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An artist depiction of what the new Antigua Airways could look like.

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Plans for the launch of Antigua Airways on track

The government has confirmed that plans are on track for the launch of Antigua Airways by the first week of November at the very latest.

The airline was first announced in July by Prime Minister Gaston Browne who said an October start was the goal.

The new airline, which will operate flights to Nigeria, Ghana and Canada, will be based in Antigua and Barbuda.

Other flights to countries in West Africa will be added as the airline grows.

The government of Antigua and Barbuda is a part owner in the company and will enjoy 20 percent of the profits generated. The majority shareholders - a Nigerian investment group - will receive 80 percent of Antigua Airways' profits.

Ambassador Lionel Hurst recently confirmed that plans ahead of the official launch of the airline are being finalised and added that Antigua Airways will begin offering service from the V. C. Bird International Airport very shortly.

"I can offer you the assurance that we're going to see Antigua Airways touchdown at the V. C. Bird International Airport sometime within the next five weeks.

"They are working out all kinds of logistics - not only baggage handling, fuel, permission to fly into Antiguan airspace and so on, they're working all that out, but you know when they leave An-



Prime Minister Gaston Browne Antigua, the plan is to fly on to Toronto before going back to the African continent, and so they must work that in as well," he explained.

Hurst also confirmed that the Cabinet received a positive update on the progress of plans leading up to the launch of Antigua Airways as recently as last Wednesday.

"It's going to be really nice, I can assure you. From what has been announced in Cabinet yesterday, it's going to be a really nice event when that airline leaves the African continent, the homeland of the largest number of descendants of Antiguan and Barbudans. It will be something to applaud."

Antigua Airways plans to operate a Boeing 767-300ER in a 16 business and 251 economy configuration. The aircraft, which have been secured under a wet lease arrangement, will offer amenities including a modernised interior with touchscreen in-flight entertainment and charging ports.

To entice travellers to use the service, a members loyalty programme will be offered, although the details of this enhancement has not yet been revealed.

Antigua Airways is also establishing a "Visa on Arrival Programme" with the African nations it will serve, which will allow travellers to bypass the process of securing a VISA ahead of their trip through third parties.

The launch of Antigua Airways is also expected to pump much needed business into LIAT, as the hope is to establish timely connections for its passengers to other Caribbean islands via the V. C. Bird International Airport homebase.

The launch of the new airline has not been greeted warmly by all, however, and critics are predicting that the airline will be fraught with issues, and perhaps, even failure.

The pronouncements of these harbingers of doom have not shaken the resolve

of Prime Minister Gaston Browne and his administration, who continue to express confidence in the venture's potential for success.

In Parliament on Thursday, the prime minister said that unlike other ventures which have attempted to offer service to West Africa that failed, the plan for Antigua Airways involves sound research, a carefully thought-out plan for the growth of the business and a solid network of local and international resources.

He also made it clear that Antigua and Barbuda has nothing to lose as the government has not invested financially in the airline.

"What we did do is to list it as a CIP (Citizen by Investment Programme) project and one in which we have allocated up to ten CIP files, and if and when they are subscribed, then we will get, I believe, about 20 percent of the shares.

"My understanding is that the service will start as a charter service. They are also trying to have a sustaining relationship with LIAT 2020 when we would have operationalised LIAT 2020, and we have been told so far that the arrangements to lease the plane and to start operating are on target," Browne told the Parliament.

Last month, Minister of Tourism, Charles Fernandez, said that Antigua Airways is expected to offer three flights per week out of Antigua and Barbuda at its inception.

Barbuda Land Registry moves closer to reality

Efforts to establish a Land Registry in Barbuda, an extension of the Antigua and Barbuda Land Registry, is closer to becoming a reality.

That as the Minister responsible for Information, Melford Nicholas, has announced that he is traveling to the sister island on Tuesday in a move that would guide the process further along.

"I am happy to report that the project dealing with the implementation of the Land Registry that will describe the lands in Barbuda is well on the way.

"We would have completed aerial photography and satellite images for the two islands, and I will be journeying to Barbuda on Tuesday with two techni-



cians to be able to make an assessment of where some of the equipment will be located so that they can provide the information with accuracy to the legal team when the time comes," he told parliament last Thursday.

Nicholas is promising that the work on the cadastral survey of Barbuda which is integral to setting up the land registry will be done in what he termed 'an open and transparent manner'.

The minister is also

predicting that in approximately six months, the people of Barbuda will be able to own their own lands with legal documents to support such ownership. These will be duly registered in the official Land Registry of Antigua and Barbuda.

Earlier in the year, the Privy Council in London determined that lands in Barbuda are vested in the Crown, putting an end to decades-old disputes about land ownership on the sister isle.

The ruling makes it possible for the government to move ahead with the carrying out of a cadastral survey of all the lands on Barbuda and the establishment of a registry of lands on the sister island.

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Bumper cruise tourist season ahead

Antigua and Barbuda is anticipating a bumper cruise tourism 2022-23 season, another clear signal that the world is moving on from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The prediction comes from the General Manager of Antigua Cruise Port Ltd. (ACP), Dona Regis-Prosper.

According to her, for the first three months of the season - October to December 2022 - more than a quarter of a million visitors will arrive in the country.

Four cruise calls are booked for this month beginning on October 18 with Celebrity Millennium which makes a second stop on the 25.

Another Celebrity vessel - Equinox - will arrive on the 27, while Britannia of P&O Cruise Lines arrives on the 31st October.

In October, just over nine thousand visitors will arrive in the country. In November, 36 calls will produce 62,000 visitors.

In December, 69 sched-



Dona Regis-Prosper

uled calls will bring 163,000 visitors to Antigua and Barbuda.

By the end of 2022, 234,000 cruise passengers will be welcomed.

According to Regis-Prosper, a key development this season is that Antigua and Barbuda will become a homeport. This will benefit Antigua and Barbuda positively in a big

way.

From December, the luxury yacht - Star Clipper - will begin home porting in the St John's Harbour.

Home-porting will move to the next level in January 2023, when Carnival Cruise Lines' biggest vessel - Arvia - accepts passengers from St. John's on the 28th.

"This vessel has a ca-

capacity of 5000 passengers but one thousand of them will board the vessel here in St. John's. They will arrive at the V. C. Bird International Airport on chartered flights and transported to the St. John's Harbour using local transportation. This is a huge development because it means residents here may board the vessel and the vessel may also use the opportunity to stock up on supplies while here," the ACP General Manager stated.

She said this move will help to cement Antigua and Barbuda's status in the industry as many destinations seek to become a home port, a feature which benefits every facet of the economy.

The ACP boss added that she is pleased with the outlook for the 2022-23 season as on some days, there will be as many as five cruise ships in the port, a sign that Antigua and Barbuda's cruise tourism sector is on a promising recovery from the fall out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Jury unanimously finds man guilty of raping stranger

A jury has handed down a unanimous guilty verdict on a man accused of raping a woman in 2018.

Alfred Greenaway, 32, was convicted of one count of rape following a trial which began in the High Court less than two weeks ago.

According to the facts of the case, on 5th September, 2018, the victim was at her partner's home when he left for a short while.

She awoke from a nap to find someone standing by the window. The defendant, whom she recognised as someone she had seen in passing, quickly disappeared.

The man went around the house and eventually gained entry to the home through an unlocked door.

Greenaway asked the then 18-year-old victim about the whereabouts of her boyfriend. She responded that had gone down the road.



The defendant went back outside the house and waited.

The woman, who was dressed only in a vest and tights, then hurried to put on a pair of jeans.

Greenaway came back into the house and asked his victim about her boyfriend again.

This time she responded that she was going to look for him.

She continued to dress herself, but before she could finish, the defendant demanded that she remove her pants.

She refused.

A tussle ensued, but Greenaway got the upper hand when he produced a pair of scissors which he held to her neck, overpowered her and removed her clothes.

He then had forcible sexual intercourse with her.

The defendant's lawyer, Pete Semaj-McKnight, entered an insanity defence on behalf of his client whom he said had a history of mental illness.

The trial featured testimony from the man's parents, who both described his

mental health challenges.

When Greenaway's mother was asked by the prosecution what was done to remedy the problem, she said he was taken to church.

The father, meanwhile, said while the defendant's brother received professional assessment, they merely thought that Greenaway was "strange".

After hearing all the testimonies, the jury of 6 women and 3 men found Greenaway guilty as charged.

He will therefore be sentenced by Justice Colin Williams on 3rd November.



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Local News



After three years, alleged gunman to finally stand trial

More than three years after a man was shot in broad daylight, the alleged attacker will finally stand trial.

Samuel “Tapa” Livingstone is accused of shooting Ganeal Francis at his home in Potters in February 2019.

According to reports, the defendant first called out to the complainant who looked outside and saw Livingstone standing there.

Livingstone, who was known to the complainant, then pointed a handgun in Francis’ direction and is-



sued the threat “a dead you fi dead”.

Livingstone then allegedly fired two shots into Francis’ home. Both bullets

pierced the wall on the eastern side of the house and exited on the opposite side.

Two spent shells were recovered from the scene,

but the shooter, who was dressed all in black, was long gone by the time the Special Services Unit (SSU) responded to the report of the incident.

The case has been adjourned on many occasions, however last Friday, the High Court gave Livingstone a new trial date.

It is expected that with this latest trial date set, there will be no further delays. Livingstone will stand trial before Justice Ann-Marie Smith on 16th November.



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UWI is making it easier for entry to its programmes

The University of the West Indies (The UWI), is finding creative ways to make it easier for people to access its courses and become degree holding graduates of the region's most prestigious tertiary education institution.

Representative of its Life-long Study Unit, Paula Lee, told Pointe Xpress that as The UWI has evolved, it has come to recognise that to strengthen the region's human capital it must reduce the barriers to entry so that access to education can become easier.

The UWI Senate is responsible for setting the entry requirements for its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, however, given the small percentage of people from OECS countries who hold a tertiary level certification, the university is reassessing how it can effectively address this problem.

"If we recognise that there is a problem where less than ten percent of our adults in the OECS are credentialed, then we have to create that platform where people can engage in study without the prerequisites.

"Once you have attained a certificate or two, this ought to motivate an individual to want to go the full distance by qualifying for a bachelor's programme," Lee stated.

In the past, it was very difficult to be admitted to an undergraduate programme without the stipulated minimum academic requirements, however, the opportunity is now available to access university courses through the Life-long Study Unit, which Lee explained can serve to "jump-start" the path to higher education.

"This can work for individuals, it can work for communities and it can work for families. It is now working for The UWI as people are now recognising that the university is not 'stiff-necked'. Instead, it is trying to meet people at that place of need," she remarked.

Lee added that the government ought to be congratulated for its vision in ensuring that The UWI Five Islands Campus was established in Antigua and Barbuda.

"Often we overlook the value of a university. It is not just about education as it helps to improve the qual-



Paula Lee

ity of life and generational wealth creation of many persons in communities where a university is established," she noted.



As an example, she suggested that residents of Five Islands who own properties can now generate income from rent as a steady housing market will continue to grow from the students and faculty who travel to the country to study or work at the university.

Last week, The UWI FIC

announced that it is partnering with the St. Paul's Empowerment Centre to offer a course in Quality Tourism and Hospitality Management.

Lee said collaborations such as these will become more commonplace in the future.

The UWI has consistently ranked among the top universities in the world, and it is the leading tertiary education institution in the Caribbean.

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Breast Friends ready for October cancer awareness month

By Shahein Fitzpatrick

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is observed annually in the month of October to raise public awareness about the disease.

With the aim of increasing awareness in Antigua and Barbuda and providing support to those whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer, the late Olive Mae Josiah Lack started a non-profit, non-governmental group, Breast Friends Women in Touch, in August 1998.

On Wednesday, Acting President Eunetta Bird spoke with Pointe Xpress and shed light on the events being planned this October.

“Breast Friends Women in Touch is a survivors’ initiative which provides emotional support to breast cancer survivors, patients, their families and friends through sharing of experiences and information.

“Breast Friends also educates the general public and promotes awareness of breast health, with special emphasis on the importance of early detection,” she said.

One in eight women will get breast cancer over their lifetime, making it the most prevalent type of cancer to affect women globally. If detected early, however, this disease is 90 percent treatable and 95 percent of



diagnosed women will survive 5 years beyond their diagnosis.

Breast Friends Women In Touch began their month of activities with a church service yesterday at the Gracefield Moravian Church in Cedar Grove.

Bird extended an invitation to all breast cancer survivors to attend and offer thanks to God for their recovery.

The 11th annual CIBC First Caribbean Walk For The Cure will take place on 15th October at 4:00pm. Participants will walk from the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium along Sir Sydney Walling Highway through Pigotts and return to the stadium.

The activities continue with a highlight of the month of activities on 22nd October.

“This is very, very important,” Bird said. “Our annual breast screening

event in collaboration with Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre returns.”

Registration for the screening will be open from 7:00am to 12:00pm.

Meanwhile, Bird noted that although women are more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer, men too should educate themselves about the disease as they have breast tissue and can fall victim to the cancer.

At the close of the interview, the acting president shared three potentially lifesaving practices that can aid in the early detection of breast cancer.

“We are encouraging women to practice their breast self-examination, which is an examination they do on themselves monthly and to visit their doctors once a year to have the hands of a trained professional test them, along with doing an annual mammogram.”

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Ship talk back in town

By Tony Deyal

Do you remember those little tongue twister games we played like, “Robinson Crusoe shaved his beard with a rusty, rusty razor blade”, “She sells sea shells by the sea shore”, and my favourite, “Mr. Smith ship sink.” My US-based friend, Keith, asked me to collect a package from customs in Trinidad. It was being brought by the Laparkan Shipping Company which many consumers have given a one-star rating for unreliability. I didn’t tell Keith that when we were leaving Antigua to come back home to Trinidad, we got a cost estimate for transport that was clearly padded by the company’s representative, most likely for his own financial benefit. We dealt directly with the shipper and saved ourselves a lot of time and money.

Keith assured me that Laparkan assured him that the package would be delivered in a week. When three weeks passed and no sign of arrival, I knew that ship talk was back in town with a vengeance. Not just kids but most Caribbean politicians and people in authority talk a ton-load of ship. A few years ago, the Trinidad Health Minister, perhaps tired of ship talk, invented “sit” talk. He preached, “We have to start to introduce into the national conversation a new disease called the sitting disease... We drive

to work, sit down whole day... The fact is we sit too much.” If he was an American Indian and not a Trini, his comment would have earned him the name, Sitting Bull.

Which was what happened to me when I was told by Laparkan to come and collect. You have heard about crabs in a barrel but what about crabs out of the barrel and in charge? Waiting for hours in the Government’s “Barrel Shop”, I was like fish in a barrel. Worse, not knowing my way around, I was also a fish out of water surrounded by sharks. Keith had sent the package to “Tony Deyal”. Unfortunately, my name is Anthony, but my friends call me “Tony” for short and have been doing this for long. I had to go to the nearest town and find a Commissioner of Affidavits to confirm that “Anthony Deyal” and “Tony Deyal” were the same person. I was told it should cost about TT\$70. When the document was completed, I asked the Commissioner, Majeed Kadir, what it cost. He first said “A hundred” but then quickly changed it to “Two hundred” which I had to place on a sofa loaded with hundred-dollar bills.

I went back to the Warehouse, paid a relatively huge sum to Laparkan, and then had to sit outside in a “government” tent in really scorching sun for hours.



Tony Deyal

I asked myself what was it like in other Caribbean countries where we barrel people have no choice but either to line up or sit with others in the same boat. In Barbados, there was a flurry of complaints of missing items from the thousands of sealed barrels and boxes that were shipped. In Guyana there are constant reports of goods missing in barrels, and cries for help to stop the “Advantage” that is being taken of the many who receive barrels. In Jamaica, the problem is the same. Stolen barrels, high costs and the same long or longer waits. There is also the plight of the “barrel” children whose family, generally mothers who are in the US, send them stuff but, as child welfare consultant, Dr. Claudett Crawford-Brown says, “What can’t be shipped in these containers and is therefore

missing from the lives of these children, is emotional nurturance.”

Waiting in the hot sun for my name to be called, I could have done with some nurturing myself. I tried to get some information from my phone. Nowhere could I find how many barrels are shipped to the Caribbean every year. While one New York company says it ships 500 per day during the pre-Christmas period, the total brought here by Laparkan and others has to be astronomical. By that time, waiting in the sun, I was getting gastronomical. There was no water available and I suppose that justified not having a washroom either. I wondered whether this kind of treatment was the same my other “barrel people” got in their countries. Then, called into the air conditioned “sanctum sanctorum” to get my stuff, I had

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to marvel about the difference and wonder whether it was a trap set by Dr. Strange to pounce on me.

In the air-conditioned area waiting and paying different sums for bits and pieces of the process, I was in deep sit once more. I had nothing to do but wait and so I tried to quench my thirst with my favourite drink, coffee. The coffee machine in the air-conditioned area was selling what my father used to call "Nest Coffee" and it boasted "Relaxation sold here". My eyesight was so bad from the long time in the sun and coming into the cold that I read it as, "Real laxative sold here." Then the boredom made me pull out an old coffee shop joke. Two women drinking Nest Coffee in a Café were talking about the men in their lives. One said, "Men are all alike." The other replied, "I agree with you. Men are all I like too." Slick talk to pass the time and make the trip to pay at three different points and stand waiting to open the boxes Keith sent to satisfy the Customs that instead of real weapons all I had was gun talk.

The customs people were really nice and helpful. Also the men bringing the boxes and barrels out for the customers to open and place on the table to be examined. What was not acceptable and I had to take it in stride, was the system and the lack of concern for people. Again, I felt the pain of people in the other Carib-

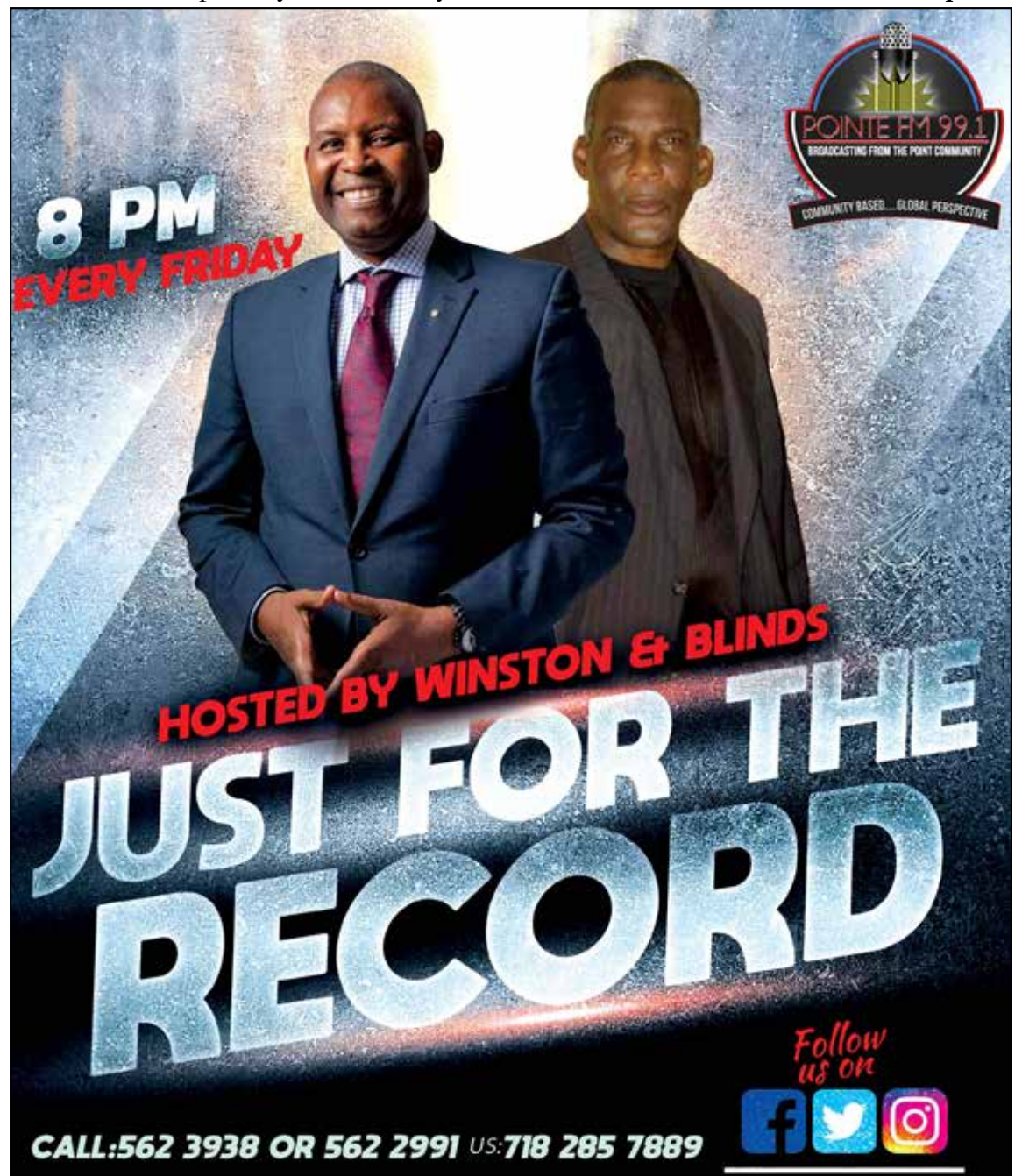
bean countries, the grandmothers taking care of the barrel children and the many who believe that either on the ship or in the bond, their goods were stolen. Then there are people like me who have experienced this approach and attitude from all the governments in Trinidad and the rest of the Caribbean where I lived and worked for so long. Should I just grin and bear it, keep my mouth and computer shut, or like the poet Dylan

Thomas, rage against the dying of the light? Unfortunately, to go back to a ship story, people like us are all dinghies in this armada.

The captain of a ship looked into the dark night and saw a light in the distance. Immediately he told his signalman to send a message, "Alter your course ten degrees south." The reply was, "You alter your course ten degrees north." The furious captain responded, "Alter your course ten de-

grees south. I am a captain!" The reply was, "Alter your course ten degrees north. I am seaman third class Jones." The captain boasted, "You better alter your course ten degrees south. I am a battleship." The reply was, "Alter your course ten degrees north. I am a light-house."

**Tony Deyal was last seen asking, "What do you call a boat full of politicians and government bureaucrats?" A dictatorship.*



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Letter to the Editor



Your choice: Gimmicks and tricks or empowerment

The United Progressive Party (UPP) is up to their old tricks again. They are crowding up stores and buying a few small things to try and pretend that they are actually supporting small businesses.

But they should not be judged by their gimmicks and tricks. They should be judged by their actions.

Under Harold Lovell, the national economy of Antigua & Barbuda collapsed by 25% and the country lost

10,000 jobs. How can small businesses be supported when people lose their jobs?

Harold Lovell and the UPP did not support small businesses. Instead, he presided over a \$95 million airport rip off by a foreign company. Then, he sold out our airport to a private investor and we, the people, were deprived of any benefit from the profits of our own airport. Is Harold Lovell the kind of person anyone should trust with our econo-

my? If he cannot be trusted with large revenue streams, how can he be trusted when it comes to the more granular details of economics?

When he was in charge, he looked after his foreign business friends and not the small businesses. In fact, there is much information suggesting that quid pro quo promises with previous beneficiaries of Lovell's improprieties is fuelling the UPP's campaign.

Still do not believe? Ask yourself, when was the last time you saw Harold Lovell in your shop? He is pulling a gimmick. A trick. But, do not be fooled. We all know that this man ran eight times and was rejected six times by his constituents, and there is absolutely no doubt that he will be rejected again. His 'rent-a-crowd' campaign is quickly losing interest, even with the inducement of filthy lucre.

We know that Harold Lovell did not help anyone in City East with jobs. He neglected his constituents, and went as far as cursing them when they sought his help. The drains were not fixed. Mosquitos were worse because he did not clean the community. He was nowhere to be found and that is why he was rejected. He has coined the term 'bridge town' for the work that Hon. Melford Nicholas is doing in the constituency, a Freudian acknowledgement that the infrastructural development

in the constituency is indeed a success. Recent rains have proven this fact! The drainage project was delivered, to the utter shame of the UPP.

Lovell lives far away from his constituents and the shops. He only shows up when he wants something from you. Then, he is going to disappear, as he always does. Whenever he speaks about ghost workers, it would be wise to show him a picture of himself.

Gaston Browne and the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party saw us through some of the most difficult times for the world. He rescued our country from the failures of the UPP (a failure in which Harold Lovell had a significant part as Finance Minister) and got our economy moving again. He then had to address a global pandemic. And, now, he is dealing with a global inflation crisis that is causing costs to go up. Harold Lovell had no such challenges, but was still able to wreck everything entrusted to his care. He is a better wrecker than any heavy-duty operator in this country could have owned.

Harold Lovell failed our country during the one crisis he had to deal with - the 2008 global financial crisis. Ask yourself, in these difficult times for the world, who do you trust more? Surely, it CANNOT be Harold Lovell. He is Midas in reverse... He turns gold into straw.

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Religion

Worldwide Hindus dismayed at frequent vandalism of Hindu temples in Trinidad & Tobago

By Santana Salmon

The worldwide Hindu community says it is aghast at reports of continuous vandalizing of Hindu temples in Trinidad and Tobago in recent months.

Hindu statesman Rajan Zed, in a statement in Nevada today, said it was shocking for Hindu communities in various parts of the world to hear about vandalizing of Hindu houses of worship in Trinidad one after the other, the latest being at Kali Mata Temple in Carli Bay on Wednesday, during the Hindu holy days of Navaratri.

It was reportedly highly heart-breaking for the hard-working, harmonious, and peaceful Hindu community of T&T to receive such signals of hatred and to experience the desecration of their places of worship which they held in high reverence. T&T Hindus had made a lot of contributions to the nation and society and continued to do so; Zed, who is president of the Universal Society of Hinduism, noted.

According to reports, Kali Mata Temple in Carli Bay, a pilgrimage site, was defiled on September 28, which included the smashing of the head of goddess Kali Murti, and the painting of warning graffiti. A few days ago,



Trinidad and Tobago's famous Temple in the Sea

Lakrani Ganesh Temple in Penal was desecrated. Lord Shiv Temple in Carapo was vandalized twice in May and June, and a break in happened at Princes Town Shiv Mandir in May.

Rajan Zed urged Trinidad and Tobago President Paula-Mae Weekes and Prime Minister Dr. Keith Christopher Rowley to take this issue seriously and urgently launch swift action to put an end to such crimes and ensure such incidents do not happen in the future. He also urged Weekes and Rowley to visit the vandalized Kali Mata Temple in Carli Bay and meet the Hindu community to reassure them.

Zed further said as an interfaith gesture; Roman Catholic Archbishop of Port of Spain Jason Charles Gordon, Anglican Bishop of TT Diocese Claude Berkley, Caribbean Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church President Kern Tobias, and leaders of other religions in Trinidad should strongly condemn such acts at places of worship and also visit Kali Mata Temple in Carli Bay to show their solidarity with the Hindu community.

Hinduism, the oldest and third largest religion in the world, has about 1.2 billion followers.

Vybz Kartel's Attorney Isat Buchanan found guilty of professional misconduct

Isat Buchanan, a Jamaican attorney, has been found guilty of professional misconduct by the General Legal Council's (GLC) disciplinary committee.

Following remarks made by Buchanan in November 2020 regarding the Director of Public Prosecutions, Paula Llewellyn's office handling of the case involving popular imprisoned entertainer Vybz Kartel, Llewellyn had brought the matter before the GLC.

The panel determined



Isat Buchanan

that Buchanan violated Canon 1b of the Legal Profession (Canons of Professional Ethics) Rules, according to

attorney Andre Earle, who is defending the Director of Public Prosecutions Paula Llewellyn.

The section states that an attorney must always uphold the honor and dignity of the profession and refrain from actions that might damage the reputation of the profession of which he is a member.

Buchanan, one of Vybz Kartel's lawyers had argued that the DPP's office had violated his client's constitutional rights in how the case was handled.

However, the DPP argued that Buchanan mischaracterized events.

She accused him of engaging in "scurrilous," "irresponsibly," "outrageous," and "reckless" behaviour, and also said her office believes his actions violated the canons of the legal profession.

According to attorney Andre Earle, a sanction hearing has been scheduled for October 22.



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Haiti reports cholera deaths for first time in three years

AP – Haiti’s government on Sunday announced that at least eight people have died from cholera, raising concerns about another potentially catastrophic epidemic like the one that broke out a decade ago and killed nearly 10,000 people.

The cases – the first cholera deaths reported in three years – came in a community called Dekayet in southern Port-au-Prince and in the gang-controlled seaside slum of Cite de Soleil, where thousands of people live in cramped, unsanitary conditions.

“Cholera is something that can spread very, very quickly,” warned Laure Adrien, director general of Haiti’s health ministry.

Food or water contaminated with the cholera bacteria can lead to severe diarrhea and dehydration that can be deadly.

The United Nations said in a statement that it is working with Haiti’s government to “mount an emergency response to this potential outbreak,” stressing that health teams need to be guaranteed safe access to areas where cases have been reported.

The deaths come as a lack of fuel and ongoing protests shut down the availability of basic services across Haiti, including medical care and clean water, which is key to helping fight cholera and keep patients alive.

Haiti’s most powerful gang continues to control the entrance to a main fuel terminal in the capital of Port-au-Prince, leading to a lack of fuel amid soaring prices that have unleashed widespread protests that have paralyzed the country for more than two weeks.

The absence of fuel and increasing number of roadblocks have prevented water trucks from visiting neigh-



People stock up on food at a market amid shortages of water, cooking gas and other items after days of protest forced them to shelter at home, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti September 17, 2022. REUTERS/Jess DiPierro Obert

borhoods to provide potable water to those who can afford it. It also has prompted some companies to temporarily shut down operations.

On Sunday, Caribbean Bottling Company said it could no longer produce or distribute potable water because its diesel reserves were “completely depleted,” adding that the lack of such a vital resource would affect “all sectors of society.”

Adrien said health officials were trying to visit communities where cholera has been reported, but that his agency, too, has been affected by a lack of fuel as he called on people blocking the gas terminal and organizing protests to “have a conscience.”

Adrien noted that all those who died were unable to reach a hospital in time.

Haiti Health Minister Alex Larsen said people have a right to protest but asked Haitians to allow potable water supplies into neighborhoods that have been cut off by roadblocks and pro-

tests.

“Water has not been in these areas for a long time, and people are not drinking treated water,” he said, adding that cholera cases could spike again. “We ask people who can afford it to add a little chlorine to the water.”

Haiti’s last cholera epidemic sickened more than 850,000 people in a country of more than 11 million, marking one of the world’s worst outbreaks of the preventable disease in recent history.

United Nations peacekeepers from Nepal were blamed for introducing cholera into Haiti’s largest river in October 2010 by sewage. The U.N. has since acknowledged it played a role in the epidemic and that it has not done enough to help fight it, but it has not specifically said it introduced the disease.

Haiti would have been declared cholera-free by the World Health Organization only after reaching three consecutive years with no new cases.

CTO's new Allied Board committed to rebuilding regional tourism

CMC – The newly elected allied board of the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) is underscoring its commitment to help reimagine and rebuild the region's tourism product, in the wake of the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic.

This follows the CTO Business meetings held in the Cayman Islands earlier this month, where William "Billy" Griffith was re-elected chairman, as one of four directors who will serve another two-year term on the five-member allied board.

He will be joined by returning members – Barry Brown of AFAR Media, Seleni Mateus of George Washington University and Jacqueline Johnson of Global Bridal Group/ MarryCaribbean.com.

The new face on the allied board is Anne Brobyn, the founder/president of Hibiscus International Tours. The Caribbean Tourism Organization is now at an inflection point whilst reimagining and adapting its business model," Griffith said.

"I believe I can also contribute greatly in forging a more cohesive partnership between the private and public sector, raise the profile of the Allied Members and assist significantly in increasing its member-



ship base."

Brobyn, who brings the experience of being a former employee and marketing representative for the CTO, said the Caribbean's emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic called for "creative thinking and strategic development".

The time is right for change and through the CTO allied board of directors, we have a voice to reach the decision and policymakers within the Caribbean region," said Brobyn, also an award-winning travel expert.

"Together, we must find responsible and sustainable solutions to address the critical issues which impact tourism throughout the Ca-

ribbean and beyond."

Brown, AFAR Media's executive director for the Caribbean, added: "I believe the diverse expertise and insight of allied membership is more critical now than ever to help refuel a robust and sustainable rebound of tourism after the crises of the past few years."

Matus, a former Belize director of tourism who now serves as executive director of the International Institute of Tourism Studies at George Washington University, said: "I am thrilled to work with affiliates to create a more sustainable tourism industry in the Caribbean by leveraging the strengths of the affiliate network."

Johnson, meanwhile, said she was ready for the challenge of "developing marketing and communication strategies for a completely different marketplace."

"We live in an age of continuing and continuous change – an evolutionary process that is the key to survival in a dynamic marketplace," she noted.

The new allied board, elected from among ten members representing sectors ranging from health care to marketing, will sit on the recently elected CTO Board of Directors while Chairman Griffith also joins the CTO Executive Committee. Together, the Allied Board will represent the interests of the Allied Members at the CTO Board and Executive Committee level.

In consultation with its membership, the allied board identifies opportunities aimed at enhancing CTO's non-government membership program, organizes activities during CTO events, and also offers recommendations to the CTO Board of Directors on regional tourism initiatives.

Allied members are non-government members representing several sectors that play key roles in the development of regional tourism.

Regional News



Motion of no confidence against Speaker McKeeva Bush



McKeeva Bush

CMC – Cayman's Opposition Leader, Roy McTaggart filed a motion of 'Lack of Confidence' in the Speaker, McKeeva Bush, after the deadline given by Premier Wayne Panton for him to demit office passed without him doing so.

Panton had given Bush, a former premier, until 5.00 p.m. on September 23, to submit his resignation as speaker amid allegations of "reported misconduct" at a government cocktail recep-

tion in September.

McTaggart said the incident led to "an investigation by the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service and has been reported in the local and international press."


In his motion, the Opposition Leader said Bush, who was elected Speaker following the April 14, 2021, general election, had prior to the polls "pleaded guilty" before the Summary Court on December 3, 2020, to two charges of assault and one charge of disorderly conduct and was sentenced to two months imprisonment, which was suspended for two years.

He said Governor Martyn Roper, the premier, and himself "have all publicly called on the speaker to resign from the role."

But he noted that the deadline given for him to do so by Premier Panton "has passed and the premier has so far initiated no public action to cause the speaker to resign or be removed."

"It has been increasingly obvious to me over the past week that despite his letter demanding the resignation of the Hon. McKeeva Bush as speaker, the premier does not appear to have any intention of acting to ensure the removal of Mr. Bush from the post."

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BVI Christian Council appeals court's judgment in same-sex marriage

CMC – The BVI Christian Council (BVICC), has been granted permission to appeal a recent judgment concerning marriage between a same-sex couple in the British Virgin Islands.

The judgment was made by Justice Adrian Jack, who is presiding over the High Court matter.

The appeal made by the BVICC was granted by Justice Gerard Farara following the council's 'recent and urgent' application to appeal the matter.

On Thursday, the British overseas territory's Attorney General, Dawn Smith requested an adjournment for a hearing listed for Thursday and Friday, stating among other things, that her chambers had difficulty obtaining instructions from its clients, the BVI government.

However, Justice Jack was not satisfied with the explanation, so he denied the request.

Following that denial,



the Christian Council went to the Court of Appeal — where Farara serves as a judge — for redress and filed a certificate of urgency to have the Appeal Court's decision expedited.

The Council sought for the Court of Appeal to halt proceedings in the same-sex case until an appeal hearing is held and a determination of that hearing made.

Farara ruled that "the applicant (the attorney general)

has a realistic prospect of success and therefore ought to be granted leave to appeal.

The court therefore granted the application for leave to appeal against the judgment of Justice Jack. It also granted an "interim stay of proceedings" pending the aforementioned appeal hearing and determination of the application to seek an adjournment.

The court case concerns the validity of the marriage

between Kinisha Forbes and Kirsten Lettsome and whether any prohibition against same-sex marriage in the BVI is contrary to the constitution of the Virgin Islands.

The couple entered a civil partnership in 2011 in the United Kingdom and was later issued a marriage certificate once the UK's same-sex couples law came into effect.

Both the Christian Council and the government are interested parties in the case.

Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley recently in commenting on the court matter, suggested that no judge or external government should be allowed to make a decision on the BVI's laws on same-sex marriage.

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firmation of this is the premier's excuse that the Opposition's filing of a motion of a Lack of Confidence in the Government somehow complicates his handling of the matter of Mr. Bush and he went on to question the Opposition's priorities," McTaggart said, in reference to his other motion filed this month against Premier

Panton saying that the government in this British overseas territory is "beset by controversies of its own making; mired in confusion and internal division, and incapable of effective action".

The Opposition Leader said he hopes that the motion of no confidence against the premier will be dealt with when the Parliament next meets on October 5.

Yemen's warring sides fail to extend UN-backed truce

AP – Yemen's warring sides have failed to reach an agreement to extend a nationwide cease-fire, the U.N. said Sunday, endangering the longest lull in fighting since the country's bloody civil war began.

In a statement, the U.N.'s envoy to Yemen called on all sides to refrain from acts of provocation as the talks continue, after the deadline of Oct. 2 for extending the agreement was missed.

The U.N.-backed truce initially took effect in April, and raised hopes for a longer pause in fighting as Yemen's civil war entered in its eighth year. The devastating conflict began in 2014, when the Iranian-backed Houthis seized the capital of Sanaa and much of northern Yemen and forced the government into exile.

In a statement, U.N. envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg said he "regrets that an agreement has not been reached today." He did not call out the Houthis by name for failing to agree to his proposal but thanked the internationally recognized government for "engaging positively" in talks to extend the cease-fire. He called on leaders to continue to endeavor to reach an agreement.

"I urge them to fulfill their obligation to the Ye-



A military parade displaying Houthi forces and weapons moves through a main street of Sanaa, Yemen, on Sept. 21, 2022. Yemen's warring parties face a deadline to renew a 6-month-long truce on Sunday, Oct. 2. (Ansar Allah Media via AP)

meni people to pursue every avenue for peace," he said.

On Saturday, the Houthis said that discussions around the truce had reached a "dead-end," and said that they were continuing to advocate for a full opening of the Sanaa airport, and lifting of the blockade on the key port city of Hodeida.

The Houthis hosted a large military parade last month, showcasing rockets and large weaponry, drawing condemnation from observers.

In the hours leading up to the deadline, a Houthi military spokesman threatened international oil companies still working in the country to leave or their facilities would be seized, saying that the fossil fu-

els belong to the people of Yemen and could be used to pay public servants' salaries.

"Our armed forces are able, with God's help, to deprive the Saudis and Emiratis of their resources if they insist on depriving our Yemeni people," Yahia Sarea wrote on Twitter.

April's truce had originally established a partial opening of the Sanaa airport and the Red Sea port of Hodeida. The ensuing months have seen flights start again from the capital's airport to Jordan and Egypt. It also called for lifting a Houthi blockade on Taiz, the country's third largest city. But little progress has been made there, after talks aimed at reopen-

ing local roads stalled. Another sticking point is how salaries of public employees will be funded, many of whom have not been compensated for years.

Sunday's statement came a few days after Grundberg met in Sanaa with the top leader of the Houthis, Abdel-Malek al-Houthi, and other senior officials, who have been pushing for a full opening of the airport. The envoy warned last week that the risk of return to war was a real possibility.

Analysts say it remains unclear if further talks could make progress, with Houthi feeling empowered and the coalition fighting them splintered by inter-alliance trouble.

Feds vow major aid for Hurricane Ian victims amid rescues

AP — With the death toll from Hurricane Ian rising and hundreds of thousands of people without power in Florida and the Carolinas, U.S. officials vowed Sunday to unleash an unprecedented amount of federal disaster aid as crews scrambled to rescue people still trapped by floodwaters.

Days after Ian tore through central Florida, carving a deadly path of destruction into the Carolinas, water levels continued to rise in some flooded areas, inundating homes and streets that were passable just a day or two earlier.

With branches strewn across the grounds of St. Hillary's Episcopal Church in Ft. Myers, the Rev. Charles Cannon recognized the immense loss during his Sunday sermon but also gave thanks for what remained. That included the church's stained-glass windows and steeple.

"People think they have lost everything, but you haven't lost everything if you haven't lost yourself," he said.

Deanne Criswell, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said the federal government was ready to help in a huge way, focusing first on victims in Florida, which took the brunt of one of the strongest storms to make landfall in the United States. President



Gabriel Madling loads sandbags onto his kayak so he can fortify his house on a submerged street in Seminole County, Fla., on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022. Residents in central Florida donned fishing waders, boots and bug spray and canoed or kayaked to their homes on streets where floodwaters continued rising Sunday despite it being four days since Hurricane Ian tore through the state. (AP Photo/Mike Schneider)

Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden plan to visit the state on Wednesday.

Flooded roadways and washed-out bridges to barrier islands left many people isolated amid limited cellphone service and a lack of basic amenities such as water, electricity and the internet. And officials warned that the situation in many areas isn't expected to improve for several days because all of the rain that fell has nowhere to go since waterways are overflowing.

Nearly 850,000 homes and businesses were still without electricity Sunday, down from a peak of 2.67 million.

Criswell told "Fox News Sunday" that the fed-

eral government began to arrange the "largest amount of search and rescue assets that I think we've ever put in place before" to supplement Florida's resources.

Even so, recovery will take time, said Criswell, who visited the state on Friday and Saturday to assess the damage and talk to survivors. She cautioned that dangers remain.

"We worry a lot about the direct impacts from the storm itself as it is making landfall, but we see so many more injuries and sometimes more fatalities after the storm," Criswell said. "People need to stay vigilant right now. Standing water brings with it all kinds of hazards — it has debris, it could have power

lines, it could have hazards in there that you just don't know about."

At least 54 people have been confirmed dead: 47 in Florida, four in North Carolina and three in Cuba. The weakened storm drifted north on Sunday and was expected to dump rain on parts of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and southern Pennsylvania, according to the National Hurricane Center, which warned of the potential for flash-flooding.

More than 1,000 people have been rescued from flooded areas along Florida's southwestern coast alone, Daniel Hokanson, a four-star general and head of the National Guard confirmed.

Iran protests: Reports of students trapped amid clashes in Tehran

BBC – Iranian police clashed with students at one of the country's most prestigious universities on Sunday, according to social and state media reports.

Reports say a large number of students at Sharif university in Tehran have been trapped in the campus car park.

Videos on social media appear to show students running away from security forces, with apparent gun shots fired.

Anti-government protests erupted in Iran in September after the death of a woman detained by the morality police.

Mahsa Amini, 22, fell into a coma hours after morality police arrested her for allegedly breaking headscarf rules.

Officers reportedly beat Ms Amini's head with a baton and banged her head against one of their vehicles. The police have said there is no evidence of any mistreatment and that she suffered "sudden heart failure".

Protests started at her funeral and have spread across the country to become the worst unrest seen in the country for years.

One video posted on social media shows students

running from security forces on Sharif university's campus. Sounds resembling gunshots can be heard from a distance.

In another, security forces on motorbikes appear to shoot at a car holding the passenger filming the video.

Iran International cites reports which say security forces attacked student dormitories and fired guns at their dorms. Other reports mention the use of tear gas on protesters.

Sunday was the first day of term for many students attending Sharif university for the first time. Reports say crowds had gathered outside the campus's main gate late in the evening after hearing about the clashes.

The BBC is unable to verify the events at the university.

The last two nights have seen an escalation in anti-government protests in Tehran and many other cities across the country, despite a growing death toll.

Iran Human Rights, an NGO based in Norway, says 133 people have been killed across Iran to date.

Authorities have promised to come down hard on the protesters, who they say have been put up to it by Iran's external enemies.



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Sports News



125 dead after tear gas triggers crush at Indonesia soccer match

AP - Police firing tear gas after an Indonesian soccer match in an attempt to stop violence triggered a disastrous crush of fans making a panicked, chaotic run for the exits, leaving at least 125 people dead, most of them trampled upon or suffocated.

Attention immediately focused on police crowd-control measures at Saturday night's match between host Arema FC of East Java's Malang city and Persebaya Surabaya. Witnesses described officers beating them with sticks and shields before shooting tear gas canisters directly into the crowds.

It was among the deadliest disasters ever at a sporting event. President Joko Widodo ordered an investigation of security procedures, and the president of FIFA called the deaths "a dark day for all involved in football and a tragedy beyond comprehension." While FIFA has no control over domestic games, it has advised against the use of tear gas at soccer stadiums.

Brawls are common among rival Indonesian soccer fans, so much so that the organizer had banned Persebaya supporters from Arema's stadium. But violence still broke out when the home team lost 3-2 and some of the 42,000 Arema fans, known as "Aremania," threw bottles and other objects at players and soccer officials.



Women weep after receiving confirmation that their family member is among those killed in soccer riots, at a hospital in Malang, East Java, Indonesia, Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022. Panic at an Indonesian soccer match Saturday left over 150 people dead, most of whom were trampled to death after police fired tear gas to dispel the riots. (AP Photo/Dicky Bisinglasi)

Witnesses said the fans flooded the Kanjuruhan Stadium pitch and demanded that Arema management explain why, after 23 years of undefeated home matches against Persebaya, this one ended in a defeat.

At least five police vehicles were toppled and set ablaze outside the stadium. Riot police responded by firing tear gas, including toward the stadium's stands, causing panic among the crowd.

National Police chief Listyo Sigit Prabowo said the death toll had been revised to 125 from 174, after authorities found some of the victims were counted twice. More than 100 were receiving intensive treatment in eight hospitals, 11 of them in

critical condition.

Indonesia's soccer association, known as PSSI, suspended the premier soccer league Liga 1 indefinitely in light of the tragedy and banned Arema from hosting soccer matches for the remainder of the season.

Youth and Sports Minister Zainudin Amali said the incident "has certainly injured our soccer image." Indonesia is due to host the 2023 FIFA U-20 World Cup from May 20 to June 11, with 24 participating teams. As the host, the country automatically qualifies for the cup.

In a statement, FIFA President Gianni Infantino expressed condolences on behalf of the global foot-

ball community, saying "the football world is in a state of shock." The statement did not mention the use of tear gas.

Data from Indonesia's soccer watchdog, Save Our Soccer, showed 78 people have died in game-related incidents over the past 28 years.

Saturday's game is already among the world's worst crowd disasters, including the 1996 World Cup qualifier between Guatemala and Costa Rica in Guatemala City where over 80 died and over 100 more were injured. In April 2001, more than 40 people are crushed to death during a soccer match at Ellis Park in Johannesburg, South Africa.

England thumps Pakistan in T20 decider, wins series 4-3

AP – England finished its first tour to Pakistan in 17 years with a thumping 67-run win in their Twenty20 decider on Sunday to clinch the exciting seven-match series 4-3.

Dawid Malan (78 not out off 47 balls) smashed his first half century of the series and Harry Brook hit an unbeaten 29-ball 46 as both profited from three dropped catches in England's strong total of 209-3.

Pakistan, which won the toss and chose to field, was effectively out of the chase once the usually prolific opening pair of captain Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan departed within the first two overs.

Pakistan finished on 142-8.

Babar, who dropped both Malan and Brook, gave a regulation catch at cover in Chris Woakes' first over and Reece Topley clean bowled Rizwan off a full-length delivery.

No. 3 Shan Masood fought a lone battle with 56 off 43 against well-disciplined England pacers with Woakes (3-26), David Willey (2-22), Sam Curran (1-27) and Topley (1-34) all chipping in with wickets.

"Brilliant game today, we played really well from the start," said England



England's players pose for photograph with the trophy of twenty20 series, on the end of the seventh twenty20 cricket match between Pakistan and England, in Lahore, Pakistan, Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022. (AP Photo/K.M. Chaudary)

captain Moeen Ali. "The batters put up a very good score and I thought our bowling was outstanding in wet conditions. We had two must-win games, to come back and win them is good to see."

Regular England T20 skipper Jos Buttler didn't play a single game on tour and continued his rehabilitation on an injured calf.

England's opening pair of Phil Salt (20) and Alex Hales (18) once again provided a brisk start of 39 before both fell in the space of three deliveries in the fifth over.

Hales was pinned leg

before wicket by Mohammad Hasnain, one of the four changes Pakistan made from the team which lost the last game by eight wickets on Friday.

Salt couldn't beat a strong direct throw from Shadab Khan and was run out after Malan refused a single and stood his ground at the striker's end.

Ben Duckett hit a breezy 30 off 19 balls before he was run out by Rizwan who clipped the bails after the ball bounced in front of him off Duckett's bat but England continued to score more than 10 runs an over in the first half of

the innings.

Sloppy Pakistan fielding let both Malan and Brook combine in a beefy and unbroken 108-run stand off 61 balls as Babar dropped both batters in their 20s before Mohammad Wasim also couldn't grab an opportunity after Malan had completed his half century.

Haris Rauf, who was rested in the last game, bowled well in the death overs to finish with 0-24, but fast bowler Mohammad Wasim cost 0-61 – Pakistan's third most expensive figures in a T20

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Sports News



Transport Board returns to winning ways in business league

Following consecutive losses, cupholders Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board returned to winning ways in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Business League Competition over the weekend.

After losing to Eye Mobile Antigua Vision Care and Pointe FM, the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board romped to a commanding 85-60 victory over Sledge O'Ballers in the feature game of a triple-header at the JSC Sports Complex on Saturday evening.

Kareem Edwards shot a game-high 27 points, Ishan Peets sank 24 points, Marlon "Buju" Charles contributed 15 points and Russell Daley chipped in with 11 points for Transport Board to record their fourth win in six encounters.

Adissa "Ras I" Harris scored 18 points and Steadroy Graham converted 14 points for Sledge O'Ballers who slipped to their fourth loss in six outings.

Anjo Wholesale surged to their fifth win in six appearances with an emphatic 72-50 trouncing of Pointe FM in Saturday's opening encounter.

Xavier "X-Man" Meade led the way with 26 points, Cohen Desouza produced 18 points and Leroy Percival contributed 12 points for the

victors.

Josue Hernandez sank 12 points, while Darius Richards and Kelvin Pimental each scored 10 points for Pointe FM who suffered their fourth loss in eight encounters.

Vendors notched up their fourth win in seven games by pulling off a 61-47 victory over Fitzroy Rewinding in Saturday's second encounter.

Craig Massiah scored 18 points, Adrian Carnegie had 15 and Azandy Thomas sank 14 points for the Vendors, while Akeem Davis converted 17 points for Fitzroy Rewinding who slipped to their fifth loss in eight outings.

After losing their first five games, Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre won their third consecutive encounter by recording a 54-49 victory against Vendors in the first game of a triple-header on Thursday, 29th September.

Point guard Nigel Joseph scored 17 points and Baldwin Anthony Jr. chipped in with 15 points for the victors, while Azandy Thomas had 20 points for the Vendors.

Eye Mobile Antigua Vision Care became the only team with a perfect record by coasting to a comfortable 64-44 victory against Graphic Impact Shooters in Thursday's feature game.

Tequan Brodie sank 14 points and Tehran Zachariah scored 13 points for

the Antigua Vision Care to improve to a perfect seven wins from as many games.

Kwame Brathwaite scored 14 points for Graphic Impact Shooter who slumped to their first defeat in five outings.

Pointe FM secured their fourth win in eight games with a 49-36 victory over the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board in Thursday's second encounter.

Josue Hernandez and Daniel Perez each scored 10 points for Pointe FM, while Kareem Edwards converted 11 points for Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board.

The Business Basketball League will continue with a triple-header at the JSC Sports Complex this evening, Monday, 3rd October.

Mill Reef will take on Anjo Wholesale at 6:30 pm, Eye Mobile Antigua Vision Care will face Sledge O'Ballers at 7:30 pm and Pointe FM will clash with Health First Pharmacy Fearless Crew at 8:30 pm.

In tomorrow's (Tuesday), triple-header at the same venue, Pointe FM will meet Vendors at 6:30 pm, Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board will oppose Galley Bay Resort at 7:30 pm and Graphic Impact Shooters will challenge Fitzroy Rewinding at 8:30 pm.

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international.

Malan hit eight fours and three sixes while Brook smashed four sixes and a boundary as Wasim conceded 20 in the last over which lifted England to its second highest total of the series.

Pakistan's middle or-

der had struggled throughout the series and once again couldn't cope up with the pressure after both Babar and Rizwan were dismissed early.

Willey missed a skier off his own bowling which could have ended Iftikhar Ahmed's knock before he found the outside edge of

the right-hander as Pakistan slipped to 33-3 inside the batting powerplay.

England strangled Pakistan's struggling middle-order through pace as Pakistan never looked to challenge a strong total.

Masood, who hit his second half century of the series after making his

T20 debut at Karachi, fell against Woakes when he was brilliantly snapped by a diving Adil Rashid at short third-man in the penultimate over of the innings.

England will return to Pakistan in December when it plays a three-test series.

Confident Cariah gets first taste of action down under

Yannic Cariah was all smiles as he arrived at the Metricon Stadium for his first training session in Australia. On a cool afternoon he joined team-mates during an intense training session on the scenic Gold Coast. Cariah arrived in Australia as part of the first group of West Indies players to touch down, Down Under. The allrounder is on his first overseas tour with the men's senior team and expressed great delight to be part of the 15-member squad.

"I'm feeling really great to be in the group for the upcoming series as well as the T20 World Cup to follow. We touched down and the work has started. It is a great honour to represent the people of the region at any level. I'm here and ready to go... any challenges I'm ready for it," he said.

The right-handed leg-spinner and left-handed batter announced himself on the international stage with a well-crafted half century in the CG United ODI Series against New Ze-



Yannic Cariah

land in August. He made top-scored with 52 in his first knock at Kensington Oval.

"The way I performed against New Zealand gave me confidence. Now we're here in Australia ... this is my first time playing here... First, I want to get use to the conditions, as we are a long way from home, and then maintain my processes and look

to perform on the big stage. I was doing a lot of fitness work at home and sharpening up my skills. I have played a lot of cricket with many members of the team, so I've fitted in quite well."

West Indies will face Australia in a two-match T20 International Series in Queensland before the ICC T20 World Cup. The opening match is Wednesday at the Metricon Stadium in the Gold Coast and the second at The Gabba in Brisbane on Friday. First ball is 7pm local time (5am Eastern Caribbean/4am Jamaica Time).

Cariah previously played for West Indies Under-19 at the ICC World Cup 2010 in New Zealand and was captain of the West Indies Emerging Players when they won the CG United Super50 in 2019.

MATCH SCHEDULE

Wednesday 5 October: 1st T20I at Metricon Stadium

Friday 7 October: 2nd T20I at The Gabba

Garden Stars oust Swetes to book quarter-final berth in ABFA's Knockout Cup

Garden Stars FC continued their giant killing act in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Joma Caribbean Cool and Smooth Knockout Cup competition by coming from behind to oust Swetes FC in their round of 16 clash over the weekend and stormed into the quarter-finals.

Garden Stars, the only first division team remaining in the competition, produced a daring escape from being dumped out of

the competition and recovered to prevail 4-2 against Swetes in extra time to pull off another stunning victory in their round of 16 clash at the ABFA's Technical Centre at Paynters on Saturday, 1st October.

Following their second-round slaying of fellow community colleagues Liberta Black Hawks, Garden Stars made a bright start to their round of 16 encounter by taking a 1-0 lead via a Karique Knight's 43rd minute conversion in the keenly

contested affair.

However, their lead was short-lived as Juwan Roberts snatched an equalizer for Swetes in the first half added on time (45+1) to ensure both teams reached the halfway stage deadlocked at 1-1.

Roberts scored his second goal of the match in the 66th minute to give Swetes a 2-1 lead, which they held onto until the second minute of added on time.

Jahred Williams snatched the equalizer for

Garden Stars with a conversion in the 90+2 minute to send the game into extra time.

Knight then scored his second goal of the match in the 97th minute to give Garden Stars a 3-2 lead and Tevin Anthony sealed his team's victory with a 112th minute conversion to send their second premier league side crashing out of the knockout competition.

Old Road FC and Tryum FC also booked quarter-fi-

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Madrid's perfect season ends as Benzema misses penalty kick

AP – It was not the return to action that Karim Benzema had hoped for.

Back in Real Madrid's squad after a long injury lay-off, the France striker missed a second-half penalty kick that helped to end the team's perfect start to the season.

Madrid's streak of nine straight victories in all competitions was halted after a 1-1 home draw against 10-man Osasuna in the Spanish league on Sunday.

The result also cost Madrid the league lead, as it was surpassed by Barcelona following its 1-0 win at Mallorca on Saturday. Both teams are tied on 19 points but the Catalan club is ahead on goal difference.

Benzema, who had missed three straight matches because of a right leg injury sustained before the international break, had a chance to give Madrid the lead in the 79th minute, but his shot from the spot was saved by Osasuna goalkeeper Sergio Herrera.

It was the third straight penalty miss by Benzema against the Osasuna goalkeeper. He had two penalties



Real Madrid's Karim Benzema, right, reacts after missing a scoring chance during the Spanish La Liga soccer match between Real Madrid and Osasuna at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022. (AP Photo/Manu Fernandez)

saved by Herrera in April when Madrid won.

And things were clearly not going Benzema's way as shortly after the striker had a goal disallowed for offside.

"We needed Benzema to convert the penalty," Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said. "He usually does. It was an accident that sometimes happens."

Vinícius Júnior had opened the scoring in the 42nd after finding the far

corner with what appeared to be a cross attempt into the area, but the visitors equalized with a header by Kike García in the 50th.

Osasuna went a man down when David García was sent off for the foul on Benzema that prompted the penalty.

It was Osasuna's first draw after four wins and two losses this season, keeping the Pamplona club in sixth place. It got the point at the

Santiago Bernabéu Stadium despite playing without the suspended Chimy Ávila, one of its best players.

Ancelotti was without veteran midfielder Luka Modric and goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois because of injuries.

A minute of silence was held before every Spanish league match in honor of victims of the tragedy at a soccer stadium in Indonesia on Saturday night.

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nals spots by winning their respective round of 16 clashes at the same venue on Saturday.

A brace by Raheem Deterville and an own goal by Alickson Montaute propelled Old Road to a 3-2 victory against Ottos Rangers FC in the second game of Saturday's triple-header.

A Junior Benjamin 24th minute strike had given Ottos Rangers a 1-0 lead, but one minute later, Deterville scored his first goal of the match to draw Old Road level.

Deterville then slotted home his second goal of the match in the 36th minute to give Old Road a 2-1 lead and the men from round south were given

a 3-1 halftime advantage when Montaute scored an own-goal in the 39th minute. Roderick Williams scored a late consolation goal for Ottos Rangers in the 88th minute.

A 57th minute conversion by Chavel Cunningham gave Tryum FC a 1-0 win over Empire in the third match on Saturday.



Pares Secondary goalkeeper, 3rd from left in black and red uniform, prepares to catch the ball during his school's knockout match against Antigua Grammar School (blue and aqua jersey) at the Princess Margaret School's playing field in St. John's on Friday, 30th September, 2022.

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Adams, who was almost unstoppable throughout the game on the right wing as he tormented the Pares left back with his skills and trickery, scored the goal of the day to make it 4-0.

Adams collected a pass deep in his own half then went on a run in which he beat two Pares players before unleashing a powerful drive from just outside the edge of the 18-yard box, which slammed into the top right hand corner past a stunned goalkeeper.

Adams then scored his second goal of the match when he tapped home the rebound after the goal keeper parried the ball into his path from an initial diving save.

Dennison Stevens scored Antigua Grammar School's sixth goal, which resulted from a free-kick that was taken by his left back Jordan Francis on the edge of the 18-yard box.

The Pares goalkeeper managed to save the direct free kick, but only succeeded in parrying the ball to Stevens, who struck the ball on the volley past the stranded custodian into the back of the net.

Adams scored Antigua Grammar School's seventh and final goal during

the last two minutes of the game.

During an assault on the Pares goal, the goalkeeper was forced to make three brilliant diving saves, the last of which he parried into the path of Adams, who capitalized by tapping home at the near post.

Antigua Grammar Schools coach Chesney Brown said he was quite happy with the performance produced by his team against Pares of whom he had expected a much better showing.

"I am very satisfied. I think the guys went out and they played according to the game plan. They took advantage of a team and so I am very pleased with the way they played," Brown stated.

"I was looking for a bit tougher competition from Pares. Pares has always been a team that has given Grammar School a lot of tough games and competition in the past, so yes, I am a bit surprised, but that's the way football goes sometimes. Maybe this is their bad day."

Brown is anticipating much tougher challenges in the games ahead, but is confident his team will be ready.

"We hope to go from strength to strength for the rest of the competi-

tion, but we are going to take it one game at a time. We are not resting on our laurel and we know what we have to do," Brown stated.

"There are some tough games ahead and I think the more we go in the competition, it is going to get tougher, so we just have to prepare ourselves, one game at a time and I think we will be ready for the next game coming up."

Antigua and Barbuda Institute of Continuing Education (ABICE) prevailed 3-2 against Clare Hall Secondary in their boys' division schools' knockout affair at the Police Recreation Grounds on Thursday, 29th September.

Kadeem Campbell gave ABICE a 1-0 lead with a 3rd minute conversion. Terroy Ponde scored an equalizer for Clare Hall in the 16th minute to make it 1-1 at halftime.

Campbell then scored his second goal of the match in the 49th minute to give ABICE a 2-1 lead, but Clare Hall once again drew level when Noel Jno Baptiste scored their second equalizer in the 61st minute.

Dylan Martin then snatched the winner for ABICE with a 66th minute conversion.

AGS trounce Pares in schools' knockout contest

Antigua Grammar School romped to an emphatic 7-0 victory over Pares Secondary School in the boys' division of the Ministry of Sports Schools' Knockout Football Competition on Friday, 30th September.

Sedique Adams struck a hat-trick and Javier Joseph scored a brace for Antigua Grammar during a dominant display on a partially wet and slippery surface at the Princess Margaret School's playing field in St. John's.

Joseph gave Antigua Grammar a 1-0 halftime lead when he scored during the first quarter of the game.

The diminutive striker hit home into the roof of the net when the ball fell into his path in the six-yard box following a failed attempt by Pares to clear a cross from an initial corner kick.

Both teams then matched each other stride for stride without creating any major clear-cut chances for the remainder of the first half, which gave a false indication of what was to unfold after the interval.

Following the break, Antigua Grammar ran riot Pares to score another six



AGS goal scorers, from left to right: Dennison Stevens, Sedique Adams and Javier Joseph. All three players scored for AGS during their 7-0 win over Pares Secondary in the schools' knockout competition at the PMS playing field on Friday, 30th September, 2022. (Photos by Elwin Francis)

goals in a brilliant display of clinical finishing.

Joseph scored his second when he finished off a series of orchestrated passing to fire a firm right-footed shot past the Pares custodian into the back of the

net in the very first minute of the second half.

A few minutes later, the referee awarded Antigua Grammar School a penalty after Joseph was unfairly tackled to the ground by a Pares defender just outside

the six-yard box.

Antigua Grammar School's goalkeeper Te'Jae Edwards then scored the penalty to give his team a 3-0 advantage.

A few minutes later,
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