

IT'S NOMINATION DAY FOR SMS BY-ELECTION

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Sir McClean 'King Short Shirt' Emmanuel, left, is presented with the Honorary Doctorate by Chairman of UWI FIC Council Ambassador Aziz Hadeed. *Story on page 3.*

It's Nomination Day for SMS By-Election

Nomination Day for candidates wishing to contest the By-Election in the St. Mary's South constituency is slated for October 24.

Supervisor of Elections (SOE), Ian Hughes is advising all potential candidates that the Nomination Centre has been established at the Bolans Primary School where Returning Officer, Denese Parker will preside.

He explained that the nomination process requires that each candidate who seeks nomination must have a proposer and a seconder, all

of whom must be registered voters in SMS. Along with those two individuals, the candidate will require eight other persons to be witnesses to the event. To complete the process, each candidate must sign a consent form indicating that he/she accepts the nomination. The candidate will then be required to pay a fee of \$500.00 to complete the nomination process.

Separate and apart from the nomination process, today is also the last opportunity for persons wishing to have their names transferred

to SMS, and those who had previously applied must also visit the Antigua and Barbuda Electoral Commission (ABEC) offices on the Queen Elizabeth Highway to complete the process.

Hughes said these individuals have up to 10:00 a.m. on Monday to visit the office.

The Supervisor of Elections said this is a busy week for the commission as training will begin for the staff, who will be working in the polling booths on Election Day. He explained that the

training would be a refresher course for those who participated in the January 18 plebiscite and an introduction for those who are working in the electoral process for the first time.

According to Hughes, the commission will publish the Revised Register for the constituency on Tuesday. Copies will be available for candidates and or political parties. This also forms the basis for a final check by the staff of the commission to ensure that there are no omissions etc.

The publication of the Register for Elections, the final list, will be done later in the week.

There are just over 2700 persons who are eligible to cast their ballots in the By-Election.

Meanwhile, the SOE is advising those entities who are desirous to monitor/observe the by-elections to register their names by October 17. This matter concerns media houses and or their representatives and organisations, such as the Free and Fair Elections Group (F&FEG). Incidentally, he added that the F&FEG has already indicated, in writing, that it wishes to observe the by-election.

Hughes also indicated that there are no invitations issued to international observer groups, to monitor the election. He stated that this only happens for general elections.



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Dr. Sir McClean Emmanuel urges graduates to adopt his attributes

Dr. Sir McClean 'King Short Shirt' Emmanuel, who received an honorary Doctor of Letters award from the University of the West Indies Five Islands campus on Saturday, is urging the 2023 graduating class of the university to adopt some of his attributes.

Speaking at the commencement exercises at the UWI FIC, Sir McClean noted that he feels divinely chosen and blessed to carry the mantle of Antigua and Barbuda's culture for more than sixty years.

He described the calypso art form as having the ability to raise the nation's consciousness and bring awareness to the masses in Antigua and Barbuda, the Caribbean, the Afro-centric diaspora, and globally. "Calypso has been the voice



Dr. Sir McClean 'King Short Shirt' Emmanuel addresses the graduating class

of the downtrodden, the oppressed, the economically disenfranchised and powerless. It has been my honour to be the 'standard bearer' of genuine Antigua and Barbuda music for these many years," he told the captive audience at the graduation exercises.

Sir McClean also described himself as a proud product of humanity who has embodied such attributes as determination, commitment, diligence, attention to detail, and being results-oriented. "These are some of the traits that I urge this year's graduating class to adopt as they chart a course forward toward Antigua and Barbuda and the Caribbean's development," he remarked.

The calypso giant expressed appreciation to many persons in the community who contributed to his successes over the years. Most notably, he singled out his wife, Lady Esther, and his ten children, for their unwavering support over the years.

Sir McClean/King Short Shirt has towered over the Antigua and Barbuda and Caribbean calypso art form, for many years. He has won

the calypso monarch title more than any other calypsonian, and when he traveled to Trinidad and Tobago in the 1970s to perform, his songs were so popular that the authorities in that country introduced new rules to bar him from winning the coveted Road March title.

Some of his more memorable songs include Lamentation, Tourist Leggo, Raycon, Illusion, Awake the Youth, Nobody Go Run Me, Jamming and We Are the Ones.

Tributes have been pouring in to congratulate this national treasure on this auspicious achievement. The Antigua and Barbuda government led the way offering heartiest congratulations to Sir McClean. Scores of well-wishers were also present in the audience as a show of support for Dr. Sir McClean 'King Short Shirt' Emmanuel.



Antigua and Barbuda condemns latest attack on Israel

The government of Antigua and Barbuda is joining a chorus of nations who have come out against the attack by Palestinian Military group, Hamas on Saturday.

A statement from Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P. Chet Greene reads as follows:

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda condemns the terrorist assault on Israel as we condemn terrorism everywhere.

No issue is solved by aggression and conflict whose consequences are far-reaching and long-lasting, as the escalation of the situation now shows. We express our sorrow for the civilians who have been killed and extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

On Sunday, the United Nations Security Council convened an emergency meeting to discuss the ongoing



Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P. Chet Greene conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Group.

So far, more than 700 Israelis, many of whom were attending a music festival, have been killed, and scores have also been abducted to be used

as human shields in the Israeli counter-offensive.

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Media Statement from the Office of the Prime Minister

The Office of the Prime Minister has discovered that operatives within the Opposition have become so desperate as the by-election in St. Mary's South nears, that they have gone about creating a fake profile of Gaston Brown(e), with an e missing from his surname, using foul language and an unusual photo to vilify, slander and libel the Prime Minister.

The barely literate operatives have created the fake profile in the hopes of persuading youthful electors—the people who are most likely to consume the online trashy material that the specific website offers—to reduce their faith in the very successful nine-year tenure of Prime Minister Browne.



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

Those operatives are hoping to swing youthful voters away from the growing support won over by the ABLP candidate for St. Mary's South, by diminishing the high standard that has

characterized the Prime Minister's appeal.

The fake profile has been reported to the appropriate website and it is expected that it will be taken down, shortly.

The desperation of the Opposition has become so palpable that they would set about to undertake a criminal act, by pretending that the real Gaston Browne has created a profile, knowing very well that it is their own fake and false creation.

The people and the electors of Antigua and Barbuda are to trust the Opposition even less than they did in January 2023 when they rendered a judgment against them.



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Hell's Gate Steel Orchestra makes a splash at Miami Carnival

CUB Hells Gate Steel Orchestra Steel Band, renowned for its captivating rhythms and exceptional performances, made an indelible mark at Miami Carnival's Panorama. The band's rich history and legacy, combined with their unparalleled talent, captivated audiences and left an enduring impression on the global Carnival community.

CUB Hells Gate Steel Orchestra Steel Band, established in 1945, has been a driving force in the Steel Band arena, consistently pushing boundaries and re-defining the art form. With a legacy rooted in dedication, talent, and innovation, CUB Hells Gate Steel Orchestra has solidified its position as one of the most influential Steel Bands in the world.

During Miami Carnival's Panorama, CUB Hells Gate Steel Orchestra delivered two electrifying performances that left spectators in awe.

Their first performance in the Carnival Village set the stage ablaze, showcasing their exceptional musicianship and infectious energy. The band's second

performance at the Panorama Competition exceeded all expectations, captivating the audience with tunes by King Short Shirt, King Swallow, Queen Claudette Peters, the Burning Flames, and many more.

The Minister with responsibilities for the Creative Industries, the Honorable Daryll Matthew opened the twin isle's presentation with greetings from the Government and People of Antigua and Barbuda and invited all attendees and thousands of online viewers to experience Antigua and Barbuda and the Caribbean's Greatest Summer Festival, Antigua Carnival, in 2024. This collaboration between the Antigua Barbuda Festivals Commission, and Miami Carnival served as a testament to the strength of Antigua and Barbuda's cultural offering to the international carnival community.

Miami Carnival showcases one of the largest US Panorama competitions, however, the grand performance from CUB Hells Gate Steel Orchestra showcasing their exceptional talent and solidifying their



position in the global Steel Band landscape added value to the show. Notably, two different representative figures from prominent States within the United States expressed their interest in the possibility of featuring CUB Hells Gate Steel Orchestra in future events, highlighting the band's growing international appeal.

The commanding presence of Team Antigua led by Honorable Daryll Matthew, accompanied by the exhilarating performances of CUB Hells Gate Steel Orchestra, opened up numerous media interview opportunities. Minister Honorable Daryll Matthew, CUB Hells Gate Steel Orchestra, with Captain Keithley At-hill, and Arranger and Director of Culture Khan Cordice skillfully utilized these opportunities to shed light on the rich legacy of CUB Hells Gate Steel Orchestra's role of the origin of steel pan and its journey as one of

the sweetest sounding musical instrument in the world.

Minister Matthew enthusiastically expressed, "This is a massive moment for the Steel Band fraternity in Antigua and Barbuda. CUB Hells Gate Steel Orchestra took over the show and left an unforgettable impression. I am incredibly proud to be the Creative Industries Minister at this moment, witnessing the immense talent and passion of talented young people of my 268, Antigua and Barbuda." He went on to say "CUB Hells Gate Steel Orchestra's exceptional performances at Miami Carnival Panorama have further solidified their status as a force to be reckoned with in the global carnival scene. Their electrifying rhythms and captivating stage presence continue to captivate audiences worldwide, ensuring a bright future for the band and the rich cultural heritage they represent.



SLBMC's multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Symposium attracts large turnout

Several leading experts on breast cancer were on hand at the 3rd annual Breast Cancer Symposium organized by the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre (SLBMC).

Held at the Sandals Grande Antigua Resort & Spa on Saturday, the hospital brought together leading experts from across the world, to discuss the latest

developments in breast cancer research and treatment.

Hearing from some of the brightest minds across the field – including researchers, oncologists, surgeons, and patient advocates – attendees considered and discussed the latest advances and emerging practices and how these may impact their areas of expertise.



Attendees at the SLBMC Breast Cancer Symposium

Topics covered included: Radiotherapy in Breast Cancer, The Evolution of Systemic Therapy in Breast Cancer, A Historical Perspective of Breast Cancer, and Why Dignity is a Priority in Breast Care.

Dr. Albert Duncan, Medical Director and General and Acute Care Surgeon at SLBMC said: “Despite decades of progress in research and care, we have a long way to go to stop people dying from this devastating disease. Treatment of breast cancer is dependent on the interaction of professionals across many disciplines.

“Equally, research into improving our understanding of this complex disease and prospects for improving its prevention and treatment relies on multidisciplinary collaboration to make meaningful advances.

“Over the past three years, disruption to research and treatment due to the COVID-19 pandemic has made innovation and collaboration more critical

to progress than ever—and indeed, we’ve witnessed collaboration on an unprecedented level in an effort to overcome these challenges.”

SLBMC Breast Cancer Symposium Organizing Committee Chair, Christine Joseph, expressed her excitement to see the symposium returned after a three-year hiatus.

“With over 150 people in attendance, this is the largest breast cancer meeting held in Antigua & Barbuda.

“Collaboration is key to progress in breast cancer research and care, and the Symposium is such a valuable opportunity to share the latest advances and to open up discussions across experts who share an active interest in breast cancer research and treatment.

“I hope the meeting stimulates new ideas and collaborations, allowing us to continue to make the progress so urgently needed by people with breast cancer,” she noted.

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ABAPD launches food drive

The Antigua and Barbuda Association of Persons with Disabilities has launched a food drive designed to collect food items from members of the community on behalf of the disabled and the less fortunate in society.

On Saturday, a team from the ABAPD assembled outside the Epicurean Supermarket on the Friar’s Hill Road to launch the drive.

“We are asking the public to give generously as there are many disabled members in our society who need assistance.

“In the drive’s initial stages, we are asking for canned goods as we prefer the items such as rice, to be collected later in the drive to avoid infestation by weevils,” Secretary of the ABAPD Wendy Valentine stated.

Over the next few months, they will alternate at Epicurean (St. John’s),



Epicurean (Jolly Harbour), the Perry Bay supermarket, and Billy’s Food Mart soliciting on behalf of the dis-

abled community.

The collected items will be presented to those in need in December.

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Observance of Disaster Risk Reduction Week

Several activities will be held next week in observance of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction on October 13, to be held under the theme “Fighting inequality for a resilient future.”

According to information from the National Office of Disaster Services (NODS), the activities begin on Sunday with a service at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church at 8:00 a.m.

Monday, October 9 will be media day when NODS personnel along with other individuals will conduct interviews on ABS Television and various radio stations throughout the day. A panel discussion will also be held on ABS Television at 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 10 has been designated Community Outreach Day. This initiative will involve the erection of tsunami warning signs throughout St. John’s.

On Wednesday, October 11 – A Youth in Disaster Workshop will be held at NODS from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each secondary school on the island has been invited to participate.

Thursday, October 12 is Community Risk Reduction Day, and District Disaster Coordinators who volunteer on behalf of NODS will be interacting with residents in their respective communities and distributing educational materials.

The week ends on Friday, October 13, Interna-

tional Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, with a Disaster Management Expo at the Multi-Purpose Cultural Centre from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Several groups

will join NODS to take part in this interactive and educational event.

Held every October 13, International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction cele-

brates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the risks they face.

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<p>Tuesday 10th COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY All Day - ST. John’s City</p>	<p>Friday 13th International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction DISASTER MANAGEMENT EXPO 10 AM - 2 PM Multipurpose Cultural Center</p>

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CBH Board chairman congratulates Dr Rhonda Sealy-Thomas

On behalf of the Board of Directors, leadership, and staff of the Central Board of Health, I wish to take the opportunity to thank the former Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health, Social Transformation, the Environment and Wellness, Dr. Rhonda Sealey-Thomas for her leadership and contributions to the development, expansion, and improvement to the Nation's healthcare system.

Dr. Sealey-Thomas's career defines what the Monarch, (King Short Shirt) Dr. McClean Emanuel calls "A Good, Good citizen. We are better because of what she did, and how she served.

Future generations will owe her a great debt of gratitude for putting us in a much better place than when she first arrived.

Dr. Sealey-Thomas's retirement



Winston Williams

comes as a great loss to the Ministry of Health and this new Board, as we set to make our contribution to the Public Health System.

We trust her work ethic, call to duty and selfless service given over these many years would have a profound impact on all we do and on her successor.

We also take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Sealey-Thomas on her appointment to the post of Assistant Director of PAHO's Sanitary Bureau. This comes as no surprise since she is undoubtedly, the best fit for the job.

The Public Health Board looks forward to the many opportunities for interactions, advocacy, and advice that Dr. Sealey Thomas will bring to the job and by extension her continued representation of Antigua and Barbuda.

Again, on behalf of the Minister of Health, Board of Directors, and leadership of the Central Board of Health, I wish Dr. Sealey-Thomas nothing but the very best and God's speed.

Winston Williams
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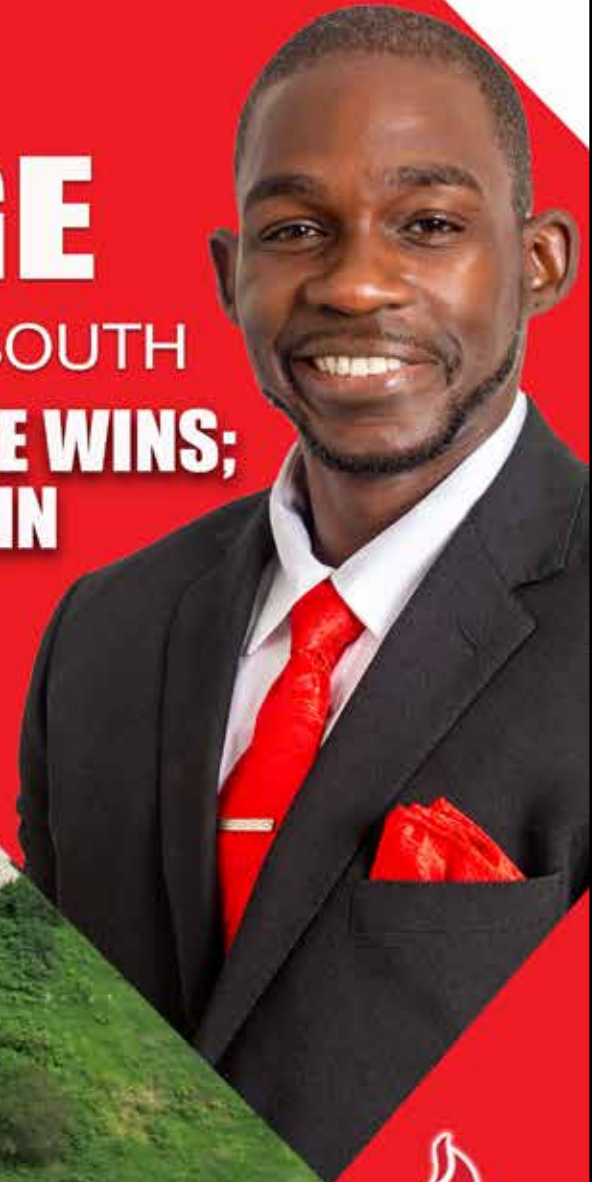
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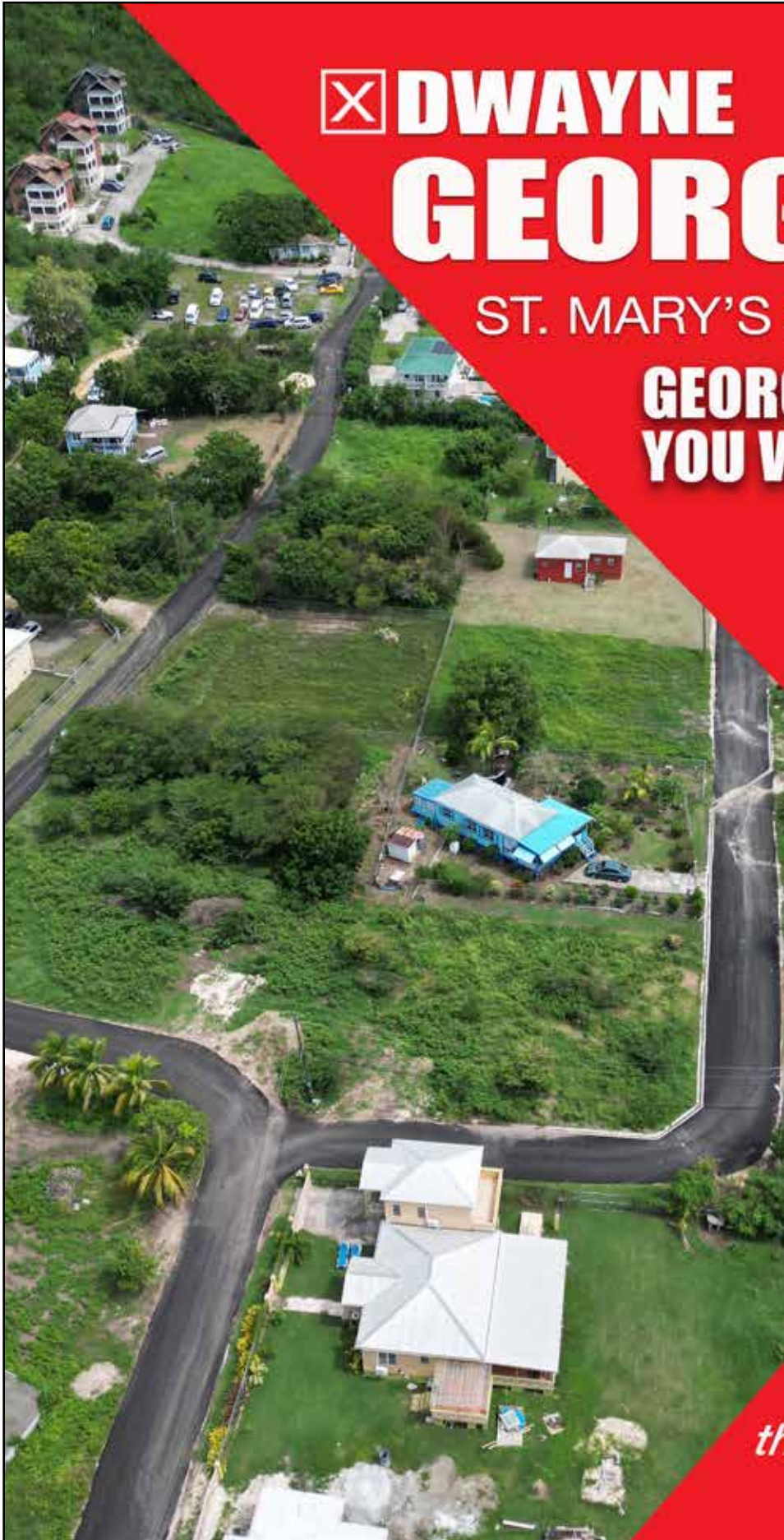
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Tea's company (two)

By **Tony Deyal**

With the West Indies out of the picture completely, and the two top teams, England and New Zealand started the World Cup 2023 on Thursday, I thought of what to write for today, especially since tomorrow, Sunday, is the big game between India and Australia. However, one thing none of us should ever forget is that it was the English who started cricket.

In fact, the British Playwright, Harold Pinter, told the Observer newspaper, "I tend to believe that cricket is the greatest thing that God ever created on Earth ... certainly greater than sex, although sex isn't too bad either." However, having written a column about coffee last week, many of my friends were insistent that today's column must be about tea. This is why I am going to start where Pinter left off and introduce you all to Cynthia Payne, a British housewife and brothel-keeper. When she was acquitted of running a house-of-ill-repute in South London (called the "sex-for-luncheon-vouchers" case) she explained, "I know it does make people happy, but to me it is just like having a cup of tea."

STICK WITH ENGLISH

I decided to stick with the English for a while since this is their proper-tea, "The

pleasures of afternoon tea run like a trickle of honey through English literature from Rupert Brooke's wistful lines on the Old Vicarage at Grantchester to Miss Marple, calmly dissecting a case over tea cakes at a seaside hotel." Poor Miss Marple does not know what she's missing in today's tea and company (especially with England playing its favourite game). Not cricket, but the "cricket thing". Brits were asked to suggest things that can be said both during cricket and sex (apart from "How much?") and from "nice shot" to "great timing" there were, "Very intelligent. Very Deep. Fine leg."; "It's getting pretty wet. Might need covers."; "Bringing out the helmet"; "Covers are already on, no chance of any action today"; "Grab the ball"; "Which end do you want?"; and "The third man is too deep." No wonder, as Alice Walker in *The Color Purple* said, "Tea to the English is really a picnic indoors."

It was no picnic for me. What happened was that my doctor found out that my cholesterol was higher than it should be and made it clear that I had to stop if I wanted to see my children graduate from nursery school. I told him I was very particular about what I drank – it had to be liquid not muck. However, I gave the matter considerable thought. Unable to rest in



Tony Deyal

my coffee comfort I spent the night wrestling with my conscience. Even now, the tea versus coffee debate is one that will never end for me and other coffee lovers. We are certain (from long and short experience) that coffee is the only known aphrodisiac for middle-aged men. The tea drinkers will retort that aphrodisiacs are no use to dead people or people with a hardening of the arterioles. We come up with names like "Folger's" and "Nescafe" and they go for "Earl Grey" and "Darjeeling" – one-upmanship and snobbery as an art form. What my wife threw at me was that when Prince Charles went to dinner at the White House, the president, knowing the British love of tea instead of coffee, gave him hot water with a tea-bag. When asked after the dinner why he didn't touch his tea, the prince replied,

"I didn't know what to do with the little bag." What I threw back at her was my "waiter" joke. The customer asked, "Waiter, is this supposed to be coffee or tea?" The Waiter replied, "What does it taste like?" The customer replied, "It tastes like gasoline!" The waiter then explained, "Well, sir, that would be the coffee. The tea tastes like turpentine." I then asked her, "If the tea and coffee were married and the tea leaves, does that give the coffee grounds for divorce?"

JUST JOKING

Actually, I'm just joking. Many years ago when I was a schoolboy and was being tutored by an Irish "Brother", I learned that in hot weather, like the ones we are experiencing in the Caribbean now, hot tea is the best option. This is why, once there is heat in the place like now, I take heat in

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the face and down the throat. While I grew up laughing at my family drinking “green” tea, I eventually found one that I really liked. I had gone to Mauritius to a SIDS (Small Island Developing States) Conference and tried a vanilla “infused” black tea from Sri Lanka. Until it was no longer available in Trinidad, it was my tea of choice. Now I’m back to coffee in the morning and black tea for most of the rest of the day. Actually, one of my PAHO colleagues met me at the conference and knowing me from my days in Barbados where all I had was coffee, asked, “Hey Tony! You’re drinking tea and not coffee? How long have you stopped?” It was something I had wanted to say from the day I switched to tea, “Oolong, my friend, oolong.”

I then told him my favourite story about what tea can do to you. An elderly lady went to the doctor for a check-up. Everything was fine. The old lady pulled the doctor to the side and said, “Doctor, I haven’t had sex for years now and I was wondering how I can increase my husband’s sex drive.” The doctor smiled and said, “Have you tried to give him Viagra?” The lady frowned. “Doctor, I can’t even get him to take aspirin when he has a headache.” The doctor advised, “Try this. Crush the Viagra into a powder. When you are giving him tea, stir it into the tea and serve it. He won’t

notice a thing.” The old lady was delighted. She left the doctor’s office quickly. Weeks later the old lady returned. She was frowning and the doctor asked her what was wrong. She shook her head. “How did it go?” the doctor asked. “Terrible, doctor, terrible.” “Did it not

work?” “Yes,” the old lady said, “It worked. I did as you said and he got up and ripped his clothes off right then and there and we made mad love on the table. It was the best sex that I’d had in 25 years.” “Then what is the problem, ma’am?” “Well,” she said. “The managers

at Lord’s and all the other cricket clubs in England have banned us for life.”

Tony Deyal was last seen saying that you should never accept tea from the Russian President. You never know with Vladimir Putin. Worse, his favourite is cruel-tea.



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Regulator sues Musk to force testimony in X probe

By Natalie Sherman

Financial regulators in the US are suing Elon Musk after the billionaire said he would no longer cooperate with its investigation into his purchase of Twitter, now known as X.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) asked a federal court to order him to comply with their request that he sit for a third session of testimony about the deal.

The move to sue followed receipt of a letter from a lawyer for Mr Musk, which said he refused to appear as requested.



Elon Musk

It accused the SEC of “harassment”.

“Unchecked government action is dangerous and the record here is troubling. Mr Musk declines to

acquiesce in the Commission’s incursions and therefore refuses to appear as you demand,” lawyer Alex Spiro wrote.

The lawsuit is the latest

feud between the SEC and Mr Musk, who once declared on national television that he had “no respect” for the regulator.

The SEC launched its investigation of Mr Musk’s \$44bn purchase of X last year.

The filing in San Francisco federal court said the agency is probing whether his 2022 stock purchases before he bought the company outright and statements he made about those investments broke securities laws.

Mr Musk participated in *cont’d on pg 15*

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two half-days of testimony via video conference in July, after he was subpoenaed, the SEC said. The agency said another session was necessary because nearly half of the documents it had received regarding the case came in after those meetings.

A letter from Mr Musk's attorney to the agency, shared as part of the exhibit, said it was "unclear why the staff requires further time diverting Mr Musk from his significant obligations to companies and shareholders...Enough is enough".

The SEC has locked horns with Mr Musk before.

In 2018, it charged him with defrauding investors by claiming in a Tweet that

he had "funding secured" to take Tesla, the electric car company he leads, private.

He later settled the charges, stepping down as chairman of the firm's board and agreeing to accept what was dubbed a Twitter sitter - limits on what he could write on social media about the company.

Mr Musk has repeatedly gone to court to have those limits removed, including most recently in February.

Separately, a judge in New York ruled this week that Mr Musk must face a lawsuit from former Twitter investors who claim he defrauded former shareholders by failing to promptly disclose his share purchases, but an insider trading claim was dismissed.

FORM No. 2
Form of notice of election
Representation of the People Act, CAP-379
Election Rules Rule 8

BY-ELECTION FOR THE ST. MARY'S SOUTH CONSTITUENCY

1. A by-election is to be held of a Member to serve in the House of Representatives for the said Constituency.
2. Nomination papers may be delivered by the candidate or his proposer or seconder to the returning officer at the **BOLANS GOVERNMENT SCHOOL** between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** on the **9th day of October, 2023.**
3. Forms of nomination papers may be obtained at the times and place aforesaid. The returning officer will at the request of any elector prepare for signature a Nomination paper.
4. If the by-election is contested, the poll will take place on the **24th day of October, 2023.**

D Parker
Denese Parker
Returning Officer

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

WRIT OF BY-ELECTION

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Antigua and Barbuda and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth,
 To the Returning Officer for the Constituency of **St. Mary's South**

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS by section 41 (3) of the Constitution, it is provided that where an elected member of the House vacates his seat in the House there shall be a by-election to fill the seat in the House vacated by that member;

AND WHEREAS on the 7th day of June, 2023, upon the resignation of Mr. Kelvin Simon, the elected member of the House, the seat in the St. Mary's South Constituency became vacant;

AND WHEREAS the 24th day of October, 2023 has been appointed as the date on which the by-election shall be held;

AND WHEREAS the 9th day of October, 2023 and **BOLANS GOVERNMENT SCHOOL**, have been appointed as the day and place respectively for **NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES** to contest the by-election;

AND WHEREAS the 24th day of October, 2023 has been appointed as the day upon which if necessary, the poll shall be taken;

AND WHEREAS the 25th day of October, 2023 has been appointed as the day on which the Writ shall be returned to me.

NOW THEREFORE, I, SIR RODNEY WILLIAMS GCMG, KGN, KSJ, DSc., PhD (h.c), **MBBS, FCAMA**, Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda, command you that, due notice being first given, you do cause a by-election to be made according to law of a Member to serve in the House of Representatives for the said constituency, and that you do cause the name of such Member when so elected, whether he be present or absent, to be certified to me on date above mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal this 2nd day of October and in the First Year of His Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of Our Lord 2023

Rodney Williams
 Governor General

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 (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2001

BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Notice of Appointment of Returning Officers

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Electoral Commission by Section 10(1) of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act 2001, the Commission hereby appoints the persons named in the first column of the Schedule hereto to be the Returning Officers for the Constituencies, as defined in the Constituencies Boundaries Commission Order, 1984 (S.I. No. 4 of 1984) and confirmed by S.I. No.2 of 1989 specified in the second column of the said Schedule opposite the name of such persons.

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John M. Jarvis
 John M. Jarvis
 Chairman, Electoral Commission

Dated the 2nd October, 2023

Shocking discovery: Officer found in submerged vehicle in BVI waters

There is grief in the British Virgin Islands after a police officer was found dead in a submerged vehicle.

The deceased has been identified as Police Detective Paul France, a UK National with a cumulative service of almost 40 years in police services in the UK and the BVI.

According to the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, earlier today officers responded to a report of a submerged vehicle in the Waterfront area, close to Queen Elizabeth II Park.

Upon their arrival, they discovered a white vehicle fully submerged in the water.

The public, showing remarkable solidarity, immediately assisted both the police and fire officers at the scene.

After a period of effort, they noticed an unresponsive male inside the vehicle.



Screengrab from JTV Channel 55 Facebook Live video of the search earlier today.

The lone male occupant was later recovered from the vehicle and declared deceased.

Commissioner of Police Mark Collins conveyed his heartfelt condolences to Detective France's family and expressed his gratitude to the

members of the public who lent their support during this devastating incident.

"The RVIPF has suffered the loss of one of our own," stated Commissioner Collins. "Detective France was

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Anguilla: Schoolboy found dead hours after park shooting

By **Melissa Wong**

The Royal Anguilla Police Force (RAPF) has come under heavy fire from the public after it has now become clear that there were two victims from the James Ronald Webster Park shooting incident... a 17-year-old boy who was shot and injured and a 14-year-old boy whose body was discovered later.

The body of Shaquan Richardson, 14, was found late at night in the park, hours after the shooting which occurred around mid-day on Thursday.

In a news conference today, Acting Commissioner of Police Robert Muir Clark explained that police received a report around 12:10 pm that there had been gunshots fired at the park and school children had been seen running away from the area.

The gunman was said to have escaped on foot.

On arrival at the scene, officers learnt a gunman had shot and injured a 17-year-old schoolboy who was taken to hospital for treatment. The Acting Top Cop says though serious, his injuries are not expected to be

life-threatening at this stage.

Later that day, just before 9:10 pm, police received a missing person's report from the mother of Shaquan Richardson, saying he had not returned from school and was last seen at the park.

Police returned to the scene and found Shaquan in a shrubbed area in tall grass where he was shot and murdered.

A murder investigation was immediately opened and a number of exhibits were retrieved from the scene.

A postmortem will be conducted within the next week.

Questioned as to how the student could have been missed at the crime scene, the Acting Police Commissioner said a cursory search was done and it will form part of the investigation.

Clark said it is a concern to him as to 'why we did not find Shaquan at the initial scene.'

In addition to this update, the Acting Police Commissioner said on Thursday a number of search warrants were executed in which four persons are now in custody



in relation to three shooting incidents that occurred this week.

In an address to the nation, Acting Premier of Anguilla Haydn Hughes says the incidences of gun violence continue to affect residents and visitors despite the work of the police force and the help of citizens to remove illegal firearms from the streets.

He said Anguilla is shocked by the reports of gun-related crimes. The Acting Premier said the glaring reality which residents woke up to sounds a deafening need for immediate and consulted interven-

tion if the country is to curb such daring and illicit acts.

"Our children expect and demand that we do no less," said Hughes.

Meanwhile, the Health Authority of Anguilla announced this evening that in response to the recent shooting incidents and as a precautionary measure to enhance the safety and security of everyone at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, it is temporarily suspending all visiting hours until further notice.

The hospital is working closely with local authorities and security teams to assess the situation and determine when it will be safe to resume visiting hours.

In the meantime, persons have been advised to stay connected with their loved ones through virtual means, phone calls, and messages.

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a highly regarded member of our organisation, and this tragedy profoundly saddens us. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family."

Meanwhile, Governor John Rankin CMG in a statement said he is saddened

to hear of the loss of Police Detective Paul France, a serving officer on the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force.

The BVI Governor said the family has been informed and he offers condolences to them and all members of the RVIPF for the loss of their fellow officer.

US moves battleships closer to Israel after Hamas attack

The US says it is moving an aircraft carrier and other ships to the eastern Mediterranean and will also give Israel additional equipment and ammunition.

It follows the Hamas attack on southern Israel, which President Biden called an “unprecedented and appalling assault”.

The US was also working to verify reports its citizens were among those killed and taken captive, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said.

Israel says more than 600 people have been killed and 100 kidnapped.

In Gaza, at least 313 people have been killed following retaliatory Israeli air strikes, according to Palestinian officials.

US defence secretary Lloyd Austin said the USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier, a missile cruiser and four missile destroyers were heading to the region. US fighter jets would also be sent.

Further military aid to Israel would be sent in the coming days, the White House said, adding that the US was working to ensure that Israel’s enemies would not try to seek advantage from the situation.

Iran’s President Ebrahim Raisi has expressed support for the Hamas attack, saying Israel needed to be held to account for endangering the



Israel’s UN ambassador holds up a picture of an Israeli woman captured by Hamas.

region.

Hamas has said assistance from Iran helped it carry out its attack, which involved rockets, drones and militants on paragliders and saw hundreds of fighters break through Israeli border fortifications around the Gaza Strip.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the US had not seen evidence of direct Iranian involvement, but that Iran had been helping the Gaza-based group for years.

“Hamas wouldn’t be Hamas without the support that it’s gotten over many years from Iran. We haven’t yet seen direct evidence that Iran was behind this particular attack or involved. But the support over many years is clear,” he told US TV.

Mr Blinken also said officials were looking at re-

ports that US citizens had been caught up in the attack.

“We’ve got reports that several Americans are among the dead. We’re working very actively to verify those reports,” he told US TV on Sunday. Other countries including the UK, France, Ukraine and Thailand have also reported deaths.

He told ABC that “this is a massive terrorist attack that is gunning down Israeli civilians in their towns, in their homes, and as we’ve seen so graphically, literally dragging people across the border with Gaza.

“So, you can imagine the impact this is having throughout Israel. And the world should be revolted at what it has seen.”

Hundreds of people are still reported missing. Among them is 23-year-

old American-Israeli Hersh Golberg-Polin, who was at a music festival in the desert which was stormed by militants. His parents told the Jerusalem Post they received two messages from him reading: “I love you” and “I’m sorry.”

Israel’s ambassador to the US, Michael Herzog, told CBS News that he understood Americans were among the soldiers and civilians abducted in southern Israel but did not have details.

The US sends billions of dollars of military aid to Israel, a close ally, each year. Since World War Two, Israel has been the largest overall recipient of US foreign aid.

The UN Security Council is due to meet in New York shortly to discuss the violence in Israel and Gaza.

Afghanistan earthquake: Race to rescue victims in Herat Province

Emergency teams in Afghanistan are racing to rescue people from the rubble left by a powerful earthquake that struck the west of the country.

More than 1,000 people are feared dead after the 6.3-magnitude quake hit villages in Herat Province on Saturday.

With communications down and many roads blocked, rescue workers are struggling to reach remote areas.

Hundreds have also been injured. The UN and other organisations have begun to rush in emergency supplies.

The earthquake struck about 40km (25 miles) north-west of the city of Herat at around 11:00 local time (06:30 GMT) on Saturday.

The worst-affected communities consist of mud structures. "In the very first shake all the houses collapsed," Herat resident Bashir Ahmad, whose family lives in one of the villages, told AFP news agency.

"Those who were inside the houses were buried," he added. "There are families we have heard no news from."

The World Health Organization (WHO) said at least 465 houses had been flattened.

Villagers have used shovels and their hands to pull survivors from the



Villagers are using their bare hands to pull people from what is left of their mud houses.

rubble. With their homes destroyed, many residents are preparing to sleep in the open for a second night.

The exact death toll is still being established. The UN's humanitarian affairs office in Afghanistan says more than 1,000 people have been killed, and about 500 are still missing.

Earlier on Sunday, the Taliban government said 2,000 people had either been killed or wounded.

In a country with sorely inadequate medical facilities, hospitals are struggling to care for the injured.

"For the treatment of the victims of the incident we are doing our best," disaster management ministry spokesman Mullah Janan Sayeq told reporters in Kabul.

"On-site search operations in the affected area are ongoing," he said.

Herat is located 120km

(75 miles) east of the Iranian border and is considered to be the cultural capital of Afghanistan. An estimated 1.9 million people are believed to be living in the province.

Afghanistan is frequently hit by earthquakes - especially in the Hindu Kush

mountain range as it lies near the junction of the Eurasian and Indian tectonic plates.

In June last year, the province of Paktika was hit by a 5.9 magnitude quake which killed more than 1,000 people and left tens of thousands homeless.



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Joseph takes over as captain of Leeward Islands Hurricanes

West Indies and Antigua fast bowler Alzarri Joseph has been entrusted with the white-ball (one-day and T20 matches) captaincy of the Leeward Islands Hurricanes for the upcoming Cricket West Indies (CWI) regional CG United Super50 Cup.

According to a media release from the Leeward Islands Cricket Board (LICB), Joseph will lead the Leewards Hurricane during the regional Super50 limited-overs tournament, which will take place in Trinidad and Tobago from October 17 to November 11.

Joseph has taken over the captaincy from Anguilla's wicketkeeper/batsman, Jahmar Hamilton. The release also stated that fellow West Indies and Antiguan all-rounder Rahkeem "Jimbo" Cornwall has been appointed as vice-captain of



West Indies fast bowler Alzarri Joseph

the Leeward Islands Hurricanes for the 50-over regional one-day tournament.

The LICA also announced the 14-member squad, which has been chosen to represent the Leeward Islands Hurricanes in the regional Super50 Cup.

Joseph and Cornwall are joined by four other

Antiguans in the squad, which the LICA claimed is a balanced combination of mixing young, promising talents with experienced players.

West Indies leg-spinner Hayden Walsh Jr., West Indies Under-19 wicketkeeper/batsman Jewel Andrew, and all-rounders Kofi

James and Karima Gore are the other Antiguan in the squad.

West Indies middle-order batsman Keacy Carty, opener Kieran Powell, and Hamilton have also been selected.

The rest of the players are off-spinner Daniel Doram, pacers Jeremiah Louis and Oshane Thomas, and all-rounders Justin Greaves and Terrance Warde.

The head coach is Stuart Williams, Antiguan Wilden "Polo" Cornwall is the assistant coach and manager, and Toni-Ann Greene is the physiotherapist.

The Leeward Islands Hurricane will begin their campaign in the regional Super50 Cup against defending champions, the Jamaica Scorpions, at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad at 1 pm on October 18.

Anjo Wholesale end Richie's Shooterz perfect run in Business basketball league

Anjo Wholesale ended the unbeaten run of Richie's Shooterz in the Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Business League Competition on Saturday night.

Anjo Wholesale notched up their fifth win in six encounters by securing a 60-52 victory against Richie's Shooters in the second game of a triple-header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Steven Matthew scored 16 points,

Andrew Venture had 14 points, Felix Hamilton sank 12 points, and Jahem James chipped in with 11 points for Anjo Wholesale to join Richie's Shooters at the top of the standings with identical records.

Lincoln Weekes converted 18 points, and Tavarus Benta had 11 points for Richie's Shooters, who lost for the first time after winning their five previous encounters.

Sledge O'Ballers claimed their

first win in six games by beating Police 68-52 in Saturday's first encounter. Kareem Edwards produced 22 points, and Harry Jules scored 11 points for the Sledge O'Ballers.

Javon Simon shot a game-high 27 points for the Police, who lost for the fifth time in as many games.

Trimingham Trucking Enterprises secured their fourth win in seven outings by snatching a 69-66 victory

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West Indies Women lose first ODI against Australia

BRISBANE, Australia- The West Indies Women's cricket team crashed to an 8-wicket defeat against Australia in the first One Day International (ODI) at the Allan Border Field in Brisbane yesterday (Sunday).

The West Indies Women posted one of their lowest ODI scores, crashing to just 83 runs all out in 27.3 overs.

While the total was far from satisfactory, Aaliyah Alleyne showed promise, standing tall amidst the falling wickets.

She managed to score an impressive 35 runs from just 39 deliveries, including seven boundaries. Her innings was a lone bright spot in what was otherwise a gloomy day for the West Indies Women.

The Australians, however, were on top of their game with Kim Garth leading the bowling attack. Her outstanding figures three

wickets for just eight runs made her a major headache for the West Indies batting line-up.

Not far behind, Ash Gardner also showcased her talent by taking two wickets for just 17 runs in her five overs.

Chasing a low score, the Australian team made quick work of the target. Captain Alyssa Healy, awarded Player of the Match, took charge and scored a brisk 38 off 36 balls, inclusive of seven boundaries.

Veteran player Ellyse Perry provided a steady hand with 20 not out, while Beth Mooney made six not out. The West Indies bowlers found little success, but Karishma Ramharack managed to shine by claiming one for 13. Cherry-Ann Fraser also claimed a wicket for 28 runs in her five overs.

In the post-match press conference, Head Coach



West Indies Women's Aaliyah Alleyne plays a sweep shot against Australia Women during the first One Day International at the Allan Border Field in Brisbane, Australia, on Sunday, October 8, 2023. (Albert Perez/Getty Images)

Shane Deitz acknowledged the team's shortcomings, but he emphasized the learning curve the youngsters are on.

"We sent some youngsters out to give them the opportunity and they did their best," said Deitz.

Deitz also touched

upon the team's strategy and expressed satisfaction with some aspects of their game. He appreciated how the players "moved into the ball and attacked it."

The absence of star player Hayley Matthew was felt during the match, but Deitz reassured fans, saying, "We decided to give her the time to heal and be ready for the next game. We'll monitor her closely."

With this game in the rearview, the focus now shifts to Melbourne's Junction Oval, which is all set to host the remaining two ODIs on Thursday, October 12, and Saturday, October 14.

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against Sir Lester Bird Medical Center, which lost for the sixth time in as many encounters.

Donte Trimmingham produced 23 points, Amare Browne sank 17 points, and T-Shawn Lewis and Daleonte Phillip each contributed 10 points for Trimmingham Trucking Enterprises.

Nigel Joseph converted 18 points, Delornje Jules scored 16 points, and Baldwin Anthony Jr. had 13 points for the Sir Les-

ter Bird Medical Center. The Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board and the Callan Shooters recorded wins.

The Transport Board notched up their sixth win in seven games by pulling off a 63-52 victory against Health First Pharmacy Fearless Crew.

The Callan Shooters claimed their fourth win in six games by romping to an emphatic 75-59 victory against reigning league champions Eye Mobile Vision Care.

Kohli, Rahul guide nervy India to win over Australia

CHENNAI, India, (Reuters) - India launched their home World Cup campaign with a six-wicket victory over Australia after Virat Kohli and KL Rahul guided them through a jittery run chase on Sunday.

The hosts probably expected their chase to be a cakewalk after their spin-heavy attack bundled out the five-times champions for 199 with three deliveries left in the Australian innings.

India, however, made a shocking start to their reply with three of their top four batters falling for ducks - for the first time in an ODI - inside two overs.

Dropped on 12 by Mitchell Marsh off Josh Hazlewood, Kohli went on to make 85 as he masterminded yet another successful chase for India.

His partner in the 165-run fourth-wicket stand, KL Rahul, produced a chanceless knock of 97 not out as India reached the target in 41.2 overs.

Australia would be particularly unhappy with their batting as no one reached fifty though David Warner (41) and Steve Smith (46) got decent starts after Pat Cummins elected to bat.

Kohli took a sharp, diving catch in the slip to dismiss Marsh for a duck when the opener edged Jasprit Bumrah in the third

over.

Warner and Smith combined in a rebuilding job though boundaries were not easy to come by as India's three-pronged spin attack applied the chokehold.

India had used Kuldeep Yadav sparingly in the buildup to the tournament wary of over-exposing him and the wrist-spinner struck two crucial blows.

Kuldeep broke the 69-run stand when he took a return catch to dismiss Warner before Jadeja (3-28) wrecked Australia's middle order.

The left-arm spinner pegged back Smith's off-stump, removed Marnus Labuschagne caught behind and trapped Alex Carey lbw to leave Australia reeling.

Kuldeep returned to remove Glenn Maxwell and Ravichandran Ashwin sent back Cameron Green to reduce Australia to 140 for seven.

Cummins hit their first six of the match in the 40th over but it was Mitchell Starc's 28-run cameo down the order that took them near the 200-mark.

Defending a paltry total, Australia's pace attack decided to fight fire with fire and Starc set the tone by removing Ishan Kishan for a first-ball duck.

India's poor start became a veritable nightmare



India's Virat Kohli, right, greets his batting partner KL Rahul after he scored fifty runs during the ICC Cricket World Cup match between India and Australia in Chennai, India, Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023. (AP)

as Josh Hazlewood began with a double-wicket maiden.

Hazlewood trapped Rohit lbw with his third ball and Shreyas Iyer became the third Indian to fall for a duck when he slapped the ball to Warner at short cover.

It could easily have been 20-4 for India had Marsh not dropped Kohli

in what proved a costly mistake.

While Kohli absorbed pressure at one end, Rahul released it by hitting Adam Zampa for three boundaries in one over as the batters focused on risk-free accumulation of runs.

Kohli fell to Hazlewood but Rahul held firm to seal India's victory with his second six.

Antiguan Pitman among WCA players to assemble for High Performance camp

One Antiguan will be among the West Indies Academy (WCA) players who will assemble in Antigua from today, Monday, October 9, for a High Performance camp ahead of their participation in the upcoming Cricket West Indies (CWI) regional CG United Super50 Cup.

Bethesda fast bowler Kelvin Pitman will be among the 14 players who will be under the guidance of Head Coach Andre Coley and Assistant Coach Rayon Griffith during the week-long camp at the Coolidge Cricket Ground (CCG) here in Antigua.

Pitman, who was select by the Jamaica Tallawahs and made his debut in the recent 2023 Caribbean Premier League T20 Tournament, has been an inaugural member of the West Indies Academy, which was launched last year.

The West Indies Academy, which added some emerging players this year, functions as a nexus between regional junior and senior teams while supporting the development of talented players between the ages of 19 and 25.

The Academy's objectives include: the management of talent; personal development – develop person first and then the player; accelerating player development and increasing readiness of players for international cricket; as well as building capacity of players, support staff and high-performance resources.

One other player from the Leeward Islands will also be a part of the camp. He is the Leeward Islands Under-19 team captain, Carlon Bowen-Tuckett. The squad will be captained by Barbadian all-rounder Nyeem Young.

Following the camp, the West Indies Academy players will travel to



Antiguan fast bowler Kelvin Pitman

Trinidad to participate in the eight-team CG United Super50 Cup.

The region's premier List A 50-over tournament will bowl off on Tuesday, October 17 and conclude on Saturday, November 11, with a new eight-team league format followed by the semi-finals and final to determine the 2023 CG United Super50 Cup Champions.

The West Indies Academy will begin their Super50 Cup campaign against the Combined Colleges and Campuses (CCC) on October 19.

Host Trinidad & Tobago Red Force will take on the CCC in the tournament's opening game at 9 am at the Queen's Park Oval on October 17. The Guyana Harpy Eagles will clash with the Windward Islands Volcanoes at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy later that same day at 1 pm.

The Leeward Islands Hurricanes and the Jamaica Scorpions will begin

their campaign when they clash at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy on October 18 at 1 pm.

The event will feature 31 matches to be played at three venues: the Brian Lara Cricket Academy (BLCA), the Queen's Park Oval (QPO) and the Sir Frank Worrell Cricket Grounds of the University of the West Indies Sport and Physical Education Centre (UWI SPEC) at the St. Augustine Campus.

All 13 matches at the BLCA, including the semi-finals and the final, will be televised live on ESPN Caribbean, with 12 of those matches being day/night games.

FULL WCA SQUAD: Nyeem Young (Captain), Ackeem Auguste, Joshua Bishop, Teddy Bishop, Carlon Bowen-Tuckett, McKenny Clarke, Matthew Forde, Leonardo Julien, Johann Layne, Kimani Melius, Matthew Nandu, Ashmead Nedd, Kelvin Pitman, and Kevin Wickham.

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dos was the most accurate shooter, converting 89 per cent of her shots during the tournament.

Goalkeeper Kerissa Thomas of Grenada won the award for the best defending player, while Shonica Griffith of Barbados captured the best center court player award.

Sixteen-year-old goal-keeper Kijana Johnson of Barbados claimed the youngest player award, while 52-year-old goal shooter Anna-Maria Panthier of Dominica took home the veteran player award.

Barbados also won the awards for the best shooting and best defending teams.

Champions Grenada was adjudged the most disciplined team, while the Cayman Islands was adjudged the best team on parade. Montserrat was named the "Come Back" team.

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Antigua and Barbuda finish third in ECCB netball series

Host Antigua and Barbuda finished in third place in the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) International Netball Series, which concluded at the YMCA Sports Complex on Saturday night.

Antigua and Barbuda clinched the bronze medals by finishing with an overall record of four wins and four losses in the nine-team round-robin tournament.

The host nation ended their campaign on a high note by snatching a hard-fought 52-49 victory against St. Kitts and Nevis in one of four games on the final day of competition.

Goal Shoot Rayana Regis converted 45 of her 54 shots for Antigua and Barbuda, while Goal Shoot Aaliyah Gibson scored 27 of 41 attempts and Goal Attack Rochella Challenger sank 22 of her 26 tries for St. Kitts and Nevis, who finished in fourth place.

The competition was won by Grenada, who dethroned St. Vincent and the Grenadines to become the new holders of the Gloria Ballantyne Trophy.

Only teams from the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St.



The Grenada team is presented with their awards for winning the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank International Netball Series at the YMCA Sports Complex on Saturday night.

Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Antigua and Barbuda competed for the Gloria Ballantyne Trophy.

The other two teams, Barbados and the Cayman Islands, benefitted from the opportunity to engage in World Netball (WN)-approved international matches for ranking points as the two guest teams in the tournament.

Grenada beat St. Lucia 43-24 in their final encounter to finish the competition with seven wins and one loss. The St. Lucians finished in sixth place with a record of two wins and six

losses.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines finished in the runners-up position, losing their final game 39-54 against Barbados to finish with a record of six wins and two losses.

Barbados played unbeaten throughout the tournament, comfortably winning all eight matches.

The other guest team, the Cayman Islands, ended their campaign with four wins and four losses after suffering a narrow 54-55 loss against Dominica in their final outing.

The Dominicans clinched fifth place with a

record of three wins and five losses.

Montserrat, the other team that participated in the event, lost all their games and finished in the cellar.

The event concluded with an awards ceremony after Saturday's final round of matches.

Goalkeeper Tanya Greene was named the Most Valuable Player for Antigua and Barbuda.

Goal Shoot Carlene Alexander of Grenada was the tournament's top shooter, scoring the most goals (368), while goal attack Lantonia Blackman of Barba-

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