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The country's leading agro-processor – Nakima Williams of Kimas Delectables – is to have a display stand at the government-run CMC Supermarket where her products will be featured.

Agriculture Minister E.P. Chet Greene announced that he has started discussions with the management of the supermarket, to arrange to have the special stand for the agro-processor who won the most prizes at this year's Piango Festival.

"It's about incentivizing the creativity, production, and the effort seen at the Piango Festival. It is also designed to trigger the competitive interest in other agro-processors for 2024 and beyond. So, when one gets the benefits of winning the overall prize, this should inspire others to be creative and to raise the overall level

of the competition," Greene stated.

The minister is, however, appealing to all residents of Antigua and Barbuda to support not just 'Kimas Delectables' but all local agro-processors. "None of this would make sense if we do not have an equal level of enthusiasm and support from the public," he added.

He said he would support a national campaign, even going house to house to encourage the consumption of local agricultural produce.

Along with the display at CMC supermarket, Williams will also get an opportunity to participate in a trade expo in London, in November, organized by Antigua and Barbuda's High Commissioner, Karen-Mae Hill.

Meanwhile, Williams said she welcomes the op-



Nakima Williams

portunity to have her products displayed at CMC supermarket, noting that it is a popular supermarket for locals and that she shops there from time to time.

Williams revealed that she started agro-processing as a hobby, by making sauces and other products mainly as parting gifts for family and friends, who live overseas. However, in 2018, she made several items and gave them to a friend who participated in the Piango festival.

That friend won the categories she entered. This led Williams to enter in 2019 under her name and she won five of the seven categories she entered. After the resumption of the festival in 2022 following the COVID-19 break, she returned to enter three categories where she emerged winner in two. This year she won four of the six catego-

ries she entered.

"I would like to see Antigua and Barbuda produce more products, using our fruits and vegetables which are highly organic. We should be able to produce for local consumption as well as for export. This would naturally benefit us as a people eating more wholesome food rather than eating imported processed food. It would also help our economy. We should seek ways to utilize our fruits and vegetables rather than having them go to waste," she declared.

Kimas Delectables produces jams, jellies, hot sauce, anchar, chutney, cakes, pastries, confectioneries, and juices.

Williams is a full-time teacher and has been teaching for the last seventeen years. She currently works at the Mary E. Pigott primary school and also does private catering.



Jamaica missionary team partner to help disabled man

A team of missionary volunteers from Jamaica, on Tuesday, partnered with the Antigua and Barbuda Association of Persons with Disabilities (ABAPD), to help improve the living conditions of a disabled man in Golden Grove.

Members of the Jamaica Missionaries Association, a grouping of several churches, spent the last ten days in the country as part of their outreach mission. The team first visited Barbuda where they held a vacation bible school for some 63 young people on the sister island. In Barbuda, they partnered with Bishop Nigel Henry of the Pentecostal Church.

In Antigua, they inquired of the ABAPD if any of its members were in particular need of assistance. The association then identified Colin Josiah, who is confined to a wheelchair and whose condition has been described as 'dire.'

The group from Jamaica decided to help in any way that it could. Josiah was bathed and given clean clothes by the missionaries, and they also repainted his house and built a ramp that



would allow easier access to the one-room wooden structure. The members also washed his clothes.

The team is led by pastor Ronald Webster, and his wife, Marcia Webster. Mrs. Webster said the team came with the intent to help a fellow human being who is in dire need. She however expressed concern about the continuity of the work that the team has started in assisting Josiah.

"We would want to know that he receives the needed help after we leave. We are simply doing all we can, but it will be up to the community and other like-minded individuals in the society to continue helping Colin (Josiah)," she stated.

Treasurer of ABAPD, Wendy Valentine also made an impassioned appeal for help for Josiah. "Colin needs help and if there is anyone in Golden Grove or elsewhere who can assist, we are asking you to do so. Too many people in Antigua and Barbuda are living in similar conditions, in communities across the country. These people are your family, your friends, and your neighbours, how can you allow them to live in these conditions?" she queried.

ABAPD President, Bernard Warner, thanked the Jamaican missionaries for their assistance to Colin Josiah and the association generally. He expressed the hope that their actions would spur other local entities to do similar charity work within the disabled community.



Antigua and Barbuda UN Mission donates computers

The US-based Antigua and Barbuda Associations United is now the beneficiary of a generous donation of eight computer systems. These computers will be used in an initiative geared at preparing students for their future roles as professionals and business leaders.

The eight Dell Latitude 5430 (5000 Series) computers were presented to members of the association, by Antigua and Barbuda's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Walton Webson, during a brief ceremony.

The funds to purchase the systems were raised during the annual Independence Gala and Awards hosted by the New York Offices, last year. The computers will help the Association in expanding its Mentorship Programme.

The Independence Gala was well attended by Antiguan and Barbudans and attracted the generous support of a selfless group of sponsors including, the American University of Antigua College of Medicine, Arton Capital, the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority - USA, Giselle Bru, Amba-



sador Hanna Akar, the Antigua and Barbuda Citizenship by Investment Unit, American Airlines, Premier Beverages, ABS Radio and Television and Pointe Express.

"We cannot say enough by way of gratitude to our donors who went out of their way to sponsor the gala. It is deeply satisfying that as a result of their contribution, we can present these systems to the Antigua and Barbuda Associations United, so they

can continue their work in positively impacting the young minds of our nation," stated Ambassador Webson.

On hand to receive the donation was President of the Association Andy Howell, and some of its other members including Gina Philip, Helen-May Bady, Alexander Howell, and Alexander Mays.

"We are very grateful for the support of the New York Offices of Antigua and Barbuda," said Andy Howell. "Their efforts and contribution will help students in Antigua and Barbuda to continue learning and preparing for the future, like any other youth in the world."

Antigua and Barbuda Associations United (ABAU) is presently the umbrella organization for over twenty-five (25) non-profit organizations in the northeast United States. The organization was founded in January 2006 with a mission to strengthen and unify Antigua and Barbuda community organizations throughout the United States, so they can enhance the lives of Antiguan and Barbudans at home

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Antigua and Barbuda police to celebrate INTERPOL's 100th Anniversary

The Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda is planning a special event to celebrate the 100th anniversary of INTERPOL, the international crime-fighting agency.

STRATCOM said INTERPOL, the world's largest policing organization, will be officially marking

its 100th anniversary; celebrating a century of International Policing Cooperation on September 7, 2023. This coincides with the day of the International Criminal Police Commission, which was established on September 7, 1923.

In recognition of the milestone, the Police Ad-

ministration will be hosting a special ceremony at the John E. St. Luce Finance and Conference Center on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

Ministers of Government, Dignitaries, Diplomats, and other Government Officials, along with police officers are expected to at-

tend this event.

During the ceremony, several past and present police officers will be recognized for their contribution to the INTERPOL's office in the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda. The Attorney-General, Steadroy Benjamin will be delivering the feature address.

Commissioner Atlee Rodney, now head of the National Central Bureau-NCB Antigua, said he is looking forward to celebrating with such an august body that has helped to transform the security landscape globally. The ceremony will begin promptly at 9 a.m.

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and abroad.

The mission of the ABAU Mentoring Program is to create a positive educational and financial culture that empowers secondary school students in Antigua and Barbuda with the tools to make informed choices.

Preparations are well underway for

this year's Gala and organisers have decided to make the Antigua and Barbuda Students Association the 2023 beneficiary of their fundraising efforts. The gala will be held at the Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle on Saturday, November 18th, and will feature the Original Burning Flames, which has emerged as a consistent feature and partner to the event.

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Back to School: Health Official advises parents against neglecting their children's well-being

By **Carlena Knight**

With just a few days to go until the start of the new school year, one health official is admonishing parents/guardians to ensure that while they are checking off those book lists, the physical well-being of their children is not neglected.

Head of the Pediatric Unit at the Sir Lester Bird

Medical Centre (SLBMC) Dr. Shivon Belle Jarvis, while speaking on state media on Tuesday highlighted the need for students to continue specific hygiene routines.

“So, we are not doing away with hand washing. Even though we have moved a little bit away from COVID-19, handwashing is

still key. After you use the bathroom, before you eat, once your hands are visibly dirty, those are key times for handwashing,” Dr. Belle-Jarvis explained.

“We are going to remind our parents of the do’s and don’ts.

“If your little one is sick please don’t send him to school. For one, we want our children to operate at their best, and if they are unwell, they are not going to do that; and secondly, we do not want to put other children at risk,” she added.

Moving away from providing sugary beverages and processed food, and providing more nutritious snacks, was another area Dr. Belle-Jarvis said must be addressed.

She suggested that parents could find more creative ways of making food like fruits and vegetables more appealing.

“We want to use fruits that are colorful. We want to use fruits that are seasonal and guess what, it’s not just about the lunch kit, it’s about at home too. Throughout the day, children should actually have five servings of fruits and vegetables.

“Water is what they should drink when they are thirsty, and so, we want to integrate that as well,” she said.

The right kind of backpack, according to Dr. Belle-Jarvis is also key.

“You notice that the



Dr. Shivon Belle Jarvis

bags are getting bigger and heavier, so the bags should have broad straps. The child should not carry any more than 10-20 percent of their weight in their backpack because the heaviness of the bag can lead to back pain and misalignment of the spine, so if the bag is heavier than that, then you need to use the pulleys,” Belle-Jarvis advised.

Where immunization was concerned, Dr. Belle-Jarvis spoke specifically to school administrators, beckoning them to ensure that children are up to date with their vaccinations.

Adequate rest and establishing a sleep schedule were also mentioned.

She stated that parents need to do away with the practice of only bringing their children to the doctor when sick. According to the medical official, “wellness checks should be done at least once per year.”

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Sandals hosts an educational fair for its staff

Sandals Grande Antigua hosted an educational fair, designed to provide its staff members with the various training opportunities that are available for those wish-

ing to continue personal and professional development.

The event was the second installment of what the resort dubbed Edu-Fair (Educational Fair) which

was launched by Sandal's Learning and Development Manager, Carlene Spencer, to assist team members with finding the appropriate courses and programmes

to aid in their professional development. "Team members would always inquire where they can access training or classes in various disciplines, so we felt it was wise to bring the institutions together, so team members can have the opportunity to explore the offerings from different educational institutions based on their needs," Spencer added.

Several tertiary education institutions including the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus, Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute, Antigua and Barbuda Institute of Continuing Education, and the National Sailing Academy were a part of the one-day event held earlier this month.

Community First Cooperative Credit Union along with the Board of Education were also on hand to provide team members with financial support information.



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- Trim over grown vegetation.
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URLINGS

- Erection of basketball court and subsequent fencing of the complex on lands at the back of the Urlings Primary School.
- Renovate and Revitalize the Technical Institute at the Urlings Primary School.

JOHNSONS POINT

- Remedy the infrastructure to get operational the Health Centre/ (Clinic) & MBS Pharmacy at Johnsons Point.
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St Lucia's E&E Agrochemicals produces gamechanging results for farmers

By Sharine Joseph

In the heart of the Caribbean, a groundbreaking agricultural initiative led by St Lucian Eugene Gabriel, the owner of E&E Agrochemicals, is taking the farming industry by storm. With innovative products and a dedication to enhancing agricultural practices, Gabriel's venture is spearheading a new era of increased productivity for farmers across the region.

Recently the company in collaboration with WUSC Caribbean initiated a project spanning four plots across St Lucia, aimed at bolstering farmers' productivity and validating their flagship product, Agromax. Noting the high success rate of this project, the company expanded its horizons to Antigua and Barbuda.

One of the pivotal partnerships in this expansion was formed with Itajah Simmons, a distinguished farmer and owner of Simon's Pepper and Vegetable Farm in Antigua. Over the last 55 days, E&E Agrochemicals collaborated with Simmon's farm to cultivate three varieties of watermelon varieties, including Tarzan, Sweet Robin and Sunbow which take 75 days to harvest. The results have been nothing short of extraordinary.

Eugene Gabriel emphasized, "Presently, we



are actually in the harvest phase right now. It was the first time the farmer used our products. Specifically, the product lineup included Agromax, Nitro-Pro, Cal-10, Cal-Mag-B, and Cal-Nite, our entire nutrient line."

The implementation of this product suite as well as E&E Agrochemical's custom farming schedule led to an astonishing harvest timeline that was 25 days earlier than the norm.

The success stories from Simon's farm are not isolated incidents.

Eugene Gabriel elucidates, "Our main nutrient product, Agromax, is doing what we say it's doing and giving the farmer what he wants – an increase in production and larger fruit size."

The watermelons are defying conventional norms, with melons reaching weights far beyond expectations, up to 20 pounds when the average was 10 to 12 pounds.

This extraordinary outcome underscores E&E Agrochemicals' commitment to nutrient transfer and the utilization of innovative solutions to expedite plant growth and enhance crop yield. Importantly, these advancements do not come at the cost of quality.

Gabriel affirms, "It does not affect the quality and the taste of the crop. In fact, it enhances it."

The watermelons grown using E&E Agrochemicals' products have demonstrated exceptional sweetness and texture, defying the typically watery and lacklustre results seen in traditional practices.

Looking ahead, the company has ambitious plans. Eugene Gabriel reveals, "Our next step is to get the products in the stores and introduce our new offerings, including insecticides and organic alternatives to chemical agents."

E&E Agrochemicals aims to provide farmers

with effective tools to reduce reliance on non-organic chemicals, thereby promoting sustainable agricultural practices that protect both crops and the environment.

The success isn't confined to Antigua. Back in Saint Lucia, the project trained 200 farmers in precision agriculture.

Eugene Gabriel proudly shares, "We've provided these farmers with samples of Agromax, and their positive feedback has resulted in consistent product purchases. We continue to support them through regular visits and problem-solving."

For those eager to embrace the benefits of E&E Agrochemicals' innovative solutions, the products are available from a range of distributors, including Renwick Company, CaribSeed, Edwin Bee Products in Dennery, Agromart in Vieux-Fort and Builder's Choice in La Farge, Choiseul.

Eugene Gabriel's journey with E&E Agrochemicals showcases the power of innovative solutions in transforming traditional agricultural practices. Through their products and commitment to nurturing farm productivity, they are paving the way for a more sustainable and fruitful future for farmers across the Caribbean and beyond.

Live worm found in Australian woman's brain in world first

By Phil Mercer

In a world first, scientists say an 8cm (3in) worm has been found alive in the brain of an Australian woman.

The “string-like structure” was pulled from the patient’s damaged frontal lobe during surgery in Canberra last year.

“It was definitely not what we were expecting. Everyone was shocked,” said operating surgeon Dr Hari Priya Bandi.

The woman, 64, had for months suffered symptoms like stomach pain, a cough and night sweats, which evolved into forgetfulness and depression.

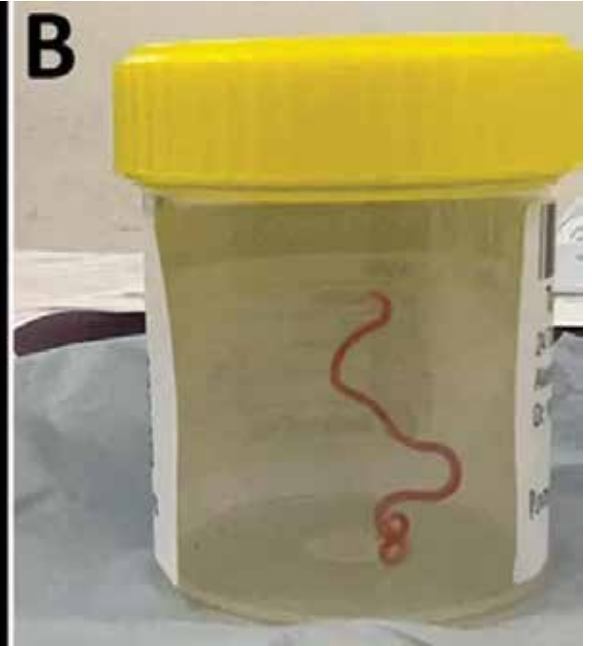
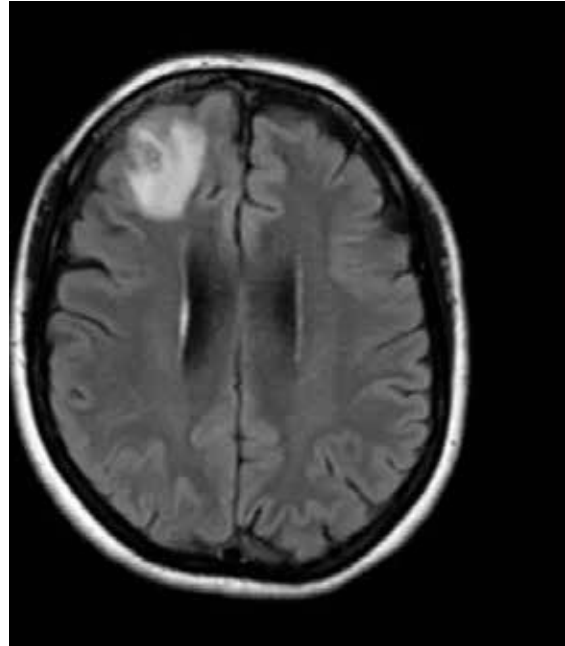
She was admitted to hospital in late January 2021, and a scan later revealed “an atypical lesion within the right frontal lobe of the brain”.

But the cause of her condition was only revealed by Dr Bandi’s knife during a biopsy in June 2022.

The red parasite could have been alive in her brain for up to two months, doctors said.

The woman, who lived near a lake area in south-eastern New South Wales state, is recovering well.

Her case is believed to be the first instance of a larvae invasion and development in the human brain, researchers said in



A brain scan and the ‘happily moving’ worm in a specimen jar.

the Emerging Infectious Diseases journal which reported the case.

The neurosurgeon who found the worm said she had only begun to touch the brain part that had shown up strangely in the scans when she felt it.

“I thought, gosh, that feels funny, you couldn’t see anything more abnormal,” said Dr Bandi.

“And then I was able to really feel something, and I took my tweezers and I pulled it out and I thought, ‘Gosh! What is that? It’s moving!’”

“Everyone was shocked. And the worm that we found was happily moving, quite vigorously, outside the brain,” she said.

She then consulted her colleague Sanjaya Senanayake, an infectious diseases expert, on what they should

do.

“Everyone [in] that operating theatre got the shock of their life when [the surgeon] took some forceps to pick up an abnormality and the abnormality turned out to be a wriggling, live 8cm light red worm,” said Dr Senanayake.

“Even if you take away the yuck factor, this is a new infection never documented before in a human being.”

Researchers warn the case highlights the increased danger of diseases and infections being passed from animals to people.

The *Ophidascaris robertsi* roundworm is common in carpet pythons - non-venomous snakes found across much of Australia.

Scientists say the woman most likely caught the roundworm after collecting a type of native grass, War-

rigal greens, beside a lake near where she lived. The area is also inhabited by carpet pythons.

Writing in the journal, Australian parasitology expert Mehrab Hossain said she suspected the woman became an “accidental host” after using the foraged plants - contaminated by python faeces and parasite eggs - for cooking.

“The invasion of the brain by *Ophidascaris* larvae had not been reported previously,” writes Dr Hossain.

“The growth of the third-stage larva in the human host is notable, given that previous experimental studies have not demonstrated larval development in domesticated animals, such as sheep, dogs, and cats.”

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Google tests watermark to identify AI images

Google is trialling a digital watermark to spot images made by artificial intelligence (AI) in a bid to fight disinformation.

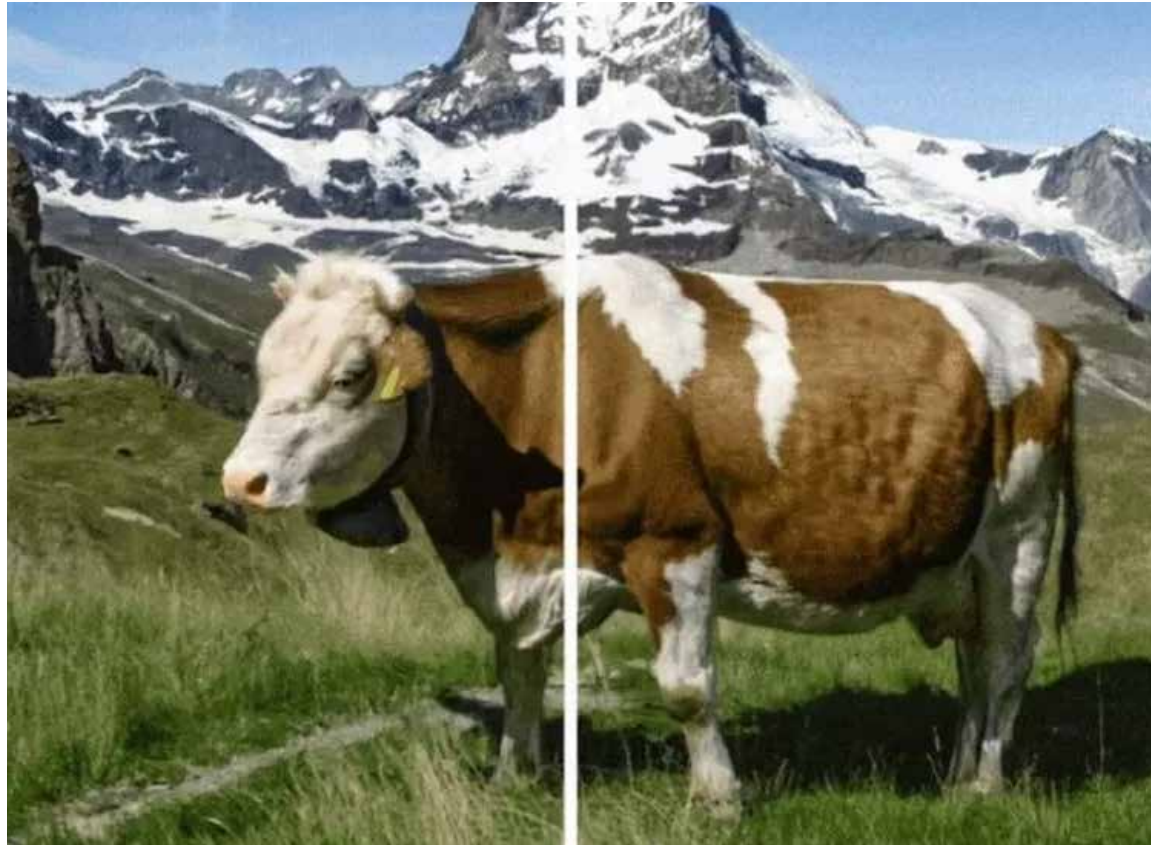
Developed by DeepMind, Google's AI arm, SynthID will identify images generated by machines.

It works by embedding changes to individual pixels in images so watermarks are invisible to the human eye, but detectable by computers.

But DeepMind said it is not "foolproof against extreme image manipulation".

As the technology evolves, it is becoming increasingly more complex to tell the difference between real images and artificially-generated ones - as BBC Bitesize's AI or Real quiz shows.

AI image generators have become mainstream, with popular tool Midjourney boasting more than 14.5m users.



Imperceptible: the image on the left has the watermark, on the right there is no watermark.

They allow people to create images in seconds by inputting simple text instructions, leading to questions over copyright and ownership worldwide.

Google has its own image generator called Imagen, and its system for

creating and checking watermarks will only apply to images created using this tool.

Watermarks are typically a logo or text added to an image to show ownership, as well as partially to make it trickier for the picture to

be copied and used without permission.

It is in images used on the BBC News website, which usually include a copyright watermark in the bottom-left corner.

But these kinds of watermarks are not suitable for identifying AI-generated images because they can easily be edited or cropped out.

Tech companies use a technique called hashing to create digital "fingerprints" of known videos of abuse, so they can spot them and remove them quickly if they start to spread online. But these too can become

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Dr Senanayake - who is also an associate professor of medicine at the Australian National University (ANU) - told the BBC the case is a warning.

The ANU team reports that 30 new types of infections have appeared in the last 30 years. Three-quarters are zoonotic - infectious diseases that have jumped from animals to humans.

"It just shows as a human population burgeons, we move closer and encroach

on animal habitats. This is an issue we see again and again, whether it's Nipah virus that's gone from wild bats to domestic pigs and then into people, whether it's a coronavirus like Sars or Mers that has jumped from bats into possibly a secondary animal and then into humans."

"Even though Covid is now slowly peering away, it is really important for epidemiologists... and governments to make sure they've got good infectious diseases surveillance around."

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corrupted if the video is cropped or edited.

Google's system creates an effectively invisible watermark, which will allow people to use its software to find out instantly whether the picture is real or made by machine.

Pushmeet Kohli, head of research at DeepMind, told the BBC its system modifies images so subtly "that to you and me, to a human, it does not change".

Unlike hashing, he said even after the image is subsequently cropped or edited, the firm's software can still identify the presence of the watermark.

"You can change the colour, you can change the contrast, you can even resize it... [and DeepMind] will still be able to see that it is AI-generated," he said.

But he cautioned this is an "ex-

perimental launch" of the system, and the company needs people to use it to learn more about how robust it is.

In July, Google was one of seven leading companies in artificial intelligence to sign up to a voluntary agreement in the US to ensure the safe development and use of AI, which included ensuring that people are able to spot computer-made images by implementing watermarks.

Mr Kohli said this was a move which reflected those commitments but Claire Leibowicz, from campaign group Partnership on AI, said there needs to be more coordination between businesses.

"I think standardisation would be helpful for the field," she said.

"There are different methods being pursued, we need to monitor their impact - how can we get better reporting on which are working and to what end?"

"Lots of institutions are exploring different methods, which adds to degrees of complexity, as our information ecosystem relies on different methods for interpreting and disclaiming the content is AI-generated," she said.

Microsoft and Amazon are among the big tech companies which, like Google, have pledged to watermark some AI-generated content.

Beyond images, Meta has published a research paper to its unreleased video generator Make-A-Video, which says watermarks will be added to generated videos to meet similar demands for transparency over AI-generated works.

China banned AI-generated images without watermarks altogether at the start of this year, with firms like Alibaba applying them to creations made with its cloud division's text-to-image tool, Tongyi Wanxiang.

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Guyana president pledges continued support for indigenous communities

President Dr Mohammed Irfaan Ali has promised to continue working with Guyana's indigenous leaders to ensure their communities have what they require to live comfortably.

Speaking at the 2023 National Toshias Council Conference (NTC) opening, Ali said over the last three years his government has spent more than GYD\$50 billion in capital expenditure for the development of Amerindian communities

Ali noted this is one of the investments in indigenous communities globally.

"Our philosophy is an unchanging philosophy when it comes to our Amerindian brothers and sis-



President Dr Mohammed Irfaan Ali speaking at the opening of the 2023 National Toshias Council Conference (NTC). Photo: Office of the President.

ters...It was one of respect, one of honour, one in which we have never faltered from our responsibility investing in you and your communities, and you must not take that for granted," Ali stated.

"Every single thing we have done with our Amerindian brothers and sisters

was done in consultation with you, was done with your voice, taking into consideration your ideas [and] your thoughts.

"And I must say that the representation and the participation from our Amerindian brothers and sisters in the villages and commu-

nities have been enormous, and we welcome this... because we believe with greater participation, there will be greater understanding".

Ali reminded Toshias that their communities are set to receive further investments as part of the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) 2030.

Fifteen per cent of LCDS funds from the sale of carbon credits are earmarked for Guyana's indigenous community.

The NTC Conference runs from August 28 to September 1, under the theme: 'Advancing sustainable village development in a low carbon economy.'

Dominica: Venezuelans given lengthy jail sentences on drug charges

CMC - Five Venezuelan nationals were on Monday sentenced to a total of 38 years in jail after they pleaded guilty to the possession of and trafficking in cocaine.

The Venezuelans – Hector Louis Ramirez, 33, Daike Jose Herrera Ramirez, 19 and 27-year-olds Daniel Jose Rivas Herrera, Pedro Celestino Ramos, and Yhorbby Jose Rosario – appeared before Acting Chief Magistrate Gloria Augustus on charges also of making false declarations under the Customs Act.

They pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 18 years in jail to run concurrently with the drug trafficking and possession charges.

The Magistrate Court was told that the five men together had 5,361.4

grams of cocaine with an estimated street value of EC\$143,407.80.

The men had arrived in Dominica from Barbados on August 20 and the prosecution said that based on intelligence were taken into custody and after an X-ray was done, the illegal substances were found in their stomachs.

They were then admitted to the hospital under police protection and given medication to pass the drugs.

Speaking through a Spanish interpreter, the men told the court that they were "kidnapped and threatened" if they did not follow instructions to induce the drugs with the final destination being the Dominican Republic.

Herrera told the court that five family members in Venezuela were



"kidnapped as a group" by men wearing masks.

"We were fearful for our lives and family, we had a job to do so we did it," he said.

The maximum penalty is EC\$150,000 or based on the value three times the amount or whichever is more significant or 15 years in jail but not less than seven years.

The Venezuelans were not represented in court and the prosecution

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St Kitts and Nevis nurses trained in Cuba have licenses reinstated

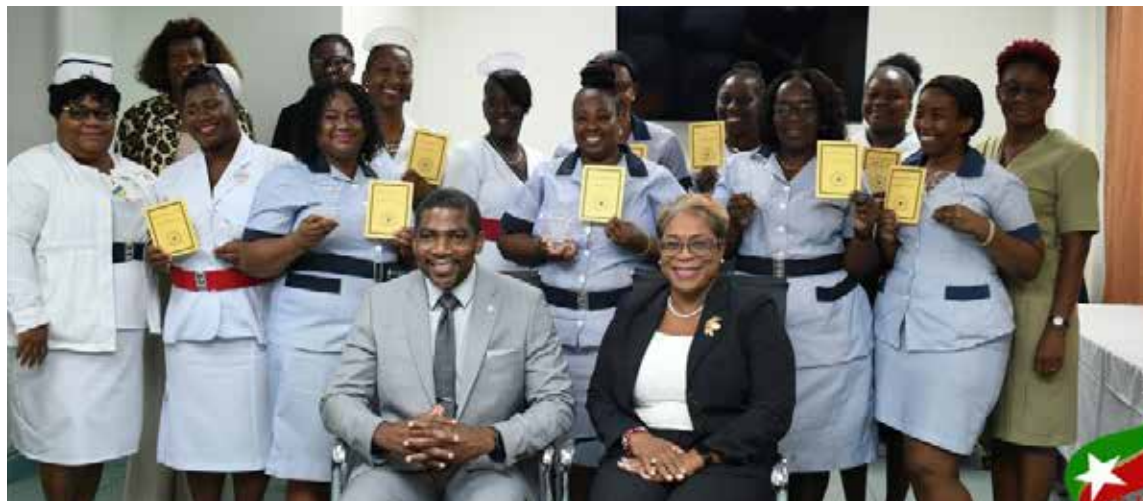
CMC - Nurses who had undergone training at universities in Cuba have had their licenses reinstated.

In 2013, several nurses who pursued training opportunities in Havana and gained General Nursing Certificates as well as Associate Degrees in Nursing, were not recognised by the St Christopher and Nevis Nurses and Midwives Council upon returning to the twin island Federation.

However, only those who completed the Bachelor of Science Degrees in Nursing were licensed with the St Christopher and Nevis Nurses and Midwives Council in 2013, but their licensures were rescinded in 2015.

But at a special ceremony at the JNF General Hospital on Tuesday, Prime Minister and Minister of Health, Dr Terrance Drew, formally recognized the 12 nurses' achievements and reinstatement status as Licensed Registered Nurses.

"There need to be some reparations, and I will see how much compensation we can give for what you suffered," said Prime Minister Drew, a first class Honours



Prime Minister and Minister of Health Dr Terrance Drew and Principal Nursing Officer, Dr Rondalyn Dennis-Bradshaw with the newly reinstated Licensed Registered Nurses and members of the St Christopher and Nevis Nurses and Midwives Council. Photo: SKN Information Service

graduate from Institute Superior De Ciencias Medicas in Santa Clara in Cuba.

"The Nursing Council, now, has revisited your situation and they have taken, in my estimation, the correct action, and today what has been delayed for almost a decade, you are now being accepted fully as nurses in the industry.

"I have worked with you. I have seen how you work. In my estimation, there is no deficiency. You are as qualified as any other nurse to work.

"I want to encourage you to continue to be the professionals that you are...I want you to take to heart the new thrust that the Nursing

Council has taken in terms of really bringing you fully into the profession. I know you follow the codes of Nightingale who set the trail for what the nursing profession is all about. I encourage you to stay close to the ethos of the basis from which the profession was formed."

Cuba has been providing scholarships and other healthcare support to Caribbean countries and a government statement said that the reinstatement of the licenses serves as a testament to the government's unwavering support for healthcare professionals and its commitment to enhancing the nation's healthcare infrastructure.

It said that since assuming office in August 2022, Prime Minister Drew's government has launched numerous other endeavours aimed at enhancing the quality of life for nurses in the Federation including ensuring that nurses were fairly compensated for their invaluable contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It said modifications to regulations now permit nurses to renew their registration biennially, aligning with prevalent practices in the region and around the world.

"Uniform adjustments were implemented to prioritise the safety of nurses by eliminating caps and belts. Additionally, unprecedented scholarship opportunities were introduced, enabling nurses to receive full salaries while pursuing their studies for the very first time," the statement added.

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has also made an application for them to be deported after serving their sentences.

Meanwhile, five other Venezuelans who arrived here on August 21 from Barbados, have also been arrested and cocaine pellets totalling 6,489.2 grammes

found in their stomachs.

The men appeared before Senior Magistrate Michael Laudat and pleaded guilty to possession, trafficking, and false declaration. They will return to court on August 29, where the facts will be read and then they will be sentenced.

Hurricane Idalia: Florida hunkers down for 'unprecedented' storm

People in the path of Hurricane Idalia have been warned to evacuate without delay, as the storm hurtles towards the US state of Florida.

It is forecast to hit the Gulf Coast as a major Category 3 hurricane with winds up to 125mph (201km/h) on Wednesday morning.

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) warned Idalia would bring "life-threatening" weather to the state.

Coastal areas could be deluged by a storm surge of up to 10-15ft (3-5m).

"Very few people can survive being in the path of a major storm surge, and this storm will be deadly if we don't get out of harm's way and take it seriously," said Federal Emergency Management Agency chief Deanne Criswell.

The storm was upgraded to a Category 2 hurricane on Tuesday afternoon, with maximum sustained winds of 100mph.

Idalia is projected to strike the vulnerable coastal area of Big Bend, which has not seen such a major hurricane since the 1800s, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said.

Big Bend sits roughly where north-south portion of the state's peninsula bends toward the east-west portion of the Panhandle, curving along the Apalachee Bay.

According to the NHC, no major hurricane has tracked into Apalachee Bay in north-western Florida since 1851.

"For some communities this is probably going to be worse than they're envisioning, because so few people understand the power of a major hurricane," Jamie Rhome, deputy director of the National Hurricane Centre, told the BBC.

Idalia's outer bands have already brought tornado warnings in several



Residents of storm-weary Florida brace for Idalia's arrival.

Southwest Florida communities, including Golden Gate, Naples and Marco Island.

Twenty-eight of Florida's 67 counties were under some form of evacuation order as of Tuesday evening, including 14 mandatory orders in counties clustered along the state's upper Gulf Coast.

Urging people in evacuation areas to move to safety, Mr DeSantis said residents that do not leave immediately will not be able to do so until the storm passes.

"You don't need to run hundreds of miles, just get to higher ground, get to a safe structure," Mr DeSantis said.

Much of Florida, including the densely populated Tampa area, is braced for severe weather. Tampa International Airport closed on Tuesday, and is expected to remain shut until Thursday morning.

Chanel Jay, who is facing her second hurricane in a year since moving to Florida from Pennsylvania, told the BBC she wasn't taking any chances.

She was hunkering down in an East Tampa shelter set up at a school about a 10-minute drive away from her home."Florida weather has a mind

of its own," she said.

Mary Wolcott Martino, 79, a travel writer in St Petersburg, a city in the Tampa Bay area, told Reuters news agency she was packing up as fast as she could on Tuesday afternoon.

She grabbed items that could not be replaced, including hard drives with family photos.

"We're leaving in five minutes, headed out the door now," she said. She and her husband are not bothering to board up their home, like they have in the past, telling Reuters they are more concerned about storm surges than winds.

"We're on the canal and just nine feet above sea level," she said.

Up to 12in (30cm) of rain is forecast in northern Florida, where Idalia is expected to make landfall.

At 17:00 local time on Tuesday (21:00 GMT), Idalia was 195 miles (310 km) south-west of Tampa, Florida, according to the NHC's most recent update.

More than a dozen emergency shelters have been opened by the state, with seven in the Tampa Bay area alone - just south of where Idalia is expected to make landfall.

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Uganda's anti-LGBT laws: Man faces death penalty for 'aggravated homosexuality'

A man in Uganda faces the death penalty after being charged with "aggravated homosexuality".

His lawyer told Reuters the 20-year-old was the first to be prosecuted for the offence under tough new anti-LGBTQ legislation signed into law in May.

According to the charge sheet, he is accused of unlawful sexual intercourse with a 41-year-old man, although no further details were given.

"Aggravated homosexuality" can involve sex with children or vulnerable people.

It can also be deemed aggravated if someone is forced to have same-sex relations, contracts a life-



Uganda has resisted pressure from donors to drop the Anti-Homosexuality Act that became law in May.

long infection including HIV or in cases of serial offenders.

The East African nation has among the harshest anti-LGBTQ laws in the world, and anyone convicted of engaging in homosexual acts faces life imprisonment.

The legislation has drawn widespread criti-

cism outside the country and prompted the World Bank to halt loans to Uganda earlier this month.

Several people have been arrested this month for allegedly engaging in same-sex activity.

The man charged with aggravated homosexuality appeared in court on 18 August in the eastern city

of Soroti, Jacquelyn Okui, spokesperson for the state prosecutors, told the AFP news agency.

She told Reuters he will remain in custody until his case is heard by the High Court, given it was a capital offence.

His lawyer, Justine Balya, told Reuters she felt Uganda's anti-gay laws were unconstitutional and were currently being challenged in court.

She gave no further details of the case, except to say it was the first aggravated homosexuality charge before the courts.

Uganda has not carried out an execution since 2005, but capital punishment has not been abolished.

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Along evacuation routes, tolls were being waived and some 420,000 gallons of fuel was ready to be deployed at petrol stations, Mr DeSantis said.

Florida has mobilised more than 5,500 National Guardsmen to assist with the state's emergency response, and up to 40,000 utility workers are on standby to tackle power cuts.

Residents in the path of the storm should expect outages, Mr DeSantis said.

"There's going to be destruction of houses and homes and structures," warned David DeCarlo, director of Hernando County Emergency Management.

Last year, Hurricane Ian made landfall in south-western Florida, wreaking more than \$100bn (£79bn)

in damage and killing over 100 people.

On Monday Idalia swiped the western shore of Cuba, where tens of thousands evacuated ahead of flooding and high winds.

Residents battened down homes and secured fishing boats. Brown floodwaters had swamped the small fishing village of Guanimar, south of Havana, by mid-afternoon.

"We've had two days of rain already," Yadira Alvarez, 34, told Reuters on Monday. She said storm water had already swelled to knee-height inside her home.

The US states of Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina could see heavy rainfall as well, forecasters said.

On Tuesday, South Carolina declared a state of emergency in anticipation of Idalia.

Far to the east of Idalia, Hurricane

Franklin, the first major hurricane of the season, has brought life-threatening rip currents to the Bermuda and the US East Coast. These conditions are expected to continue in the coming days, according to the NHC.

As of Tuesday afternoon local time, the eye of Franklin was just west of Bermuda, moving north-east with maximum sustained winds of 125mph (201 km/h). Its current path avoids any major land mass, with the storm moving to the east of North America.

The impact of climate change on the frequency of tropical storms is still unclear, but increased sea surface temperatures warm the air above and make more energy available to drive hurricanes.

As a result, they are likely to be more intense with more extreme rainfall.

Three hanged for Iraq bombing that killed more than 300 people

By George Wright

Iraq has hanged three people convicted of involvement in a vehicle bombing in Baghdad that killed more than 300 people and injured hundreds in 2016.

The bomb exploded as people were enjoying a night out during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

It was the deadliest single bombing in Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003.

The Islamic State group (IS) has admitted carrying out the attack. IS has been defeated and lost control of territory, but still remains active.

The executions were carried out on Sunday or Monday, Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani's office said. It did not name those executed.

A government source told AFP news agency that Ghazwan al-Zawbaee, held to be the IS mastermind be-



Iraqi women mourn at the site of the bombing back in 2016.

hind the attack, was among those put to death. Zawbaee had been captured and returned to Iraq in 2021.

The prime minister informed victims' families that "the rightful punishment of death sentence" had been carried out against "three key criminals found guilty of their involvement

in the terrorist bombing", his office said.

On 3 July 2016 a vehicle filled with explosives was blown up next to a crowded shopping centre in Karrada, a mainly Shia Muslim area of the Iraqi capital.

Many of the victims were killed by a fire that ripped through the building after the bomb blast.

Interior Minister Mohammed Ghabban resigned in the wake of the blast.

The then-Prime Minister, Mustafa al-Kadhimi, accused Zawbaee of being the "primary culprit" behind that attack and "many others".

IS, a Sunni Muslim group, once controlled 88,000 sq km (34,000 sq miles) of territory stretching from eastern Iraq to western Syria and imposed its brutal rule on almost eight million people.

Despite the group's defeat on the battlefield in Iraq in 2017 and in Syria two years later, it is estimated that thousands of militants remain active in both countries.

In March, the UN estimated that IS still had "5,000 to 7,000 members and supporters" across Iraq and neighbouring Syria, "roughly half of whom are fighters".



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Champion team, Vollis



Free Agents finished second in the tournament

Team Vollis reigns supreme in local Volleyball Tournament

By Carlena Knight

Vollis emerged champions of the first-ever 4 A AHRWE Volleyball tournament that was held over the weekend.

They walked away with a cash prize of EC\$,1000.00 among other items.

The runners-up received \$400EC and other prizes as well.

Vollis ended the tournament as the only undefeated team edging out Free Agents in the finals.

Last Minute finished third.

Vollis' Chenoa Evans was named the MVP of the tournament while Best Defender went to Lauren Crabbe.

Roshawn Dean of second-place



Third place finishers, Last Minute

Free Agents and Deandre Harris of third place- Last Minute won the award for the Best Rivalry.

The awardees received prizes from Do It Tees.

The event saw Co-ed teams of four

compete in a best of three format in order to advance to the next round.

It was sponsored by Vollis and Inet.

Focus will now turn to the upcoming Business Volleyball league.



Chenoa Evans, MVP



Lauren Crabbe, Best Defender

Dominican Republic, Australia and Italy advance at basketball's World Cup

The Dominican Republic, Australia and Italy advanced to the knockout stage of the World Cup. Through play Tuesday, 10 teams have reached the final 16 with six more berths to be determined on Wednesday.

The Dominican Republic finished 3-0 in Group A after a 75-67 victory over Angola. Andres Feliz hit 17 points and Victor Liz scored 13 and the Dominican Republic advanced to the knockout round.

The Dominican Republic trailed by one after three quarters but outscored Angola by nine in the final quarter. Silvia De Sousa led Angola with 19 points. Neither team shot well. Angola made only two of 21 3-pointers and the winners were only five of 25.

Australia, the Olympic bronze medalist two years ago in Tokyo, defeated Japan 109-89 despite 33 points from American-born Japan center Josh Hawkinson. Australia finished second in Group E behind Germany.

Italy took second place in Group A, defeating the Philippines 90-83. The Philippines, the main host country for the World Cup, needed to beat Italy by a lopsided margin to advance.

Defending champion Spain, the United States, Canada, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania and Montenegro have also advanced.

At Okinawa, Josh Giddey scored 26 points, Xavier Cooks added 24 and Australia (2-1) advanced to the knockout stage by taking second place behind group winner Germany. The Tokyo Olympic bronze medalists entered the World Cup as one of the favourites.

Japan (1-2) disappointed home fans and could not repeat its rousing come-from-behind win on Sunday against Finland. Hawkinson led Japan with 33 points and Yuta Watanabe chipped in with 24.



Dominican Republic forward Karl-Anthony Towns (32) and team celebrates after winning against Angola during their Basketball World Cup Group A match at the Araneta Coliseum, Manila, Philippines on Tuesday, August 29, 2023. (AP)

At Manila, Utah Jazz forward Simone Fontecchio had 18 points and six rebounds and Italy advanced after knocking out the Philippines by surging to a 90-83 victory over the host nation.

Italy (2-1) finished second in the group behind the Dominican Republic. Giampaolo Ricci scored 14 points for Italy, which pulled away in the second quarter to lead 48-39 at halftime and held off a late rally from the Philippines.

Jordan Clarkson had 23 points, seven rebounds and six assists for the Philippines (0-3), which needed to win in a blowout to advance.

At Manila, Rokas Jokubaitis had 19 points, five rebounds and six assists, while Mindaugas Kuzminskas had 15 points to lead Lithuania to their 91-71 victory over Montenegro. Tadas Sedekerskis led his team with 11 rebounds.

The victory gave Lithuania (3-0) first place in the group with Montenegro (2-1) taking second. Both had al-

ready advanced and the game decided the top two spots.

Nikola Vucevic led Montenegro with 19 points. Marko Simonovic and Kendrick Perry each had 13 points.

At Jakarta, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 19 of his 27 points in the second half as Canada overpowered Latvia 101-75.

RJ Barrett added 22 points for Canada (3-0), which overcame a 35-23 deficit in the second quarter with a 30-9 run and steadily built its lead. Lu Dort missed his second straight game because of soreness.

Andrejs Grazulis had 16 points for Latvia (2-1) but Davis Bertans - his team's only NBA player - struggled with just seven points in 23 minutes. Latvia captain Dairis Bertans did not play after a hamstring injury sustained against France ended his tournament.

Both teams had already qualified for the next round with Canada winning a group for the first time in its World Cup history.

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Antiguans to contest ECVA Under-21 beach volleyball contest

Two teams will be representing Antigua and Barbuda at the 2023 Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association (ECVA) Under-21 Beach Volleyball Championship in St. Kitts and Nevis early next month.

The female combination of Jassania Joseph and Jaya Carr, along with the male duo of Khaliq Joseph and Miguel Pena Lugo, will be carrying Antigua and Barbuda's flag at the regional tournament, which will take place at the Marriott Beach in Frigate Bay, St. Kitts, on September 2nd and 3rd.

Male and female teams from nine Caribbean islands will be participating in the beach volleyball tournament this weekend.

Teams from host St. Kitts and Nevis will compete for supremacy with their beach volleyball colleagues from Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, Ber-



muda, Dominica, Grenada, the British Virgin Islands (BVI), St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines at the two-day event.

The competitions will be played from 9 am to 6 pm on both days. Admission will be free, but food and drinks will be on sale.

The event is sanctioned by the region's governing body for the sport, NORCECA (North, Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation), and the world governing body, FIVB (Federation of International Volleyball).

It is sponsored by the

St. Kitts Marriott Resort & The Royal Beach Casino, FLOW, and Sports Court.

It is being hosted by the St. Kitts and Nevis Amateur Volleyball Association with the support of the island's National Olympic Committee, NORCECA, and the FIVB.

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At Okinawa, Germany beat Finland 101-75. Dennis Schroder and Isaac Bonga led Germany (3-0) with 15 points each, and Johannes Thei-mann added 13.

Germany had already advanced to the second round and Finland (0-3) had already been eliminated from contention.

Olivier Nkamhoua had 14 points for the Finns and Lauri Markkanen and Ilari Seppala added 12.

At Manila, playmaker Ehab Amin

had 22 points and 10 assists as Egypt earned a consolation 100-72 win over Mexico. Center Patrick Gardner added 20 points for Egypt (1-2), which extended an early 14-point lead to a 59-35 advantage at the half.

Pako Cruz and Joshua Ibarra each scored 21 points for Mexico (0-3), which was 6 of 23 on 3-pointers. Both teams had already been eliminated from contention for the round of 16.

At Jakarta, Guerschon Yabusele had 18 points and teammate Evan Fournier had 17 as France (1-2) sal-

vaged a victory in the tournament by beating Lebanon 85-79.

France won the Olympic silver medal two years ago in Tokyo and was probably the most disappointing team in the World Cup. Minnesota Timberwolves center Rudy Gobert did not play because of an ankle injury.

Wael Arakji had 29 points for Lebanon (0-3), which lost its opening two games by an average of 47 points. Both teams had already been eliminated from contention for the knockout round.

Sports News



Medvedev rolls into US Open second round

NEW YORK (AP) - Daniil Medvedev sent an early message that this US Open might be more than a two-man race between Carlos Alcaraz and Novak Djokovic.

The 2021 champion rolled into the second round Tuesday, beating Attila Balázs 6-1, 6-1, 6-0 in just one hour and 14 minutes.

About 12 hours after Djokovic won easily in his return to the US Open, the No. 3-seeded Medvedev looked just as impressive as when he beat Djokovic for the 2021 title to deny the 23-time major champion from Serbia what would have been the first calendar-year Grand Slam in men's tennis since 1969.

Alcaraz, the number one seed, edged Djokovic for the title at Wimbledon, after Djokovic eliminated the Spaniard in the semifinals en route to the French Open title.



Daniil Medvedev, of Russia, returns a shot to Attila Ballazs, of Hungary, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis championships in New York, Tuesday, August 29, 2023. (AP)

Medvedev certainly has the game to compete with either on the hard

courts of the US Open, where the Russian was also the runner-up to Rafael Nadal in 2019 before winning his first major two years later.

No. 5 seed Ons Jabeur, who lost in last year's women's singles final to Iga Swiatek, was checked by a trainer and was coughing and blowing her nose during her match before getting past Camila Osorio 7-5, 7-6 (4). But Leylah Fernandez, the runner-up in 2021, was eliminated by No. 22 Ekaterina Alexandrova 7-6 (4), 5-7, 6-4.

Djokovic is back at the US Open and will now be back at No. 1 in the rankings. Djokovic made a winning return after missing the tournament last year, rolling to a 6-0, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Alexandre Muller on Monday night.

The 23-time Grand Slam champion had to wait through Coco Gauff's three-set victory to open the night session on Arthur Ashe Stadium, followed by an opening-night ceremony marking 50 years of equal prize money at the US Open.

"Well, I knew it was going to be a
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Henry looking to coach France to Olympic gold

PARIS (AP) - Having helped France win trophies as a prolific forward, Thierry Henry wants to lead Les Bleus to a long-awaited Olympic gold medal in his new role as coach. Henry was hired as coach of the national under-21 team last week on a two-year contract, and he will also lead the France team at the 2024 Paris Olympics. The French Olympic team last won gold at the 1984 Games in Los Angeles, and Henry intends to put that right.

"It's been a long time since we've won. There's a problem somewhere. We're going to have to try and solve it," Henry said Tuesday at his first news conference.

"Being on the podium is going to be something that's outstanding, especially being at home in France."

The men's tournament at the Olympics is limited to players under 23, with three overage players allowed. Henry hopes he does not encounter the same problems as his predecessor, Sylvain Ripoll, who went to the Tokyo Games without his best



Thierry Henry speaks during a press conference, in San Jose, Costa Rica, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020. Having starred for France as arguably its greatest forward, Thierry Henry wants to lead Les Bleus to a long-awaited Olympic gold medal in his new role as coach. (AP)

players because clubs refused to let them go.

Clubs do not have to release players to the Olympics because the FIFA-run tournament is not included on its international match calendar, meaning Ripoll had to make a raft of changes after announcing his squad.

Henry said that he and French soccer federation president Philippe Diallo are already talking to French soccer clubs to avoid a simi-

lar fiasco.

Henry helped France win the 1998 World Cup and the European Championship two years later, scoring 51 goals in his career with the national team. He is the all-time leading scorer for Premier League team Arsenal. But the transition to coaching has not always been smooth.

Henry had two spells as Belgium assistant coach. He also coached Monaco -

where he was fired after a difficult spell - and Major League Soccer team Montreal. He said those experiences taught him many things that he wants to share.

"After all, I like working with young people, and I'm good at talking to young people," Henry said. "So I hope it'll be a positive thing."

Henry's other objective is qualifying France for the 2025 European under-21 Championship in Slovakia.

Henry's first match in charge is a friendly against Denmark on Sept. 7 followed by Slovenia four days later in a first qualifying match for Euro 2025. His team also faces Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Cyprus in its qualifying group.

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late night for me, late start of the match," Djokovic said.

"Nevertheless, I mean, I was excited to go out on the court. I didn't care if I started after midnight because I was looking forward to this moment for a few years, to be out on the biggest stadium in our sport, the

loudest stadium in our sport, playing the night session."

Djokovic was not allowed to travel to the US last year because he is not vaccinated against COVID-19. Monday was his first match in Flushing Meadows since falling to Daniil Medvedev in the 2021 final.

SAP and Bullets top groups in Parham Super League

SAP and Pigotts Bullets have won their respective preliminary groups to advance to the semi-finals of the Parham Super League community football tournament.

SAP became the only team to win all three encounters by hammering Swetes 8-2 in the third and final set of round-robin group matches in the preliminary phase of the competition at the Parham playing field over the weekend.

Tyrique Tonge and Timothy Senasie each scored twice for SAP, which finished at the top of Group B with a perfect nine points. The other goals for SAP were scored by Emmerson Henry, Hishaun Williams, Peter Byers, and Norge Thomas.

Shalon Knight scored both goals for Swetes, which failed to advance to the semi-finals after losing all three matches to finish at the bottom of Group B without a point. The top two finishers in both groups advanced to the semi-finals.

Greenbay Hoppers joined SAP as qualifiers for the semi-finals by finishing second in Group B with six points after prevailing 7-3 against Empire in a Gray's Green derby.

Kadeem Campbell and Ameil Joseph each scored twice to lead the Hoppers to their second win in three matches. The other conversions for the Hoppers came via Jahlom Browne's own goal and strikes from Javorn Stevens and Howayne James.

Armando Marty scored for Empire, which finished third in Group B with three points from one win and two losses.



The SAP football team is through to the semi-finals of the Parham Super League community football tournament on Thursday. (ABFA)

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Pigotts Bullets and Parham both qualified for the semi-finals from Group A after both teams battled to a 3-3 draw in their final outing in the preliminary rounds.

Akeem Isaac, Dale Gardner, and Junior Lee scored for the Pigotts Bullets, while Denie Henry had a double conversion and Jelani Roberts scored once for Parham.

Pigotts Bullets finished at the top of Group A with seven points, while Parham drew their three matches to claim second place with three points.

All Saints United and Garden Stars missed out on qualifying after both teams fought to a 2-2 draw in their final

outing in Group A.

Keiron Richards and Tiquan Isaac scored for All Saints United, while Wilden Cornwall Jr. and Courtney Clarke each converted once for the Garden Stars.

Garden Stars finished in the cellar of Group A by virtue of scoring one goal less than All Saints United after both sides ended the preliminary rounds of matches with two points apiece and an identical goal difference.

The competition will resume with the two semi-final matches at the Parham playing field on Thursday. Pigotts Bullets will face the Greenbay Hoppers at 6 pm, and SAP will clash with Parham at 7:30 pm.