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# ANOTHER GASOLINE DECREASE COMING!

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*The Uprising Boxing Gym's Coach Anthony Severin puts a youngster through his paces as he seeks to revive the sport, here in Antigua and Barbuda, and in the region, in the aftermath of the pandemic. Full story in tomorrow's issue of Pointe Xpress. [Photo: Shahein Fitzpatrick]*

# Local News



## Antigua Cruise Port

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### Maintenance and Engineering Manager

##### JOB SUMMARY

Maintenance and Engineering Manager shall perform duties related to the operational requirements of GPH (Antigua) Ltd./Antigua Cruise Port under general direction of the Director of Operations and Projects.

##### Essential Skills and Knowledge

1. Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering or a closely related field.
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##### JOB SUMMARY

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## Gas price reduction this Wednesday

Motorists in Antigua and Barbuda will experience more relief when the cost of gasoline decreases tomorrow.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne made the announcement on Saturday's Browne and Browne show on Pointe FM.

"The shipment of petroleum products that will arrive next Wednesday, there has been a reduction in the price by one dollar and we will pass on that saving to consumers and as a result the price for gasoline will be reduced to \$15.57 cents," Browne announced.

On the other hand, the price of diesel has increased by 61 cents, however, its present cost - \$16.79 per gallon - will go unchanged as the government has decided it will absorb the increase.

The prime minister also revealed that for several

months, the government has not "collected a cent" in consumption tax on petroleum products as it has been subsidising petroleum products to the tune of \$2 million monthly.

In fact, according to PM Browne, the government still carries outstanding balances with the West Indies Oil Company Ltd. (WIOC) related to these subsidies as it continues to do all it can to systematically reduce the cost of fuel.

"We are making progress as the price for gasoline was close to \$18 per gallon earlier, but there have since been two consecutive reductions. As the prices continue to decrease, we will continue to pass on these savings to consumers," he stated.

The cost per gallon of gasoline was reduced in July by 93 cents. That same month, the cost of diesel fell by 46 cents.



## Road fatality victim identified

The police have confirmed the identity of the woman who died after she was struck by a vehicle on Sunday morning on Friars Hill Road.

She is Greta Barton of Yorks Village.

The 85-year-old woman succumbed to her in-

juries shortly after 3am at the scene of the accident.

Head of the Traffic Department, ASP Rodney Ellis, said the driver of the vehicle – a 22-year-old male – called the police after the accident and remained on the scene until officers arrived.

The police still have not indicated whether speeding was a factor in the accident.












While the woman is said to have owned a home, she was frequently found roaming the Friars Hill Road area.

Her death brings to

eight the number of road fatalities this year.



Greta Barton

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# PM calls out ECAB on shareholding issue

The country's Finance Minister, Prime Minister Gaston Browne, has called out the Board of Directors of the Eastern Caribbean Amalgamated Bank (ECAB) over its delay in acceding to the government's request to have its Preferred Shareholding in the institution transferred to Ordinary Shares.

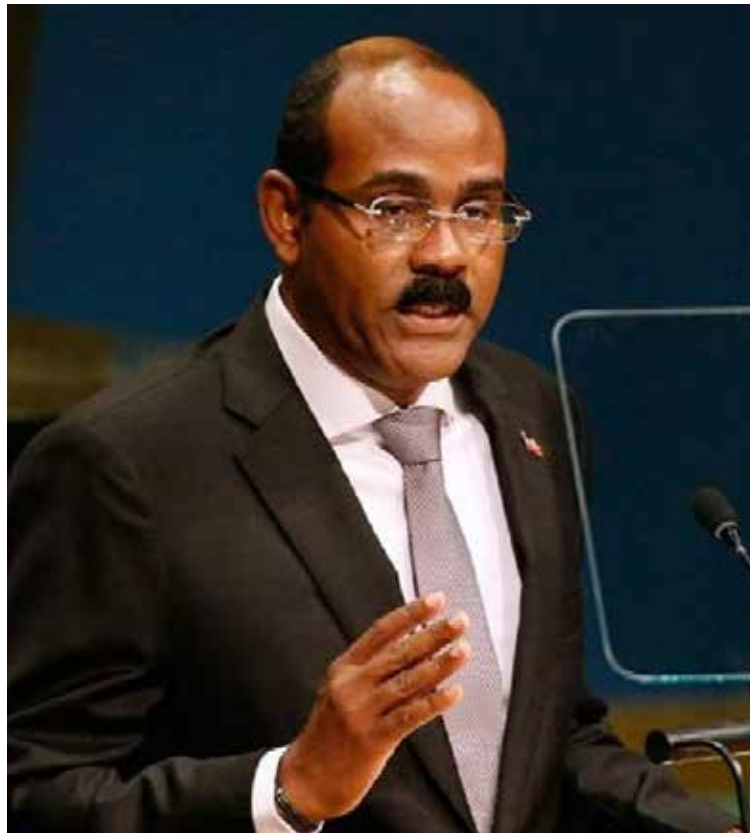
In a detailed statement on the Browne and Browne Show on Pointe FM on Saturday, the prime minister explained that the government put their request to ECAB in 2015.

Since then, the bank's senior officials have dragged their feet in fulfilling the request.

PM Browne dismissed suggestions that the petition to convert the Preferred Shares is being driven by the government's desire to control the day-to-day running of the institution, a claim being promoted by the opposition United Progressive Party.

The prime minister also made it clear that the existing standoff is not the result of a personal issue with any actor within the bank.

Rather, the government's actions are simply intended to protect the interests of the people and government of Antigua



*Prime Minister Gaston Browne*  
and Barbuda.

"Since 2015, we held discussions with Craig Walter, a director at ECAB about scaling up the bank from a few hundred million dollars to \$2 billion.

"We said to him that in the first instance we would be transferring our assets in ABI Bank, in which the government spent \$300 million to rescue that institution.

"We wanted to be in a situation that as we transferred assets, it would increase the government's yield in order to justify the intervention we made," he explained.

According to PM Browne, because the country's tax-payers had to underwrite \$300 million intervention, the plan was to increase the government's shareholding and its yield of the profits generated by the bank.

This will also mean, he detailed, that more of these profits will remain within the country.

Additionally, PM Browne noted that the government wished to utilise the increased earnings from the bank to service the \$200 million bond that was floated to raise the money to rescue ABI Bank.

"We don't expect that taxpayers will carry that burden (of servicing the bond), but we expect to make use of the increased yield to reduce the burden on taxpayers and the government," he stated.

Prime Minister Browne revealed that the original share structure of the bank was never in the best interest of Antigua and Barbuda as the government owned only 25 percent of the ordinary shares, whereas it injected as much as 75 percent of the capital required to back the institution.

This means that of the net profits generated by the bank, 75 percent will go to the five private banks that invested in ECAB which included ACB Caribbean.

He laid blame for the debacle squarely at the feet of the former UPP administration and its leader, Harold Lovell, who was then the finance minister.

Of the \$72 million invested in the bank at its inception, the Antigua and Barbuda government injected \$54 million.

Meanwhile, the prime minister reported that a meeting will likely be held between ECAB and the government very soon, although an exact date for the meeting was not disclosed.



# Chet Greene makes robust defense of CIP

Foreign Affairs Minister, E. P. Chet Greene has made a robust defense of the Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP) by underscoring its importance to the country as a key non-tax revenue source.

Greene made the comments on Monday during a courtesy call by the Ambassador of the Netherlands to Antigua and Barbuda, Rafael Sandor Makfalva, who questioned the foreign minister about the CIP and its role as a revenue source for the country.

“Our CIP programme is a major non-tax revenue source for the government. We run a tight ship of crossing our T’s and dotting our I’s. There’s nothing untowards about the programme and we are willing to open our books for review or inspection. That’s why I have suggested that rather than blacklisting; let us dialogue,” Greene said.

The foreign affairs minister suggested an annual “audit” of international CIPs in the form of a meeting in which countries with concerns can meet with CIP nations to review and address any challenges that may be reported.

He noted that countries outside the Caribbean have similar programmes and added that Antigua

and Barbuda is open to open dialogue which will only help to strengthen the country’s CIP.

“We agree that we may have gaps in the programme from time to time; our due diligence may not be as strong as the US’ for instance, however, our advocacy has been for dialogue and discussion. If you see something about our programme that is a concern for you, let us talk,” he stated.

Greene explained that the revenue derived from the CIP helped the government to successfully navigate the coronavirus pandemic. Without the CIP generated revenue, the country would have tethered on the edge of economic disaster.

According to the foreign minister, the CIP allowed the government to maintain employment in the public sector throughout the pandemic, and in its aftermath.

“We kept public sector workers employed during the pandemic as not a single worker was sent home because we wisely managed the resources at our disposal,” he indicated.

Antigua and Barbuda, he continued, is a small, but integral part of the world economy, and as such, it is willing to coop-



*Minister of Foreign Affairs, E. P. Chet Greene and Ambassador of the Netherlands to Antigua and Barbuda, Rafael Sandor Makfalva*

erate with other nations.

He further revealed that while the government had taken the decision to allow non-sanctioned Russians and Belarusians to access the CIP, this was reconsidered and reversed after concerns were raised by a “friendly” international ally.

“So, as it is today, no Russians or Belarusians

will be accepted under the CIP programme,” he declared.

Greene said the government now hopes that other friendly countries will act on their good relations with Antigua and Barbuda by opening dialogue rather than taking decisions that will have long-term, deleterious effects on the country.

## Late Italian billionaire remembered at wreath-laying ceremony

Prime Minister Gaston Browne, Minister of Education and Sports, Daryll Matthew, government officials and students and faculty of the Sir Novelle Richards Academy have paid tribute to the late patron of the school, Italian philanthropist, Leonardo Del Vecchio.

Leonardo, who as a child lived in an orphanage but later rose to become one of the world's most influential billionaires, died in June at the age of 87.

He donated EC\$ 4.3 million towards the construction of a science wing at the Sir Novelle Richards Academy which was commissioned in January, 2022.

A wreath-laying ceremony was held on Monday on the school's compound to honour him.

Prime Minister Browne said the octogenarian's do-

nation to the advancement of education in Antigua and Barbuda will not be forgotten.

"We're very grateful for his contribution and again I want to take the opportunity to extend sincerest condolences on behalf of the government and people of Antigua and Barbuda to Mrs. Del Vecchio and the rest of the Del Vecchio family, and I hope that the passage of time and certainly the contributions that he would have made in Antigua and Barbuda would help to assuage their pain."

He added, "This contribution certainly will live on for a very long time and I'm quite sure many students, many present and future leaders will be educated in this facility. It is the best contribution anyone could make towards the development of the country,



to contribute to education".

Similar sentiments were expressed by Minister Matthew, who likened Del Vecchio's contribution to the education sector to "plant-

ing a seed" for the future.

"I would dare say, he has certainly in the hearts and minds and souls of Antiguan and Barbudans really achieved immortality, because his contribution will live on in all of the students who are at the school today and who will eventually attend this school."

Minister Matthew recalled that Del Vecchio's contribution came at a time of great uncertainty during the COVID-19 pandemic, yet he did not hesitate when asked to share his wealth with the children of Antigua and Barbuda to aid in making the Sir Novelle Richards Academy a centre of excellence for education in Antigua and Barbuda.



Leonardo Del Vecchio



## St. Paul's MP donates school supplies to hundreds of children

The parliamentary representative for St. Paul, E. P. Chet Greene, donated back to school items to hundreds of children in the constituency on Monday, the start of the 2022-23 academic year.

Starting at the Cobbs Cross Primary School at the beginning of the day, MP Greene went from classroom to classroom presenting school bags filled with educational supplies.

He noted that the donation to children in the constituency has become an annual activity which has spanned several years.

Each backpack contained books, pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, rulers and a geometry set for older children.

The MP also announced that in the upcoming weeks, classes will be organised to help students now in Grade 6 to prepare for next year's National Assessment Examination.

More than six hundred backpacks filled with supplies were donated to students attending the Cobbs Cross, Liberta, and New Bethel Primary Schools and the Liberty Preschool.



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# Local News



## Increased participation in electronic testing on the agenda for CXC

While anxiety is at an all-time high as students across the region wait in anticipation to view their Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) results, the regional examination body is already hinting at some plans they have to ensure that next year's sitting is even more successful than in 2022.

One area the body is looking at is electronic testing.



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Presently, only a handful of countries have begun this venture, but according to CXC's Director of Operations, Dr. Nichole Manning, they are hoping to see all

candidates do at least Paper One electronically throughout the Caribbean.

She explained that in the few countries that did conduct electronic testing, for the most part, there had been a positive experience.

"We did have ongoing training for ministry officials and chief engineers in 2022. We did see some challenges with internet access, power outages and incorrectness of the secure portal being downloaded, but none affecting candidates negatively," Dr. Manning said.

There was an increase in its "utilisation by territories" where CAPE, CSEC and CCSLC exams were concerned.

"This is very good in particular as we had two territories where we saw an increase moving from about little over 100 to over 1400 candidates utilising the electronic testing. It tells us that together we are moving in this direction," Dr Manning added.

The top CXC official was speaking on Monday morning at the ceremony for the official launch of this year's results in St. Lucia.

A policy to continue building capacity for digital testing was announced earlier this year by the CXC's Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Wayne Wesley.

The policy will look at "examination structure, the process used for the delivery of examinations and how safely you will be able to respond to the glaring needs across the region".

He said if and when it becomes necessary to shift dates of exams in the future, that decision will be taken as a regional collective by the various stakeholders.

The results for each territory were released last evening via the student online portal.

Dr. Wesley mentioned that all ministries of education across the region would have also received the results.

While Wesley commended the education ministries, he singled out teachers, students and even parents for their input in ensuring that this year's exams were administered smoothly. He congratulated the candidates on their success in the various exams.

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# Relationships



## Why opposites don't attract in love and sex

By Jessica Klein

The old adage tells us opposites attract. Not only is it wrong – but it may be less true than ever.

People have long lived by the adage ‘opposites attract’ – the introvert will fall for the extrovert, the bad boy for the straight-A student. This belief is lodged in popular culture, and has been for years.

But while many people are quick to agree that opposites attract, and may even jump to an example in their own life, multiple researchers have debunked the idea throughout the years. “The research is pretty clear, actually, that it’s not true,” says California-based clinical psychologist Ramani Durvasula, an expert in toxic relationships. “People who have shared interests, temperaments and all that do tend to be more likely to date.”

Indeed, various studies have shown friends and romantic partners tend to share core beliefs, values and hobbies; people tend to be attracted to or trust those with similar physical features; and some research suggests people go for others with like personalities. Essentially, both researchers and psychologists largely say people have long been drawn to those with shared traits, beliefs and interests.



There's also a body of evidence to suggest that opposites repel – particularly around views and values. And in an increasingly divided social, political and cultural climate in countries across the world, it's possible that we're even less likely to fall for someone who thinks very differently to us. Factors like social media indicate it's becoming significantly easier for daters to jump into ‘bubbles’ of like-minded others, leaving the idea of ‘opposites attract’ more outdated than ever.

**Seeing eye-to-eye – even if it looks otherwise**

It's difficult to exactly pinpoint the origin of the saying ‘opposites attract’, but American sociologist Robert F Winch suggested it in a 1954 paper in the

American Sociological Review. His research focused on “complementary needs in mate selection” – the idea that people sought out partners who had certain qualities they lacked (like the introvert choosing the extrovert, perhaps as a way for the introvert to benefit from the extrovert's influence).

Close on the heels of Winch's research, however, other scientists began drawing different conclusions. Less than a decade later, another US-based social psychology researcher, Donn Byrne, challenged the opposites-attract hypothesis with his own paper. Byrne hypothesised that “a stranger who is known to have attitudes similar to those of the subject is better liked than a stranger with attitudes dissimilar to those of

the subject [and] is judged to be more intelligent, better informed, more moral, and better adjusted”. His research supported both hypotheses.

“That was the beginning,” says Angela Bahn, associate psychology professor at Wellesley College, US. “Ever since, there's been really strong, widespread evidence for similarity attraction.”

Bahn found this in her own 2017 study, in which researchers met pairs of people by approaching them in public spaces in Massachusetts. They observed that similarity between the pairs was statistically significant on “86% of variables measured”, including attitudes, values, recreational activities and substance use. More specifically, pairs of friends and romantic partners matched closely on attitudes about gay marriage, abortion, the government's role in citizens' lives and the importance of religion.

Still, there are plenty of reasons why it may seem like opposites attract, such as superficial differences that make people appear more opposed than they really are. A “straight-laced accountant” and “disinhibited artist”, for example, may look like an antithetical couple, suggests Durvasu-

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la – but “their values, whether that's around family [or] political ideology,” would likely be similar.

Interestingly, personality remains one area where conclusions are less straightforward. In Bahn's study, for example, pairs displayed “lower levels of similarity” in personality, specifically when it came to what are known as the “big five” personality traits – openness, conscientiousness, extroversion, agreeableness and neuroticism. Bahn explains that, for example, “two people who are highly dominant are not going to work well together, so that's the one area where complementarity, which you can spin as ‘opposites attract’, is much more common”.

But another 2017 study by University College London social psychology lecturer Youyou Wu came up with different findings. Looking at the Facebook profiles of roughly 1,000 couples and 50,000 pairs of friends, Wu and colleagues “showed that there is similarity stronger than was previously found... for all five personality traits” among pairs – more indication that opposites may indeed not attract, even if it may seem the case.

## **Dating apps encourage seeking similar partners**

This isn't to say, however, that people with polarised values and views won't find success together; it happens, of course, and there can be benefits to disagreement – or even fundamental opposition – in couples.

Paris-based Ipek Kucuk, 29, a dating and trends expert at dating app Happn, says she recently went from dating a person with whom she “agreed on everything” to someone who has alternate perspectives on hot-button issues like vaccination and religion. “Before I broke up with my ex, I didn't know how bored I was,” says Kucuk.

“While it was quite a roller coaster of conversations with my current partner because he shocked me with some

of his opinions, it really made me grow... it broadens my perspective. I really appreciate that.”

However, Kucuk says she holds certain beliefs that she must share with her intimate partner – like feminism and the support of LGBTQ rights. And many others seem to have the same preference.

Today, sharing political views has been essential to couples matching up. In one example, mentions of “Black Lives Matter” (or BLM) increased by 55 times in 2020 on the dating app Tinder, indicating that people were unwilling to compromise on partners who didn't share their most crucial convictions.

After OkCupid released a badge users could put on their profiles to show their support of BLM, users who included the badge became two times more likely to match with other users who had the badge, an OkCupid representative told BBC Worklife over email.

The outsized cultural influence of social media – and its algorithms that connect people with similar beliefs – may be pushing daters even more towards those who share the same views and attitudes.

As Wu explains, several dating apps recommend people in your social media networks, or based on shared ‘likes’ on Facebook or follows on Twitter. And roughly 48% of US adults between ages 18 and 29 used dating apps, per a 2019 Pew Research study.

“Based on our research showing that friends are similar in personality to begin with,” says Wu, the people using dating apps that recommend friends of friends are essentially just meeting more people like themselves.

Dating apps that cater to people with specific views have also been cropping up over the last several years, specifically surrounding the divisive 2016 presidential election in the US.

Apps that debuted around that time targeting politically conservative users included Righter, Conservatives Only and Donald Daters. Two years after the election, Bumble instituted a ‘filtering’ feature that allowed users to pass over profiles of people who didn't fit their political and lifestyle preferences.

“It's easy to connect with people who you agree with online,” says Bahn. “The algorithms on social media platforms show us things that they think we're going to agree with already.”

Online dating services appear to embrace this – it's a feature, not a bug. According to the OkCupid spokesperson, “OkCupid is notorious for helping people connect on social and political issues due to our questions-based algorithm.” She further specified issues the dating site helps people “match on”: reproductive rights, gun control, the Covid-19 vaccine and BLM. The company's release of badges, like the BLM badge and a “Climate Change Advocate” badge, to help people easily find others who share their key beliefs, suggests that this trend is only growing.

Now, the online networks and sites many of us use to find friends, dates and, ultimately, love are all nudging us towards people who seem to think similarly to us. That's not all bad – the plethora of data showing the high percentage of couples who share views and values suggests it's a good indicator of a lasting relationship.

But there are downsides too; if we only date people who think just like us, we're less likely to have the kind of conversations Kucuk is enjoying with her partner – the debates that challenge our assumptions and perhaps even open our eyes to different world views. Yet given the prevalence and power of technology – and the fact that opposites didn't exactly attract to begin with – the adage may well be on its way to obsolescence.





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## **Police Week 2022**



### **Pre- Events**

- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022- Hike to Mount McNish 5:30am
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022-Netball, YMCA 6pm
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022- Fitness Jam, King George to Police Ground 4pm
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022 -Road Race All Saints Fire Station to Police Ground 5am

- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

Police Cricket Team VS Parish League Team, Police Grounds 1pm

Queen Show, Antigua Recreation Grounds 8pm

### **Police Week**

- **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Church Service – Swetes Wesleyan Holiness Church 9am

Brunch – Police Head Quarters

- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Opening Day – Police Head Quarters 10am to 2pm

Malcolm Nicholas Cup Competition – Corner of Market and High Street 4pm

- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Inter-force Shooting Competition – SWFGPA 9am

Sports Final Matches- Football, Cricket – Police Grounds 3pm

- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Sick and Shut In

Calypso – Antigua Recreation Grounds 8pm

- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Veterans Cocktail – SWFGPA – 5pm

- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Sports day/ March Pass – Police Grounds 10am

- **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Full Bore Shooting Competition – Crabbs Shooting Range 10am

Variety Concert -Antigua Recreation Grounds 8pm

- **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Beach Bash – Ffyers Beach 10am





# Men's Health

## What to know about prostate cancer

By Yvette Brazier & Teresa Hagan Thomas PHD, BA, RN

Prostate cancer is a common type of cancer in males, but it is highly treatable in the early stages. It begins in the prostate gland, which sits between the penis and the bladder.

The prostate has various functions. These include producing the fluid that nourishes and transports sperm, secreting prostate-specific antigen (PSA), a protein that helps semen retain its liquid state, and helping aid urine control.

Other than skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most common cancer affecting males in the United States. The American Cancer Society (ACS) predicts that in 2021 there will be around 248,530 new diagnoses of prostate cancer and approximately 34,130 deaths from this type of cancer.

Around 1 in 8 males will receive a diagnosis of prostate cancer at some point in their life.

However, only 1 in 41 of these will die as a result. This is because treatment is effective, especially in the early stages. Routine screening enables doctors to detect many cases of prostate cancer before they spread.

### Signs and symptoms

There are often no symptoms during the early stages of prostate cancer, but screening can detect changes that may indicate cancer. Screening involves a test that



measures levels of PSA in the blood. High levels suggest that cancer may be present.

Males who do experience symptoms may notice:

- difficulty starting and maintaining urination
- a frequent urge to urinate, especially at night
- a weak urine stream
- blood in the urine or semen
- painful urination or ejaculation
- pain in the back, hips, or pelvis

### Advanced symptoms

People with advanced prostate cancer may also show no symptoms. Potential signs will depend on the size of the cancer and where it has spread in the body. In addition to the above, advanced prostate cancer can involve the following symptoms:

- bone pain
- unexplained weight loss
- tiredness

### Treatment

Treatment will depend on the cancer stage, among other factors, such as the Gleason score and PSA levels. It is also worth noting that many treatment options may be applicable, regardless of the stage of cancer.

In the sections below, we list some treatment options for prostate cancer and explore what treatment may mean for fertility.

### Early-stage prostate cancer

If the cancer is small and localised, a doctor may recommend:

#### Watchful waiting or monitoring

The doctor may check PSA blood levels regularly but take no immediate action. Prostate cancer grows slowly, and the risk of treatment side effects may outweigh the need for immediate treatment.

#### Surgery

A surgeon may carry out a radical prostatectomy to remove the tumour. In addition to removing the prostate, the procedure may also involve the removal of the surrounding tissue, seminal vesicles, and nearby lymph nodes. A doctor can perform this procedure using either open, laparoscopic, or robot-assisted laparoscopic surgery.

#### Radiation therapy

This uses radiation to kill cancer cells or prevent them from growing. Options for early-stage prostate cancer

may include:

- External radiation therapy: This method uses a machine outside the body to send radiation toward the cancer cells. Conformal radiation therapy is a type of external radiation that uses a computer to help guide and target a specific area, minimising the risk to healthy tissue and allowing a high dose of radiation to reach the prostate tumour.

- Internal radiation therapy: Also known as brachytherapy, this method uses radioactive seeds that a doctor implants near the prostate. A surgeon uses imaging scans, such as ultrasound or computed tomography to help guide the placement of the radioactive substance.

Treatment will depend on various factors. A doctor will discuss the best option for the individual.

### Advanced prostate cancer

As cancer grows, it can spread throughout the body. If it spreads, or if it comes back after remission, treatment options will change. Options can include:

- Chemotherapy: This option uses drugs to help stop the growth of cancer cells. While it can kill cancer cells around the body, it may cause adverse effects

- Hormonal therapy: Androgens are male hormones. The main androgens are testosterone and dihydrotestosterone. Blocking or reducing

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## Colourful West Indian Day parade returns to NYC streets

The steel bands and brightly colored costumes of Caribbean Carnival returned to the streets of New York City, with the West Indian American Day Parade taking place in person on Monday after a pandemic-induced hiatus.

Throngs of people lined the streets of Brooklyn, where one of the world's largest celebrations of Caribbean culture took place after two years of virtual events.

Brooklyn is where scores of Caribbean immigrants and their descendants have put down roots and turned the Labor Day celebration into a must-do event, with onlookers and participants carrying flags from a slew of countries.

The main parade began in the late morning and continued into the evening, while J'Ouvert, which commemorates emancipation from slavery, began at 6am and continued until the start of the larger parade.



Outbreaks of violence have occasionally marred both the early morning and main parade, with the most high-profile being the 2015 death of an aide to then-Governor Andrew Cuomo from stray gunfire during the hours of

J'Ouvert, which used to start even earlier and was more informal.

Since then, a formal start time for J'Ouvert was instituted, along with checkpoints for entry, as well as an increase in police presence on the day.

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these hormones appears to stop or delay the growth of cancer cells. One option is to undergo surgery to remove the testicles, which produce most of the body's hormones. Various drugs can also help.

- **Immunotherapy:** This method uses a person's immune system to help fight cancer. Scientists can use substances the body produces, or create them in a lab, to help boost or restore the body's natural defences against cancer.

- **Targeted therapy:** This method uses drugs or other substances that identify and attack specific cancer cells.

For example, a 2021 study highlights a radiopharmaceutical option that may be effective for hard-to-treat forms of advanced prostate cancer.

### **Effects on fertility**

The prostate gland plays a role in sexual reproduction. Prostate cancer and many of its treatments affect fertility in several ways.

For example, surgery to remove either the prostate gland or the testicles will affect semen production and fertility. Also, radiation therapy can affect prostate tissue, damaging sperm and reducing the amount of semen for transporting it. Hormonal

treatment can also affect fertility.

However, some options for preserving these functions include banking sperm before surgery or extracting sperm directly from the testicles for artificial insemination.

There is no guarantee that fertility will remain intact after treatment for prostate cancer. Anyone who would like to have children after treatment should discuss fertility options with their doctor when they devise their treatment plan.

### **Causes**

Researchers are unsure of the exact cause of pros-

tate cancer. It develops when specific changes occur, usually in glandular cells. When prostate gland cells appear abnormal, a doctor may refer to these changes as prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PIN). Nearly 50% of all males over the age of 50 years have PIN.

At first, the changes will be slow, and the cells will not be cancerous. However, they can become cancerous with time. Cancer cells can be high or low grade. High grade cells are more likely to grow and spread, while low grade cells are not likely to grow and are not a cause for concern.

# Regional News



## Cuban president says referendum on Family Code will be historical

CMC – Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel says history will be created on September 25 when a national referendum will be held on the new Family Code.

On his Twitter account, the head of state said the new code adopted by the Cuban Parliament in July is the Code of Affection.

The Referendum will ask the question “Do you agree with the Family Code?” and a simple majority of over 50 percent of the votes for YES or NO will decide if the new code is enforced or not.

Final results are expected to be released on September 30.

Cuban authorities have described the new code as reflecting the social and fam-



*President of Cuba, Manuel Diaz-Canel*

ily reality of Cubans.

Some articles of the legislation refer to equal access to legal-family institutions such as marriage, effective unions, adoption and assisted reproduction techniques, parental responsibility, and the progressive autonomy of children.

The code promoted

“love, affection, care, sensitivity, respect for others and the harmony of our families,” Justice Minister Oscar Manuel Silvera said, presenting the code for the vote at the National Assembly.

Opponents of the rule change include many churches.

“What has been happen-

ing is sad because it is going to bring confrontation,” said Methodist Pastor Henry Nurse. “It goes against what has been taught for many generations of years throughout the world about the true traditional marriage that is between a man and a woman.”

The new code would legalize same-sex marriage and civil unions, allow same-sex couples to adopt children, and promote equal sharing of domestic responsibilities. It would also allow prenuptial agreements and surrogate pregnancies, though not for profit.

Parents would have “responsibility” instead of “custody” of children and be re-

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## Government, Police High Command blamed for mismanaging Jamaica's crime problem

CMC – The chairman of the Police Federation, Corporal Rohan James, has blamed the Andrew Holness-led administration and the Police High Command for Jamaica's crime problem.

Speaking at the funeral of slain police constable Jermaine Brown, James said the crime problem has been mismanaged and called for the public to demand more from the leaders to stem the bloodshed.

On July 19, Constable Brown, who was assigned to the Spanish Town Police Station in the central parish of St. Catherine, was driving when his car was ambushed and shot up by three heavily armed men.

Two suspects have since been

charged for his murder.

James, who leads the organisation that represents the rank-and-file members of the force, said that they are being unfairly blamed for the upsurge in crime and violence.

He argued that for years, the Force has been “grappling with the inefficiency” and a lack of resources needed to adequately police.

James added that the calls from his colleagues for more response to protect citizens, have gone unanswered and the public had failed to hold the elected officials accountable.

According to the latest police crime statistics, 1,003 people were murdered here up to August 29, 2022.

This is 52 more homicides or a 5.5



*Corporal Rohan James*

percent increase when compared with the corresponding period last year.



## Guyana projected to earn US\$1 billion from oil production

CMC – The Government of Guyana says the country is expected to earn US\$1.1 billion from the crude oil and energy sector this year.

This is according to the mid-year report from the Ministry of Finance.

The profit is expected from 13 lifts as its entitlement from the ExxonMobil-led consortium due to the Russia-Ukraine war, Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Limited (EEPGL)

The report states that Guyana is forecast to still receive 13 lifts of profit oil from the Stabroek Block this year, but the country was poised to cash in on higher world oil prices as a result of the conflict.

“With the price of crude oil ballooning after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, NRF deposits are now projected to be 32.5 percent higher than the US\$957.6 million projected at the time of preparing Budget 2022,” the report states.

From January to June 2022, the Government had five lifts of profit oil from the two producing Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) vessels- three from Liza Destiny and two from Liza Unity.

The report explains that in the first half of the year, the Government



received US\$307 million as revenue from their share of profit oil and US\$37.1 million in royalties.

According to the document, the total balance, inclusive of interest income, at the end of June was US\$753.3 million, after a withdrawal of US\$200 million in the month of May.

The Ministry of Finance states that the petroleum sector expanded by an estimated 73.5 percent, with 34.6 million barrels of oil produced in the first half of the year.

This was the result of the commencement of oil production at the

Liza Unity FPSO in February.

The mid-year report added that Guyana recorded an overall real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of 36.4 percent in the first half of the year, with the non-oil economy growing by 8.3 percent, reflecting the Government's supportive policy stance.

The outlook for the second half continues to be favourable. For the full year, real GDP growth in 2022 is now projected at 56 percent overall, and non-oil GDP growth at 9.6 percent, maintaining Guyana's position as a global leader in economic growth.

## Lightning kills two aboard jet skis near southern Puerto Rico

AP - Two people aboard jet skis were killed by lightning in waters along southern Puerto Rico, police said Monday.

Authorities said lightning first struck a 36-year-old man driving a jet ski and then

made contact with a 26-year-old woman who was a passenger on another nearby. The driver of that watercraft

was not injured. Police said the man died immediately while the woman died shortly after being brought ashore.

The deaths occurred late Sunday afternoon as Tropical Storm Earl swirled northeast of the U.S. territory, dropping heavy rain on the island at times.

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quired to be “respectful of the dignity and physical and mental integrity of children and adolescents.”

Cuba is already a regional front-runner

in women's rights. Women head up nearly 50% of households and make up 60% of professionals, have free access to abortion, and can claim up to two years' maternity leave.

## Liz Truss to succeed Boris Johnson as British prime minister, inheriting a country in crisis



Britain's Foreign Minister, Liz Truss, will become the next United Kingdom Prime Minister on Tuesday

CNN - Liz Truss will be the next prime minister of the United Kingdom after winning most votes in the Conservative Party leadership contest, succeeding Boris Johnson who resigned in July after a series of scandals.

Truss defeated rival Rishi Sunak with 81,326 votes to 60,399 among party members and will take over as leader on Tuesday, as Britons face a mounting economic and social crisis.

She pledged action to tackle the crisis in a short victory speech at a conference centre in London on Monday. Without offering details, Truss promised a "bold plan" to cut taxes and build economic growth, and

"deliver on the energy crisis, dealing with people's energy bills but also dealing with the long-term issues we have on energy supply."

Monday's announcement ends weeks of bitter campaigning during which Sunak, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer (finance minister), accused the Foreign Secretary of risking a prolonged recession if she goes ahead with her promised tax cuts.

Once Johnson formally resigns his post to the Queen on Tuesday, Truss will also visit the monarch at her Scottish residence Balmoral, where, as leader of the largest party in parliament, she will be invited to form a government.

## Canada stabbings: One suspect found dead

Canada police have said that one of the two suspects in Sunday's mass stabbings in Saskatchewan has been found dead.

The body of Damien Sanderson, 31, was found in the James Smith Cree Nation, home to several victims, they said.

The two suspects were brothers and police say Myles Sanderson is still at large and believed to be in the city of Regina.

On Sunday, 10 people were stabbed to death in one of the worst acts of violence in Canada's recent history.

The attacks - which left another 18 people injured - happened in a remote region of Saskatchewan.

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Damien Sanderson and Myles Sanderson, who are named by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) as suspects in stabbings in Canada's Saskatchewan province, are pictured in this undated handout image released by the RCMP September 4, 2022. RCMP/Handout via REUTERS

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Police Assistant Commissioner Rhonda Blackmore told a news conference a "deceased male" was located in the James Smith Cree Nation at 11:30 local time (17:30 GMT). It was later confirmed, at 13:17 on Monday, "that the deceased is Damien Sanderson".

She told reporters his "body was located outdoors in a heavily grassed area in proximity to a house that was being examined" by authorities.

Ms Blackmore said Damien's body was found with "visible injuries" and they were "not believed to be self-inflicted at this point".

Police have said Myles, Damien's brother, is still at  
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# Two Russian embassy staff dead, four others killed in suicide bomb blast in Kabul

Reuters – Two Russian embassy staff in Kabul were among six people killed when a suicide bomber detonated explosives near the entrance of the embassy, in a blast that injured at least 10 others, the Russian Foreign Ministry and Afghan officials said on Monday.

Police said the attacker was shot dead by armed guards as he approached the gate, in one of the first such attacks since the Taliban took power last year.

"The suicide attacker before reaching the target, was recognised and shot by Russian embassy (Taliban) guards ... there is no information about casualties yet," Mawlawi Sabir, the head of the police district where the attack took place, told Reuters.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement that an unknown militant set off an explosive device near the entrance to the consular section of the em-



bassy around at 10:50 a.m. Kabul time.

"As a result of the attack, two employees of the diplomatic mission were killed, and there are also victims among Afghan citizens," the ministry said.

The four others killed were Afghan civilians, Khalid Zadran, a Kabul police spokesman said.

Russia is one of the few

countries to have maintained an embassy in Kabul after the Taliban took over the country more than a year ago. Although Moscow does not officially recognise the Taliban's government, they have been in talks with officials over an agreement to supply gasoline and other commodities.

The United Nations' mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) condemned the blast.

"In light of recent events, UNAMA stresses the need for the de facto authorities to take steps to ensure the safety and security of the people as well as diplomatic missions," the UN wrote on Twitter, in reference to the Taliban

government.

During the decades-long Taliban insurgency against the western-backed Afghan government, bombings targeting foreign missions were a regular occurrence in Kabul, especially in recent years, with embassies and hotels fortifying themselves with razor wire and blast walls.

Such incidents have decreased dramatically since the insurgent group swept to power in August 2021.

Since then, attacks - some of them claimed by Islamic State - mainly targeted the Taliban and civilian targets such as mosques.

No group has claimed responsibility for Monday's blast.

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large and they have encouraged people to remain alert.

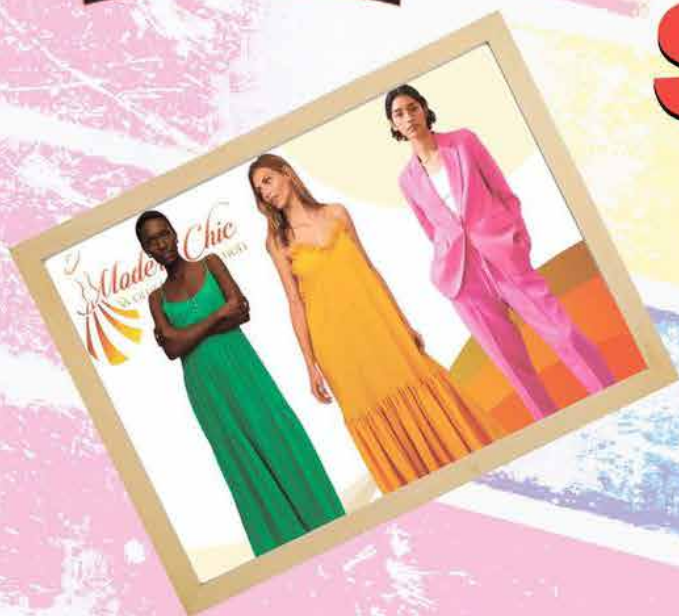
The 30-year-old suspect might also have sustained injuries and police have warned the public he might seek medical assistance. But police did not say whether he was responsible for his brother's death.

Myles, who was previously known to the police, is described as having an "extensive and lengthy criminal record" dating back a number of years for crimes against individuals and property.



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## Bahamas Police investigating murder of Olympic sprinter Shavez Hart

CMC – The police have launched an investigation following the murder of Bahamian Olympic sprinter Shavez Hart who was shot dead early on Saturday on the island of Abaco.

According to police reports, a group of men got into a physical altercation in the parking lot of a local nightclub early Saturday, following which one of the men left and returned with a firearm.

The gunman then reportedly shot Hart in the chest.

The Olympian, who would have celebrated his 30th birthday on September 6, was taken to the local clinic where he was pronounced dead.

A suspect was later arrested and taken into police custody.

The eight-time Bahamas national sprint champion – was a graduate of St



*Shavez Hart was gunned down in a nightclub parking lot as he tried to separate a fight.*

George's High School in Grand Bahama, who went on to compete for South Plains Junior College before transferring to Texas.

He went on to win medals for The Bahamas in the 100m and in the men's 4x100m and 4x400m re-

lay teams at various international meets including the CARIFTA Games, Pan Am Under-20 Championships, CAC Championships, World Indoor Championships, and the Commonwealth Games.

He also represented The

Bahamas in the 100m and 200m at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

In a statement, Minister of Sports, Mario Bowleg extended condolences to Hart's family.

"It is with great sadness that I join the sporting fraternity in expressing heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Shavez Hart, Olympian," the statement said.

"The Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture also extends heartfelt condolences to the executive branch of the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations (BAAA), all other members of the organisation, and persons within the sporting community.

"As Minister, I pray for healing and comfort to the family of the bereaved during this difficult time," said Bowleg.

## Reece James signs new Chelsea contract to 2028

BBC – England right-back Reece James has signed a new contract with Chelsea that runs to 2028. The Chelsea youth product was already under contract until 2025, a deal he signed in January 2020.

James made his first-team debut for the Blues in September 2019 and has made 128 appearances, helping them win the Champions League in 2021.

"I am over the moon with my new contract, I cannot wait to see what the future holds," said the 22-year-old.

"I am sure we will have the chance of winning many trophies.

"I grew up supporting this club and I've been here since I was a six-year-old. This is the club I want to be at."



*Reece James scored his 10th goal for Chelsea during their recent 2-2 draw with Tottenham*

# Sports News



## Lewis Hamilton: Extreme E diversity must 'create genuine opportunity'

BBC - Seven-time Formula 1 world champion Lewis Hamilton has launched an initiative with Extreme E to promote diversity in motorsport.

Each team in Extreme E will create a position for a mechanic or engineer from an under-represented background.

Hamilton, who owns the X44 team in the all-electric off-road series, said it "will create genuine opportunities for the next generation".

"I can't wait to see what the candidates achieve," added Hamilton.

Hamilton, 37, set up the Hamilton Commission in 2020 after identifying a lack of representation within Formula 1 and motorsport.

Extreme E's Racing for All initiative came after the publication of the commission's report last year *Accelerating Change: Improving Representation of Black People in UK Motorsport*.



"We know from the findings of The Hamilton Commission that our industry is a tough place to break into, particularly for those from underrepresented backgrounds, which is why it's so important," Hamilton said.

"Extreme E is aware of the substantial barriers of opportunity and bias that

exist throughout the motorsport talent pipeline, from primary school age to those already in the industry."

Extreme E began last year racing battery-powered 'electric SUV' 4x4 cars around improvised off-road circuits in locations affected by climate

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## Coco Gauff, 18, reaches US Open quarterfinals for first time

AP - Coco Gauff raised a fist, then wagged her right index finger, responding to, and riling up even more, a loud-louder-loudest Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd that was standing and screaming. Gauff's U.S. Open opponent, Zhang Shuai, covered both ears with her hands to shield them from what she described later as a "Boom!" of sound.

Gauff and her fans were reacting excitedly to quite a point, one in which the 18-year-old Floridian raced to her right for a defensive forehand, then changed directions to sprint and slide



*Coco Gauff, of the United States, celebrates after defeating Shuai Zhang, of China, during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis championships, Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022, in New York. (AP Photo/Eduardo Munoz Alvarez)*

into a backhand that drew was a quarterfinalist at Flushing Meadows for the first time. Just four points later, Gauff

Gauff, the French Open runner-up in June, came back in each set to beat China's Zhang 7-5, 7-5 on Sunday to become the youngest American to make it this far at the U.S. Open since Melanie Oudin was 17 in 2009.

"Here, I can't hear myself scream. Makes me want to do it more. I think I'm feeding off the momentum a lot. I enjoy it," said No. 12 seed Gauff, who meets No. 17 Caroline Garcia of France on Tuesday.

"New York is bringing out a side of me that I haven't had since I was 15, so it's nice."



## Dottin trumps Matthews to give Knight Riders inaugural WCPL title

CricInfo – The Women's CPL final wasn't a run fest, and the 190 runs that were scored came off 38.4 overs – at under five an over – but it still became an interesting contest, not least because of some special shows.

Deandra Dottin, the Trinbago Knight Riders captain, came first, with a 62-ball 59. Hayley Matthews, Dottin's opposite number, put in a sterling performance, with 3 for 22 and then a 49-ball 46, though it ended up being a losing cause. And then four Knight Riders bowlers picked up at least two wickets each, giving them a ten-run win over Barbados Royals, and the title, at the inaugural edition of the tournament.

Matthews won the toss, and asked Dottin to bat, and had reason to be pleased at the halfway mark after restricting the total to 100 for 7. In a low-scoring tournament, this was Knight Riders' lowest total – they batted



*Knight Riders failed to score big, but their bowlers did the job, again, to give them the title [Photo: CPL T20 via Getty Images]*

first in each of their three games – after they had put up 114 for 7 and 105 for 6 in their previous outings.

Their innings was all about Dottin, who hit four fours and two sixes from the top of the order. Only one other batter, Sune Luus, got into double-digits, scoring 12.

Her partnership with Dottin for the second wicket was worth 29. The only

stand better than that was late in the script, when Dottin and Kyshona Knight (8) added 32 for the fifth wicket.

For Royals, Matthews was the best bowler, with three wickets, though no one conceded runs at above six an over; Qiana Joseph (3.50) and Afy Fletcher (4.25) were the most economical among them.

Matthews was then Bar-

bados' best batter too, as she opened the batting and top-scored with 46, before becoming the ninth batter out.

Around her, it was a sorry sight. The next best individual score was 7, scored by three batters: Aaliyah Alleyne, Chloe Tryon and Chinnelle Henry, but at no stage did a proper partnership take shape; Royals needed someone to bat with Matthews to have a chance.

For Knight Riders, Anisa Mohammed was the most successful bowler with 3 for 16, Matthews among her victims, while Luus, Hayley Jensen and Sheneta Grimmond all picked up two wickets each.

Final: Trinbago Knight Riders 100 for 7 (Dottin 59, Matthews 3-22) beat Barbados Royals 90 (Matthews 46, Mohammed 3-16, Luus 2-17, Jensen 2-18, Grimmond 2-22) by 10 runs

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change, incorporating "legacy projects" which aim to provide long-term benefit to the area.

Alongside the "climate-aware" approach, each of the nine teams fielded one male and one female driver, addressing the lack of female presence in motorsport.

Hamilton's team narrowly lost the 2021 championship to former F1 title rival and Mercedes team-mate Nico Rosberg, who runs the RXR Racing team.

Mikaela Ahlin-Kottulinsky and Johan Kristoffersson of RXR Racing are leading

Sebastien Loeb and Cristina Gutierrez of X44 in the standings again this year after three rounds.

Founder and CEO of Extreme E Alejandro Agag said: "We are delighted to launch the Racing for All initiative. We are fully supportive of the findings of The Hamilton Commission and are working with our teams to provide a clear path for the brilliant engineers and mechanics of the future, who may not so readily have the opportunities to succeed."

The next round of the championship is in Antofagasta, Chile, on September 24-25.

# Lewis reveals LICB plans to employ full-time coach for women's programme

President of the Leeward Islands Cricket Board (LICB) Enoch Lewis said the sub-regional body for the sport is planning to hire a full-time coach to oversee a year-round programme for its women's players.

Lewis, who first took over as president of the LICB in 2016 and was re-elected on a new two year-term at the organization's 7th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Antigua and Barbuda on Saturday, 9th July, said the hiring of a full-time coach is part of the board's desire to focus a lot more on the development of women's cricket in its member territories.

"In my most recent report to the LI cricket board, I indicated that we need to pay more attention to our women's cricket and not just lip service. So a part of that plan is to hire a coach from now, specifically to deal with women's cricket," Lewis stated.

"So that coach's job right through the year is to create a programme and to follow up to ensure that the programme is being executed in the various territories.

"So the plan is to get a coach to specifically to do that and be able to follow through to ensure that programmes are being delivered and they are being executed within the individual territories.

"What has been happening is that if we have a head coach dealing with the franchise team as we have now, that coach gets caught up solely with the franchise team and not enough attention is being paid to the women's team."

The Leeward Islands joined the

West Indies domestic structure in 2016, playing in the Regional Women's Championship and the Regional Women's Twenty20 Championship. They finished bottom of their group in both competitions.

The side has competed in every 50-over and T20 competition since, but has yet to win a match, finishing bottom of the league every season, including this year in which Barbados successfully defended their CG United Senior Women's Super50 Cup title in June.

Barbados won their third consecutive 50-over title after they narrowly missed out on also taking the T20 Blaze crown, which was captured by Jamaica in the 7th to 25th June tournaments in Guyana.

The Leeward Islands also finished in the cellar position in this year's inaugural Cricket West Indies (CWI) Women's Rising Stars Under-19 Championship, which was won by an unbeaten United States team in Trinidad & Tobago from 5th to 13th July.

Leon "Kuma" Rodney served as head coach of the Leewards senior team that travelled to Guyana for the tournaments in June, while Percy Daniel performed duties as head coach of the Leewards Under-19s at the CWI inaugural championship in Trinidad and Tobago in July.

Lewis said getting a full time coach will help to keep the players engaged, even though the LICB is unable to get the players together physically by hosting tournaments or training camps.

"My stuff is that yes we may not



*President of the Leeward Islands Cricket Board Enoch Lewis.*

be able to play physically together throughout the year, but we can meet online on the zoom platform every two weeks to find out what each other are doing and that sort of stuff just to keep the fire burning and to keep everybody together," Lewis stated.

"But from the Leeward Islands board's standpoint, we have to be creative in terms of ensuring that there is continuity in what we are do-

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## Jennings United and Real Blizzard advance to second round of knockout cup

Jennings United and Real Blizzard FC are the latest teams to book their spots into the second round of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Joma Caribbean Cool & Smooth Knockout Cup Competition.

Jennings United advanced to the next round by romping to an emphatic 6-0 victory over Lion Hill FC in the first game of a double-header at the ABFA's Technical Center at Paynters on Sunday, 4th September.

Daryl Massicote scored a hat-trick for the victors with goals in the 29th, 53rd and 71st minute. Shaquille Watkins had given Jennings United an early 1-0 lead when he scored in the 3rd minute.

United's other goals were scored by Javontia Benjamin in the 44th minute and Rhezal Gomes in the 60th minute.

A brace by Malique London propelled Real Blizzard to a 3-1 win against ABAYA Sports and Social Club in Sunday's second game.

London scored in the 15th and 32nd minute to give Real Blizzard

a 2-0 halftime advantage. ABAYA pulled a goal back when Shemar Carr scored in the 68th minute.

But Real Blizzard restored their two-goal cushion via an Amos Christian 81st minute conversion which sealed their victory.

However, the other match that was slated to take place on Sunday was cancelled after HUFF Uprising informed the ABFA that the club was pulling out of the competition.

Following Uprising's withdrawal, Master Ballers, who were their first round opponents, were given a bye into the second round.

Herberts FC also withdrew from the competition and their scheduled first round opponents, Fort Road FC, also received a bye into the second round.

While matches in the knockout cup were able to be played on Sunday, the games which were slated to be played last Friday and Saturday, were postponed until this week due to heavy rain across the island over the weekend.

Friday's matches were re-sched-

uled for yesterday while Saturday's games will now be played today (Tuesday) at the ABFA's Technical Training Center.

English Harbour will face Blackburn Palace at 5:30 pm and Bendals FC will oppose Pares FC at 7:30 pm.

Today's matches will decide the last two teams to advance to the second round of the competition that will include the teams from the premier division.

The teams already qualified for the second round are Fort Road FC, Master Ballers, Jennings United, Real Blizzard, West Ham FC, Attacking Saints, Green City FC, Potters Tigers, Bolans FC, Garden Stars, Young Warriors FC and Mahico Stars, who got in courtesy of a first round bye.

The match-ups for the second round will be determined via a draw which will be conducted after the completion of the remaining first round matches.

The winners of the ABFA Knockout Cup, which is being sponsored by Joma Caribbean and Cool & Smooth, will receive a cash prize of EC\$50,000.

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ing and it will happen.

"We are going to get somebody to look over these programmes and follow through the process with what's happening so that we are even more better prepared.

"So we have different challenges to deal with, but we are trying to make our

way around them and we will find solutions as we go. But the bottom line is that we are going to continue to push and to realize what we can, even though we face challenges and hurdles."

Lewis said having a fulltime coach available will be especially helpful to the Under-19 players as

they continue to develop.

"Our Under-19 team that participated in this year's tournament in Trinidad, most of these girls will still be eligible to play in next year's tournament so the experience that they would have gained this year should serve them well in future tournaments.

"A lot of them are 14

and 15 year olds so it was their first time there. So by the next time around, the experience they gained, the interest that they would have garnered from being in that tournament and the camaraderie they would have developed, are going to push them to want to do better going forward," Lewis said.

## Antigua & Barbuda fail to advance in CONCACAF's qualifiers

Antigua and Barbuda missed out on advancing to the 2023 CONCACAF Men's Under-17 Championship after suffering a 3-0 loss against hosts Nicaragua in their last match of their Group D Qualifying Tournament in Managua, Nicaragua, on Sunday, 4th September.

The Young Benna Boys who needed to beat Nicaragua to win the Group D qualifying tournament and book their place in the 2023 Concacaf Men's Under-17 Championship in Guatemala, were outclassed by their opponents in the second game of a double-header at the Estadio Nacional in Managua on Sunday evening.

Juban Uriarte opened the scoring in the 20th minute to give Nicaragua a 1-0 halftime lead.

Shortly after the interval, Antigua and Barbuda, who had difficulties keeping possession of the ball, were reduced to 10 men when Eroy Gonsalves was sent off after committing his second bookable offence.

The home side then got late goals from Oliver Bello in the 73rd minute and Oscar Navarrete in the 87th minute to seal the three



Nicaragua's captain Joab Gutierrez, left, battles with Antigua and Barbuda's midfielder Aiden Jarvis for possession of the ball during their final game in Group D of the Concacaf Men's Under-17 Qualifying Championship at the Estadio Nacional in Managua, Nicaragua, on Sunday, 4th September, 2022. (Photo courtesy Concacaf)

points and punch their tickets to the 2023 Concacaf Men's Under-17 Championship in Guatemala next year.

With the win, Nicaragua finished atop Group D in Concacaf Men's Under-17 Qualifying contest with a perfect nine points from three games, while outscoring opponents 11-0 in the process.

In the group's other game on Sunday, Belize closed their participation in Concacaf Men's Under-17

Qualifying competition with a 2-0 win against the Turks and Caicos Islands.

First half goals from Ammad Augustine in the 14th minute and Devin Garbutt in the 39th minute earned the three points for the Central Americans who finished second in the group, with Antigua and Barbuda claiming third place and the Turks and Caicos Islands in the cellar position.

After round robin play in the Concacaf group A, B, C and D qualifying com-

petitions, the four group winners will advance to the 2023 Concacaf Under-17 Championship, joining the top 16 ranked nations that have been seeded directly into the group stage of the championship.

Guatemala will host the 2023 Concacaf Under-17 Men's Championship, which is a qualifying competition for the FIFA Under-17 World Cup, in Guatemala City and Antigua, Guatemala from 11th to 26th February, 2023.