

MEN ACCUSED OF NIGEL CHRISTIAN'S MURDER TO FACE TRIAL



30-year-old Lasean Bully of Cashew Hill, left, 30-year-old Saleim Harrigan, of Greenbay, centre, and Wayne Thomas, 28, of Hatton, right, have been committed to stand trial in the High Court during the January, 2023 assizes. *Story on page 2.*

High Court trial for trio charged with Nigel Christian's murder

District B Magistrate Ngaio Emanuel-Edwards has ruled at the end of committal proceedings that there is sufficient evidence for the case against three men accused of murdering Nigel Christian to be sent to the High Court for trial.

30-year-old Saleim Harrigan, of Greenbay, Wayne Thomas, 28, of Hatton and 30-year-old Lasean Bully of Cashew Hill have been committed to stand trial in the High Court during the January, 2023 assizes following the end of a commit-

tal hearing yesterday in All Saints Magistrate's Court.

The case was first heard in April, 2021, but since then, there were several adjournments, the latest being last month.

Senior Customs Officer Nigel Christian was abducted from his Mc.Kinnons home in July, 2020 and was found dead hours after in the Thibou area, with gunshot wounds about his body.

Lasean Bully and Wayne Thomas were arrested and charged in early April, 2021, while Saliem Harrigan was



Nigel Christian

charged shortly after when he surrendered himself to police after a wanted bulletin was issued in his name.



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PRESS RELEASE

The Board of Education wishes to advise students who would have graduated or are no longer attending Government Secondary Schools to immediately return the laptops (973) which were issued for the academic year 2021/2022. To date, less than 50% have been returned and this has hindered the distribution of laptops to the incoming 1st formers. We ask that thought be given to these students who are now in need of the devices to enable their success.

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Failing to comply will result in the Board of Education taking legal action.

Good tourism season predicted

It is anticipated that the coming winter tourist season will be successful given the positive tourism outcome so far in 2022.

Chief Executive Officer of the Antigua Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA), Colin James has forecasted strong growth as the winter season begins.

James added that a large part of the success the ABTA projects is connected to improved airlift into Antigua and Barbuda.

“Because we have West Jet back, and now we have Sunwing, the good news is that from the 8th of October, Air Canada comes back to Antigua with a flight from Toronto, and in December they come back with a flight



Chief Executive Officer of the Antigua Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA), Colin James

from Montreal. “Going through to the rest of the year, the US lift will be solid; we have Delta back, we have United back, and we have Jet Blue who is already back and working through us.

“From October, I think we have about six calls due to come in - we have about thirty-six in November - and December is the big month; sixty-nine calls are scheduled to come in December.

“Between October and November, we will see roughly over 220,000 cruise ship passengers that should be coming into Antigua and Barbuda and that is good,” James explained.

While the winter tourist season runs from November to April, tourism officials have strived to develop a year-round industry that appeals to travellers who are seeking out the “Sun, Sea, and Sand” brand which Antigua and Barbuda heavily markets.

“We can foresee that our tourism numbers will be ramping up towards the end of the year,” James said.

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Rodent problem at AGHS gets Cabinet attention

One of the country's premier secondary schools - the Antigua Girls' High School - is experiencing a serious problem with rodents.

The matter has become so severe that it was reported to the Cabinet by Director of Education, Clare Browne, who was invited to give a report on challenges being faced in the education system this academic year.

According to Browne, the school's principal, Theoline Croft, wrote to him concerning the severity of the

problem. "The principal reported that the institution has been dealing with the rodent problem for several years and it is most pronounced in the Home Economics Department and the Science Laboratory.

"She reported that they have been using baits and other methods to deal with the problem, but it still persists," Browne said.

The education director also reported that the Chief Health Inspector, Sharon



Martin, visited the school on Wednesday to assess the issue and make recommendations.

"The CHI recommended planting additional baits and setting of traps as well as using metal mesh wire in some areas to keep the rodents out.

"She also suggests that rubber strips be placed to seal off the galvanise in the roof to prevent entry via that route," he added.

Director Browne also noted that the problem at the school is compounded by the fact that many restaurants neighbour the school.

"We are looking at ways to address the problem, but we recognise that food serving establishments near the school will continue to pose a

challenge," he said.

Following the report, the Cabinet agreed that the Central Board of Health (CBH) should move swiftly to address the problem which has forced the closure of two buildings on the school's campus.

The Ministry of Works was called upon to erect steel barriers that will prevent rodents from entering the buildings and to patch the holes gnawed in the walls by the animals.

The school's premises are to be thoroughly sanitised.

Meanwhile, Director Browne also used his appearance before the Cabinet to address the latest break-ins and vandalism of public schools.

This week alone, six public schools were targeted.

At the Mary E. Pigott School, items including a microwave oven and refrigerator were stolen. The thieves also attempted, but failed, to remove a stove.

The Minister of National Security, Steadroy Benjamin, has pledged to replace the refrigerator and microwave from his own resources.






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Water interruptions likely if severe weather affects the country

Recently, Minister of Information, Melford Nicholas, shared some of the underlying factors that contribute to APUA's decision to suppress water during storms.

According to Nicholas, it is necessary to do so to preserve the integrity of the country's reverse osmosis plants as operating them during severe weather can cause significant damage and compromise the quality of the water produced.

While Antigua and Barbuda has been spared so far this hurricane season, Nicholas has warned that temporary interruptions in water service are a possibility if a storm should approach.

"There is history related to the suppression of reverse osmosis produced water when there is a passage of a storm. The seabed from which the water is drawn becomes turbulent with the passage of storms.

"This often proves to be disruptive to them being able to produce water to the desalination plants. This is because the increased churn brings a lot more solid material into the intake valves causing the filtering system to be further damaged. The proper operation practice is to suppress the production of water in those circumstances," Minister Nicholas explained

The country has a daily water demand of about 10

million gallons.

Presently, approximately 7 million gallons are being produced - mainly through reverse osmosis -, and that number is expected to increase in the months to come.

This output will be reduced, or come to a halt, however during storms.

Meanwhile, Minister Nicholas said that other sources of potable water, including aquifers, could be tapped into to reduce the inconveniences resulting



Minister of Information, Melford Nicholas

from the suppression of the reverse osmosis plants.

Earlier this year, the government gave the assurance that by the end of 2022, APUA's customers will have a reliable supply

of water as it has invested heavily in upgrading existing reverse osmosis plants and installing new ones.

By the middle of 2023, the country is expected to have a 24-hour supply of water.

APUA's water staff will also receive technical support and training from consultants from Malta after Antigua and Barbuda and the Mediterranean nation inked an agreement last week committing to closer cooperation.

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Praedial Larceny laws being drafted to protect farmers



Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Barbuda Affairs, Samantha Marshall

Praedial larceny - the theft of agricultural produce and livestock - has increased substantially in Antigua and Barbuda, and strengthened legislation to safeguard the labour of the country's dedicated farmers is currently being drafted.

While praedial larceny is a universal issue, its negative impact on Caribbean agricultural and economic development is particularly damaging.

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Barbuda Affairs, Samantha Marshall, discussed the issue on Pointe FM on Saturday.

During her appearance on the Browne and Browne Show, Marshall disclosed the steps her ministry is taking to dissuade perpetrators and provide justice to the victims of the robberies.

“There is a significant increase in the praedial larceny, but we also have a bet-

ter rapport with the police. Despite the challenges that remain, we are now in possession of a proposed bill for praedial larceny which should strengthen the legislation,” the minister said.

Once government technicians have completed the proposed amendments to the existing legislation, Marshall stated that the public will also be able to have their say.

“We are going through the whole process, the technicians are going through it now and we are going to be going into consultations very shortly with the wider public, so that the farmers may have an input.”

Once enacted by the Parliament, the new amendments to the Praedial Larceny Act will provide greater protection to farmers’s labour and introduce harsher penalties for thieves.

“We propose to carry that bill to Parliament very shortly to ensure we strengthen the laws. The aim is that we have stronger laws on the books, but we also need the police to do their part and ensure that there is proper enforcement of those laws,” she explained.

“[A] man might think he tief a bucket of mango and it is nothing, but that is somebody’s livelihood right there,” Minister Marshall declared.



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Road Safety Campaign launched

To achieve the United Nations' worldwide goal of universal seatbelt use by 2030, the Ministry of Works has made a significant move by launching the Socially Inclusive Road Safety Awareness Communications Strategy and Seat Belt Campaign.

Tuesday morning's launch at the John E. St. Luce Finance and Conference Centre featured remarks by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Works and Chair of the National Road Safety Council, Ambassador Clarence Pilgrim.

"It is interesting that some people think that accidents can only happen to other people, they really believe that they are immune, so they are judgmental or even mean-spirited when it happens to others. But believe it or not, accidents can happen to anyone, and when it happens on the road, the consequences can be critical or even fatal," he said.

According to data from the UN, traffic related injuries are a leading cause of death among children and young adults aged 5-29.

Vehicular accidents kill an estimated 1.3 million people per year. Moreover, half of all traffic accident deaths include motorcyclists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

The government of Antigua and Barbuda has

taken steps to ensure that similar statistics do not become the norm here.

Pilgrim explained that a number of measures have been implemented to ensure this. These include the advancement of the national road repair rehabilitation effort, greater vigilance by law enforcement and the appointment of a voluntary national road safety coun-

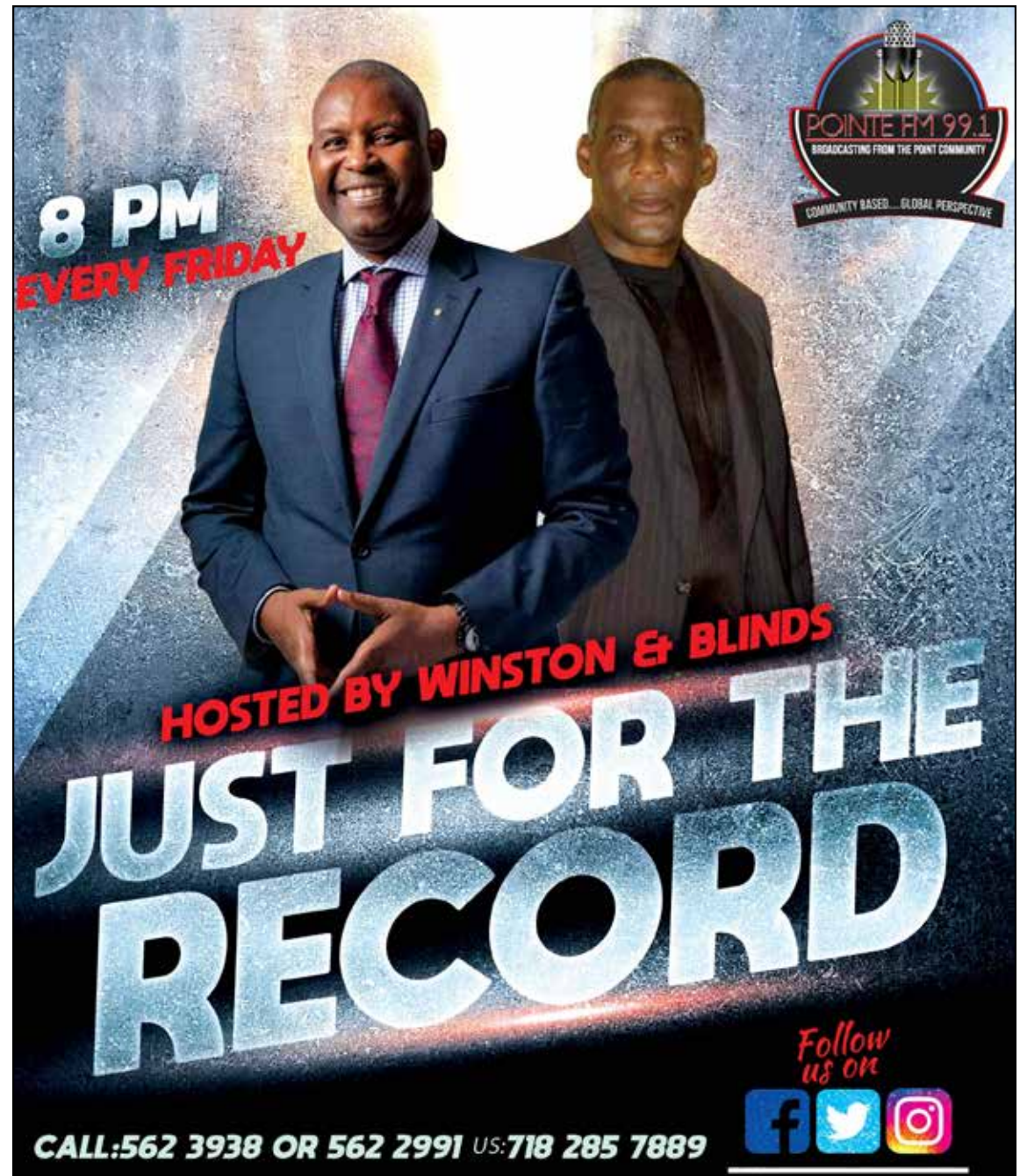
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Other steps include the "utilisation of qualified and experienced consultancy to guide policy, the institutional and financial support from the Caribbean Development Bank, a review of existing laws, and a revision of the government motor vehicle policy".

Antigua and Barbuda is a signatory to the UN

Sustainable Development Goal for Transport Systems which should be fully implemented by 2030.

"These efforts are in keeping with global research that shows that general deterrence is a powerful strategy to reduce high-risk behaviours and thereby reduce deaths and permanent injuries," Pilgrim said.






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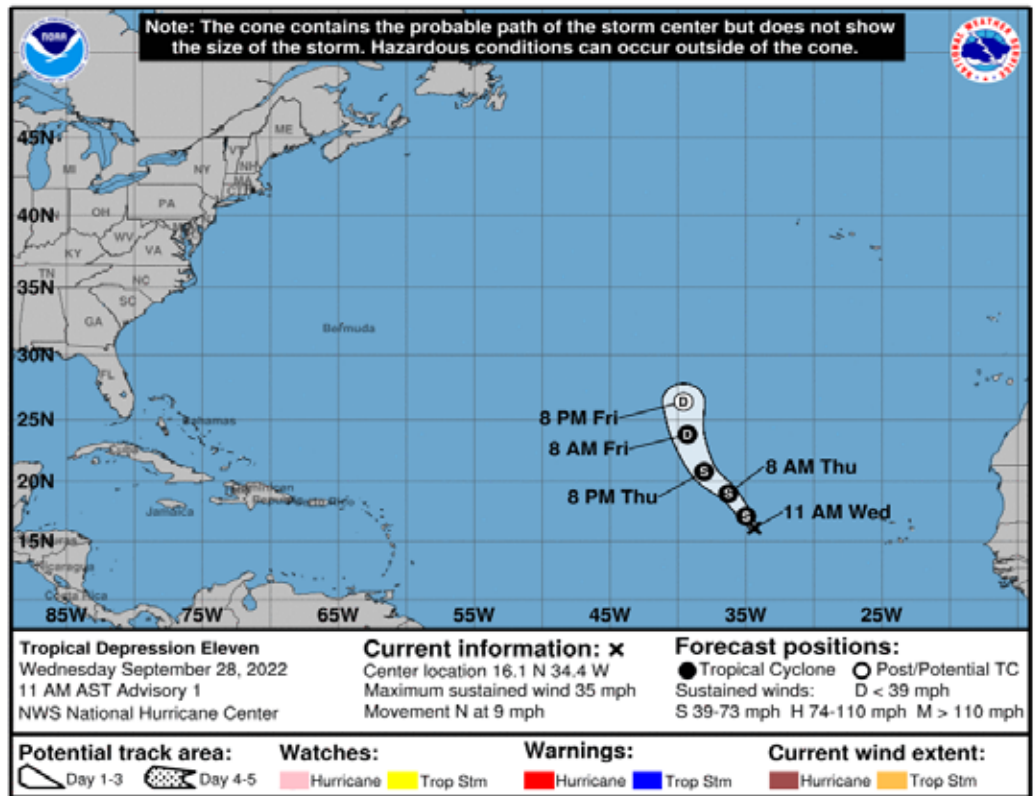
A new tropical depression, TD11, has developed in the Atlantic Ocean.

On Wednesday, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) said the Atlantic Hurricane Season's 11th system developed 1,110 kilometres west of the Cabo Verde Islands.

On Wednesday evening, Tropical Depression Eleven had maximum sustained winds of 35 mph (55 km/h), with higher gusts.

"Some slight strengthening is possible today, and the depression could become a short-lived tropical storm. However, weakening is expected by the end of this week, with the system dissipating by Saturday," the US-based NHC said yesterday.

In the event TD11 develops into a storm, it will be known as Julia.



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Opinion

Racist abuse of Richarlison shows FIFA still has work to do

By James Robson

When FIFA president Gianni Infantino dashed from Geneva to Paris to watch World Cup favourite Brazil in its final warmup game before Qatar, he cannot have expected to be confronted by such visual proof of the racism that continues to infect soccer.

Not least because the sport's world governing body disbanded its anti-racism task force — declaring it had “completely fulfilled its temporary mission” — shortly after Infantino was elected in 2016.

FIFA has implemented a detailed strategy to combat all forms of discrimination, but the incident at the Parc des Princes on Tuesday, when a banana was thrown at Richarlison as he celebrated scoring a 19th-minute goal in Brazil's 5-1 win against Tunisia, showed just how much work is still to be done.

The Everton striker later tweeted: “As long as it's ‘blah blah blah’ and they don't punish, it will continue like this, happening every day and everywhere. No time bro!”

In a statement, FIFA condemned the incident, saying: “First and foremost, FIFA strongly rejects any form of racism and violence and has a very clear zero tolerance stance against such behaviour in football.



Brazil's Pedro is congratulated by teammates after scoring his team's fifth goal during the international friendly soccer match between Brazil and Tunisia at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris, France, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022. (AP Photo/Christophe Ena)

“FIFA will investigate the incident in yesterday's game in Paris.”

Earlier that day, Infantino had been in Geneva to discuss human rights-related matters and their relation to soccer with Federico Villegas of the United Nations.

Later on, he witnessed first-hand the latest instance of racism and discrimination, which is prompting such concern within the sport.

Leading players have called out online abuse — but there have also been high-profile episodes within stadiums, with FIFA handing Hungary a two-game stadium ban and a fine of almost \$205,000 after En-

gland players were subjected to racist abuse during a World Cup qualifier in Budapest last September.

UEFA also sanctioned Hungary for discriminatory behavior during Euro 2020.

It raises the question of whether there will be similar occurrences in Qatar at FIFA's showpiece occasion.

The FARE network, an anti-discrimination organization which works with FIFA and UEFA to investigate cases of discriminatory behavior by fans, does not believe there is particular cause for concern within stadiums at the World Cup. But executive director Piara Powar says “international football has a huge prob-

lem.”

“There will be a lot of close monitoring of far right and racist banners (in Qatar). They will be taken down within minutes,” Powar told The Associated Press. “There will be specific analysts in security boxes. There will be a lot of people watching out for these things.”

FARE has contacted FIFA regarding the Richarlison incident.

“The wilful act of taking a banana and throwing it at black player after scoring a goal is breath-taking,” Powar added. “When we're reminded what the act means — it is dehumanis-

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Latin America development bank axes chief after ethics probe

By Joshua Goodman

Governors of the Inter-American Development Bank have voted to fire its president, Mauricio Claver-Carone, after an ethics probe found he likely carried on an intimate relationship with a subordinate.

The governors from the IADB's 48 members had until Tuesday to vote electronically on whether to sack Claver-Carone following a unanimous recommendation last week by the bank's board to fire the first American to lead the bank in its 63-year history.

But enough ballots had been cast by Monday afternoon to meet the necessary quorum. The IDB in a statement said that in accordance with the bank's charter Executive Vice President Reina Mejia would take over as acting president until a new leader is chosen.

An investigation con-



Inter-American Development Bank, IDB, President Mauricio Claver-Carone, speaks to the press in La Paz, Bolivia, Jan. 15, 2020. An investigation into the former Trump official who heads Latin America's biggest development bank found evidence that he carried on a romantic relationship with his chief of staff. The Associated Press obtained a confidential report by a law firm hired by the Inter-American Development Bank's board triggered by an anonymous complaint of misconduct against its president, Mauricio Claver-Carone. (AP Photo/Juan Karita, File)

Claver-Carone has denied ever having a relationship with his top aide and said that the investigation, conducted by New York law firm Davis Polk, was seriously flawed.

In an interview Monday, Claver-Carone said he is considering legal action against the international financial institution for allegedly defaming his good name and violating provisions in his employment contract. He also lashed out at the Biden administration for not standing up for the due process rights of one of its citizens.

"The Bank has failed to meet the mark as a rules-based institution," he wrote in a parting letter to the governors, complaining that he was never formally notified of the anonymous complaint that triggered the probe or allowed to correct inaccuracies in the investigators' confidential **cont'd on pg 13**

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ing."

Richarlison's tweet pointed to his own lack of faith in soccer's authorities to deal with racism.

On Wednesday, his club, Tottenham, voiced its support for the forward.

"We are disgusted by the racist abuse of Richarlison at last night's game between Brazil and Tunisia," it tweeted. "This has no place in football, or anywhere. We stand with you,

Richy."

Former Chelsea player Paul Canoville was subjected to racist abuse from fans of his own club during his career — and believes today's stars will eventually take extreme measures in protest.

"It's hard hearing about racism," he told AP.

"The truth is it's happening throughout the world. Racism is a large problem in football and a huge problem in society.

"When I was warming up I'd hear fans calling me a monkey and throwing bananas. It's telling me I am an animal.

"The players will walk off the pitch. That will be a statement. I can see that. It will be a team with Black players saying, "Enough is enough. Why should I play in these conditions?"

"Some people think that's giving in. I don't think it's giving in — it's standing up."

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report. “The future of the Bank is at stake. Moving forward it will be essential to ensure that the ad hoc and arbitrary disregard for rules and procedures are never repeated.”

The bank’s executive board lost confidence in Claver-Carone’s leadership as a result of evidence including a “contract” he and his aide purportedly drew up on the back of a place mat in the summer of 2019 while they dined at a steakhouse in Medellin, Colombia. Both were there attending the annual meeting of the Organization of American States.

In it, they allegedly outline a timeline for divorcing their spouses and getting married. There is also a “breach clause” stating that any failure to fulfil the terms would bring “sadness and heartbreak” that could only be mitigated by “candle wax and a naughty box” from an ocean-front hotel in Claver-Carone’s native

Miami.

While investigators found no evidence that Claver-Carone broke the bank’s travel policies to cover up the purported romance, it faulted him for not fully cooperating with their probe by refusing to hand over his work phone and providing access to communications from his personal phone and email. It also said he likely violated the bank’s conflict of interest policy, which bars managers from employment decisions on behalf of individuals with whom they have an intimate relationship, when he unilaterally awarded his aide a 40% salary increase.

The findings recall accusations of ethical lapses against another Republican atop a multilateral institution, former Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, who resigned as head of the World Bank in 2007 for arranging a generous pay raise for his girlfriend.

The Inter-American Development Bank is the biggest multilateral lender to Latin America, disbursing last year a record \$23 billion to alleviate poverty made worse by the coronavirus pandemic in the region. The U.S. is the largest shareholder, with 30% of voting rights.

Claver-Carone was elected president in the final months of the Trump administration despite grumblings from Democrats and some others in the region. While at the bank, he worked to curtail the influence of China, which joined the bank in 2009, and to boost engagement with Taiwan, which Beijing considers a breakaway province.

According to bank rules, Executive Vice President Reina Mejia, a Honduran national who spent most of her career at Citibank in Central America, will take over from Claver-Carone until a new president is elected.



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Heat wave led to unprecedented melt of Swiss glaciers

By Jamey Keaten

Switzerland's glaciers are melting like never before, an academic study released Wednesday found, with their ice volume declining by 6% this year amid rising concerns about global warming and a summer heat wave that swept across Europe.

The Swiss Academy of Sciences reported that the shrinkage of ice in the country's glaciers topped a previous record retreat nearly a generation ago.

"2022 was a disastrous year for Swiss glaciers: all ice melt records were smashed by the great dearth of snow in winter and continuous heat waves in summer," the academy said in a statement.

The academy based its report on data collected by Glamos, the Swiss glacier-monitoring network. Switzerland has the greatest volume of glaciers of any country in Europe.

Matthias Huss, a glaciologist with the Federal Polytechnic Institute in Zurich who heads the Glamos program, says there's "zero chance" the glaciers will return for decades — at best — given current projections for global temperatures.

"We have a series reaching back for more than 100 years, and we have never seen anything that is comparable to this year," he said by phone. "It's something that has been expected for the future that such extremes might come along, but now they are already here."

Switzerland faced an "unlucky combination of factors" this year that led to the big melt, Huss said. Snow cover in the Swiss Alps was exceptionally light, particularly in the southeast, meaning that the glaciers had less natural protection from the heat.



People work on a tarpaulin which covers the ice of the Corvatsch glacier, near Samedan, Switzerland, Monday, Sept. 5, 2022. Glaciologists have stopped their program to measure the glacier. The decision has already been taken in 2019 and the hot summer of 2022 has led to "extreme losses of ice" and the end of the program. The covered part of the glacier is used as a ski slope in winter. (Gian Ehrenzeller/Keystone via AP, file)

A dust drift from the Sahara then blanketed many parts of Europe in the spring, causing the snow to absorb more solar heat. A spike in summer temperatures across Europe further intensified the glacial melt.

The findings come on top of another study released last month showing that Switzerland's 1,400 glaciers have lost more than half their total volume since the early 1930s.

The report issued Wednesday chronicles in detail the damage across the Swiss Alps: Over 6 metres (19.6 feet) of ice melted this year on the Konkordiaplatz summit in the Great Aletsch Glacier in the south, near the Italian border.

Small glaciers like Pizol in the east near Liechtenstein, Vadret dal Corvatsch near St. Moritz in the southeast, and Schwarzbachfirn in central Switzerland have "practically disappeared," the team said.

Elsewhere in Europe, the Bavarian Academy of Sciences in Germany said the ice sheet on the Southern Schneeferner in the Alps melted so much this summer that it could no longer be considered a glacier — leaving Germany now with only four glaciers.

Huss said that while people are not acting quickly enough to curb global warming, he thinks the world is waking up to the threat and the need to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that trap heat in the atmosphere.

"The world's leaders have at least realised that something needs to be done to prevent the negative impacts of climate change," he said. "But still, I feel that not enough is actually being implemented of the plans that are around. But at least it's better to have a plan and to strive and reduce greenhouse gas emissions than to not speak about it."

Father kills teen son in case of mistaken identity

CNW - A 51-year-old Jamaican man fatally shot his 15-year-old son in an alleged case of mistaken identity at their home in Hellshire, St Catherine on Wednesday morning.

The teen, Raheem Shaw, who attended Wolmer's

Boys' School, was mistaken for someone attempting to break into his house in the Cave Hill neighbourhood.

According to police reports, at about 3:15 am, the family was asleep at home when Raheem's mother reported hearing the front gate

and grille to the premises being opened. She alerted her husband, who is a licensed firearm holder.

Police reports are that he retrieved his licensed 9mm firearm and went into the living room where reported hearing the front door be-

ing opened and fired three rounds.

The man later found out that he had shot his son.

The injured teen was taken to the Spanish Town Hospital where he died.

The father's firearm was seized.

Cuba begins to turn on lights after Ian blacks out island

AP - Cuban officials said they had begun to restore some power Wednesday after Hurricane Ian knocked out electricity to the entire island while devastating some of the country's most important tobacco farms when it hit the island's western tip as a major storm.

At least two people were reported killed.

The Energy and Mines Ministry announced it had restored energy to three regions by activating two large power plants in Felton and Nuevitas and was working to get others back on line.

Lights started to flicker on in the capital, Havana, but much of the city and other parts of western Cuba remained without power on Wednesday in the wake of the major hurricane, which had advanced northward to Florida. It was the first time in memory — perhaps ever — that the whole island had lost power.

On Tuesday, Ian hit Cuba that has been struggling with an economic crisis and has faced frequent power outages in recent months. It made landfall as a Category 3 storm on the island's western end, devastating Pinar del Río



Fallen electricity lines, metal and tree branches litter a street after Hurricane Ian hit Pinar del Río, Cuba, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022. Ian made landfall at 4:30 a.m. EDT Tuesday in Cuba's Pinar del Río province, where officials set up shelters, evacuated people, rushed in emergency personnel and took steps to protect crops in the nation's main tobacco-growing region. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

province, where much of the tobacco used for Cuba's iconic cigars is grown.

Tens of thousands of people were evacuated and others fled the area ahead of the arrival of Ian, which caused flooding, damaged houses and toppled trees. State media reported two deaths in the province: a woman killed by a falling wall and another by a collapsed roof.

Ian's winds damaged one of Cuba's most prestigious tobacco farms, Finca Robaina.

Officials had set up 55 shelters and took steps to protect crops, especially tobacco.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Cuba suffered "significant wind and storm surge impacts" when the hurricane struck with top sustained winds of 125 mph (205 kph).

Ian was even stronger Wednesday as it approached the coast of Florida with top winds of 155 mph (250 kph), threatening to cause catastrophic damage there.

Belize Defence Force captain found hanging in his prison cell

CMC – A captain of the Belize Defence Force (BDF), who was awaiting trial for violating a restraining order, has been found dead in his cell.

Captain Damacio Coc, 33, was found hanging from a bed sheet inside his cell in the Tango Ten section of the prison facility on Sunday,

the BDF has confirmed.

He is the second BDF member to have allegedly committed suicide and had been awaiting trial since August 25 for violating a restraining order.

Virgilio Murillo, the chief executive officer of the Kolbe Foundation, a non-profit agency dedicated

to helping inmates and their families, providing rehabilitation and counselling, said “unfortunately, we had an officer committing suicide by hanging himself in his cell with a sheet.”

The discovery was made during the 10.30 a.m. check when the guards noticed he had a white sheet covering

his jail cell, preventing the guards from seeing inside.

“It is against the prison rules for prisoners to close off the view of prison guards into their cells. That’s illegal. That’s against policy or rules. So when the guard saw that he found a way to part the white sheet from the wicket and he took a peek inside the cell and that was when he saw the inmate hanging,” Murillo added.

Murillo said Captain Coc had been in remand for a month and he showed no signs of suicidal tendencies during the period that he was incarcerated at the facility.

“This is why it caught everybody by surprise because earlier that morning two officers interacted with him briefly.

“As a matter of fact, one officer asked him if he was okay, and he said yes everything was okay.”

Murillo said every prison officer who may have interacted with him during his short stay never noticed anything that was amiss.

“So, there were really no tell-tale signs so when they found out this happened it kind of shocked everybody.”



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EU allocates funds to Caribbean countries hit by food crisis

CMC – The European Commission (EC) has allocated Euro 600 million to finance immediate humanitarian food aid, food production and resilience of food systems in the most vulnerable countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP).

“This will help partner countries and vulnerable people to cope with the unjust consequences of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, notably the current food security crisis and related economic shock,” the EC in a statement, adding that the funds are being made available under the European Development Fund (EDF).

“The EU’s swift and comprehensive response to the current food insecurity in several vulnerable partner countries of the African, Caribbean and Pacific area demonstrates our strong solidarity towards our partners, in particular in Africa,” said Jutta Urpilainen, the EU’s Commissioner for International Partnerships.

“It helps shoulder the consequences felt worldwide of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine. In the short-term, we are helping families with food and nutrition assistance and helping countries to buy the food they need; as part of the Global Gateway strategy, we also work on



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solutions to address current and future risks by investing in local sustainable food systems to enhance resilience,” Urpilainen added.

Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič said the global food insecurity is the EU’s utmost concern.

“Data shows tens of millions more people are facing food shortages compared to an already difficult last year. The Russian invasion of Ukraine dramatically exacerbated the situation for the most vulnerable in the world, who are already facing the consequences of armed conflicts, the effects of climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic,” she added.

She said famine is knocking on the door in Somalia and the newly-allocated funds will help those in dire situations

meet their emergency food needs.

“The EU remains committed to supporting the most vulnerable. However, humanitarian aid cannot substitute for efforts needed to increase the resilience of most vulnerable populations. Sustainable development-oriented solutions to end hunger are key.”

The EC said as part of Team Europe’s Response to Global Food Insecurity, the funding will support people in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries, where the humanitarian needs are the highest and where programs to sustainably enhance food security and resilience were identified.

More precisely, the EC said the funding will be allocated Euro 27 million for food production and resilience in the Caribbean.

For emergency food

assistance, the EC said Euro6.5 million will go to Haiti, and three million Euro million for Caribbean countries, such as the Dominican Republic.

The EC said a Euro million transversal component will ensure coordination between the different programs and amplify their impact at the continental and regional level.

“This will be done by focusing on sustainable finance and investments for sustainable agriculture and agri-value chains,” it said.

The EC said a further Euro 100 million component will provide macro-economic support to African, Caribbean and Pacific Low-Income Countries by leveraging, via a contribution to the International Monetary Fund’s Poverty and Reduction Trust, concessional loans, “thereby creating fiscal space to help these countries address the food crisis.”

The EC said the world is facing a global food crisis, aggravated by Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine.

The recently published mid-year update of the Global Report on Food Crises estimates that up to 205.1 million people currently face high levels of acute food insecurity in 45 countries covered by the Global Report on Food Crises 2022.

Biden looks to win over Pacific Island leaders at summit

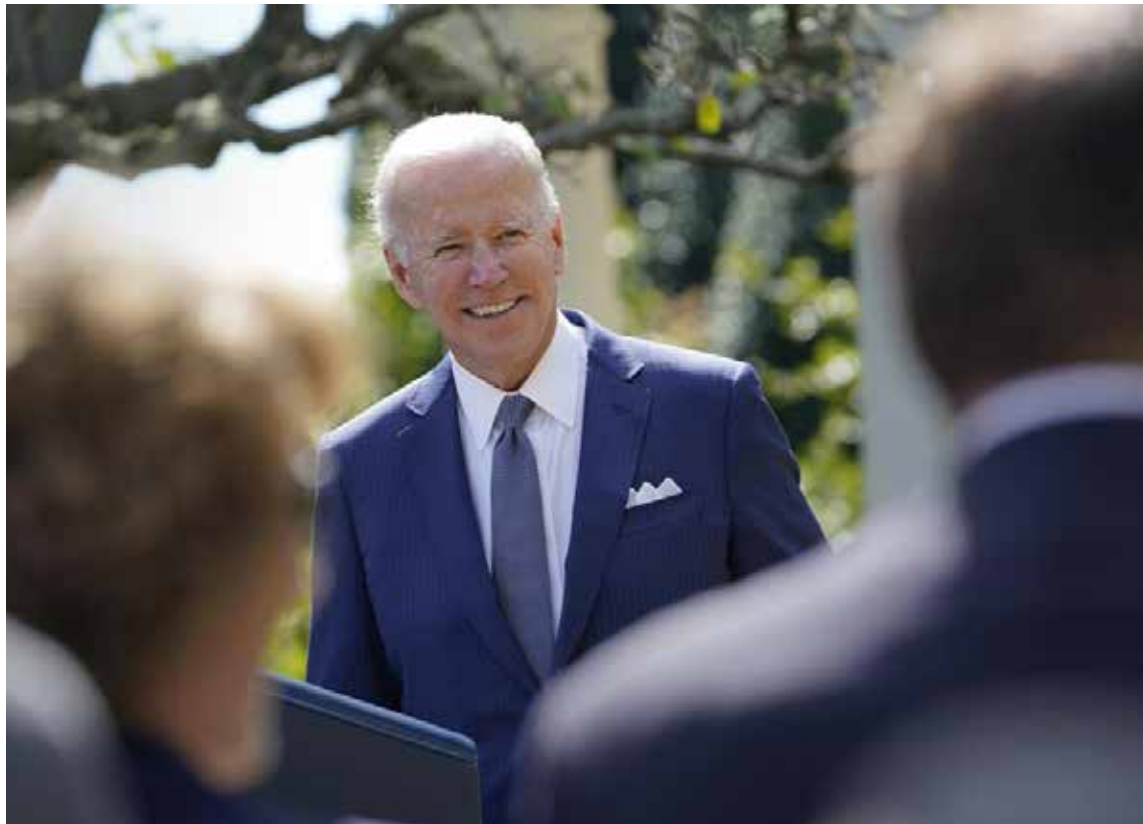
AP - President Joe Biden is hosting Pacific Island leaders for a two-day summit as the U.S. looks to counter China's military and economic influence in the region. Pacific Island leaders, meanwhile, see an even more pressing concern: climate change.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken kicked off the summit on Wednesday with a luncheon for the Pacific Island leaders and other senior officials from the region. U.S. climate envoy John Kerry will hold a climate roundtable with the leaders, and White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan will join them for a dinner hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Biden is set to address the leaders at the State Department on Thursday and will host them for a dinner at the White House.

The leaders also are to meet with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo and U.S. business leaders.

Leaders from Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and New Caledonia are attending. Vanuatu and Nauru are sending representatives, and Australia, New Zealand and the secretary-general of



President Joe Biden speaks from the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022, during an event on health care costs. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

the Pacific Island Forum sent observers, according to the White House.

"This summit reflects our deep, enduring partnership with the Pacific Islands; one that's underpinned by shared history, values, and enduring people-to-people ties," Blinken told leaders as he opened the summit.

"Talks are expected to touch on climate change, the coronavirus pandemic and economic recovery, maritime security, environmental protection and the Indo-Pacific.

The first-of-its-kind summit comes as the administration has sought to

demonstrate that the U.S. remains committed to being an enduring player in the region.

While the high-level gathering is welcomed by the region's leaders as a signal of Biden's commitment to the Pacific, there's also a healthy scepticism about whether the United States will remain engaged for the longer term in the Pacific Islands. The area has received diminished attention from the U.S. in the aftermath of the Cold War and China has increasingly filled the vacuum, analysts say.

The Solomon Islands has signalled it was unlike-

ly to sign on to a joint statement that the U.S. hoped to have hashed out by the end of the summit, according to a diplomat familiar with summit planning.

The diplomat, who was not authorised to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the resistance is driven in part by the Solomon Islands' tightening relationship with Beijing and in part is seen as an effort to press the U.S. for greater economic assistance.

A senior Biden administration official who briefed reporters before the summit said discussions

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Two children swept away in rain-swollen gully in El Salvador

AP - Two children school. drowned in eastern El Salvador after being swept away in a rain-swollen gully on their way home from

El Salvador's Civil Defence agency said a third child was rescued and taken to a hospital for medical

attention.

Residents of the area eventually recovered the two victims' bodies Tuesday night.

The children were from the El Jicaro community in Sociedad, about 42 miles (69 kilometres) northeast of the capital.

Heavy rains have inundated parts of the country making roads impassable and triggering landslides.

Last week, seven people were killed in two landslides on the outskirts of the capital.

Early Wednesday morning, there were reports of several highways blocked by fallen trees and rocks.

Civil Defence did not report any victims, but worked to clear the blockages.

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on the joint statement are still ongoing.

For the Biden administration, stemming the growing influence of China is a high priority. But for many of the Pacific Island leaders, climate change is the existential crisis that demands attention above all else.

Last week at the U.N. General Assembly, Prime Minister Kausea Natano of the tiny island of Tuvalu described how rising sea levels have affected everything from the soil that his people rely on to plant crops, to the homes, roads and power lines that get washed away.

The cost of eking out a living, he

said, eventually becomes too much to bear, causing families to leave and the nation to disappear.

"This is how our islands will cease to exist," Natano said.

Plans for the summit were announced earlier this month, just days after the Solomon Islands called on the U.S. and Britain not to send naval vessels to the South Pacific nation until approval processes are overhauled.

The Solomons in April signed a new security pact with China — a moment that analysts say has created increased urgency for the Biden administration to put greater focus on the region.

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UN envoy says risk of return to war in Yemen 'real'

AP – The U.N. envoy for Yemen warned that the risk of a return to fighting “is real,” urging warring parties to accept a longer extension of the current ceasefire due to expire next month.

Hans Grundberg’s stark warning late Tuesday came after he met in Saudi Arabia’s capital, Riyadh, with Rashad al-Alimi, head of the internationally recognized presidential council, and in Oman’s capital of Muscat with Mohammed Abdul-Salam, the chief negotiator of the Houthi rebels. He also met with Saudi and Omani officials to push for a cease-fire extension.

Grundberg, who was in Yemen’s capital of Sanaa on Wednesday for further talks with the Houthis, said in a statement he discussed a U.N. proposal to renew the truce for a longer time “to give Yemenis the opportunity to make progress on a wider basket of priorities.”

“We are at a crossroads where the risk of a return to war is real and I am urging the parties to choose an alternative that prioritises the needs of the Yemeni people,” he said.

The efforts to renew the ceasefire have come as the two sides held military parades in territories under their control. The internationally recognized government held parades on the anniversary of the 1962 uprising against the Imamate rule in northern Yemen.

The most notable parade was held by the Houthis last week in the capital of Sanaa, where they showcased a variety of weapons — including missiles and drones — which resemble those produced by Iran, their main backer in the war.

The Houthi parades were a celebration of their seizure of the capital



This is a locator map for Yemen with its capital, Sanaa. (AP Photo)

Sanaa in September 2014, which triggered the current civil war.

The U.N. envoy did not offer details on his proposal.

Nabil Jamel, a government negotiator, said the U.N. proposal includes ways to pay civilian servants in Houthi-held territories and reopen roads of blockaded cities, including Taiz. He did not elaborate.

Reopening the roads of Taiz and other provinces are part of the U.N.-brokered truce, which took effect in early April and was extended twice, the second time until Oct. 2. Both sides reported violations of the cease-fire. The truce established a partial reopening of Sanaa airport to commercial flights, and allowed fuel vessels in the port of Hodeida.

Abdul-Salam, the Houthi official in Oman, called for a permanent opening of the Sanaa airport and the Red Sea ports in Hodeida, along with payment of salaries and pensions, before engaging in political talks.

“There is no seriousness or credibility for any talk about peace in Yemen before the implementation of these urgent humanitarian issues,” he said on Twitter.

The truce has been the longest lull in fighting in Yemen’s war, now in its eighth year. Though both sides reported violations, the cease-fire has brought relief for Yemenis who have suffered from a decade of political turmoil and military conflict.

Aside from direct fighting, landmines and other explosive remnants continue to kill civilians in Hodeida. Earlier this week, the U.N. said at least 15 people, including children, were killed or wounded over the past week in the contested city, bringing the tally to over 100 dead, and 141 wounded since November.

Yemen’s brutal civil war began in 2014, when the Houthis seized Sanaa and much of northern Yemen and forced the government into exile. A Saudi-led coalition entered the war in early 2015 to try to restore the internationally recognized government to power.

The conflict has created one of the world’s worst humanitarian crises and over the years turned into a regional proxy war between Saudi Arabia and Iran. More than 150,000 people have been killed, including over 14,500 civilians.

Denmark to wear World Cup jerseys that protest host Qatar

AP – Denmark will wear team jerseys at the World Cup that protest the human rights record of host nation Qatar, with a black option unveiled Wednesday to honour migrant workers who died during construction work for the tournament.

“The colour of mourning,” kit manufacturer Hummel said in a post on Instagram releasing the black third-choice design.

“While we support the Danish national team all the way, this shouldn’t be confused with support for a tournament that has cost thousands of people their lives,” the company said.

The designs seem to complete a promise made by the Danish soccer federation last November to wear clothing with “critical messages” at the tournament in Qatar.

Though FIFA’s World Cup rules prohibit political statements on team uniforms, the three Denmark shirt designs in all-red, all-white and all-black appear to comply with no words or symbols that are an explicit statement.

The national team badge, Hummel logo and decorative white chevrons — a famous feature of the Denmark shirt since the 1980s — are faded into the same single colour as the shirt.



Denmark's Kasper Dolberg, second left, celebrates scoring with teammates Christian Eriksen, centre right, Joachim Maehle and Andreas Skov Olsen, right, during the UEFA Nations League soccer match between Denmark and France at Parken Stadium in Copenhagen, Denmark, Sunday Sept. 25, 2022. (Liselotte Sabroe/Ritzau Scanpix via AP)

“We don’t wish to be visible during (the) tournament,” Hummel said. “We support the Danish national team all the way, but that isn’t the same as supporting Qatar as a host nation.”

Denmark, the world’s No. 10-ranked team which reached the European Championship semifinals last year, has been one of the 32 World Cup teams most likely to take a strong stance against Qatar.

The Danish federation also joined a European

campaign launched last week for captains to wear heart-shaped, multi-colored “One Love” armbands in World Cup games.

The gas-rich emirate has been fiercely criticised in the past decade for its treatment of migrant workers mostly from south Asia needed to build tens of billions of dollars’ worth of stadiums, metro lines, roads and hotels.

Danish officials have taken a leading role in a group of European soccer federations visiting Qatar

to monitor the progress of promised reforms in labour laws.

Denmark has been drawn in a World Cup group with defending champion France, which typically wears a dark blue shirt, Australia, whose first-choice colour is gold, and Tunisia, which wears white.

The FIFA match schedule for the tournament lists Denmark as the home team with first choice of colour only for its opening game on Nov. 22 against Tunisia.

Sports News



With top QBs struggling, scoring is down across NFL

AP – With some of the most accomplished quarterbacks in the NFL struggling to produce points it was no surprise the league had one of its lowest scoring weeks.

The 20.3 points per game by teams was the lowest for a Week 3 since 2009 and the fourth lowest for any week in the past five seasons.

Teams led by Patrick Mahomes, Tom Brady and Aaron Rodgers — the winners of four of the last five MVP awards — played a major role with their teams combining for 43 points Sunday. That's the fewest points scored in the 57 weeks all three of those stand-out QBs have started. The previous low was 55 in Week 15 of the 2018 season.

Brady and the banged-up Tampa Bay Buccaneers have had the biggest problems offensively early this season, failing to score more than 20 points in any of their three games. Tampa Bay is scoring 17 points per game, down from 30.1 last season.

That's just the fifth time that's ever happened in three straight games for a team quarterbacked by Brady and second in the past 11 seasons. It happened once in 2019 in New England.

The Bucs and the New York Giants are the only teams without a first-half touchdown as absences on the offensive line and re-



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) is sacked by Indianapolis Colts defensive end Yannick Ngakoue (91) during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022, in Indianapolis. (AP Photo/AJ Mast)

ceiver have taken a toll.

The beneficiaries of that poor production by Tampa Bay were Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers, who pulled out the 14-12 road win despite failing to score following the first two drives.

It marked just the fourth time in Rodgers' career that he ended up on the winning side in a game when Green Bay failed to score more than 14 points. The Packers are averaging 16 points per game, down from 26.5 last season.

Kansas City's offence was clicking to start the season with 44 points in the opener but has scored just 44 the last two weeks, including a 20-17 loss at Indianapolis in Week 3 that marked just the fifth time the Chiefs scored 17 points or fewer with Mahomes at quarterback.

Overall, the 21 point per game average for the NFL is the lowest through Week 3 since it was 20.2 points per game in 2010.

RARITIES

The Buffalo Bills somehow managed to lose a game to Miami despite outgaining the Dolphins by 285 yards.

In the Super Bowl era, teams that outgain the opposition by at least 285 yards had a 266-11-1 (.959) record in those games before Tua Tagovailoa and Miami's 21-19 win.

The last team to overcome that and win was also the Dolphins, in Tagovailoa's first career start on Nov. 1, 2020, when Miami was outgained by 326 yards in a 28-17 win over the Rams.

The San Francisco-Denver game also was an outlier, with the Broncos win becoming just the second

11-10 game in NFL history. The Steelers beat the Chargers by that score on Nov. 16, 2008.

It was also the second game in NFL history when the winning team had exactly one touchdown, one field goal and one safety. The other time it happened came Oct. 12, 2008, when Minnesota beat Detroit 12-10.

In an odd coincidence, the safety in that game came when Dan Orlovsky stepped over the end line in the end zone just like Jimmy Garoppolo did Sunday night.

PARITY

For the fifth time since the merger, only two teams remain winless after Week 3 with Las Vegas (0-3) and Houston (0-2-1) doing it.

That previously happened in 1988, '89, '90 and 2012, But this is just the first time since 1959 that only one team started a season 0-3, with the Lions doing it that year.

The Raiders managed to lose all three games despite their opponents failing to win any in their other games, joining the 2012 Saints and 1989 Cowboys as the only teams to do that since the merger.

There are also only two teams at 3-0, with Philadelphia and Miami pulling that off. This is the third time since the merger that only three teams either won or lost each of their first three

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All-round Nabi leads Tallawahs to Qualifier 2

The Jamaica Tallawahs will head to Qualifier 2 of the Hero Caribbean Premier League (CPL) following a comprehensive defeat of the Saint Lucia Kings in the Eliminator.

The Saint Lucia Kings won the toss and opted to field first, and they took full advantage of that decision with a disciplined bowling display.

The Tallawahs were never made to feel comfortable and but for some late order hitting from Mohammed Nabi they would have struggled to post a defendable total.

However, their 148 proved more than enough as the Tallawahs produced a fantastic display in the field.

Mohammed Nabi followed up his fireworks with the bat with some excep-



[Photo: CPL/Getty Images]

tionally parsimonious bowling to lead the Tallawahs to victory.

Earlier the Kings had restricted the Tallawahs to a paltry 29/2 in the PowerPlay as Matthew Forde and Alzarri Joseph bowled exceptional lengths.

The Kings continued to take wickets at regular intervals and when Kesrick Williams removed Chris Green

that dismissal and finished on 31 off 15 balls to ensure the Tallawahs had something to bowl at.

In reply the Kings got off to a good start reaching 54/2 at the end of the PowerPlay but when Du Plessis was dismissed for 41 in the eighth over the Kings found themselves in a hole from which they couldn't recover.

The Tallawahs bowling unit all played their part as the Kings were bowled out for 115 and exited the competition.

for two the Tallawahs found themselves 115/8.

However, Nabi led the counter attack following

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games.

It also happened in 1972 when Miami was 3-0 and New Orleans and Philadelphia were 0-3; and in 1971 when Washington was 3-0 and Philadelphia and Buffalo were 0-3.

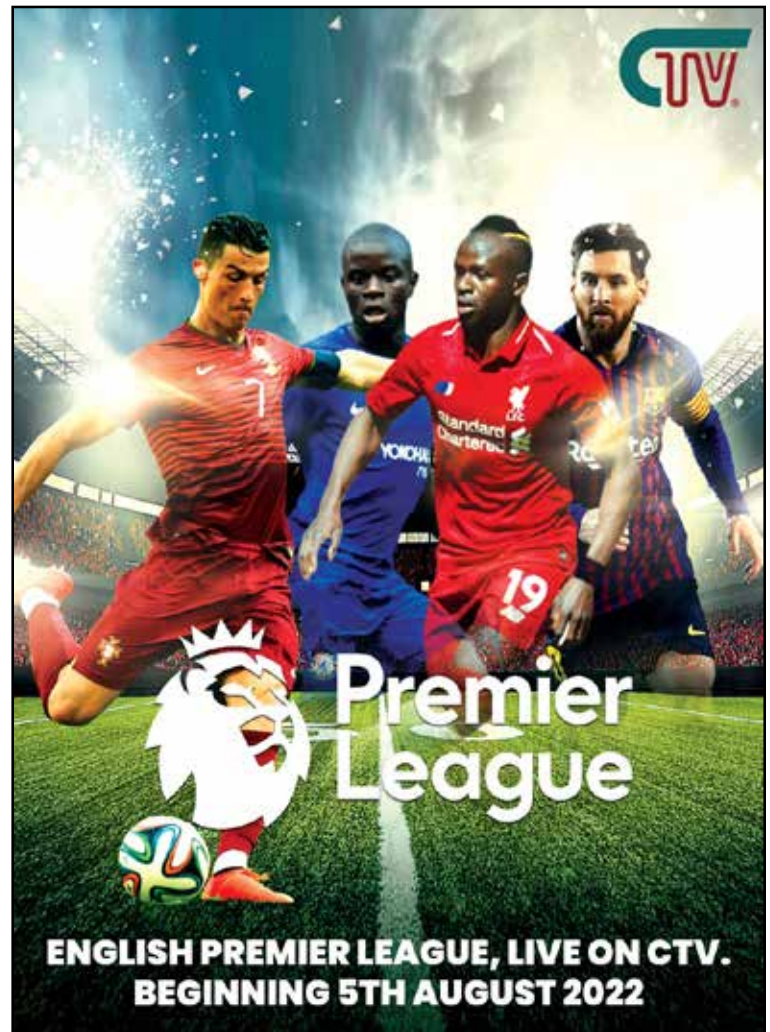
TURNAROUNDS

The NFL standings have undergone an early season flip.

Eight teams that missed the playoffs last season have winning records so far this season led by undefeated

Miami. Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Jacksonville, Minnesota, Denver and the Giants also have winning records at 2-1 after missing out last season.

There are seven teams that made the playoffs in 2021 that have losing records early this season with the Raiders the only 0-3 team in the league and defending AFC champion Cincinnati at 1-2. New England, Pittsburgh, Tennessee, San Francisco and Arizona also are 1-2.



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Cedar Grove claims last spot in round of 16 in ABFA's Knockout Cup

Cedar Grove Bluejays have grabbed the last spot into the round of 16 of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Joma Caribbean Cool and Smooth Knockout Cup competition.

The Bluejays coasted to a 4-1 victory against John Hughes Sports Club in the last round of 16 match at the ABFA's Technical Centre at Paynters on Tuesday.

Keon Greene scored a brace with conversions in the 8th and 39th minutes to give Cedar Grove a 2-0 halftime lead.

They pressed home their advantage in the second half with goals from Jabarry Chandler in the 47th minute and Jamore Martin in the 60th minute to take a 4-0 lead and effectively sealed their victory, thus securing their spot into the round of 16.

Bradley Donalds did manage to score a consolation goal for John Hughes with a 72nd minute conversion.

With six teams promoted to the premier and first divisions because of the cancellation of the

2019/20 season due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, 15 of the 16 teams that have advanced to the round of 16, are all from the premier division.

Liberta Blackhawks, who are the reigning premier league champions by virtue of winning the championship in 2018/19, the last completed competition before the Covid-19 Pandemic, is the only current premier league side that failed to make it into the round of 16.

The Liberta Blackhawks crashed out of the

knockout cup when they were beaten 2-1 by neighbours Garden Stars in the second round. Garden Stars is the only first division team to make it into the round of 16.

The teams to advance to the round of 16 in the ABFA's knockout cup are Cedar Grove Bluejays, Swetes FC, Tryum FC, SAP FC, Empire FC, Garden Stars FC, All Saints United FC, Greenbay Hoppers FC, Grenades FC, Five Islands FC, Parham FC, Willikies FC, Pigotts Bullets FC, Old Road FC, Villa Lions and Ottos Rangers FC.

Following the completion of the second round on Tuesday, the draw was made to select the matchups in the round of 16.

Pigotts Bullets FC will face Villa Lions FC, Ottos Rangers FC will tackle Old Road FC, Five Islands FC will meet Cedar Grove Bluejays, Willikies FC will clash with Parham FC, All Saints United FC will take on Grenades FC, Greenbay Hoppers FC will oppose SAP FC, Empire FC will challenge Tryum FC and Swetes FC will clash with Garden Stars FC.

The winners of each of the matches in the round of 16 will advance to the quarter-finals. The champion team will receive a cash prize of EC\$50,000.

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Coach Armstrong wants young players to represent national basketball team

Head coach of Wadadli Elite Academy, Irwin “Wanga” Armstrong, who also performs coaching duties with Antigua Vision Care, wants to see young players take over the national team.

Armstrong, who has been working with Wadadli Elite Academy since it came on the scene officially in 2014, is also a veteran coach with many years of experience working with the Antigua and Barbuda youth and senior national teams.

Following Antigua Vision Care’s 61-48 victory over reigning Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association’s (ABBA) Cool and Smooth Business league on Tuesday, Armstrong said now is the right time for the young players, some of whom he has helped develop at Wadadli Elite Academy, to take over the game in the twin-island state.

“It was a creditable performance and I want to



Wadadli Elite head coach Irwin ‘Wanga’ Armstrong, right, engage assistant coach Byron Andrew, second right, in a conversation following the ABBA Cool and Smooth Business League encounter between Eye Mobile Antigua Vision Care and the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board at the JSC Sports Complex on Tuesday, 27th September, 2022. (-Photo by Elwin Francis)

say congrats to the other team.

“But I am of the opinion that the young guards need to take over Antiguan basketball,” Armstrong stated.

“That is what we have been developing over the past three years. While everybody else were sleeping because of Covid-19 Pandemic, we were working

and we are glad to get the opportunity to expose the youths, that’s all it is.

“The youths are going to be more tenacious and they should come out victorious, but we welcome the win and I want to say congrats to the other team.”

Owner and Managing Director of Antigua Vision Care, Byron Andrew,

who also performs duties as assistant coach of Wadadli Elite Academy, had previously made calls for the staging of more competitions for youth basketball players in Antigua and Barbuda.

Armstrong is expressing his appreciation to the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association for allowing the players of Wadadli Elite Academy to participate in its 2022 business basketball league.

“We know because of the Covid-19 Pandemic we had no competition, but we have been always training.

“We train every Tuesday and Friday so we are happy for the opportunity to allow us to play and we are just going to have some fun with it,” Armstrong said.

“But while we are having all of this excitement to play in the business league, it also gives us the coaches a teaching platform to play under control.”

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points, Tequan Brodie and Daryl Goodwin each converted 12 points and Adonis Humphreys contributed 10 points for Antigua Vision Care that has won all six matches thus far.

After losing their first five matches, Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre prevailed 51-38 against Mill Reef to record their second successive win in the opening game of Tuesday’s triple-header.

Point guard Nigel Joseph scored

16 points for the winners, while Eril Quallis shot a game-high 23 points for Mill Reef who slipped to their fifth loss in six games.

Sandals Antigua claimed their third win in five matches by coasting to a 55-31 victory over Fitzroy Rewinding in Tuesday’s second encounter.

Devorn Benjamin scored 15 points and Lincoln Weekes contributed 13 points for Sandals Antigua, while Nkenge Drew scored 10 points

for Fitzroy Rewinding who slipped to their fourth loss in six games.

The business basketball league will continue with another triple-header at the JSC Sport Complex this evening (Thursday).

Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre will meet Vendors at 6:30 pm, cupholders Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board will take on Pointe FM at 7:30 pm and Graphic Impact Shooters will clash with Eye Mobile Antigua Vision Care at 8:30 pm.

Antigua Vision Care ends Transport Board's perfect run in business league



An Antigua Vision Care player, fourth right, attempts a shot during his team's encounter against Antigua Transport Board (yellow uniform) in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's Business League at the JSC Sports Complex on Tuesday, 27th September, 2022. (Photo by Elwin Francis)

Eye Mobile Antigua Vision Care beat cupholders the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board by 13 points in a top of the table clash in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Business League at the JSC Sports Complex on Tuesday night.

Both teams entered the clash as two of the three teams that were still boasting a perfect record at that stage of the competition and it was Antigua Vision Care that prevailed, coasting to a comfortable 61-48 victory in

Tuesday's feature match before a vocal and appreciate crowd at the JSC Sports Complex.

Antigua Vision Care, which comprised players of the Wadadli Elite Academy, which is the brainchild of Byron Andrew, owner and Managing Director of Antigua Vision Care, dominated the game from start to finish.

The youthful Antigua Vision Care players utilized their speed and agility to take control of the games against

an Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board team that comprised mostly veterans and experienced players who are well past their prime at this stage of their life.

Kelvin Simon scored 11 points and Ndegwa Malone chipped in with 10 points for the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board that suffered their first loss after winning their previous three matches.

Tehran Zachariah scored 14
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