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DPP ARRESTED IN JAMAICA

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Ms. Antigua & Barbuda, Keriann Thomas, captured the 2022 OECS Queen pageant title on Saturday in Dominica. *Story on page 3*

Local News



DPP Armstrong arrested, charged in Jamaica

Pointe Xpress has been reliably informed that Antigua and Barbuda's Director of Public Prosecution, Anthony Armstrong, will appear in court in his native Jamaica today to answer to four charges.

It is believed that these charges are linked to a matter in which Armstrong was found guilty of professional misconduct by Jamaica's General Legal Council earlier this year.

Armstrong reportedly flew into Jamaica on Sunday where he was arrested on arrival and charged with three counts of fraudulent conversion and conspiracy to defraud.

A Red Notice was issued by the International Police (Interpol) on 31st October,



2022 in the name of Anthony Armstrong, but was rescinded on 1st November in a notification that read in part, "Kindly note that the Red Notice for this subject has been withdrawn based on some developments in the matter that will be dealt with locally. Whenever Mr. Armstrong comes to Jamaica, necessities will be done."

The General Legal

Council, a statutory body which organises legal education and upholds the standards of professional conduct in Jamaica, concluded earlier this year that Armstrong acted in contravention of the laws of Jamaica when he signed as a witness on a document for someone who was imprisoned in the United States.

Armstrong proceeded on administrative leave

from his duties as DPP in February, 2022 and after filing an appeal against the disciplinary committee's decision, he resumed duties in the Ministry of Legal Affairs in May.

It is unknown whether the appeal was heard.

It is believed a criminal police investigation into the allegations made against him was launched stemming from the complaint lodged against him with the General Legal Council and following their conclusion concerning his conduct.

Efforts to contact acting prime minister, Attorney General Steadroy Benjamin, for comment on this latest development concerning DPP Armstrong were unsuccessful.



Constable Thomas cops Miss OECS title

The rank and file of the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda (RPFAB) has offered congratulations to Constable Keriann Thomas who was crowned Miss OECS 2022 in Dominica on Saturday evening.

The RPFAB rookie, who is the reigning Police Queen, competed against representatives from Anguilla, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Antiguan and Barbudan delegate also captured Best Creative National Wear, Best in Creative National Wear, Best Swimwear, Best in Swimwear, Best Evening Gown and Best in Evening Gown.

National Security Minister with responsibility for the police force, Steadroy Benjamin, has also congratulated Thomas.

“She represented the Police Force, and by extension the country of Antigua and Barbuda, with pride, grace and talent and must be commended for the tremendous courage and consistency displayed,” Minister Benjamin said.

Commissioner of Police, Atlee Rodney, also commended the officer for her commitment and determination to participate in the regional competition.

“This has once again demonstrated the various skill sets within our Police Force. We have the capability of keeping the peace by enforcing the laws of the land and still promoting the cultural aspect of our society. We are indeed a talented organisation dedicated to making our contribution in various aspects of our national development.”

St. Lucia’s Kejean Smith emerged 1st runner-up while Reesa McIntosh



of Grenada secured the 2nd runner-up position in the show that was held at the Old Mill Cultural Centre under the theme, “A Tropical Utopia”.



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Friars Hill Road street lighting project to last six weeks

The Antigua Public Utilities Authority's (APUA) street lighting project that is now underway will affect the smooth flow of traffic on the Friars Hill Road until mid-December.

The approximately six-week timeline was given by the Project Implementation Management Unit (PIMU) which is leading efforts to upgrade the country's street light network.

Following complaints from the public of poor lighting in some communities and on major roads, the government instructed the utilities company to address the problem urgently.

While the work is being completed, there will be interruptions to the flow of traffic and road users are being asked to proceed with caution when using the Friars Hill Road.

"The street lighting project engineers have said

that work in Lot 1 (phase one) on Sir George Walter Highway progressed according to schedule and attention will now be placed on Lot 2 (phase two) for the construction of concrete bases along the edges of Friars Hill Road.

"A total of seventy-five concrete bases will be constructed along the edges of the highway.

"EdCon has been awarded the contract for the Lot 2 works," a PIMU

statement outlined.

Seven hundred lights are to be installed across the country.

Approximately 200 will be solar powered. The remainder will be connected to APUA's electrical grid.

An additional 1,000 lights have been ordered and are expected to arrive in the country before the end of the year, however, they will not be installed until early 2023.

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Government confident in Elite Group

The government says it is confident that the Elite Group, with whom it has signed a contract to manage the Jolly Beach Hotel, will make a success of the venture.

Government sources say the Elite Group has already begun refurbishing approximately 100 rooms at the hotel with the goal of having them ready for service before the end of December.

According to inside sources, the management contract was signed with the Elite Group while the government contemplates its long-term plan for the recently acquired property.

Until that is settled, however, the government wished to ensure that as many rooms as possible are available during the winter tourist season's pinnacle.

"We saw an immediate benefit in getting a portion of the hotel in ser-



Jolly Beach Hotel

vice-ready mode at the peak part of the winter tourist season.

"We have in the Elite Group of hotel companies, under the stewardship of Mr. Rob Barrett, a well-known hotel operator, who has demonstrated season after season his ability to put warm bodies into beds.

"We don't think there's a better option than for him to do that for this December," Information Minister, Melford Nicholas, stated.

Nicholas confirmed that the renovations are moving apace and added that the rooms will be available next

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Port authority strengthens position to become regional shipping hub

Antigua and Barbuda is moving forward with its quest to become a regional hub for shipping in the Eastern Caribbean.

The latest move in this direction came last week when the port's Chief Executive Officer, Darwin Telemaque, visited with his counterparts at the Jacksonville Port Authority in Florida.

Telemaque said the visit was necessary to establish an important relationship that will help the port authority to realise its goal.

"Of interest is the Jaxport desire to expand its port operations into the Caribbean Basin. Antigua and Barbuda has been chosen due to the major development works just concluded at the port authority.

"This, coupled with an aggressive approach to expand the service offerings at the port are

creating opportunities for the ABPA," Telemaque said.

He disclosed that the ABPA is promoting its new facilities to the wider shipping, transport, port and logistics community with the aim of creating a sub-regional maritime hub within the OECS and eastern Caribbean.

A reciprocal visit is planned for Antigua and Barbuda on the 16th January, 2023.

Members of the board and the executive team of the Jacksonville Port Authority will visit St. John's along with industry stakeholders from the port community.

Among them will be members of the Florida Trade Commission, terminal operators, commodity suppliers, shipping lines and stevedoring companies.



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month as promised.

Because the hotel has been idle for some time, the work that is required to restore the rooms to their former splendor has been described as "quite extensive".

Despite this, Nicholas

expressed confidence that filling the 100 refurbished rooms will be an easy task for the Elite Group.

"My information is that the MOU that the government signed with the Elite Group that they had already contacted Air Canada nego-

tiating additional flights as a result in order to fill the rooms at Jolly Beach.

"The government is confident that with Mr. Barrett's well-established track record, it will achieve the objectives of getting parts of the hotel back in service

while providing employment for nationals," Nicholas said.

Meanwhile, severance payments owed to ex-Jolly Beach staff has been agreed upon between the union representing the workers and the government.

Nicholas disclosed that the money is secure in an escrow account and will be disbursed once some details are finalised with the union.

In the meantime, the Elite Group is now recruiting employees for both the construction phase that is underway and to man the resort once it is reopened in December.

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A&B among top five global honeymoon destinations

Antigua and Barbuda has been listed amongst the top five trending honeymoon destinations around the world by Kuoni, one of the United Kingdom's leading long haul tour operators.

A press release from the luxury travel company states, "When it comes to finding ideas for a Honeymoon trip of a lifetime, TikTok has become a big source of inspiration for many, with videos showing off all the delights these honeymoon destinations can offer.

To bring to light the most popular post-nuptial destination, we analysed hundreds of hashtags to reveal the most watched on TikTok, looking at different countries, cities, states and regions to unearth which destinations around the globe are the most admired."

The top ten honeymoon countries were:

1. Maldives



Antigua and Barbuda, offers the perfect backdrop for any love story. (Photos: The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority)

2. Italy
3. Bali
4. Greece
5. Antigua and Barbuda
6. Malaysia
7. Mexico
8. United Kingdom
9. Dubai
10. Costa Rica

Special Projects and Events Manager and Romance Pillar Lead at the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority Shermain Jeremy said, "We are absolutely thrilled to have made the top 5, among some of the most popular destina-

tions in the world. This is testament that Antigua and Barbuda is the perfect backdrop to any love story as we continue to appeal to couples who are seeking reconnection at this time."

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, launched in 2022, a new romance campaign, 'Love & Wanderlust'. Campaign highlights included the introduction of a 'Love Lane' airport fast-track service for couples travelling to the destination during Antigua and Barbuda's Romance

Month in June. Romance Month also saw the hosting of Antigua and Barbuda's Celebrity Destination Wedding with Grammy-Award winner Jeff Redd and Theresa O'Neal tying the knot in Antigua.

The destination also attracted the attention of top romance influencer couples during the year, including The Curly Coppers and Positravelty who chronicled their couple getaway in Antigua and Barbuda, sharing their experience with over 100K followers.

Antigua and Barbuda's 'Love and Wanderlust' campaign plays on the idea that being in love, and the love for travel are intrinsically connected, as they both exude a feeling of euphoria. Depicting Antigua and Barbuda as the perfect fairy-tale dreamscape for two people in love, or couples who wish to get married or renew their vows, is the focus of the campaign.



APUA **ELECTRICITY** MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

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Kindly note that this schedule is subject to slight variation. Changes will be communicated on the APUA Facebook page. Any service disruptions outside of this schedule were not anticipated. For further information and updates please call 311.

Opinion

Peter the great and good

By Tony Deyal

"Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case." This was the kind of joke that my friend Father Peter de la Bastide loved, both to hear or tell. Or, "Forbidden fruits create plenty jams for a lot of people."

The one I have in mind as I write this article in memory of Father Peter, who died last week, is, "Why did the mushroom have so many friends?" Because he was a fungi!

This is why the likes from him for my weekly column every Saturday grew into a friendship punctuated, and sometimes even punctured, by jokes and puns. In that sense he was a fun-guy.

The last time he was in touch was via WhatsApp. I had written a column named "Ship Talk Back In Town" about my difficulties in clearing some cargo sent to me by my friend Keith. It too so long to arrive that I used the old children's joke for how I felt.

"Mr Smith ship sink, Mr Smith ship sink..." What sank to, or through, the bottom was not Mr. Smith's ship but my hopes of getting it done quickly.

Peter sent me this as comfort, "What you did for your friend Keith is most commendable and courageous, especially knowing the botheration you were

going to encounter. I hope your friend appreciates the cost to you in time, heat, no pee, expenditure and general discomfort.

"A Nest Coffee is hardly adequate compensation. But as you are always able to do you find humour in the situation. The ability to put a smile and chuckle on and in others' faces and spirits is a divinely blessed gift." Clearly, this was another Peter on whom any God would be proud to build his church.

The last time I saw Peter was in a session with the Holy Faith Sisters of the Catholic Church. I had threatened to write a column dedicated to him because of his sense of humour, down-to-earth approach to God and religion, and easy way of helping people manage the major issues in their lives.

In keeping in touch with him, I recognised the signs of increasing pain and knew that he did not have much longer with us. I decided to dedicate the event to him and he was stunned. He thought of it as a great honour and I had to insist it was simple recognition of his uniqueness in his line of work.

This is when I told him why I no longer go to Church. My mother had me baptised and when I went to Presentation College, I hid that fact for a while.

I never did homework at home. I buried myself in



Tony Deyal

books ranging from Biggles, William (one of my nicknames at the time) and even Fenimore Cooper, but not homework. I left that for a hasty read in the bus or a rush-job during the first period when the Catholic boys had to go to religious knowledge class.

Eventually, the "Brothers" found out about my Catholicism and first confession immediately followed.

We practiced the "Bless me father for I have sinned..." with a priest brought to our school for the occasion. I was then expected to go to the Siparia Catholic Church and confess to the priest, Father Delahunte (whose constant demands for money from the churchgoers made us change his name to "Dollar-Hunt").

I knelt to share my sins. "Bless me father..." I start-

ed and he shouted angrily, "Get on with it! Get on with it! I haven't got all day..." That was my first and last confession. It is not true that had I continued my confession would have lasted more than a day or two. Perhaps now yes?

Father Peter understood. He realised I had learnt for myself that God is not necessarily in the churches but our hearts, minds, souls and spirits.

I told him that I sometimes joke with God as I did with him and he laughed. I admitted that in trying to be the best I can be, in the late night before I go to sleep I sometimes confess that I had not stayed on the straight and narrow path and promised I would try again the next day. Father Peter agreed it was the best I could do and I should just

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keep on keeping on.

Of course, all this was between jokes, puns and stories. One of my favourites is the joke about himself told by the famous American Evangelist, Reverend Billy Graham. Early in his ministry when the Reverend arrived in a small town to preach a sermon, he had to mail a letter and asked a young boy where the post office was.

When the boy told him, Dr Graham thanked the youngster and said, "If you'll come to the Baptist Church this evening you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven." The boy replied, "I don't think I'll be there... You don't even know your way to the post office."

I was complaining about the taxi-drivers, not just in Trinidad, but in the entire Caribbean. Then I told the story of a minister who died and was waiting in line at the Pearly Gates.

Ahead of him was a man dressed in dark-shades, a fancy shirt and jeans. Saint Peter (definitely named after my friend) asked the man to identify himself. The man boasted that he was Joe Murphy the tax driver from New York.

St. Peter checked his list, smiled and welcomed the man with, "Welcome brother. Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

Then it was the Minister's turn. He said loudly, "I am Joseph Snow, pastor of Calvary for the last forty-three years." St Peter consulted his list. He told the minister, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

The Minister was upset, "That man was a taxi driver and he got a silk robe and golden staff and I am a Pastor and only get cotton?" Peter straightened him out, "Up here, we work by results. While you preached, people slept;

while he drove, people prayed."

I am sure that the best robes were waiting for Peter. I just hope he doesn't go asking to say hello to the first Prime Minister of Trinidad, Dr Eric Williams or, as a former journalist, want to interview him. The last person who did that got St Peter angry because of the number of "Eric's" and people named "Williams" they had up there.

St Peter asked the man if Williams had a nickname or anything that would distinguish him from the others and the man replied, "Well we used to call him 'Bill' and he tell us that if leaders of the party he founded treated people badly, or stole the people's money for their own use, he would turn in his grave." St Peter smiled happily and said, "Oh, you mean 'Revolving Bill'!"

**Tony Deyal was last seen saying that unlike Father Peter most of us want to serve God but only as advisors.*



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Technology



Cesspool or civility? Elon Musk's Twitter at a crossroads

By Barbara Ortutay

The discourse was never all that civil on Twitter. The loudest voices have often drowned out softer, more nuanced takes. After all, it's much easier to rage-tweet at a perceived enemy than to seek common ground, whether the argument is about transgender kids or baseball.

In the chaos that has enveloped Twitter the platform — and Twitter the company — since Elon Musk took over, it has become clear this isn't changing anytime soon. In fact, it's likely to get much worse before it gets better — if it gets better at all.

Musk, with his band of tech industry loyalists, arrived at Twitter just over a week ago ready to tear down the blue bird's nest and rebuild it in his vision with breakneck speed. He quickly fired top executives and the board of directors, installed himself as the company's sole director (for now) and declared

himself “Chief Twit,” then “Twitter Complaint Hotline Operator” on his bio.

On Friday, he began mass layoffs at the San Francisco-based company, letting go about half of its workers via email to return it to staffing levels not seen since 2014.

All the while, he's continued to tweet a mix of crude memes, half-jokes, SpaceX rocket launches and maybe-maybe not plans for Twitter that he seems to be workshopping on the site in real time. After floating the idea of charging users \$20 a month for the “blue check” and some extra features, for instance, he appeared to quickly scale it back in a Twitter exchange with author Stephen King, who posted, “If that gets instituted, I'm gone like Enron.”

“We need to pay the bills somehow! Twitter cannot rely entirely on advertisers. How about \$8?” Musk replied. On

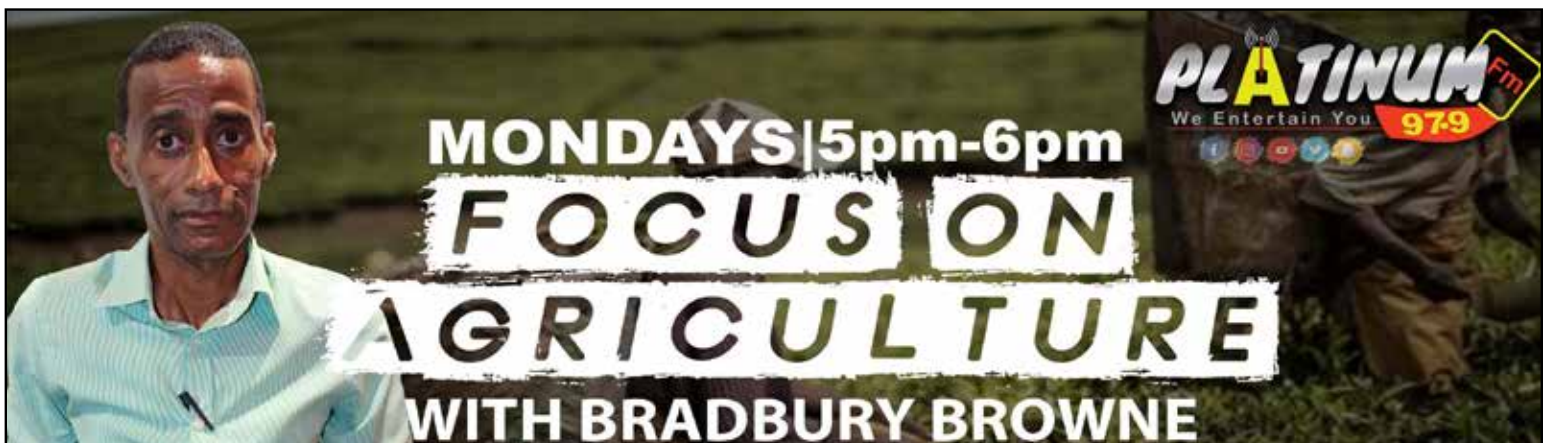


Saturday, the company announced a subscription service for \$7.99 monthly that allows anyone on Twitter to pay a fee for the check mark “just like the celebrities, companies and politicians you already follow” as well as some premium features — not yet available — like getting their tweets boosted above those coming from accounts without the blue check. It's not clear when the fee-based verification tag will become available. It replaces what had been considered a safety feature

designed to discourage counterfeit accounts.

The billionaire Tesla CEO has repeatedly engaged with right-wing figures appealing for looser restrictions on hate and misinformation. He received congratulations from Dimitry Medvedev, Russian President Vladimir Putin's top associate, and tweeted — then deleted — a baseless conspiracy theory about House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband, who was attacked in his home.

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More than three dozen advocacy organisations wrote an open letter to Twitter's top 20 advertisers, calling on them to commit to halting advertising on the platform if Twitter under Musk undermines "brand safety" and guts content moderation.

"Not only are extremists celebrating Musk's takeover of Twitter, they are seeing it as a new opportunity to post the most abusive, harassing, and racist language and imagery. This includes clear threats of violence against people with whom they

disagree," the letter said.

One of Musk's first moves was to fire the woman in charge of trust and safety at the platform, Vijaya Gadde. But he has kept on Yoel Roth, Twitter's head of safety and integrity, and has taken steps to reassure users and advertisers that the site won't turn into a "free-for-all hellscape" that some fear it might.

On Friday, he tweeted that "Twitter's strong commitment to content moderation remains absolutely unchanged. In fact, we have actually seen hateful speech at times this

week decline (asterisk) below(asterisk) our prior norms, contrary to what you may read in the press." A growing number of advertisers are nevertheless pausing spending on Twitter while they reassess how Musk's changes might increase objectionable material on the platform.

Musk also met with some civil rights leaders "about how Twitter will continue to combat hate & harassment & enforce its election integrity policies," according to a tweet he sent Nov. 1.

But representatives of the LGBTQ community

were notably absent from the meeting, even though its members are far more likely to be victims of violent crime than those outside of such communities. Twitter did not respond to a message for comment on whether Musk plans to meet with LGBTQ groups.

The mercurial billionaire has said he won't make major decisions about content or restoring banned accounts — such as that of former President Donald Trump — before setting up a "content moderation council" with diverse viewpoints. The council, he later added, will include "the civil rights community and groups who face hate-fueled violence." But experts have pointed out that Twitter already has a trust and safety advisory council to address moderation questions.

"Truly I can't imagine how it would differ," said Danielle Citron, a University of Virginia law professor who sits on the council and has been working with Twitter since its infancy in 2009 to tackle online harms, such as threats and stalking. "Our council has the full spectrum of views on free speech."

Some amount of chaos is expected after a corporate takeover, as are layoffs and firings. But Musk's murky plans for Twitter — especially its content moderation, misinformation and hate speech policies — are raising alarms about

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where one of the world's most high-profile information ecosystems is headed. All that seems certain is that for now, at least, as Elon Musk goes, so goes Twitter.

"I hope that responsibility and maturity will win the day," said Eddie Perez, a former Twitter civic integrity team leader who left the company before Musk took over. "It's one thing to be a billionaire troll on Twitter and to try to get laughs with memes and to yuk it up. You are now the owner of Twitter and there's a new level of responsibility."

For now, though, the memes appear to be winning. This concerns experts like Perez, who worry Musk is moving too fast without listening to people who have been working to improve civility on the platform and instead using his own insular experience as one of the platform's most popular users with millions of fawning fans who hail his every move.

"You have a single billionaire that is controlling something as influential as a social media platform like Twitter. And you have entire nation states (whose) political goals are inimical to our own, and they are

trying to create chaos and they are directly courting favour" with Musk, Perez said.

"There's just no world in which all of that is normal," he added. "That should absolutely concern us."

Twitter didn't start out as a cesspool. And even now there are pockets of funny, weird, nerdy subgroups on the platform that remain somewhat insulated from the messy and confrontational place it can appear to be if one follows too many hot-headed agitators. But as with Facebook, Twitter's rise also coincided with


growing polarisation and a measurable decline in on-line civility in the United States and beyond.

"The big understanding that occurred between 2008 and 2012 is that the way to get traction, the way to get attention on any social media, Twitter included, was to use incendiary language — to challenge the basic humanity of the opposition," said Lee Rainie, director of internet and technology research at the Pew Research Center.

Things continued to devolve as the 2016 U.S. presidential election approached and passed, and the new president cemented his reputation as one of Twitter's most incendiary users. After it was revealed that Russia used social media platforms to try to influence elections in the U.S. and other countries, the platforms themselves became central figures in the political debate.

"Do they have too much power? Do their content moderation policies privilege one side or another?" Rainie said. "The companies themselves found themselves in the thick of the most intense arguments in the culture. And so that's the environment that Elon Musk is entering now."

And beyond the bluster and the outsized personality, Musk's own description of his new job — "Twitter Complaint Hotline Operator" — may turn out to be his biggest challenge yet.



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PAHO director says collective efforts needed to transform Caribbean health systems

The Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Dr. Carissa F. Etienne says collective efforts are needed to transform health systems in the Americas, including the Caribbean.

In addressing the opening ceremony of the 7th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Etienne highlighted the importance of joining efforts to transform health systems, achieve universal health and improve human security.

“We have important work to do through conferences, such as this, to reposition the value of science within our societies, and to strengthen institutional mechanisms that evaluate scientific evidence to guide future policy making and actions in public health,” said the PAHO director in recalling the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Whether we are looking at the assessment of therapeutics during pandemic times, or the impact of investments in primary health care, we need to increase our capacity to generate evidence based on research,” added Etienne in addressing the symposium held under the theme, “Health Systems Performance in the Political Agenda: Sharing Lessons for Current and Future Global Challenges”.

Etienne said this means



Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Dr. Carissa F. Etienne

greater collaboration between government and the scientific communities, increasing promotion and investment in health systems assessments and performance, and the adoption of research outcomes by policymakers.

“And it means engaging more broadly society in the importance and merits of research, science, and the use of evidence,” she emphasised.

She reiterated that beyond COVID-19, “we continue to face new threats such as the monkeypox outbreak, which was declared a public health emergency of international concern last July.

“The resilience of our health personnel and systems is again being tested as cases continue to rise in parts of our region,”

Etienne called on researchers, policymakers and government officials to “keep the focus on the overarching goal of health systems that are inclusive, expansive, and resilient to the growing number of health threats in the context of a changing climate and world.”

She stressed that PAHO remains committed to working with member states, the scientific community and society as a whole “to generate, promote, and disseminate information for health actions based on the best evidence.”

In December, PAHO will celebrate 120 years of active work in the field of public health in the Americas.

Weekend Puzzle Solution

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By Timothy E. Parker

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Regional News



New AG Grenville Williams promises to work 'collaboratively and cooperatively'

CMC – St. Vincent's newly appointed Attorney General Grenville Williams has promised: "to protect, preserve and uphold the rule of law, to ensure the public has confidence in the rule of law".

Williams, who earlier this week, became the third person to fill the post of the attorney general under the Unity Labour Party (ULP) administration, which has opted for public servant rather than political chief legal advisor since coming to office in March 2001.

At the ceremony at

Government House on Friday, Williams quoted the inauguration speech of the 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy.

Williams said when Kennedy said "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country", he inspired children and adults in the United States to see the importance of civic action and public service.

The historic words "challenged every American to contribute to the public good," Williams said.

"I apply those words to



Grenville Williams

the Vincentian context in saying that I am humbled and honoured to answer the call to serve my country to be the principal legal officer for the government, to serve all Vincentians and the wid-

er regional and international community who will be impacted by the actions and decisions of the office of the attorney general and the state machinery."

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US sanctions Haitian Senate President for alleged involvement in 'significant corruption'

CMC - The Biden administration on Friday sanctioned the president of the Haitian Senate, Joseph Lambert, for his alleged involvement in "significant corruption" and "gross violation of human rights."

"Senate President Lambert abused his public position by participating in a corrupt activity that undermined the integrity of Haiti's government," said US Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken in a statement.

"Further, there is credible information of Lambert's involvement in a gross violation of human rights, namely an extrajudicial killing, during his government tenure," added Blinken, disclosing that the State Department is also designating Lambert's wife, Jesula Lambert Domond.

He said under this authority — Section 7031(c) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Relat-



Joseph Lambert

ed Programs Appropriations Act, 2022 — designated officials of foreign governments and their immediate family members are "generally ineligible for entry into the United States.

"This designation imposes consequences for those who undermine democracy through corrupt activities and human rights violations," the US Secretary of State said. "We continue to support the citizens, organisations, and public servants in Haiti, who are committed to generating hope and opportunity for a better future for their

nation."

In a separate but similar action on Friday, the US Department of the Treasury designated Lambert for his alleged involvement in international drug trafficking.

Alongside these designations by the Departments of State and the Treasury, Blinken said the Government of Canada is "taking action to hold Lambert accountable for his role in undermining stability in Haiti.

"The United States stands with the people of Haiti in the pursuit of democracy, prosperity, and the rule of law," he said.

Last month, the UN Security Council unanimously approved a sanctions regime for Haiti, targeting gang leaders and those who finance them, in a bid to ease months of violence and lawlessness that have fuelled a humanitarian crisis.

CARICOM expresses solidarity with Belize following Hurricane Lisa

CMC – The Secretary General of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Dr. Carla Barnett has expressed solidarity with the government of Belize following the devastation caused by Hurricane Lisa that battered sections of the country as a category one storm earlier this week.

“I extend solidarity from myself and the Caribbean Community to the Government and people of Belize following the extensive devastation caused by Hurricane Lisa this week. The Caribbean Community stands ready to assist,” the Secretary General said.

The storm battered Belize on Wednesday causing localised flooding, damage to homes, electricity poles, and displacing many.

In the aftermath of the storm, Prime Minister John Briceño established a curfew in sections of Belize District. The curfew will remain in effect until Sunday.

On Wednesday, the eye of Lisa made landfall as a category one storm about 60 miles west of Belize City, the country’s main commercial port.



It also targeted northern Guatemala and south eastern Mexico with the heavy rain and gusty winds.

Meanwhile, the leader of the main Opposition United Democratic Party (UDP), Moses “Shyne” Barrow, said the nation needs to be thankful following the ravages of Hurricane Lisa.

“Thank the good Lord all of you are alive and safe. We can replace our material things but we cannot replace life. Let us continue to pray for the Nation, all those in shelters, all the

less fortunate, all our farmers, all our fishermen, and all those whose crops, livestock, homes, vehicles, and other possessions were damaged. Let us pray that the Government responds appropriately in the recovery process. Give thanks for the gift of life, health, and strength to rebuild,” he said in a message on social media.

Lisa is expected to be one of the last hurricanes for this year as the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season comes ends on November 30.

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Williams comes to the office just two months after announcing that he is still interested in representing South Leeward in Parliament.

In 2015, he failed in his bid to become the ULP’s candidate in the district, withdrawing at the primary and endorsing then-senator Jomo Thomas, who lost in the election that year against the incumbent Nigel “Nature” Stephenson of the main opposition New Dem-

ocratic Party.

Williams told Friday’s ceremony that the “cardinal responsibility of the attorney general is to protect, preserve and uphold the rule of law, to ensure the public has confidence in the rule of law.

“To build a successful nation, our people must respect the law, our citizens must feel comfortable that we have clear laws which apply to everyone and where there is a contravention of the law, there will be access

to redress through independent and impartial courts,” he said.

Williams replaces Jaundy Martin, who is leaving the post after five years to be with his family, according to Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves.

At Friday’s ceremony, Martin expressed confidence in Williams’ ability to fill the post.

“I have known Granville for most of my own career for he was admitted to practise about two or three years

after my own admission. and from my personal knowledge, it is no surprise that the government and people of this, our nation, has reposed confidence in him to serve in the high office that he now holds,” Martin said.

He said Williams — who is in his mid-40s — “is very much a young man in the prime of his life and the evidence is clear that the cause of young people in this nation is being championed and this is in no uncertain terms at very high levels”.

Passenger plane crashes into Lake Victoria in Tanzania, 19 dead

Reuters – At least 19 people died when a passenger plane crashed into Lake Victoria in Tanzania on Sunday while trying to land at a nearby airport, the prime minister and airline said.

Flight PW494, operated by Precision Air, hit the water during storms and heavy rain, the state Tanzania Broadcasting Corporation (TBC) reported.

Rescuers in boats rushed to the wreckage, which was almost fully submerged, to pull out trapped passengers, local authorities said.

"All Tanzanians join you in mourning these 19 people ... who have lost their lives," Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa told reporters in the lakeside city of Bukoba, close to the scene of the crash.

Investigators were looking into what happened, he added.

The plane left the commercial capital Dar es Salaam and "crash-landed" at 8:53 a.m. (0553 GMT) as it was approaching Bukoba airport, Precision Air - Tanzania's largest privately owned airline - said in a statement.

The plane was carrying 39 passengers, including an infant, as well as four crew members, the airline added. It initially said 26 of the 43 people on board were rescued but later said 24 survivors were reported by emergency services at the scene.



Rescuers attempt to recover the Precision Air passenger plane that crashed into Lake Victoria in Bukoba, Tanzania, November 6, 2022.

A witness told TBC he saw the plane flying unsteadily as it approached the airport in poor visibility, saying it took a turn for the airport but missed and went into the lake.

Video and pictures on social media showed the plane almost fully submerged, with only its green and brown-coloured tail visible above the waterline of Lake Victoria, Africa's largest lake.

Footage from the broadcaster and onlookers showed scores of residents standing along the shoreline and others wading into the shallow waters to try to pull the aircraft closer to shore with ropes.

The two pilots survived the crash and were in touch

with rescue workers from the cockpit before reporting that their oxygen supply was dwindling, Albert Chalamila, chief administrator of Tanzania's Kagera region, told Reuters. They were dead when rescue workers reached them, but the two flight attendants survived, he said.

Precision Air identified the aircraft as an ATR42-500. The Franco-Italian manufacturer ATR did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

First introduced almost 40 years ago, the ATR42 is the smaller of two series of short-haul turboprops made by ATR, a joint-venture of Airbus and Leonardo. The last fatal accident was in 2017, according to avia-

tion-safety.net, a safety database.

"Precision Air extends its deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the passenger(s) and crew involved in this tragic accident," the airline said. "The company will strive to provide them with information and whatever assistance they will require in this difficult time."

Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan called for calm.

"I have received with sadness the news of the accident involving Precision Air's plane," she tweeted. "Let's be calm at this moment when rescuers are continuing with the rescue mission while praying to God to help us."

Russian-occupied Kherson loses power after alleged ‘sabotage’

AlJazeera – The Russian-installed administration in Ukraine’s Kherson region has said that Kherson city lost water and power supplies after what it called an act of “sabotage”.

In a statement on Telegram, the Russian-installed administration of Kherson said a “terrorist attack” damaged three power lines in the region.

It said that the attack had been carried out by Ukraine, though it provided no evidence.

The outages are a “result of an attack organised by the Ukrainian side on the Berislav-Kakhovka highway that saw three concrete poles of high-voltage power lines damaged,” it said.

It is the first time that Kherson – which fell to Russian forces within days of Moscow’s invasion of Ukraine in February – has seen such a power cut.

Kherson is one of four regions that Russian President Vladimir Putin illegally annexed last month.

Russian state-owned news agency TASS quoted Kherson’s Moscow-appointed governor Vladimir Saldo as saying that there were plans for the city’s power supply to be restored by the end of the day.

Energy specialists were working to “quickly” resolve the issue, the Russian-backed authorities said



The Kakhovka hydroelectric dam was captured by Moscow's forces at the start of their offensive [File: Olga Maltseva/AFP]

as they called on people to “remain calm”.

TASS separately cited emergency services in the region as saying that 10 settlements, including Kherson city, which had a pre-war population of 280,000, had been left without electricity.

Russian officials have in recent weeks repeatedly warned civilians to leave Kherson, amid what they say are preparations for a Ukrainian offensive against the city, the only regional capital that Russia has captured since invading Ukraine on February 24.

News of the outage followed reports that the Kakhovka dam in the Russian-controlled region of

Kherson was “damaged” by a Ukrainian strike.

“Today at 10:00 (08:00 GMT) there was a hit of six HIMARS rockets. Air defence units shot down five missiles, one hit a lock of the Kakhovka dam, which was damaged,” Russian news agencies quoted local emergency services as saying.

The RIA Novosti news agency quoted a local Moscow-backed official saying the damage was not “critical”.

The Kakhovka hydroelectric dam in southern Ukraine was captured by Moscow’s forces at the start of their offensive. It supplies Russian-annexed

Crimea with water.

Both warring sides have been trading accusations over the Russian-held dam for weeks, Al Jazeera’s Harry Fawcett said.

“Ukrainians have been saying that the Russians have mined it and intended to blow it, while Russia said that Ukrainian forces were planning to fire a missile at it,” Fawcett said, reporting from Kyiv.

But if the dam was to be breached, Fawcett said, it would be a major catastrophe for both sides, “so there are still a lot of doubts as to whether either one would really want to do it”.

The dam holds back 19 million cubic metres of wa-

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Biden, Trump in final push to shore up support ahead of midterms

AlJazeera – United States President Joe Biden will address a rally in New York, and former President Donald Trump will speak in Florida to fire up Americans with one day left before a tight midterm election in which Republicans are pushing to flip both chambers of Congress.

Democratic leaders have ramped up their efforts to galvanise support, changing their messaging days before the crucial elections, which will decide the fate of Biden's legislative agenda for the next two years.

Biden's Democrats have struggled to persuade voters on kitchen-table issues, such as four-decades-high inflation.

Also playing against the party is Biden's unpopularity, which had led him to hold back from campaigning in some swing states. Only 40 percent of Americans approve of his job performance, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll completed on Tuesday.

For Democrats, Sun-



President Joe Biden arrives to speak at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania with former President Barack Obama on Saturday [File: Patrick Semansky/AP]

day's rallies in areas traditionally friendly to the party are a last-minute chance to minimise losses on Tuesday.

Biden will appear in Westchester County, normally safe Democratic territory but where Republicans are threatening to make gains, thanks in part to relentless messaging that paints their opponents as soft on crime and inflation.

The president is flying to New York to support Governor Kathy Hochul, who faces an unexpectedly strong Republican challenge.

The US president joined forces with Democratic superstar Barack Obama in key swing state Pennsylvania a day earlier, campaigning alongside Senate hopeful John Fetterman and governor candidate Josh

Shapiro.

Speaking to thousands in a Philadelphia arena, Biden cited Trump supporters' growing belief in conspiracy theories to highlight what is at stake.

"Democracy is literally on the ballot. This is a defining moment for the nation," Biden warned as he sought to push his party to the finish line.

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ter and it is located at a short distance from Kherson, Fawcett said.

Ukraine has been warning in recent weeks that Moscow's forces intended to blow up the strategic facility to cause flooding.

Russian strikes over the past month have destroyed around a third of Ukraine's power stations and the government has urged Ukrainians to

conserve electricity as much as possible.

But until now, Ukraine had only rarely struck Russian-held civilian energy infrastructure in territory annexed by Moscow, preferring to target Russian army supply lines.

Saldo said the dam's destruction would lead to flooding of the left bank of the Dnieper River.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr

Zelenskyy said last month that Russian forces had mined the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant with the intent of blowing it up.

Its destruction could cause flash flooding for hundreds of thousands of people, he warned.

He said cutting water supplies to the south could also impact the cooling systems of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, Europe's largest.

Danish teenager Rune stuns Djokovic to win Paris Masters

AP – Unseeded Danish teenager Holger Rune staged a stunning comeback to secure the biggest victory of his career by beating Novak Djokovic 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 in the final of the Paris Masters on Sunday.

Rune denied Djokovic a record-extending 39th Masters title.

The 19-year-old Rune, who is a friend and former junior doubles partner of top-ranked Carlos Alcaraz, saved six break points when serving for the match.

Djokovic saved one match point when Rune double-faulted. But the audacious Dane took his chance on the next, whipping a forehand into Djokovic's feet that he could only volley back into the net.

"It means everything to me, a perfect way to finish the week," Rune said. "It's a privilege to share the court with Novak."

Rune, who is the same age as U.S. Open champion Alcaraz, slid on his back in disbelief after winning his first Masters title. He got back up and looked close to tears as he sank his head in his hands, then raised both fists in the air to celebrate a remarkable week where he beat five top 10-ranked opponents in a row. That run only came about after he saved three match points in the first round against three-time major winner Stan Wawrinka.

Djokovic, who missed out on a record-extending seventh Paris Masters title, hugged him warmly at the net.

"I feel exhausted. It was an incredible tournament," Rune said. "I have so much respect for what (Djokovic) has done," Rune said. "I'm so proud of myself, it hasn't sunk in yet. The last game was one of the most stressful of my tennis life."

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Denmark's Holger Rune celebrates with this trophy after defeating Serbia's Novak Djokovic in their Paris Masters final at the Accor Arena, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022 in Paris. Rune won 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. (AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

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Rune will enter the top 10 on Monday, where he joins Alcaraz who is the youngest man to lead the ATP computerised rankings since they began in 1973.

"I'm feeling lovely to be honest, it's the best feeling," Rune said. "If you told me four weeks ago, I would be top 10 ... I would be like, 'What, sorry?' Now I'm here, and I'm super proud."

Chebet and Lokedi of Kenya win NYC Marathon races in debuts

AP – Kenyans Evans Chebet and Sharon Lokedi made huge splashes in their New York City Marathon debuts on Sunday.

Chebet won the men's race and Lokedi the women's race in her first-ever marathon on an unseasonably warm day, with temperatures in the 70s making it one of the hottest in race history since the marathon was moved to November in 1986.

Chebet finished in 2 hours, 8 minutes and 41 seconds, which was 13 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Shura Kitata of Ethiopia.

There was a scary moment in the men's race when Daniel Do Nascimento, who had been leading the entire way, collapsed 21 miles in. Race officials said later that he was OK.

The Brazilian ran the first half of the race in a blistering 1:01.22, which put him 2 minutes ahead of the course record pace. He had been leading by nearly 2 minutes for the first 15 miles before he started to slow down a bit.

Do Nascimento went down right before heading back into Manhattan and was quickly attended to by medical professionals. A few miles earlier, he had taken a quick 20-second bathroom break and also had stopped to walk briefly a few minutes before he collapsed.

Chebet saw Do Nascimento on the ground and said he "felt bad for him, but had to continue to race."

"He knew that it was hot and humid and (Do Nascimento) was going at a high pace," Chebet said through a translator. "He has a lot of experience and he knew he was going to surpass him."

Chebet, 33, pulled away from the pack when chasing Do Nascimento as they headed over the bridge into Manhattan for the first time. After Do Na-



Evans Chebet, of Kenya, crosses the finish line first in the men's division of the New York City Marathon, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, in New York. (AP Photo/Jason DeCrow)

scimento's collapse, Chebet took the lead and wasn't threatened the rest of the way.

Chebet won the Boston Marathon earlier this year.

"Boston was actually harder and it prepared him for the win for New York," the translator said for Chebet. "He's very thankful."

The victory continued a drought for American men in the race: No runner from the U.S. has won since 2009. The Americans' top hope, Galen Rupp, was in the chase pack before withdrawing from the race right before the 19-mile mark.

It was Lokai's first-ever marathon and she finished in 2:23.23 — just ahead of Lonah Chemtai Salpeter of Israel.

"I'm just so happy that I just won, you know?!" said Lokedi, laughing. "I'm really excited, just so happy that I did it here. The people out there, the course was amazing, the cheers, everything. I'm just thankful."

The 28-year-old was in a tight race

before she pulled ahead of Chemtai Salpeter in the final two miles to win by seven seconds and finish about 50 seconds off the course record.

"I didn't expect to win, I expected to run well," Lokedi said. "It was a good outcome and I'm really excited."

An hour earlier, the men's and women's wheelchair races ended with course records being broken.

Marcel Hug of Switzerland was victorious in the men's wheelchair race for the fifth time, tying Kurt Fearnley for most-ever victories in that event. Hug finished the 26.2-mile course that goes through all five boroughs of New York in 1:25.26 to break the previous mark of 1:29.22 set by Fearnley of Australia in 2006.

"The conditions were great for us. A tail wind the first half. It was very good conditions. I think that's the reason," Hug said of the record time. "I didn't know the time. My goal was to go as fast as possible and didn't focus on the time."

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Alick Athanaze - A star is born

By **Machel St Patrick Hewitt**

When Alick Athanaze ended the 2018 ICC Under 19 World Cup as the leading run scorer, many in the cricket world took note of the young talent from Dominica.

The ICC labelled Athanaze the rising star of the West Indies side and posited the potential for him to be the first Dominican to represent the senior Men's side since Shane Shillingford in 2012.

If the opening round of the CG United Super 50 is anything to go by, then it seems that faith has not been misplaced.

Two stand-out hundreds against the Guyana Harpy Eagles and Combined Campuses and Colleges have not only propelled his Windward Islands side to the top of Zone A but the contrasting nature of the knocks have turned many a head.



Alick Athanaze

Cautious and circumspect batting in the early stages of his innings versus Guyana, led to an almost run-a-ball 133 that laid the foundation for an impressive victory.

Two days later, he followed that up with a sparkling 140 at a SR of 108 featuring 16 fours.

It is a fact not lost on Athanaze; speaking exclusively to the Caribbean Cricket Podcast, he said, "If you look at the two in-

nings, they were completely different. Against Guyana I started slowly and was helped massively by Johnson Charles. He was seeing it well and he gave me the time to assess conditions and get into my work".

His slight frame may not reflect the global notion of what a West Indian player is, but Athanaze is comfortable with playing to his strengths.

He continued, "I know I can't muscle my way out of

situations. I have to be smart and play to my strengths, that means batting deep and recognising my boundary and single options."

What Athanaze is reaping is the growing maturity in his game and a true understanding of who he is as a player.

Having tasted West Indies A honours earlier this year vs Bangladesh A, Athanaze is clearly a player on the radar of selectors and he would have done himself no harm with his start to this year's CG United Super 50.

However, for Athanaze, whilst a first senior cap for the West Indies is on his ultimate radar, he is in no hurry, content to instead focus on taking his career one day and one game at the time.

Should that culminate with him being the top run scorer in the 2022 CG United Super 50, then that would merely be the next stage of the process that first turned heads in 2018.

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Hug, who also won the race last year, earned \$50,000 for besting the course record. He crossed the finish line more than 2 minutes ahead of second-place finisher Daniel Romanchuk of Illinois.

The 36-year-old Hug, nicknamed the "The Silver Bullet," has been on quite a streak, winning four gold medals at the Tokyo Paralympics last year as well as the Tokyo, Berlin, London and Chicago Marathons in 2022.

Susannah Scaroni also broke the course record in the women's wheelchair race, finishing in 1:42.43. That

was 21 seconds better than the old mark, which was held by Tatyana McFadden.

Scaroni, a 31-year-old from Illinois, pulled away from the field early and also earned the bonus money for topping the course record. Scaroni won the Chicago Marathon last month and was victorious for the first time in New York after finishing third in 2019.

The warm weather wasn't ideal for the 50,000 runners who started the 51st edition of the marathon, which was back to full capacity for the first time since the pandemic. Race organisers said that there were nine misting

stations on the 26.2 mile race course and there was plenty of water available along the way as well as bananas and energy gels.

There were a couple of celebrities who ran the race, including Ashton Kutcher and Chelsea Clinton, who completed it for a second straight year. Both were running for charity.

Samantha Judge, the wife of New York Yankees' home run champion Aaron Judge, also ran the marathon. The baseball free agent presented her with her medal when she finished along with Yankees outfielder/designated hitter Giancarlo Stanton.

Sports News



West Indies Women's U19 squad named for tour of India

The Cricket West Indies Selection Panel today named the West Indies Women's U19 squad for the upcoming tour of India. The players for the T20 matches were selected after trial matches in Trinidad.

Ashmini Munisar has been named as captain of the 15-member squad with Trishan Holder as vice-captain. They will be under the guidance of Head Coach Steve Liburd. Munisar is an allrounder who led the team when West Indies U19

played against USA Women's U19 in Fort Lauderdale in August. Holder is a top-order batter who was a member of the Barbados team at the Commonwealth Games playing matches against Pakistan, Australia and India.

The upcoming tour will feature matches against India 'A' Women U19, India 'B' Women U19 and Sri Lanka Women U19 in Visakhapatnam at the Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy International Cricket Stadium.



West Indies will then travel to Mumbai where they play against New Zealand Women U19 at the D.Y. Patil Stadium.

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Matches start at: 9am local (11:30pm previous day Eastern Caribbean/10:30pm previous day Jamaica) and 1pm local time (3:30am same day Eastern Caribbean/2:30am Jamaica).

Lead Selector, Ann Browne-John said, "As part of the preparation for the tour the squad was involved in some practice matches during a seven-day training camp in Trinidad.

The final team selected contained some of the players who participated in the series in the USA and there are some new players who the panel would like to have a look at before a final team is selected for the World Cup."

She added: "The composition of the team is quite balanced with some strong batters and a good mix of spin and medium pacers. It will be their first experience against top international teams and these tour match-

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THUR, 03 NOV	BARBADOS PRIDE @ JAMAICA SCORPIONS	2PM
SAT, 05 NOV	JAMAICA SCORPIONS @ WEST INDIES ACADEMY	9AM
SUN, 06 NOV	LEEWARD ISLANDS HURRICANES @ BARBADOS PRIDE	2PM
TUES, 08 NOV	BARBADOS PRIDE @ JAMAICA SCORPIONS	2PM
WED, 09 NOV	LEEWARD ISLANDS HURRICANES @ WEST INDIES ACADEMY	2PM
FRI, 11 NOV	WEST INDIES ACADEMY @ BARBADOS PRIDE	2PM
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MON, 14 NOV	JAMAICA SCORPIONS @ WEST INDIES ACADEMY	2PM
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THUR, 17 NOV	SEMI FINAL 2: WINNER ZONE B @ RUNNER UP ZONE A	2PM
SAT, 19 NOV	FINAL: WINNER SF1 @ WINNER SF 2	2PM

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OFFICIAL BROADCASTERS

European nations press FIFA for answers ahead of World Cup

AP – European nations, including England, are pushing FIFA for “concrete answers” on issues relating to migrant workers ahead of the World Cup.

The 10 nations speaking Sunday include eight with World Cup-bound teams that have committed to captains wearing One Love armbands in breach of FIFA-written rules.

The UEFA Working Group on Human and Labour Rights is pressing for a definitive response regarding a compensation fund for workers and the concept of a migrant workers centre in Doha.

In a joint statement it welcomed assurances from the Qatari Government and FIFA regarding the safety of fans at the World Cup, including LGBTQ+ supporters.

But it underlined its ongoing commitment to migrant workers ahead of the tournament.

“FIFA has repeatedly committed to deliver con-



The official FIFA World Cup Countdown Clock on Doha's corniche, overlooking the skyline of Doha, Qatar, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022. One of the world's biggest sporting events has thrown an uncomfortable spotlight on Qatar's labour system, which links workers' visas to employers and keeps wages low for workers toiling in difficult conditions. (AP Photo/Nariman El-Mofty)

crete answers on these issues — the compensation fund for migrant workers, and the concept of a migrant workers centre to be created in Doha — and we will continue to press for these to be delivered,” read the state-

ment. “We believe in the power of football to make further positive and credible contributions to progressive sustainable change in the world.”

The working group is made up of 10 nations: En-

gland, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and Wales.

In its statement it said it acknowledged “significant progress” has been made with regards to the rights of migrant workers.

“We also recognise that every country has issues and challenges and we agree with FIFA that diversity is a strength,” it added. “However, embracing diversity and tolerance also means supporting human rights. Human rights are universal and they apply everywhere.”

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es will give a better indication of where the team is at the moment.”

This series in the sub-continent will form a crucial part of the team's preparations for the inaugural ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023.

The global event will feature 41 matches be played from 14 to 29 January in South Africa. The official warm-up matches will be from 9 to 11 January.

The 16 participating teams will play in

four groups in the preliminary round. West Indies have been drawn in Group C alongside New Zealand, Ireland and Indonesia.

FULL SQUAD

Ashmini Munisar (captain), Trishan Holder (vice-captain), Asabi Callendar, Kenika Cassar, Jahzara Claxton, Najjanni Cumberbatch, Jannillea Glasgow, Realeanna Grimmond, Zaida James, Djenaba Joseph, KDJazz Mitchell, Shalini Samaroo, Shunelle Sawh, Lena Scott, Kate Wilmott

Sports News



Wings-Cyclones lose both games at tournament in Dominica

The Wings-Cyclones of Antigua and Barbuda failed to reach the final of the female competition at the inaugural Kweyol Basketball Tournament, which concluded at the Massacre Indoor Facility in Dominica on Saturday night.

The young Wings-Cyclones with players at an average age of 15 years old, lost 27-72 against 767 SC/YSA Washers of Dominica in their opening game on Thursday night, 3rd November.

They played only a few hours after arriving in Dominica and the youngsters were very nervous at the beginning, resulting in some poor defense and shot selection.

Although they came into their own later in the game, it was insufficient to pose a threat or stave off their heavy defeat against their much older and experienced opponents.

Gailene Gordon shot a game-high 30 points; Valencia John had eight points, while Rosalinda Paul and Suejatta Cuffy each scored six points for 767 SC/YSA Washers of Dominica.

Zorah Richards scored 13 points and Kai Joseph chipped in with four points for Wings-Cyclones.

The young Antiguan and Barbudans then suffered another humiliating 10-74 loss against eventual female division champion Golden Stars of Martinique in their second encounter on Friday, 4th November.

Golden Stars were leading 22-0 at the end of the first quarter, 41-5 at halftime and 53-8 at the end of the third period.

Charlotte Nicolas sank 20 points, Romane Albert converted 12 points and Lareen Baste scored 10 points for the Golden Stars of Martinique, while Zorah Richards scored four points for Wings-Cyclones.



The Wings-Cyclones basketball team that participated at the inaugural Kweyol Basketball Tournament, which concluded at the Massacre Indoor Facility in Dominica on Saturday, 5th November, 2022. (Photo courtesy CPTSA Wings Sports Club)

The three-team female division title was won by Martinique's Golden Stars who prevailed 71-37 over 767 SC/YSA Washers in the final on Saturday night.

Tania Boucand scored 20 points, while Charlotte Nicholas and Romane Albert each contributed 14 points for Golden Stars. Gailene Gordon sank 24 points for 767 SC/YSA Washers.

Phoenix of St. Martin won the Under-20 Boys' competition, coasting to an emphatic 100-44 victory over 767 SC Dominators of Dominica in Saturday night's final.

Brooks Sherron and Richard Yance each scored 21 points, Alvarade Rahim converted 19 points, Bapstic Kirron sank 17 points and Landefort Emmanuel chipped in with 16 points for Phoenix.

Rene Williams scored 14 points and Nathan Victor had 10 points for 767 SC Dominators.

After romping to an emphatic 106-55 victory over YSA Washers in their opening game on Wednesday, Phoenix

snatched a narrow 72-20 victory over 767 SC Dominators of Dominica in their second encounter on Thursday to book their place in the final of the three-team round robin competition.

Brooks Sherron shot a game-high 23 points, Richard Yance sank 21 points, Alvarade Rahim scored 18 points and Bapstic Kirron chipped in with 10 points for Phoenix.

Yawani Regis converted 21 points, Nathan Victor had 20 points and Rene Williams scored 15 points for 767 SC Dominators.

The 767 SC Dominators had rebounded to beat fellow countrymen YSA Washers Dominican 91-61 in their second encounter to book their spot in the final.

Rene Williams scored 27 points, Yawani Regis had 15 points, Nathan Victor converted 14 points and Dretsuan Lee chipped in with 10 points for 767 SC Dominators.

David Jabalera shot a game-high 33 points and Dartanian Lataille scored 10 points for YSA Washers.

Police upset ICONS in Business Volleyball League

It was a night of upsets in the Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Volleyball Association's (ABAVA) Business League Competition at the indoor facility at the YMCA Sports Complex on Saturday, 5th November.

Police pulled off a 2-1 three-set victory to end ICONS' perfect start to the round-robin competition in the second game of Saturday's double-header.

ICONs were given a clear indication of what was to come after staving off a tough challenge from Police to snatch the opening set 25-23.

But Police were not to be denied as they rebounded to level the game 1-1 by capturing the second set 25-19, forcing a deciding third set, which they won 15-10 to record their second win in three outings.

Despite suffering their first loss in five appearances, ICONs remained at the top of Group B after making a perfect start to the compe-



The Police volleyball team that beat ICONs in the ABAVA's Business League Competition at the indoor facility at the YMCA Sports Complex on Saturday, 5th November, 2022. (Photo by Elwin Francis)

tion by winning their first four encounters.

Earlier, Friends and Families of Island Academy (FFIA) also recorded a surprising 2-1 three-set victory over 77 Bus in the first game of Saturday's double-header to claim their first win after losing their first two encounters.

FFIA took the opening set 25-23 and 77 Bus levelled the match by claiming the second set 25-19 before

the Friends and Families of Island Academy re-grouped to secure the third and deciding set 15-9 to win the Group A match. It was the second loss in three outings for Bus 77.

The Media beat Treasury in straight sets to maintain their perfect start to the competition on Thursday.

The Media prevailed 25-17, 25-20 to advance to the top of Group A with their fourth win in as many

outings. It was the third loss for Treasury in four appearances.

MEDSO claimed their second win in four games when they defeated the Antigua and Barbuda International Institute of Technology (ABIIT) 25-19, 22-25, 15-13 in last Thursday's second encounter. It was the fourth loss in as many matches for ABIIT.

Cupholders APUA Inet kept their unbeaten record intact by surging to a straight set 25-12, 25-17 victory against Inland Revenue Department (IRD) to secure their third win in as many games. It was the fourth defeat suffered by the IRD in as many encounters.

Nate's Photography beat Zammine Shipping to also remain unbeaten after three appearances. They notched up their third win in a row by romping to a comfortable 25-11, 25-16 victory. It was the third loss for Zammine Shipping in as many outings.

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vis and Wilden Cornwall Jr. each converted once for All Saints Secondary.

Irene B. Williams Secondary prevailed 3-2 against Glanvilles Secondary School at the Swetes playing field.

Tijahni Isaac, Ralique Browne and Karique Knight were the goal scorers for Irene B. Williams, while Roshaun Martin and Taquan Harris each netted once for Glanvilles Secondary.

But ABICE recorded the biggest margin of victory of the day by romping to an emphatic 9-0 victory against Sir Novelle Richards Academy at the Police Recreation Grounds.

Striker Kadeem Campbell netted a hat-trick, Abraham Barry and Jahbarrie Lawrence each scored a brace, while Jonte Chapman and Denyah Looby converted the other two goals for ABICE.

Meanwhile, Princess Margaret School continued their unbeaten run in the Female Under-20 Girls' Division League by snatching a 1-0 win against Antigua State College at the PMS playing field on Friday.

National Under-15 Girls' player K'Neice Browne scored the winner for Princess Margaret School as State College lost for the first time in this year's league competition.

ASC end PMS' unbeaten run in Schools' Football League

Antigua State College (ASC) ended Princess Margaret School's (PMS) unbeaten run by snatching a 3-2 victory when both sides clashed in the West Zone of the Under-20 Boys' Division of the Ministry of Sports Secondary Schools' Football League on Friday, 4th November.

Watched by a big crowd at the PMS playing field, Antigua State College got off to a great start when Jilano Samuel nodded home a header in the 10th minute to give his team a 1-0 lead.

But not too long after, Princess Margaret School managed to draw level. Captain Tyrik "Castro" Hughes scored PMS' equalizer via a brilliantly taken free-kick in the 26th minute and both teams finished the keenly contested first half deadlocked 1-1 at the half-way stage.

However, Antigua State College took control of the match by scoring twice within the first 15 minutes of the second half to take a 3-1 lead.

State College regained their lead when Mali Johnson finished off a series of orchestrated passing by calmly placing the ball



The Antigua State College squad prior to the start of their match against Princess Margaret School in the West Zone of the Under-20 Boys' Division of the Ministry of Sports Secondary Schools' Football League at the PMS playing field on Friday, 4th November. (Photo by Elwin Francis)

past the Princess Margaret School's goalkeeper Zacheim Joseph into the back of the net in the 45th minute.

Antigua State College further extended their lead from the penalty spot in the 55th minute. Joshua Ferdinand scored a beautifully taken penalty, which was awarded after Princess Margaret School's central defender Ithaniel Lashley fouled an advancing State College player in the 18-yards box.

Princess Margaret got a fortuitous second goal in the 60th minute when the Antigua State College's defender

Andrew Kelman's attempted clearance ricochet past his advancing goalkeeper Nalian Gonsalves into the back of the net.

St. Mary's Secondary School snatched a 2-1 win against Jennings Secondary School in another West Zone Under-20 Boys' affair at the Bolans playing field on Friday.

Marcus Joseph scored the winner for St. Mary's Secondary in the 47th minute after Daniel Williams had equalized for Jennings Secondary with a 43rd minute conversion.

Earlier, a 34th minute

strike by national Under-17 winger Tejhano Jarvis gave St. Mary's Secondary a 1-0 lead.

Twenty-four hours earlier, All Saints Secondary, Irene B. Williams Secondary and the Antigua and Barbuda Institute of Continuing Education (ABICE) all recorded wins in the East Zone of the Under-20 Boys' Division of the Secondary Schools' Football League.

All Saints Secondary defeated Clare Hall Secondary 4-0 at the Potters playing field. Malik Charles scored twice, while Jevaughn Jar-

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