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SEYCHELLES FORMER PRESIDENT TO HEAD COMMONWEALTH ELECTION OBSERVER TEAM

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The ABLP candidate for St. John's City East, Melford Nicholas, paused for a welcomed photo op with jubilant constituents following a rally in the constituency earlier this week. [Photo: Pointe Xpress/Kavi Roberts]

Seychelles former president to head Commonwealth election observer group

The former president of the Seychelles, Danny Faure, will head the Commonwealth observer team who will be in Antigua and Barbuda for the country's 18th January, 2023 general elections.

The invitation welcoming the international observers, who will report on the execution and outcome of the general elections, was extended by the government of Antigua and Barbuda.

Faure will be joined by four other prominent Commonwealth figures who will be supported by staff from the Commonwealth Secretariat led by Prof Luis Franceschi, Assistant Secretary-General of the Commonwealth.

The additional members of the team are Gideon Moi, Politician and for-

mer Senator, Kenya; Clare Keizer, Journalist and Editor-in-Chief at Searchlight, St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Baroness Denise Kingsmill CBE, Member of the House of Lords, United Kingdom and Patrick Krypticous Nshindano, Public Policy and Election Expert and former Chief Election Officer, Zambia.

The composition of the elections observer team was announced on Thursday by Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, Baroness Patricia Scotland, KC.

In a statement, the Secretary-General said: "I thank Danny Faure for accepting my invitation to lead this group and each of the Commonwealth observers for agreeing to undertake this important assignment.

"The group, which is



Former president of the Seychelles, Danny Faure.

independent and impartial, will assess the overall conduct of the election and, at the end, make recommendations which will contribute towards strengthening the electoral process in Antigua

and Barbuda."

While in Antigua and Barbuda for the elections, the observer team will monitor preparations for the election, the polling pro-

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Police issue strong warning against election paraphernalia vandalism

The High Command of the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda is warning vandals from destroying the election paraphernalia mounted across the country by political parties and independent candidates.

On Thursday afternoon, the Police Administration said it was aware that people have been damaging or defacing the election billboards, and other paraphernalia, of the candidates in the upcoming general elections.

The police have made it clear that it is an offence, according to Section 33 of Chapter 405 of the Small



Commissioner of Police, Atlee Rodney

Charges Act of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, for any person to unlawfully and maliciously commit damage to any personal property.

Anyone found in contravention of the Act shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.00,

or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

The Commissioner of Police, Atlee Rodney, is appealing to those involved in the unlawful practice to desist and "respect the rights and privileges of everyone in our democratic society".

Commissioner Rodney also encouraged the candidates in the 18th January elections, and their supporters, "to conduct themselves in a respectful and responsible manner throughout the remainder of their campaign".

ABEC: Keep your voter ID cards safe

With elections now just 12 days away, voters are being cautioned to safeguard their voter ID cards.

The advice came from Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Antigua and Barbuda Electoral Commission (ABEC), Elisha Graham.

“We encourage persons to secure their voter ID cards.

“If you are not yet in possession of your card, meaning you would have lost it or it would have been stolen, then we encourage you to seek a replacement. The fee is EC\$100. If you are 60 years or older then it's free,” Graham said.

Meanwhile, ABEC has moved its preparations for the election into high gear.



Supervisor of Elections, Dame Lorna Simon

Supervisor of Elections, Dame Lorna Simon, addressed this during a recent media appearance.

“We are in an advanced stage of preparations having trained our Returning Officers and special trainers. The training for Pre-

siding Officers, Poll Clerks and Information Clerks to work on election started last night (Wednesday) and will go until Monday of next week.

“We have started printing our ballots, and so, we hope to complete that process by the end of this week.

“Having done that, we have seen a number of persons coming in for lost cards, persons who have been called to complete their transfers and that will go on practically until election day at least, for the lost cards,” Dame Lorna said.

The revised election register which will allow voters to know with cer-

tainty their eligibility to vote on 18th January.

The list will be published by ABEC after the claims and objections process ends on 9th January.

Only those who were registered by 30th November, 2022 will be eligible to vote.

“When claims and objections are completed, then we will go into printing the revised register. The register for December, we will add those persons who would have registered up until the 30th November.

“Having done that, then we will print the register for elections by 13th January,” the Supervisor of Elections explained.

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cess, the vote counting and tabulation procedures and the overall electoral environment.

They will also identify in their final report any issues that exist which might undermine the credibility of the electoral process.

The observer group will arrive in Saint John's on 14th January 2023.



AUCTION NOTICE

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The property is under the ownership of **TESSA DONAWA-DANIEL**. The land is a 43,500 sq. ft. (1 acre) plot with an approximate 6,969 sq. ft., 2 storey reinforced concrete building with 4 bedrooms and 3 ½ bathrooms.

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The Auction shall be held on site.

Details of the Auction may be obtained from **Mr. Trevor Santos, Public Auctioneer** at telephone numbers: 464-7653 and 562-7653.

Dated this the 19th day of December 2022

Trevor Santos
Licensed Auctioneer

PM Browne: “Every able-bodied adult who wants a job...will get one this year”

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has guaranteed that every person living in the country who wants employment will be able to find a job based on the number of developments underway in the country.

As he listed the projects that are now in progress, Browne, who was addressing an Antigua Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) rally in City East on Tuesday night, said he had confidence in his bold prediction.

Among the projects identified was the landside development on Lower Newgate Street where Global Ports Limited will invest \$100 million in shops, restaurants, entertainment outlets and other amenities that cater to cruise passengers.

The prime minister anticipates that this project will generate “hundreds of jobs” and provide opportunities for nationals to own



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

businesses in the development.

According to PM Browne, however, most job creation will take place in the hotel sector of the tourism industry.

The prime minister also pointed out that Antigua and Barbuda has welcomed more tourists during his administration than any other in the nation’s history.

He further disclosed that two hotel properties located in Dickenson Bay are now

carrying out major expansions.

Halcyon Cove, which has been acquired by the Sunwing Group, is now engaging in major renovations to the property that will see the addition of 350 new rooms to the property.

The expansion of Halcyon Cove is expected to be completed in time for the start of the 2023 winter tourist season, creating hundreds of new jobs.

Next door, Sandals

Grande Antigua is also expanding its property with the addition of new rooms. Sandals projects that approximately 300 jobs will be created upon completion of the project.

In Barbuda, 60 condominiums are expected to be completed this year. This will add to the luxury homes located on the PLH property.

“These are just a few of the developments taking place in the country, with several more coming on stream shortly. This means that by later this year, every single able-bodied adult in this country who wants a job...can get a job,” he stated.

Prime Minister Browne projected that the country’s employment rate will be near capacity by the end of this year.

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		 Full Moon	

Antigua and Barbuda-China flag-raising ceremony today

The official event to mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Antigua and Barbuda and the People's Republic of China (PRC) takes place today at the Office of the Prime Minister when officials from both governments will participate in a flag raising ceremony.

The actual raising of the flag will follow a ceremony and brief addresses from the PRC's ambassador to Antigua and Barbuda, Zhang Yanling, Foreign Affairs Minister, E. P. Chet Greene and Prime Minister Gaston



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MEDIA STATEMENT

The ruling Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) has questioned the viability of a United Progressive Party (UPP) shadow cabinet, drawn from the nominated candidates which that opposition party has put forward for election. One of the UPP candidates had been extremely critical of the quality of the candidates put forward by the UPP, previously; he expressed publicly his view that the UPP team lacked substance and would not be fit for cabinet positions.

The team put forward by the UPP in that pending election contained a few talented members/candidates, five years ago. In the 2023 General Election, 12 days away, the UPP Team is bereft of talented members. For this reason, the UPP has not identified a "shadow cabinet," the ABLP believes.

Given the importance of assuring the Antigua and Barbuda electorate and people of the sufficiency of the competing, potential teams to govern Antigua and Barbuda, **the ABLP calls on the UPP to tell the Antigua and Barbuda people which of its candidates will likely be given responsibility over which Ministerial portfolio.** The fear of the UPP in revealing its choices is based on the absent skill-sets, missing from the UPP team.

Although Mr. Lovell served as the Minister of Finance in the second term of the UPP, 2009 to 2014, his performance was so poor, that he ought not name himself to this position—not as a shadow minister! The ABLP wonders aloud who would be the UPP Minister of Foreign Affairs, selected from among its 16 candidates. All countries are very careful in their choice of a Foreign Minister, given the importance of inter-state relations in this rapidly evolving world. The UPP does not have a viable candidate to fill this slot, nor any of the demanding portfolios.

The ABLP is very much aware that Mr. Lovell has been addressing every subject-area raised by the media or by the UPP's political opponents, disallowing his colleague-candidates from addressing issues of any sort. It is patently unfair to the electorate of Antigua and Barbuda for the UPP to attempt to conceal its inherent weaknesses from a prying public. Maybe Franz would serve as Foreign Minister, given his trail of "successes" in the USA.

Browne.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Anthony Liverpool, will chair the proceedings.

Both PM Browne and FM Greene are expected to focus on the PRC's support for Antigua and Barbuda's development through grants and concessionary loans which have allowed the government to undertake critical national development.

The PRC has been described by PM Browne as "perhaps the most important developmental partner for Antigua and Barbuda over the past several decades".

He has often recognised the PRC's role in the construction of the new V. C. Bird International Airport terminal, the expansion of the St. John's Harbour, the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium and the Big Creek Bridge, all of which were financed through Chinese loans or grants.

Last month, the PRC opened its first purpose-built embassy and residence in the Eastern Caribbean in St. John's. It has been hailed as a symbol of the strong bond of friendship that exists between the PRC and Antigua and Barbuda.

Antigua and Barbuda features in The Apprentice UK

With Antigua and Barbuda Tourism arrivals on the rise, the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority has announced a major partnership with the world's leading public service broadcaster, the BBC, which will feature Antigua and Barbuda in the first full episode of the reality business series, *The Apprentice*.

The programme, whose new season premiered in the UK on Thursday, features contestants who will compete to become the next business partner of Lord Alan Sugar - a prominent British business magnate - whilst completing a series of tourism-related tasks in Antigua and Barbuda.

Airing on the BBC this month to tie into the peak holiday booking season, the show will place Antigua and Barbuda in the forefront of the minds of millions of British travellers who view the popular programme.

"There is a lot of excitement for Antigua and Barbuda amongst viewers of the show who have spotted the teaser and recognised the destination", said Minister of Tourism and Investment, Charles Fernandez.

"Our welcoming people, warm weather, turquoise waters, fantastic cultural sites, amazing restaurants, and unique experiences are going to be splashed across television screens in homes throughout the UK."

The highly anticipated first episode for the season was dedicated to Antigua and Barbuda, its beauty and offerings which will appeal to viewers planning holidays to escape the cold winter.

After two and a half years of planning, series 17 launched with 18 British contestants and *Apprentice* judges, Karen Brady and Claude Littner, being whisked from the boardroom to Antigua and Barbuda where their first challenge awaited them.



The cast of Season 17 of the Apprentice UK

Staying at the Royalton Antigua, a total of 65 crew, talent and contributors spent four days on island shooting in April in 2022.

Split into two teams, Boys vs. Girls, the contestants were tasked with promoting island tours and excursions. The winning team was decided based on which one was able to generate the most profit.

The Girls picked a sea excursion - a catamaran ride with Tropical Adventures that included some luxury touches - while the Boys chose a cultural, historic tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Nelson's Dockyard.

After learning from our on-the-ground experts, as much as they could to act as guides, the teams went about making deals with local partners and selling excursions to tourists.

The hour-long episode features many local businesses and locations including a Rum tasting at Shirley Heights with Quin Farara Wine & Spirits, Panache Steel Orchestra pan lessons within the Nelson's Dockyard National Park and visits to Antigua Yacht Club Marina, Dickenson Bay, Beachlimerz,

Tropical Adventures Catamaran, Cedars Pottery and Heritage Quay.

Cherrie Osborne, Director of Tourism UK & Europe for the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority said, "We are absolutely delighted to share the culmination of years of planning and hard work and would like to thank all our partners who worked together to make this partnership a reality.

"After two years of travel restrictions tourism has never been more important, and so inspiring travel to Antigua and Barbuda is not only a top priority for the Tourism Authority, but imperative to the islands' successful growth and rebound.

Antigua and Barbuda will star in one of the UK's most popular TV shows and this exciting episode will be sure to inspire millions of British travellers to visit the destination for years to come."

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority will host a private screening of the episode at The Royalton on 9th January 2023.

The episode became available to view on BBC iPlayer on 5th January.

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Opinion



The fallacy of “President” Juan Guaidó is over

By **Sir Ronald Sanders**

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda’s Ambassador to the United States of America and the Organization of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London and Massey College in the University of Toronto)

The pretender, Juan Guaidó, is now finally gone. The myth that he was the President of Venezuela and had the capacity to act and speak for the country, has now evaporated.

The myth of Guaidó’s presidency and authority was possible only because Donald Trump, as President of the United States, endorsed him on 23 January 2019, for personal political reasons. Trump needed the exile votes in South Florida for his run for a second term as President.

Several countries were “persuaded”, in defiance of customary international law to support Trump’s position. But many of the then governments of those supporting states knew that the position they took was not rooted in international law or practice, and it was unsustainable unless the de facto government of Nicolás Maduro crumbled. Four years later, Maduro is still there.

Further, sanctions applied against the Maduro government, designed to hasten its collapse, did not succeed. The only thing that the sanctions accomplished was hurting the populace of the country, particularly the poor, creating the second largest flow of refugees in the world today.

Many countries, which followed the Trump lead in recognising Guaidó as President of Venezuela, had begun to abandon that farce.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, change of governments in Mexico, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, St Lucia, and Guyana, which had formed them-

selves with Canada into the “Lima Group”, departed from the patently obvious uselessness of supporting a charade. The Jamaican government, while not formally a member of the Lima Group, continued its pro-Guaidó position.

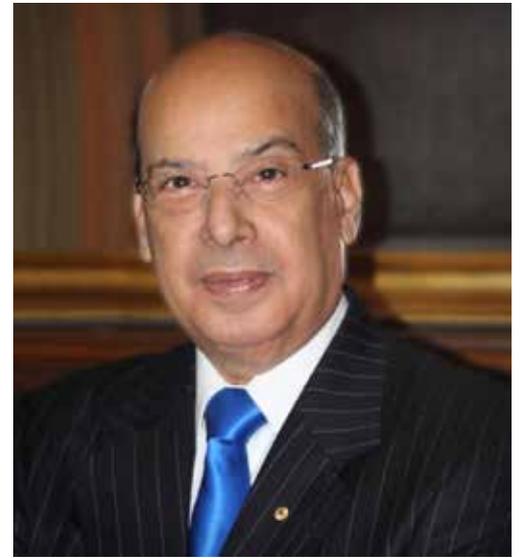
The purpose of the “Lima Group” was to try to give international legitimacy to Juan Guaidó, particularly in hemispheric organisations, such as the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Inter-American Development Bank, where, along with the U.S. government, they used their slender majority to impose Guaidó’s nominees as the representatives of Venezuela.

Several Caribbean governments resisted this imposition, which was also a violation of the rules of the OAS and of customary international law. Among the Caribbean countries, which steadfastly adopted this principled stance from the outset, were Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago.

These countries, recorded in the resolutions of the OAS, that they did not accept the violation of the OAS rules and would not be bound by any decision, which required the vote of Guaidó’s representative to pass.

On 6 October 2022 – just three months ago – at the General Conference of the OAS in Peru, as Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda, I introduced a resolution to overturn the decision to seat Guaidó’s representative at the OAS.

The resolution received majority support of 19 of the supposedly 35 member states (neither Cuba nor Venezuela are members despite the unenforceable 1948 rules of the organisation, really making membership 33). Only 4 countries voted against, namely Canada, Guatemala, Paraguay



Sir Ronald Sanders

and the U.S.

However, even though Guaidó’s nominee was seated at a General Conference in 2019 by 19 votes, which, wrongly, included the nominee voting for himself, the archaic rules of the OAS required a favourable vote of 22 to pass.

Abstentions by three CARICOM countries deprived the OAS of correcting the blemish of illegality and immorality of seating a pretender as a legitimate government. How any government could expect to maintain the credibility of the OAS in such circumstances is deeply troubling.

As matters turned out, it was the Venezuelan opposition parties that put an end to this international conspiracy to accord Guaidó the status of President.

The opposition shadow “National Assembly” voted on Friday, 30 December 2022, to remove Juan Guaidó. Guaidó’s own party did not oppose removing him; they wanted to replace him.

But the three major opposition groups recognised that, realistically, a farce was never sustainable in the beginning, and continuing it was self-destructive. Instead, they have created a

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five-member commission to manage Venezuela's foreign assets, especially the U.S. based, CITGO, a subsidiary of the state-owned oil company, PDVSA. However, this scheme is entirely dependent on the support of foreign governments, including the U.S. and the United Kingdom.

Almost \$2 billion worth of Venezuela's gold reserves are held in the Bank of England. A London High Court had ruled last August that Guaidó should control these assets, but the Maduro government appealed the decision.

Now that Guaidó has been deposed by the Opposition parties and the farce of his Presidency has evaporated, the Court will be constrained to review its ruling.

Meanwhile, Gustave Tarre, Guaidó's nominee as representative to the OAS, has announced the termination of his own appointment in the

wake of Guaidó's removal. Since it was Guaidó who, himself, made this appointment as "President of the National Assembly", and he has been removed by the same opposition National Assembly, the entire scheme at the OAS now falls away.

Unless, of course, 19 governments are brazen enough to try to once again bulldoze and bully the other members of the Organization to accept another mockery of customary international law and practice.

It is most unlikely that 19 member states will support such an initiative. The vote at the OAS General Conference on 6 October, 2022 was self-evident. Only 4 countries voted against the Resolution by Antigua and Barbuda, whose objective was to restore respect for law and rules at the OAS by removing Guaidó's representative.

Spain has shown the way to all those who initially recognized

Guaidó. On 28 December 2022, Spain formally appointed an Ambassador to Venezuela, dealing directly with the Maduro administration.

The reality is that on 27 April 2017, the Government of Venezuela denounced the OAS Charter and announced its withdrawal from membership of the Organization with effect two years later on April 27, 2019, as required by the Charter. Since then, a pretender has wrongly occupied the Venezuelan seat, not paying any part of the \$10 million, ascribed as dues payable by Venezuela over the last 4 years.

The consequence was false accounting that has contributed to the inability of the Organisation to fulfil its mandate to the peoples of the member states.

This additional fallacy must also now end.

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How to create a good and strong password

By Mindaugas Jancis

We all got a lot of sensitive data stored on our online accounts that we want to keep secure. However, most of it is protected by pretty weak passwords. Creating a really strong password should do the job. But, as we all know, it's a fine line between choosing a password that no one else will be able to guess and one that's easy for you to remember.

Luckily, there are loads of ways and ideas to create strong passwords, such as using a unique password generator tool. Here, we'll walk you through our tips and tricks for choosing and setting up secure passwords for your online accounts. And we'll share some of our favourite methods for keeping your passwords safe and ways of making sure you don't have to hit the "Forgotten password" link ever again.

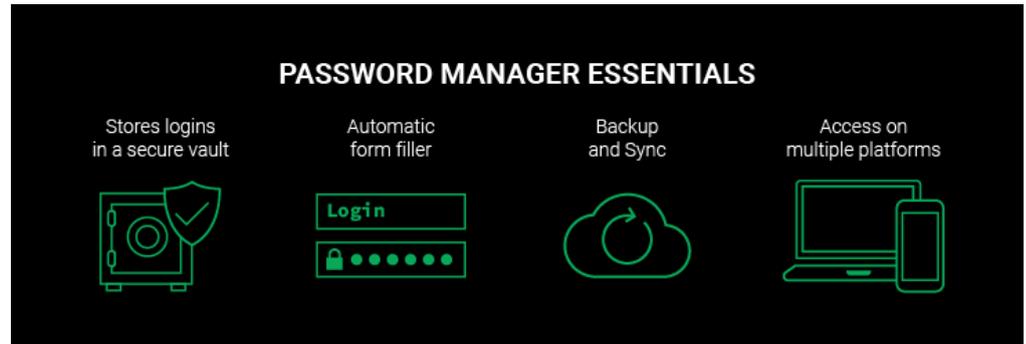
What is a strong password?

A strong password is one you can't guess or crack using a brute force attack. Hackers use computers to try various combinations of letters, numbers, and symbols in search of the right password. Modern computers can crack short passwords consisting of only letters and numbers in mere moments.

As such, strong passwords consist of a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and special symbols, such as punctuation. They should be at least 12 characters long, although we'd recommend going for one that's even longer.

Overall, here are the main characteristics of a good, secure password:

- Is at least 12 characters long. The longer your password is - the better.
- Uses uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and special symbols.



Passwords that consist of mixed characters are harder to crack.

- Doesn't contain memorable keyboard paths.
- Is not based on your personal information.
- Password is unique for each account you have.

When you're setting up an online account, there'll often be prompts reminding you to include numbers or a certain number of characters. Some may even prevent you from setting a "weak password", which is usually one word or number combination that's easy to guess.

But even if you don't get reminded to set a strong password, it's really important to do so whenever you're setting up a new online account or changing passwords for any existing account.

How to generate a strong password?

1. Use long password combinations
2. Combine numbers, lowercase, and uppercase letters
3. Avoid popular passwords
4. Use a secure password manager to create strong passwords

A long password is a good password

When it comes to password security, length really does matter. We recommend opting for a password that's at least 12 characters long, even longer if you can.

Each additional symbol in a password exponentially increases the number of possible combinations. This makes passwords over a certain length essentially uncrackable, assuming you're not using common phrases.

A strong password isn't obvious

A good password needs to be something that's really difficult for someone else to guess or crack, so don't go for anything really generic, like "password" or "12345". The latter two choices are still among the most popular passwords in the world, and they're also among the least useful.

Good passwords can't contain memorable keyboard paths

Don't use sequential keyboard paths, like "qwerty", as hackers are likely to crack these. If you spent no effort in thinking of a good password, the chances are the hackers won't need much effort to crack it.

Password strength isn't personal

It's really important that you don't use anything personal to you, like a nickname, your date of birth or your pet's name. This is information that's really easy for a hacker to find out simply by looking at your social media, finding your online work profile or even just by listening in on a conversation you're having with someone else.

A good password should be unique
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Online Safety

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Once you've created a strong password, you might well be tempted to use that password for all your online accounts. But, if you do that, it leaves you more vulnerable to multiple attacks.

After all, if a hacker manages to discover your password, they'll then be able to login to every account you use that password for, which might include your emails, your social media and your work accounts.

A lot of people use the same password for everything because it's easier to remember. But don't worry because we've got loads of tips and tricks to help you manage multiple passwords a bit further down.

Avoid past passwords

It's also really important to make sure you don't recycle your passwords, particularly if they've been hacked before. This may seem obvious, but once you've used a password, you shouldn't reuse it. Even if you haven't used it for years, it's best to come up with a new

one. Especially if you've had issues with a password being hacked in the past.

Special characters in passwords

Although using special characters in your passwords is a really good way of making them extra secure, not all online accounts allow you to use any symbol you like. But most will allow you to use the following:

Good password examples

Here are some good examples of strong passwords:

- X5j13\$#eCM1cG@Kdc
- %j8kr^Zfpr!Kf#ZjnGb\$
- PkxgbEM%@hdBnub4T
- vUUN7E@!2v5TtJSyZ

They all consist of a seemingly random and long (more than 15 characters) collection of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and special characters. These passwords are not generic, and don't contain any memorable keypaths or personal information which hackers could use.

Ideas for creating a good password
Luckily, there are loads of things

you can do to create unique and strong passwords for each of your online accounts. We have a ready-made password generator tool that generates unique and almost impossible to crack passwords. Alternatively, you should follow our top tips and ideas on how to set up a good password:

Use a password generator

If you don't have time to come up with your own strong passwords, a password generator is a really quick and easy way to get a unique and strong password. Our own secure password generator will create a sequence of random characters. Copy and use it as a password for your device, email, social media account, or anything else that requires private access.

Choose a passphrase rather than a password

Passphrases are much more secure than passwords because they're typically longer, making them more difficult to guess or brute force. So instead of choos-

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LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FORM P7

Rule 15

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

(Probate)

In the Estate of George Gibbons late of (address), Deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

FIRST PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by EDITH IRENE DE LA ROSA of Ottos New Town in the Parish of Saint John in the State of Antigua and Barbuda for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 12th day of March 2015.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 12th day of August 2022

Damien Benjamin Esq.
Attorney-at-law
On behalf of Edith Irene De La Rosa

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Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 4th day of January 2023

Damien Benjamin Esq.
Attorney-at-law
On behalf of Marilyn Alicia Gibbons

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ing a word, pick a phrase and take the first letters, numbers and punctuation from that phrase to generate a seemingly random combination of characters. You can even substitute the first letter of a word with a number or symbol to make it even more secure. Or try swapping out words for punctuation like we used to back in the days of text slang, if you can remember back that far.

Here are some examples of how you can use the passphrase method to create strong passwords:

Phrase

Password

I first went to Disneyland when I was 4 years old and it made me happy

I1stw2DLwIw8yrs&im-mJ

My friend Matt ate six doughnuts at the bakery café and it cost him £10

MfMa6d@tbc&ich£10

For the first time ever, Manchester United lost 5:0 to Manchester City

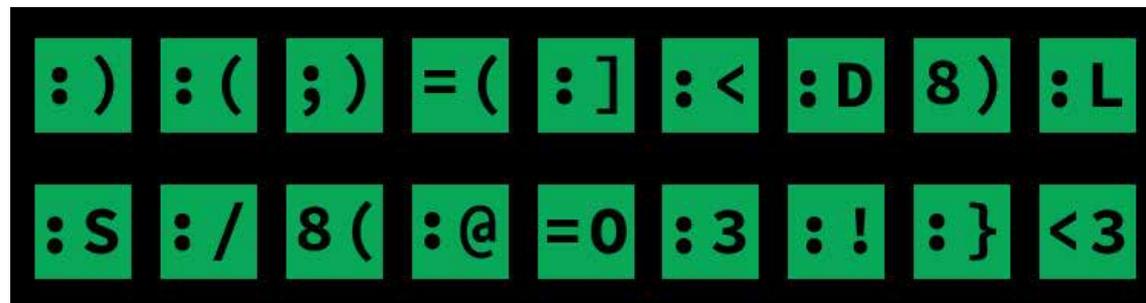
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Note: don't use common phrases, because these are vulnerable to dictionary attacks – random combinations are what you want.

Opt for a more secure version of dictionary method

A popular method for choosing a password is to open a dictionary or book and choose a random word. But, as random as it may seem to you, a single word is actually quite easy for a hacker to guess.

So rather than opting for



just one word from the dictionary, choose a few and string them together along with numbers and symbols to make it much trickier for someone to figure out.

Here are some examples of good password ideas created with this method:

Words from the dictionary

Secure password

Jigsaw, quest, trait, fork

Jigsaw%Quest7trait/fork48

Glimpse, stuff, prize, koala

G1impse\$stuff74Prize-8Koala!

Trombone, fish, quick, upside

T r 0 m b - One&Fish?Qu1ck^side

Play around with phrases and quotes

If you want a password that's difficult for others to guess, but easy for you to remember, it can be a good idea to use a variation on a meaningful phrase or quote. Simply take a phrase you'll remember and swap out some of the letters for numbers and symbols.

Here are some examples of strong password ideas generated with this method:

Quote or phrase

Secure password

“One for all and all for one”: The Three Musketeers
14A&A413Mu\$keteters!

“For the first time in forever”: Disney's Frozen

4da1stTymein4eva-Frozen

“Twinkle twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are”: nursery rhyme

T W 1 n k l e 7 i t - tle*how1??UR

Use emoticons

If you want to add symbols to your passwords without making them harder to remember, you can always use emoticons.

Although you won't be able to add in emoji, you can use emoticons, which are the coded versions, usually made up of punctuation, letters and/or numbers.

Customise your passwords for specific accounts

Once you've come up with a strong password that you can remember, you'll still have to create different passwords for each of your online accounts. But, rather than starting the whole process again, you could simply add a different code into your password for each online account.

So, for example, if your password was cHb1%pX-AuFP8 and you wanted to make it unique for your eBay account, you could add £bay on the end so you know it's different to your original password but still memorable.

Here's how that could work:

Online account
Password with added code

Email

cHb1%pXAUFP8EMa11

Amazon

cHb1%pXAUFP8AZN

eBay

cHb1%pXAUFP8£Bay

Commit your password to muscle memory

If you want to remember your password, it can be a good idea to practise typing it several times over. Eventually, if you type it correctly enough times, you'll develop a muscle memory that'll mean it's much easier for you to remember.

However, it's quite a challenge to remember at least a dozen of long and unique passwords of all your accounts. So, this technique is only applicable with short, 4 or 6 digit passwords that you use to unlock your device or your password manager.

How to keep your passwords safe

Now that you've set up a strong password for each of your online accounts, the next step is to keep them safe and secure from hackers.

Here are some of our top tips on how to do that:

Choose a good password manager

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Online Safety

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Whether you've generated your own strong passwords or you're looking for an online service to do it for you, we strongly recommend using a good password manager. A secure password manager generates, stores and manages all your passwords in one safe online account. This is really useful because it allows you to use as many unique passwords as you like without ever having to worry about memorising them.

All you need to do is save all your passwords for every online account you have on your password manager and then protect them with one "master password". This means you only have to remember one strong password as opposed to every single one.

Once you've got your password manager set up, whenever you go to login to one of your online accounts, you simply type your master password into your password manager and it'll auto-fill in your login details for this account. You don't even need to remember which email address or username you used. A secure password manager will fill all this in for you. Here are some of the best password managers in 2023.

Pro tip

It may seem insecure to keep all your passwords in one place. However, a reliable password manager, like NordPass, is the most secure place to store your credentials. Providers never keep your vault's master password, so hackers cannot steal

it even if they breach the database.

Get NordPass now

Use two-factor authentication

Even if someone does manage to steal your password, you can still prevent them from accessing your account by adding in an additional layer of security with two-factor authentication

(2FA). This means that anyone trying to login to your account will have to enter a second piece of information after the correct password. This is usually a one-time code that'll be sent directly to you.

Sometimes this will be sent to you via text message, although this isn't necessarily the most secure way of

receiving that code. After all, a hacker could steal your mobile number through SIM swap fraud and access your verification code.

We've found it's much safer to use a two-factor authentication app instead, as they're much trickier to intercept. Our favourites include:

- Google Authenticator

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Pointe Xpress Weekend Puzzle

ACROSS

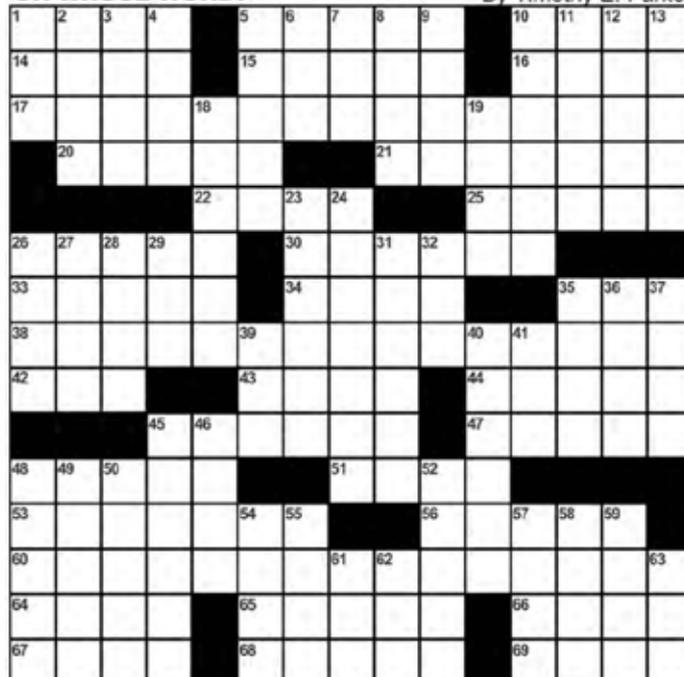
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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1) Bag with plenty of room | 42) 157.5 degrees from N |
| 5) Gloomy atmospheres | 43) Utilizing a liner |
| 10) Sealing material | 44) Bert's Muppet pal |
| 14) Purposefully overlook | 45) Film-script instruction |
| 15) Freeze over, as a windshield | 47) Hatchlings' homes |
| 16) Yemen neighbor | 48) V-8 you cannot drink |
| 17) Small fractional unit | 51) It has a wide spine |
| 20) "Gandhi" role | 53) Of a reproductive organ |
| 21) Kind of rug | 56) Respond to the alarm |
| 22) Stunning aquarium fish | 60) Bad thing to make a mistake with |
| 25) With cunning | 64) Scot's tongue |
| 26) Handled clumsily | 65) Geek |
| 30) As yet | 66) Leafy green |
| 33) Shah of Iran, once | 67) Follow a cookbook directive |
| 34) Samovar's cousin | 68) Memo taker of old |
| 35) Socrates' T | 69) "Mr. Roboto" rockers |
| 38) Fruits and vegetables, e.g. | |

DOWN

- 1) Zenith
- 2) Writing on the wall
- 3) Firestone item
- 4) Delineate
- 5) Cheesecake picture
- 6) It may be hard to follow
- 7) Meadow
- 8) Carries a heavy load
- 9) On ___ (without a guaranteed sale)
- 10) Play a piccolo
- 11) "Jaws" resort
- 12) Game show group
- 13) Webster's listing
- 18) Creates naturally, as a gorge
- 19) "Present" and "future" partner
- 23) "Relax, soldier!"
- 24) Nevertheless, archaically
- 26) ___ up (invigorates)
- 27) Gives the heave-ho
- 28) Send money, in a way
- 29) Yale student
- 31) FDR's middle name
- 32) "___ you out of your mind?"
- 35) A heck of a lot
- 36) Mine opening
- 37) Finds a purpose for
- 39) Used to own
- 40) Biological subdivisions
- 41) Metallic rock
- 45) Previous
- 46) Showstopper for a diva
- 48) Broods
- 49) In plain sight
- 50) Bones below the tibia
- 52) Certain ballroom dance
- 54) Common connections
- 55) Salamander family member
- 57) Ruffles one's feathers
- 58) Card game for three
- 59) Slithery and slimy
- 61) Society column word
- 62) Perfect score, sometimes
- 63) "Oedipus ___"

ON WHOSE WORD?

By Timothy E. Parker



Haiti and Mexico accounted for nearly 30 cases of journalists being murdered last year

The Inter-American Press Association (IAPA) says 2022 was the most violent year against journalism in the Western Hemisphere with Mexico and Haiti accounting for at least 29 deaths within the media industry.

The latest killing in Haiti occurred on December 18 when Francklin Tamar, 38, was shot while travelling on a motorcycle, according to local media.

The journalist died on his way to the hospital and the attack near his home in the Carrefour-Feuilles sector in downtown Port-au-Prince, was the ninth related murder of journalists in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) country.

IAPA in condemning the murder reiterated a recent call made by seven or-



ganisations for governments to combat violence against journalists.

The other journalists murdered this year in Haiti are Fritz Dorilas, killed November 5; Romelo Vilsaint, October 30; Tess Garry, October 24; Frantzsen Charles and Tayson Lartigue, September 11; Maxihen Lazarre, February 23; Wilguens Louissaint and Amady John

Wesley, January 6.

“2022 has the negative connotation of being the most violent year against journalism in the Western Hemisphere of which we have any record,” said the chairman of the IAPA’s Committee on Freedom of the Press and Information, Carlos Jornet.

IAPA president, Michael Greenspon said the killings

in Haiti, “again demonstrate the risks of violence against communicators, victims of aggressions and abuses by gangs, demonstrators, and the police.”

He has called on the authorities to “investigate with a sense of urgency and responsibility” the nine cases.

At least 16 journalists have been killed in Mexico in 2022, the highest number the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) has ever documented in the country in a single year.

In a country characterised by corruption and organised crime, it’s unclear how many were targeted directly because of their work. CPJ research has confirmed a journalism-related motive for at least three of the deaths and continues to investigate the others. (CMC)

tor

- Microsoft Authenticator
- Authy

Don’t save your passwords on your phone, tablet or PC

This may sound obvious but you must avoid saving any of your passwords in a document, email, online note or anything else that could be hacked.

Check if your email has been leaked
Of course, it’s really important to keep on top of any data breaches that may have occurred, particularly with your email account.

But how do you know if your email has been leaked? Well, we have an online personal data leak checker, which will let you know if anything like this

has happened to your email account. All you need to do is enter your email address and we’ll be able to tell you if anything has happened to it.

Don’t give out your password

Last but not least, it’s really important to keep your passwords private. Even if you completely trust the person you’re giving your password to, it’s risky to send a password via text message or email in case anyone intercepts it.

Even if all you’re doing is reading it out over the phone or spelling it out to the person sitting next to you, there could be someone listening in and making notes.

Conclusion: so how do I make all my passwords hacker-proof?

Passwords are like the lock on your apartment door – they’re the one thing criminals have to go through if you’re not home. Having a weak password is like a weak lock. It greatly increases the number of people who have the means to access your accounts.

Using all the tricks in this article to create strong, memorable passwords is a good place to start increasing your security. Alternatively, get a strong password manager like NordPass and generate all your passwords automatically - that way, you won’t have to remember any of them.

Whichever course you decide to take, don’t put it off! Data leaks and breaches happen every day, and the next one could have your password in it.

'Emily in Paris' actor, Lucien Laviscount, has Antiguan roots

If you have been binging Season 3 of Netflix's 'Emily in Paris', then you would have noticed more of British actor Lucien Laviscount, who has been playing the role of Alfie in the series since Season 2. But did you know that the actor has Caribbean roots - to be more specific- Antiguan roots?

The British actor was born in England to a mom of English descent and a dad of Antiguan descent.

In an exclusive interview with Nadia Dyson of Luxury Locations Real Estate Antigua, Laviscount said Antigua is a place he also calls home. "My father's from here... we used to come back every year when we were kids... No matter what was going on. My mom and dad made sure we came back to the roots of it all. And yeah, this is it



"Emily in Paris" actor, Lucien Laviscount. (Photo by Richard Shotwell/Invision/AP, File)

now... this is home since 2020."

Indeed, Laviscount, 30, has been showing his love for Antigua and the Caribbean since 2020.

In August 2020, he shared with his Instagram followers, beautiful scenes from Antigua along with this caption:

"5 of the best months of my life..."

Antigua...it's been a trip! New perspectives...New friendships...Ready for the next adventure! Yeaah Mann

In the exclusive interview with Luxury Locations Real Estate Antigua, the British actor said Antigua gives him perspective on life and what life really means in the time that we have. Asked about his favourite beach in Antigua, Laviscount beamed that his number one pick remains a secret, however, he noted Jolly Beach is beautiful, as well as Darkwood beach.. and his other picks - he prefers to keep in his back pocket.

In terms of his culinary skills, Laviscount said he knows how to cook, and boasted his jerk chicken on the bbq would "light up yuh life" while his curry chicken is "fire". (Loop)

Gabrielle Union 'felt entitled' to infidelity during first marriage

By Lisa Respers France
CNN - Gabrielle Union is sharing more about her first marriage that she describes as "dysfunctional from day one."

During a recent conversation on the podcast "Armchair Expert with Dax Shepard," the actress and author talked about being married to former professional football player Chris Howard, whom she divorced in 2006 after five years of marriage.

Shepard mentioned feeling guilty about his own past infidelities and Union allowed that she was not "getting wife of the year awards" when it came to

her marriage to the ex-Jacksonville Jaguars player.

"In my first marriage, neither one of us felt like the marriage should get in the way of our dating," she said.

"A part of it was like keeping up with his activities, like, 'Oh, that's what you're doing? You're going to feel this one.' And I just felt entitled to it as well."

"The Inspection" star said she "was paying all the bills. I was working my a** off and I felt like that's what comes, the spoils of riches."

Union has been married to another former professional athlete, NBA star



Gabrielle Union

Dwyane Wade, since 2014. She said she wishes she felt more guilt about her behaviour during her first marriage.

"It was such a stupid re-

lationship that should have never got out of the dating phase," she said of her marriage to Howard.

CNN has reached out to Howard for comment.

Report: Prince Harry says William attacked him during row

By Jill Lawless

AP — Prince Harry alleges in a much-anticipated new memoir that his brother Prince William lashed out and physically attacked him during a furious argument over the brothers' deteriorating relationship, *The Guardian* reported Thursday.

The newspaper said it obtained an advance copy of the book, "Spare," due to be published next week.

It said Harry recounts a 2019 argument at his Kensington Palace home, in which he says William called Harry's wife, the former actress Meghan Markle, "difficult," "rude" and "abrasive." Harry claims William grabbed his brother by the collar and ripped his necklace before knocking him down, the newspaper said.

"I landed on the dog's bowl, which cracked under my back, the pieces cutting into me," the book is quoted as saying. "I lay there for a moment, dazed, then got to my feet and told him to get out."

Harry says he had "scrapes and bruises" as a result of the tussle. William later apologised, the extract says.

Separately, celebrity website Page Six reported that the book alleges William and his now-wife Kate encouraged Harry to wear a Nazi uniform to a costume party in 2005. Harry has repeatedly apologised and called the decision one of the biggest mistakes of his life.

Neither Buckingham Palace, which represents King Charles III, nor William's Kensington Palace office has commented on the claims.

The book, scheduled to be released Tuesday, is the latest in a string of public revelations and accusations by Harry and Meghan that

have shaken Britain's royal family,

Harry, 38, and the American actress married at Windsor Castle in May 2018. Less than two years later, the couple quit royal duties and moved to California, citing what they saw as the media's racist treatment of Meghan, who is biracial, and a lack of support from the palace.

Since then they have presented their side of the story in an interview with Oprah Winfrey and a six-part Netflix documentary released last month, which recounted the couple's bruising relationship with the U.K. media and estrangement from the royal family.

In the series, Harry claimed William screamed at him during a family meeting and accused palace officials of lying to protect his elder brother, who is now heir to the throne. Meghan, 41, talked about wanting to end her life as she struggled to cope with toxic press coverage.

Harry has recorded interviews with British broadcaster ITV and CBS in the United States to promote the book. Both are due to be broadcast Sunday.

In snippets released in advance, Harry told ITV that the royal household had cast him and Meghan as "villains" and "shown absolutely no willingness to reconcile." He told CBS that the palace's refusal to defend him and Meghan from attacks was a "betrayal."

Palace officials have declined to comment on any of Meghan and Harry's allegations.

The book also explains the reasons for its title, the *Guardian* said. It said Harry recounts the alleged words of his father to his mother, Princess Diana, on the day of his birth: "Wonderful! Now you've given me an heir



Britain's Prince William, Prince of Wales, left and Prince Harry walk to meet members of the public at Windsor Castle, following the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday, in Windsor, England, Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022. Prince Harry has said he wants to have his father and brother back and that he wants "a family, not an institution," during a TV interview ahead of the publication of his memoir. The interview with Britain's ITV channel is due to be released this Sunday. (Kirsty O'Connor/Pool Photo via AP, File)

and a spare — my work is done."

While William was destined from birth to be king, Harry, who is fifth in line to the throne behind his brother and William's three children, has often appeared to struggle with the more ambiguous role of "spare." He spent a decade in the British Army — years he has described as his happiest — before taking up full-time royal duties in 2015.

Since his split from the royal family, he has launched a new career, with his wife, as a U.S.-based charity campaigner and media personality.

Asked by ITV's Tom Bradby whether he will play a part in the British monarchy's future, Harry said: "I don't know."

Dennis Brown on Rolling Stone's greatest singer list

According to Rolling Stone magazine, the late Crown Prince of Reggae Dennis Brown was the greatest Jamaican singer of all time.

Brown is the highest-ranked Jamaican artist, ranking 67th among the 200 greatest vocalists of all time.

Given that he came in ahead of more well-known worldwide singers such as Michael Jackson (No. 86), Johnny Cash (No. 85), Diana Ross (No. 87), and Barbara Streisand (No. 87), it is an impressive achievement for the Jamaican (No 147).

Bob Marley, the King of Reggae, was voted 98th, four positions below Toots Hibbert of Toots, and the Maytals.

Barrington Levy and Luciano, two living Jamaican musical giants who were placed 119 and 143, respectively, also reached the prestigious Rolling Stone list.

Aretha Franklin is the greatest vocalist of all time, as stated by the magazine.

Whitney Houston (No. 2), Sam Cooke (No. 3), Billie Holiday (No. 4), Mariah Carey (No. 5), Ray Charles (No. 6), Stevie Wonder (No. 7), Beyonce (No. 8), Otis Redding (No. 9) and Al Green round out the top ten (No 10).

On January 1, Rolling Stone announced its list of the best singers of all time, but it was met with significant criticism, mostly be-



Dennis Brown

cause prominent vocalists such as Celine Dion and Nat King Cole, widely regarded as the "golden voice," did not make the cut.

Furthermore, there were no spaces on the list for Lalah Hathaway, Vanessa Williams, Natalie Cole, Dionne Warwick, Sarah Vaughn, Levi Stubbs of The Four Tops, and other well-known vocalists.

Others have argued that Adele (No. 22), Luther Vandross (No. 31), Ella Fitzgerald (No. 45), Lady Gaga (No.

58), Michael Jackson (No. 86), Taylor Swift (No. 102), Christina Aguilera (No. 141), Alicia Keys (No. 188), and Kelly Clarkson (No. 196) were rated too low.

Some, on the other hand, claimed that artists like Mary J. Blige (No. 25), Ariana Grande (No. 43), and Rihanna (No. 68) were put too high on the list, ahead of superior voices.

In the midst of the debate, Rolling Stone advised its readers to "keep in mind that

this is the greatest singers list, not the greatest voices list."

It continued, "In all cases, what mattered most to us was originality, influence, the depth of an artist's catalogue, and the breadth of their musical legacy.

"A voice can be gorgeous like Mariah Carey's, rugged like Toots Hibbert's, understated like Willie Nelson's, slippery and sumptuous like D'Angelo's, or bracing like Bob Dylan's," noted Rolling Stone.

"But in the end, the singers behind it are here for one reason: They can remake the world just by opening their mouths," it noted.

Rolling Stone contributor Michaelangelo Matos noted Dennis Brown's rise as a kid star with 1969 single, 'No Man is an Island' in reference to the No. 1 ranked best Jamaican vocalist.

"With a voice as tough-yet-velvety as suede, he was one of Jamaica's smoothest love men ever, not to mention a dispense of homespun wisdom on the immortal 1981 hit 'Sitting and Watching'," Matos authored.

Matos wrote of Brown in his final years, before his death at the age of 42, "Brown's soulfulness was unimpeachable – no less an authority than Bob Marley once pronounced Brown his favourite reggae vocalist."

Toots Hibbert "possessed *cont'd on pg 18*

British man murdered in Jamaica believed to be result of contract killing

CMC - Jamaican police say the British man who was killed at a property in Bogue Heights, St. James in Jamaica on Monday is believed to be a result of a contract killing.

He is 33-year-old Sean Patterson, a personal trainer from West London in Britain.

Patterson, who became Jamaica's first murder victim in St. James for 2023 is said to have had a criminal record in his native country.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Fitz Bailey, who is in charge of the crime and security portfolio, says the police believe Patterson's death resulted from a contract killing from the United Kingdom.

Bailey said Patterson is well-known to the UK authorities and has an extensive criminal record for sev-



eral offences, which include narcotics, violence, and firearms.

He added that there is no indication that Patterson was robbed or has any connections in Jamaica.

Reports are that Patterson arrived at the Sangster International Airport in Montego Bay, St James on December 29, 2022.

Patterson, who arrived

with a male companion, a construction worker, spent three days at an apartment.

They later stayed at the villa starting January 1, 2023.

According to DCP Bailey, on the same day, the two British men went to a concert in Priory, St Ann, where they met a man identified as Os-hane Richards.

Richards, also known as 'Shabba', is said to be a

construction worker from Kingston 13. According to the DCP, Richards was deported from the UK in 2013 following a conviction for crack cocaine.

Following the concert, the three men returned to the villa.

Patterson and Richards were on the pool deck about midday on Monday when a lone gunman approached Patterson and shot him.

When the police arrived at the scene, Patterson was found in a pool of blood.

He was taken to the Cornwall Regional Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

DCP Bailey said the local authorities are collaborating with international partners and are making great progress.

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a rough-edged, fierce voice that gave fire to the incarceration chronicle '54-46 That's My Number' and added a slyly endearing wink to the wedding-jitters chronicle, 'Sweet and Dandy'.

"My voice was developed going to church with my family," Hibbert remarked in an interview quoted by Johnston in his eulogy to the man who fronted the band Toots and the Maytals until his death on September 11, 2020.

Bob Marley, the late reggae king, invented a down-to-earth yet heraldic idiom that reflected the struggles and aspirations of tens of millions of people throughout the world," according to John Dolan, another writer for Rolling Stone.

Even on smooth songs like "Could You Be Loved," he admitted, "his voice

was lovably ragged, but his command of the dramatic octave leap that signifies our shared search for a better tomorrow had few peers."

Barrington Levy began his dancehall career at the age of 14, and in the four decades that followed, he "managed to keep that horn of his loud as hell, and very much in tune," despite the fact that his "class of dancehall brethren petered out," according to Rolling Stone contributor Noah Shactman.

Barrington Levy would sound like an air horn if it could sing, continued Shactman, "cutting, commanding, and a signal that the next tune is about to be massive."

As for Luciano's live performances, even while he's flipping off speakers, Rolling Stone contributor Michael Goldwasser noted, "I've never heard a

bad Luciano performance."

The Jamaican star is as vibrant in the studio. Goldwasser said, "The first time I produced Luci, I noticed his ability to instantly come up with a melody that seemed classic."

It's Me Again Jah and Sweep Over My Soul, two of Luciano's songs, were instantly included in the reggae canon when he first appeared on the scene in the 1990s.

"Luciano once sang that he had 'the voice of a trumpet'. If anything, that's an undersell; he's got a range that extends from a rich baritone up to a strong falsetto.

"And he's a master of the lost art of harmonising — Luciano would be a top vocal arranger in NY or LA if he weren't so committed to the roots," shared Goldwasser.

Suriname Court of Justice to hear challenge filed by Bouterse's lawyer

CMC - The Suriname Court of Justice will meet on Thursday to hear the challenge filed by the lawyer representing former president Desi Bouterse who has been sentenced to 20 years in jail for his involvement in the December 1982 murders of 15 political opponents by his then military government.

Attorney Irvin Kanhai, who is also representing Iwan Dijksteel, Stephanus Dendoe, Benny Brondestein and Ernst Geffery has challenged the objectivity of the military judge, Colonel Dennis Kamperveen, claiming that one of the victims, André Kamperveen and the judge, have a common grandfather.

President-in-Office of the Council Chamber,



Former president Desi Bouterse.

Judge Dinesh Sewratten, has already indicated that the hearing cannot continue until a judgement has been reached on the challenge.

In addition, the Court of Justice is expected to appoint a new member to hear the matter in place of Kamperveen.

Media reports said if the challenge by Bouterse's lawyer is upheld, the appeal against his sentence will have to be heard again.

In August 2021, the Court Martial of Suriname upheld the 2019 military court ruling of a 20-year-jail term on Bouterse following a trial that had been

going on for several years.

In 2017, Desi Bouterse along with 23 co-defendants had appeared in the Military Court after the Court of Justice had earlier rejected a motion to stop the trial. The former military officers and civilians had been charged with the December 8, 1982 murders of the 15 men that included journalists, military officers, union leaders, lawyers, businessmen and university lecturers.

The prosecution had alleged that the men were arrested on the nights of December 7 and 8 and transferred to Fort Zeelandia, the then headquarters of the Surinamese National Army. They said the men were tortured and summarily executed.

St Kitts: Over 17,000 receive CBI dividend

Loop - The Social Security Board of St Kitts and Nevis has confirmed that 17,500 eligible persons have received dividend payments from the Citizens by Investment Fund (CBI) up to December 28.

"Recipients include members of the private and public sector including government pensioners, social security pensioners, statutory bodies and others. Payments continue to be made daily and will continue into the New Year," the board stated.

Applications for dividend payments closed on December 31, 2022.

The board said it is working to scrutinise all applications to ensure the right person receives the money.



Approximately EC\$23 million has been allocated by Prime Minister Dr Terrance Drew to pay the dividend.

The money will be distributed

in two categories. Persons receiving Social Security benefits will receive EC\$500 and anyone outside of those programs will receive EC\$250.

UN to hold emergency meeting on Israeli visit to holy site

AP — The U.N. Security Council scheduled an emergency meeting Thursday at the request of the Palestinians and other Islamic and non-Islamic nations to protest the visit of an ultranationalist Israeli Cabinet minister to a flashpoint Jerusalem holy site and demand an end to Israeli extremist provocations and respect for the historic status quo at the site revered by Muslims and Jews.

Tuesday's visit by Israel's new National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, a West Bank settler leader who draws inspiration from a racist rabbi, to the site known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as al-Haram al-Sharif, Arabic for the Noble Sanctuary, drew fierce condemnation from across the Muslim world, a strong rebuke from the United States, and fueled fears of unrest as Palestinian militant groups threatened to act in response.

The Palestinian U.N. ambassador, Riyad Mansour, told reporters Wednesday after meetings with Arab ambassadors, representatives of the 57-nation Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the 120-member Nonaligned Movement and others that there is not only widespread condemnation of Ben-Gvir's visit but also of the broader "environment of extremism" surrounding the most extremist government in Israel's history.

He accused Israel of committing "aggression" not only against Muslim holy sites including the Al Aqsa Mosque but against Christian sites including graveyards.

The site is the holiest site in Judaism, home to the ancient biblical temples. Today, it houses the Al Aqsa Mosque, the third-holiest site in Islam. Since Israel captured the site in 1967, Jews have been allowed to visit but not



The symbol of the United Nations is displayed outside the Secretariat Building, Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, at United Nations Headquarters. The U.N. Security Council scheduled an emergency meeting Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at the request of the Palestinians and Islamic and non-Islamic nations to protest the visit of an ultranationalist Israeli Cabinet minister to a flashpoint Jerusalem holy site and demand an end to Israeli extremist provocations and respect for the historic status quo at the site revered by Muslims and Jews. (AP Photo/John Minchillo, File)

pray there.

Describing the Temple Mount as "the most important place for the Jewish people," Ben-Gvir decried what he called "racist discrimination" against Jewish visits to the site.

With the Dome of the Rock, the Islamic shrine, in the background and waving his fingers at the camera, he said the visits would continue.

As for threats from Gaza's Hamas militant group, Ben-Gvir, known for his anti-Arab rhetoric and provocative stunts, said in a video clip taken during the visit: "The Israeli government won't surrender to a murderous organisation, to a vile terrorist organisation."

Mansour, flanked by ambassadors from about 20 countries, said that at Thursday's emergency Security Council meeting, also supported by the United Arab Emirates, China, France

and Malta, "we will not be satisfied with beautiful statements which will be uttered."

"We want them to be implemented in a concrete way," he said. "We want this behaviour not to be repeated in Al Aqsa Mosque and Al-Haram Al-Sharif, and we want a guarantee of honouring and respecting the historic status quo in deeds, not only in words."

Assistant Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Khaled Khiare will brief the Security Council at Thursday's meeting, U.N. spokesman Stepane Dujarric said.

Jordan's U.N. Ambassador Mahmoud Hmoud said his country, whose ruler King Abdullah II is custodian of the Islamic and Christian holy sites, is "extremely concerned at the incursion" by minister Ben-Gvir and the Israeli

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Pope praises 'wise, tender' Benedict at solemn burial

BBC - Pope Francis has joined pilgrims in St Peter's Square to preside over the funeral of his predecessor, who resigned from the papacy in 2013.

The dome of St Peter's basilica at the Vatican was shrouded in mist as the cypress-wood coffin containing Pope Benedict XVI's body was brought out and placed on the steps.

There was applause from the faithful who had gathered for the funeral.

Benedict was then interred in a tomb beneath the basilica.

Clergy from around the world had come - cardinals in red vestments, nuns and monks in their dark robes.

Pope Francis was brought out onto the dais in a wheelchair.

Latin chants sung by the Sistine Chapel choir echoed across the square. The mood was solemn and subdued.

Daniele, a teacher, who had met the former pontiff at a church in Rome, told me the weather matched the occasion. "The fog represents the mystery of Pope Benedict, the mystery of death and life."

During the Mass, concelebrated by cardinals, bishops and priests, Pope



Pope Francis gives Benedict final blessing

Francis spoke of "wisdom, tenderness and devotion that he bestowed upon us over the years".

"Benedict, faithful friend of the Bridegroom," he said referring to Jesus, "may your joy be complete as you hear his voice, now and forever."

Some 50,000 mourners came to the funeral, according to police. Official delegations were there from Italy and from former Pope Benedict's home country of Germany. Other leaders, including the king and queen

of Belgium attended in a private capacity.

Benedict's death brings to an end the era of a pope and a former pope living side by side in the Vatican - an unprecedented situation brought about by Benedict's resignation almost a decade ago.

In February 2013, I stood watching in St Peter's Square as he flew away from the Vatican in a helicopter, at the end of his pontificate.

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government.

"This is an action of extremism that purports to create a new cycle of violence," he said. "The Security Council has to take its responsibility seriously and stop such attempts."

Hmoud said Israel has made a commitment to respect "the historic legal status quo" and its obligations under international law, but unfortunately Ben-Gvir made an incursion into the

Al-Aqsa Mosque in violation of Israel's legal obligations.

"There has to be a firm stand by the international community against this because it will happen again, and once it will happen again, a new cycle of violence will ensue," he warned.

Hmoud recalled that in September 2000 Ariel Sharon, then Israel's opposition leader, visited the holy site, which helped spark clash-

es that led to a full-fledged Palestinian uprising known as the Second Intifada. The Security Council deplored Sharon's visit, which it called a "provocation."

Clashes between Israeli security forces and Palestinian demonstrators in and around the site also fueled an 11-day war with Hamas in 2021.

Benjamin Netanyahu returned to office last week for his sixth term as prime minister, leading the most

religious, right-wing government in the country's history. Its goals include expanding West Bank settlements and annexing the occupied territory.

Responding to the outcry over Ben-Gvir's visit, Netanyahu late Tuesday said Israel remains committed to "strictly maintaining the status quo" at the site.

"The claim that a change has been made in the status quo is without foundation," he said.

German health minister voices concern over new COVID variant

Reuters - Germany's health minister has expressed concern over a new COVID-19 subvariant linked to growing hospitalisations in the northeastern United States, adding that Berlin was watching the situation closely. As much of the world looks to rising COVID cases in China, infectious disease experts have also been increasingly worried about the highly contagious Omicron XBB.1.5, which made up more than 40% of U.S. cases, official data showed last week.

"Hopefully we get through the winter before such a variant can spread among us," the minister, Karl



German Health Minister Karl Lauterbach looks on, during a visit to the paediatric clinic of the Charite Hospital, in Berlin, Germany December 30, 2022. REUTERS/Michele Tantussi

Lauterbach, wrote on Twitter late on Wednesday.

"We are monitoring whether, and to what extent, XBB.1.5 occurs in Germa-

ny."

Seven of the 10 U.S. states to see rising infections and hospitalisations are in the Northeast, in line with higher

XBB cases, Dr. Michael Osterholm, an infectious disease expert at the University of Minnesota, told Reuters in a recent interview.

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The ceremonies surrounding his death have been simpler than those for a sitting pope.

Over the past few days, some 200,000 people came to the Vatican to pay their respects to the former pontiff, as he lay in state in front of the main altar in St Peter's Basilica.

On the day before the funeral, I joined the long line of visitors and mourners queuing to view his body. Dressed in red and gold vestments, he had a rosary clasped in his white, waxy hands.

There was no display of usual papal regalia like the silver staff, a sign that he was no longer Pope when he died.

But in line with tradition, a lead tube containing an account of Benedict's papacy, as well as other items, including Vatican coins minted during his reign, were placed in the coffin.

At the end of the service, the choir sang "May the angels lead you into paradise." Pope Francis placed his hand on the wooden coffin in a final prayer, before it was carried away, to be sealed and placed in another coffin of zinc and an outer one of wood.

It was buried in the crypt under St Peter's Basilica, where Pope John Paul II was originally interred in 2005 before his body was moved up to a chapel, after his beatification.

While many leading figures have praised Benedict since his death - paying tribute to his theological studies - there has also been criticism, particularly by victims of sexual abuse by Catholic clergy.

The Snap Survivors network said the former pope "virtually ignored the burning problem of clergy sexual abuse during his tenure in office".

"In his more than 25 years as the world's most influential religious fig-

ure, Pope Benedict XVI fell short in protecting children and adults around the world."

In St Peter's Square, feelings about the former pope were mixed. Gaia from Sardinia said that while Benedict had been "a very good pope, I prefer Pope Francis. I think that he's closer to people in 2023".

Simona from Monza in northern Italy told me she was concerned that Francis might follow Benedict's example and retire.

Christopher Lamb, Vatican correspondent of the Catholic magazine The Tablet, said Francis now faced a new moment in his pontificate but he expected him to continue his pace of reform within the Church.

"The death of Benedict does leave it open for Francis to step down if he wishes but I wouldn't bet on it because this Pope really has a lot to accomplish in terms of reforms."

Back to work not business as usual for Damar Hamlin's peers

AP - For Damar Hamlin's teammates, peers and everyone in the NFL community, going back to work is not business as usual.

Players returned to practise with heavy hearts on Wednesday, two days after Hamlin went into cardiac arrest and needed to be resuscitated on the field during Buffalo's game at Cincinnati.

Hamlin, the 24-year-old Bills safety, remains hospitalised in critical condition, but his teammates are set to play the Patriots on Sunday, and all games for Week 18 remain on schedule.

Some players across the league have expressed concern about playing this weekend because they're still processing what happened to Hamlin. Many were in tears watching him receive medical attention on the field. They're praying for his recovery and are dealing with emotions they've never experienced playing a sport.

"I'm sure if you polled the locker room there would be mixed votes on that," Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow said about playing against the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday. "Personally, I think playing is going to be tough. But there's people that want to play, and there's people that don't. Personally, I probably want to play. I think getting back to as normal as you can as fast as you can is how I deal with these kind of things. But like I said, everybody has a different way of dealing with it."

The league and the NFL Players Association have shared with teams, players and coaches the mental health-related resources available to them. Each team has a licensed behavioural health clinician on staff, as well as a pain management specialist.

The players' union makes a directory available to all players to help



Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow speaks with the media, Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, in Cincinnati. Damar Hamlin was taken to the hospital after collapsing on the field during the Bills' NFL football game against the Cincinnati Bengals on Monday night. (Kareem Elgazzar/The Cincinnati Enquirer via AP)

them locate a clinician near them, be it a psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker or counsellor.

"I think it is certainly key that we acknowledge how great a strain this places on everyone involved," said the NFL's chief medical officer, Dr. Allen Sills. "Certainly, the teams, the medical care providers, the staffs — and this is not just for Buffalo and Cincinnati — but across all our teams. ... We have resources at each of our clubs, and we've emphasised preparation in this way. Our clubs have deployed those resources with their counsellors and their mental health professionals. And that support extends throughout the entire NFL family, and it will be an ongoing need. This is something that will continue and it's something we will continue to emphasise."

The Bills held team meetings and a walkthrough practice without any media availability on Wednesday. They are scheduled to resume practice on

Thursday, with coach Sean McDermott and some players expected to speak to reporters.

Philadelphia Eagles defensive tackle Fletcher Cox said he couldn't play this weekend if Hamlin was his teammate.

"That's too hard, man," Cox said. "You think about this game, you think about all the guys that were right there when it happened. You always think about those guys. What's going through their mind. You know that those guys are going through it. Everybody that was right there seeing what was going on, they're going through it."

Cleveland Browns cornerback Greg Newsome II said it will be challenging to play the season finale in Pittsburgh — Hamlin grew up in the area — given the extraordinary circumstances.

"It's definitely going to be tough
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Djokovic, Shapovalov to meet in Adelaide quarterfinals

AP — Top-seeded Novak Djokovic has reached the quarterfinals of the Adelaide International where he will face Denis Shapovalov.

Djokovic defeated Quentin Halys 7-6 (3) 7-6 (5) on Thursday, and Canadian Shapovalov beat Roman Safiullin 6-4, 6-3 to advance.

Djokovic and other top players are using this event as a warm-up for the Australian Open beginning Jan. 16. Djokovic missed the Australian Open last year because he was unvaccinated. He's been allowed to enter this year as COVID-19 restrictions have been relaxed.

Djokovic lauded Halys' play in a very tight match.

"It was a great performance from my opponent today," Djokovic said.

"I want to congratulate him for great quality ten-

nis and a great fight today. Tough luck, but he played like a top-10 player."

Djokovic said he was still trying to get a feel for his game.

"Two tiebreaks were probably the most realistic score of today's match and I'm just glad to overcome the tough challenge," Djokovic said.

Djokovic is unbeaten in seven matches against Shapovalov.

However, the Canadian may have added confidence this time after Canada defeated Australia in the Davis Cup final in November.

"Last year we started with winning the ATP Cup and finished it off with winning the Davis Cup, so definitely the team events were a good success for me last year," Shapovalov said.

"I'm definitely trying to implement that on the indi-



Serbia's Novak Djokovic poses for a selfie after defeating France's Quentin Halys during their Round of 16 match at the Adelaide International Tennis tournament in Adelaide, Australia, Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023. (AP Photo/Kelly Barnes)

vidual side as well, and so far it's been a great start."

On the women's side of the combined ATP-WTA event, former world No. 1 Victoria Azarenka defeated Zheng Qinwen 6-2, 7-5 to

reach the quarterfinals.

Azarenka is a two-time Australian Open champion. She will next face Linda Noskova, who defeated American Claire Liu 6-2, 6-2.

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to finish out this last game and just go on the field knowing that there's somebody out there that is in a life-or-death situation," Newsome said before practice Wednesday. "It's definitely going to be very tough and hopefully that's why we got our guys around us and we can all talk through it and things like that, but it'll for sure be tough."

The New Orleans Saints had the team psychologist present when they gathered for a meeting Wednesday.

"It's OK to admit if you need a little help," coach Dennis Allen said.

Allen experienced firsthand the death of a teammate. He was a safe-

ty at Texas A&M in 1991 when kicker James Glenn died of heart failure on the field while warming up for practice.

"It still sticks with you to this day. Any time you have somebody that's, especially a young guy, that in every other sense, you expect is fully healthy, and to see something like that happen, it's hard to deal with," Allen said. "I know what kind of effect it had on our team. So, I can only imagine the guys that were on the field at that point in time, how that emotionally affects them."

Ready or not, the Bills, Bengals and 30 other NFL teams are returning

to the field this week. Players must be mentally prepared for action in a sport that requires full attention.

"You can't compartmentalise it," Green Bay Packers wide receiver Randall Cobb said. "That was really tough to watch. It was really difficult to see. ... You always prepare your mind for how physical and how violent of a game it is. It's a tough sport we play, but I never thought I would see or witness anything like that. I can't help but just think about him and his family and hope that they are holding up well and pray that he comes out on the other side of it and comes back and is in full health."

Chelsea transfer news: Benoit Badiashile signs for Blues from Monaco

BBC - Chelsea have signed defender Benoit Badiashile from Monaco on a seven-and-a-half-year contract.

Badiashile, 21, has spent five seasons in Ligue 1 and made 135 league appearances for Monaco.

The central defender, who made his senior debut for France in September against Austria, has joined Chelsea on a reported £35m deal.

"I'm very happy to be here at Chelsea. I'm so excited to start playing for this club," said Badiashile.

"I can't wait to see the fans and start playing in the

best league in the world."

The Frenchman has featured in the Champions League and Europa League for Monaco, making almost 150 appearances in all competitions.

"We're delighted to welcome Benoit to Chelsea," said Blues chairman Todd Boehly.

"He's an excellent young player who has quickly established a strong reputation for himself and has a huge amount of experience for his young age. We are sure he will form an important part of our team in the years ahead."

Graham Potter's side sit



Badiashile played as a left-sided centre-back at Monaco

10th in the Premier League, without defenders Wesley Fofana, Reece James and Nottingham Forest on Sunday. The club are currently

BCA president Riley unhappy with no home matches for 4-day championship

Trinidad Express - Cricket West Indies (CWI) Director Condey Riley and former West Indies opener Philo Wallace both expressed displeasure with the non-selection of Barbados to host any of the matches during the 2023 CWI Four-Day Championship.

Riley, also the president of the Barbados Cricket Association (BCA), said he was not buying into the reason for the decision being problematic flight arrangements into the island.

"When things like this happen, I realise why CWI is where it is. But I know that if you want to get to Barbados, it is the same way you can get to Antigua or Grenada or St Vincent, you can get to Barbados," Riley told listeners of the "Mason & Guest" programme on Tuesday.

Asked by host Andrew Mason

if the BCA had raised any concerns or objections to CWI's decision not to have Barbados host games, Riley said: "No. You know why? It makes no sense."

Wallace disagreed with that course of action and implored the BCA to pressure the CWI for further explanations.

On Tuesday, the CWI unveiled the 2023 West Indies Championship schedule to be followed by new Headley-Weekes Series. The series will feature three matches and three teams.

Team Headley and Team Weekes will be selected from the best performers in the 2023 West Indies Championship and players outside the starting West Indies Test XI.

The West Indies Academy will provide the third team in the new se-

ries. That series will bowl off from April 18 to May 6 at Coolidge Cricket Ground (CCG) in Antigua.

The 2023 edition of West Indies Championship precedes that with five rounds of four-day action featuring the six regional franchise teams-defending champions Barbados Pride, Guyana Harpy Eagles, Jamaica Scorpions, Leeward Islands Hurricanes, Trinidad and Tobago Red Force, and Windward Islands Volcanoes.

The first two rounds will be played from February 1-11 in Grenada (National Stadium) and in Antigua (CCG and at the SVRS).

There will then be a break before the tournament resumes on March 15 through April 1, for the final three rounds, after which the champions will be crowned and presented with the Headley-Weekes trophy.

Local bishop advocates for change in sports shooting culture

Bishop Olson Daniel, a long-standing member of the Antigua and Barbuda Rifle Association, is advocating for a change of culture that will allow younger people to become involved in the sport of shooting.

According to the laws of Antigua and Barbuda a person must be at least 18 years old to be granted a legal firearm licence, however, Bishop Daniel, who heads the Swetes Wesleyan Holiness Church, said a person must be at least 25 years old to be permitted to become a member of a shooting club in Antigua and Barbuda.

“When we go to places like England, you see teenagers on the range shooting like nobody’s business. In Antigua a person cannot get into that kind of shooting unless he is 25,” Daniel stated.

“So, you find that it is the psyche, the training, the understanding and culture so we need to change our culture.

“To become a member of our club, a person will need to fill out an application form, they will need to have two references from credible persons. We would not have anybody who is of questionable character write a reference for anybody and accept it.

“We open ourselves to

all male and females and for persons who are interested. We will train you and thus provide the environment that there could be a wholesome, beautiful sport to behold. It is a sport of precision.”

Daniel, who has been involved in sports shooting since 2007, was a member of a nine-member team who represented the Antigua and Barbuda Rifle Association at the West Indies Fullbore Shooting Championship (WIFBSC) in Jamaica in October last year.

Host Jamaica won the team title by one point ahead of runners-up Guyana in the championship which was held at the Twickenham Park Range in Jamaica from 24th to 29th October.

After taking a break for the Christmas and the New Year holidays, the Antigua and Barbuda Rifle Association will be resuming practice sessions for handgun shooters at the range at Crabbes this Saturday.

The Antigua and Barbuda Rifle Association conducts shooting on the Short Range course in the prone position over distances of 300 yards, 500 yards and 600 yards.

Long Range shooting is conducted over a distance of 900 yards and 1000 yards.

Daniel says the shoot-



Bishop Olson Daniel, left, is advocating for a change of culture that will facilitate younger people getting involved in the sport of shooting. (Photo: Antigua Shooting Club)

ing range is one of the safest in any sport.

“I would like to say quite clearly that gun doesn’t kill anybody, it is the person behind the gun. A gun stays there and is a dead object unless somebody picks it up, points it at somebody deliberately and fires.

“Also I want to say without hesitation that the range could be one of the safest place to be in terms of the precise protocols and safety that we apply

when on the range,” Pastor Daniel said.

“A man can’t just get up and takes up a rifle and do as he likes and when we are on the firing point, there is strict discipline with a range officer.

“The range officer is watching over and the person who is marking the targets are behind a secure banking and we are asked to shoot within. So, it’s a very disciplined sport and so therefore, we have no need to worry.”

Key matches set to wrap-up 2022 Secondary Schools' Football League

The final matches that will conclude the Ministry of Sports' 2022 Secondary Schools' Football League will be contested beginning tomorrow.

Following the Christmas holiday break, the competition is set to resume with the final league match in the Under-16 Boys Division.

Strong contenders, the Antigua Grammar School, will take on defending champions All Saints Secondary at the Radio Range playing field in Ottos tomorrow at 2:30pm.

The Antigua Grammar School will capture the Under-16 Boys title with a victory over All Saints Secondary.

However, if Antigua Grammar School fails to win the encounter, goal difference will be used to determine the victor.

Clare Hall Secondary, which has completed all its matches, is the only other team in contention to win the Under-16 Boys Division crown via a superior goal difference to the Antigua Grammar School.

The final matches to determine the winners of the Under-20 Boys Division competition, which is divided into West and East zones, will take place next week.

Those games will involve the four teams which



Coach Chesney Browne, standing in blue shirt, addresses the Antigua Grammar School Under-16 Boys team during half time of the 2022 Secondary Schools' League encounter against Princess Margaret School at the PMS playing field on 22nd November, 2022. (Photo: Elwin Francis)

have advanced to the semi-finals of the Under-20 Boys' Division and will be played at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Technical Center on Tuesday, 10th January.

West Zone Winners, and defending champions, Ottos Comprehensive School, will face East Zone second place finishers, the Antigua and Barbuda Institute of Continuing Education (ABICE), in the first semi-final at 2pm.

Winners of the East Zone, All Saints Secondary School, and runners-up from the West Zone, the

Antigua State College, will clash in the second semi-final at 4pm.

The winner of each semi-final match will advance to the final, which will be played on Friday, 13th January.

The winners of the other two divisions in the Ministry of Sports' Secondary Schools' Football League have already been decided.

Princess Margaret played unbeaten, winning all their matches, to capture the Female Under-20 Girls' title.

Princess Margaret School also claimed the

crown in the Under-14 Boys Division.

Ottos Comprehensive won the Boys' Knockout Championship by prevailing 2-1 over the Irene B. Williams Secondary in the final at King George V Ground on 14th December, 2022.

Princess Margaret can also win another title if they beat the Antigua Girls High School in the final of the Girls' knockout competition.

The Ministry of Sports has not yet announced the date on which the Girls' Knockout final will be played.

FC Master Ballerz get first win in Second Division

FC Master Ballerz recorded their first win in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Second Division League on Wednesday.

Master Ballerz prevailed 1-0 against CPTSA Wings at the St. Johnston's playing field to secure their first win in five encounters.

Shem Dascent scored the lone goal of the match in the 18th minute.

It was the fourth loss in five matches for Wings.

Belmont claimed their second win in five outings by snatching a 2-1 win against Blackburn Palace at the ABFA's Technical Center at Paynters.

Jahvier Joseph snatched the 89th minute winner when he scored in the second to last minute of regulation time to secure victory for his team.

A Sheridan Winfield 26th minute conversion earlier gave Belmont a 1-0 halftime lead.

But Deon Lavonn scored in the 62nd minute to equalise for Blackburn Palace who suffered their third loss in four appearances.

Mekai Lewis scored a brace as Freemans Village came from behind to secure



FC Master Ballerz recorded their first win in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Second Division League at the Johnston's playing field on Wednesday, 4th January. (Photo courtesy FC Master Ballerz)

a 3-1 victory against ABAYA at the Freemans Village playing field.

Jahgure Armstrong scored in the 18th minute to give ABAYA a 1-0 halftime lead.

But Parham were unable to sustain their advantage as they conceded three second half goals without reply to succumb to their fourth loss in five matches.

ABAYA also lost the services of Michael Benjamin in the 34th minute

when he received the red card for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity.

Lewis scored Freemans Village's equaliser when he converted his first goal in the 54th minute. Two minutes later, Brian Heywood scored to give Freemans Village a 2-1 lead.

Lewis then scored his second goal in the 76th minute to seal Freeman's Village's second win in four appearances.

Action in the First Division

will continue tomorrow when JSC Progressors take on Fort Road at the ABFA Technical Center at 5pm.

The premier division will resume at the ABFA's Technical Center today when Parham faces All Saints United at 7pm.

In Saturday's triple header, Tryum will meet Willikies at 4pm, Villa Lions will take on Liberta Blackhawks at 6pm and Ottos Rangers will tackle Swetes at 8pm.