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Opening dates for Calypso tents announced

The dates for the opening of the Calypso Tents, long viewed as the official start to the Carnival season, have now been released.

The Ministry, in collaboration with the Calypso Sub-Committee, is pleased to announce the opening of the Calypso Tent season commencing on June 2nd, 2023. The timing is ideal, as Calypso Fever is said to be spreading rapidly while the country gears up

for Antigua's Carnival Calypso Tent season.

In a media release, it was stated that the Creative Industries Ministry is officially partnering with two (2) Carnival Tents for the 2023 Carnival Season:-

The Mason Brothers Tent, which starts on Friday, June 2nd, and Sweet Benna Soca Tent on Saturday, June 3rd. Both will be operated out of Julee's on Cross and Tanner Street.

Meanwhile, Calypsonians desirous of vying for the position of Calypso Monarch are required to register for the competition with the Ministry and must also register with one of the official Carnival Tents, for eligibility to participate in Calypso Quarter and Semi-finals.

There is an innovation being introduced this year regarding the judging for Quarter Finals. "This year's



Tent season will operate for four (4) weekends, with each weekend being adjudicated. This will give the Calypsonians four (4) opportunities to be adjudicated with their best two (2) scores used to qualify for the Semifinals. Therefore, aspiring competitors should note that it is mandatory to commence performances from the first weekend - June 2nd and 3rd - to comply with the pre-requisite judging process," the release explained.

The Ministry is urging Calypsonians to get ready to bring the bacchanal, commentary, politics, and vibes to the 'Caribbean's Greatest Summer Festival.'

For registration for the Tents, the contact for the Mason Brothers Tent is Oneil Mason who can be reached at 7722400, and for the Sweet Benna Tent, the contact is Junie, who can be reached at 7740416.

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Cruise calls signal budding summer cruise season

It was an unusual sight in St John's on Monday to see two cruise ships docked at the Heritage Quay port, during the month of May, the start of the summer cruise season.

It is customary for the cruise ships that regularly call at Antigua and Barbuda and other Caribbean ports during the winter cruise season, to be redeployed to the Mediterranean Sea and other ports during the summer months.

However, the Antigua Cruise Ports, working in collaboration with the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, has been promoting the notion of a year-round cruise season for Antigua and Barbuda.

Already, with multiple calls booked for the traditional low season for the cruise industry, things are looking up, particularly for the men and women whose livelihoods depend directly on the cruise trade.

Two cruise vessels docked at Heritage Quay on Monday, indicating a solid uptick in cruise tourism during the summer season.

Disney Magic returned to Antigua Cruise Port for the first time for the



Disney Magic and Norwegian Getaway
 year with over two thousand passengers. Norwegian Getaway also docked at Heritage Quay with over four thousand passengers onboard. The two vessels being berthed at the cruise port during the summer season is a sign of the positive change in the cruise sector as recent previous seasons were inactive because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, Heritage Quay was as expected, vibrant with visitors, taxi drivers, and vendors on Monday. Taxi driver Alwyn Daniel said, "Today is a good day for the taxi drivers, the vendors, and everybody." Antigua Cruise Port's Leasing & Marketing Officer Jessica Russell said, "It's great to have two vessels here, even after our busiest period would have ended. With tourism being our main industry, we want to ensure that we get the most out of it and move beyond the limitations of what is expected, during the summer season; so, we're glad to have Disney Magic and Norwegian Getaway here."

Vernon "Goldie" Griffith, who plays the banjo in the quay, said he felt encouraged by the vessels berthing in



Vernon Griffith at Heritage Quay

St. John's. He also expressed excitement at cruise ships visiting during the summer, "I understand that although the season is closed, we'll be having ships in June and July, so that's very good," he said. Another one of Disney Cruises' vessels - Disney Fantasy, will make a call to the island on July 19. Norwegian Cruise Line's Norwegian Sky will visit Antigua multiple times from June to August.



Taxi driver, Alwyn Daniel

Foreign Affairs Minister Greene to use ministry to strengthen food security

Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P Chet Greene, who also holds the agriculture ministry portfolio, says he intends to use the international contacts of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to help Antigua and Barbuda achieve food security.

Greene made the point during a meeting with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA) Representative for the OECS, Gregg Rawlins.

He said the issue of food security has taken on prominence in countries around the world, and Antigua and Barbuda is working towards

achieving this goal as a 'safety net', noting that the country may not be able to rely on the usual suppliers of food items in times of stress, such as the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

"We want to work with the rest of CARICOM in achieving its 25% by 2025 goals, but even beyond those goals, we need to strengthen our food security as our own safety net. With that in mind, we have paid down on a chicken abattoir as well as made a commitment to upgrade the current meat abattoir. We understand the challenge such as working



Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P Chet Greene

through the issue of the current state of government's finances, however, we persevere nonetheless," he remarked.

Greene noted, as the minister of foreign affairs he maintains a busy schedule. Yet, despite this fact, he is committed to ensuring that the Ministry of Agriculture receives the attention that it deserves. "I want to give the assurance that I do not place more value on foreign affairs than I do for agriculture. Instead, what I seek to do is to leverage the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the benefit of agriculture. If I can put it more succinctly, I will leverage the foreign affairs ministry for the food security and food safety of the nation," he declared.

According to Greene whilst he would seek assistance from other countries in the areas of training, education, sports, and trade he uses every opportunity to secure benefits for the agri-

cultural sector.

"Agriculture and food security are priority subjects, as we have seen what can happen during the last pandemic, the shortening of food supply chains. We saw what larger countries would do when confronting pandemics and other challenges so we can't be anything but smart, as we are called upon to address and adjust the way we do business," he emphasized.

CARICOM governments have committed to reducing the region's large food import bill by 25% by 2025. The implementation of the CARICOM Agri-Food Systems Strategy in the Member States is expected to help achieve this target, by giving special attention to priority crops and products such as poultry, corn, soya, meat (Goat, Sheep, Beef), rice, and niche vegetables which are highly imported products in the region.

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TAKE NOTICE that an application was filed in the Land Registry on the 17th day of April, 2023 by Cosbert Cumberbatch of Cumberbatch & Associates of Upper Long Street, St. John's, Antigua on behalf of **MALIVAI MATTHEW** the Administrator of the estate of **BERNARD MATTHEW**, the Applicant herein for the replacement of Land Certificate No. 2139/1994 dated the 19th day of May, 1994; Certificate No. 3112/1996 dated the 9th day of February, 1996; and Certificate No. 1123/1988 dated the 22nd day of March, 1988; issued to **BERNARD MATTHEW**, being the owner of the above-mentioned property, which has been lost or destroyed.

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Registrar of Lands

Frontier Airlines is returning next Winter Season

Antigua and Barbuda is busier than ever and set for a record-breaking year in visitor arrivals.

This comes in anticipation of a very busy winter season following a very good 2022-2023 winter season which has just concluded. According to the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, things are about to get even busier as Antigua and Barbuda is celebrating the announcement of the return of direct service from Orlando with low-fare carrier, Frontier Airlines.

Starting November 4, 2023, Frontier will have weekly nonstop flights between Orlando International Airport and V.C. Bird International Airport in Antigua and Barbuda. The service marks the only non-stop flight option between the two highly popular destinations and strengthens Antigua and Barbuda's position in the Florida market.

Tourism Minister Charles Fernandez called



the return of Frontier Airlines' service, "incredible news for Antigua and Barbuda, as we look at another record-breaking year in visitor numbers. This new weekly service will help us welcome even more stay-over visitors," Minister Fernandez added, "Frontier is the perfect partner to broaden our airlift, by offering competitive fares complemented by a strong network. I'm excited about a significant increase in vis-



itors from the US market."

CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, Colin C. James said: "The return of Frontier Airlines is a culmination of the Tourism Authority's aggressive efforts to return our airlift to pre-pandemic levels. Frontier has been an excellent partner and is known for its very competitive fares. This will no doubt, improve the attractiveness of Antigua and Barbuda to those passen-

gers who tend to save on the airfare, while upgrading on their hotel product."

Frontier's seasonal service from Orlando started in Winter 2021 and has been an incredible success for Antigua and Barbuda, by offering service in a market with high demand. Antigua and Barbuda is proud to be able to offer the ideal vacation experience at every price point, and Frontier Airlines helps the destination broaden that offer to the entire travel experience.

Weekly service will commence on November 4, 2023, through March 30, 2024. Tickets are available for purchase now, on Fly-Frontier.com. Frequency and times are subject to change, so visitors should check FlyFrontier.com for the most updated schedule.

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Award-winning American entertainer reconnects with Antigua and Barbuda at ASW



Dawnn Lewis

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA) was pleased to welcome Grammy Award-winning singer, multiple BMI, ASCAP & Gold Record songwriter, and NAACP Image Award-winning actress Dawnn Lewis for Antigua Sailing Week.

The veteran film, television, stage actor, producer, and Women Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee (2021), is no stranger to the twin-island nation, having previously visited friends during Antigua and Barbuda's summer festival, Carnival.

As a guest of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Board, Dawnn, accompa-

nied by her brother Lorin O. Lewis, an attorney in private practice in Brooklyn, New York, was excited to catch up with old friends, make new ones, and revisit some familiar places she enjoyed during an earlier visit.

"In addition to being a breathtaking destination, Antigua and Barbuda's residents are some of the most welcoming and friendly individuals," said Ms. Lewis. "After numerous attempts over the years, it was great to finally have some time in my schedule that allowed me to accept the gracious invitations from the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority."

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Almost 100 Pounds of Cannabis Seized at Deep Water Harbour

Law enforcement continues its goal to stem the flow of illegal drugs into the country, with the latest drug bust happening on Monday.

Close to 100 pounds of cannabis was seized at the Deep Water Har-

bour.

Reports are that both the Police and Customs Departments conducted a joint drug operation at the main seaport and discovered two barrels containing 97 sealed packages of canna-

bis.

The substance weighed a total of 97 pounds with an estimated value of \$582,000.

Further investigations are ongoing into the matter.

PM Browne reaches out to special needs constituent

The plight of a special needs individual who resides in the St. John's Rural West constituency has prompted the Member of Parliament, Prime Minister Gaston Browne, not only to come to the constituent's assistance but to pledge to undertake a land ownership programme to benefit others who are differently abled.

This materialized when the constituent, Harrison Aska, who has been non-verbal from birth and who communicates using

sign language, visited the Office of the Prime Minister seeking aid.

PM Browne decided to assist Aska and his family to attain a plot of land in the constituency.

Following his interactions with Aska, PM Browne saw that this was an area of urgent need and has committed to overseeing a special land ownership programme for those with special needs, so they too may realise the Antigua and Barbuda dream of owning land.



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ty, to take in some amazing sights, eat amazing food, reconnect with nature, and catch up with old friends. I look forward to many more visits."

While on the island, Dawnn stayed at The Inn at English Harbour and joined Zoey and Captain Rollo of Bareboat Charters to "Chase The Race," and enjoyed piloting the boat on the return trip into the marina.

She dined at The Royalton, Blue Waters Resort, and Papa Zouk's, then flew by helicopter to beautiful Barbuda to visit Barbuda Belle and relish the cuisine at Nobu.

These events were all topped off by jammin' to the musical performances at Reggae in the Park.

While on the island, Dawnn also caught up with close friend Oscar-nominated actress Angela Bassett, who, along with her sister D'nette Bassett, was enjoying some much-needed R&R. Sailing Week was the perfect opportunity for the busy ladies to let their hair down!

During Dawnn's visit, she and Ms. Bassett dined with Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister, The Honourable Gaston Browne, and his lovely wife, Maria Bird-Browne, Minister

of Housing, Land, and Urban Renewal. Dawnn and PM Browne first met when they were honored at the American Foundation for the University of the West Indies Gala in 2022.

Prime Minister Browne received the Legacy Award, and Dawnn received the Bob Marley Award, which is bestowed on individuals "whose contribution to the advancement of arts and culture transcends boundaries of race, color, creed, and geographies."

It was just announced that Dawnn has been submitted for EMMY consideration for three different projects in three separate categories!

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UN agencies concerned over refugee migration crisis in Americas

CMC - Raising concerns about fresh restrictions on Caribbean and other migrants and refugees following the United States' lifting of a COVID-19 pandemic-era measure known as Title 42, UN agencies have called for great multilateral action to regularise movement across the Americas, including the Caribbean.

The UN refugee agency (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) issued a call for a more collaborative approach to better respond to the anticipated impact of changes on the southern US border.

"The challenges facing the Americas call for ambitious, innovative, and principled cooperation among all stakeholders," the agencies said.

The agencies said such a plan must be based on international law and "genuine solidarity" to advance protection and solutions for refugees and migrants, and align with the framework laid out the Global Compact on Refugees, Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, as well as the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection.

Welcoming positive initiatives to expand resettlement and other regular pathways in the region, the agencies remain concerned about new restrictions on



access to asylum following the "long overdue" lifting of the Title 42 public health order by the United States.

Since the pandemic's outset in 2020, UNHCR and IOM noted that Title 42 has been used by US immigration officials "some 2.5 million times at the southern border, to expel people to Mexico or their home country, without assessing what risks they faced as a result of being returned."

"Barriers preventing people from exercising the fundamental human right to seek asylum are unacceptable and contrary to States' international obligations," they said, adding that the new US Government rule that restricts access for asylum-seekers who arrive irregularly, after transiting through another country, is "incompatible with principles of international refugee law."

While the number of people approaching the US border has grown in recent

years, the UN agencies said that the majority of the people on the move in the Americas are still hosted by countries in Latin America.

"The challenges presented by the movement of refugees and migrants cannot be solved by any country in isolation," they said. "Real progress can only be made through joint efforts to address the causes of displacement and irregular migration."

The UNHCR and IOM said more could be done through support to communities that are hosting the majority of displaced people, "providing access to air and effective asylum procedures and other legal stay arrangements, and facilitating access to safe and regular pathways as alternatives to perilous journeys."

"A more effective response calls for collaborative engagement by States and other stakeholders to expand access to protection and asylum and regu-

lar pathways to migration, while strengthening solutions," the agencies said.

They, however, said the US-led expansion of refugee resettlement and other regular routes is "a welcome step that can present real alternatives for desperate people who are risking their lives to find safety and solutions."

"Facilitated and expanded access to resettlement, family reunification, humanitarian parole and labor mobility schemes, can save lives and protect people from smuggling, trafficking and other forms of violence", they said, stating that they are ready to redouble efforts to work with all countries and existing regional mechanisms to make this a reality.

But the UN agencies said that expanding resettlement and other regular pathways cannot replace the responsibility of States to provide people with access

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to territory and asylum procedures.

“Any return agreements between States, including of asylum-seekers to a third country, must uphold in practice the principle of non-refoulement, the prohibition on forced return of people to situations where their lives and safety are at risk,” UNHCR and IOM said.

In the interim, as immigration advocates intensify calls for solving the migration crisis in the United States that involves Caribbean and other illegal migrants and refugees, Caribbean American Democratic Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke has reiterated her call for comprehensive immigration reform.

“As a daughter of immigrants, it is not lost upon me the multitude of hardships and difficulties families experience when they come to this nation in hopes of finding the American Dream. Unfortunately, our immigration system, which has not been updated in 30 years, is broken,” Clarke, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants, told the Caribbean Media Corporation (CMC) on Friday.

“At the same time, extremist MAGA Republicans are fighting tooth and nail to break it even further with H.R. 2, their Child Deportation Act,” added the representative for the 9th Congressional District in Brooklyn, New York. “This cruel legislation would force draconian restrictions and punishments on migrants and asylum seekers. and set America’s immigration priorities back years. Any bill that would allow vulnerable migrant children to be inhumanely detained by Border Patrol for up to a month is an unacceptable solution.”

As chair of the Immigration Task Force in the US House of Representatives, Clarke said she has seen “the glaring inequities, blatant racism, vicious xenophobia, and civil rights violations immigrants face – particularly

in immigrant communities of African descent.

“Immigrants of colour experience immigration inequities more than any other community and immigrants of European origin,” she said. “But let me very clear, immigrants—regardless of status—contribute billions every year in taxes and to the American economy. That’s why we need a concrete vision, equipped with compassion and equity, for comprehensive immigration reform.”

On Thursday, Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, the son of Dominican Republic immigrants, joined immigration advocates in urging elected officials, the real estate community and the Joe Biden administration to intensify efforts in solving the crisis.

“While Mayor Adams (New York City Mayor Eric Adams) is doing the wrong thing in rolling back Right-to-Shelter, we must be careful to call even more loudly on those who are doing nothing at all: the real estate community that sits on thousands of vacant apartments while families sleep in the streets; our neighbours in the suburbs who hide behind racist zoning policies that prevent new affordable housing from being built; and the Biden administration that refuses to step up with meaningful aid despite immigration being a federal issue,” Reynoso told CMC.

“In the problems that got us here lie the solutions that can pull us out,” he added. “If the real estate community continues to resist voluntarily opening up vacant apartments for those experiencing homelessness, we need to explore legal action. If suburban leaders like Rockland County Executive Ed Day continue to call asylum-seekers rapists and criminals and threaten to ‘reach up and grab [Mayor Adams] by the throat for the people of Rockland County,’ we must name their racist hate and demand they do their part

by offering shelter now and housing in the near future,” he added.

“And if the federal government continues to sit idly by, we will ensure every person in this city and state understands the blame for this situation lies with President Biden and his failure to lead on a comprehensive solution,” Reynoso continued. “Because when our neighbours – whether down the street, across the country, or over borders – need help, our community must and will show up. That’s what Brooklyn stands for, that’s what New York stands for, and that’s what we must demand this country to stand for.”

As Title 42 ended mid-night Thursday, which allowed immigration agents to swiftly remove Caribbean and other illegal migrants from the US, Reynoso said “the imminent arrival of more people and families seeking asylum is no excuse to go back on our values here in New York City.

“Right-to-Shelter exists to defend the basic rights, dignity and safety of people who are without a stable place to settle,” he said. “And to roll it back – or even threaten as much – is not only cruel but a tactic of intimidation we will not accept.

“Rather than abandon the humanity this city stands for, we must meet this national crisis with a national solution – a solution that the real estate community, New York suburbs, and federal government can no longer decline to be a part of.”

In response to the Mayor Adams’s executive order to temporarily suspend New York City’s right-to-shelter protections, Natalia Aristizabal Betancur, deputy director of Make the Road New York, an immigration advocacy group, said it was “simply outrageous for Mayor Adams to flout the law and try to suspend right-to-shelter protections that have been fundamental to New York City housing laws for decades.

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Weight-loss injections pose a risk to health, say officials

There is a real risk to people's health if they buy weight-loss injections from unregulated sources, the Department of Health has warned.

It said a number of the injection pens were in circulation across Northern Ireland.

The department added that there had been increased demand for the pens, including from online sellers.

It said they may not be subject to normal safety controls on manufacture or prescribed by a doctor.

Semaglutide is a medication that can be prescribed for weight loss.

It is mainly approved for the management of diabetes and is available under



Officials said there had been increased demand for the pens including from online sellers

different brand names.

The department said the potential risk to public health had been recently highlighted during an investigation by the department's medicines regulatory group (MRG), which found fake injectable weight loss pens in circulation..

Officials said the investigation was ongoing and a number of pens had been seized.

Peter Moore, senior medicines enforcement officer at the department, said people might be breaking the law by advertising or unlawfully supplying pre-

scription-only medicines outside the legitimate supply chain.

"I would urge people not to source their prescription medication from unregulated sources," he said, adding that it presented "a real risk of adverse health effects".

Canice Ward, head of the MRG, said it was extremely important that people took prescription-only medicines after consultation with their GP or healthcare provider, who have access to patient health records and are aware of the risks and benefits of every medicine.

The department said anyone who suspected a medicine had been falsified should tell a healthcare professional such as a pharmacist.

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Many of the asylum seekers are nationals of Cuba, Haiti and Venezuela.

In his announcement, Adams said the program will launch with two hotels located in Orange Lake and Orangeburg counties, with the potential to expand, and will provide asylum seekers with shelter for up to four months as well as the same city-funded services available at Humanitarian Emergency Relief and Response Centers.

The mayor said staff at participating hotels will also connect asylum seekers with community-based organizations and faith groups to support their transition to a new city.

With the number of asylum seekers arriving in New York City rapidly

accelerating ahead of Title 42's lifting on Thursday, and what is expected to be an even larger influx after that day, Adams said the hotels in Orange Lake and Orangeburg will "free up" additional space in New York City for the hundreds of asylum seekers continuing to arrive in the five boroughs every day.

Since last spring, the mayor said over 60,800 asylum seekers have come through New York City and been offered a place to stay, adding that over 37,500 asylum seekers are currently in the city's care.

At the same time, the mayor continues to call for the state and federal governments to provide support to manage this crisis, including financial assistance, a national decompression strategy, expedited work authoriza-

tion, "real immigration reform", and more.

Earlier this week, New York Governor Kathy Hochul issued an Executive Order to help provide aid to Caribbean and other asylum seekers expected to arrive in New York, as US federal Title 42 immigration policy was set to expire Thursday night.

Hochul said the Executive Order will provide the state with greater flexibility to procure the resources necessary for municipalities to support asylum seekers while also allowing the State to increase the number of National Guard service members providing logistical and operational support.

Executive Order 28 allows the state and localities to quickly respond to the anticipated arrivals of asylum seekers.

Jamie Foxx and daughter Corinne to host game show after hospitalisation

By Paul Glynn

US star Jamie Foxx has been announced as the host of a new music-centric game show, days after it was confirmed that he had been discharged from hospital.

The Oscar-winning actor and singer will host *We Are Family* on US network Fox alongside his daughter, Corinne.

She said on Friday that her father was recuperating at home after a spell in hospital due to a “medical complication”.

They said they were “thrilled” to have worked on the show.

The father and daughter have previously appeared together on another music-based game show, *Beat Shazam*, broadcast on the same network.

“We hope this show brings as much fun to audiences at home as we’ve had creating it when it premieres next year,” they said in a joint statement.

The new show will feature non-famous relatives of celebrities performing duets with their hidden famous family member, while audience members attempt to guess their identity through clues in order to win a \$100,000 prize.

It is scheduled to be broadcast in 2024.

Allison Wallach, one of the Fox Entertainment bosses, described the Foxx family presenting pair - who UK audiences may have seen together on-screen in recent TV adverts - as “important partners to the Fox family.”

“Their boundless energy and charming interplay with contestants are irresistible, which make them the perfect hosts of *We Are Family*,” said Wallach.



Corinne and Jamie Foxx will together host We Are Family.

Corinne Foxx, the 29-year-old actress, model and activist, first shared news about her 55-year-old father being in hospital on 12 April but did not specify the reason for him needing care.

She said that “due to quick action and great care, he is already on his way to recovery”.

It led to online speculation about his health but on Friday Corinne posted on Instagram that her father had been out of hospital for “weeks” and even recently played some [rack-et sport] pickleball.

She also thanked people for their “prayers and support”.

The actor was reportedly in hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, where he had been filming Netflix’s *Back In Action* alongside Cameron Diaz.

According to *People* magazine, the incident did not happen on set and he was not taken to hospital in an emergency vehicle.

They also reported he was undergoing testing while at the Atlanta hospital. It is not clear exactly when he was released.

Celebrities like Vin Diesel and

Jeremy Renner expressed their support and admiration for Foxx Senior as he recovered.

In response, he posted on social media earlier this month saying: “Appreciate all the love!!! Feeling blessed.”

In a podcast released early this month, friend Kevin Hart said “there was a lot of progression” in his recovery.

The star won an Oscar for best actor for playing musician Ray Charles in *Ray* in 2005. He was also nominated for best supporting actor the same year for his role in *Collateral*.

His other films include *Baby Driver*, *Annie* and *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*.

His daughter, who made a cameo as a youngster on *The Jamie Foxx Show* before acting as a DJ on *Beat Shazam*, also played the character Sasha in the 2019 horror sequel, *47 Meters Down: Uncaged*.

She shared the new game show news on Instagram on Monday, saying: «The Foxx Family is headed back to our home on Fox TV and we can’t wait for this new show!».

Regional News



One missing as boat from Martinique capsizes on its way to St Lucia

Loop - Rescue operations continue for a woman missing at sea after the vessel she departed Martinique on with eight other persons reportedly capsized while on its way to St Lucia. The missing woman is believed to be in her 40s.

According to the Prefet de la Martinique, on Saturday around 5:30 am, the Regional Operational Center for Surveillance and Rescue Antilles-Guyane, was informed about the disappearance of the ship "Sé kon sa nou yé", which departed on Friday around 4 pm while heading for St Lucia with nine people on board.

Search and rescue teams were deployed. Shortly before 12 pm, a French sailboat "Le Bercail", rescued two people in distress in the Saint-Lucie canal.

Those shipwrecked were aboard the ship that reportedly capsized between 7 pm and 10 pm on Friday



night.

Then, just before 3 pm on Saturday, the Dutch Coast Guard plane located six people hanging on the hull of the ship.

The search operations coordinated by the Regional Operational Center for Surveillance and Rescue Antilles-Guyana continued on Sun-

day to locate the last occupant still missing.

French and foreign aerial and nautical means are permanently engaged in the Sainte-Lucie canal along with the authorities' maritime patrol boat Saint Lucia Police Force (Protector) as well as a Barbados Air Force aircraft.

St Vincent: Sandy Bay teen on bicycle dies in road accident

Loop - The community of Sandy Bay in St Vincent and the Grenadines is in mourning after a schoolboy, 12-year-old Dezy Lavia died in a road accident on Mother's Day.

Police have launched an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the tragic accident that occurred in Orange Hill at about 6:50 pm on May 14, which left the 12-year-old pedal cyclist dead.

According to reports, a motor vehicle that was being driven by a 38-year-



old Byrea resident, struck the teen as it headed toward Sandy Bay.

Lavia suffered multiple injuries about his body and was taken to Georgetown

Medical Center before being transferred to Milton Cato Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

A postmortem exam-

ination is expected to be carried out on the body of the deceased to ascertain the exact cause of death.

The driver is assisting the police with the investigation.

Persons with information that can help with this investigation are encouraged to contact the Georgetown Police Station at 1-784-458-6229.

All information collected will be strictly confidential. Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

Suriname: Native Amerindians hold protest demonstration

CMC - Members of Suriname's indigenous community on Saturday protested against what they have called their marginalisation, deprivation and non-respect and recognition of their collective rights by the government and other parts of society

During a silent walk here, several hundred indigenous people from all tribes and from the deep hinterlands and far south took part in the protest.

The immediate reason for the demonstration is the killing by the police of two indigenous men about two weeks ago after a group of indigenous men set fire to a number of logging trucks and a police station in the Pikin Saron area, southwest of the capital.

According to Sharmaine Artist, a spokeswoman from the group, Native Power, the silent march is the start of a number of actions that will be used in the coming weeks.

She said the organisation now plans to write a number of international human rights organisations, including the Organization of American States, about the poor treatment indigenous people receive from the Surinamese government.

"We are also travelling to the different villages to speak to the people and



Suriname's indigenous community protest (Photo: CMC).

explain to them what we intend to do," Artist further explained. Hundreds of indigenous people took to the streets on Saturday to protest in a "silent way" against the lack of recognition of land rights. Indigenous groups have fought for years for this, but successive governments have so far failed to heed their call to solve this issue. "It was nice to see all the Indigenous groups. We proved that we are one. It was nice that people from the different villages, also from the far south, mobilised themselves to come here. We walked in uni-

ty and the Almighty for help," said Artist

Following the death of two indigenous men earlier this month, Native Power in particular has decided to take more visible action.

Another organisation – the Association of Indigenous Village Chiefs (Vids) also says it is now monitoring matters even more closely.

Meanwhile – last Thursday, the speaker of the house, Marinus Bee said that the government will look at a number of the concessions in the indigenous areas issued by the then Bouterse adminis-

tration.

These were subsequently extended by the Santokhi government. However, due to the lack of legal recognition of land rights, there is an unclear situation, resulting in many illegal economic activities, including gold mining.

The House speaker promised that he would look into whether there is political support for the bill and also coordinate with the government on how to proceed. The draft law has been put back on the agenda for next Tuesday's parliament meeting.

Israel-Gaza: Shaky start to ceasefire ending five days of fighting



Palestinian Islamic Jihad confirmed a ceasefire had been agreed, while Israel said quiet would be met with quiet.

By David Gritten

There are hopes a ceasefire will take hold to end five days of fighting between Israel and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) militants in Gaza.

It got off to a shaky start, as both sides kept firing for two hours after the truce started on Saturday evening.

At least 33 Palestinians have been killed since Tuesday in Gaza, where Israel says it has struck PIJ targets.

Palestinian rocket fire into Israel has killed two people, one Israeli and one Palestinian working in the country.

The mediation efforts were led by Egypt, which urged both sides to adhere to the ceasefire agreement.

Washington welcomed the announcement of the ceasefire, and said US officials had worked with regional partners to achieve the resolution.

Barrages of Palestinian rockets set off warning sirens in southern Israel, close to Gaza, and the suburbs of the city of Tel Aviv just before the truce was due to come into effect at 22:00 local time (19:00 GMT) on Saturday.

Minutes after it supposedly started, militants launched more rockets at southern Israeli communities and the Israeli military carried out air strikes on what it said were two PIJ rocket launchers in Gaza.

Further rocket fire at around 23:00 drew another round of air strikes.

Despite the fighting, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office issued a statement confirming that a ceasefire had been agreed and thanked Egypt for its "intensive efforts" to secure one.

It also said Israel had made clear that its acceptance meant "quiet will

be met with quiet, and that if Israel is attacked or threatened, it will continue to do everything that it needs to in order to defend itself".

PIJ also confirmed the ceasefire, with a spokesman telling Reuters news agency: "We will abide by it as long as the occupation [Israel] abides by it."

According to a text from Egyptian intelligence seen by the BBC, Palestinian militants and Israel have agreed to stop actions targeting civilians and other individuals.

The BBC's Yolande Knell in Jerusalem says this form of wording appears to cover both the recent intense rocket fire from Gaza and Israel's controversial policy of targeted killings of militant leaders.

Israel began its military operation in Gaza before dawn on Tuesday, killing three leaders of PIJ in their homes

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New Zealand hostel fire: At least six dead and more missing in Wellington

By Antoinette Radford

At least six people have died and others remain unaccounted for following a fire in a hostel, New Zealand's prime minister has told local media. Emergency services were called to the four-storey building in Wellington just after midnight local time (12:30 GMT) to reports the building was alight.

Dozens were rescued from the building, but police said a number of people remained unaccounted for.

Chris Hipkins warned the number of dead was likely to increase.

Upon arrival at the blaze, firefighters found the top level of the building ablaze. By 04:00 at least 20 fire trucks were involved in helping extinguish it.

Fire and Emergency District commander Nick Pyatt described the fire as Wellington's "worst nightmare".



Police warned they could not be more specific on the number of deaths until they could access the building.

Mr Pyatt also said the building contained asbestos and urged locals to wear a face mask and keep their windows closed to avoid inhaling the smoke, the New Zealand Herald reported.

"This is a tragic event for all involved. My heartfelt condolences go to the loved

ones of those who have lost their lives", he said.

Authorities rescued at least five people from the roof of the burning building and one person sustained serious injuries after jumping from the third floor of the building to escape the flames, local media reported.

Mr Hipkins described the fire as "tragic" to TVNZ and paid tribute to local firefighters "who have put

themselves in harm's way over past hours to get people out of the building and put the fire out", the NZ Herald reported.

"It's an absolute tragedy and you know, Wellington is a small close-knit community", he said to New Zealand's AM show.

The cause of the blaze is currently unknown, but local media reported that police were investigating whether it was deliberately lit.

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as well as at least 10 civilians, including relatives and neighbours of the men.

PIJ fighters then fired barrages of rockets at southern and central Israel, which they said were intended to avenge the dead.

At least 1,234 rockets and mortars have been fired from Gaza in total, with 976 crossing into Israeli territory, according to the Israeli military. Most

have been intercepted or have landed in open areas, but some have hit homes and other buildings.

One woman was killed when a rocket hit an apartment building in the central city of Rehovot on Thursday, while a worker from Gaza was killed when he was hit by rocket shrapnel at a building site in the southern Sdot Negev region.

The military says 221 of the rockets have fallen short inside Gaza and

that they have killed four people there, including three children. Islamic Jihad denies the allegation.

Israel has carried out air strikes on 371 PIJ targets across Gaza, killing three more leaders and destroying what it said were the group's rocket launch sites and command centres.

About half of the 33 people killed in Gaza were civilians, including seven children and four women, according to local health officials.

China sentences 78-year-old US citizen to life in prison for spying



John Shing-Wan Leung held permanent residency in Hong Kong, but it is not clear where he was living when he was arrested.

By Gareth Evans

A Chinese court has sentenced a 78-year-old US citizen to life in prison on spying charges.

John Shing-Wan Leung, who is a permanent resident in Hong Kong, was jailed on Monday.

The court in the south-eastern city of Suzhou gave no further details of the allegations against him.

Leung was arrested in the city two years ago by a local bureau of China's counterintelligence agency, a news release from the court said.

He "was found guilty of espionage, sentenced to life imprisonment [and] deprived of political rights for life", according to the statement from the Intermediate People's Court, which was posted on the WeChat social media platform.

It is unclear where Leung was living at the time of his arrest.

A spokesperson for the US embassy in Beijing said they were aware of the reports. "The Department of State

has no greater priority than the safety and security of US citizens overseas," they said.

At a news conference in Washington DC on Monday, the State Department declined to comment on the case citing privacy concerns.

Closed door trials are common in China, and few details are usually made public for sensitive cases such as those involving espionage charges.

Heavy sentences such as this, however, are relatively rare for foreign citizens.

In July, a new law will come into effect that broadens the scope of China's espionage legislation. It will ban the handing over of any data the authorities deem to be related to national security.

US and Chinese media reports and records show that Mr Leung was heavily involved with Chinese cultural and expat organisations in the US.

According to Hong Kong media reports, he was head of the Texas

branch of the Association for the Promotion of the Peaceful Reunification of China (APPRC), which promotes Beijing's claims over Taiwan abroad.

Mr Leung was also chair of his own foundation - the Leung Cultural Exchange Foundation - which sent musicians to and from China and the US, the Wall Street Journal reported. He frequently travelled to China to meet with government officials.

The jailing of Leung is likely to further strain relations between China and the US, which deteriorated during former US President Donald Trump's administration after he launched a trade war against China in 2018.

The two superpowers continue to clash on various issues, including Taiwan, China's militarisation of the South China Sea, and the origins of Covid. Tensions were also heightened in February when the US shot down an alleged Chinese spy balloon, which Beijing insisted was a weather monitoring device.

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Cornelius bags second hat-trick for Police in Parish League cricket

Off-spinner James Cornelius grabbed a six-wicket haul, including his second successive hat-trick, as defending champions Police continued their successful start in defense of their Antigua Commercial Bank (ACB) Caribbean Parish League Richie Richardson Limited Overs Championship over the weekend.

Cornelius, who claimed a hat-trick in picking up four wickets for two runs during Police's 64-run victory over Urlings in their previous outing, once again took a hat-trick to lead his team to a seven-wicket win against Time of Victory Old Road at Old Road on



Police off-spinner James Cornelius. (Photo courtesy ACB Caribbean Parish League)

Saturday.

Cornelius grabbed six-wickets for just one run as Old Road were all out for just 47 in which Aud-

ie Browne topscored with 39. Police then wrapped up their second win in as many matches by scoring 48 for three with Taj Liburd cap-

turing three for 27.

But Police lost for the first time in three outings, crashing to a 20-run defeat against National Park/Cool & Smooth Masters at Liberta on Sunday.

Ian Gore slammed 61 and Dean Williams made 25 in the Masters' total of 152 for eight off 28 overs. Malique Gerald picked up three for 29.

In reply, Police tumbled to 132 all out in 23.3 overs with James Cornelius getting 37 and Lynton Africa scoring 26. Williams captured three for 33 and Franklyn Francis had two for 11.

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AGS wins Under-15 schools' cricket title

The Antigua Grammar School has won the Under-15 Division title of the 2023 Inter-Schools' Cricket Championship.

Antigua Grammar secured the crown by romping to a 62-run victory against Princess Margaret School in the final at Rising Sun on Friday.

Matthew Millers slammed an unbeaten 65 and Anthony Pierre struck 53 not out to propel Antigua Grammar to 149 for two. Nazair Williams picked up one for 25 and J'Quan Athanaze claimed one for 30.

In reply, Princess Margaret School were all out for 87 with Detundre Ralph getting a top score of 17. Hosea Roberts took two wickets for one run and Pierre captured two for 20.



Matthew Miller holds the trophy with Principal of the Antigua Grammar School Samuel Roberts, second right, after winning the Under-15 division title in this year's schools' cricket championship. (Photo courtesy schools' cricket)

Flyers return to winning form in ABBA's first division league

Flyers returned to winning form in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) First Division league at the JSC Sports Complex on Sunday night.

Flyers, who lost for the first time in three games when they suffered a one-point loss to Potters Steelers in their previous outing, rebounded to claim their third win in four encounters by soaring to a 97-69 victory over Spanish Heat in the second game of Sunday night's double-header.

Selassie Brathwaite produced a game-high 21 points along with seven rebounds, six assists and five steals, while Adonis Humphreys sank 19 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for Flyers.

They were supported by team-mates David Hernandez with 15 points and Kwame Brathwaite with 12 points.

Jesus Reyes scored 19 points; Steven Matthew had



Flyers returned to winning form in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's First Division league at the JSC Sports Complex on Sunday, 14th May, 2023. (File photo)

13 points, seven rebounds, five assists and five steals; Wilkin Floyd converted 11 points; Kelvin Pimentel produced 10 points, five assists and five steals while Israel Pulinario contributed 10 points for Spanish Heat, who lost for the fourth time in as many games.

Ottos Full Throttle secured their first win in four

outings by prevailing 77-69 against Braves in the first game of Sunday's double header.

Lincoln Weekes scored 19 points and snatched six rebounds; Kwame Payne produced 16 points, nine rebounds, seven steals and five assists; Marlon Davis had 15 points and nine rebounds while Warren Bogle

chipped in with 13 points and six rebounds for Full Throttle.

Shaheim Omarde shot a game-high 25 points and grabbed 14 rebounds while Orion Seraphine and Bernard Andrew each scored 11 points for Braves, who remain winless after losing for the fourth time in as many games.

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Freetown extended their unbeaten run to four wins in as many outings. Freetown cruised to a 52-run victory over Mahico at Freetown on Saturday.

Freetown made 153 for eight with Austin Richards Jr getting 48, Hughan Tonge 29 and Vance Nathaniel 28. Ian Tittle took two for 16, O'Marley Heyliger claimed two for 17 and Ian Bruney had two for 19.

In reply, Mahico crashed to 101 all out with Darren Dunnah hitting

47. Kief Baltimore snapped up five for 13, Tonge claimed two for 13 and Jared Phillip captured two for 22.

Freetown then crushed Old Road by 117 runs at Old Road. Freetown made 187 for four. Kief Baltimore slammed 53, Neil Thomas scored 24 and Vance Nathaniel chipped in with 21 not out. Nathaniel then snapped up four for 17 as Old Road crashed to 70 all out.

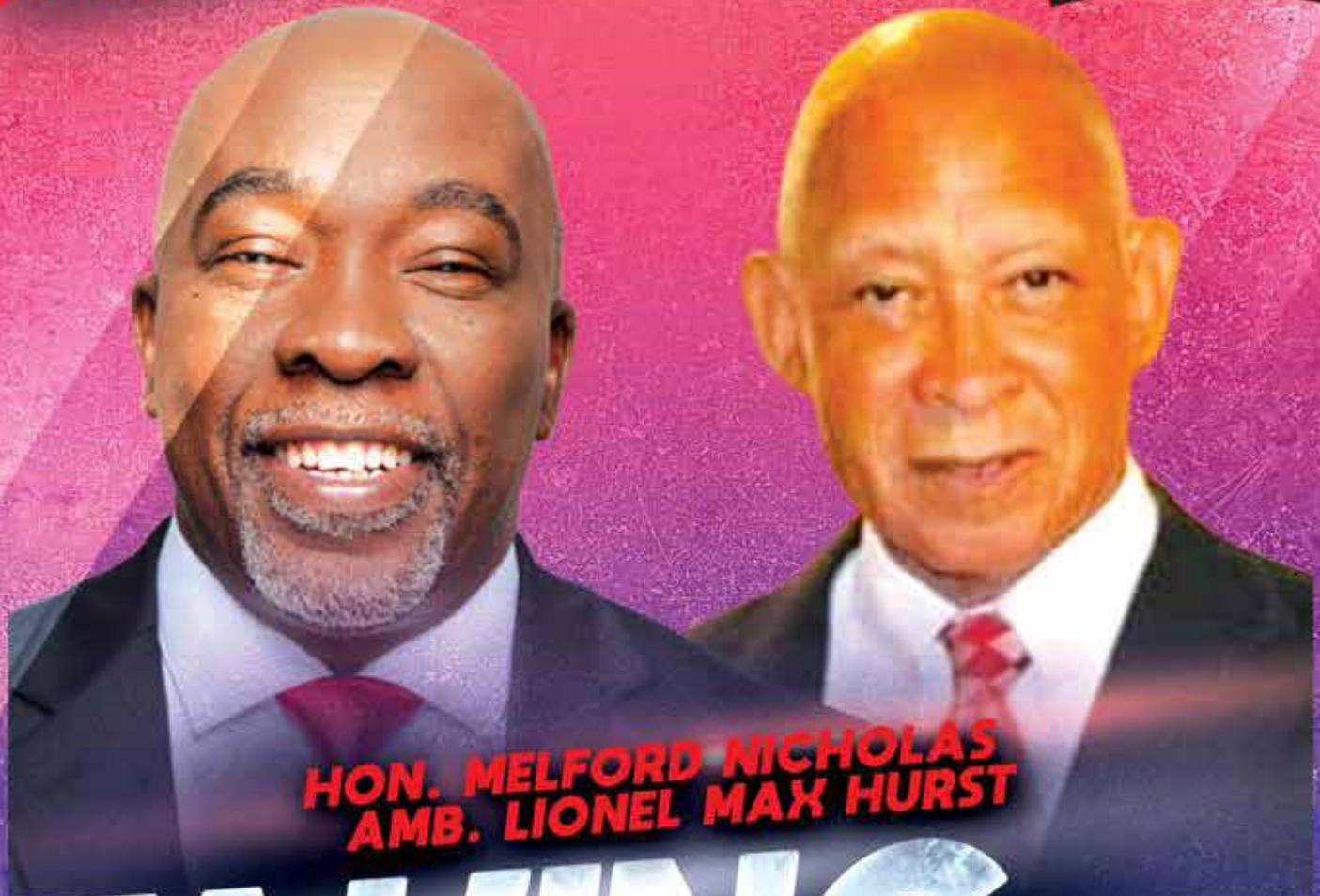
Dreams 2 Reality Sea View Farm secured their first win of the competition by pulling off a four-wicket vic-

tory against National Parks/Cool & Smooth Masters at Liberta.

Masters made 175 for eight. Ma-like Marcellin hit 46, Andra Samuel scored 29 and Pat "Ipah" Spencer struck 24 not out. Tazio Watson claimed three for 32 and Alfred Jarvis picked up two for 26.

Rolston "Triss" Phillip then slammed 75 not out and Jelani Mussington cracked 62 to propel Sea View Farm to victory at 176 for six. Kareem Phillip took four for 14 and Ian Gore took two for 33.

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West Indies Women and Men's winter tours of Australia confirmed

The West Indies women's and men's teams will both tour Australia during the Australian summer with dates and venues confirmed by Cricket Australia (CA) on Sunday.

The West Indies women will tour in October 2023 for three One-Day Internationals (ODIs) and three T20 Internationals (T20Is), while the West Indies men will tour in January and February 2024 for two Tests, three ODIs and three T20Is.

The Women's ODIs form part of the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Women's Championship, while the Tests will be part of the 2023-2025 ICC Men's World Test Championship.

The Women's T20 International Series will bowl off at the North Sydney Oval with two matches scheduled for Sunday, October 1st, and Monday, October 2nd, culminating with the third match at the Allan Border Field in Brisbane on Thursday, October 5th.

Following the T20I Series, the West Indies women



Hayley Matthews, the captain of the West Indies Women, expressed her excitement about the upcoming tour. (File photo)

men will gear up for the ODI series, which commences on Sunday, October 8th, at Allan Border Field, before heading to Melbourne for the final two matches at the Junction Oval on Thursday, October 12th, and Monday, October 15th.

Hayley Matthews, the captain of the West Indies Women, expressed her excitement about the upcoming tour.

"We are looking forward to this opportunity to play against Australia as part of the ICC Women's Championship cycle.

We look forward to putting up a strong fight, as we've been working hard to refine our skills and strategies. I'm sure the fans are going to see some entertaining cricket," she said.

The West Indies Women will first be playing their next international fixtures against Ireland Women in June and July before heading to Australia, with the schedule for the Ireland Tour of the West Indies to be announced shortly.

The West Indies Men's tour of Australia will start with the Test Series, play-

ing for the Sir Frank Worrell Trophy, named in honour of the former West Indies captain and icon.

The first Test will be played at Adelaide Oval on 17th to 21st January 2024. The second Test will be a day/night match using the pink ball at The Gabba in Brisbane from 25th to 29th January.

Following the Tests, the West Indies will play three day/night ODIs at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (Friday, February 2nd), the Sydney Cricket Ground (Sunday, February 4th) and the Manuka Oval, Canberra (Tuesday, February 6th).

The three T20Is will be at the Blundstone Arena in Hobart, Tasmania (Friday, February 9th), the Adelaide Oval (Sunday, February 11th) and the Perth Stadium (Tuesday, February 13th).

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wickets for nine runs and Peters captured three for 23.

Boosted by their 45-run first innings lead, Bolans Blasters then made 133 all out in 32.1 overs. Peter Bellanfanti top-scored with 54 and opener Rowan Watkins chipped in with 37. Williams captured eight wickets for 38 runs to finish with an

impressive match-haul of 16 wickets for 66 runs. Set 179 to win, Jennings Tigers were dismissed for 134 in 38.2 overs with Elijah Peters scoring 47. Peters captured four for 35 and Richards took four for 48.

Caribbean Union Bank (CUB) Bethesda Golden Eagles forfeited their encounter against All Saints Pythons at the Mack Pond playing field in All Saints.

Empire beat Rising Sun to stay atop ABCA's two-day contest

Empire Nation beat Wes Rising Sun Spartans by 159 runs at King George over the weekend to remain as leaders of the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's (ABCA) Two-Day Competition.

Opener Tyrone Williams struck 85 off 79 balls in Empire Nation's first innings total of 167 all out in 32.4 overs with Dario Hodge claiming four for 34.

In reply, opener Junior Henry hit 65 off 62 balls in Rising Sun's 203 all out in 33.4 overs with Williams grabbing seven wickets for 22 runs.

Trailing by 36 runs, Empire Nation batted for 60 overs then declared their second innings closed at 272 for six in which Rasheed Henry struck 119 off 160 balls and Tanez Francis made 60. Michael Harillal captured three for 101.

Set 237 to win, Rising Sun were all out for 77 in 34 overs in their second innings with off-spinner Justin Athanaze grabbing six wickets for 12 runs.

Their third win in five matches carries Empire Nation to 48 points while Rising Sun are in 6th place on 21 points after suffering their first loss in five outings.

Pigotts Crushers recorded their second win of the competition by pulling off a 10-wicket victory over New Winthorpes Lions to stay second in the standings by advancing to 39 points from five matches.

Sent in to bat, New Winthorpes were all out for 129 in 39.3 overs with Keeshan Daawuud getting 68 and



Empire Nation batsman Rasheed Henry. (Photos courtesy ABCA)

spinner Kadeem Henry taking four wickets for 15 runs.

Pigotts Crushers were then all out for 100 in 16.2 overs with Henry hitting a top score of 38 off 35 balls. Spinner Ian Eusebe snapped up four wickets for six runs and Kyian Joseph captured three for 35.

But after taking a 29-run first innings lead, New Winthorpes Lions tumbled to 22 all out in 13.2 overs in their second innings with Demari Benta taking four wickets for eight runs.

Set 52 runs to win, Pigotts Crushers' openers achieved their victory target without losing a wicket in just 5.1 overs.

Defending champions PIC Insurance Liberta Black Hawks crushed Combined Schools by an innings and 22 runs at Factory to record their first win of the competition to move into third place by advancing to 30 points.

Combined School declared their first innings closed at 79 for nine off 31.3 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat. Jalen Harris grabbed five



Empire Nation batsman Tyrone Williams Jr.

for 21 and Elvis Weaver Jr took three for 14.

Liberta Black Hawks then batted for 41 overs before making a declaration of their first innings at 169 for six with opener Uri Smith getting 39.

Facing a deficit of 90 runs, Combined School crashed to 68 all out in 31.3 overs in their second innings.

Bolans Blasters also secured their first win by claiming a 44-run victory over Jennings Tigers at Jennings. Bolans Blasters were all out for 90 in 29.5 overs in their first innings with Orlando Peters getting 35. Left-arm spinner Glenton Williams grabbed eight wickets for 28 runs.

In reply, Jennings Tigers crashed to 45 all out in 22.5 overs. Mali Richards snapped up four wickets for four runs, Dwayne Fordyce grabbed three

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