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# CALEB GARDINER: CHAMPION OF THE YOUTH

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One of the exhibits at Artfest Secondary Schools' Visual Arts Expo taking place at the Multi-Purpose Cultural and Exhibition Centre, from 28th November -2nd December, 2022. *Story on page 6.*



# Local News



## Future senator Gardiner: Champion of the country's youth

The young man who will soon be appointed as a government senator in the Upper House of Parliament intends to use his new high profile position to advocate for his peers.

Caleb Gardiner, 22, said since the announcement by Prime Minister Gaston Browne that he will be appointed as a legislator, he has been inundated by messages from young people who are optimistic that through him, many of the challenges they face will receive urgent attention.

Gardiner shared this in an appearance on Pointe

FM's Talking Point after Prime Minister Browne's announcement that he would replace Eustace 'Teco' Lake who is retiring.

"The main encouragement from my peers is that when you get in there remember us. Remember the issues that we're having, because you are now our advocate, you are now our voice and it's a case where you are here so that you can relay firsthand information as to what young people are.

"It's a case where now that there's somebody around their age group, it's now relatable," the St.



*Caleb Gardiner*

John's City West resident stated.

Once appointed, Gardiner will make history as the youngest person to be appointed to serve in the Upper House.

Senator Shenella Govia will become the former holder of that honour.

He is already on a mission to educate young Antiguan and Barbudans on government policies and how they can work to their benefit.

"One main thing to create an inclusive country is to educate our people because many times, most persons are misinformed and then that leaves loopholes for persons to come in and spread propaganda."

With the ABLP placing emphasis on succession planning, Gardiner has

voiced his support for Prime Minister Browne's progressive position to include young people in leadership roles as his administration attempts to move the country forward.

"Young people are the ones who are going to push the country forward. Continuity is important and it's important to get young persons involved. If we don't get the information out there of the importance of politics and government to our young people, they won't have the buy-in.

"The party has to evolve, the country has to evolve, but as young people, it's a time for us to be more aware of the social issues, the economic issues that's really and truly are going to plague us in the years to come," Gardiner said.

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## Additional Cuban scholarships offered to Antigua and Barbuda

The Government of the Republic of Cuba has provided additional scholarships for Antiguan and Barbudan students to commence medical degree studies in Cuba in 2023.

Responding to a request from Prime Minister the Hon. Gaston Browne, the Government of Cuba said that it is adding seven additional scholarships to the nine granted for the 2023 Academic Year commencing in February.

Four scholarships are being provided to Cuban trained doctors to specialise along with one additional dentistry and two medical

studies scholarships.

Prime Minister Browne commended the government of Cuba for supporting his government's desire to provide the best possible education to its citizens from pre-school to tertiary level.

Under the scholarship programme, doctors who were trained in Cuba are

given the opportunity to specialise in their respective fields.



Doctors will be able to specialise in a wide range of areas to include Endocrinology, Psychiatry, Pediatrics, Cardiology and Nephrology.

New applicants are also being given the opportunity to pursue medical and den-

tistry studies.

The Prime Minister's Scholarship Committee which manages the scholarships advised that the application period will remain open until December 21.

Application forms are available from the scholarship division in the Office of the Prime Minister.

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# Local News



## Missing retired judge located

A retired High Court judge is home with his family after he went missing from his Fitches Creek home in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The 87-year-old former Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court justice was reported missing after his daughter, an attorney, discovered he was not in the house when she woke up.

In the report made to the Parham Police Station, his daughter related that she had offered him dinner at approximately 6pm on 26th November while he watched television.

She went to bed at 10pm and awoke sometime after 1am on Sunday to find that her father was missing from their home.

The search for the octogenarian, who suffers from dementia, began.

Enquiries were even made at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre to determine if he was there, but efforts to locate him proved futile.

The searchers then determined to return to Fitches Creek and concentrate their efforts in that area on Sunday morning.

The decision proved to be a correct one as the former judge was discovered lying on his back in the bushes several yards from his home.

He was dressed in pyjamas and a pair of socks.

The Antigua and Barbuda Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was summoned and conducted an examination of the elderly man who was deemed to be in "good physical condition".

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## Stakeholders prepare for Tourism Week 2022

Preparations for Tourism Week 2022 are in their final stages with just days to go before the highly anticipated event.

This year, Tourism Week runs from 3rd to 10th December, 2022 under the theme "One Team, One Vision".

This year heralds the return of the event following the pandemic.

Organised by the Ministry of Tourism and Investment, the week of activities will feature a Service of Thanksgiving on 3rd December followed by a charity golf tournament a day later.

The activities continue on 5th December when children will be sensitised to the importance of tourism to Antigua and Barbuda in the You For A Day school tour.

Tourism Blast Off takes centre stage on 6th December, while the highly anticipated Taste of Wadadli follows on 9th December.

Taste of Wadadli is being billed as the "most anticipated Cultural Event" of 2022.

Scheduled to take place at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Stadium, from 11am to 7pm, the event will celebrate the country's food, culture and home and will showcase a collection of vendors and artisans representing the best of Antigua and Barbudan cuisine and heritage.

One of the highlights of the day will be the Mixologist Competition which will challenge the country's top bartenders to develop the drink that will be chosen as the Cocktail of the Year. This beverage will be used by the country's tourism marketing team at key promotional events promoting the destination.

The other top event is the Fire Pit Hot Sauce Competition in which the country's hottest and most flavorful hot sauce, selected from the well-guarded recipes of top chefs and the kitchens of home cooks across the nation, will be selected to also feature in 2023 on promotional tours promoting Antigua and Barbuda.

The week of activities concludes on Saturday with the Tourism Awards Gala.

This year's Tourism Week is sponsored by several organisations including the Antigua Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association, Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute, Ministry of Creative Industries and Innovation, Antigua Barbuda Workers Union, Antigua Cruise Port, Antigua and Barbuda Tourism and Ministry of Sports.



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# Visual Arts Expo opens at Multipurpose Centre



A five-day art exhibition opened yesterday at the Multi-Purpose Cultural and Exhibition Centre, Perry Bay displaying the works of visual arts students and teachers.

Artfest Secondary Schools' Visual Arts Expo will run from 28th November to 2nd December, 2022.

Visual arts educator Emile Hill, explained there are various aspects to the exhibition that have been in the planning stages for quite some time but was placed on hold following the COVID-19 Pandemic.

"We are displaying artwork that have been done by both visual arts teachers and students, but besides that we also have an area called art shop.

"There are some teachers who have creative businesses and [one]



*Emile Hill*

area is showing the business side of visual arts.

"Visual arts can be a passion, it can be a hobby, it can be a side hustle, it can be many different things depending on the way you want to use it and let it work for you," Hill stated.

The exhibition also aims to edu-

cate the public on what the subject of visual arts entails.

"The whole idea is to show off what visual arts teachers and students can do and also to educate people about what is out there. I think sometimes we think visual arts is just drawing and painting, but that's not all that there is.

"There is a business aspect to it, there are so many different ways of expressing yourself visually and that's what we're trying to show here," Emile Hill concluded.

Organisers have made it possible for artists to visit the exhibition and utilise a studio from which they can work.

The exhibition will open from 10AM to 6PM daily.





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## Prince William focuses U.S. trip on climate amid Harry row

By Danica Kirka

Prince William and the Princess of Wales will be looking to focus attention on their Earthshot Prize for environmental innovators when they make their first visit to the United States in eight years this week, a trip clouded by tensions with William's brother, Prince Harry, and his wife, Meghan, who have criticized Britain's royal family in the American media.

William and his wife, Catherine, will travel to Boston on Wednesday for three days of public engagements before announcing the prize winners on Friday in a ceremony headlined by pop star Billie Eilish.

Boston, birthplace of John F. Kennedy, was chosen to host the second annual prize ceremony because the late president's 1962 "moonshot" speech — setting the challenge for Americans to reach the moon by the end of the decade — inspired the prince and his partners to set a similar goal for finding solutions to climate change and other environmental problems by 2030. The first Earthshot Prizes were awarded last year in London just before the U.K. hosted the COP26 climate conference.

But as much as the royals try to focus on the



*Britain's Prince William and Kate, Duchess of Cambridge visit the Church on the Street in Burnley, England, Jan. 20, 2022. Prince William and the Princess of Wales will make their first trip to the U.S. in eight years this week, hoping to focus attention on his Earthshot Prize for environmental innovators. (Danny Lawson/Pool photo via AP, File)*

prize, William is likely to face questions about Harry and Meghan, who have criticized the royal family for racism and insensitive treatment in interviews with Oprah Winfrey and other U.S. media. The Netflix series "The Crown" has also resurrected some of the more troubled times of the House of Windsor just as the royal family tries to show that it remains relevant in modern, multicultural Britain following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

"You could say that the royal family, particularly as far as America is con-

cerned, have had a bit of a bumpy ride of late," said Joe Little, the managing editor of Majesty Magazine. "They've come in for huge amounts of criticism on the back of 'The Crown' and also the Oprah Winfrey interview, which has not particularly reflected well on the House of Windsor, so I think it's a good opportunity whilst they're in the U.S. ... to sort of redress the balance if at all possible."

Whatever those efforts are, they will take place in and around Boston, where William and Kate will remain for their entire visit.

The royal couple will keep the focus on environmental issues, meeting with local organizations responding to rising sea levels in Boston and visiting Greentown Labs in Somerville, Massachusetts, an incubator hub where local entrepreneurs are working on projects to combat climate change.

But they will also address broader issues, using their star power to highlight the work of Roca Inc., which tries to improve the lives of young people by addressing issues such as racism, poverty and incar-

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ceration. They will also visit Harvard University's Center on the Developing Child, a leader on research into the long-term impact of early childhood experiences.

William and Kate will also meet with Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and visit the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library and Museum with the late president's daughter, Caroline Kennedy.

"The prince and princess are looking forward to spending time in Boston, and to learning more about the issues that are affecting local people, as well as to celebrating the incredible climate solutions that will be spotlighted through the Earthshot Prize," their Kensington Palace office said in a statement.

Earthshot offers 1 million pounds (\$1.2 million) in prize money to the winners of five separate categories:

nature protection, clean air, ocean revival, waste elimination and climate change.

The winners and all 15 finalists also receive help in expanding their projects to meet global demand.

Among the finalists is a start-up from Kenya that aims to provide cleaner-burning stoves to make cooking safer and reduce indoor air pollution. It was the brainchild of Charlot Magayi, who grew up in one of Nairobi's largest slums and sold charcoal for fuel.

When her daughter was severely burned by a charcoal-fired stove in 2012, she developed a stove that uses a safer fuel made from a combination of charcoal, wood and sugarcane. The stoves cut costs for users, reduce toxic emissions and lower the risk of burns, Magayi says.

Other finalists include Fleather, a project in India that creates an alter-

native to leather out of floral waste; Hutan, an effort to protect orangutans in Malaysia; and SeaForester, which seeks to restore kelp forests that capture carbon and promote biodiversity.

The winners will be announced Friday at Boston's MGM Music Hall as part of a glitzy show headlined by Eilish, Annie Lennox, Ellie Goulding and Chloe x Halle. It will include video narrated by naturalist David Attenborough and actor Cate Blanchett.

Prizes will be presented by actor Rami Malek, comedian Catherine O'Hara, and actor and activist Shailene Woodley. The show will be co-hosted by the BBC's Clara Amfo and American actor and producer Daniel Dae Kim.

The ceremony will be broadcast Sunday on the BBC in the U.K., PBS in the U.S. and Multichoice across Africa.

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## Monkeypox given new name by global health experts

By Philippa Roxby

Monkeypox will now be known as mpox, the World Health Organization (WHO) has announced, after complaints over racist and stigmatising language linked to the virus's name.

The old term will be used alongside the new one for a year, before being phased out.

Mpox was decided on after lengthy discussions between experts, countries and the general public.

It can easily be used in English as well as other languages, the WHO said.

Human monkeypox was first identified in 1970 and named after the disease caused by the virus was discovered in captive monkeys more than a decade before.

Since then, the WHO has introduced advice on naming diseases.

It stresses the need to minimise unnecessary negative impact on trade, travel, tourism or animal welfare, and to avoid causing offence to any cultural, social, national or ethnic groups.

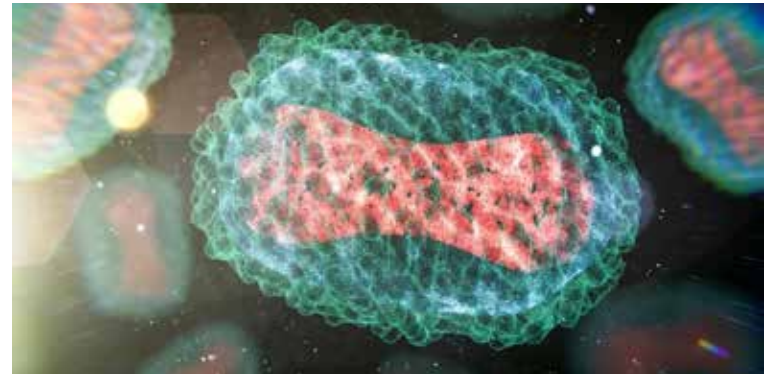
During the Covid pandemic, it recommended that variants were referred to using letters of the Greek alphabet because they were "non-stigmatising" and easy to pronounce.

This year, there has been unusual spread of mpox virus - a member of the same

family of viruses as smallpox - in many countries outside central and west Africa, where it is often found.

In July, the WHO declared a global health emergency because of the worldwide surge in people developing symptoms, including a high fever and skin lesions or rash.

Cases of the disease have been declining for several months now, but more than 100 different countries have been affected in 2022 - prompting huge demand for vaccine supplies to protect



those most at risk.

The US, Brazil, Spain, France and the UK have reported the highest total number of mpox cases this year. Globally, there have been 50 deaths from the virus.

Since May, the UK has

reported more than 3,500 cases but a rollout of vaccines to vulnerable groups helped drive down numbers following a peak in July.

Most people affected were men who have sex with men.



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# Workplace



## How flexibility made managers miserable

By Alex Christian

Employees increasingly expect autonomy with how they work. But as they thrive in hybrid and remote set-ups, many of their bosses are struggling.

Vlada Randjelovic says his life at a Belgrade-based IT company became much harder when the firm introduced hybrid working. Randjelovic managed a sales team of 10 employees, half of whom chose to work in the office, while the other half worked from home. “I ended up having two worlds: one that existed in the office, the other remote,” he explains, “and they would only ever connect over Zoom meetings. I had to suddenly manage two separate teams doing the same work.”

As he implemented the day-to-day running of the new working model, Randjelovic had to address issues as they arose, both from those above him and those reporting to him. “The hardest aspect of middle management is that everything has to go through you,” he says. “Top management would bring issues to middle management in coming up with a flexible solution. Hybrid was chosen, but it was much easier to say than to do; it came down to middle managers to solve challenges on a daily basis.”

Part of the problem, he says, was that employee expectations became radically different. “People fundamentally changed following the pandemic. Employees wanted more in terms of salary, flexibility and freedom to work how they want. They became more stressed and sensitive to company changes.”

Plus, he says, leading hybrid teams through a fundamental shift in how, when and where employees did their jobs proved to be a tremendous challenge. “You had a style of communication that needed to change overnight as people worked flexibly,” he says. “You had to re-think recruiting processes: hiring a worker that you might never meet in person. You had to accept that a fully



*Middle managers may not always have the training and skills to handle the challenges they are facing, experts say (Credit: Getty)*

remote team would naturally build its own workplace culture. Alongside that, everything sped up and intensified: you had less time to learn or make mistakes. It became a recipe for stress, overwork and burnout.”

Many managers are indeed struggling in the new work world. In an October 2022 survey of 10,766 knowledge workers by US think-tank Future Forum, executives reported 40% more work-related stress and anxiety, 20% worse work-life balance and 15% less job satisfaction in the past year. This trend was particularly pronounced among middle managers, with those at large organisations showing the lowest scores for work-life balance, alongside the highest levels of stress and anxiety.

These figures suggest that many bosses are having a hard time dealing with shifting employee expectations and working patterns. While employees have overwhelmingly relished greater autonomy over workdays and working models, managers have struggled to adapt as they lead teams through an unprecedented workplace transition.

‘Stuck in the middle’

Within an organisation, middle managers typically sit between an organisation’s executives and its employees. Even before the pandemic, this could be a difficult position to be in: they histori-

cally rank among the least happy in the workforce.

“The name gives it away: middle managers are caught in the middle, they have to deal with issues up and down an organisation,” says Denise Rousseau, professor of organisational behaviour and public policy at Carnegie Mellon University’s Tepper School of Business, based in Pittsburgh, US. “It’s traditionally been a hard role – they have to act upon conflicting feedback that comes from employees and senior leaders.”

When the pandemic hit, middle managers’ jobs became harder: they not only had to deal with the emotional impact on their teams – they also had to find ways of enabling remote work virtually overnight. “The processes in which people had communicated, coordinated and shared information in the workplace for decades were suddenly overhauled, and left for managers to figure out,” says Rousseau.

As the pandemic has waned, middle managers have faced ongoing pressures as workplaces pivot their operations. It’s these leaders who executives ask to implement unpopular return-to-office mandates or hybrid-working policies. In many cases, managers are caught between two sides pulling in opposite directions: while many workers want

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to hold on to their autonomous set-ups, some bosses have pushed for an office return. "They can end up caught in the middle, having to balance the uncertainty of what executives say about their working models against the clamour among employees for flexible working," says Helen Kupp, senior director at Future Forum, based in California.

Middle managers can also find they struggle to lead flexible teams, says Rousseau; the methods they used before are no longer available to them. "Flexible working requires a shift in the behaviours, processes and systems that enable managers to build connections, assess work and monitor the circumstances of staff," she adds. "But the ways in which managers have been trained to offer support and evaluate work require them to have eyes on the person and the information being right in front of them."

Compared to in-office settings, engaging and leading teams through a screen can be much harder, says Rousseau. "Managing often requires thinking about how the other person is thinking – it's predicated on assumptions made of that person having worked with them before. But that needs updating amid flexible working, and a culture of trust. And trust takes longer to build among distributed teams in which colleagues never meet in person."

All this means that much more is being demanded of middle managers now than before the pandemic. "A manager before Covid-19 compared to today is completely different," says Randjelovic.

Why they're struggling to cope

Many middle managers may be unprepared for the new challenges they're facing. Although managers are in theory promoted based on their leadership strengths, many are actually thrust into senior positions as a reward for perceived company loyalty or day-to-day job skills.

"In reality, managers are often in

their role because of hard skills," says Kupp. "But to be a good manager, especially with flexible working, requires a focus on softer skills: building connections, culture and belonging among distributed teams."

Right now, some managers are experiencing a crash course in soft skills, while also having to tackle their daily workloads. "Hybrid working challenges you on a personal level as a worker, and then also on a managerial level," says Randjelovic. "You need to update your company culture, have online routines set up for your team, and place your trust in them on a completely new level."

Plus, while executives continue to fine-tune their hybrid set-ups, middle managers may find themselves without much-needed organisational support in place. "Managers were often under-supported in their role even before the pandemic," says Kupp. "Flexible working has deepened the issues that make the transition to management difficult: it requires more help, training and the redefining of what it means to be a successful manager."

Forced to deal with evolving policies and norms, often without organisational help, it's no wonder many managers are feeling stressed and unhappy. "They should be the lynchpins in making flexible work successful, but they're instead stuck in a tug-of-war between what executives and employees want from flexible working," says Kupp.

Teuila Hanson, chief people officer at LinkedIn, based in San Francisco, says that managers who find themselves in firms still clinging on to presenteeism are more likely to struggle leading hybrid teams. "When the job is more about monitoring who's going into the office or not, rather than conversations around trust, that becomes harder for managers."

The longer-term picture

While difficulties managing distributed and remote teams remain, remote and hybrid working aren't going away.

This means companies will need to find a way to help miserable or stressed middle managers.

Hanson believes that managers will need fresh training if they're to thrive leading flexible teams. "There previously weren't many courses on managing hybrid teams: knowing which conversations to have in terms of working in person, or knowing how to manage someone you'll never meet in real life. It's not easy: if you're a manager today compared to 2019, absolutely your job is more challenging."

Kupp predicts, however, that the tug-of-war between employers and employees over flexibility will gradually ease, potentially lightening the load on middle managers. Market demand means flexible working will be here to stay, she says, so employers will ultimately have to cede ground. "We know that employees want flexibility and that they're willing to walk if their current job doesn't provide it. So, what we're currently seeing are likely short-term growth pains."

Randjelovic, meanwhile, believes that managing flexible teams will become more enjoyable once formal systems are more widely adopted. "When the pandemic first hit, and everything turned online, managers believed that company culture and processes didn't need to change – we just needed online alternatives for everything. I think it's only now that businesses have accepted they need to adapt, rather than find quick fixes."

He now works as a business consultant for an HR firm, after leaving management for a fresh challenge. He hasn't ruled out managing again in the future, however; for all its challenges, leading a hybrid team through the pandemic gave him skills he's been able to take forward. "Being a middle manager means being the middleman: everyone's problems become yours," he says. "But it's not a challenge to run away from – I've personally made big improvements in my online and in-person communication."

# Regional News



## US wants 'continued collaboration, commitment' to strengthening ties with Suriname

CMC - The Biden administration has congratulated the government of Suriname as the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) country celebrated its Independence Day.

"On behalf of the government and the people of the United States of America, I congratulate the people of Suriname on your Independence Day," said US Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken in a statement on Friday.

"Our two countries share strong, educational, historic, economic and cultural ties, and we look forward to continuing our work together to strengthen commercial ties, address the climate crisis, promote accountability in governance, cooperate in the health sector, bolster human rights, and encourage

stability in the region," he added.

Blinken said Washington and Paramaribo hope to expand cooperative opportunities in the security and defence arena to jointly fight illicit activity and expand and professionalise the security forces.

He also said the United States and Suriname celebrate the people-to-people professional exchange programs that "strengthen the bonds of friendship between our citizens and look forward to more opportunities in the year ahead.

"As we work to make continued progress towards challenges such as climate change in the coming year, including through the US-Caribbean Partnership to Address the Climate Crisis (PACC 2030), the United



States will remain a committed partner," Blinken assured.

"Our shared values of democracy and resilience will continue to be cornerstones for our shared objectives," he added.

Considered a culturally Caribbean country, Suriname is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the north, French Guiana to the east, Guyana to the west and Brazil to the south.

At just under 64,000 square miles, it is the smallest sovereign state in South America but also regarded as one of the most ethnically diverse. In 1954, Suriname became one of the constituent countries of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

On November 25, 1975, it left the Kingdom to become an independent state.

Suriname Independence Day is celebrated annually on November 25.

## Body of missing American tourist found in Guyana river

CMC - A postmortem is scheduled on the recovered body of 38-year-old Thomas Carstens Jr, an American tourist who disappeared af-

ter the boat he was traveling in capsized on the Essequibo River last week.

According to a report from the Guyana Police

Force, Carstens along with other foreigners arrived at Apoteri Village, North Rupununi via a private chartered aircraft for a sev-

en-day fishing expedition on November 18.

On November 22, Carstens along with the boat captain/tour guide and another traveler headed upstream on the Essequibo River in an aluminum boat.

About 90 minutes in the river upstream they were going through rapids when the outboard engine encountered a mechanical problem which caused the boat to drift down the rapids.

It's reported that Thom-  
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## One rescued, two missing following boating accident in BVI

CMC - The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) says a man who was stranded at sea for days is in serious but stable condition after being rescued while two others are missing following a boating accident.

The police report that the man was rescued from an overturned vessel found

drifting south of the island of Virgin Gorda on Saturday.

It's reported that the boat had overturned with three men aboard sometime on Tuesday; all three are believed to be residents of St Maarten.

It is not yet known what caused the boating accident.



## Ebanks-Wilks elected as youngest speaker of the house in Cayman Islands Parliament

CMC - Cayman Islands Members of Parliament on Friday elected Katherine Ebanks-Wilks as the new speaker following a vote held during a special meeting of the House.

Ebanks-Wilks, 43, who has been an MP for 19 months, beat the only other person nominated, opposition member Sir Alden McLaughlin by ten votes to six, as MPs voted along party lines.

McLaughlin has served in the legislature for more than 20 years.

Ebanks-Wilks' previous position of deputy speaker is now filled by Dwayne Seymour who crossed the floor last year

to join the government benches as an independent.

After taking her seat in the speaker's chair, Ebanks-Wilks said she was "filled with gratitude" to have been appointed to the position.

Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, the fifth and youngest woman to sit in the speaker's chair, said she never expected to hold such a high office so early in her political career and promised to be fair and discharge her duties "diligently, firmly and fairly."

Her election comes after McKeever Bush officially demitted from the office of speaker last month, after resigning with immediate

effect.

His resignation followed mounting pressure after police commenced an investigation into allegations of inappropriate behaviour toward two women at a government cocktail reception in October.

She has been fulfilling the duties of the Speaker since Bush's resignation, as she was the deputy speaker.

Ebanks-Wilks was promoted to the Speaker's chair and took her oath of



Katherine Ebanks-Wilks office that was administered by Governor Martyn Roper.

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as Carstens Jr jumped into the water where he held on to the side of the boat.

The boat eventually sank and he went underwater and did not resurface.

About 90 minutes in the river upstream they were going through rapids when the outboard engine encountered a mechanical problem which caused the boat to drift down the rapids.

It's reported that Thomas Carstens Jr jumped into the water where he held on to the side of the boat.

The boat eventually

sank and he went underwater and did not resurface.

The following day a search party went up the river where two surviving men were found on an island, and they related what transpired to the search team and the matter was reported to the police. The search party eventually found Carsten's decomposing body. The body was removed from the water and placed into a boat where it was examined for marks of violence, however none was found.

The body was taken to a health centre where the postmortem will take place.



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# Somali forces storm hotel held by extremists, free 60 people

AP - Somali forces on Monday stormed a hotel in the capital, Mogadishu, where Islamic extremists had been holed up for more than 18 hours after killing eight civilians and trapping dozens in the building, officials said.

Police spokesperson Sadik Dodishe said all six extremists died during the operation at the Villa Rosa hotel, and one member of the security forces was also killed.

Dodishe said about

60 people who had been trapped in the hotel were freed and none of them were injured. It was not immediately clear whether others were missing.

According to Dodishe, five of the attackers were killed by security forces, and one blew himself up.

Islamic extremist group al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attack.

Mogadishu resident Mohamed Suleyman told the AP that two of his relatives, both civilians, died in

the attack. "It's a great sadness to learn that two of my relatives were among those killed in yesterday night's attack," he said. "We were informed by their colleagues who managed to escape the attack after jumping (over the perimeter) wall of the hotel."

Ali Moalim, another Mogadishu resident, said he saw "two bodies of the security forces carried by their fellow soldiers."

Al-Shabab said in a broadcast on its own radio

frequency Sunday that its fighters attacked the hotel, which has a restaurant popular with government and security officials. The attack is believed to have started with an explosion before gunmen penetrated the hotel's gates.

The hotel is not far from the presidential palace, Villa Somalia, in one of the most protected parts of central Mogadishu. A successful attack near the seat of the federal government is likely

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# Mauna Loa: World's largest active volcano erupts in Hawaii

BBC - The world's largest active volcano, Hawaii's Mauna Loa, is erupting for the first time in almost 40 years.

"Lava flows are contained within the summit area and are not threatening downslope communities," officials said.

But the notification from the US

Geological Service (USGS) warned the situation could change rapidly.

An ashfall advisory is in effect for Hawaii's Big Island and the surrounding waters, and residents have been told to remain vigilant.

The volcano's alert level has been upgraded from an "advisory" to a "warning", its highest classification.

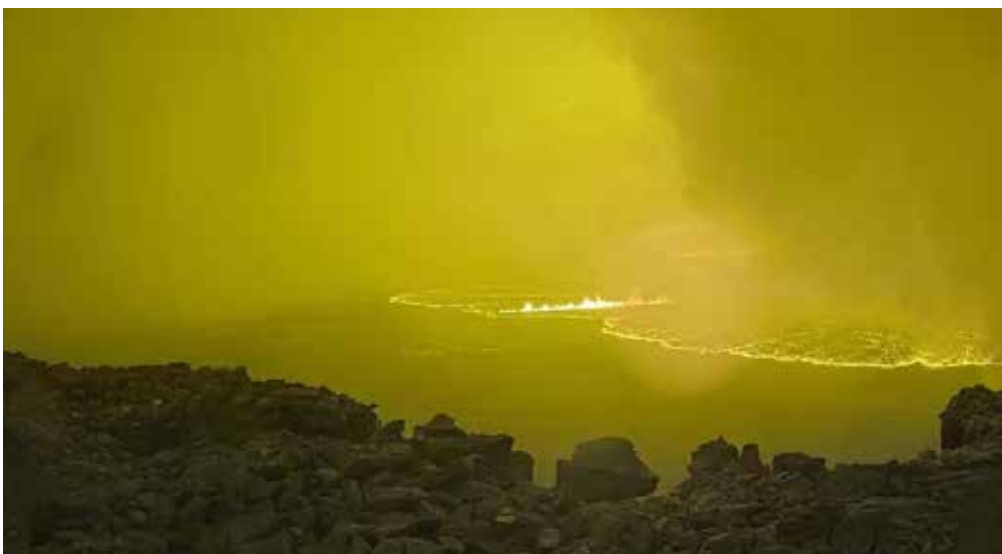
Mauna Loa last erupted in March and April of 1984, sending lava flows within 5 miles (8km) of the city of Hilo.

The latest eruption began on Sunday night at Moku'āweoweo, the volcano's summit caldera. Calderas are hollows that form beneath the summit at the end of an eruption.

It followed a series of warnings that an eruption was possible after a spate of recent earthquakes in the region, including over a dozen tremors measured at more than 2.5 magnitude on Sunday.

"Based on past events, the early stages of a Mauna Loa eruption can be very dynamic and the location and advance of lava flows can change rapidly," the USGS said.

If the eruption migrates beyond the walls of the summit caldera, lava flows could "move rapidly downslope", it added.





## Former Kenyan foreign minister to lead Commonwealth Observer mission to Dominica

CMC - Ahead of the December 6 general election, a Commonwealth Observer Group (COG) will be deployed to observe the polls in Dominica following an invitation from Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit.

The five-member group of observers that consisted of Commonwealth Secretary General, Patricia Scotland, will be led by Kenya's former cabinet secretary for Sports, Heritage and Culture and former cabinet secretary for Foreign Affairs, Amina Mohammed.

"The Commonwealth has a long and proud history of standing in solidarity with citizens as they prepare to choose their leaders. Under the chairmanship of Amina Mohammed, I firmly believe that the observer group will provide an informed, comprehensive, and impartial assessment of the electoral process," Scot-

land said in a statement.

The observer group is scheduled to arrive November 30 and stay until the completion of the electoral process.

During their stay, which will see them deployed throughout the country, they will be supported by a team from the Commonwealth Secretariat led by the adviser and Head of Europe in the Governance and Peace Directorate, Chantal Sciberras.

The COG will observe all aspects of the election process – from the opening of polling stations and the voting process to the counting of ballots and announcement of results – and determine whether the elections are conducted in line with international standards as well as the domestic democratic standards to which Dominica has committed itself.



They will also meet and hold briefings with stakeholders, including election management officials, representatives of political parties, civil society groups, the media, and other key stakeholders.

As per the COG's mandate, observers will act impartially and will adhere to the standards of the Commonwealth Guidelines for the Observation of Elections as well as the International Declaration of Principles for Election Observation, to which the Commonwealth is a signa-

tory.

Two days after election day, the observer group will issue an interim statement outlining its initial findings.

A final report, which will include the assessment of the electoral process and a set of recommendations for reforms to improve future elections, will be presented to the Government of Dominica, the Electoral Office, and other stakeholders, before being made public.

The group will then leave the island by December 11.

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to instill deep fear among residents of the seaside capital that has long been prone to attacks by militants.

Such militant attacks are common in Mogadishu and other parts of the Horn of Africa nation.

The latest attack comes amid a new, high-profile offensive by the Somali government against al-Shabab, which still controls large parts of central and southern Somalia.

Extremist fighters loyal to the group have responded by killing

prominent clan leaders in an apparent effort to dissuade support for the government offensive, and attacks on public places frequented by government officials and others persist. Hotels and restaurants are frequently targeted, as are military bases for government troops and foreign peacekeepers.

Last month at least 120 people were killed in two car bombings at a busy junction in Mogadishu. Al-Shabab carried out that attack, the deadliest since a similar attack at the same spot killed more than 500 people

five years ago.

Al-Shabab opposes Somalia's federal government, which is backed by African Union peacekeepers, and seeks to take power and enforce a strict version of Sharia law.

The United States has described al-Shabab as one of al-Qaida's deadliest organizations and targeted it with scores of airstrikes in recent years. Hundreds of U.S. military personnel have returned to the country after former president Donald Trump withdrew them.

## Prince William focuses US trip on climate amid Harry row

CMC - Prince William and the Princess of Wales will be looking to focus attention on their Earthshot Prize for environmental innovators when they make their first visit to the United States in eight years this week, a trip clouded by tensions with William's brother, Prince Harry, and his wife, Meghan, who have criticised Britain's royal family in the American media.

William and his wife, Catherine, will travel to Boston on Wednesday for three days of public engagements before announcing the prize winners on Friday in a ceremony headlined by pop star Billie Eilish.

Boston, birthplace of John F. Kennedy, was chosen to host the second annual prize ceremony because the late president's 1962 "moonshot" speech — setting the challenge for Americans to reach the moon by the end of the decade — inspired the prince and his partners to set a similar goal for finding solutions to climate change and other environmental problems by 2030. The first Earthshot Prizes were awarded last year in London just before the UK hosted the COP26 climate conference.

But as much as the royals try to focus on the prize, William is likely to face questions about Harry and Meghan, who have criticised the royal family for racism and insensitive treatment in interviews with Oprah Winfrey and other US media. The Netflix series "The Crown" has also resurrected some of the more troubled times of the House of Windsor just as the royal family tries to show that it remains relevant in modern, multicultural Britain following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

"You could say that the royal family, particularly as far as America is con-



cerned, have had a bit of a bumpy ride of late," said Joe Little, the managing editor of Majesty Magazine. "They've come in for huge amounts of criticism on the back of 'The Crown' and also the Oprah Winfrey interview, which has not particularly reflected well on the House of Windsor, so I think it's a good opportunity whilst they're in the US ... to sort of redress the balance if at all possible."

Whatever those efforts are, they will take place in and around Boston, where William and Kate will remain for their entire visit.

The royal couple will keep the focus on environmental issues, meeting with local organisations responding to rising sea levels in Boston and visiting Greentown Labs in Somerville, Massachusetts, an incubator hub where local entrepreneurs are working on projects to combat climate change.

But they will also address broader issues, using their star power to highlight the work of Roca Inc., which tries

to improve the lives of young people by addressing issues such as racism, poverty and incarceration. They will also visit Harvard University's Center on the Developing Child, a leader on research into the long-term impact of early childhood experiences.

William and Kate will also meet with Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and visit the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library and Museum with the late president's daughter, Caroline Kennedy.

"The prince and princess are looking forward to spending time in Boston, and to learning more about the issues that are affecting local people, as well as to celebrating the incredible climate solutions that will be spotlighted through the Earthshot Prize," their Kensington Palace office said in a statement.

Earthshot offers 1 million pounds (\$1.2 million) in prize money to the winners of five separate categories:

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## Odell Beckham Jr: Wide receiver removed from plane before take-off at Miami Airport

BBC - Super Bowl-winning wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr was removed from a plane by police before take-off at Miami Airport following concerns over his health.

Miami-Dade Police said they responded to a medical emergency raised by American Airlines flight crew.

Beckham Jr, 30, had been told to put on his seatbelt before departure and "appeared to be coming in and out of consciousness", police added.

The ex-Los Angeles Rams player later left the flight "without incident".

The American Airlines flight to Los Angeles had to return to the gate on Sunday and passengers disembarked before Beckham Jr left the plane with police officers.

He was "escorted to the non-secure area of the terminal by the officers where he made other arrangements," police said.

Beckham Jr's attorney Daniel Davillier said the incident was "unnecessary" and blamed it on an "overzealous flight attendant" adding that at "no time was Mr Beckham disruptive or combative".

"The flight was delayed after boarding and prior to take off," Davillier wrote in a statement.

"Mr Beckham fell asleep with his blanket over his head, which is his normal practice for long flights.

"He was awakened and told that the plane was back at the gate and that he needed to get off the plane because he did not put his

seatbelt on when asked."

Davillier said Beckham Jr, who is currently without a team and has not played since injuring his knee playing for the Rams in their Super Bowl victory in February, agreed to put his seatbelt on after being woken but was told it was too late.

"The overzealous flight attendant insisted on removing everyone from the plane instead of simply allowing Mr Beckham to fasten his seatbelt and proceed with the flight," added Davillier.

"At no time was Mr Beckham disruptive or combative.

"He was willing to comply with the seatbelt requirement, but the flight attendant wanted to prove that he had the authority to have Mr Beckham removed from

the flight."

A statement from American Airlines said a passenger was removed from a flight to Los Angeles "due to a customer failing to follow crew member instructions and refusing to fasten their seatbelt".

Miami-Dade police added that, after struggling to wake Beckham Jr, flight crew became concerned about his health.

"Fearing that Mr Beckham was seriously ill, and that his condition would worsen through the expected five-hour flight, the attendants called for police and fire rescue," the police said.

Once Beckham Jr departed, the remaining passengers re-boarded and the flight continued on to Los Angeles.

Beckham Jr tweeted "comedy hr" with a laughing emoji on Sunday morning, adding on Twitter: "Never in my life have I experienced what just happened to me... I've seen it alll (sic).."

Beckham Jr has 531 career catches and 56 touchdowns in 96 games for the New York Giants, the Cleveland Browns and the Rams.

Several teams have expressed interest in his services, as he continues his recovery from a torn anterior cruciate ligament, including the Dallas Cowboys and the Giants.

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nature protection, clean air, ocean revival, waste elimination and climate change. The winners and all 15 finalists also receive help in expanding their projects to meet global demand.

Among the finalists is a startup from Kenya that aims to provide cleaner-burning stoves to make cooking safer and reduce indoor air pollution. It was the brainchild of Charlot Magayi, who grew up in one of Nairobi's largest slums and sold charcoal for fuel.

When her daughter was severely burned by a charcoal-fired stove in 2012, she developed a stove that uses a safer fuel made from a combination of charcoal, wood and sugarcane. The stoves cut costs for users, reduce toxic emissions and lower the risk of burns, Magayi says.

Other finalists include Fleather, a project in India that creates an alternative to leather out of floral waste; Hutan, an effort to protect orangutans in Malaysia; and SeaForester, which seeks to restore kelp forests that capture carbon and promote biodiversity.

The winners will be announced Friday at Boston's MGM Music Hall as part of a glitzy show headlined by Eilish, Annie Lennox, Ellie Goulding and Chloe x Halle. It will include a video narrated by naturalist David Attenborough and actor Cate Blanchett.

Prizes will be presented by actor Rami Malek, comedian Catherine O'Hara, and actor and activist Shailene Woodley. The show will be co-hosted by the BBC's Clara Amfo and American actor and producer Daniel Dae Kim.

## Afghanistan effectively seal 2023 World Cup spot after no-result in Pallekele

ESPN - Before rain made a result impossible, Sri Lanka's spinners took grip of the middle overs of Afghanistan's innings, before Kasun Rajitha closed it out. On a slower Pallekele track, Afghanistan had breezed through the early overs, sailing to 135 for 1 soon after the half-way stage. Rahmanullah Gurbaz was chiefly responsible for their success through this period, hitting 68 off 73, as Rahmat Shah made another half-century.

But then Sri Lanka's bowlers roared back. Although, 30 overs in, Afghanistan were at 149 for 3 - nicely placed for a total well in excess of 250 - they slipped thereafter, not even able to bat out their overs.

The weather, however, had the last say. Sri Lanka were well-placed to make a comeback in the series, but the best they can hope for now is a drawn affair. It also means their hopes of automatic qualification for next year's World Cup dwindle further, as they will take only five Super League points from this match.

For Afghanistan, who had been on 110 Super League points before this match, a five-point gain (the number you are awarded for a no-result) on the table, takes them a step closer to automatic qualification. In fact, they have now effectively ensured their spot at the World Cup, barring points deductions.

The rain came down soon after the innings break, delaying the start of Sri Lanka's chase. Then when the hosts were 10 for 0, they returned. They ceased for a brief while, but came back a third time, forcing the abandonment.

Before that, Rajitha took 3 for 31 from his nine overs, and the spinners shared four wickets between them, as



*Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Rahmat Shah added 113 runs for the second wicket*

Afghanistan were dismissed for 228 with 10 balls left unused. Mohammad Nabi played a decent late hand, striking two sixes and two fours in his 34-ball 41. But he started running out of partners, and had to take greater risks, and eventually holed out in the 48th over.

Nabi was the last of Rajitha's victims. Although he struck Rajitha for a six on the previous ball, the bowler slowed up the next delivery, had him mistime the shot, and send a catch to long off, where Dhananjaya de Silva held on to a low one. In Rajitha's previous over, he had Rashid Khan hit a slower one in the air to sweeper cover, before Mujeeb Ur Rahman nicked his second ball to the keeper.

Rajitha got his rewards in the back end of the innings, but he had bowled beautifully with the new ball. His first over cost just one run, his second was a maiden, and he conceded just 10 in his opening five-over spell. All up, he conceded only two boundaries (a six and a four) in the

54 legal deliveries he send down.

Sri Lanka's spinners were not quite so dominant, particularly in the first half of the innings, when Gurbaz was producing a typically belligerent innings, and Rahmat Shah was building himself to another score. Those batters put on 113 for the second wicket off 133 deliveries.

Gurbaz hit four sixes in the arc between long off and cow corner - some of these being release shots after pressure had been built up. After Theekshana had him caught at long off trying to hit his fifth, though, some of the oomph went out of Afghanistan's innings, and Sri Lanka's spinners dominated the next 10 overs.

Theekshana got another wicket - that of Najibullah Zadran - and finished with 2 for 49 from his 10. Hasaranga and Dhananjaya de Silva claimed a wicket apiece and went for less than 40 from their full quotas.

Wednesday's match will now determine whether Sri Lanka can even draw the series.



## Ghana wins exhilarating match against South Korea in Qatar

BBC - A 10-minute spell in the first half by the African nation gave them a 2-0 lead courtesy of goals from Southampton defender Mohammed Salisu and Ajax's Mohammed Kudus.

However, noisy celebrations by Ghana fans at half time were dampened by a South Korea comeback after the break.

Two stunning headers in three minutes from Cho Gue-sung, top-scorer in his domestic league, levelled the game after 61 minutes.

But the impressive Kudus, who had deftly headed in Jordan Ayew's cross in the first half, added a final twist when he thumped in a third for Ghana to break South Korea's hearts.

Chances continued to fall South Korea's way as they searched for another equaliser but, despite 10 minutes of added time, Ghana held on.

There were emotional scenes at the final whistle as many South Korea players fell to the ground while manager Paulo Bento was sent off for arguing with English referee Anthony Taylor for not allowing a corner to be taken despite the 10 minutes having elapsed.

In contrast, elated Ghana substitutes sprinted onto the pitch to celebrate as fans in the stand blew whistles and danced in cel-



*Ghana scored three goals in a World Cup match for the first time*

ebration.

With Portugal to come next for South Korea, this feels a significant defeat, while Ghana - unfortunate to lose against Portugal - will face Uruguay in good spirits in their final game.

It was a frenetic game from beginning to end as both teams enjoyed spells of pressure without ever gaining sustained control.

South Korea started quickly, winning numerous corners and getting star forward Son Heung-min of Tottenham Hotspur on the ball regularly.

He was locked in a battle with young Brighton full-back Tariq Lamptey down the wing but Ghana

defended well and limited South Korean chances.

Then came Ghana's two goals in 10 minutes and as Bento's side trudged off the field at half time, a way back into the game did not appear likely.

Southampton's Salisu pounced on a scramble in the box to poke in the opener after 24 minutes before Kudus flicked on Ayew's cross and sprinted to the corner flag in delirious celebration.

But Gue-sung suddenly had South Korea fans on their feet - with some even close to tears - after two superb headers brought the teams level and briefly silenced the dancing Ghana

supporters.

The momentum was with South Korea but Kudus was clinical when he thumped in a third and decisive goal after team-mate Inaki Williams had missed a cross from the left.

Ghana goalkeeper Lawrence Ati Zigi was forced into several saves in the closing minutes as South Korea threw everything at Ghana but to no avail.

The scenes at full time indicated the importance of the result to both teams, the real significance of which will be felt after the Uruguay-Portugal game in Monday's late kick-off in Group H.

# Sports News

## ABDF finish second at the end of preliminary stage of softball league

The Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force (ABDF) secured victory in their final game to finish second at the end of the preliminary stage of the Mandy Premier League's Cool and Smooth, Sherma Jackson Business Softball Cricket League.

The ABDF defeated Living Styles by eight wickets in the final round of preliminary round matches at the Potters playing field on Sunday, 27th November.

Living Styles were restricted to 78 for six off their allotted 10 overs, with Steve Martin hitting 35 and Quincy France capturing two wickets for two runs.

The ABDF then raced to victory at 87 for two in 6.5 overs. Male player of the game Almojie Webson slammed 37 and Sewandi Ambrose hit 27 not out. Female player of the game Menova Govia claimed two wickets for 21 runs.

The ABDF ended their preliminary round campaign in second place with 40 points from six encounters behind top place finishers TG Welding with a perfect 60 points by virtue of winning all their matches.

Grill Box beat AFBAHLUR (Agriculture United) by six wickets to finish in third place with 35 points.

AFBAHLUR could only muster 70 for seven off their 10 overs. Joshua Daniel struck 24 and Melique Jacobs made 18. Male

player of the game Ashfield Weatherhead picked up two wickets for nine runs.

Grill Box then coasted to victory, reaching 72 for four in 8.4 overs. Weatherhead top scored with 20 and Baldwin "Spliff" Anthony chipped in with 13.

Vincey Bowen captured one wicket for seven runs. Monique Titus was named the female player of the game.

Time of Victory snatched a 23-run win over PEL Desi Boys to finish in fourth place with 30 points from their six matches.

Male player of the game Demetri Lucas hammered 58 and Essan Warner slammed 48 to propel Time of Victory to 127 for five off their 10 overs.

Ashfaq Ahmad claimed two wickets for 10 runs and female player of the game Stacy Bright captured two wickets for 17 runs.

In reply, PEL Desi Boys were limited to 61 for seven off their 10 overs. Samuel Joshua made 24 and Stacy Bright scored 10. Kerique Mentore took two wickets for 16 runs.

Living Styles ended the preliminaries in fifth place with 25 points and they were followed by AFBAHLUR with 15 points and PEL Desi Boys in the cellar position with just five points.

Martin Singh of TG Welding had the men's high-



*Martin Singh, left, and Kimberly Anthony of TG Welding finished with the highest aggregate for the men and women respectively at the end of the preliminaries in the Mandy Premier League's Cool and Smooth, Sherma Jackson Business Softball Cricket League. (File photo)*

est aggregate of 165 runs at the end of the preliminaries. Essan Warner of Time of Victory was second with 158 runs. Singh also had the highest individual score of 110 against Grill Box.

Kimberly Anthony of TG Welding had the most runs among the females in the preliminaries. Anthony scored 59 runs, while Sta-

cy Bright of PEL Desi Boys was second with 20 runs.

Vishal Gobin of TG Welding is the men's highest wicket taker with nine scalps, two more than teammate Charanlal Ramjohn.

The top female wicket taker is Monique Titus with eight scalps, while Stacy Bright and Kimberly Anthony each took five wickets.



## Old Road, Hoppers open premier league campaigns on winning note

Old Road and Green-bay Hoppers made a winning start to the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division League on Sunday, 27th November.

Both teams recorded wins in their opening encounters during a triple-header at the ABFA's Technical Centre at Paynters.

Striker Raheem Deterville scored a hat-trick as Old Road romped to a 4-1 victory over Ottos Rangers in the first game on Sunday.

Deterville gave Old Road an early lead by scor-

ing in the 4th minute. Defender Tash Harris doubled his team's advantage with a 24th minute conversion.

Deterville scored his second goal in the 32nd minute to give Old Road a 3-0 halftime lead. After the interval, striker Lloyd Jeremy reduced the deficit by scoring what turned out to be the only goal for Ottos Rangers in the 52nd minute.

Deterville then scored in the 60th minute to complete his hat-trick and sealed Old Road's emphatic victory.

Hoppers prevailed 3-2 over neighbours Empire

during a Grays Green derby in Sunday's featured match.

Striker Javorn Stevens scored in the 9th minute to put Hoppers ahead, but Jayvaughn Joseph scored his first of two goals in the 26th minute to snatch an equalizer for Empire.

Midfielder Eugene Kirwan restored his team's lead when he scored in the 31st minute to Give Hoppers a 2-1 halftime advantage.

Midfielder Rodney Lawrence put the game beyond Empire by extending Hoppers' lead with a 66th minute conversion.

Although Joseph managed to score his and Empire's second goal in added on time (90+3 minutes), it was too little too late to change the outcome.

Former premier league champions Parham and Five Islands battled to a goalless draw in Sunday's other premier league game.

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Telemaque clocked a time of two hours, 37 minutes and 58 seconds. The race was dominated by participants from the host nation, with cyclists from the Dominican Republic claiming the top five positions.

The first four riders in the Junior Class were all recorded as crossing the finish line in a time of two hours, 19 minutes and 58 seconds.

It was Nahuel Cruz, who was declared the Junior Class winner, finishing ahead of compatriots Kennedy Perez in second

place, Anderson Aracena in third position and Jhoan Rodriguez in fourth position.

Two cyclists from Bermuda made a clean sweep of the Individual Time Trials and Road Races in both female categories.

Charlotte Millington won both races in the Cadets Class, while Annabelle Miller achieved the same feat in the Junior Girls class.

The 2022 Senior Caribbean Cycling Championships was also hosted by the Dominican Republic on the 22nd and 23rd October.



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## Antigua and Barbuda cyclists finish outside top places at JCCC

Antigua and Barbuda's two representatives, Tahje Browne and Jaheim Telemaque, finished well outside of the top positions at the Junior Caribbean Cycling Championships (JCCC) in the Dominican Republic from 23rd to 24th November.

Browne, contesting the 15 to 16 age group Cadets Class, finished 6th in the Individual Time Trial from a field of 10 riders. He completed the 10 kilometers course in a time of 14 minutes and 41.11 seconds.

The Individual Time Trial in the Cadets Class was won by Rodrigo Alonso of the Dominican Republic in 13 minutes and 39.29 seconds. Jurvin Gonzalez of Aruba finished second ahead of Angel David of the Dominican Republic.

Browne finished 18th from a field of 20 cyclists in the Cadets Class in the 50 kilometers road race. He clocked a time of two hours, five minutes and 33 seconds.

The Cadets Road Race was won by Alonso, who narrowly edged out Ajqniah Casimir of Dominica, after both cyclists crossed the finish line in a time of one hour, seven minutes and 26 seconds.

Morobel Bryan of the Dominican Republic came third with a time of one hour, 58 minutes and 22 seconds.



Young Antiguan cyclists Tahje Browne, left, and Jaheim Telemaque at the Junior Caribbean Cycling Championships (JCCC) in the Dominican Republic on Wednesday, 23rd November, 2022. (File photo)

Telemaque, competing in the 17 to 18 age group Junior category, did not participate in the Individual Time Trial.

However, he finished in 13th place from a field of 19 cyclists in the 70 kilometers road race.

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