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Scores of children enrolled in the National Public Library of Antigua and Barbuda's Reading Summer Camp were able to benefit from the recent generous donation of Sandals Grande Antigua. *Story on page 9*

Local News



PM Browne congratulates SKN's new Prime Minister Drew

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has extended congratulations to Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew of St. Kitts and Nevis on his party's election to government last Friday.

Dr. Drew, leader of the St. Kitts and Nevis Labour party, led his team to a six seat majority victory in snap elections after the Team Unity Coalition government collapsed only two years into their second five year term.

In his letter of congratulations, Prime Minister Browne pointed to the historical ties shared between the SKNLP and ABLP.

"On behalf of the people and Government of Antigua and Barbuda, I express con-



St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew

gratulations to the heritage Labour Party on your victory at the polls, during an intense and unrelenting struggle for supremacy.

The long historical ties between The St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party and the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party are well established

and known. The emergence of the trade unions and the political parties which they spawned, more than eight decades ago, cause our populations to invest their faith in Labour's continued governance."

Prime Minister Browne continued that he looks forward to cooperating with the government and people of St. Kitts and Nevis, as has been the case in the past.

"I express the applause of the entire nation of Antigua and Barbuda, and look forward to collaboration between our two states and governments in the regional and international issues which require joint action in the immediate future."

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Former PM wants music academy established to honour Victor Samuel

Former Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer wants the government to work along with the Halcyon Steel Orchestra to establish the Victor ‘Babu’ Samuel Pan and Theatre Academy – in honour of the “musical giant”.

Spencer made the call on Monday as he delivered the eulogy during Samuel’s official funeral, which was attended by hundreds at the famed Antigua Recreation Grounds.

“The government of Antigua and Barbuda has seen it fit to be working with Halcyon Steelband in ensuring that lands are made available and we want to take this opportunity to put it out there for the government to work with us to establish the home of what we would want to be christened as the Victor ‘Babu’ Samuel Pan and Theatre Academy,” he said.

The establishment of the academy, said the former prime minister, would be a fitting tribute to Samuel who he described as both a close and trusted friend and



confidant whose “musical gifts transcended all 170 square miles of Antigua and Barbuda, the Caribbean and the world”.

According to Spencer, although he was not born in the Grays-Green Community, Samuel was adopted and embraced as one of their own.

He spoke of Samuel’s fierce dedication to his craft and his relentless pursuit of perfection, a trait he sought to instil in those he taught to play pan.

Spencer also gave a nod of approval to the government for its decision to grant Samuel an official funeral as it was a fitting send



off for the cultural giant and his priceless contributions to pan in Antigua and Barbuda and the region.

Among those paying tribute to Samuel in music, poetry and dance were Dr. Len ‘Boogsie’ Sharpe of Trinidad and Tobago, national pan virtuoso Aubrey ‘Lacku’ Samuel, the Halcyon Steel Orchestra, Principal of the St. Joseph’s Academy, Rudolph Davis, the Police Steelband and West-side Symphony Steelband.

Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams and acting Prime Minister, Steadroy Benjamin read lessons.

Samuel’s body was laid to rest in the St. John’s Public Cemetery.

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6:36 pm

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77% UV Index
0 of 10 Moonrise
4:42 pm Moonset
2:53 am Waxing Gibbous

Local News

Antigua and Barbuda extends independence well-wishes to Jamaica

Prime Minister Gaston Browne wrote to his Jamaican counterpart, Andrew Holness over the weekend to extend congratulations to the government and people of Jamaica on the occasion of their 60th anniversary of independence.

Jamaica attained the impressive milestone on 6th August, 2022.

“On behalf of the people and Government of Antigua and Barbuda, I extend warm congratulations to you, your Government and the people of Jamaica on the Anniversa-

ry of your 60th year of Independence,” wrote Prime Minister Browne.

“On 6 August 1962, the proud people of Jamaica set off on a path that was inconceivable to those who had enslaved and colonised the courageous people of the Anglo-Caribbean’s largest and most populous island.

“Capitalising on United Nations Resolution 1514/XV of 1960, declaring colonialism unlawful, Jamaica chose a path fraught with challenges and high expectations, 60 years ago.



“In these past sixty years, the majestic people have shown their prowess in economic development, political maturation, outstanding sporting greatness, and academic leadership that is the envy of universities global-

ly,” said the Antiguan and Barbudan leader.

He further highlighted some of the areas in which the north Caribbean nation has excelled over the period of its independence.

“Jamaica is known the world over because of its outstanding performance in sports, of the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, and as a place of beauty and great charm.

“Your beautiful country has been a beacon and inspiration to the countries of the region in its determination to coalesce and contribute to regional development. Your country’s role in sustaining the CARICOM is very well-known and appreciated.

“The next sixty years will prove pivotal as our small island-states tackle the challenges associated with global climate change and intensify the search for renewable energy alternatives.

“The people of Antigua and Barbuda join hands with the people of Jamaica to engineer a sustainable future, free of injustice and the quixotic use of might to crush freedom,” concluded Prime Minister Browne.



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Foreign Affairs Minister, E. P. Chet Greene



President of the Caribbean Development Bank, Dr. Gene Leon

Antigua and Barbuda hosts AOSIS meeting

The Association of Small Islands States (AOSIS) is entering the second of a two-day conference in St. John's to finalise the Wadadli Action Plan (WAP), an initiative that will, among other things, set the groundwork for the 4th International Conference on Small Island States which will also be held in Antigua and Barbuda.

Attending the conference are representatives of AOSIS member states, government officials, partner countries, regional organisations and members of the private sector and civil society.

Speaking at Monday's opening ceremony, Antigua and Barbuda's Foreign Affairs Minister, E. P. Chet Greene, the chairman of AOSIS, told delegates that these are unprecedented times for small island developing states which have been confronted with seemingly never ending challenges.

"We still live in a world where inequality is on the rise, acute poverty and indigence coexist with extreme

greed and wealth.

"We live in a world where global economic shocks are frequent and hardest felt in our small states and where recovery takes decades while in de-

veloped countries it takes mere months.

"We live in a world where pandemics seem to be the order of the day and where some countries are implementing protection-

ist measures that are unjust and are not in accord with international norms and values and with the principle of "leaving no one behind", Minister Greene stated.

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He noted that wars and conflicts around the world are having a negative impact on small island states.

"We live in a world where war and threats of war that are far removed from our shores can drive up energy and food prices within our islands.

"We live in a world where global temperatures

continue to rise, weather systems are more intense, unusual, and unpredictable and where some of our islands are facing extreme drought and where in the blink of an eye can also face extreme flooding," he emphasised.

The minister warned his colleagues that failure to act coupled with continued lack of attention from the

international community would spell human and environmental disasters where small island states will be the first ones to suffer the consequences.

Delivering the keynote address, President of the Caribbean Development Bank, Dr. Hyginus Leon, noted that the meeting is being held against the backdrop of last week's Emancipation

Day celebrations and Jamaica's celebration of 60 years of political independence.

"One of the architects of that independence, Norman Manley, declared that it was the mission of his generation to win self-government and political power, but the task of future generations would be to reconstruct social and economic systems of society to achieve financial independence," he recalled.

He added that the meeting, and its timing, bring into sharp focus the fact that the region's collective history and indeed its present, have been marked by progress through struggle.

"The issues on our conference agenda -including access to finance, debt sustainability, the need for equitable measurement mechanisms for vulnerability and resilience, climate action, and access to information for decision making - are pertinent to advancing the causes of this generation and lessening the burden for future generations," he urged.

He commended AOSIS for playing a leadership role in convening small states and acting as champion advocate in the international arena.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda, as Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States, is hosting the two-day meeting of the Wadadli Action Platform which concludes today at the Sir John E. St. Luce Conference Centre on Factory Road.

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Global Bank of Commerce leans on integrity amidst lawsuit

Facing a lawsuit over its alleged inability to pay deposits to two of its clients, Global Bank of Commerce says its integrity and reputation remain intact.

The bank took the unusual decision to respond to an “article and related reports in a local online news portal, and subsequent public remarks, concerning a legal matter between the Bank and one of its customers”.

While they did not directly address the genesis of the matter that has landed them in court, Global

Bank of Commerce’s management and board of directors chose to focus on their four decades of operation and being in compliance with Antigua and Barbuda’s regulatory standards governing the banking sector.

“While the matter is before the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court and is therefore, sub judice, we wish to assure the public that the integrity of our institution and its 40-year long-standing participation and contribution to the international banking

sector remain fully intact and in good standing, as regulated by the Financial Services Regulatory Commission (FSRC).”

It continued, “We confirm that our Bank is managed and operated independent of any local domestic commercial bank in Antigua and Barbuda, and any public assertions to the contrary is misleading and incorrect. We further confirm that no domestic commercial bank in the state of Antigua and Barbuda is connected in any way to the above referenced legal

matter”.

The bank has apologized to its customers for the inconvenience they may be experiencing as a result of the information that was posted by several news portals and has given the assurances that they continue to operate as normal.

Filed in the High Court of Justice, the defendants are claiming in their lawsuit millions of dollars in deposits made, which they argue the financial institution has failed to or refuse to pay out.



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Cuban Embassy, former students send condolences after weekend oil tanker explosion



A lightning strike at an oil tanker facility in Cuba has caused more than 100 deaths, scores of injuries and at least 70 people remain missing.

Antiguan and Barbudan students who have studied in Cuba have expressed their deep sorrow over the recent tragedy in the north Caribbean island that left over 100 people dead.

Last weekend, an oil tank explosion in the industrial zone of the city of Matanzas left several people injured and scores more dead.

More than 70 people remain missing following the explosion which Cuban me-

dia reports state was started by a lightning strike.

On Monday, a statement from the Cuban embassy in Antigua and Barbuda said, "Those of us in Antigua and Barbuda, who have studied in Cuba, as beneficiaries of the phenomenal generosity and unequalled internationalism of the Cuban revolution, are deeply saddened by the recent tragic events in your country.

"We can only imagine the pain and the grief, and express our solidarity with you, as we find it so unfair that fate has chosen to be so unkind to so charitable a people, already suffering from the long sustained cruelty imposed by a powerful external force,"

It continued, "Though we know that you are an extremely resilient people, we do hope that in this moment of tragedy and extraordinary technical challenge, not only will those to whom you have extended generosity respond in kind, but that those who have subjected you to criminal deprivation and undeserved hostility, might find it in their hearts to relent and let justice prevail."

Yesterday, CARICOM also issued a statement expressing condolences over the tragedy in Cuba and extended offers of the grouping support as the nation seeks to recover.





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Sandals Resort supports literacy through reading at local summer camp

Sandals Grande Antigua Resort and Spa recently presented books and literacy learning tools to more than 100 children to support the learning and development journey of children enrolled in the National Public Library of Antigua and Barbuda's Reading Summer Camp.

Sandals Public Relations Manager Leon Norville said, "Literacy is one of the areas our young people struggle with and as a resort we are playing our part to ensure that we help to aid our teachers and even parents in this area of development."

"We hope through the books and activity bags gifted, our children's curiosity for reading will be inspired."

"They will ask the hard questions that equip them to weigh and sort input, and make connections with what they see, hear, and learn in their own lives."




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Parenting

Nine steps to more effective parenting

Raising kids is one of the toughest and most fulfilling jobs in the world — and the one for which you might feel the least prepared.

These 9 child-rearing tips can help you feel more fulfilled as a parent.

1. Boost Your Child's Self-Esteem

Kids start developing their sense of self as babies when they see themselves through their parents' eyes. Your tone of voice, your body language, and your every expression are absorbed by your kids. Your words and actions as a parent affect their developing self-esteem more than anything else.

Praising accomplishments, however small, will make them feel proud; letting kids do things independently will make them feel capable and strong. By contrast, belittling comments or comparing a child unfavourably with another will make kids feel worthless.

Avoid making loaded statements or using words as weapons. Comments like "What a stupid thing to do!" or "You act more like a baby than your little brother!" cause damage just as physical blows do.

Choose your words carefully and be compassionate. Let your kids know that everyone makes mistakes and that you still love them, even when you don't love their behaviour.

2. Catch Kids Being Good

Have you ever stopped to think about how many

times you react negatively to your kids in a given day? You may find yourself criticising far more often than complimenting. How would you feel about a boss who treated you with that much negative guidance, even if it was well-intentioned?

The more effective approach is to catch kids doing something right: "You made your bed without being asked — that's terrific!" or "I was watching you play with your sister and you were very patient." These statements will do more to encourage good behaviour over the long run than repeated scoldings.

Make a point of finding something to praise every day. Be generous with rewards — your love, hugs, and compliments can work wonders and are often reward enough. Soon you will find you are "growing" more of the behaviour you would like to see.

3. Set Limits and Be Consistent With Your Discipline

Discipline is necessary in every household. The goal of discipline is to help kids choose acceptable behaviours and learn self-control. They may test the limits you establish for them, but they need those limits to grow into responsible adults.

Establishing house rules helps kids understand your expectations and develop self-control. Some rules might include: no TV until homework is done, and no hitting, name-calling, or hurtful teasing allowed.



You might want to have a system in place: one warning, followed by consequences such as a "time out" or loss of privileges. A common mistake parents make is failure to follow through with the consequences. You can't discipline kids for talking back one day and ignore it the next. Being consistent teaches what you expect.

4. Make Time for Your Kids

It's often hard for parents and kids to get together for a family meal, let alone spend quality time together. But there is probably nothing kids would like more. Get up 10 minutes earlier in the morning so you can eat breakfast with your child or leave the dishes in the sink and take a walk after dinner. Kids who aren't getting the attention they want from their parents often act out or misbehave because they're sure to be noticed that way.

Many parents find it rewarding to schedule together time with their kids. Create a "special night" each week to be together and let your kids help decide how to spend the time. Look for other ways

to connect — put a note or something special in your kid's lunchbox.

Teens seem to need less undivided attention from their parents than younger kids. Because there are fewer windows of opportunity for parents and teens to get together, parents should do their best to be available when their teen does express a desire to talk or participate in family activities. Attending concerts, games, and other events with your teen communicates caring and lets you get to know more about your child and his or her friends in important ways.

Don't feel guilty if you're a working parent. It is the many little things you do — making popcorn, playing cards, window shopping — that kids will remember.

5. Be a Good Role Model

Young kids learn a lot about how to act by watching their parents. The younger they are, the more cues they take from you. Before you lash out or blow your top in front of your child, think about this: Is that how

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of State Insurance Company Limited (the “Company” or “SICL”) announces the appointment of Aarion A. Nicholas as Chief Executive Officer. As Chief Executive, Ms. Nicholas will be responsible for leading SICL’s growth initiatives and build on its industry-leading transformation to a regional entity.

With 14 years industry experience and a solid track record of leadership and execution, Ms. Nicholas is a highly respected professional who will continue to propel the Company forward. She most recently served as Executive Manager with responsibility for the General Insurance Department, having joined the SICL team in September 2020. Her multifaceted experience within the industry, and extensive training lend to a well-rounded professional with a passion for insurance. The essence of her leadership traits is captured in one of her favorite quotes - “Integrity, insight, and

inclusiveness are the three essential qualities of leadership”.

Ms. Nicholas is an alumnus of the University of the West Indies with an undergraduate degree in Accounting and Finance (BSc). She is also a Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designee and holds an associate degree in Reinsurance (ARe). Her previous endeavors include regional exposure and time spent within the London market where she gained further insight and international exposure at Lloyd's of London. She is an Executive Member of the Antigua Barbuda Employers Federation and presiding Chairman of the Insurers Association of Antigua and Barbuda.

The SICL Board is excited about this appointment and welcomes the strengths of the new CEO as the Company continues its journey as Antigua & Barbuda’s premier insurer of choice.

Letter to the Editor



Antiguan and Barbudan graduates from Cuban universities

07th August, 2022

H. E. Maria Esther Fiffe
Cabreja

Cuban Ambassador to Anti-
gua and Barbuda
Blue Waters Drive,
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Dear Editor:

Those of us in Antigua
and Barbuda, who have
studied in Cuba, as benefi-

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We can only imagine
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so unkind to so charitable
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Though we know that
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it in their hearts to relent
and let justice prevail.

***Long live the Cuban
people and their revolution.***

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you want your child to behave when
angry? Be aware that you're constant-
ly being watched by your kids. Studies
have shown that children who hit usu-
ally have a role model for aggression at
home.

Model the traits you wish to see in
your kids: respect, friendliness, honesty,
kindness, tolerance. Exhibit unselfish
behaviour. Do things for other people
without expecting a reward. Express
thanks and offer compliments. Above
all, treat your kids the way you expect
other people to treat you.

6. Make Communication a Priority

You can't expect kids to do every-
thing simply because you, as a parent,
"say so." They want and deserve ex-
planations as much as adults do. If we
don't take time to explain, kids will
begin to wonder about our values and
motives and whether they have any ba-
sis. Parents who reason with their kids
allow them to understand and learn in a
nonjudgmental way.

Make your expectations clear. If
there is a problem, describe it, express
your feelings, and invite your child to
work on a solution with you. Be sure
to include consequences. Make sugges-
tions and offer choices. Be open to your
child's suggestions as well. Negotiate.
Kids who participate in decisions are
more motivated to carry them out.

7. Be Flexible and Willing to Adjust

Your Parenting Style

If you often feel "let down" by your
child's behaviour, perhaps you have
unrealistic expectations. Parents who
think in "shoulds" (for example, "My
kid should be potty-trained by now")
might find it helpful to read up on the
matter or to talk to other parents or child
development specialists.

Kids' environments have an ef-
fect on their behaviour, so you might
be able to change that behaviour by
changing the environment. If you find
yourself constantly saying "no" to your
2-year-old, look for ways to alter your
surroundings so that fewer things are
off-limits. This will cause less frustra-
tion for both of you.

As your child changes, you'll grad-
ually have to change your parenting
style. Chances are, what works with
your child now won't work as well in a
year or two.

Teens tend to look less to their par-
ents and more to their peers for role
models. But continue to provide guid-
ance, encouragement, and appropriate
discipline while allowing your teen to
earn more independence. And seize ev-
ery available moment to make a con-
nection!

8. Show That Your Love Is Uncon- ditional

As a parent, you're responsible for
correcting and guiding your kids. But
how you express your corrective guid-

ance makes all the difference in how a
child receives it.

When you have to confront your
child, avoid blaming, criticising, or
fault-finding, which hurt self-esteem
and can lead to resentment. Instead, try
to nurture and encourage, even when
disciplining your kids. Make sure they
know that although you want and ex-
pect better next time, your love is there
no matter what.

9. Know Your Own Needs and Limitations as a Parent

Face it — you are an imperfect par-
ent. You have strengths and weaknesses
as a family leader. Recognize your abil-
ities — "I am loving and dedicated."
Vow to work on your weaknesses — "I
need to be more consistent with disci-
pline."

Try to have realistic expectations
for yourself, your partner, and your
kids. You don't have to have all the an-
swers — be forgiving of yourself.

And try to make parenting a man-
ageable job. Focus on the areas that
need the most attention rather than try-
ing to address everything all at once.
Admit it when you're burned out. Take
time out from parenting to do things
that will make you happy.

Focusing on your needs does not
make you selfish. It simply means you
care about your own well-being, which
is another important value to model for
your children.



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Study connects climate hazards to 58% of infectious diseases

By Seth Borenstein

Climate hazards such as flooding, heat waves and drought have worsened more than half of the hundreds of known infectious diseases in people, including malaria, hantavirus, cholera and anthrax, a study says.

Researchers looked through the medical literature of established cases of illnesses and found that 218 out of the known 375 human infectious diseases, or 58%, seemed to be made worse by one of 10 types of extreme weather connected to climate change, according to a study in Monday's journal *Nature Climate Change*.

The study mapped out 1,006 pathways from the climate hazards to sick people. In some cases downpours and flooding sicken people through disease-carrying mosquitoes, rats and deer.

There are warming oceans and heat waves that taint seafood and other things we eat and droughts that bring bats carrying viral infections to people.

Doctors, going back to Hippocrates, have long connected disease to weather, but this study shows how widespread the influence of climate is on human health.

"If climate is changing, the risk of these diseases are changing," said study co-author Dr. Jonathan Patz, director of the Global Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Doctors, such as Patz, said they need to think of the diseases as symptoms of a sick Earth.

"The findings of this study are terrifying and illustrate well the enormous consequences of climate change on human pathogens," said Dr. Carlos del Rio, an Emory University infectious disease specialist, who was not part of the study. "Those of us in in-



A man walks past a house abandoned after it was inundated by water due to the rising sea level in Sidogemah, Central Java, Indonesia, Nov. 8, 2021. Climate hazards such as flooding, heat waves and drought have worsened more than half of the hundreds of known infectious diseases in people, such as malaria, hantavirus, cholera and even anthrax, according to a new study released Monday, Aug. 8, 2022. (AP Photo/Dita Alangkara, File)

fectious diseases and microbiology need to make climate change one of our priorities, and we need to all work together to prevent what will be without doubt a catastrophe as a result of climate change."

In addition to looking at infectious diseases, the researchers expanded their search to look at all types of human illnesses, including non-infectious sicknesses such as asthma, allergies and even animal bites to see how many maladies they could connect to climate hazards in some way, including infectious diseases.

They found a total of 286 unique sicknesses and of those 223 of them seemed to be worsened by climate hazards, nine were diminished by climate hazards and 54 had cases of both aggravated and minimised, the study found.

The new study doesn't do the calculations to attribute specific disease changes, odds or magnitude to climate change, but finds cases where extreme

weather was a likely factor among many.

Study lead author Camilo Mora, a climate data analyst at the University of Hawaii, said what is important to note is that the study isn't about predicting future cases.

"There is no speculation here whatsoever," Mora said. "These are things that have already happened."

One example Mora knows firsthand. About five years ago, Mora's home in rural Colombia was flooded — for the first time in his memory water was in his living room, creating an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes — and Mora contracted Chikungunya, a nasty virus spread by mosquito bites. And even though he survived, he still feels joint pain years later.

Sometimes climate change acts in odd ways. Mora includes the 2016 case in Siberia when a decades-old reindeer carcass, dead from anthrax, was unearthed when the permafrost thawed

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Olivia Newton-John: Grease star and singer dies aged 73

By Matt Murphy

Olivia Newton-John, best known for playing Sandy in smash-hit musical *Grease*, has died aged 73, her family says.

The star died from cancer, her manager told the BBC.

Her husband John Eastlerling said she “passed away peacefully” at her ranch in California on Monday morning.

An actress and musician, Newton-John achieved commercial success as a country singer and sold millions of records globally.

But it was her role as high school student Sandy in the film adaptation of *Grease* that catapulted her to worldwide fame.

One of the most successful film musicals of all



Olivia Newton-John

time, it told the story of Sandy’s summer fling with John Travolta’s Danny and the difficulties the relationship encounters.

In the end the pair reconciles with Sandy appearing in a tight, black leather outfit.

The film was the biggest box-office hit of 1978, and gave Newton-John three

huge hit singles, including *You’re The One That I Want* and *Summer Nights*, both performed with co-star John Travolta.

And it was a catalyst for change in both her image and her musical direction - shedding her innocent, country-pop image.

Travolta wrote on Instagram that she “made all of

our lives so much better”.

“Your impact was incredible. I love you so much,” he wrote.

“We will see you down the road and we will all be together again.

“Yours from the first moment I saw you and forever!”

Oscar-winning actress Marlee Matlin, who co-starred alongside Newton-John in the 1996 film *It’s My Party*, called her “the sweetest and brightest light” in a Twitter tribute.

And Dionne Warwick, who recorded a duet with Newton-John in 2006, wrote on Twitter that “another angelic voice has been added to the Heavenly Choir”.

Newton-John was born in Cambridge, UK on 26 September 1948.

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from warming. A child touched it, got anthrax and started an outbreak.

Mora originally wanted to search medical cases to see how COVID-19 intersected with climate hazards, if at all. He found cases where extreme weather both exacerbated and diminished chances of COVID-19. In some cases, extreme heat in poor areas had people congregate together to cool off and get exposed to the disease, but in other situations, heavy downpours reduced COVID spread because people stayed home and indoors, away from others.

Longtime climate and public health expert Kristie Ebi at the University of Washington cautioned that she

had concerns with how the conclusions were drawn and some of the methods in the study. It is an established fact that the burning of coal, oil and natural gas has led to more frequent and intense extreme weather, and research has shown that weather patterns are associated with many health issues, she said.

“However, correlation is not causation,” Ebi said in an email. “The authors did not discuss the extent to which the climate hazards reviewed changed over the time period of the study and the extent to which any changes have been attributed to climate change.”

But Dr. Aaron Bernstein, interim director of the Center for Climate,

Health, and the Global Environment at Harvard School of Public Health, Emory’s del Rio and three other outside experts said the study is a good warning about climate and health for now and the future. Especially as global warming and habitat loss push animals and their diseases closer to humans, Bernstein said.

“This study underscores how climate change may load the dice to favour unwelcome infectious surprises,” Bernstein said in an email. “But of course it only reports on what we already know and what’s yet unknown about pathogens may be yet more compelling about how preventing further climate change may prevent future disasters like COVID-19.”

Regional News



Former Haitian senator Yvon Buissereth assassinated in upscale neighbourhood

CMC - Yvon Buissereth a former senator who worked for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor was assassinated in an upscale neighbourhood in Haiti and his body set on fire along with that of his nephew.

According to Government Commissioner Jacques Lafontant, the bodies of Yvon Buissereth and his unidentified nephew were found on Saturday afternoon in the community of Laboule.

Laboule is close to the town of Pelerin, where President Jovenel Moïse was assassinated in July last year.

Buissereth, director of Haiti's Public Company for the Promotion of Social Housing, and his nephew



Yvon Buissereth

were travelling in a government-issued vehicle and were found inside the charred car.

According to Lafontant a gang that is trying to control the area is likely to blame.

The Ti Makak gang, which means "Little Macaques," is fighting with the Toto gang over control of the area.

Gangs in the capital of Port-au-Prince and beyond have become more powerful and waged violent turf wars since Moïse was assassinated.

Prime Minister Ariel Henry condemned Buissereth's killing as a "barbaric act" by armed gangs in Laboule.

"His assassins, as well as all the other criminals who sow mourning in the country, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and must respond for their ignominious acts before justice," the prime minister said.

US, OAS congratulate St. Kitts and Nevis on elections

CMC - The Biden administration in the United States and the Electoral Observer Mission (EOM) of the Organization of American States (OAS) have congratulated the people of St. Kitts and Nevis on their August 5 election and Dr. Terrence Drew on his victory as the new prime minister.

"We look forward to working with Prime Minister-elect Drew to further strengthen the US-Saint Kitts and Nevis relationship, and move our nations toward a brighter future," said State Department Spokesperson Ned Price in a brief statement.

"The United States and Saint Kitts and Nevis en-



joy a strong relationship, grounded in a shared history and longstanding ties between our peoples as

well as a commitment to democracy, security, and economic prosperity," he added. "Cooperation be-

tween the United States and Saint Kitts and Nevis has strengthened public health,

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Bharrat Jagdeo urges Guyanese citizens to reject “false narrative”

CMC - Vice President Dr Bharrat Jagdeo has called on citizens to reject what he called the false narrative being peddled by the opposition and other anti-government voices that the government is deliberately withholding pay increases for public servants.

Speaking at a recent community meeting, on the West Bank Demerara, the Vice President reminded that it is the same APNU+AFC Coalition government that took away the one-month tax-free bonus from the joint services, which the PPP/C administration has since re-implemented.

According to Jagdeo, it was the PPP/C Government that redeemed the public service from a pauperized state, “...but they can only say that for people who do not know the history of this

country or who are not aware of and we need to stand up to this sort of thing.”

The vice president added that the PPP/C administration will not allow this sort of thinking by the opposition to dictate its policies, “we have a straight and clear ideology, and we have a goal which we outlined in our manifesto.”

He noted that the PPP/C has committed to providing citizens with world-class education and healthcare, providing job opportunities, and ensuring their safety, and the administration has since embarked on that journey over the two years since returning to office.

The vice president said the development taking place offshore will secure close to 3,000 jobs for residents on the West Coast Demerara, referencing the largest privately-owned



Vice President Dr Bharrat Jagdeo

wharf, as well as the government’s investment in the construction of the New Demerara River Crossing and the opening up of lands for the construction of some 14,000 house lots in the region, among several other major projects.

He said the government is currently making efforts to reclaim approximately 5,000 acres of land that the APNU+AFC gave away for

coconut production and to date cultivation has not begun.

The vice president added that the government has been making significant investments in the country despite the pandemic. He said this is happening even though a large number of persons were laid off around the world, in Guyana, public servants continued to receive their salaries.

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education, and security for both our countries.”

The EOM, led by the former prime minister of Jamaica, Bruce Golding, congratulated the people of St. Kitts and Nevis on their “peaceful and responsible participation in the general elections.”

The EOM comprised 11 experts and observers from nine countries – three of whom worked virtually.

On election day, the OAS said the team was present in all of 11 constituencies of St. Kitts and Nevis and visited 100 percent of the 128 established polling stations.

The voters’ list provided by the Electoral Office indicated that 50,933 persons were eligible to vote – 38,015 voters in St. Kitts and 12,918 voters in Nevis, said the EOM in a statement.

It said members of the mission observed the process from the opening of the polling stations to the closing of polls and reported that the day proceeded in a “generally orderly and peaceful manner.”

On Saturday, Drew was sworn in as the fourth prime minister of the twin-island federation after leading his SKNLP to victory in Friday’s snap general election.

The SKNLP won six of the 11

seats contested in the election held three years ahead of the constitutional deadline, with the former coalition partners, the PLP of outgoing prime minister Dr. Timothy Harris winning one seat, the same as PAM, while the Nevis-based CCM won all three seats on the sister isle.

Governor General Sir Tapley Seaton is expected to name the four other legislators to the 15-member parliament.

Drew, a Cuban- and US-trained medical practitioner was administered the oath of office by Justice Trevor Ward in the presence of the governor general.

Trump says FBI raided his Florida home

BBC - Former US President Donald Trump has said his Florida home is being raided by the FBI.

Mr Trump said in a statement Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach was being “occupied by a large group of FBI agents”.

Neither the FBI or Department of Justice have commented on the reported raid. It is unclear what might have prompted any search warrant.

Mr Trump is currently the focus of a congressional inquiry into last year’s US Capitol riot.

According to CNN, Mr Trump was in Trump Tower in New York City at the time of Monday’s reported raid.

“These are dark times for our Nation,” Mr Trump’s



Donald Trump’s Florida mansion, Mar-a-Lago statement began.

He said he had cooperated with all relevant government agencies and so the “unannounced raid on my home was not necessary or appropriate”.

Mr Trump said it

amounted to “prosecutorial misconduct” and “the weaponisation of the Justice System” to prevent him from running for the White House again in 2024.

“Such an assault could only take place in broken,

Third-World Countries,” he said.

“Sadly, America has now become one of those countries, corrupt at a level not seen before.

“They even broke into my safe!”

Russia halts US inspections of nuclear arsenal under New START treaty

BBC - Russia has told the US it has “temporarily” suspended on-site inspections of its strategic nuclear weapons, under an arms control treaty known as New START.

The Russian foreign ministry said the US was seeking advantages and had deprived Russia of the right to carry out inspections on US territory.

It said US sanctions imposed on Russia over Ukraine had changed conditions between the countries.

The treaty came into force in 2011.

It is the last remaining arms reduction agreement between the former Cold War rivals. It caps at 1,550 the number of long-range nuclear warheads that each country can deploy.



A Russian RS-24 Yars strategic nuclear missile [Getty Images]

The ministry said the suspension was allowed under the treaty terms “in exceptional circumstances”.

The suspension comes a week after US President Joe Biden said he was ready to work on a new nuclear

arms deal with President Vladimir Putin. The current one will expire in 2026.

The ministry accused the US of ignoring “existing realities” such as

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Mexico to send aquatic drone into shaft with trapped miners

AP - Mexico will attempt to send an aquatic drone into a collapsed coal mine where 10 miners have been trapped since last week.

Laura Velázquez, national Civil Defense coordinator, said Monday that images from the drone could help authorities decide whether to send in divers without putting them at risk.

She also said that 25 pumps were working to remove water from the flooded shafts. Water that was once 111 feet (34 metres) deep was now between 55 and 78 feet (17 and 26 metres) deep.

The mine in Sabinas, Coahuila about 70 miles southwest of Eagle Pass, Texas, collapsed last Wednesday with 15 miners inside. Five managed to escape with injuries. Authorities say the miners breached a neighbouring space filled with water. There has been no contact with the remaining 10.

The miners' families are desperate and some complained Sunday that President Andrés Manuel



National Guards stand along the road that leads to where miners are trapped in a collapsed and flooded coal mine in Sabinas in Mexico's Coahuila state, Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022. The collapse occurred on 10 miners after they breached a neighbouring area filled with water on Wednesday, officials said. (AP Photo/Elizabeth Monroy)

López Obrador gave them little information when he visited the site.

"I appreciate that he has come to take a photo with my pain, the pain of my family and the pain of everyone of us here," said Lucía Rodríguez, mother of one of the miners, in a video circulated on social media. "I hope that his photographs serve his policy well."

The president said that as a public servant you have to be willing "to al-

ways pay the tax of humiliation," but that his conscience is clear because the rescue teams arrived to the site in two hours and have been working day and night to rescue the miners.

The state and federal prosecutor's offices have opened investigations to determine those responsible for the accident. Such small mines are often the result of locals who get concessions and then contract teams of miners. Experts say they seldom have

the safety plans and equipment necessary to reduce the risk of accidents.

In June and July of 2021, cave-ins at two Coahuila mines claimed the lives of nine miners.

Mexico's worst mining accident also occurred in Coahuila on Feb. 19, 2006, when an explosion ripped through the Pasta de Conchos mine while 73 miners were inside. Eight were rescued with injuries including serious burns. The rest died and only two of their bodies were recovered.

López Obrador's administration promised two years ago to recover the remaining 63 bodies, a highly technical endeavour that has still not begun.

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"the suspension of normal" air links.

New START followed years of arms reduction talks between the US and former USSR, aimed at preventing nuclear war.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine in Feb-

ruary sparked hostile rhetoric on both sides, including warnings that the conflict could escalate into a third world war.

Some commentators on Russian state media have boasted about Moscow's nuclear arsenal in the context of current tensions with Nato.

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CWI thanks Deandra Dottin for her outstanding value to West Indies Women's cricket

Cricket West Indies (CWI) on Monday expressed gratitude to Deandra Dottin for her valuable contributions and her numerous outstanding performances during her stellar 14-year career as a member of the West Indies Women's Team. The dynamic all-rounder announced her retirement from international cricket last week.

Jimmy Adams, CWI's Director of Cricket said, "On behalf of all here at CWI, I want to congratulate Deandra on what has been an outstanding career covering almost a decade-and-a-half, during which time she has contributed immensely to Barbados and West Indies cricket. Her outstanding achievements on the field of play are a testament to her dedication, commitment and hard work which were the hallmark of her approach

to the game. We wish her all the success possible in her future endeavours."

Courtney Walsh, West Indies Women's Head Coach said, "Deandra is one of the most athletic and dynamic players in the history of Women's cricket and I want to take this opportunity to congratulate her on what has been 14 years of performance excellence for the West Indies. During my time as Head Coach I have been able to see her brilliance up close on the field, and she always gave it everything."

Dottin made her international debut in Ireland in June 2008 and was a fixture in the team in both One-Day Internationals and T20 Internationals since.

She played 143 ODIs and 124 T20Is for West Indies. She is a three-dimensional player as a powerful



batter, brisk medium-fast bowler and livewire in the outfield, which enabled her to quickly rise to be rated among the best all rounders in the history of the women's game.

In One Day Internationals (ODIs) she made 3,727 runs, with a topscore of 150 not out and took 72 wickets with best figures of 5-34. In T20 Internationals (T20Is) she made 2,681 runs with two memorable centuries and also took 62 wickets

with best figures of 5-5. Her finest hour came when she was part of the West Indies team which defeated Australia to win the ICC Women's T20 World Cup title in Kolkata in April 2016.

She also had one of the most memorable feats in cricket history which catapulted her to stardom when she made her maiden T20I century – 112 not out off 45 balls against South Africa in St. Kitts in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2010.

Barbadian Sada Williams breaks Commonwealth Games 400m record in gold conquest



Barbadian Sada Williams celebrates on the podium after winning 400 metres gold on Sunday.

CMC - Barbadian Sada Williams smashed the 50-second barrier en route to a new Commonwealth Games record, as she unleashed a dominant performance to capture gold in the 400 metres.

Starting from lane six, the 24-year-old executed brilliantly to finish nearly ten metres ahead of her nearest rival, crossing the line

in 49.90 to break the 12-year-old record of 50.10 and become the first woman to dip below 50 seconds at a Commonwealth Games.

Malawi's Simenye Simwaka was the bright spark on the backstretch, offering the only real challenge to Williams. But once she faded, Williams was left to dom-

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India beats West Indies by 88 runs in T20 match in Florida

India's spinners put on a show in Florida to take all 10 wickets in an 88-run win over West Indies in the fifth and final Twenty20 cricket international on Sunday.

India leaves with two wins in two matches, and a 4-1 victory overall in the series. The first three matches were held in the West Indies.

India scored 188-7 after choosing to bat first before skittling West Indies for 100 all out in 15.4 overs. Only No. 4 Shimron Hetmyer with 56 runs off 35 balls provided any resistance before falling to Indian spinner Ravi Bishnoi, who took four wickets for 16 runs in 2.4 overs.

Hetmyer scored his fastest T20 international half-century in 28 balls, one delivery quicker than his previous best. He hit five fours and four sixes in his innings.

Axar Patel had 3-15 in three overs and Kuldeep Yadav 3-12 in four.

India earlier reached 53-1 in powerplay and 95-1 after 10 overs. Opener Shreyas Iyer top scored for India with a 40-ball 64 which included eight fours and two sixes before he was caught and bowled by Jason Holder. Deepak Hooda hit 38 off 25.



India bowler Axar Patel, centre, celebrates with his teammates after bowling West Indies' Sharmath Brooks during the fifth and final T20 cricket match, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022, in Lauderhill, Fla. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

Odean Smith took 3-33 in four overs, damaging India's middle order with fast-medium pace. Obed McCoy was the most expensive bowler for West Indies, conceding 27 runs in his two overs with no wickets.

India and West Indies both made four changes from Saturday's game, which India won by 59 runs to clinch the series. India's rested players in-

cluded captain Rohit Sharma with Hardik Pandya taking his place.

Pandya praised the atmosphere ahead of Sunday's game at Central Broward Park.

"We don't feel we are playing in Miami but in some Indian city," Hardik was quoted as saying by the cricinfo.com website. "Fantastic to come abroad and get this support."

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inate the final 200 metres, Victoria Ohuruogu clocking a personal best 50.72 to take silver and England teammate Jodie Williams finishing with bronze in a season-best 51.26.

"It was all a part of the plan – win the gold medal and get the championship record – so it was all [in] the plan," said Williams, who took bronze at the World Championships in Eugene

last month.

Williams's teammate Jonathan Jones also tasted success in the corresponding men's event, claiming bronze in 44.89, as Zambia's Muzala Samukonga produced a personal best 44.66 to win gold in a dramatic finish at Alexander Stadium.

England's Matthew Hudson-Smith, who took silver in 44.81, led the field into the stretch with Jones,

in lane five, occupying third spot coming off the final turn.

Meanwhile, Bahamian Devynne Charlton raced to silver in the women's sprint hurdles, clocking 12.58 as recently crowned World champion Tobi Amusan of Nigeria stormed to gold in a Games record 12.30.

The 25-year-old broke Jamaican Brigitte Foster-Hylton's 16-year-old mark of 12.65.

England's Cindy Sember was timed at 12.59 for bronze.

Jamaican Megan Tapper, a bronze medalist in Tokyo last year, missed out with a fourth-place finish in 12.67.

In the sprint relays, Trinidad and Tobago grabbed silver behind winners England in a season-best 38.70 while Jamaica took bronze in 43.08, as Nigeria won in a personal-best 42.10.

Nine A&B nationals in Leewards Under-19 squad

Nine Antiguans and Barbudans were part of the 17-member Leeward Islands Squad which left the country on Sunday to contest the Cricket West Indies (CWI) Future Stars Under-19 Three-Day Championship in St. Vincent and the Grenadines from 7th to 28th August.

Among them is the PIC Insurance Libertas Blackhawks middle-order batsman Michael Greaves, who is the team's vice-captain.

All Saints Pythons batsman, Jewel Andrew, Freetown left-arm seamer Yannique Watley, and Empire Nation leg-spinner, Micah McKenzie, have also been included.

The three were members of the Leeward Islands Under-17 squad that contested this year's CWI Rising Stars youth tournament in Trinidad and Tobago from 17th to 28th July.

Also selected were Libertas Blackhawks' left-handed batsman, Tarek Charles, and the Pigotts Crushers opening batsman, Malique Walsh.

The other nationals who made the squad are off-spinner Dimetri Lucas and allrounder Ephraim Pollard of All Saints Pythons and New Winthorpes Lions allrounder, Hilroy Andrew Jr., who is Jewel Andrew's brother.

The squad, which will be captained by wicketkeeper Carlton Bowen-Tuckett of Nevis, also includes left arm pacer Nathan Edwards of St. Maarten, who captained the Leeward Islands Under-17 side during last month's tournament in Trinidad and Tobago.

Also included is Michael Palmer, who was also a member of this year's Leeward Islands Under-17 side.

The other members of the Leeward Islands Under-19 squad are

Onaje Amory, Chamiqueko Landefort, Ronald Williams, Amarius Harris and DeAntre Drew.

Former Anguilla batsman, Terry Adams, is the head coach and Pernel "Roxie" Joseph of Antigua is the team's manager.

The squad was selected following a brief training camp that included practice matches in Antigua and Barbuda.

The matches in the three-day competition will be contested at three venues: the Arnos Vale Cricket Ground, Park Hill and Cumberland Playing Field.

Stubs and Sion Hill will be used as practice grounds.

The tournament will bowl off with three first round matches today and the games will be played from 10am to 5pm daily.

The Leewards will begin their campaign against the Windward Islands at Arnos Vale.

Trinidad and Tobago will face Guyana at Park Hill and defending champions Barbados will clash with Jamaica at Cumberland.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines hosted the CWI Under-19 men's championship the last time it was staged in 2019.

Leeward Islands Under-19 (Full Squad): Carlton Bowen-Tuckett (captain), Michael Greaves, Nathan Edwards, Jewel Andrew, Yannique Watley, Michael Palmer, Chamiqueko Landefort, Amarius Harris, Micah McKenzie, Hilroy Andrew Jr., Ronald Williams, Dimetri Lucas, Malique Walsh, Tarek Charles, Ephraim Pollard, Onaje Amory and DeAntre Drew.



Sports News



ABNA commence trials to select team for World Cup Qualifier

The Antigua and Barbuda Netball Association (ABNA) has named a 22 member squad to participate in trials from which the team who will represent the country at the Americas Netball World Cup Qualifier in Jamaica in October will be selected.

Several active national netballers are among those selected, including captain Seymone Parks, goal attack Amey Lake and goal shoot Rayana Regis.

Other selectees include Kizzy Thomas, Sanchez Martin, Shermaine Reifer, Patara Davis, Tashana Bloomfield and Letitia Henry.

They are joined by Kizzy Hughes, Sharifa Simmons, Jamila Fitz, Harmony Edwards, Tanya Greene and Kianna Simmons.

The others selected are Kishona Aubrey, Latisha Philip, Briel Soleyn, Jonelly Encarnacion, Laureen Lockhart, Shawna Smith and Tricia Jarvis.

While several of the shortlisted athletes represented Antigua and Barbuda at OECS ECCB International Netball Series at Windsor Park in Dominica in February this year, ABNA Public Relations Officer, Zita Edwards, said the trials, which will be held at the Potters Netball Court from 8th to 12th Au-



Antigua and Barbuda's goal attack Amey Lake (holding ball) prepares to make a play during her team's opening encounter against Dominica in the OECS ECCB International Netball Series at Windsor Park, Dominica on Sunday, 13th February, 2022. (Photo: Dominica Netball Association)

gust, are open to all netball players who are interested in representing the senior national team.

"We are not saying that those selected players will be the national team, but those are the main persons that are coming to training. We are also giving an open invite to persons who want to come and train, so the final selection of the national team will be based on who comes to training," Edwards said.

"This week is the intense training in terms of selection because we got a coach who came in on Saturday from England to help us out, and her training will start on Monday.

"She wants to see per-

sons coming out to train, and based on what she sees from the players who attend the sessions, she will be making the selections."

The trials will be conducted by British coach Lisa Smith, who is volunteering her services to the ABNA.

Smith, who has a Level 2 United Kingdom Coaching Certificate (UKCC), is affiliated with the Aspire Netball Elite Performance Programme in England.

She has experience coaching in primary schools and at the club level from Hi5 to Seniors. Smith has been the assistant county performance coach for the Under-11, Under-15 and Under-17

age groups and manages teams at inter-county tournaments.

Smith is head coach of the Antigua and Barbuda national squad who will participate in the World Cup Americas competition in October.

Netball Jamaica will host the Americas Netball World Cup Qualifier for the 2023 Netball World Cup in Cape Town, South Africa at the National Indoor Sports Centre where the qualifier will take place from 16th to 21st October, 2022.

Jamaica has already qualified by virtue of its number four world ranking.

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Serena Williams beats Nuria Parrizas Diaz for first singles win in over a year

BBC - Serena Williams claimed her first singles win in 14 months as she beat Spain's Nuria Parrizas Diaz to reach the second round of the National Bank Open in Toronto.

The American great, 40, showed glimpses of her vintage ball striking in a 6-3 6-4 victory over the world number 57.

Williams' last singles success was at the 2021 French Open.

She will play either Olympic gold medallist Belinda Bencic or Tereza Martincova next.

Williams made her singles return at Wimbledon in June after a year out with injury after speculation she may retire.

When asked what drove her to continue playing, she said: "I guess there's just a light at the end of the tunnel."

"Lately that's been it



Serena Williams

for me. I can't wait to get to that light. I love playing, so it's amazing but, you know, I can't do this forever.

"Sometimes you just want to try your best to enjoy the moments and do the best that you can."

A three-time champion at the Toronto event, Wil-

liams was given warm and vocal support by the crowd in her first hard court match since the 2021 Australian Open.

She and Parrizas Diaz exchanged breaks in the early stages, before a backhand smash gave the 23-time major winner a 5-3 lead and chance to serve for the set.

Williams then saved a break point of her own, before finally taking the set on another smash at the net.

Although her serve and movement were not at their best, she produced some superb defence to save another breakpoint and keep the second set on serve.

That continued into a 25-minute service game that saw nine deuces, with Williams somehow coming through to hold before breaking Parrizas Diaz in the next game.

After converting her first match point, Williams congratulated her 31-year-old opponent, telling her she "played really well" before acknowledging the crowd.

The Toronto competition is one of several warm-up events for the US Open, which begins on 29 August.

Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina and Simona Halep also advanced on the opening day's play.

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Antigua and Barbuda is among ten teams from the Americas that will compete in the qualifier for the two spots remaining in the World Cup.

History will also be made when the 16th edition of the Netball World Cup takes place from 28th July to 6th August, 2023, at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa, since it will be the first time the tournament will be held on the African continent.

The Netball World Cup is contested every four years.

George captures Hall and Kinnel Stableford Championship

Many bright stars were on display over the weekend but Meleah George shone the brightest as she soared above the field of young competitors to win the Andy Hall and David Kinnel Stableford Tournament in grand style.

The former Antigua Girls High School student was unstoppable as she captured the title by four points at the Cedar Valley Golf Course on Saturday. George, a resident of Barnes Hill, accumulated a total of 47 points to win the 18-hole event.

Tyler Hughes recorded 43 points to capture the runner-up position.

Andreina De La Cruz claimed third place on the count back format over Lenijah Thomas and Ashley Francis after the three golfers finished the competition with 37 points each.

Iman Henry amassed 36 points to claim sixth place while Jahir Matthew, the son of Antigua and Barbuda's Minister of Sports, Daryl Matthew, finished in seventh place with 34 points.

Over 20 young golfers took part in the championship which was sponsored by the Saturday Group.

The young golfers will now prepare to contest the Eye Mobile and Pointe FM Junior Golf Classic which is slated to tee-off at Cedar Valley on Sunday, 14th August.



Meleah George, right, accepts her prize from Ministry of Sports golf coach, Skey Anthony, in the Cedar Valley Club House at the end of the Andy Hall and David Kinnel Stableford Tournament on 6th August, 2022. (Photo: Marlon George)