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SOCA ARTIST FIGHTS FOR LIFE AT SLBMC

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The 2023 edition of Antigua Sailing Week continues today with more races after a brief break in the action for Lucky Eddi's Lay Day yesterday.

Local News



Soca artist fights for life at SLBMC

One of Antigua and Barbuda's upcoming soca artists is fighting for his life at the Sir Lester Bird Medical Center.

Allakai Samuel, who goes by the stage name *'Soca Villan'* was stabbed during the Labour Day festivities.

According to reports, Samuel was playing with his band LSA on a truck when a group of young men began throwing what appeared to be glass bottles in the air which landed on the truck.

The young musician went to ask the young men to desist from the practice and was reportedly stabbed during a fracas, which led to him having a collapsed lung.

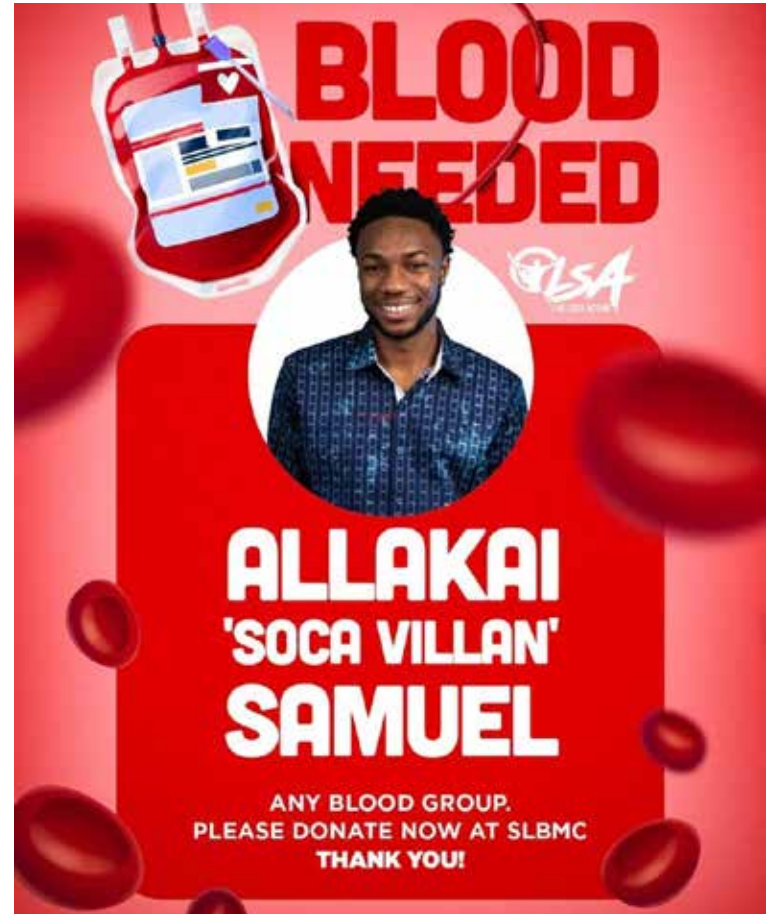
He has since been fighting for his life at the hospital and family members are now asking members of the

general public to assist by donating blood.

Meanwhile, a number of musicians have reached out via social media with best wishes for Samuel.

The 2022 Groovy Soca Queen, Claudette C P Peters in a post on Facebook called for persons to *"Dun wid de talking!"* She further called on parents to protect our children by doing some house cleaning by stopping the violence.

Another musician, Malik Smith who attended and graduated from Antigua Grammar School with Samuel in a post on Facebook said "it hurts that incidents have to happen for people to learn consequences. It hurts that there are parents, family and friends that have to be worried for their loved one." Smith noted that he just wants to hear that his



brother is doing well, noting that Samuel is a person who has found different avenues for young persons to

enjoy themselves, and this is how appreciation is being shown. He too is calling on persons to stop the violence.

APUA to increase water production by two million gallons shortly



Minister Responsible for APUA, Hon. Melford Nicholas

The country's lone Utilities Company, the Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) is giving a commitment to increase water production by approximately two million gallons within a matter of weeks. That is the assurance from the Minister Responsible for APUA, Hon. Melford Nicholas, when he addressed the issue at Wednesday's sitting of the Cabinet.

According to the Cabinet Notes, Nicholas said that APUA is putting in place the mechanisms that would result in the daily production of water from the current seven million gallons to nine million gallons. This, he antic-

ipates, will be accomplished within a matter of a few weeks.

"The object is to ensure that as demand grows in and around Carnival 2023, the APUA will be able to satisfy many households' daily needs. Drought continues to keep surface water and underground aquifers without a supply of stored, potable water; the alternative is reverse osmosis (RO) which is very expensive. More than \$100 million have been spent on purchasing and installing RO plants since the Gaston Browne administration became the Government in 2014," the

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Another dry year forecast for Antigua and Barbuda

Antigua and Barbuda is expected to experience below normal rainfall for 2023.

That is according to Director of the Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Service, Dale Destin.

In a release, Destin indicated that the year will most likely be drier than usual for Antigua. He forecast calls for the rainfall total for 2023 for the country to be around 1081 mm (42.6 in) with a 70 percent or high confidence of it being in the range of 847 to 1355 mm (33.3 to 53.3 in).

The highest probability according to Destin is 39 percent - below normal rainfall; hence, the predictions for a most likely drier than normal year. The numbers can also be interpreted as a 74 percent chance of below or near-normal rainfall for 2023.

Destin continued that it is also very unlikely that the year will be wetter than normal, with only a 26 percent chance. There has only been one such year in over a decade – 2020.

It is unclear as to what are all the



causes for the below-normal rainfall forecast; however, Destin indicated that El Niño is likely to develop during the next three months and continue through 2023.

El Niños usually cause reduced rainfall, especially during the wet season by causing subsidence and vertical wind shear making it hard for rain clouds to form. Subsidence is the op-

posite of the convection required for rainfall and vertical wind shear makes it difficult for clouds to grow to maturity.

There are uncertainties in the forecast mainly due to the formation and strength of El Niño and the counter-acting effect of an expected warmer-than-normal Tropical North Atlantic (TNA).

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Cabinet Notes explained.

It added that rough seas have also caused several of the RO plants to reduce output when sand, shells, vegetation, and small pebbles are sucked-in through the intake pipes, imperiling the plants' functionality.

The digging of near-shore wells, and the purchase of a super-filter have both helped to keep production at maximum level during rough seas.











Antigua and Barbuda has been experiencing

a prolonged drought with less than average rainfall for more than ten years. This has meant that the surface water once used for domestic consumption is no longer available. The aquifers and

other underground water sources have also dried up for all intents and purposes. Along with old pipes that constantly leak and other challenges, many households go for days at a time

without having running water.

The government has said that it is committed to bringing an end to consumers' frustration over the irregular supply of water.

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Local News



AT&LU warns against formenenting political instability

The country's oldest general trade union, the Antigua Trades and Labour Union (AT&LU) has issued a general appeal for workers groups to avoid taking actions that may lead to political instability in the country.

AT&LU General Secretary, Alrick Daniel, said that Antigua and Barbuda has had its fair share of challenges and disasters over the years but that it has always been able to rebound because of its strong economy and political stability.

"It is because of those attributes that has attracted so many of our Caribbean brothers and sisters who have made this country their home and have joined the workforce.

"It is because of economic strength and political instability. Today, it grieves my heart to see some people who would want to destroy that. We have always resolved our issues according to the law and in a peaceful



AT&LU General Secretary, Alrick Daniel manner," he stated.

Daniel noted that political instability would affect the very foundation of the country and the people who would feel it most acutely would be workers. This he warned can cause a chain reaction, with businesses and schools risk being affected and also an increase in crime.

"Let me tell you, we have to preserve the integrity of economic strength and political instability for the benefit of the workers," he urged.

Daniel acknowledged that problems between workers and employers are a given, but added the AT&LU remains an advocate for workers in the country.

He noted that his union has fought for many decades for the rights of workers but it did so with the tools that are available including strikes.

We strike if we have to but strikes are the last resort. We explore all avenues, including utilizing the Industrial Court. We did all of this to protect workers' rights and there have been results," he said.

He then identified a number of successes that the AT&LU has secured over the past twelve months, including a \$1.3 million payout for workers at the State Insurance Company Ltd.

ABYSO gets funding for annual concert

The Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony Orchestra (ABSYO) has secured funding to help it stage future *Play to Inspire*

concerts held annually in collaboration with the Kanneh-Mason family.

ABYSO is among twenty-five Caribbean cul-

tural projects that will share in a US\$1,028,287.22 grant made available by the European Union. The project is aimed at improving

the economic conditions of creatives to stimulate sustainable growth of the Creative and Cultural Industries (CCIs) in the Caribbean.

ABYSO's Chief of Operations, Claudine Benjamin said ABSYO's grant amounts to US\$40,000.00 and that it will go towards next year's staging of the much-loved *Play to Inspire* concert.

Benjamin said ABSYO is currently pursuing plans to build its own Academy of Music facility on just over

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Khan Cordice is special artist in a concert at a US college

Antigua and Barbuda's pan virtuoso, Khan Cordice is the special guest artist at a musical concert that is taking place this evening at San Jacinto College in Houston, Texas.

Cordice, who is also Antigua and Barbuda's Director of Culture, sees this performance as an opportunity to expand his musical horizons and to expose Caribbean music, especially the steel pan, to a new audience.

"I am pleased to be a part of this #worldpremier of a 6-movement composition I wrote entitled *"Shades of My Caribbean"* commissioned by Michael Mizma and the San Jacinto College," he said.

The celebrated musician described each of the movements as: 1. Rivers, 2. The Message, 3. Wa'Omoni, 4. Melting Pot, 5. One People and 6. Caribbean Dance Party.

"Man.... I live for these moments. To be able to share a bit of my culture,



my perspective and a little of what I do with the world will continue to be a dream I want to live. Thank you!" he exclaimed.

Cordice is musical conductor/arranger for Antigua and Barbuda's oldest steelband, Hell's Gate Steel Or-

chestra, the current reigning Panorama champions.

This year, he worked along with Republic Bank's Exodus in Trinidad and Tobago, which was among the top three finalists for the first time in more than a decade.

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an acre of land donated by the Hadeed Family just off the Anchorage Road. "It's a work in progress, as we have engaged the services of an architectural firm out of the UK that specializes in building these structures. Already, someone from the company – Atomic Archi-

ture – has been to Antigua to visit the site to have a look at the land with work on the drawings started," she revealed.

The Academy of Music building will allow for adequate space for the orchestra to practice, as it will be purpose-built for the group. Benjamin explained that

ABYSO now conducts its practice sessions at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium which poses a number of challenges.

"The rooms were never designed for an orchestra to practice and secondly, the stadium is not always available as whenever there are sporting events, we have to

find other places to do the practice sessions. We have been fortunate that several government entities have allowed us to use their facilities but we are really in need of our own purpose-built academy building," she stated.

Play to Inspire 5 was held at the St. John's Pentecostal House of Restoration on April 22nd, 2023 and featured the ABYSO, the Kanneh-Mason siblings, the youth-arm of ABYSO, and several guest artists including conductor Tom Fetherstonhaugh, saxophonist Jess Gillam and Zahra Lake on pan.



Local News



Dockyard rocks to the sound of reggae

Historic Nelson's Dockyard was once again transformed for Antigua Sailing Week's 12th Reggae in the Park. Fans came early to experience a full afternoon into evening of music in the Inet Festival village, a first for this event.

3700 patrons had an opportunity to try out Ital food, and grilled specialties and bars while legendary sound system Sister Souljah, as well as artists Merchy, Bless Eye and Kenne Blessin provided the music, warming up the crowd before the main acts got underway with Grammy Award nominee Jesse Royal, British MOBO Awards nominee Lila Ike and Billboard Reggae Chart Topper Protoje with support acts Cool Blaze, Shacia Payne Marley and DJ Quest rounding off a spectacular evening.

"I truly appreciate this opportunity and am grateful to be here singing to the fans, it was great out there, the fans really showed me love," stated Kenne Blessin, after his crowd-pleasing performance as he was also joined by



Logic and Jashan Hughes.

Lila Ike's powerful performance resonated with the crowd, who sang along with her. Jesse Royal and Protoje both performing and visiting Antigua and Barbuda for the first time, expressed their joy of being here. «It was a lovely experience seeing all these familiar faces, it had a good vibe and energy.

«It is a joy to be here, and I hope the

people living here preserve what they have, as it is special. The highlight for me has been the people, it's good to feel the love that we get from them,» said Jesse Royal.

His sentiments were echoed by Protoje who thanked the people of Antigua for embracing him and his music.

"Tuesday night was truly spectacular. Antiguan welcomed people from

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UK HC hosts Media Rap Session

Representatives from a number of local media organisations have participated in a Media Rap Session organised and hosted by UK High Commission Representative, Lindsay Thompson

The occasion was to mark an initiative of the British High Commission (BHC) commemorating the work of media professionals across the world.

Celebrated every 3rd of May, UNESCO has designated this year's theme for the day to be "Shaping a Fu-



ture of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for all other Human Rights".

"It was a pleasure to hear from Antigua and Barbuda's journalists, including representatives' views

on how they use their freedom of expression to shed light on the importance of human rights for all. We thank Orville Williams, Elisha George, Ercil Charles Jr. and Kieron Murdoch for

attending the BHC's Media Rap Session," a spokesman for the BHC said.

He added that the British High Commission will continue to celebrate the vital role of the media and promote the work of local journalists protecting media freedom, and freedom of opinion and expression both in the twin-island state and across the world.

Communications consultant and veteran media professional Senator Shawn Nicholas facilitated the discussion.

Flow, Ministry of Education celebrate Girls in ICT Day 2023

Flow announced its ongoing partnership with the Ministry of Education, Sport, and Creative Industries to celebrate International Girls in ICT Day 2023 under the theme 'Digital Skills for Life'. The Ministry hosted an event for secondary school students where several women, who have excelled in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) careers, made presentations.

The partnership signals Flow's ongoing efforts to spread awareness about the viability of STEM careers for girls and young women and to encourage their participation in the technology industry and in telecommunications.



At the opening ceremony, Briana Lewis, the Flow-Tech expert, delivered the feature address. KenNyse Lynch, an intern with the Flow Commercial team, also gave remarks on behalf of the Company. Their



testimonies about their chosen career paths in the field of telecommunications inspired and motivated the scores of young women who attended the event.

They both highlighted that Flow is committed to

promoting diversity and inclusion in the technology industry and that the Company recognizes the importance of empowering young women to explore their potential in ICT careers.

Lisa Abraham, a Flow brand ambassador, also participated in the annual event by facilitating the 'Re-imagining DJ think tank' session for the Ministry of Education in which the enthusiastic participation of the attendees was clear evidence that they found the session insightful and valuable. There were several other exciting events throughout the day, including graphic photography and editing, podcasting, robotics, and film production.



Protoje

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across the world to witness Antigua's finest performers, and three great artists in their element.

From start to finish, Reggae in the Park delivered to its expectations. Special thanks to our entertainers, production vendors, sponsors, staff, vol-



Kenne Blessin

unteers and everybody involved, your contributions have helped us deliver a spectacular Reggae in the Park," stated Devin St. Hilaire, of One World Tour producers of this year's RITP.

"We must give a special thank you to the management and staff of the National Parks Authority, the Antigua

and Barbuda Police Force, CBH and the hundreds of volunteers who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the patrons had a good time," added Rana Jamila-Lewis, ASW Event Manager.

Plans are already underway for RITP 2024.

Letter to the Editor

Editor Handy, Watts, Observer newspaper: Incompetence, partisan political or ripoff

Dear Editor,

Your readers will recall an article carried by your news outlet, as well as others under the caption “MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING” and written by me in reply to a guest opinion appearing in the Daily Observer of March 18, 2023 written by the Chairperson of the UPP, D. Gisele Isaac, and headed “WHERE ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY”. The article was replete with false and misleading statements, including a repeat of allegations made by the UPP that the Member for St. Phillip’s (North) “had not subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance and was therefore not properly seated in Parliament. If this was so, then the entire Budget Debate would be a nullity, and was a matter of importance to the public and to Parliament.”

My reply to Isaac’s opinion was carried in total by Antigua Newsroom, Antigua Breaking News, News Online, Pointe Xpress Newspaper and ABS News. It was also forwarded to the Observer Newspaper for publication by the Clerk to Parliament (Ag.), Mrs. Rosemarie Weston. Shortly thereafter, an employee of the Newspaper telephoned the Clerk, and informed her that the cost of publishing the article would be EC\$1,478.26. The Clerk, in response, queried the reason for the charge, pointing out that it was for publication to the readership and not an advertisement. The employee however insisted that the article would not be carried unless the sum of \$1478.26 was paid. The Clerk requested to speak to a senior person, this request was however ignored. In fact, the

more the Clerk queried the reason for the charging for the article, resulted in the employee becoming more adamant and disrespectful by simply over talking and shutting down the Clerk. The fact is, the article was not and has not been published. The Clerk can confirm all of the above.

As a result of this refusal to publish an article that on the very face of it was a rebuttal to a guest opinion, carried in the Observer Newspaper, and bearing in mind that the opinion written by Isaac was a partisan political piece, and dealt with matters of Parliamentary and public importance, I felt obligated to raise the matter at the Sitting of the House of Representatives on the 17th March, ultimo, and drew to the attention of the Members of both sides of the House aisle to the refusal of the Observer Newspaper to publish my article unless I paid the aforesaid sum by falsely treating the article as an advertisement, which it was clearly not. During my statement I indicated that I held the Editor responsible for what I concluded to be a refusal to publish by deliberately charging an exorbitant sum to do so. Let me state here, that I was under no obligation to call either the Editor or anyone, following Observer’s action.

That very afternoon at approximately 1:20 p.m. Miss Handy sent me the following WhatsApp.

“Good afternoon apparently my name emerged in Parliament. I have done some internal investigation and it appears you sent an article on April 4 to the advertising department rather than to myself or the editorial department. It would have been appropriate



Sir Gerald A. Watt KCN, KG

to ensure I received it before attempting to bring my name into disrepute on national television. Presumably you will now set the record straight.”

I am now happy to respond to Miss Handy’s spurious WhatsApp most of which was repeated in a vacuous statement circulated by Observer Newspaper. Surely even if the article referred had been mis-sent to the advertisement department, it was obviously not intended as an advertisement, and no reasonable person could come to that conclusion. Further the article was in fact sent under cover letter by the Clerk and reads as follows:

“Dear Miss George

Forwarded is an article written “MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING” written by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Sir Gerald A. Watt KCN, KG. For publication in your

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widely read newspaper. Much Appreciated

Kind regards

Rosemarie Weston

Clerk to Parliament (Ag.)”

In light of the above, one would expect an article mis-sent to the advertisement department would be immediately forwarded to the editorial department by the click of a mouse. Miss Handy however seems content to ignore the patent incompetence of the employee who could not identify an article for publication from an advertisement.

Discerning readers will recall certain recent past events at Observer which made the newspaper's refusal to publish suspicious. I refer to the paper's unceremonious banning of the Government's Chief of Staff from a morning programme hosted by Daren Matthew-Ward, which resulted in the

resignation by Ward and by Kieron Murdoch, easily its most talented and professional radio hosts. This undemocratic and political partisan action was instigated by the Managing Director Algernon Watts who doubled down on his action and justified it by saying that his radio station was to help him get elected” and “who don't understand that can head for the door”.

In addition, on one of his ubiquitous blogs, Watts was heard to say that, “If Gerry want the article published, he would have to pay”. In light of all of the above, why would I or the Clerk call the Editor or Watts to inquire why the Speaker was being charged \$1,478.26 for publication of an article in rebuttal to a guest opinion by Chairperson Isaac? In light of all of the above, is it not fair to conclude that the explanatory statement put out by Observer Newspaper is disingenuous, hypocritical and dishonest?

Miss Handy and Watts make much of the fact that the article was five pages long, this is false, as it was in fact 3¼ pages of legal foolscap, and in any event, what turns on that, as it was carried in full by ALL of the other news outlets to whom it was sent and published without charge. The question to be asked by your readers is whether the action by Observer was a genuine mistake, a result of incompetence by an employee, a ploy to avoid publishing the rebuttal to a dishonest guest opinion, or a mixture of “political bad-mind” and an intention to rip-off. This is a question on which your readers are invited to ponder.

I shall be forwarding this letter to Observer's Editor and editorial department for publication but will not be holding my breath.

Regards,

Sir Gerald A. Watt KCN, KG
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Commentary



Cannabis is driving our children wild!

By **Makeda Mikael**

The Minister of Health needs to call an urgent meeting of Teachers and Parents of our cannabis smoking youth in an effort to remedy an out-of-control situation where our young people are killing their future with 'weed!' The weed brain destruction is now compounded by unscrupulous persons who are blending other hard drugs and synthetic imports with the weed sold to children.

On any given day, if one takes the time out to be in St. John's when school is out, observing the behaviour of the youth, it is clearly not just normal children being rowdy and extrovert. There is a lot of rage even when they humorously rag each other, ticking off physical

responses which can easily break into a fight or quarrel, using filthy language with knives and cutlass drawn.

When one considers that Cannabis use was decriminalized as a leg up in exchange for the Rastafari vote in the previous election, the beneficiaries of the Cannabis business laws are the foreign and monied investors.

The Rastafari community, whom the laws were expected to impress, is prevented from making real money from the production of the 'sacrament,' which cannot be sold, and their children, too, are stunting their mental growth by the freedom to smoke as much 'weed' as they want, with legitimate production all around them.

When the Cannabis Consultations were held by the Government, there were several serious attendees questioning the fallout impact on our youth, demanding that the related Licenses all have Rehabilitation Center fees built in to protect youth, and persons whose mental stability under the influence of cannabis is compromised.

Whereas discussion established the necessity, the Consultations ended without any consideration, except the Minister of Health promised that Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) would be given authority to establish Rehabilitation Centers. To this day the establishment of one rehabilitation center is still being awaited, while several

cannabis licenses have been issued to foreigners, whose cannabis farms help to destroy the brains of our youth.

Rastafari children are not exempt from the ravages of weed consumption, and their behaviour in school generally appears somewhat different to their contemporaries, as they are used to seeing their parents smoking the 'holy herb.' This, however, does not lessen the impact on their juvenile brain development.

It is important to expose the additives, synthetic and otherwise, which the vendors are mixing in their cannabis, and which is resulting in madness in our youth.

Where smoking clean weed caused the young boys to slow down and 'cool out', the additives which include hard narcotics is driving the youth wild, angry, irrational, and violent! Something must be done urgently if we are to save the future generations. It is a known fact that young men's brains do not mature until age 25 years; so the sooner the Minister of Health gets active to save the youth the better for all of us who care.

Cannabis must be controlled as alcohol is, preventing the young people's access to 'weed' even as it is to alcohol, and moreover, those who are lining their pockets earned from Antigua Government Cannabis Licenses MUST PAY FOR THE REHABILITATION CENTERS NOW!

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Missy, Willie and George Michael among Rock Hall inductees

Loop - Missy Elliott, Willie Nelson, Sheryl Crow, Chaka Khan, "Soul Train" creator Don Cornelius and the late George Michael have all been inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, with Kate Bush also finally reaching the top of that hill.

The Cleveland-based institution announced Wednesday the artists and groups entering the hall as the class of 2023, a list that includes The Spinners, Rage Against the Machine, DJ Kool Herc, Link Wray, Al Kooper and Elton



This combination of photos shows Missy Elliott, George Michael and Willie Nelson, who are among this year's 2023 inductees into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. (AP Photo)

John's longtime co-songwriter Bernie Taupin. of the early influencers,

"When you can go from to Missy Elliott and Kate

Bush and The Spinners and Rage Against the Machine and Willie Nelson, you have a very diverse body of work. What we are always trying to show is that rock 'n' roll is a big tent and a lot of people belong," said Joel Peresman, president and CEO of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Foundation ahead of the unveiling.

Elliott, the first female rapper inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, an MTV Video Vanguard Award recipient and a four-time Grammy Award winner, now becomes the first female hip-hop artist in the rock hall, which called her "a true pathbreaker in a male-dominated genre."

Artists must have released their first commercial recording at least 25 years before they're eligible for induction. Eight out of 14 nominees were on

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the ballot for the first time, including Crow, Elliott, Michael and Nelson. This is the first year of eligibility for Elliott.

Bush was a nominee last year but didn't make the final cut then. She got in this year due to a new wave in popularity after the show "Stranger Things" featured her song "Running Up That Hill (A Deal with God)."

The hall hailed her for "using lush soundscapes, radical experimentation, literary themes, sampling, and theatricality to captivate audiences and inspire countless musicians."

Michael, first as a member of Wham! and then as a solo artist, was cited for "paving the way for a generation of proud LGBTQIA+ artists, from Sam Smith to Lil Nas X to Troye Sivan" and the 90-year-old Nelson was simply described as "an American institution."

Crow was recognized for key songs in the 1990s musical canon like "All I Wanna Do" and "Every Day Is a Winding Road," while Rage Against the Machine "forged brazen protest music for the modern world."

The hall called DJ Kool Herc "a founding father of hip-hop music" who "helped create the blueprint for hip-hop."

And Chaka Khan was described as "one of the mightiest and most influential voices in music" a "street-wise but sensual hip-hop-soul diva," who paved the way for women like Mary J. Blige, Erykah Badu and Janelle Monáe.

The Spinners became a hit-making machine with four No. 1 R&B hits in less than 18 months, including "I'll Be Around" and "Could It Be I'm Falling in Love."

Rock guitarist Wray was said to be ahead of his time, influencing Jeff

Beck, Jimmy Page, Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix and Bruce Springsteen.

Taupin, who made it into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1992 and has a Golden Globe and an Oscar for "(I'm Gonna) Love Me Again" from the biopic "Rocketman," makes it into the rock hall 29 years after his writing partner, John.

Cornelius was celebrated for creating a nationally televised platform for African American music and culture. He "became a visionary entrepreneur who opened the door — and held it open — for many others to follow him through."

"Does a Willie Nelson fan know anything about Missy Elliott? Probably not, and vice versa," said Peresman.

"But this is an opportunity for someone who is into one of these artists to take a look at it and say, 'Gee, I love Missy Elliott' or 'I love Rage Against the Machine. But The Spinners, who were they? Let me check that out.' If that can open some minds and open some attitudes, then we've done our job."

Nominees Iron Maiden, Cyndi Lauper, A Tribe Called Quest, The White Stripes, Warren Zevon, Joy Division/New Order and Soundgarden didn't earn a spot in the hall this time.

While the late Zevon has been eligible since 1994, Billy Joel led a push in vain for his entry, writing to the nominating committee urging them to consider Zevon.

The induction ceremony will take place on November 3 at the Barclays Center in New York City.

Nominees were voted on by more than 1,000 artists, historians and music industry professionals. Fans could vote online or in person at the museum, with the top five artists picked by the public making up a "fans' ballot" that was tallied with the other professional ballots.

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Around-the-world regatta runs into giant seaweed flotilla

Loop – A 5,000-mile-long flotilla of seaweed stretching from Africa to the Gulf of Mexico is slowing the boats in the around-the-world Ocean Race as they make their way from Brazil to Newport, Rhode Island.

The Great Atlantic Sargassum Belt is getting caught on the boats' rudders, foils and keels, disrupting the finely tuned hydrodynamics the teams in the Ocean Race spend millions on so they can minimize drag and maximize speed. Sailors say they expect the giant patch to get thicker as they sail away from the doldrums off the South American coast on the 5,550-nautical-mile (6,387-mile, 10,279-kilometer) leg to New England.

"We've just started to enter some patches of it. It's very challenging," Team Malizia skipper Will Harris said Tuesday on a Zoom call from the boat's cockpit. "The wind is just building, the trade winds, and you need to reduce drag as much as possible. When you have seaweed on the rudder and the foils it makes it really hard to hit our performance targets."

A leafy brown algae with air pockets that look like berries, sargassum floats in the open ocean and provides a breeding ground, food and habitat for fish,



Seaweed covers the Atlantic shore in Frigate Bay, St. Kitts and Nevis, August 3, 2022. (AP Photo/Ricardo Mazalan, File)

sea turtles and marine birds. When it comes ashore and decays, it is a foul-smelling annoyance for resorts and a nuisance for humans or animals that step in it.

The Great Atlantic Sargassum Belt is not new, but satellite images captured in February showed an earlier start than usual; scientists estimate there's more than 10 million metric tons of sargassum this year in the belt, which stretches from the Western tip of Africa past the northern coast of South America, and between Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and Cuba up toward the Florida Keys and the Gulf Coast.

"It was unbelievable (when) we got to the equator," 11th Hour Racing skipper Charlie Enright said. "The keel is a nightmare, and you just have to monitor your situation relative to your competitors."

The seaweed isn't the

only problem the teams have encountered.

The Swiss Holcim-PRB boat, the overall race leader, dismasted on Thursday night, four days after leaving Itajai, Brazil, for the start of Leg 4 to Newport. The crew turned the boat around, using a combination of motor power and a jury-rigged mainsail — laid horizontally — and headed for Rio de Janeiro, where it made plans to resume the race.

Holcim-PRB will ship the boat to Newport, giving up the chance to earn points on the fourth leg in order to be ready for the start of Leg 5 on May 21. A replacement mast is already on its way from France.

"It was not really a decision; it was impossible" to remain in the leg, skipper Kevin Escoffier said in a Zoom call from shore in Rio on Tuesday. "I can't do anything about the rest of Leg

4. The only thing I can put energy on and focus on is to be back in Leg 5. To start on May 21 and to sail the best I can on the legs following."

The boats use a common design, and Harris said competitors are trying to avoid running into the same problem. "We have the same bits of gear on the boat, so we'll be taking it cautiously," he said.

The four other boats crossed the equator on Monday on the way to Newport, the only US stop on the seven-leg, 32,000 nautical miles around the world race that began in Spain on January 15. They are expected to arrive in Newport, the hometown of the 11th Hour Racing team, on May 10 and finish in Genova, Italy, in early July.

Holcim-PRB leads the overall standings with 19 points, followed by the German boat Team Malizia with 14 points, 11th Hour Racing with 13, Biotherm with 10 and GUYOT Environnement - Team Europe with 2.

11th Hour Racing leads the current leg, with Malizia close behind in second. Points are awarded for finishes in each leg as well as in-port racing during the stopovers.

"It's been back and forth the last couple of days," Enright said. "It's just important to get the last one."

Regional News



Colombian government, rebels resume talks in Cuba

Loop - Representatives of Colombia's government and the country's largest remaining guerrilla group met in Cuba on Tuesday to restart peace talks aimed at reaching a cease-fire and resolving a conflict dating back to the 1960s.

It is the third round of talks with the communist-inspired National Liberation Army, known as ELN, in negotiations relaunched in November shortly after President Gustavo Petro was elected as Colombia's first leftist president.

"We encourage you to take advantage of the magic, mysticism and hope that Cuba always offers," said Cuba's Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez, welcoming Colombia's government officials and a delegation of the ELN to the capital Havana.

Pablo Beltrán, the rebels' chief negotiator, said the ELN is committed to a "transformation" to achieve peace and called the meeting a "historic co-



Government representatives and members of the Colombian National Liberation Army (ELN) pose for a photo at the inauguration of the third cycle of peace negotiations between the guerrilla group and the Colombian government in Havana, Cuba, Tuesday, May 2, 2023. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

incidence" to reach a bilateral cease-fire.

Tuesday's meeting was marked

by a surprise appearance of Nicolás Rodríguez Bautista, alias Gabino,

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Jamaica: More than a 1,000 people have criminal records expunged

CMC - Justice Minister Delroy Chuck says the Criminal Records (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Board has approved 1,200 applications from more than two thousand people seeking to have their criminal records expunged.

Chuck told Parliament that 2,322 applications had been received last year.

“When people apply, they expect that within days or weeks, it will be expunged. That is not how it works. When persons apply, the first thing that is done is that a report has to be requested from the Criminal Records Office, and because of the burden on the Criminal Records Office, the likelihood of getting back the criminal records report within six months is really very unlikely,” he said.

However, he told legislators that improvements have been realised from the Criminal Records Office over the last few months and that the expungement of criminal records continues to be one of the most demanded services offered by the Ministry of Justice.



Minister of Justice Delroy Chuck makes his contribution to the 2023/24 Sectoral Debate in the House of Representatives on May 2. (Photo: JIS)

“Expungement is an area that the Ministry of Justice comes under a lot of complaints and [receives] a lot of applications,” he said, noting that a submission will be made to Cabinet to look at the widening of the expungement jurisdiction.

Chuck said following Cabinet’s deliberation, it is hoped that a Bill will be brought to Parliament in this fiscal year to widen the categories or to ensure that persons who have been rehabilitated can get their matters expunged.

“We refuse a lot of applications. There are per-

sons who have been found guilty for serious crimes but they, having served their sentence, have returned to the community. They have lived fairly upright lives, and because the Third Schedule is quite restrictive, they cannot get expungement and many of them, even though they appeal to the Minister, the Minister is reluctant to grant any appeal where the offence is of a serious nature, notwithstanding that they have been good upright citizens for 10 [or] 15 years,” he said.

Expungement involves

the formal removal of a conviction from an individual’s criminal/police record after a specific period of time has elapsed and after certain requirements have been met.

To qualify for expungement, the offence in question must be one that attracts a non-custodial sentence or sentence of imprisonment not exceeding five years and that the person in question must also not have had any other convictions during a specified period of time referred to as the ‘Rehabilitation Period’.

Offences such as the import and export of narcotics such as cocaine and marijuana; murder, rape and some offences under the Malicious Destruction of Property Act, including arson, cannot be expunged under the current law.

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who led the ELN from the 1990s until 2021, when he left citing health reasons.

Also in attendance were Colombian senators Iván Cepeda and María José Pizarro, who said the talks seek to find “real solutions for a country overwhelmed by six decades of war.”

Petro has said that peace talks with the ELN are a cornerstone of his plan to bring “total peace” to the nation of 50 million people, where some rural areas are still under the grip of drug gangs and rebel groups despite a 2016 peace deal with the larger Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

Suriname government holds emergency talks with indigenous leaders after riot

CMC - Government held emergency talks with Amerindian leaders on Tuesday night following the riots in the Pikin Saron area, south-west of the capital, earlier in the day that left two people dead, a police station and 11 lumber trucks set ablaze.

Justice and Police Minister, Kenneth Amoksi, said the Pikin Saron area remains inaccessible to civilians as the police and army continue their operations detaining persons associated with the attacks.

Chairman of the Association of Indigenous Village Chiefs in Suriname (VIDS), Muriel Fernandes, said that while her organisation was taken by surprise, the situation however had been brewing for some time among the indigenous population, who feel that they are being treated unfairly by the government.

Fernandes said she regrets the acts of violence and the deaths and injuries linked to the rioting.

She said the protest has created the space for dialogue with the government, now that the pleas of the indigenous people are now finally being heard.

The government delegation to the meeting was headed by Foreign Affairs Minister Albert Ram-



Government and indigenous people's representatives met on Tuesday night to discuss the riot. (CMC Photo)

din and included the former police chief, Humphrey Tjin Liep Shie.

"The indigenous population demands, among other things, that their rights are respected and that lands in their traditional living space issued to third parties are dealt with," said Tjin Liep Shie, adding "indigenous people feel that they are not being respected enough and this must end".

He said the government has looked at this issue with great understanding and everyone agrees that this has taken too long, promising that the government will seriously consider the issues raised.

The parties have agreed to meet within the next two weeks after an inventory has been made of the living areas of the indigenous people.

The Ministry of Land Policy and Forestry Management is part of the initiative to determine which parcels of land have been allocated to third parties in areas the indigenous people say are their lands.

The indigenous people have complained for years that their land rights are not protected by law and successive governments, despite repeated commitments, have never rectified this issue.

In the meantime, a draft law to regulate the land rights issue has been before parliament for a number of months for consideration and approval.

A few weeks ago, indigenous people, during a protest demonstration, presented petitions to the Speaker of Parliament to speed up the passage of the bill.

Suriname has already been ordered in at least two judgments by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights to legislate the land rights of indigenous and tribal peoples. To date, none of these international judgments has been fully implemented.

Teen made 'kill list' for Serbia school attack

BBC - A teenager who killed eight fellow students and a security guard in a Serbian school planned the attack for weeks and had a "kill list", according to police.

The 13-year-old was arrested following Wednesday morning's attack at the Vladislav Ribnikar primary school in central Belgrade.

Another six pupils and a teacher were also injured in the shooting.

The motive for the attack is still being investigated, police said.

Officers in helmets and bulletproof vests cordoned off the area around the school, located in the central Vracar neighbourhood, shortly after 08:40 (06:40 GMT).

The suspect is alleged to have used his father's guns, both of which had legal permits. He is also said to have gone to a shooting range more than once with his father before the killings.

The boy's mother and father have since been arrested.

In a televised address to the country, President Aleksandar Vucic described the attack as "the most difficult day in the modern history of our country".

He said the suspect would be sent to a psychiatric clinic. Under current Serbian law, he cannot be held criminally responsible as he is under 14.

Mr Vucic has suggested that the age of criminal liability may be lowered to 12 in the wake of the killings.

He has also proposed several other reforms, including an audit on firearms licences and a tightening of the rules around who can access shooting ranges.

Police say the suspect planned the attack a month in advance and that he had carried a "priority list" of children to target and which classrooms he would go into first.

Most of the victims were born in



Tributes have been laid for the victims of Wednesday's shooting outside the school in central Belgrade.

2009 - meaning they were either 13 or 14 at the time of the incident.

A national three-day mourning period starting on Friday has been announced.

Seven girls and one boy have been confirmed among the dead, with four further boys and two girls injured.

A boy who was shot in the neck and chest is said to have suffered the worst injuries, while a girl is in critical condition with a head injury.

Three other boys suffered injuries to their legs, while a second girl was shot in the abdomen and is currently stable.

"There's been an operation and all that can be done [has been] but they're still fighting for her life", the health minister said.

A teacher injured in the attack was also reported to be undergoing surgery and the minister said her life was at risk.

The sounds of crying parents could be heard on the streets around the school hours after the shooting.

Milan Milosevic, the father of one of the pupils at the school, said his daughter was in the class where the gun was fired and managed to escape.

"[The boy] first shot the teacher and then he started shooting randomly," Mr Milosevic told broadcaster N1.

"I saw the security guard lying under the table. I saw two girls with blood on their shirts. They say he [the shooter] was quiet and a good pupil. He recently joined their class."

"I saw kids running out from the school, screaming. Parents came, they were in panic. Later I heard three shots," one student told the Serbian state broadcaster RTS.

Mr Vucic said the suspect had become friendly with the guard, who was described by one parent as a "great guy" and "a man who loved kids".

Mass shootings are comparatively rare in Serbia, which has very strict gun laws, but gun ownership in the country is among the highest in Europe.

The western Balkans are awash with hundreds of thousands of illegal weapons following wars and unrest in the 1990s. In 2019, it was estimated that there are 39.1 firearms per 100 people in Serbia - the third highest in the world, behind the US and Montenegro.

In the deadliest shooting since then, Ljubisa Bogdanovic killed 14 people in the central village of Velika Ivanca in 2013, and Nikola Radosavljevic killed nine and wounded five in the eastern village of Jabukovac in July 2007.

Zelensky denies Ukraine attacked Putin or Moscow

BBC - Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky has denied his country carried out an alleged drone attack on the Kremlin, which Russia says was an attempt on President Vladimir Putin's life.

"We don't attack Putin or Moscow. We fight on our territory. We are defending our villages and cities," he said, speaking on a visit to Finland.

The Russian president's office said defences downed two drones overnight.

It threatened to retaliate when and where it considered necessary.

Unverified footage circulating online shows smoke rising over the Kremlin - a large government complex in central Moscow - early on Wednesday. A second video shows a small explosion above the site's Senate building, while two men appear to clamber up the dome.

The Russian presidency said Ukraine had attempted a strike on Mr Putin's residence in the Kremlin and described it as "a planned terrorist act and an assassination attempt on the president".

Officials said two drones targeting the complex had been disabled using electronic radar assets, adding that President Putin had not been in the complex at the time of the alleged at-



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky.

tack.

But Ukraine has said the Russian accusations are merely a pretext for massive attacks on its territory and the US says it is treating the Russian claims with a lot of caution.

Mr Putin appears to be one of the most closely-guarded leaders in the world. At Putin events in Moscow attended by BBC journalists, extremely tight security has been in place, including extensive checks and long convoys of vehicles with airspace closed and traffic halted.

However if what the Kremlin is saying is true, it will raise questions about how well protected the president really is.

There will also be scrutiny over the effectiveness of Russian air defences. In recent months, anti-aircraft systems have been spotted

on Moscow rooftops in the vicinity of key buildings.

They have been placed there because the Kremlin is concerned that Ukraine, or those sympathetic to Ukraine, may attempt to carry out aerial attacks on high-value targets.

Whatever actually happened on Wednesday morning, the question now is how Russia will respond. Some officials have already called for tough action. Russian generals have warned many times of harsh responses to any strikes on Russian territory.

But it is unclear whether Russia has the capacity to carry out meaningful retaliatory strikes, or whether this incident will lead to any significant escalation on the battlefield inside Ukraine.

A Ukrainian presidential adviser told the BBC the incident indicated Russia

could be "preparing a large-scale terrorist provocation" in Ukraine.

Mykhailo Podolyak said attacking Moscow made no sense for Ukraine but would help Russia justify its own attacks on civilian targets.

On Wednesday Russian strikes on Ukraine's southern Kherson region killed 21 people. Mr Zelensky said the shelling had hit "a railway station and a crossing, a house, a hardware store, a grocery supermarket and a gas station". The victims included supermarket customers and employees of an energy company who were performing repairs, officials said.

Mr Podolyak added that any drones flying over locations in Russia were down to "guerrilla activities of local resistance forces".

"Something is happening in RF [Russian Federation], but definitely without Ukraine's drones over the Kremlin," Mr Podolyak said.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said he could not validate Russia's accusation that Ukraine had tried to kill Mr Putin, but said he would take anything the Russian presidency said with a "very large shaker of salt".

Mick Mulroy, a former US deputy assistant secretary of defence and CIA of-

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Man dies after being put in chokehold on New York subway

By Nadine Yousif

Police are investigating an altercation where a man was put into a chokehold by a fellow rider on the New York subway.

A 30-year-old man, who was said to be acting erratically, died after being restrained.

Video of the incident shows him struggling as another man grabs him and holds him on the ground.

Police said they have questioned the 24-year-old US Marine who restrained the passenger. He has since been released from custody.

Police say their investigation into the incident is ongoing, including a pending medical examiner's report to determine the cause of death. The names of both men have not been made public. The incident happened on Monday afternoon on the F-line train in the SoHo section of Manhattan.

A video that was captured by a freelance journalist on the train shows the former Marine holding the



30-year-old man around the neck for two minutes and 55 seconds.

Two other riders are also seen restraining his arms. All three later let go of the man, who is then seen lying motionless on the floor.

Police sources told BBC's US news partner CBS that the 30-year-old was acting erratically on the train, allegedly throwing trash and yelling at passengers.

They added that offi-

cers arrived at the scene at around 14:27 local time (19:00 BST) and found the man unresponsive.

He was later taken to hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Juan Alberto Vazquez, the freelance journalist who filmed the incident, told the New York Times that the deceased man was screaming on the train prior to him being restrained.

"I don't have food, I don't have a drink, I'm fed

up," the man screamed, according to Mr Vazquez. "I don't mind going to jail and getting life in prison. I'm ready to die."

He added the rider was frightening but had not assaulted anyone. At the time of the incident, Mr Vasquez said he did not believe the man would die.

"None of us were thinking that," he told the New York Times. "He was moving and he was defending himself."

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ficer, told the BBC that if reports of the incident were accurate, it was "unlikely" to be an assassination attempt as Ukraine tracks President Putin's movements closely and he was not in Moscow at the time.

"This may have been to show the Russian people that they can be hit anywhere and that the war they started in Ukraine may eventually come home to Russia, even the capital," he said.

Alternatively, if the reports were not accurate, "Russia may be fabricating this to use as a pretext to target President Zelensky - something they have tried to in the past", Mr Mulroy said.

Russia also noted the alleged drone incident had come shortly before Russia's 9 May Victory Day parade in Moscow, which foreign dignitaries were expected to attend.

The parade will go ahead as

planned, Russian officials said.

Moscow's mayor on Wednesday announced a ban on unauthorised drone flights over the city.

Several Russian cities had already announced they would scale back this year's Victory Day celebrations.

Russian authorities have cited security reasons and attacks from pro-Ukrainian forces for the changes. Explosions and fires have occurred in Russia in recent weeks.



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Fort Road trounce JSC Progressors in first division league

Fort Road recorded their biggest margin of victory for the season by romping to a 6-0 drubbing of bottom team JSC Progressors in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division on Tuesday.

Shakir Perry scored a hat-trick with goals in the 35th minute, 56th and 61st minute as Fort Road dominated the encounter at the Fort Road playing field.

The other goals for Fort Road, who led 2-0 at half-time, were scored by Alren Lewis in the 15th minute, Jermaine Meade in the 48th minute and Martin Robinson in the 84th minute.

Fort Road will remain in 6th place after their ninth win carries them to 31 points with two game left.



The Fort Road Football Team. (File photo)

JSC Progressors will stay in the cellar position on six points after suffering their 16th loss in 20 matches with two games to play.

Green City dropped crucial points but remain in second place after playing

to a goalless draw with West Ham at the Bendals playing field.

Green City failed to fully capitalize on the opportunity to widen the gap between themselves and the chasing pack, which would

have increased their chances of finishing second behind league winners Garden Stars.

The top two sides at the end of the competition will gain automatic qualification

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Enforcers snatch three-run win against Flyers in softball cricket

Sagicor Enforcers snatched a narrow three-run win against Flyers during the fourth round of matches in the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association's (ABSCA) St John's Co-Operative Credit Union 15 overs Competition.

Enforcers won the toss and batted, scoring 88 for five off their 15 overs with Sacha Michael hitting 39 not out and Joan Samuel getting 20.

Monique Titus took two wickets for 11 runs.

In reply, Flyers just fell short as they could only muster 85 for seven off their 15 overs. Robinette Burton made 12 not out and Kathania

King also scored 12. Camile Christian-Thorpe captured three for 23 and Sherilyn Watkins claimed two for 18.

There was success as well for Bryson's Shipping & Insurance Bullets, who trounced Jennings Rockets by 68 runs. Cheryl Williams hammered 72 with four fours and six sixes while Jamelia McClure hit 24 to propel Bullets to 127 for five off their 15 overs.

Jennings Rockets were then restricted to 59 for eight from their 15 overs with Chemique Benjamin scoring 20.

Williams snapped up three wick-

ets for eight runs while Annette Frank picked up two wickets for eight runs.

In another encounter, Foster Jonas, Harley's Maintenance Potters Uprising romped to a 10-wicket win against Daryll Matthew Clippers.

Clippers won the toss and batted, but were all out for 51 in 14 overs with Stacey Bright scoring 22. Joanne Thomas grabbed two wickets for two runs and Maria Davis picked up two wickets for seven runs.

Potters Uprising then secured victory by racing to 56 without loss in just six overs. Nolia Elvin cracked an unbeaten 37 and Joanna Thomas made 10 not out.

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A Parham Primary School's (blue and black uniform) player dribbles past an opponent of the Pares Primary School during their encounter in the Primary School Cup Football Championship at the TN Kirnon School's playing field on Friday, 28th April, 2023. (Photo by Elwin Francis)

Parham edge past Pares in Primary School Cup

Parham notched up their third win in five encounters during the latest round of matches in the Primary School Cup football competition.

Parham clinched a hard-fought 2-1 victory against Pares in their Group C encounter at the TN Kirnon School playing field.

The other three Group C encounters all ended in 3-0 wins for Villa, TN Kirnon and Pigotts primary schools at the same venue.

Villa secured their third

win in five outings by beating Nelvie N Gore, formerly Willikies Primary, who were beaten for the fourth time in as many matches.

Group C leaders TN Kirnon Primary extended their unbeaten run by defeating Cedar Grove to record their fourth win in as many encounters.

Pigotts Primary claimed their second win in four outings by beating Gospel Light Elementary, who slumped to their fourth loss in five appearances.

Last year's losing finalists Five Islands Primary recorded the day's biggest margin of victory by trouncing Foundation Mixed School 10-0 in their Group A affair at the Golden Grove playing field.

Reigning champions Golden Grove Primary continue to lead Group A by pulling off a 4-2 victory against Olivia David Primary to maintain their unbeaten run as they claimed their fifth win in as many matches.

Jennings Primary also kept their unbeaten record intact in Group A by recording their fourth win in five matches with a 3-1 victory against Old Road Primary.

Greenbay Primary snatched a 1-0 win against Urlings Primary in the other Group A encounter.

But no games were played in Group B due to a water-logged playing field at the match venue in Liberta.

Unbeaten Potters Primary currently lead Group B with four wins from four encounters.

They are followed by JT Ambrose Primary with three wins from three encounters while Liberta and Freemans Village also have three wins, but they have played four matches.

The Primary School Cup will continue with another round of preliminary group matches on Friday.

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into the premier division next season.

Green City will advance to 39 points with two games remaining, while West Ham will advance to 11 points but remain second from bottom of the standings with two games to play.

Nijah Hope scored twice as Police pulled off a 3-1 victory against Bolans at the ABFA's Technical Center.

Hope scored in the 21st and 77th min-

ute while Brandon Michael scored the other goal for Police with a 34th minute conversion. Joel Martin scored a consolation goal in the 63rd minute for Bolans who will remain in 9th place on 20 points with two games left.

The win allows Police to join Young Lions on 27 points. But Police have overtaken Young Lions into seventh place by virtue of a superior goal difference and both teams have two games remaining.

Rangers, Rockets and Hawksbills make winning starts to T10 competition

Rangers, Rockets and Hawksbills all got off to a winning start in the opening round of matches in the Joma Caribbean T10 Competition at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium on Tuesday.

Rangers beat Chargers by seven wickets. Chargers made 72 for six in their 10 overs. Opener Amahl Nathaniel topscored with 26 off 20 balls, captain Hayden Walsh Jr got 15 and Tron Payne made 10. Rangers captain Kofi James picked up two wickets for six runs.

Rangers then achieved victory by scoring the required 73 runs for the loss of three wickets with 13 balls to spare. Opener Demari Benta struck 29 off 14 balls and Jewel Andrew hit 18 not out off 15 balls.

Rockets beat Pacers by 25 runs in the day's second encounter. Chasing a victory target of 118 runs, Pacers were restricted to 92 for four off their 10 overs.

Opener Kenrick Scott struck 31 off 22 balls with five fours and a six, Tyrone Williams Jr made 24 off 14 balls and Karima Gore chipped in with 19 off 10 balls. Left-arm spinner Kadeem Phillip took two wickets for nine runs.

Captain Rahkeem "Jimbo" Cornwall slammed a half century to propel Rockets to 117 for four off their 10 overs. Cornwall, who

opened the innings, hammered 60 off 27 balls with five sixes and five fours.

Cornwall shared a 57-run opening stand with Kerry Mentore, who cracked 22 off 14 balls with five fours. Hilroy Andrew chipped in with 16 off six balls, while Scott captured two wickets for 11 runs.

Gavin Tonge struck a half century and shared an unbroken 94-run fifth-wicket stand with captain Justin Athanaze to lead Hawksbills to a six-wicket win against Renegades in the day's third and final encounter.

Chasing 104 to win, the Hawksbills were reeling on 15 for four when Tonge and Athanaze came to their rescue by producing their match-winning partnership to lead their team to victory at 109 for four with two overs to spare.

Tonge smashed an unbeaten 52 off 19 balls with four sixes and five fours while Athanaze slammed 35 not out off 17 balls with four sixes and two fours.

Pacer Timmo Thomas claimed two for 13 and Shavaughn Moore captured two for 22.

Elroy Francis Jr had cracked 34 off 21 balls, Kadeem Henry scored 27 off 22 balls, Jermaine Otto struck 17 and captain Nino Henry made 12 in the Renegades' total of 103 for three off their allotted 10 overs.



Captain Rahkeem Cornwall slammed a half century to propel Rockets to victory over Pacers in the Joma Caribbean T10 Competition at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium on Tuesday, 2nd May, 2023. (CST20)