apps, she adds, because those text-based conversations don’t offer real insight into the other person. “You might have a great conversation with someone, but then you meet up and within 10 seconds, you realise that they’re not someone you’d want to get to know,” she says, which amounts to a waste of time. It can also be a big emotional let-down to realise that the person who seemed like a great match online doesn’t actually exist in real life.

Design and be-

havioural issues

The design of dating apps can also create frustrations for burnt-out users.

Guiser got tired of pay-walled features that would have made her experience on the apps better, but that she hadn’t shelled out for. For instance, she looks at a potential match’s political beliefs before anything else. But on Bumble, she says, you have to pay to filter out people based on such characteristics. Since she’s not paying, she’s “forced to wade through dozens and dozens of people I wouldn’t want to give a second look to”.

It’s also tricky to navigate multiple dating apps at once, but many use more than one because they feel it improves their chances of finding a match. Hopping between different interfaces can cause problems. “I get used to the interface of one, and then I go to the other and I’m like, ‘Oops, I just swiped left on somebody that I meant to like’ or ‘I just super liked someone that I meant to just see their pictures’,” says Guiser.

Then there’s the challenge of interacting with matches. That part of the process opens up a whole other set of disheartening experiences, as many are inclined to behave disrespectfully while online dating.

For example, a survey by dating platform Plenty of Fish from 2016 found that among 800 millennial daters, 80% had been ghosted during the dating process. With the screen mediating person-to-person interactions, it’s easier for people not to see those they’re communicating with as human – they almost become characters in the game of online dating, instead – making it easier to not treat them humanely. Women in particular face the brunt of dating app harassment, with 44% of female users under 35 getting called an offensive name and 19% facing threats of physical harm on dating apps and sites, according to the Pew Research Center.

As Dr Joanne Orlando, an Australia-based research-

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er and author focused on digital wellness, puts it, “I think people are more often toyed with online”, suggesting that not all of the people using dating apps are there to earnestly find a date. Even those who are can be cruel to other users, either intentionally or because it’s hard work to treat everyone with equal and adequate levels of humanity. Repeated negative treatment online can contribute to people’s feeling of negativity and burnout towards these apps.

Stay or take a break?

But regardless of their fatigue, many, like Hong, remain on the apps.

“You could compare [dating apps] a little bit to Amazon or Facebook,” says Padison, “in that they’re so accessible it has become now more the norm” to use dating apps than to meet people in other ways, even if users aren’t in love with the platforms. The Covid-19 pandemic, she adds, also habituated people to online interactions, and made many feel the need to screen their dates before meeting them in real life.

It also isn’t that easy to meet romantic partners in physical spaces, particularly for those who aren’t the type to sit around in bars. Padison suggests finding group-based activities to engage in to meet people with shared interests, but that doesn’t always pan out. Hong, for instance, says he joined his community garden, but “I’m the youngest person there by decades... that is not the way I’m going to meet someone”.

Instead, he’s figuring out ways to make the dating app experience more efficient. “I’m going red-flag hunting,” he says, by learning how to quickly pick up on aspects of a person’s profile that indicate she’s not right for him. But that in itself can be exhausting. “This perpetual judging, you’re looking for landmines, and that also is mentally taxing,” he says.

Bumble’s relationship expert Caroline West suggests approaching dating apps with more intention. “The majority of people on Bumble say that they are now more upfront with partners about what they want,” she says. She recommends users limit themselves to connecting with two to three matches at a time, to focus on quality over quantity. Bumble also has a feature allowing fatigued users to “snooze” their activity so they can take a break and alert matches that they’re doing so.

For some people, a dating pause is exactly what they need. Padison says she’s spoken with some clients struggling with dating app burnout about deleting them altogether and taking time instead to work on themselves.

Guiser has since stopped using dating apps because she’s been seeing someone. They’re not in an exclusive relationship, so she could still keep searching for additional partners on the

apps. But she’s welcomed the opportunity to take a break. After all, when she was using the apps, Guiser got caught up in a toxic mentality of “I’m never going to find someone if I don’t use these really aggressively”.

That just wound up making her feel bad about herself and the experience. She’d had to learn coping strategies for how to prevent the dating experience from bringing her down, like by asking herself certain questions to make sure she was in a good place before swiping.

“Am I having a good time with this? Or am I just doing this because I’m lonely and feel miserable?” she says. “I was trying to catch myself in a doom scroll of looking at people and just feeling discouraged.” Unfortunately, that doom scroll happened far too often, more so than Guiser’s positive experiences on the apps. That’s when she learned to put her phone down.



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CAL flights cancelled; schools closed in T&T as disturbance approaches

Trinidad and Tobago owned Caribbean Airlines Tuesday cancelled or re-scheduled several of its flights as the region prepares for the passage of a tropical cyclone that is moving towards the southern Windward Islands and likely to bring heavy rains and gusty winds.

The Trinidad and Tobago government has also closed schools on the island as a precaution.

CAL said that all its domestic flights between Trinidad and Tobago had been cancelled and it had also cancelled its scheduled services from Kingston in Jamaica to St. Maarten, Barbados and Port of Spain as well as the flight from Trinidad to Suriname and return.

In addition, the airline said that it is scheduling its services from Trinidad to Guyana, Trinidad to Curacao and Curacao to Port of Spain.

"Caribbean Airlines advises that there will be disruptions to its domestic and international flights due to the Tropical Storm Warning issued for Trinidad and Tobago and the severe weather conditions expected between June 28 through July 1," the airline



said, urging customers to check their flight status by route or flight number.

Meanwhile the Miami-based National Hurricane Center (NHC) said in its latest weather bulletin that the storm is located about 420 miles east of Trinidad with maximum sustained winds of 40 miles per hour.

It said that a Tropical Storm Warning is in effect for Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada and its dependencies, while a Tropical Storm Watch is in effect for the coast of Venezuela from Pedernales to Cumana, including Islas de Margarita, Coche, and Cubagua and Bonaire.

The NHC said that a

westward or west-northwestward motion is expected through Thursday on the forecast track and the system will pass near or over portions of the southern Windward Islands by tonight, and move over the southern Caribbean Sea or near the northern coast of Venezuela on Wednesday and Thursday.

"Maximum sustained winds remain near 40 mph with higher gusts. Slight strengthening is forecast during the next few days if the disturbance remains over water.

"Conditions appear conducive for development if the disturbance remains over water, and it will likely become a tropical storm

near the southern Windward Islands or while moving westward across the southern Caribbean Sea," the MHC said.

It said that the potential tropical cyclone is expected to produce heavy rain across the southern Windward Islands and the northeastern coast of Venezuela starting tonight into Wednesday.

It said that storm total rainfall amounts are expected from the Islands from Guadeloupe to St. Lucia at one to three inches, St. Vincent, the Grenadines, and Barbados: three to five inches Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago, and north-eastern Venezuela four to six inches. (CMC)

St Lucia: Airline worker tests positive for monkeypox

CMC - Health authorities in Saint Lucia have increased surveillance for monkeypox after being alerted to the fact that a crew member on a flight to the island has tested positive for the virus.

However, according to the officials, the individual did not disembark from the aircraft when it arrived.

A statement issued on Monday by the Ministry of Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs disclosed that the Epidemiology Department was alerted to the situation by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"As obtained with infectious diseases, the required contact tracing process is currently being undertaken by the contact tracing team within the Ministry of Health. All identified contacts of the case shall be contacted by the Ministry of Health and placed in



quarantine and monitored over a 21-day period," it said.

The Ministry added that with the significant increase in the number of cases of monkeypox confirmed globally in recent weeks, St. Lucia has strengthened the capacity to manage individuals who are either suspect or confirmed cases.

It said the protocols that are in place for COVID-19 have been modified to allow for the management of monkeypox.

"Any person exposed to monkeypox shall be placed in quarantine and

monitored by the Home Monitoring Team of clinicians.

The capacity for testing for the monkeypox virus exists within the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and as such, samples will be taken from any individual who exhibits symptoms while in quarantine/isolation and shall be sent directly to CARPHA for testing," the Health Ministry said.

It added that Victoria Hospital has assigned a dedicated ward exclusively for the care and management of anyone who receives a positive test result.

The management of monkeypox is done by treating symptoms and there is the capacity in-country to effectively undertake this, the Ministry added.

According to the World Health Organization's latest report, there are over 2,100 confirmed cases globally, and at least one person has died.

Opposition PNP accuses Jamaican government of dividing CARICOM over failed Commonwealth bid

CMC - The main opposition People's National Party (PNP) has accused the Jamaica government of wanting to divide the regional integration grouping, CARICOM, following its failed bid to have Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Minister, Kamina Johnson-Smith replace the incumbent Baroness Patricia Scotland as Commonwealth Secretary General.

"The government decided to divide CARICOM to push up a candidate for Jamaica to contest the Caribbean candidate... How

strange," PNP leader Mark Golding said, adding that Scotland is a Caribbean representative who did not complete the conventional two terms and who was supported in 2015 by the then ruling PNP government.

The Dominica-born Scotland had faced a challenge from Johnson Smith but won in a secret ballot by a 27-24 margin during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) that ended in Rwanda over the last weekend.

But Prime Minister An-

drew Holness, while congratulating Scotland on her re-election as Secretary General of the 54-member Commonwealth, extended his "heartfelt congratulations and commendations" to his cabinet minister, saying she ran "a distinguished and exemplary campaign."

Dominica had nominated Scotland for the post, and the nomination of Johnson Smith had divided the 15-member CARICOM with former CARICOM chairman and Belize Prime Minister, John Briceño, saying that regional leaders would vote for



People's National Party Leader, Mark Golding

"a candidate of their choice".

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Former Grenada prime minister vows to play a constructive role as Opposition

CMC – Former prime minister of Grenada, Dr. Keith Mitchell has vowed that his six New National Party (NNP) legislators will play “a constructive role” as opposition to the newly elected government of Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell.

Mitchell, 44, led the main opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC) to a 9-6 victory over the NNP in last Thursday’s general election reversing two consecutive general elections in which the party failed to win a single seat in the 15-member Parliament.

In a television broadcast, Mitchell, 75, said he is aware that there is a level of disappointment among the NNP supporters “because the results were not exactly what we wanted them to be.

“But in spite of that I am eternally grateful for all of your contributions. The support you have shown me in particular — not just during the campaign — but through all the years — has been remarkable.”



Dr. Keith Mitchell

He said while the “sting of defeat hurts, we all have to remain engaged for the prospects of this nation depend on the contribution of each and every one of you.

“As a party, this New National Party will survive this current setback, as we still remain the perennial dominant force in national politics. This is underscored by the fact that in one of our worst nights we still got 28,959 of the popular votes, only 2,471 less than the winner.”

But he acknowledged that there is no doubt that the party has to “reform, re-organise and re-energize the

movement.

“There is a need for review but no recriminations. But we will also have to be frank and honest in those deliberations. The reviews and the discussions have already begun and will no doubt continue in the immediate period.

Mitchell, who had been one of the longest-serving prime ministers in the Caribbean Community, CARICOM, said he will meet immediately with the new parliamentary caucus, namely the six members who were victorious.

He said meetings will also take place with the na-

tional executive “and we will continue to listen to the rank and file, and other well-wishers.”

He said he had spoken to the new prime minister “and so we are willing to give the new government support in promoting policies and programmes that will be for the benefit of the nation.

“We shall play a constructive role as Opposition, understanding that any opposition will be on philosophical issues that we think might be in the better interest of the country.

“While we understand every new government will come with different ideas and approaches, we are urging the new administration to positively consider not dismantling programmes that especially benefit ordinary people the most.

We must always stand up and look out for what the bible describes as the least among us, and that shall be our foremost mission now and forever,” Mitchell said in his broadcast.

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Browne regarded Johnson-Smith’s entry into the race as a “monumental error”.

Golding, addressing a PNP divisional conference in St Andrew, over the weekend, said the government had spent a “bag of money” on Johnson Smith’s campaign and called on the government to provide an account of the total expenditure.

He said the Jamaican government

should have ensured that Johnson Smith would be successful in the race for Commonwealth secretary general before contesting it.

He said he told himself that if Johnson Smith was in the race, then “you have to have the thing lockdown” instead of wasting taxpayers’ money.

The PNP leader maintained that the move by the government to place a candidate against Scotland was a “misguided mistake” and a “messy one,” adding

“they have egg on their faces again.”

“...to tell you the truth it is an embarrassment,” Golding said, adding that the government’s foreign policy behaviour side-lined traditional allies in CARICOM and Africa and injured Johnson-Smith’s quest to garner enough votes.

Information Minister Robert Morgan says the government will publish details on the cost of Johnson Smith’s campaign.

Texas migrant deaths: Mexico blames poverty and US border crisis

BBC – "Poverty and desperation" led to the deaths of at least 50 migrants abandoned in a Texas lorry, Mexico's president has said.

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador blamed trafficking and "a lack of control" at the border - the worst case of migrant deaths due to smuggling in the US.

Nearly two dozen Mexicans, seven Guatemalans and two Hondurans were among the dead.

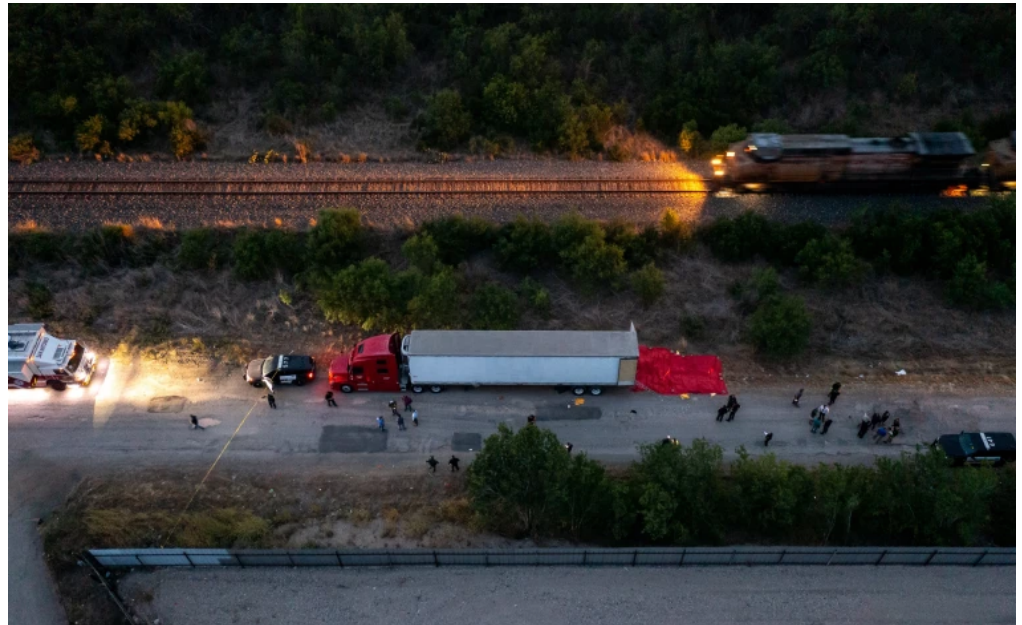
Those found alive, including four children, were taken to hospital.

The survivors were "hot to the touch" and suffering from heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

Authorities are working to confirm the nationalities of the remaining victims.

Speaking at his daily briefing, Mr Lopez Obrador, popularly known as Amlo, called the discovery a "tremendous tragedy", and said Mexico would work to repatriate the remains of its citizens.

This and other migrant deaths were due to the "poverty and desperation of our Central American brothers,



Emergency teams responded to the parked vehicle at 18:00 local (23:00 GMT) on Monday

and of Mexicans," he said, adding: "It happens because there is trafficking of people and a lack of control, in this case at the Mexican-US border, but also in the US interior".

The White House called the truck deaths "horrific and heart-breaking".

The migrants were found on the outskirts of the city of San Antonio, which is 250km (155 miles) from the US-Mexico border, a major transit

route for people smugglers.

Human traffickers often use trucks to transport undocumented migrants after meeting them in remote areas once they have managed to cross into the United States.

"They had families... and were likely trying to find a better life," San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg said. "It's nothing short of a horrific, human tragedy."

Former Nazi guard, 101, jailed for aiding murder

AP – A 101-year-old man was convicted in Germany of more than 3,500 counts of accessory to murder on Tuesday for serving at the Nazis' Sachsenhausen concentration camp during World War II.

The Neuruppin Regional Court sentenced him to five years in prison.

The man, who was identified by local media as Josef S., had denied working as an SS guard at the camp and aiding and abetting the

murder of thousands of prisoners.

In the trial, which opened in October, the centenarian said that he had worked as a farm labourer near Pasewalk in northeastern Germany during the period in question.

However, the court considered it proven that he worked at the camp on the outskirts of Berlin between 1942 and 1945 as an enlisted member of the Nazi Party's paramilitary wing, the

German news agency dpa reported.

"The court has come to the conclusion that, contrary to what you claim, you worked in the concentration camp as a guard for about three years," presiding Judge Udo Lechtermann said, according to dpa. He added that, in doing so, the defendant had assisted in the Nazis' terror and murder mechanism.

"You willingly supported this mass extermination

with your activity," Lechtermann said. "You watched deported people being cruelly tortured and murdered there every day for three years."

Prosecutors had based their case on documents relating to an SS guard with the man's name, date and place of birth, as well as other documents.

The five-year prison sentence was in line with the prosecution's demand.

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The defendant's lawyer had sought an acquittal. Defence attorney Stefan Waterkamp said after the pronouncement of the sentence that he would appeal the verdict, dpa reported.

Germany's leading Jewish group welcomed the ruling.

"Even if the defendant will probably not serve the full prison sentence due to his advanced age, the verdict is to be welcomed," said Josef Schuster, the head of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

"The thousands of people who worked in the concentration camps kept the murder machinery running. They were part of the system, so they should take responsibility for it," Schuster added. "It is bitter that the defendant has denied his activities at that time until the end and has shown no remorse."

For practical reasons, the trial was held in a gymnasium in Brandenburg/Havel, the 101-year-old's place of residence. The man was only fit to stand trial to a limited extent and was only able to participate in the trial for about two and a half hours each day. The process was interrupted several times for health reasons and hospital stays.

Efraim Zuroff, the head Nazi hunter at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's office in Jerusalem, told The Associated Press that the sentence "sends a message that if you commit such crimes, even decades later, you might be brought to justice."

"And it's a very important thing because it gives closure to the relatives of the victims," Zuroff added. "The fact that these people all of a sudden feel that their loss is being addressed and the suffering of their family who they lost in the camps is being addressed ... is a very important thing."

However, Zuroff expressed concern that S. might serve only part of the sentence or none at all because of his planned appeal and his advanced



The accused Josef S. covers his face as he sits at the courtroom in Brandenburg, Germany, Tuesday, June 28, 2022. A 101-year-old man has been convicted of 3,518 counts of accessory to murder for serving at the Nazis' Sachsenhausen concentration camp during World War II. The Neuruppin Regional Court sentenced him to five years in prison on Tuesday. (AP Photo/Michele Tantussi)

age.

Sachsenhausen was established in 1936 just north of Berlin as the first new site after Adolf Hitler gave the SS full control of the Nazi concentration camp system. It was intended to be a model facility and training camp for the labyrinthine network that the Nazis built across Germany, Austria and occupied territories.

More than 200,000 people were held there between 1936 and 1945. Tens of thousands of inmates died of starvation, disease, forced labour and other causes, as well as through medical experiments and systematic SS extermination operations including shootings, hangings and gassing.

Exact numbers on those killed vary, with upper estimates of some 100,000, though scholars suggest figures of 40,000 to 50,000 are likely more accurate.

In its early years, most inmates were either political prisoners or criminal convicts, but they also included some Jehovah's Witnesses and homosexuals. The first large group of Jewish prisoners was brought there in 1938 after the so-called Night of Bro-

ken Glass, or Kristallnacht, an antisemitic pogrom.

During the war, Sachsenhausen was expanded to include Soviet prisoners of war — who were shot by the thousands — as well as others.

As in other camps, Jewish prisoners were singled out at Sachsenhausen for particularly harsh treatment, and most who remained alive by 1942 were sent to the Auschwitz death camp.

Sachsenhausen was liberated in April 1945 by the Soviets, who then turned it into a brutal camp of their own.

Tuesday's verdict relies on recent legal precedent in Germany establishing that anyone who helped a Nazi camp function can be prosecuted for being an accessory to the murders committed there.

In a different case, a 96-year-old woman went on trial in late September in the northern German town of Itzehoe. The woman, who allegedly worked during the war as the secretary for the SS commandant of the Stutthof concentration camp, has been charged with more than 11,000 counts of accessory to murder.

Non-essential petrol sales halted for two weeks in Sri Lanka

BBC – Sri Lanka has suspended sales of fuel for non-essential vehicles as it faces its worst economic crisis in decades.

For the next two weeks, only buses, trains and vehicles used for medical services and transporting food will be allowed to fill up with fuel.

Schools in urban areas have shut, while officials have told the country's 22 million residents to work from home.

The South Asian nation is in talks over a bailout deal as it struggles to pay for imports such as fuel and food.

Sri Lanka is the first country to take the drastic step in halting sales of fuel to ordinary people "since the 1970s oil crisis, when fuel was rationed in the US and Europe and speed limits introduced to reduce demand", Nathan Piper, head of oil and gas research at Investec, told the BBC.

He said the ban underlined the steep rise in oil



A member of the security forces stands guard outside a fuel station in Colombo

pricing and limited foreign exchange reserves in Sri Lanka.

Many of the island's residents don't know how they will cope without fuel. There have been long queues at filling stations across Sri Lanka for months.

Chinthaka Kumara, a 29-year-old taxi driver in Colombo, thought the ban would "create more problems for people".

"I'm a daily wage earn-

er. I've been in this queue for three days and I don't know when we will get petrol," he told BBC Sinhala.

Drivers have been asked to go home, with tokens distributed aimed at rationing scarce fuel stocks. Some kept queuing, but others couldn't.

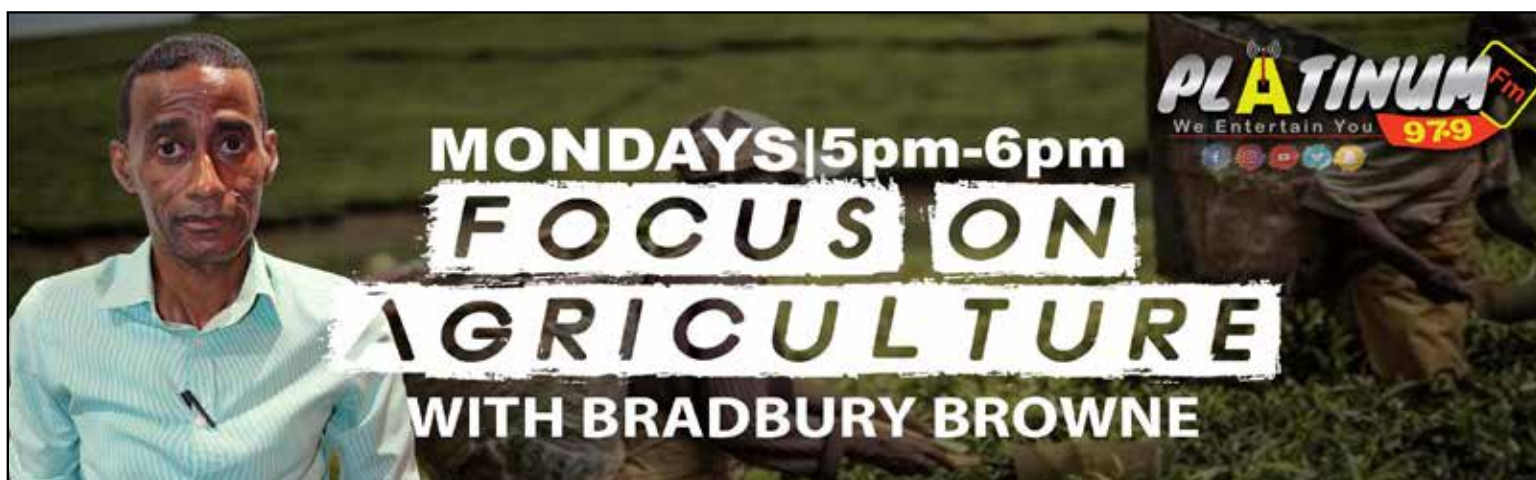
"I was in a queue for two days. I got a token - number 11 - but I don't know when I will get fuel," S Wijetunga, a 52-year-old private sector

executive, told the BBC.

"I need to go to the office now, so I have no option but to leave my vehicle here and go in a three-wheeler."

Kenat, a motorised rickshaw driver in the Colombo suburb of Kotahena, said people like him were being "destroyed".

"Our family used to have three meals a day. Now we eat only twice a day. If this continues, it will come down to one meal," he said.





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Michael Holding hails Kemar Roach as he reaches 250 Test wickets

Legendary fast bowler Michael Holding has congratulated Kemar Roach on reaching the milestone of 250 wickets in Test cricket. In a message to CWI Media, Holding showered Roach with high praise for an impressive Test career. In taking his 250th scalp on Sunday, Roach moved ahead of Holding on the all-time West Indies list.

The magic moment came in the Bangladesh second inning when he had Tamim Iqbal caught behind by Joshua Da Silva, which sparked celebrations at the Daren Sammy Cricket Ground. Holding took 249 wickets in 60 Test matches, between 1975 and 1987 and is one of the greatest bowlers in the history of the game.

He is also one of the most



Kemar Roach (left) and Michael Holding

respected analysts on the sport. Holding has watched Roach's development on the global stage since he first played against Bangladesh at Arnos Vale in 2009.

"I want to send my heartiest congratulations to Kemar for getting to 250 mark and hence getting past my two mark of 249 wickets. What is more important and more impressive is the fact that he had been playing for so long. Fast bowlers don't usually extend

their careers as long as he has, a few do, yes, but he has been going now just about 13 years and obviously has quite a few more years in front of him if he so wishes," Holding said.

"... hard work and especially for someone less than six-foot tall it has been a great career when he lost his pace, 'cause he was quick - initially frighteningly quick - at times, he still could maintain the ability to take wickets, and that is so important. When

you have lost one asset you have to find other ways of doing your job and he has done that very well."

Reacting at the end of play on Day three after hearing Michael Holding's message, Roach said, "Fantastic to hear from the great man. Mikey, he has obviously been in contact with me when I was in England.

"We've talked a bit and he's always tried to assess whenever you can. So it's good to hear those kind words from him, unfortunately had to pass them but obviously he set the benchmark extremely high and you know anyone surpassing him has done a fantastic job for the West Indies so I'm extremely proud and thanks to Mikey for his fantastic work as well for West Indies."

Westbrook exercises \$47M option with Lakers

AP – Los Angeles Lakers guard Russell Westbrook is exercising his option to play for \$47.1 million next season, a person with direct knowledge of the decision said Tuesday.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither Westbrook — a past NBA MVP and one of the league's top 75 all-time players — nor the Lakers revealed the decision publicly. ESPN first reported Westbrook's decision.

It certainly was not a surprise, considering Westbrook would not have commanded anywhere near \$47.1 million for this coming season had he chosen to become a free agent.

He'll turn 34 next season, his 15th

in the NBA.

Westbrook had until Wednesday to make up his mind on the option, which will make this the fifth and final season of a \$207 million contract he signed with the Oklahoma City Thunder.

The nine-time All-Star has been well-traveled since — he was traded to Houston in 2019, traded to Washington in 2020 and was moved to the Lakers in 2021.

That created what was supposed to be a great trio: Westbrook alongside LeBron James and Anthony Davis.

It didn't work out anywhere near as planned. The Lakers were dogged by injuries all season, missed the playoffs, fired coach Frank Vogel after the

season and Westbrook has taken much of the blame for what happened.

He averaged 18.5 points, 7.4 rebounds and 7.1 assists in 78 games with the Lakers. Only four other players — two-time reigning NBA MVP Nikola Jokic of Denver, James Harden of Philadelphia, Luka Doncic of Dallas and Dejounte Murray of San Antonio — finished the season with higher averages than Westbrook had in those three stat categories.

But his scoring average was his lowest since 2009-10, and his 3-point percentage — 29.8% — ranked 251st out of 278 NBA players who attempted at least 100 shots from beyond the arc this season.

Sports News



Swiatek wins 36th in a row, Gauff advances at Wimbledon

AP – From the red clay of the French Open to the green grass of Wimbledon, the wins keep coming for Iga Swiatek.

The top-seeded Pole won her opening match on Centre Court on Tuesday, beating Croatian qualifier Jana Fett 6-0, 6-3.

The victory was Swiatek's 36th in row and includes all seven matches she played at this year's French Open in winning her second title at Roland Garros.

It's the longest winning streak on the women's tour since 1997, when Martina Hingis won 37.

"It's my first match on



Poland's Iga Swiatek returns to Croatia's Jana Fett in a first round women's singles match on day two of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Tuesday, June 28, 2022. (AP Photo/Alberto Pezzali)

grass this season, so I knew it's going to be tricky," Swiatek said on court.

"I'm just figuring out how to play here and trying

to implement all the stuff that we were practicing on."

Even with seven-time champion Serena Williams in the draw at the All En-

gland Club, Swiatek is the woman to beat.

She won five tournaments before heading to Paris in May, earning consecutive titles in Doha, Indian Wells, Miami, Stuttgart and Rome.

Swiatek, again wearing a pin with the colours of Ukraine on her hat, started out like she left off in her last match at the French Open.

But she went down 3-1 in the second set before recovering.

"The second set, at the beginning I lost my focus a little bit and she used that pretty well," Swiatek said.

Lewis Hamilton and F1 condemn Piquet's racially abusive language about British driver

BBC – Lewis Hamilton has said "archaic mindsets need to change" and has no place in Formula 1 after three-time world champion Nelson Piquet used racially abusive language about him.

The 69-year-old Brazilian, who won the world title in 1981, 1983 and 1987, used a racially offensive term to refer to Hamilton in a podcast.

Piquet has been condemned by Formula 1, Hamilton's Mercedes team and the FIA.

"It's more than language," said seven-time world champion Hamilton.

"These archaic mindsets

need to change and have no place in our sport. I've been surrounded by these attitudes and targeted my whole life.

"There has been plenty of time to learn. Time has come for action."

Piquet was discussing the accident between Hamilton and Red Bull driver Max Verstappen on the first lap of last year's British Grand Prix.

He described the incident as "a joke", said Hamilton had been "lucky" only Verstappen crashed, and used a swear word in expressing his opinion that Hamilton had made a mis-



Nelson Piquet won the world title in 1981, 1983 and 1987 take.

This weekend's British Grand Prix is the first anniversary of the incident, which was one of a series between the two drivers as they disputed last year's world title - a championship decided in controversial cir-

cumstances at the 2021 finale in Abu Dhabi.

An F1 statement said: "Discriminatory or racist language is unacceptable in any form and has no part in society.

"Lewis is an incredible
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Chris Gayle to focus on 6IXty in 2022

The 6IXTY is delighted to announce that Chris Gayle, the leading T20 player of all time, will be the Brand Ambassador for the new 60-ball tournament which gets underway in St Kitts & Nevis on 24 August 2022.

The Caribbean Premier League (CPL) and Chris Gayle have confirmed that he will not play in CPL this year, to concentrate instead on The 6IXTY for the 2022 season. Gayle said: "I am going for the shorter format this year. I am genuinely excited about the current innovations in the 6ixty and seeing how they play out. In particular I am looking forward to the mystery team ball and hitting two sixes in the first 12 balls to unlock a third PowerPlay over."

Gayle, the self-proclaimed Universe Boss, will be playing in the tournament and will be acting as host for the six teams. Gayle has the most runs, most hundreds, most sixes and the most scores of fifty or more in T20 cricket so he perfectly suits Cricket's Power Game.

The tournament will feature six men's teams and three women's teams who will be fighting for their own version of the Universe Boss



Trophy, named in Chris Gayle's honour.

Gayle has been working with the tournament organisers to develop this innovative and exciting format. Fans can look forward to the following at The 6IXTY:

- Each batting team has six wickets – at the fall of the sixth wicket they are all out
- Each batting team has two PowerPlay overs. They can unlock a third PowerPlay by hitting two sixes in the first 12 balls. This extra PowerPlay over can be taken at any time between overs 3-9
- There will be 30 balls bowled from one end before the action switches to the other end for the final 30 balls

- The 30 balls will be delivered as 5 separate overs, with no bowler being able to bowl more than 2 overs for the innings.

- If teams do not bowl their overs within the allotted time a member of their team is removed from the field for the final six balls

- Fans will vote for the timing of a "Mystery Free Hit" where a batter can't be dismissed by the bowler

Chris Gayle said: "It is a great feeling to actually have a trophy named after The Universe Boss, something fantastic, and I am really and truly looking forward to it. I am sure people will ask if this is real, a trophy named for

Chris Gayle. Yes, it is happening, and I am really happy about it. I am looking forward to all the innovations."

CWI President, Ricky Skerrett said: "Chris has been the most prolific run scorer in white ball cricket and has served West Indies outstandingly well in all versions of the game. The 6IXTY is a perfect way to pay tribute to Chris and to thank him for his many years of his entertainment of CPL and West Indian fans everywhere."

Pete Russell, Hero CPL's CEO, said: "Chris Gayle has been such a huge part of the CPL's success, and we are delighted he has agreed to be a big part for this exciting new opportunity for Caribbean cricket. There is no one who better represents Cricket's Power Game, and partnering with him for this event is hugely exciting. We can't wait to watch Chris smash even more sixes at The 6IXTY."

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ambassador for our sport and deserves respect."

It added: "His tireless efforts to increase diversity and inclusion are a lesson to many and something we are committed to at F1."

Piquet, who is the father of Verstappen's

partner Kelly Piquet, has a history of making unsavoury and unpleasant statements. During his driving career, he publicly questioned Ayrton Senna's sexuality and called his rival "the Sao Paulo taxi driver".

He also made offensive comments about Nigel Mansell and the Briton's wife when they were team-mates at Williams.

Sports News



Action to resume in ACB Thursday League contest

The Antigua Commercial Bank (ACB) Caribbean Parish League Sir Vivian Richards Thursday League will continue with three matches across the island tomorrow (Thursday).

Police will host Newfield at the Police Recreation Grounds (PRG), Mahico will entertain Pigotts Crushers at Clare Hall and All Saints Pythons will meet Rising Sun Spartans at Rising Sun in St John's.

Vaughn Connor and Llewellyn Simon will umpire at the PRG, Garfield Jacobs and Candace Butler will officiate at Clare Hall, while Nigel Browne and Calvin Thomas will be the um-

pires at Rising Sun.

Meanwhile, New Winthorpes Lions and Bolans Blasters as well as Pigotts Crushers and Empire Nations played to draws in their rain affected matches in the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's (ABCA) Two-Day competition over the weekend.

The Lions made 184 for eight in 37.1 overs after they lost the toss and were sent in to bat at New Winthorpes.

Jermaine Otto top scored with 44, Samuel Peters made 38 and captain Nino Henry contributed 32. Bolans skipper Taiem Tonge captured six wickets for 75 runs in 14 overs.



Captain Elroy Francis Jr will be aiming to lead Pigotts Crushers to victory against Mahico in Antigua Commercial Bank Caribbean Parish League Sir Vivian Richards Thursday League tomorrow. Francis struck a half century for Pigotts in a drawn rain affected ABCA Two-Day match against Empire at Pigotts over the weekend. (Photo courtesy ABCA)

In reply, Bolans crashed to 89 all out in 27.2 overs with opener Hughon Tonge scoring 32. Orandel Boston grabbed six wickets for 22 runs in 9.2 overs.

Only one team was able to bat in the game at Pigotts between cup-holders Pigotts Crushers and Empire Nation.

After winning the toss and opting to bat, Pigotts Crushers were 133 for seven off 58 overs when the match ended.

Captain Elroy Francis Jr top scored with 85 off 143 balls with nine fours. Javaughn James captured two wickets for 25 runs in nine overs.

The rain affected matches between Caribbean Union Bank Bethesda Golden Eagles and Combined Schools at Bethesda and PIC Insurance Libertas Black Hawks and Jennings Tigers at Jennings ended in draws as well.

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Dun Bar Crew consolidate lead in Over-40 league

Dun Bar Crew romped to a 4-1 victory over Tun & Bang in the latest round of matches to consolidate their position at the top of the Over-40 Premier League.

The Hoppers men came from behind to achieve their latest win after striker Peter “Big Pete” Byers scored in the 10th minute to give Tun & Bang a 1-0 lead in the ninth-round encounter at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association’s (ABFA) Technical Training Centre at Paynters on Sunday.

But four minutes later, Kendell Pennyfeather scored the equalizer and a Derrick Edwards own goal in the 23rd minute gave Dun Bar Crew a 2-1 half-time advantage.

Pennyfeather then scored his second goal of the match in the 55th minute to increase his team’s lead and Rolston “Lexi” Phoenix scored in the 65th minute to seal Dun Bar Crew’s seventh victory of the competition.

The win carries Dun Bar Crew to 21 points from nine matches, ensuring they remain at the top of the standings in the eight-team round robin competition.

The result has catapulted Tun & Bang down the table from second in the

standings to fifth place, as they remained on 15 points after nine matches.

Up & Over FC lost ground on the leaders when they were beaten 2-1 by West Ham FC in their encounter on Sunday.

The Pigotts men entered Sunday’s clash tied with Dun Bar Crew on 18 points, but soon fell behind when Craig Peters slotted home a strike in the 4th minute, which gave West Ham a 1-0 lead at halftime.

A Justin “Trini” Periera 43rd minute conversion doubled West Ham’s lead and although a Terry Roberts injury time strike reduced the deficit, Up and Over FC could not change the outcome of the match.

The result has propelled West Ham into second place above Up and Over FC by virtue of a superior goal difference.

West Ham FC have now joined Up and Over FC on 18 points, but they

are also holding a plus-11 goal difference, which is superior to the plus-2 goal difference currently being held by the Pigotts men.

Turf Masters continue to move up the standings as they were able to pull off a 2-1 victory over Legacy FC in their latest outing.

A Donovan Peart seventh-minute strike gave Turf Masters a 1-0 half-time advantage. Turf Masters took a 2-0 lead when Jamarly Galloway scored in the 34th minute. Edlorn “Abbra” O’Garro scored for Legacy FC in the 40th minute.

The win lifted Turf Masters into fourth place with 16 points, while Legacy FC have now slipped into second from bottom of the standings as they remained on seven points from nine outings.

Extraordinary Men leapfrogged Legacy FC in the table when they hammered bottom team Golden

Grove Masters 5-1 in the other encounter that was played on Sunday.

A strike by Ocie Knight in the 17th minute, a Garrymore Anthony’s own goal two minutes later and a 27th minute conversion by Rowan “Three Fives” Isaac gave Extraordinary Men a 3-0 advantage at halftime.

An own goal by Johnathan Lindsay in the 42nd minute reduced the deficit for Golden Grove Masters, but goals by Kevin Warner in the 49th minute and Gayson “Bubbler” Gregory in the 51st minute sealed the win for Extraordinary Men.

Their third win in nine matches lifted Extraordinary Men to third from bottom of the standings with ten points, while their ninth defeat in as many matches ensured that Golden Grove Masters stayed firmly rooted in the cellar without a point.

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vaughn Jarvis of New Evolution, Sedique Adams of Young Warriors, Vaughan Jackson Jr of Generation Next FC and Drake Hadeed of North Coast FC; central midfielders Javauhn Parker of New Evolution, Manuel Arias of Ottos Rangers and Marco Michael of North Coast FC; along with defensive midfielders Howayne James and Dajari Barthley of Villa Lions.

The squad is completed by forwards, left winger Julian Joseph of New Evolu-

tion, striker Raekwon Ralph of Generation Next FC, striker Johnathan Shoy of New Evolution, right winger Eroy Gonzales of Villa Lions, striker Kayontè George of Generation Next FC, striker Javier Joseph of New Winthorpes and striker Joseph Jacobs of Generation Next FC.

The squad is expected to be further reduced to the 18 players who will be travelling to Florida to contest the CONCACAF Men’s Under-17 Qualifiers.

A&B to contest Group D in 2022 CONCACAF Men's U-17 Qualifiers

Antigua and Barbuda will be contesting Group D in the 2022 CONCACAF Men's Under-17 Championship Qualifiers.

This was decided in a draw in Miami, Florida, last Thursday, in which the teams from 22 CONCACAF Member Associations, all ranked 17 and below based on the current CONCACAF Men's U-17 Rankings, participated and were divided into four groups.

Antigua and Barbuda will be joined in Group D competition by Nicaragua, Grenada, Belize and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Contesting Group A will be Bermuda, Guyana, The Bahamas, Bonaire, Saint Martin and the British Virgin Islands.

Group B will feature St Lucia, Puerto Rico, Aruba, Martinique, Anguilla and the US Virgin Islands.

Contesting Group C will be the Dominican Republic, St Kitts and Nevis, the Cayman Islands, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Caribbean nature isle of Dominica.

Antigua and Barbuda are preparing to travel to Florida for the qualifying round robin group stage



Midfielder Drake Hadeed, second right, who represented Antigua and Barbuda in Group H of the CONCACAF Men's Under-20 Competition in Honduras earlier this month, is also expected to be selected for the young Benna Boys' CONCACAF Men's Under-17 Group D Qualifiers in Florida in August this year. (Photo courtesy ABFA)

that is slated to be played between 30th August and 8th September this year.

The four group winners will advance to the 2023 CONCACAF Men's Under-17 Championship, joining the top 16 ranked nations that have been seeded directly into the group stage of the competition.

An Antigua and Barbuda training squad of over 30 players commenced preparations for the tournament in March under the

guidance of National Under-17 Head Coach Kerry "Arab" Skepple and assistant coaches Auckland "Pin Up" Jarvis and Donovan Peart.

The squad was reduced to 26 players at the end of April as the coaches stepped up the team's preparations at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Technical Training Centre at Paynters.

The squad comprised goalkeepers Zahiem Jo-

seph of Jennings Grenades, Zamaal Green of Hoppers, Seth Phillip and Jaylon Joseph of New Evolution.

Selected are defenders in center backs Jaden Bowen of New Evolution, Jordan Francis of Earthquakes and Kayeem Hughes of Sap FC; left back Juda Christian of Villa Lions and right backs Davia Hughes of Villa Lions and Dejarnie Moore.

Also selected are attacking midfielders Ja-

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