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Over US\$6,000.00 of equipment was donated to the Glanville Polyclinic through the efforts of community activist Randy Baltimore (right). Nurse practitioner, Nicholette Kim Thomas made the donation (pictured left) with the MP Sir Robin Yearwood (second from right) in attendance. *Story on pg 8*

Antigua and Barbuda supports press freedom

Antigua and Barbuda government says it is committed to press freedom, noting that as a responsible, transparent government it sees as its role, to protect and preserve the cherished freedoms of expression, and of the media.

These sentiments were expressed on Monday night by Acting Prime Minister Steadroy Benjamin speaking at the opening of the 54th General Assembly of the Caribbean Broadcasting Union being held at the Royalton Hotel.

“We have always shown respect for the work of the

Fourth Estate, and we know that journalism is the oxygen of democracy. We note the OECS’s slide from #55 to #93 in the most recent World Press Freedom ranking from ‘Reporters Without Borders.’ While I do not want to throw any of our sub-regional colleagues under the bus, we are confident that Antigua and Barbuda’s efforts have enhanced, not inhibited media freedoms.

“So to paraphrase the words of Shaggy, “...it wasn’t us!” he exclaimed.

The Acting Prime Minister drew attention to the government’s recent moves to

remove from the books legislations that many in journalism felt were a hindrance to their work.

“We have not only talked the talk, but we have walked the walk. We have passed progressive legislation in the area of defamation, bringing an anachronistic legislative framework that disaggregated libel and slander, in line with modern jurisprudence; Section 6 of our Defamation Act, 2015 makes that provision.

And we have made sure also, that criminal libel is not on our law books. This can be found in Section 7 of the same Act – the Defamation Act, 2015,” he noted.

Benjamin credits the administration for its openness in hosting a weekly post-Cabinet press briefing where it fields questions from journalists. “It is to our credit that we have stayed the course, despite the odds. As the adage goes, we have “faced the music,” even if that “music” comes in the form of incessant social media attacks, at a time when ‘cancel culture’ is the preferred route for some,” he added.

The Acting Prime Minister used the opportunity to address wider issues affecting the journalism fraternity, noting for example, that the administration has therefore been keenly aware of the is-



Acting Prime Minister Steadroy Benjamin

sues facing the media.

“The region’s media is gathering here in Antigua not only at a time of increasing challenges to responsible journalism but also a time rich and ripe with promise and opportunity.

“Rapid advances in technology including Artificial Intelligence, and increasingly intense competition from social media platforms, plus the pernicious rise of misinformation and disinformation, hang like the Sword of Damocles over media outlets. It is a world in flux, where nothing is as constant as change,” he observed.

However, the acting Prime Minister holds the view that where there is adversity, there is also opportunity.

“This is the time for innovation, digitalization, and transformation among all sectors, and media is no different. I agree with Reporters Without Borders when it says, ‘The unprecedented ability to tamper with content is being used to undermine those who embody quality journalism and weaken journalism itself,’” he stated.

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6. Designs and supervises infrastructure additions and/or improvements.
7. Prepares and administers contracts for site contractors and consultants.
8. Reviews and approves designs prepared by consultants.
9. Reviews and approves environmental and geotechnical monitoring reports prepared by consultants.
10. Performs and/or supervises surveying by staff and/or consultants as needed for site maintenance, environmental or geotechnical monitoring.

PDV Caribe spends one million each month on society's vulnerable members

PDV Caribe says it pays out more than one million dollars each month on two key programmes that benefit retirees, the physically challenged and those living below the poverty line.

The wholly-owned government company has announced that the distribution of cards/booklets for the Senior Citizens Subsidy programme will commence next Monday at the Multi-Purpose Cultural Centre.

Office Administrator, Mrs. Jellette Ralph, said the programme benefits over seven thousand people each

month, including 158 persons who reside in Barbuda. "Each month, these individuals receive \$100.00 that they pay toward their utility bills. This amounts to over \$700,000.00 per month. The beneficiaries must be Social Security pensioners, as the application process involves presenting their cards from the scheme to verify that they are pensioners," she added.

In addition, Ralph disclosed that through its second initiative – the People's Benefit Programme - PDV Caribe also provides a monthly stipend of a



Jellette Ralph

\$215.00 debit card that allows holders to shop at several supermarkets on both islands. These are Central Market Corporation, Spencer's Supermarket in Liberta, VM on the Bolans Main Road and Lil Lincs and Fanny Way in Barbuda.

"Just over sixteen hundred persons will benefit under this programme for the month of August. The criterion for qualifying is those householders who claim under the Economic Hardship category.

"These are individuals who earn less than \$800.00 per month before paying their bills. It also covers those with physical challenges such as amputees, the blind, those with wheelchairs and those who are bedridden due to diseases

such as cancer. Children with developmental issues are also covered, including those with autism," Ralph explained.

She added that under this programme, PDV Caribe spends an additional \$300,000.00 per month.

Funding for the programme was provided through a spending funding arrangement with the Venezuelan government. However, according to Ralph since the US Government imposed an embargo on Venezuela six years ago, there has been no purchase of that country's petroleum products.

She further explained that PDV Caribe funds these programmes from the returns on its various investments.

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AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Instructed by the **ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA DEVELOPMENT BANK** of 27 St. Mary's Street, in the City of Saint John, in the State of Antigua and Barbuda, I will sell by public auction on Tuesday 31 August 2023 at 11:00 a.m. on site, the under mentioned property.

The property is located at Dyett Street in Villa, St. John's, Antigua and consists of a parcel of land of an area of approximately 2,178 sq. ft./ 0.05 acre, with a 514 sq. ft. single storey, two (2) bedroom, one (1) bathroom wooden dwelling thereon.

The service lines for potable water, electricity and telephone which are provided by A.P.U.A are accessible to the property.

The land is registered under the Registered Land Act, 1975 as follows:-

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BLOCK: 62 1693F
PARCEL: 37

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- On the North by: Parcel 35;
- On the South by: Parcel 39;
- On the East by: Public Road;
- On the West by: Parcel 36

Particulars of the sale can be obtained from:

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ABHTI launches 'Adopt a Block' initiative

The Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute (ABHTI) has announced the successful launch of its transformative initiative, 'Adopt A Block', a project it launched in March, this year.

In a media release, ABHTI said, since the launch it has witnessed enthusiastic participation from stakeholders, resulting in significant enhancements to ABHTI's campus and its role in nurturing the growth of the local hospitality industry.

"Through the 'Adopt A Block' initiative, individuals and stakeholders have had the unique opportunity to sponsor a specific block of ABHTI's campus building or grounds.

"These sponsorships have been instrumental in driving improvements to the upkeep and development of designated areas, thereby creating an enhanced learning environment for students. By engaging partners in this crucial initiative, ABHTI has been able to maintain its commitment to supporting the advancement of the hospitality sector in Antigua and Barbuda and the wider Caribbean," the release noted.

It added that several hoteliers and stakeholders have already demonstrated their support for the 'Adopt



A Block' initiative. Among the first contributors were Cocos Hotel and Keyonna Beach Resort, whose sponsorship covered 'Block D' and paved the way for continued success.

The Mill Reef Club also made a generous donation, showcasing its commitment to the development of the industry.

As a direct result of these partnerships and contributions, all classrooms have been repainted and fully repaired. However, there is much work still to be done in other areas.

This extensive revitalization effort has been made possible through a collaboration with the Ministry of Works, notably the Public Works Department.

Senior Supervisor within the Public Works Department, Lesroy O'Donoghue stated, "Having worked with ABHTI over the years, responding to the call for assistance has become second



nature to Public Works. We undertook the task of addressing numerous repairs, and our masons, painters, and carpenters have been working tirelessly to achieve the job's completion."

In light of these accomplishments, the Chairperson of the ABHTI Board of Directors, Shirlene A. Nibbs, acknowledged the progress made while emphasizing the importance of continued support.

"As we prepare for the upcoming academic year, ABHTI extends its heartfelt gratitude to those who have embraced the 'Adopt A Block' initiative. Our journey towards excellence

is only possible through collaborative efforts with our valued stakeholders."

As the 'Adopt A Block' initiative continues to make strides in reshaping ABHTI's campus and enriching the learning experience for students, the Institute calls upon additional stakeholders to join this noble cause. Tourism is our main industry, and the commitment to investing in the industry's future is paramount.

For more information about the 'Adopt A Block' initiative and how to become a partner, please contact Operations Manager, Raynel Carroll, at raynel.carroll@abhti.com.

APUA's summer internship programme celebrates 10-year milestone

The Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) is celebrating the successful completion of its annual Summer Internship Programme (SIP), now marking its 10-year milestone.

As the Caribbean's premier summer internship initiative, APUA said in a media release, the summer internship programme's decade-long existence marks a significant moment for both APUA and the programme itself.

"Under the guidance of the Committee Chairman, Lyle Jackson, and with the unwavering support of a dedicated team including Yanique Reid, Philise Stevens, Kandice Weste-Lake, Daikoiya Thomas, and Je Sani Gilbert, SIP has once again provided aspiring young professionals with a transformative experience that has nurtured their growth and development," the APUA media release stated.

It revealed that this year's edition of SIP witnessed the largest cohort to date, comprising eighteen interns from diverse academic backgrounds. These individuals were selected for their exceptional achievements and potential.

The SIP offered a tailor-made and dynamic experience to each intern, providing them with prac-



tical exposure and invaluable insights. In addition to their assigned roles, interns participated in a comprehensive professional development series covering topics such as financial management, time management, professional networking, department, professional resume writing, interviewing skills, and various other knowledge sessions designed to maximize their potential.

Reflecting on SIP's 10th anniversary, Jackson shared his sentiments: "We are immensely proud of the SIP's legacy and the impact it has had on the careers of numerous young professionals. Over the past decade, this program has served as a

springboard for success, connecting interns with invaluable opportunities and nurturing their personal and professional growth. We are happy to note that this year's cohort exceeded expectations and upheld the program's tradition of excellence."

The Human Resources Manager, Mr. Rodney Simon, thanked the hardworking Summer Internship Programme Team who executed the programme per the intended plans of the APUA leadership. Mr. Simon shared that "The Summer Internship Programme remains of strategic importance to the Authority as it builds a talent pool that we can tap into to meet future workforce re-

quirements.

APUA remains committed to its corporate social responsibility and the development of young professionals across Antigua & Barbuda. What we saw from the interns this year, was nothing short of outstanding.

The presentation of a very thoroughly researched and innovative group project was especially impressive.

The application of their intellectual capacity and the growth they demonstrated over the six weeks of the program confirms and reconfirms to APUA Management that this is a worthwhile initiative and one that APUA intends to continue to invest in."

Pan Fraternity welcomes World Steel Pan Day

The declaration by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to designate August 11th as World Steel Pan Day is a welcomed development that will give further impetus to the development of the art form for many years to come.

That is the assessment of the President of the Antigua and Barbuda Pan Association, Patrick 'Stone' Johnson. He said the move by the UN came after many years of lobbying, particularly by a group out of Trinidad and Tobago.

According to Johnson, the UNGA vote came in July this year, and when the information was communicated to the Steel Pan Association, its membership was engaged in preparation for the 2023 Panorama, the first since 2019.

"Unfortunately, our full thrust and energy was concentrated on Panora-

ma, so we had to wait until after carnival to begin planning an activity to commemorate the day.

"Nonetheless, we are quite happy and elated that the steel pan was getting its just recognition by a body such as the UNGA," he stated.

He added that he sees the celebration not just for steel pan today, but it is a celebration for the early pioneers of steel pan dating back to the mid-1940s when Antigua already had steel bands, one of the first countries to do so outside of Trinidad and Tobago.

"Antigua and Barbuda has a rich history in steel pan dating back to the 1940s. We have one of the oldest steel bands in the world, Hell's Gate Steel Band which started in 1945.

"This country, therefore, has a history of being at the forefront of the development from the steel band movement and one which we ought to

cherish," Johnson remarked.

Public Relations Officer of the Pan Association, Robin Margetson, said he is quite "elated" that the steel pan is now being internationally and officially recognized by an entity such as the UNGA.

"I am particularly pleased that people felt the urge to celebrate this in a special way, and I am also happy that we were able to do something here in Antigua and Barbuda to mark the occasion.

"We were determined not to be left out although we had very little time to plan an event. But this World Steel Pan Day has the potential to become something really big that is marked on the calendar each year," he noted.

Last Friday, the association held a two-hour concert in St John's as its way of marking the occasion.

AUCTION NOTICE

<u>REGISTRATION SECTION</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>PARCEL</u>
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Instructed by **ACB MORTGAGE AND TRUST COMPANY LIMITED**, I shall sell by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on Tuesday the 15th day of August 2023 at 11:00am the above residential property at Potters.

The property is under the ownership of **EUSTACE M. DANIEL JR.** The land is a 0.15 acre plot with a single storey concrete apartment building with 2-2bedroom units.

The property is in residential development with a gentle slope.

The Auction shall be held on site.

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

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HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER VACANCY



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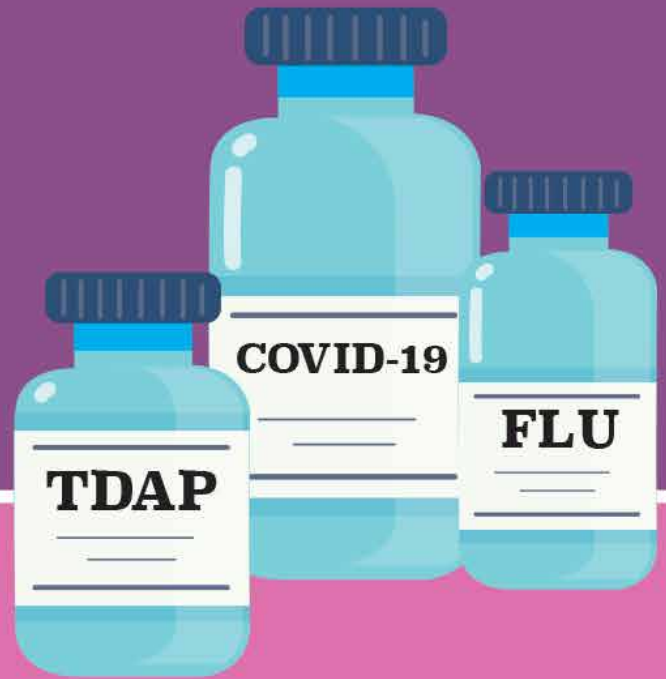
JOB FUNCTION

The Human Resources Manager leads and directs the routine functions of the HR Department including the management of the following HR programmes: recruitment, selection and onboarding, training and development of staff, employee engagement, compensation and benefits, performance management including ensuring legal compliance.

PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Manages talent acquisition process, including recruitment, selection and onboarding of skilled candidates.
2. Partners with senior leadership to execute the organisation's talent strategy.
3. Oversees the daily operation of the HR Department
4. Provides guidance and counselling to Managers and Staff
5. Oversees and manages a performance management programme
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Community activist organizes another donation to clinics

Community activist, Randy Baltimore is again at the forefront of another donation to two health clinics in the St. Phillip's North constituency.

Following a visit to the clinic in Newfield, Baltimore himself donated two fans to the health institution after hearing from the nurse in charge and other villagers about the immediate needs.

Baltimore has pledged to continue supporting the clinic with other supplies as needed. The fans were handed over to Nurse Janet Gunthorpe.

Meanwhile, Baltimore was also instrumental in having several pieces of

equipment donated to the Glanvilles Polyclinic. The items were donated by board-certified family nurse practitioner, Nichollette Kim Thomas.

The list of items includes:

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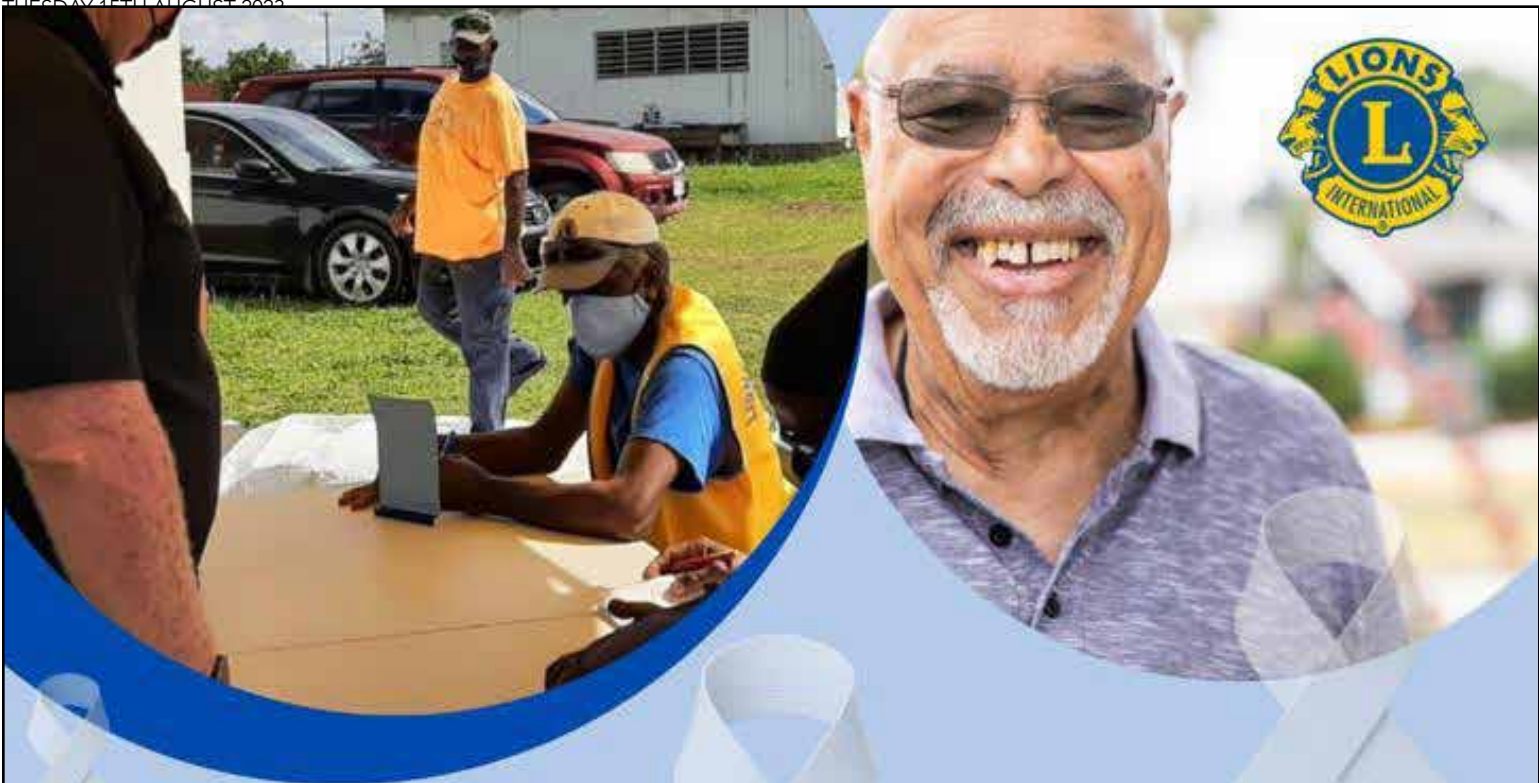


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Five effective study habits for the new school year

By Sharine Joseph

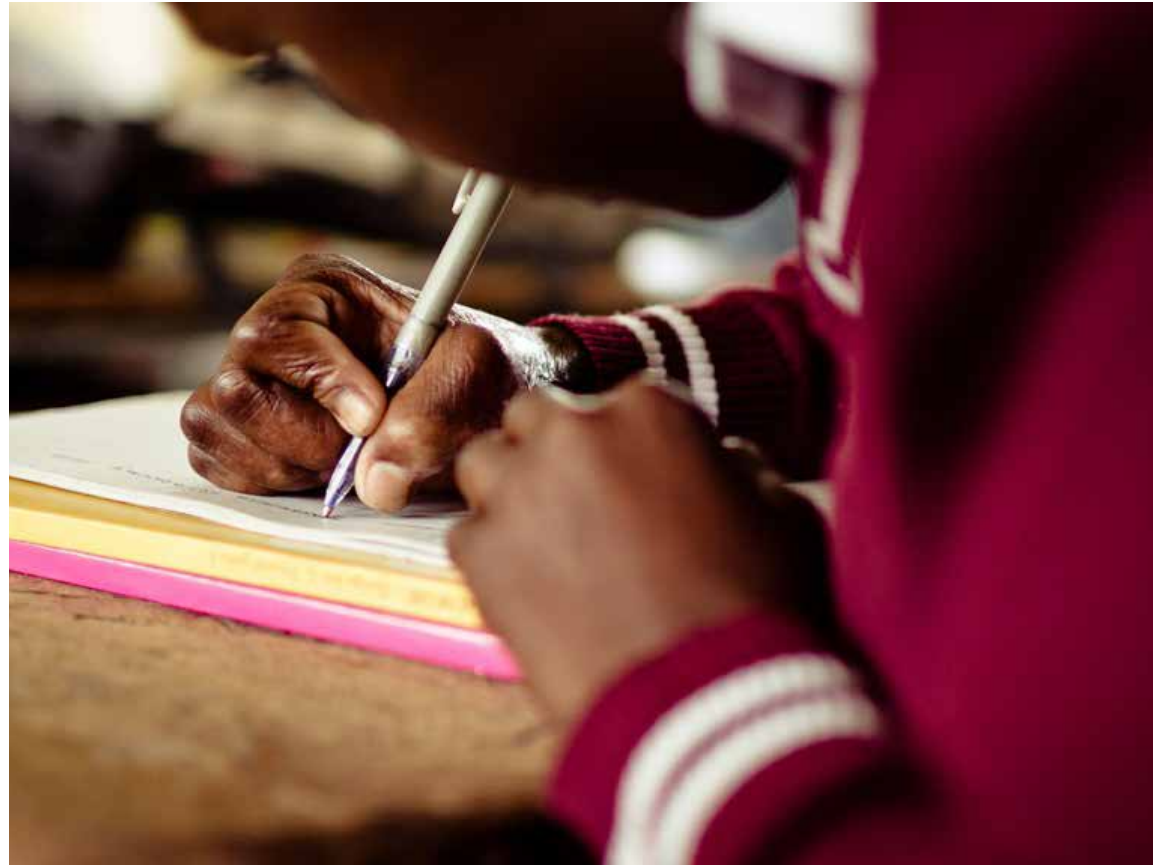
As the new school year approaches, students have a fresh opportunity to excel academically. One of the key ingredients for success is adopting effective study habits. Developing a structured and efficient study approach can greatly enhance learning outcomes and make the academic journey more enjoyable. Here are five effective study habits to consider implementing for the upcoming school year:

1. Establish a consistent study routine

Consistency is the cornerstone of successful studying. Set aside time slots for studying each day, and stick to your schedule as closely as possible. Whether it's an hour in the afternoon or a couple of hours after dinner, having a regular routine helps your brain adapt and focus more effectively during these dedicated study periods. Over time, this routine will become a habit, making it easier to dive into your studies without procrastination.

2. Create a distraction-free environment

Creating an environment conducive to studying is essential for maintaining focus. Find a quiet, well-lit space where you can study without distractions. Put away your phone, social



media, and other potential diversions that might hinder your concentration. Consider using website blockers or apps that temporarily restrict access to distracting websites during your study sessions.

3. Break material into manageable chunks

One of the most effective study techniques is to break down the material into smaller, manageable chunks. This approach, known as "chunking," makes it easier for your brain to process and retain information. Instead of trying to cram an entire chapter in one sitting, divide the material into sections and

focus on mastering one at a time. This not only aids comprehension but also prevents burnout and information overload.

4. Active learning and engagement

Passive reading or listening isn't always the most effective way to learn. Engage with the material actively by taking notes, summarizing key points in your own words, and asking questions as you study. Utilize techniques like flashcards, mind maps, and practice quizzes to reinforce your understanding. Discussing concepts with peers or teaching them to someone else can further

solidify your grasp on the subject matter.

5. Regular review and self-assessment

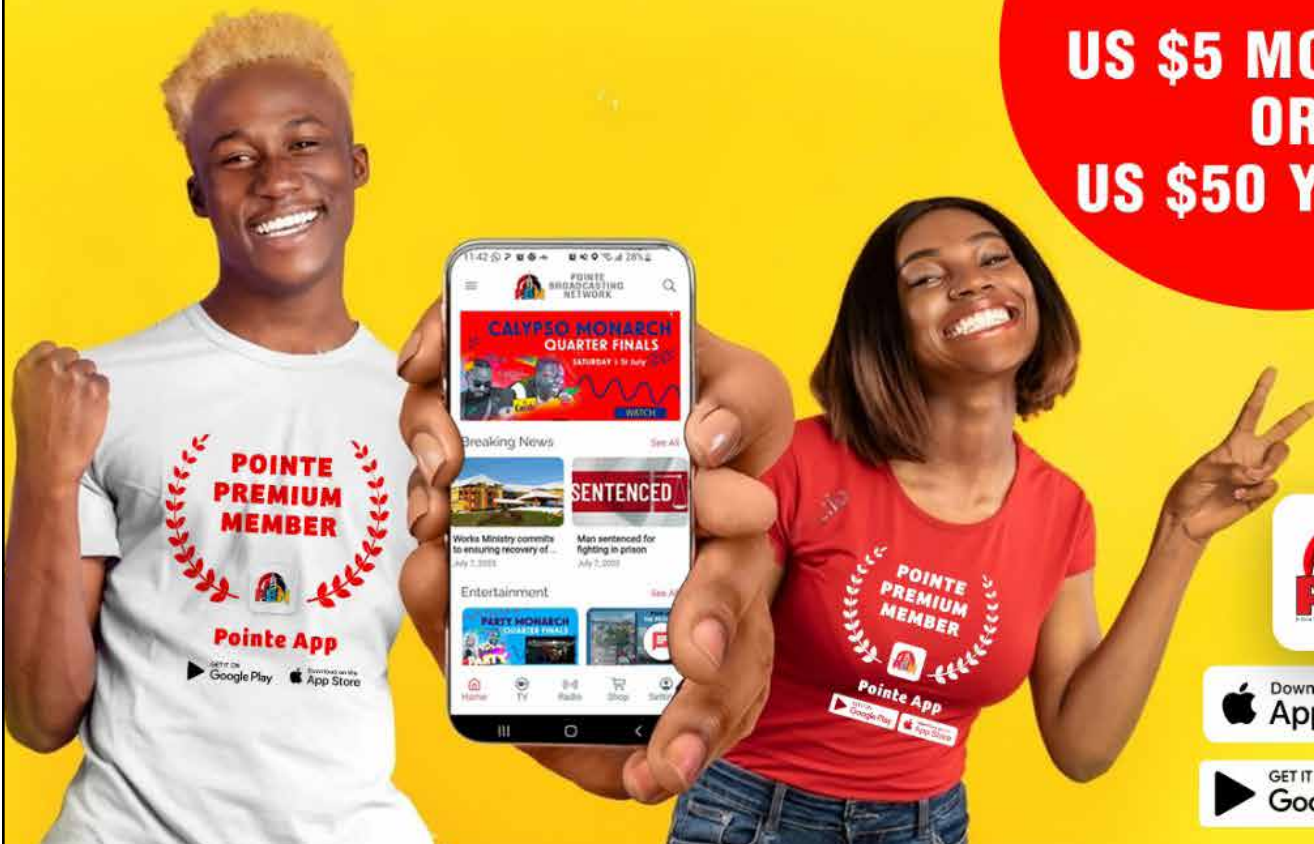
Regular review is essential for retaining information in the long term. Set aside time each week to revisit previous material, reinforcing your memory and connecting new concepts to what you've already learned. Additionally, assess your understanding through self-quizzes or practice tests. Identifying areas where you need improvement allows you to focus your efforts strategically, addressing weaknesses before they become significant obstacles.

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UAE pushes for more financing to help Caribbean fight climate change

The head of this year's UN global climate summit urged more availability of funds to fight climate change in the Caribbean during a regional meeting Thursday in Barbados.

Sultan al-Jaber, the United Arab Emirates' minister of industry, noted that high costs have prevented island nations from quickly adopting renewable energy as they face what he said was some of the world's harshest climate impacts.

"The peoples of the Caribbean have been on the

front lines of climate change for longer than most," he said. "Your experience represents an early warning system for the rest of the world."

Al-Jaber spoke to leaders from a 15-member trade bloc known as CARICOM during an event broadcast online, saying that closing the climate finance gap is a priority ahead of the COP28 summit in Dubai in December.

Al-Jaber spoke the same day that the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration increased its prediction for the Atlan-



Sultan Ahmed al-Jaber, United Arab Emirates' Industry and Advanced Technology Minister as well as COP28 UAE President-designate, smiles during a group photo during the Amazon Summit at the Hangar Convention Center in Belem, Brazil, Wednesday, August 9, 2023. (AP Photo/Eraldo Peres)

tic hurricane season from near-normal to above-normal given record sea surface

temperatures. Some 14 to 21 named storms are now expected, with two to five major hurricanes.

Five tropical storms already have formed this year, marking an unusually busy start to the season, which runs from June 1 to November 30.

"This region knows only too well the human and economic costs of too little finance for climate adaptation and resilience," al-Jaber said of the Caribbean.

He credited Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley for creating a plan known as the Bridgetown Initiative, which would make it easier for developing nations to fight global warming and postpone debt payments when disasters occur.

Supporters have said the plan could free up \$1 trillion in climate financing.

On Wednesday, Mottley announced that her administration would create a legacy fund to help Barbados fight climate change.

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UBS to pay \$1.4bn to settle fraud claims from 2008 crisis

Swiss bank UBS has agreed to pay \$1.4bn (£1.1bn) to resolve fraud claims in the US stemming from the 2008 financial crisis.

It brings to a close the last case brought by US prosecutors investigating banks' conduct in the run-up to the crash, which sparked a global downturn.

Prosecutors said the bank had lied about the quality of mortgages that were packaged and sold to investors in a series of deals in 2006-2007.

UBS did not admit or deny the claims.

In a statement, it said it had already set aside money for the "legacy" matter and the deal would resolve all civil claims in the US.

The bank had previously sought to have the case dismissed, saying prosecutors had not presented evidence of any intentional fraud.

In the lawsuit, which was brought

in 2018, US prosecutors alleged that the Swiss bank had misled investors in connection with the sale of mortgage-backed securities more than a decade ago.

Ryan K Buchanan, United States attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, said UBS' conduct had "played a significant role in causing a financial crisis that harmed millions of Americans".

"The scope of this settlement should serve as a warning to other financial institutions - both large and small - of the significant penalties that can result when corporations misrepresent vital information to investors and undermine trust in our public markets," he added.

UBS, which is one of the world's top investment banks, is the eighteenth firm to reach a settlement in the US over its role in the 2008 crisis, prosecutors said.

The deals have led to more than

\$36bn in penalties altogether, involving the world's biggest banks, ratings firms and others.

US banks including JP Morgan and Bank of America have agreed to pay far larger sums than UBS.

Global banks' exposure to bad US mortgages in the early 2000s played a key role in sparking the financial crisis, which led to a sharp contraction in the global economy and the most severe downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930s in America.

Unexpected losses stemming from the loans created strains in the financial system and led to the collapse of several major banks, including Lehman Brothers in the US in 2008.

Prosecutors have accused banks of fuelling the crisis with illegal mortgage lending, which spread to the wider financial system thanks to widespread trading of securities backed by mortgages.

Regional News



USVI: Double shooting leaves one dead, one injured

The Virgin Islands Police Department (VIPD) is investigating two shootings that occurred on Saturday night.

The first shooting victim was found unresponsive at the G-Max Service Station in the Golden Rock area.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by Emergency Medical Technicians.

Relatives identified the man as Steadroy James, 33.

While investigating the crime, officers were informed that a man was shot at the John F Kennedy Housing Community.

He was shot in the stomach and arm and was taken to the Juan F Luis Hospital by ambulance.



Guyana: School children die from dengue

CMC - Dr Frank Anthony has confirmed that two children, including a nine-year-old child, have died after being infected with dengue.

The children had been receiving treatment at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the Georgetown Public Hos-

pital and Dr. Anthony said no other child is receiving critical care after being infected with dengue.

Media reports here said that one of the two children who died was a primary school pupil from Region Three (Essequibo Islands-West De-



merara), who spent five days in the ICU before passing away.

The other child who died was 11 years-old.

Based on official figures, an estimated 3,453 people in Guyana have been infected with the mosquito-borne disease so far this year, with 2,169 cases considered to be still active patients.

Anthony said that local authorities have been fogging all areas to prevent people from being bitten by mosquitoes and that a substance used to kill mosquito larvae is also being distributed.

The symptoms of dengue include high fevers, head and body aches and nausea.

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Illegal firearms and ammo recovered in Anguilla

The Royal Anguilla Police Force says its officers carried out a series of strategic operations that led to a significant breakthrough on Sunday in ensuring the safety of the community.

The police force announced the successful recovery of two illegal firearms and several ammunition rounds.

“Our relentless efforts have paid off, thanks to the dedication and commitment of our officers who work tirelessly to keep Anguilla safe.”

As a result of these



Firearms recovered in Anguilla. operations, a 31-year-old male is now in custody and is assisting with our ongoing investigation.

The police force stated that this accomplishment highlights the unwavering determination of the Roy-

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Boy survives 100ft Grand Canyon fall after dodging tourist photo

By Kathryn Armstrong

A 13-year-old boy has survived after slipping and falling nearly 100ft (30m) at the Grand Canyon in the US state of Arizona.

It took rescue crews two hours to pull Wyatt Kauffman to safety on Tuesday after falling off a ledge at the popular tourist site's North Rim.

He was flown to hospital with serious injuries but has since been discharged.

Wyatt told a local television station he had fallen while moving out of the way so people could take pictures.

He said he had been squatting down and holding onto a rock with one hand when he lost his grip and started to fall back.

"After the fall, I don't remember anything after that," he told Phoenix television station KPNX while in hospital.

"I just remember somewhat waking up and being in the back of an ambulance and a helicopter and getting on a plane and getting here."

Among his injuries were nine bro-



The boy was rescued from Bright Angel Trail at the Grand Canyon's North Rim (file photo).

ken vertebrae, a ruptured spleen, broken hand and a collapsed lung.

Dozens of emergency workers were involved in the rescue. Wyatt was pulled to safety by a team from the Grand Canyon National Park, who rappelled down a cliff after deciding a helicopter rescue would not be possible due to the terrain.

"We're extremely grateful for the work of everyone," said Wyatt's fa-

ther, Brian Kauffman, who was home in North Dakota at the time of the accident.

"We're just lucky we're bringing our kid home in a car in the front seat instead of in a box."

Wyatt had been at the Grand Canyon on trip with other members of his family, who told KPNX they intended to take a road trip home to replace the memories of the fall.

Canadian couple win damages from Italian ruling party



BJ Barone, right, and Frankie Nelson welcomed their son Milo in 2014.

By George Wright

Italy's far-right ruling party has been ordered to pay damages to a same-sex couple for using a photo of them with their newborn son without their consent in an anti-surrogacy campaign.

BJ Barone and Frankie Nelson welcomed their son Milo with the help of a surrogate mother in 2014.

A photo taken of that moment went viral, but it

was then used by Brothers of Italy in 2016.

The party has been ordered to pay the couple €10,000 (£8,600) each.

Brothers of Italy - Fratelli d'Italia in Italian - were ordered to pay for the "offensive use of their image" after Italian LGBT law firm Gay Lex took on the case. The party is appealing the decision.

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Life in jail for India sisters' rape and hanging

A court in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh has sentenced two men to life in prison for raping and murdering two Dalit sisters last year.

Two other convicts were found guilty of destroying evidence and were sent to jail for six years each. The convicts are likely to appeal in the high court.

The teenaged girls were found hanging from a tree in Lakhimpur district in September.

The gruesome crime had made headlines and sparked global outrage.

Police had arrested six people - four of them were convicted on Friday while judgements against two minors are pending.

On Friday, a special court that deals with cases of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) convicted two of the four adults of kidnap-



The girls' mother was inconsolable when she spoke to the BBC after their deaths last year.

ping, gangraping and murdering the girls.

On Monday, Judge Rahul Singh described the crime as "rarest of the rare" and said that the two convicts' life sentences would "run until their last breath". They have also been ordered to pay 41,000 rupees (\$500; £390) each as fine.

The bodies of the two

sisters - aged 17 and 15 - were found hanging on 14 September near their home in Tamoli Purva village, just over 200km (124 miles) from the state capital, Lucknow.

Less than 24 hours after the crime, police had arrested all the six suspects.

Police said the girls had been friends with some of the accused and had "will-

ingly gone" with them on their bike. They said the accused raped and strangled the girls as they were putting pressure on them to get married and later, hanged them from a tree with the help of their associates.

But the girls' family had questioned the investigation and alleged that the sisters had been kidnapped by the accused from outside their home.

The police claim was also contested by families of the accused who said their sons were innocent.

On Friday, after the court convicted four of the adult accused, prosecution lawyer Brajesh Kumar Pandey told the media that the judgement against the two minor accused would come at a later date.

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Italian PM Giorgia Meloni leads the most right-wing government since World War Two.

Brothers of Italy is a direct political descendant of the Italian Social Movement, which was formed by members of Mussolini's Fascist Party after the war.

In March, it instructed Milan's city council to stop registering the children of same-sex parents, leading to protests.

"This is a small win for us, but it is a huge victory for the LGBTQ+ community

in Italy and abroad. To us, our birth photo represents everything what we stand for; family, acceptance and unconditional love," the couple told the BBC.

"This victory against the Fratelli and the Prime Minister allows us to reclaim our photo, and show the world that family is about love."

The photo, taken by Lindsay Foster, was also used without permission by independent Irish politician Mary Fitzgibbons in 2016 to push her platform against surrogacy for same-sex parents.

Lee speeds home with top honors in PM Cup

By Carlena Knight

Hundreds turned out over the weekend at the Northsound International Raceway for the second annual Prime Minister's Cup, and the fans were not disappointed as a number of their favorite drivers made it into the winner's circle. None, however, was bigger than the victory of Claudius Lee who rode away with the title of champion of the event.

Lee, driving Honda Civic 'Venom' is the newly crowned champion having dethroned last year's winner, Orland Weeks.

Weeks however did not go home empty-handed as he was named the Outclass winner driving the popular, Subaru 'Helter Skelter.'

Joining him in the winner's circle was Gaston Browne Jr. who with his Nissan Skyline took top honors in the 10-second class.

Popular DJ, Shane 'EZP' Potter showed that he was more than just



Claudius Lee (center) was named the overall winner of the Prime Minister's Cup about the music and won the 11-second class with his Toyota 'Mr. 2.'

Meanwhile, in the 12 and 13-second classes, Niko Antonio and Shequan Hewlett emerged victorious. Antonio driving in his Toyota

Starlett.

All the winners walked away with cash and other prizes.

This is the second edition of the event which is in partnership with the Antigua and Barbuda Drag Racing Association (ABDRA) and is now a staple event on the association's calendar, as the competition is fully sponsored by Prime Minister Gaston Browne.

Drivers competed in various classes and brackets throughout the two-day event.

The ABDRA at the closing of the event on Sunday evening thanked the racers and spectators for their continuous support. Special thanks was given to PM Browne.

The racing calendar continues to be busy for the ABDRA, as they are gearing up to host Tension on August 15, which in all will lead up to their major event in November, Legendary Drag.



Several other drivers rode away with titles in the various classes and brackets.

Chelsea sign Caicedo from Brighton for British record fee

LONDON (Reuters) - Chelsea have broken the British transfer record for the second time in a year after announcing the signing of Ecuador midfielder Moises Caicedo from Brighton & Hove Albion on an eight-year contract on Monday.

Financial details were not disclosed but British media said Chelsea will pay 115 million pounds (US\$145.96 million), eclipsing the 106 million pounds record fee the London club paid to sign Argentina midfielder Enzo Fernandez from Benfica in January.

"I am so happy to join Chelsea!

"I am so excited to be here at this big club and I didn't have to think twice when Chelsea called me, I just knew I wanted to sign for the club," the 21-year-old Caicedo said in a club statement.

"It's a dream come true to be here and I can't wait to get started with the team."

Caicedo still had four years to run on his Brighton contract but had told the club he wished to leave.

He was denied a move

in January when Arsenal came calling and signed a contract extension in March.

Caicedo was also the subject of a close season tug-of-war between Chelsea and Liverpool, whose manager Juergen Klopp confirmed last week that

the Merseyside club had reached an agreement with Brighton over his transfer.

Chelsea had several bids for Caicedo rejected before Liverpool swooped in with their offer but the Ecuadorian decided to move to the west London club managed by Mauricio

Pochettino.

Chelsea's coup in signing Caicedo means they have spent over \$1 billion in player transfer fees since the new ownership led by Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital completed their takeover of the club in May 2022.



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India must work on batting depth after Windies loss, says Dravid

FLORIDA (Reuters) - India must improve their batting depth with the 50-overs World Cup on the horizon, coach Rahul Dravid said after his team lost their Twenty20 series against the West Indies 3-2 in Florida on Sunday.

A young Indian side missing several big names battled back from 0-2 down in the five-match series but crashed to an eight-wicket defeat at Lauderdale Park, with opener Brandon King helping West Indies chase down the victory target with an unbeaten 85.

Suryakumar Yadav hit 61 off 45 balls but had little support from the middle and lower order as India posted a modest 165-9 in 20 overs. The West Indies finished 171-2 from 18 overs with Nicholas Pooran (47) supporting King.

Dravid said mistakes were made in the series but was hopeful that their one-day team would fare better in the World Cup, which India will host from October 5th to November 19th.

“Our one-day team is really differ-

ent to the squad that we had here. But yeah, it didn't allow us the flexibility to change the combinations a little bit,” Dravid told reporters.

“But going forward, we've got to look at certain areas in which we can get better. Finding depth in our batting has been an area we're trying to address.

“As these games go on, scores are becoming bigger ... even the West Indies had Alzarri Joseph coming in at number 11 and he can hit a mean ball. You have sides that have depth. We've got some challenges on that front.”

Dravid said India showed courage to level the series after a poor start but their batsmen could have done better throughout.

“But that can happen. It's a young team, a developing team so there are going to be times when we have our ups and downs,” he added.

“Of course we're disappointed. To be able to win from 0-2 down would have been special.”



India's head coach Rahul Dravid (AP)



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Cornwall and Williams lead Super40 Cup batting and bowling aggregates

PIC Insurance Liberta Black Hawks coach Wilden "Polo" Cornwall and Empire Nation allrounder Tyrone Williams Jr. topped the batting and bowling aggregate at the end of the preliminary rounds of matches in the Antigua and Barbuda Cricket Association's (ABCA) Super40 Cup.

Cornwall amassed 418 runs in seven innings and scored three centuries and one half century. The hard-hitting right-hander also had an impressive batting average of 83.60.

His Black Hawks team-

mate Kofi James finished second in the batting aggregate with 234 runs in six innings at an average of 46.80.

Uri Smith, a former Black Hawks opening batsman who is now representing the Pigotts Crushers, finished third in the batting aggregates. Smith scored 193 runs at an average of 62.87 in six innings.

He is closely followed by opening batsman Shacyoy Floyd and captain Deran Benta of the Caribbean Union Bank Bethesda Golden Eagles.

Floyd scored 188 runs at an average of 23.50 in eight



Empire Nation allrounder Tyrone Williams Jr.

innings, while Benta compiled 184 runs at an average of 23 in eight innings.

Rounding off the top 10 leading run-getters are Amahl Nathaniel of the Black Hawks (183), WES Rising Sun Spartans skipper Kerry Mentore (174), Glenton Williams of the Jennings Tigers (173), Tyrone Williams Jr. (168), and the New Winthropes Lions' captain Nino Henry (158).

Williams Jr. finished as the leading wicket-taker with 23 scalps at an average of 7.7 runs apiece in eight matches.

Henry, a right-arm fast bowler, finished second with 21 wickets at an average of 7.48 in eight matches.

Williams, an orthodox

left-arm spinner, was the third-leading wicket-taker with 17 scalps at an average of 7.24.

Another left-arm spinner, Karima Gore of the Liberta Black Hawks, finished in fourth place with 16 wickets at an average of 5.69 runs apiece.

Rising Sun Spartans' spinner Martin Singh also finished with 16 wickets at an average of 11.06.

Closing out the top 10 wicket-takers are Jennings Tigers fast bowler Jediah Martin (15), Deran Benta (14), Pigotts Crushers spinner Kadem Henry (14), Rising Sun's spinner Michael Harilall (13), and Pigotts Crushers off-spinner Demari Benta (13).



Wilden 'Polo' Cornwall



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Neymar set for Saudi's Al Hilal after PSG agree to deal

PARIS (Reuters) - Brazil forward Neymar is headed for Saudi Arabia after Pro League side Al Hilal agreed a two-year deal with Paris St Germain, Saudi state media reported on Monday.

There was no immediate comment from the Ligue 1 champions, owned by Qatar Sports Investments, but French newspaper L'Equipe said the deal could net 31-year-old Neymar 160 million euros (US\$175 million).

The transfer fee was reported to be about 90 million euros plus add-ons and subject to completing a medical.

Sources close to the operation told Reuters that Neymar was having a medical in Paris on Monday and was expected to arrive in Riyadh on Wednesday to be presented to fans at King Fahd Stadium.

Al Hilal, managed by Portuguese coach Jorge Jesus, play Al Fayha on Saturday with Neymar expected to wear the number 10 shirt.

Neymar, who joined PSG in 2017 from Spanish club Barcelona for a world record transfer fee of 222 million euros (US\$243 million), missed PSG's league opener against Lorient on Saturday due to a viral infection.

The Brazilian was con-

tracted to stay in the French capital until 2025 and has 118 goals in 173 appearances, capturing numerous trophies including five Ligue 1 titles, but is no longer considered a key player in coach Luis Enrique's squad.

Multiple sources said he had hoped to return to Barcelona on a loan agreement but the Spanish side's financial issues had made that unaffordable.

Al Hilal had tried to sign PSG's France international Kylian Mbappe, who was reinstated into the Paris club's first team on Sunday. The Saudi side were also reportedly interested in Argentinian Lionel Messi who opted to join Major League Soccer's Inter Miami.

The most successful club in Saudi Arabia and Asia, Al Hilal have won 66 trophies and hold the record for league and Asian Champions League titles, with 18 and four of them respectively.

Strengthening the squad is a priority for the Riyadh-based club, as the Saudi Public Investment Fund announced in June an investment and privatisation project for sports clubs involving league champions Al Ittihad, Al Ahli, Al Nassr and Al Hilal.

The Saudi Pro League season kicked off on Fri-



Brazil's forward Neymar. (AP)

day after spending close to half a billion dollars luring a host of top players and coaches from European powerhouses.

Cristiano Ronaldo joined Al Nassr last season soon after the World Cup in a deal which made him

the highest-paid athlete on the planet, while Al Ittihad signed Karim Benzema from Real Madrid.

Champions League winners Riyad Mahrez, Edouard Mendy and Roberto Firmino have all signed for Al Ahli.

Joseph captures Junior Masters Golf Championship

In emphatic fashion, young Siyolo Joseph romped to victory in the third annual Michael Freeland and Patricia Matthew Junior Masters Golf Championship at Cedar Valley on Sunday.

The 13-year-old St. Joseph's Academy student shot a commanding two-day total of one over par to win the coveted Red Jacket as well as the championship plaque.

Following his opening round of two over par 72, the New Winthropes resident shot a sizzling one under par 69 to finish seven shots clear of runner-up Marquise George.

For his tally of 148, George was awarded a trophy. Taj Barnes, who shot a 36-hole total of 161, finished in third place.

In the female flight, it was the dynamic Catherine Woodhouse who excelled.

Woodhouse shot 170 to take the championship plaque and the Red Jacket ahead of Thaisse Warner.

Twelve-year-old Ayo Dellis took the junior A flight ahead of Jaleel Lewis and Lovando Weekes, who finished second and



From left to right: Catherine Woodhouse, benefactors Michael Freeland and Patricia Matthew, and Siyolo Joseph. (Photo courtesy Jermaine Kentish)

third, respectively.

One of the competition's benefactors, Michael Freeland, said there is a bright future for golf in Antigua and Barbuda.

"I looked forward to this because it means that the young golfers of tomorrow make Antigua look brighter and bigger. The future is definitely in a good place for golf,"

Freeland said during the prize-giving ceremony at the event.

"I applaud all of you. All of you are winners, but at the end of the day, you have to have one winner. I applaud the winner in the female category, and I applaud the male winner.

"Next year, we will be back again. We will be bigger and much better.

"We will have much more fan participation, as I hope to get much more involved than this year. Kudos to all the other sponsors."

Twelve youngsters took part in the event, which was also sponsored by Rocky's Duty Free Store at V.C. Bird International Airport and Eighteen Plus One Restaurant.