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Prime Minister Gaston Browne is continuing his outreach to members of the gangs that are at the source of much of the crime and violence being perpetrated in the country today.

Following a successful meeting with The Point/Villa area-based 2 Drilly Gang last Thursday night, members of the Grays Farm Killers gang have reached out to the prime minister requesting a meeting with him as well.

PM Browne has agreed to the meeting that is now scheduled to take place tonight at the Multi-Purpose Cultural Centre, which is adjacent to the Grays Farm/Greenbay community.

According to the na-



Prime Minister Gaston Browne's leader the members of both the 2 Drilly Gang and the Grays Farm Killers have expressed a desire to have a truce and the prime minister sees this as a critical step in helping to negotiate an end

to the fighting that has been ongoing for perhaps several years with victims on both sides suffering serious and other injuries over that time.

Reporting on the meeting last Thursday with the

2 Drilly Gang members, the prime minister recalled that the members not only wanted to end the fighting, but that they had ambitions to be engaged in productive activities including operation a hatchery to produce eggs and a hydroponics facility to produce tilapia fish for commercial purposes.

PM Browne revealed that his main purpose for meeting with the gang was to begin a dialogue with the members on a programme that would eventually lead to the dismantling of the gang and reforming/rehabilitating the members. He recalled that it was such an effort he undertook back in the late 1990's and early *cont'd on pg 3*

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Highly successful youth job-fair held in The Point/Villa community

In a remarkable initiative aimed at empowering the youth within the Point and Villa Communities, Youths on the Move Inc., a youth non-political organization, on Saturday hosted a highly successful Job Fair and Resume Writing Workshop. The event, which took place with the support of the Prime Minister Gaston Browne, Member of Parliament for the St. John's City West constituency, attracted over 75 eager young participants.



has been active within the community for several years, is dedicated to equipping young individuals with the essential skills needed to become successful citizens of

Antigua and Barbuda. The Job Fair and Resume Writing Workshop is a testament to their ongoing efforts to uplift and empower the next generation," Senator Shenella Govia, one of the directors, stated.

A highlight of the event was the participation of prominent local organizations, including the management teams from the Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority, the Antigua Port Authority, State Insurance Compa-

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2000's with the involvement of community activist, Luther Lee and others that eventually led to the dismantling of the "Red Shirt Gang" that operated in the area at that time.

The prime minister is hoping for similar outcomes from his interactions with the 2 Drilly Gang as well as with the Grays Farm Killers, especially after his meeting with members of that gang tonight.

Sources at Thursday's meeting stated that an estimated forty members of the 2 Drilly gang were in attendance and were fully engaged in the discus-

sion. This was after the member of parliament for St. George was on his radio programme the night before encouraging the members not to attend as it was a 'trap' being set for them.

One member of the team who accompanied the prime minister, Mitchell Jeremiah, who himself has had a checkered past and who now dedicates his life to helping young people, described the meeting as 'very productive'.

"At the end of the meeting, I was able to speak with them on a one-on-one basis and they all expressed satisfaction with the outcome. They are

now asking what next? What does the prime minister have in store for us?" he reported.

Community activist, Luther Lee, another of the attendees, noted that the gang members are of the view that they are neglected by society as most have dropped out of school and, at the age of 15 or 16 years old, are not old enough in many cases, for gainful employment.

"They see robbery as a way out. But our message has to be that if they reform themselves and become productive members of society then 'the sky is the limit'," he stated.

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ny Limited, the New Work Experience Programme, the Antigua and Barbuda Emergency Medical Services, and the Ministry of Public Works. These organizations provided invaluable insights into their operations, career development tips, and potential job opportunities for the attendees.

Another director of Youths on the Move Inc., Caleb Gardiner expressed



pride in the event, noting the significant impact it had on the participants. “This event was geared towards enhancing the employability prospects of the young men and women in our community. By bringing potential employers directly to the youth, we aimed to bridge the gap between job seekers and job providers, making the process more accessible and less intimidating.”

Director Sanka Riley highlighted the on-the-spot resume and cover letter writing tips that were offered, stating, “Many participants were able to spruce up their resumes, increasing their chances of securing jobs. These practical sessions were invaluable, especially for those who needed that extra push to present themselves more professionally.”



The workshops on personal branding and interview preparation were also a vital component of the event, providing the participants with the tools they needed to make a lasting impression during job interviews. “These sessions were designed to build confidence and equip the youth with the skills necessary to navigate the competitive job market successfully.

“As Youths on the Move Inc. continues its mission to empower the youth of Point and Villa, the success of this event serves as a beacon of hope for the future of Antigua and Barbuda. The organization remains committed to fostering a generation of capable, confident, and community-oriented young citizens,” stated another Director, Anika Lee.

Others involved in the organization of the event were Samantha Albert, who played a critical role in the planning and execution of the event as well as Alane Garcia-Emanuel, whose tasks included interacting with members of the Spanish community, several of whom also attended the workshop.



Prime minister wants job-fair workshop replicated in other constituencies

Following the successful staging of the job-fair and resume writing workshop held at the Villa Polyclinic on Saturday, Prime Minister Gaston Browne said this should be a template for other constituency representatives to undertake in their respective constituencies. PM Browne said the workshop, an initiative spearheaded by the staff of his secretariat, was borne out of a recognition that many young people in the St. John's City West constituency were failing to get lucrative jobs that were available, because invariably, they would fail the interview.

"We have sent two or sometimes three persons to job interviews at institutions such as the Citizenship by Investment Unit or West Indies Oil Company only to have these individuals fail to secure the job mainly because of how they handled the interviews. This was one of the factors behind the hosting of this particular workshop," the prime minister noted.

The prime minister said this exposed a need to have a special session for young people on how to present themselves for interviews, how to dress, how to write letters of application and how to construct their resumes.

More than seventy young people attended Saturday's job fair with companies such as the State Insurance Company, the Antigua Port Authority, the Antigua and

Barbuda Airport Authority and departments such as the New Work Experience Programme (formerly the Job Programme) and the Antigua and Barbuda Emergency Ser-

vices among those who had booths where the young people were guided on how to apply etc.

Now the prime minister wants to see other constitu-

encies adopt this programme because he feels that these problems among the youth are not confined to those living in the St. John's City West constituency.

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Group photo with the three Antigua technicians in front (stooping)



Left to right Tundae Bruce, Courtney Kellman and Brandon Browne

ABEMS technicians complete high-impact training

Four technicians from the Antigua and Barbuda Emergency Medical Services (ABEMS) have successfully completed an intense training programme, held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The four; Tundae Bruce, Brandon Browne, Courtney Kellman, and Joanna Otto are being congratulated by the Ministry of Health for successfully completing their respective courses at the National Association of EMS Educators in Pittsburgh.

“Bruce, Browne, and Kellman participated in the EMS Instructor Course, which equipped them with advanced teaching skills vital for

training future emergency medical service professionals. Otto successfully completed the Optimize OB/ Neonate Course, focusing on the specialized care required for obstetric and neonatal emergencies,” a media statement from the ministry reported.

“The Ministry is proud of their accomplishments and looks forward to the invaluable contribution their enhanced skills will bring to the healthcare system in Antigua and Barbuda.

“Their dedication to professional development exemplifies the commitment needed to elevate the stan-



Joanna Otto during training

dard of healthcare in our nation. We wish them continued success in their careers,” the release added.

ABRSC declares September ‘Africa-CARICOM month

The Antigua and Barbuda Reparations Support Commission (ABRSC) recalls that in 2021 leaders of Africa and CARICOM countries committed to institutionalise cooperation between them and designated September 7 of every year as Africa CARICOM Day.

In 2023 ABRSC staged various programmes in celebration of the day to include a panel discussion ‘YOUTH and Reparations in the context of AFRICA-CARICOM unity’; a cultural programme ‘CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS’ featuring spoken word poets; and working in

conjunction with the Ministry of Education, a Schools ‘get-to-know-Africa’ programme.

ABRSC has declared September as AFRICA CARICOM Month and has issued its programme schedule. It includes a televised flag raising ceremony and remarks

by Prime Minister Gaston Browne on Friday September 06th;

Media interviews and statements from African and CARICOM leaders and organizations on September 07th;

A panel discussion ‘Africa and the Caribbean: Building a Common Future’ on

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Chinese firm awarded contract for Booby Alley housing development

A Chinese company has been awarded the contract to undertake the Booby Alley Housing Development Project, now expected to start shortly.

In making the announcement, Prime Minister Gaston Browne, said the name of the company has not yet been communicated to him, but already, the company has been in contact with the ministry of works.

PM Browne revealed that the com-

pany is expected in Antigua sometime soon as the ministry of works has to responsibility for getting certain aspects of the site ready such as the installation of electricity and water.

The project will be fully funded by the People's Republic of China government and it will involve the construction of between 150 and 200 condominium-type homes for residents of Booby Alley.

According to Browne the project is expected to be completed in 18-24 months' time.

On completion, the project will give a boost the nation's housing stock and it will serve as a template for other projects which the government intends to undertake in communities such as Grays Farms/Greenbay and other areas of St. John's where lands are not available in large quantities.

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Wednesday September 18th with panelists Hon E.P. Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Antigua and Barbuda, H.E Dr. Barbara Stewart, Deputy Sec. General, AU 6th Region Global, Steven Golding, Chair UNIA/Jamaica and Eric Philips, Vice Chair, International Affairs, CARICOM Reparations Commission.

The SCHOOLS 'get-to-know-Africa/CARICOM' programme and presentations on Friday September 26th where schools – primary, secondary (public and private) will demonstrate knowledge about an African or CARICOM country to possible include its location, population, national flag, official language(s), political leadership, cultural expressions etc.

A fund raising 'Africa-Caribbean Dress' dinner on Saturday 27th September.

ABRSC will issue details on each of its programmes. Special focus will be made on the AFRICAN UNION (AU)

support of the CARICOM reparations claim and the emerging range of Pan-African developmental initiatives

and projects. ABRSC calls for on the public to support its activities and 'to recognize the potential social and

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Dadlibots announces the 2024 FGC Greece robotics team

DadliBots is set to raise the national flag of Antigua and Barbuda boldly in the birthplace of competitive sports, when 190-plus countries unite in Athens, Greece from 26 – 29 September for the 2024 FIRST Global Challenge (FGC); where robotics and athletics will merge under the theme: “Feeding the Future”.

The FIRST Global Challenge is an olympics-style, international robotics competition that takes place annually; where nations are invited to send a team to build and program a robot to compete. Teams work together to complete tasks in a game themed around one of the greatest challenges facing our planet, including the 14 Grand Challenges for Engineering, in an effort to foster understanding and cooperation among the youth of the world as they use their abilities to solve the world’s problems.

FIRST Global strives to convince the various governments and organizations of the world to embrace STEM education, and to support it by investing in their young adults that will soon begin to make their marks in the world. FIRST Global believes that by making science and technology as exciting as any other sport, we can inspire the world’s two billion youth to pursue STEM fields and be the leaders who collectively solve our planet’s most pressing problems.

Sustainable food production is one of the defining challenges of the 21st century. This year’s FGC theme challenges FIRST Global teams of students from around the world to learn about and address the obstacles and opportunities to provide the global population with equitable, safe, nutritious, and environmentally responsible food.



DadliBots is the national robotics team that began competing in the FIRST Global Challenge since 2018. Every year it continues to inspire many students across Antigua and Barbuda to consider becoming engineers; so they can play their part in helping to build a brighter future.

The competition team for 2024 even came together thanks to the (B)oosting (R)enewables and (I)nfrastructure (G)lobally by (H)arnessing (T)echnology - (BRIGHT) Hack Challenge – an ongoing school STEM hackathon organized by team mentor Mr. Elijah James and partners such as The Local App that is geared at helping young minds explore creative ideas on how robotics, along with oth-

er technologies can be used to solve problems in our community.

DadliBots spent the summer preparing for competition by actively promoting “Robotics as a Sport” and the FGC theme “Feeding the Future” amongst hundreds of our peers in STEM Camps such as “TechByte” at American Corner Antigua and “STEM InFuSed” with the Ministry of Education.

Students that are interested in STEM education that is provided for FREE by DadliBots can register at - www.antiguabarbudarobotics.org or follow via social media channels: @dadlibots

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Organizations that are interested in supporting the work of DadliBots and its efforts in developing the potential of youth across Antigua and Barbuda can assist the national team that is currently in the process of fundraising to cover the costs for hosting workshops and participating in the annual competition including student uniforms, team registration, accommodation and travel.

Donations can be made online here - <https://first.global/2024-nations/antigua-and-barbuda-2024/> or otherwise via email to: support@antiguabarbuda-robotics.org

To learn more about the 2024 FIRST Global Challenge

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Meet the FGC 2024 National Team Members:

Brielle (Driver): is 15 years old and attends the Antigua Girls High School. As an aspiring Aerospace Engineer, she is a creative



Team Antigua and Barbuda (DadliBots) - FGC 2024 Athens, Greece

at heart, who has always been intrigued with disassembling and repurposing her toys to make them more flexible. She believes that technological innovation in agriculture is critical to enhancing crop production yields and reducing negative environmental effects.

Lemario (Leader): is 17 years old and attends the Antigua Seventh-Day Adventist Secondary School. He has a deep passion for accounting and would love to explore how things work by applying scientific principles to real world scenar-

ios possibly as an Information System Specialist or even as a Pilot. He wants to advocate for increased funding for research and development in agriculture technology since it could help improve soil health, water conservation systems and renewable energy sources for farmers.

Reanna (Coder): is 17 years old and attends the Seventh-Day Adventist Secondary School. Her love for numbers and equations has her aspiring to pursue a programming career as a Software Engineer. She would like to see more significant investments being made to ensure STEM education is mainstreamed in the education system; so that future generations are equipped with the skills necessary to confront and sustainably resolve global energy challenges.

Tiskna (Inventory): is

14 years old and attends the St Anthony's Secondary School. She loves meeting new people and dreams of becoming either an Entrepreneur, Fashion Model or even possibly a Teacher. While Antigua and Barbuda is well known as a remarkable tourism destination, she believes that just as much or even more attention should be given to boosting the agriculture sector.

Xion (Engineer): is 14 years old and attends the St Joseph's Academy School. From an early age he's always been drawn to the sciences and is preparing a career path towards becoming a Civil Engineer. He believes that a HUGE overlooked opportunity that many nations should consider to not only help reduce food waste, but also provide a renewable source of cleaner energy is composting food scraps.





Jewel Andrew



Uchenna Ohaegbulam

Minister of Education, Sports, and The Creative Industries congratulates Uchenna Ohaegbulam and Jewel Andrew on remarkable achievements

The Minister of Education, Sports, and The Creative Industries, Hon. Daryll S. Matthew, extends heartfelt congratulations to Uchenna Ohaegbulam and Jewel Andrew for their outstanding accomplishments, which have brought great pride to Antigua and Barbuda.

Uchenna Ohaegbulam has excelled in the 2024 Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) examinations, achieving top marks across multiple subjects.

His academic success is a shining example of the dedication, discipline, and perseverance that we strive to foster in all our students. Uchenna's achievements are a reflection of not only his hard work but also the unwavering support from his family, teachers, and the broader educational community. His success speaks volumes about the quality of education in Antigua and Barbuda and the bright future that lies ahead for our young scholars.

Equally deserving of praise is Jewel Andrew, who delivered an outstanding performance of fifty (50) not out



Minister of Education, Sports, and The Creative Industries, Daryll S. Matthew in the first Caribbean Premier League (CPL) match for the Antigua and Barbuda Falcons. His skill, determination, and sportsmanship on the field have earned him recognition as one of the promising talents in our nation's cricketing landscape. Jewel's success underscores the positive impact of sports development programs in Antigua and Barbuda and serves as an inspiration to other young athletes.

These remarkable achievements by Uchenna and Jewel speak volumes

about the growth and development of our young people. They embody the spirit of excellence that we aim to cultivate in all areas — whether in academics, sports, or the creative industries. Their successes are a source of immense pride for our nation and serve as an inspiration to other young individuals who aspire to reach similar heights.

As the Minister of Education, Sports, and The Creative Industries, I am committed to ensuring that our youth continue to receive the support and resources they need to excel in their chosen fields. The accomplishments of Uchenna and Jewel demonstrate that with hardwork, dedication, and the right opportunities, our young people can achieve greatness and contribute meaningfully to the development of Antigua and Barbuda.

We look forward to witnessing even greater achievements from these two remarkable young individuals and from all the young people of our nation.

Victory Center receives wellness equipment from Halo

The Victory Center, school for children with special needs, received an array of wellness equipment which were presented to them on Friday at Government House by Lady Williams, President of the Halo Foundation.

Kelly Hedges, Principal of the Victory Center, accepted the supply of items which included a rocking chair, several soft exercise balls, professional yoga mats an extensive collection of stress balls, an easel whiteboard, a set of dry erase markers and two wall clocks.



Lady Williams commented that “the Victory Center’s wish list, which was published on Halo’s website, detailed the wellness requirements for their

students — and we opted to provide these. At the end of each quarter, the aim is to assist one of the many charities under our patronage in acquiring one or more items on their communicated wish list.”

The Halo Foundation website (foundationhalo.org) reiterates that the students at the Victory Centre have conditions which “range from Autism, Down Syndrome, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) and developmental delays, along with various learning disabilities.”

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Commentary



Statement on the passing of Sir Shridath “Sonny” Ramphal

The UWI Regional Headquarters, Jamaica W.I. Friday, August 30, 2024 —“Sonny contributed much to the development of Caribbean civilization and institutions. I am sorry for his passing, but I am proud of his contributions. In every sense he was one of our greatest leaders and impactful citizens.”

Vice-Chancellor of The University of the West Indies, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles responded to news of Sir Shridath “Sonny” Ramphal’s passing. Sir Hilary expressed

his condolences on behalf of the University, recognising Sonny’s stature as a distinguished scholar and statesman, whose contributions to the University, the region, and the world cannot be forgotten.

Between 1989 and 2003, Sir Shridath served as Chancellor of The University of the West Indies. A tribute to his contribution to the University’s mission and vision is the Shridath Ramphal Centre for International Trade Law, Policy, and Services. It



Sir Shridath “Sonny” Ramphal

was named after Sir Shridath in recognition of this distinguished Caribbean states-

man’s critical role in shaping the region’s trade and economic development policies during the early days of independence. This Centre aims to develop trade capacity and develop innovative trade solutions for the Caribbean region.

Throughout Sir Shridath’s career, he played various exemplary and pioneering roles. Among them, serving as the Commonwealth’s Secretary General, Guyana’s Foreign Affairs Minister, the British West Indies Federation’s Assistant Attorney General and the West Indian Commission’s Chairman. A former director general of CARICOM’s Office of Trade Negotiations, now known as the Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery, he served as the first Director General.

It was Sonny’s mission to promote both democracy and regionalism. In his role as a legal draftsman, he worked on the constitutions of the West Indies Federation and

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Opinion



Go ahead, make my day!

By Tony Deyal

A man bumps into a woman in a hotel lobby and, as he does, his elbow goes into her breast. They are both quite startled. The man turned to her and said, “Ma’am, I’m so sorry but, if your heart is as soft as your breast, I know you’ll forgive me.” Without batting an eye, she replied, “If your thing is as hard as your elbow, I’ll be in room 221.”

It is like the calypsonian who sang about the woman who promised to give him “some thing, thing, thing”. The joke and the calypso were from an earlier time when having a mix of sex and humour was important, especially in the calypso tents. Here’s another joke that is from that same era. “A man was lying on his deathbed, surrounded by his family - a weeping wife and four children. Three of the children were tall, good looking and athletic. However, the fourth and youngest was an ugly runt. “Darling wife,” the husband whispered, “ please assure me that the youngest child really is mine. I want to know the truth before I die, I will forgive you if ...” The

wife gently interrupted him. “Yes, my dearest, absolutely, no question, I swear on my mother’s grave that you are his father.” The man then died happily with a smile. The wife muttered under her breath, “Thank God he didn’t ask about the other three.”

While these are still around, increasingly they are being replaced by comments and jokes like, “I was in my car driving back from work. A police officer pulled me over and knocked on my window. I said, ‘One minute, I’m on the phone.’” In most of the Caribbean, that driver will never ever bother to stop. Here are two more of what is happening to humour, not just that it is shorter, but the jokes are designed differently: “I always take my wife morning tea in my pyjamas. But is she grateful? No, she says she’d rather have it in a cup.” (Eric Morecambe) and “Crime in multi-story car parks. That is wrong on so many different levels.” (Tim Vine). Here are a few more which I call “down to Trump”. “It takes a lot of balls to golf the way I do.”; “I told him to be himself; that was pretty mean.”;



Tony Deyal

and “Don’t you hate it when some answers their own questions? I do.”

These are all called ‘one-liner jokes’. While they have been around for a long time, it is only in the past few years they have become very popular. They are all delivered in a single line which is punchy, concise, and clever. The ‘jokers’ often make use of the play on words, double meaning, or double entendre. Some of the top comedians, like Milton Jones, Jimmy Carr and Steven Wright, use one-liners for most of their jokes. Interestingly, one-liners are also used in film and TV and these become and remain memorable for years.

In When Harry Met Sally, there is, “When you realise you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the test of your life to start as soon as possible.” And, in Love Story, “Love means never having to say you’re sorry.” In Goldfinger, there was, “Shaken, not stirred.” And my favourite from Sudden Impact, featuring Clint Eastwood, “Go ahead, make my day!”

For me, the ‘one-liner’ became famous as part of the Edinburgh International ‘Fringe’ Festival in August 1947, two days before my birth. The early jokes included, “Trump’s nothing like Hitler. There’s no way he could read a book.” (Frankie Boyle); “I’ve given up asking rhetorical questions. What’s the point?” (Alexei Sayle); and “I’m looking for the girl-next-door type. I’m just gonna keep moving house till I find her.” (Lew Fitz). There are also two that I really like because of the

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Guyanese Independence. As an architect of multi-racial democracy in the post-colonial period, he played a crucial part. He was instrumental in securing the Treaty of Chaguaramas, which has served to preserve and protect the regional character of The UWI. A first for the Commonwealth, he made history as its first Secretary General from a “third world” country. In his long service as

Secretary General of the Commonwealth, he played an important diplomatic role in ending apartheid and freeing Nelson Mandela.

A heartfelt condolence is extended to Sir Shridath’s family, friends, colleagues, and those whose lives he touched. “We will honour his memory by upholding the values and principles he stood for,” said Vice-Chancellor Beckles. “May the soul of Sonny rest in peace.”

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puns, "I wasn't particularly close to my dad before he died ... which was lucky, because he trod on a land mine." (Olaf Falafel); and "As a vegan, I think people who sell meat are disgusting, but apparently people who sell fruit and veg are grocer." (Adele Cliff). Now, on to Helm. He won the tournament with, "I need a password eight characters long so I picked up Snow White and the Seven Dwarves."

One of my favourites, Time Vine, won in 2011 with, "I've just been on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday. I'll tell you what, never again." He then won again in 2014 with, "I've decided to sell my Hoover - well, it was just collecting dust." Vine was followed in 2015 by Darren Walsh with another one-liner which also needed some thought, "I just deleted all the German names off my phone. It's Hans free."

Then Ken Cheng hit the jackpot in 2017, saying, "I'm not a fan of the new pound coin, but then again, I hate all change."

In 2021, Masai Graham came up with a brilliant play on words, "I thought the 'Caesarean' began with the letter 'S' but, when I looked in the dictionary, it was in the 'C' section." He got it the next year (2022), as well, with, "I tried to steal spaghetti from the shop but the female guard saw me and I couldn't get pasta." Last year, in 2023, Lorna Rose Treen became the first female comedian to win the accolade with, "I started dating a zookeeper, but it turned out he was a cheetah."

So, not to be a cheetah myself, here are some of the best this year at the Fringe. Lou Wall at Number 13 said, "Gay people are very bad at maths. We don't naturally multiply." Then, at Number 12, was Roger Swift with, "I've got

a girlfriend who never stops whining. I wish I'd never bought her that vineyard." One I like at Number 8 was by a regular, Masai Graham, "I wanted to know which came first, the chicken or the egg. So I bought a chicken and then I bought an egg and I think I've cracked it." Olaf Famarel, another of the regulars, spoke volumes with, "My dad used to say to me 'Pints, gallons, litres', which I think speaks volumes." Mark Simmons won fifth with, "I love the Olympics. My friend and I invented a new type of relay baton: well, he came up with the idea, I ran with it." Then Simmons won the first place with, "I was going to sail around the globe in the world's smallest ship but I bottled it."

Tony Deyal hopes that one day he will be there in Edinburgh and, instead of a hearse, he will be on a horse, and, if not in a coffin, he will be buffing around the Fringe.



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CARICOM to launch Mental Health First-Aid Programme

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) is set to launch a Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Programme aimed at equipping youth directors, development workers, and leaders with essential skills to support young people facing emotional and mental health challenges.

This initiative comes as part of CARICOM's ongoing efforts to address mental health issues among the region's youth population.

Michele Small-Bartley, Programme Manager for Youth Development at the CARICOM Secretariat, emphasized the programme's significance.

"Our goal is to prepare and empower our youth directors, youth officers and youth leaders across the Community to recognise and address the needs of these individuals, ensuring that those in need receive the care and guidance they require," she stated.

The MHFA Programme will run for six weeks, commencing in September 2024.

It will be offered free of charge to participants, reflecting CARICOM's commitment to accessible mental health resources.

Small-Bartley explained that the programme will be experiential, with a strong emphasis on a hands-on approach and



Michele Small-Bartley, Programme Manager for Youth Development at the CARICOM Secretariat

fieldwork to ensure participants learn and apply the knowledge and skills in real-world situations.

Targeting youth directors, officers, and leaders across CARICOM member states, the programme will provide participants with the tools and knowledge to become effective first responders in mental health situations.

This initiative is particularly crucial for supporting young people who may be in greater need of attention but reluctant to seek professional help.

Small-Bartley ex-

pressed enthusiasm for the potential impact of the programme.

"We look forward to active participation from the Region's youth stakeholders in this initiative.

The Secretariat is excited about MFHA's potential positive impact on youth and effectively preparing our communities to navigate mental health challenges," she stated.

The MHFA Programme is part of CARICOM's ongoing efforts to build capacity among Caribbean youth. It follows two successful initiatives earlier

this year.

In April 2024, CARICOM collaborated with the Pan American Health Organisation's (PAHO) Climate Change and Health Project (CCH), engaging CARICOM Youth Ambassadors (CYAs) and regional youth leaders in knowledge sharing to effect change on climate change and health issues.

Subsequently, in July 2024, CYAs benefitted from enhanced skills in advocacy for the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) during a CYA-CSME Attachment Programme.

Invitations to participate in the MHFA Programme have been shared with ministries responsible for youth development across the region, with a particular focus on youth directors and officers.

CARICOM encourages all eligible individuals to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to enhance their skills in supporting youth mental health.

For more information about the CARICOM Mental Health First Aid Programme, interested parties are encouraged to contact their local ministry responsible for youth affairs or the CARICOM Secretariat directly.

Guyana pays tribute to Sir Shridath Ramphal

CMC - The Guyana government Friday paid tribute to Sir Shridath Ramphal, describing him as a “regionalist par excellence” and saying that he played a “pivotal role in settling our maritime dispute with Suriname” as well as being one of the leading lawyers in the ongoing border dispute with Venezuela.

Sir Shridath, 95, died peacefully, surrounded by his family, according to a statement issued by his son-in-law, Sir Ronald Sanders, the Antigua and Barbuda ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States.

President Irfaan Ali said his death “marks the end of an era, not only for Guyana but for the entire Caribbean and the Commonwealth of Nations. We mourn the loss of an outstanding statesman, a regionalist par excellence, and a committed internationalist. Sir Shridath’s life was one of magnificent service—dedicated to his homeland, to the region, and to the world.”

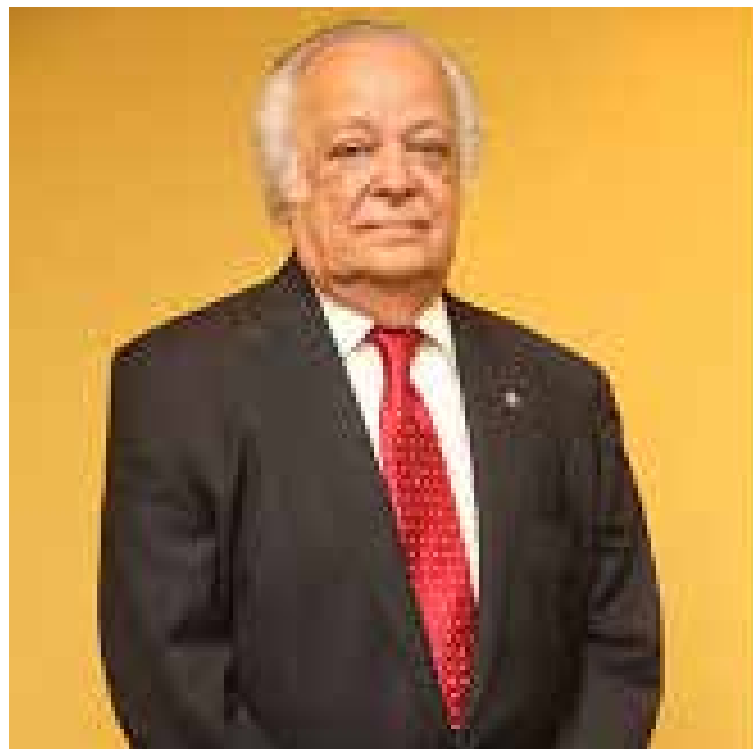
Ali said Guyana will recall “with deep appreciation, his unflagging commitment to defending Guyana’s territorial integrity and sovereignty. His efforts before the International Court of Justice in the case against Venezuela and the Tribunal of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) in the maritime dispute with Suriname were not just a service to the nation; they were acts of supreme and selfless devotion to the

land that nurtured him. He was deservedly the recipient of Guyana’s highest national award, the Order of Excellence.”

Ali said that as Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, “he stood tall against the injustices of apartheid, becoming a voice for the oppressed and a champion for justice and equality. His firm opposition to apartheid rule will be remembered as one of the defining aspects of his illustrious international career. His contributions went beyond the Commonwealth, shaping international relations with his wisdom and leadership.

“The Caribbean, a region that was always close to his heart, benefited immensely from Sir Shridath’s dedication to regional integration. His efforts helped the Caribbean secure its rightful place in global negotiations, protecting and advancing the interests of our member states. His role as Chairman of the West Indian Commission helped to provide direction, impetus and revitalization to the regional integration process in the post-Cold War era.”

Ali said that Sir Shridath “was more than a statesman; he was a gem of Guyana, a towering figure in the Caribbean, and a respected leader in the Commonwealth. His loss is deeply felt, but his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come. Guyana has lost one of its finest sons, and the Caribbe-



Sir Shridath Ramphal

an and the Commonwealth, a giant among men,” Ali said, adding “our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time of grief.”

In a separate statement, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, Anil Nandlall said that Guyana and the Caribbean have lost a most distinguished son, but that Sir Shridath “lived a full life and left an unmistakable mark. The footprints of his contribution will remain embedded on the national and global stage for generations to come,” said Nandlall, noting that Sir Shridath was the author of numerous publications “on significant national and international issues, including scholarly works on Guyana’s border controversy with both Suriname and Venezuela.

“For his outstanding contribution on the international

stage, Sir Shridath is the recipient of a number of prestigious national awards from countries across the Commonwealth, including New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and the Caribbean. He is the recipient of Guyana’s highest national award, the Order of Excellence.”

Nandlall said that in terms of Guyana’s border controversies, Sir Shridath played a pivotal role in settling the maritime dispute with Suriname and that he was the Co-Agent and Counsel on the Guyana-Suriname Maritime Arbitration between 2004 – 2007.

“In respect of the ongoing case between Guyana and Venezuela, Sir Shridath was one of the leading lawyers from the inception. He remained part of the legal team until his demise.

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Haiti: US to restart immigration programme

CMC - The Department of Homeland Security says it will restart the issuance of Advance Travel Authorizations (ATAs) for the Humanitarian Parole Programme to Haiti, which had been temporarily suspended several weeks earlier over fraud concerns.

In a statement, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), an agency of the Department of Homeland Security, said other nationals to benefit as a result, will be those from Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela who apply to come to the United States with the help of a sponsor.

The programme had been paused in July after an internal report found that more than 100,000 applicants for the programme were supported by just over 3,200 US-based sponsors and described as “serial sponsors”.

Those applications were red-flagged for potential fraud amid concerns that the large numbers of migrants sponsored by just a few individuals could point to human trafficking.

The review found “a very small number of supporters were found to have fraud or criminal issues warranting referral to law enforcement.”

“The internal review analysed a number of criteria and trends to assess possible indicators of fraud or



ineligibilities related to U.S.-based sponsors,” the spokesperson said in a statement. “In the majority of cases, these indicators were ultimately found to have a reasonable explanation and resolved. For example, a supporter had entered a typographic error when submitting their information online.”

As part of an internal review, DHS has implemented updated safeguards to the processes. Applicants have been told that they should continue to monitor their myUSCIS account for updated information regarding their ATAs. Individuals with a valid, unexpired ATA are permitted to travel.

“DHS is committed to holding accountable those who commit fraud or attempt to exploit others for financial

gain. Anyone found to have committed fraud or other abuse will be referred to law enforcement for possible prosecution,” a department spokesperson said.

Sponsors must now show they can financially support the number of immigrants they are sponsoring and “serial filers who do not meet these qualifications or otherwise appear to be exploiting or abusing the process will be non-confirmed”.

The DHS spokesperson said that all migrants who have been admitted to the US under the programme so far have been thoroughly screened and vetted, and that DHS has not identified issues of concern relating to the screening and vetting of programme beneficiaries.

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“Being privileged to be afforded an opportunity to work with that team and appear at the International Court of Justice, I had the first-hand opportunity of observing Sir Shridath at work. I found it an intellectually stimulating exercise. He was already in his 90s but his agility of mind and intellectual nimbleness was super-

lative. Even at that age, his energy and enthusiasm were boundless.”

Nandlall said that when Sir Shridath could not travel, he would call to have discussions during the work sessions and before and after every Court Hearing.

“The respect which he commanded from the other legal luminaries on the team was simply extraordinary,”

Nandlall said.

He said Sir Shridath’s life, at the age of nearly 96, “was a long and distinguished one, achieving heights on the global stage to which most hardly aspire, let alone attain.

He was born in humble beginnings in New Amsterdam, British Guiana” and rose to become a respected international statesman, “and one of the most iconic fig-

ures of the Caribbean.

“A definite blot on an otherwise superlative professional career would have been that period in the 1960s and early 1970s when he functioned as Attorney General, Minister of Justice and Minister of Foreign Affairs of a Government that assumed office through elections widely regarded as fraudulent.”



Police used water cannon to try to disperse the crowds in Tel Aviv.

Tens of thousands rally in Israel calling for hostage release deal

Tens of thousands of people have rallied across Israel after the bodies of six hostages held by Hamas in the Gaza Strip were recovered by soldiers, causing national outrage.

Protesters - many clad in Israeli flags - descended on Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and other cities, accusing PM Benjamin Netanyahu and his government of not doing enough to reach a deal to secure the release of the remaining hostages taken by Hamas during the 7 October attacks.

Sunday's protests were largely peaceful - but crowds broke through police lines, blocking a major highway in Tel Aviv. This comes as a major Israeli labour union, Histadrut, called for a nationwide general strike on Monday, pressing for a hostage deal.

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said earlier that the six bodies were found on Saturday in an underground tunnel in the Rafah area of southern Gaza.

The hostages were identified as Carmel Gat, Eden Yerushalmi, Hersh Gold-

berg-Polin, Alexander Lobanov, Almog Sarusi and Master Sgt Ori Danino.

The IDF said they had been killed shortly before its troops reached them on Saturday.

This triggered Sunday's protests, with crowds accusing the government and Mr Netanyahu personally of failing to save the remaining hostages.

In Tel Aviv, protesters broke through police lines on to Ayalon Highway late on Sunday.

Some people scaled buses and bins to gain a vantage point over the march, while others surrounded someone wearing a mask of Mr Netanyahu, chanting: "Alive, alive, we want them alive."

One demonstrator held a sign which read: "You are the head. You are to blame".

Crowds also chanted slogans including "policemen, policemen who are you protecting" and "shame, shame".

Some set fires on the road and draped yellow ribbons - a symbol of sol-

idarity with the hostages.

Naama Lazimi, a Labor Party lawmaker, told the BBC she was lightly injured after police let off stun grenades and she fell down.

She described the protests as "significant and important", but said the "question is what happens tomorrow".

Among the protesters was Eli Shtivi, whose son Idan is being held hostage in Gaza.

"We hope that those who make the decisions will wake up," he told the BBC. "We don't have time any more."

He said people from all strands of Israeli society took part in Sunday's rallies, united in wanting the hostages returned.

"I miss my child so much. All the families are kind of hostages too," Mr Shtivi said.

Noga Burkman, another demonstrator in Tel Aviv, told the BBC she "couldn't stay at home any more".

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“People understand that now we need to break the rules and do something,” she said, adding that “tonight is just the beginning”.

Elsewhere, in the city itself, the gathering saw a diverse mix of protesters, with one group of young scouts leading chants.

In Jerusalem, a massive crowd of demonstrators gath-

ered outside the prime minister’s office.

One 50-year-old man told the BBC that the demonstrations were far bigger than any previous ones. “It’s a totally different game today,” he said. “A different scale to anything before.”

Among those present at the protests in Tel Aviv was 24-year-old Yotam Peer, whose 21-year-old brother

was killed on 7 October in the Hamas attacks. He told the BBC: “After we heard about the six hostages, we couldn’t be silent any more. It’s really important. We don’t have a choice any more.”

Local media reported that opposition leader Yair Lapid was present. The former prime minister, who leads the Yesh Atid party, earlier backed calls for a mass strike

to force Mr Netanyahu into a deal over the release of the hostages.

Calling the general strike, union leader Arnon Bar-David said: “We must reach a deal. A deal is more important than anything else.” He added: “We are getting body bags instead of a deal.”

Families of the hostages have been pushing for a nationwide strike as part of efforts to get a ceasefire agreement between Mr Netanyahu’s government and Hamas for weeks.

The Hostages Families Forum said that the six captives, whose bodies were recovered by Israeli military, were “murdered in the last few days, after surviving almost 11 months of abuse, torture and starvation in Hamas captivity”.

“The delay in signing the deal has led to their deaths and those of many other hostages,” it said.

The prime minister said he was committed to securing a deal that releases the remaining captives and protects the country’s security. But he said: “Whoever murders hostages does not want a deal.”

The far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich was quick to condemn the general strike, claiming that it represented “the interests of Hamas”.

But others have come forward in support. Tel Aviv’s Mayor Ron Huldai announced that the city’s municipal workers were free to join Monday’s strike “as a sign of solidarity with the abductees and their families”.

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At least 41 hurt in Russian air strikes on Kharkiv

By Adam Durbin

Russian air strikes have injured at least 41 people in the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv, officials have said.

Regional head Oleh Syniehubov said five children were among those wounded and he accused Moscow of “aiming exclusively at civilian infrastructure” in the city.

Among the buildings damaged are a supermarket and a sports complex in areas residents go to every day, he added.

“Russia is once again terrorizing Kharkiv, striking civilian infrastructure and the city itself,” President Volodymyr Zelensky said in the wake of the attacks.

Mr Zelensky repeated his calls for Western allies to “give Ukraine everything it needs to defend itself”.

Mr Syniehubov said at least 10 separate Russian strikes had been recorded, including the use of ballistic missiles.

People may be buried under the rubble in some areas and rescue operations are continuing, he added.

From several videos shared on social media of the attacks, BBC Verify has located one strike to the northeast of the centre of Kharkiv, along Akademiika Pavlova St, and another three miles south which damaged the city’s Palace of Sport buildings.

Images from each attack include the moment of impact and explosion from



missiles.

The attack comes after Ukraine launched a wave of overnight drone attacks against targets in Russia, where fire broke out at two energy facilities.

No injuries or deaths have been reported by Russian officials.

According to Russia’s defence ministry, more than 158 Ukrainian drones targeted 15 regions of the country, including the capital Moscow.

The Russian military said the drones were intercepted and destroyed.

But as a result of the attack a fire has broken out at an oil refinery in Moscow in a “separate technical room”, the city’s mayor said.

Sergei Sobyenin reported that at least 11 drones targeted the capital city and the surrounding areas.

Meanwhile, 75 miles (120km) from the Russian capital, in the Tver region, loud blasts were heard close

to the Konakovo Power Station.

Russian media are reporting a fire at the facility.

The region’s governor, Igor Rudenya, acknowledged a fire caused by an attack in Konakovsky district had been contained, without providing details of what was hit.

Local officials also said drones attempted to attack the Kashira Power Plant in the Moscow region - but that there were no fires, damage or casualties as a result.

BBC Verify has examined and verified videos posted on social media which show explosions at all three locations. In the footage, fires appear to have subsequently broken out at Konakovo Power Station and the Moscow refinery.

Ukraine has not commented on the claims.

But Ukrainian forces have been stepping up long-range strikes inside Russia over the past few months,

launching scores of drones simultaneously at strategic targets several times a week.

BBC News has been told that Western technology and finance are helping them carry out hundreds of long-range strikes inside Russia.

In Ukraine, a 23-year-old lorry driver was killed after a Russian air strike on a grain convoy in the Sumy region overnight, local officials have said.

Prosecutors said four others were injured in the attack after one lorry caught fire and around 20 others were damaged.

Ukraine’s air force also said it had destroyed eight out of 11 drones used by Russia, adding that grain and agriculture facilities had been targeted in the Mykolaiv region as well.

Sumy borders Russia’s Kursk region, where Ukraine has been carrying out a military incursion for nearly a month.

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Knights Riders start CPL campaign with win against Patriots

A high-scoring run-fest at Warner Park saw Trinbago Knight Riders defeat the St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots by 44 runs in the third match of the Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League (CPL) on Saturday night.

The Patriots captain Andre Fletcher won the toss and inserted the Knight Riders, who made good use of wonderful batting wicket to post 250 for four off their 20 overs.

Opener Sunil Narine, who made 38 off 19 balls, hit three fours and four sixes to get the Knight Riders off to a rapid start and they never looked back.

The boundary was peppered and cleared all evening, as player of the match Nicholas Pooran slammed 97 off 43 balls, and Keacy Carty struck 73 off 35 balls for the Knight Riders.

The Patriots also cleared the two hundred run mark, posting 206 for eight in what turned out to be the highest-scoring match in CPL history between the sides.

But the Patriots never truly looked like they were going to haul in the target despite a fabulous 56 from Mikyle Louis, and support from Evin Lewis and Tristan Stubbs, who each scored 39. Ryan John was left not out on 25 off 12 balls.



Keacy Carty, left, and Nicholas Pooran helped Trinbago Knight Riders score 250 in 20 overs in their CPL match against the St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots at Warner Park in St. Kitts on Saturday, August 31, 2024. (CPL T20/Getty Images)

Just a few hours before the game began 41-year-old Dwayne Bravo announced that this year's CPL would be his last, the tournament's all-time leading wicket-taker and five-time champion writing on Instagram that, "It's been a great journey.

"This season will be my last one and I'm looking forward to playing my final professional tournament in

front of my Caribbean people... TKR is the place where everything started for me and will end with my team."

Bravo went wicket-less in his three overs, but along with Narine, was one of only two Knight Riders bowlers to go at an economy rate of less than 10 runs per over. Narine picked up two for 24 off his four overs and only went for three boundaries.

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Progress has slowed in recent days, but Ukraine claimed last week it controlled 1,294 sq km (500 sq miles) of territory - including 100 settlements. It also said nearly 600 Russian soldiers had been captured.

Meanwhile, Russian forces are continuing to advance rapidly on a key town in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region - which

has been the focus of Moscow's ground offensive for months.

Pokrovsk plays a crucial role as a logistics hub for Ukrainian forces, as it is home to a key railway station and is located at the intersection of several important roads.

Ukraine's commander-in-chief Gen Oleksandr Syrskyi described the situation in the area of Russia's

main attack as "difficult", but added that all necessary decisions are "being made without delay".

The most recent Ukrainian attacks on Russia's energy facilities also come a day after a Russian guided bomb strike on a playground in Kharkiv killed a 14-year-old girl.

A similar attack on a residential building in the city

in north-eastern Ukraine also killed six other people.

It also follows Russia hitting Ukraine's energy grid with a massive wave of deadly drone and missile strikes last week - which led to at least nine people being killed over two days.

Russia began targeting Ukraine's energy system with air strikes shortly after it began its full-scale invasion in February 2022.

Falcons suffer second last-ball loss at home in CPL

The Antigua and Barbuda Falcons suffered another last-ball defeat in a three-wicket loss to the Guyana Amazon Warriors at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium on Friday.

In a match that swung one way and then the other throughout, it was the last gasp batting effort of the South African all-rounder Dwaine Pretorius, who secured the win.

It was the second night in a row where the game was won off the final delivery of the match with the Falcons on the losing side both times.

The Falcons had recovered from a stuttering batting display in the face of strong bowling from left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie to post a competitive total of 168 for six off their 20 overs.

The Warriors also struggled to maintain batting consistency throughout their innings, and it looked as if the game was heading towards a Falcons' win when the target was 47 runs from 18 balls, but a nerveless batting dis-



Shamar Joseph, leaps in celebration after Dwaine Pretorius, right, hit the winning six for the Guyana Amazon Warriors against the Antigua and Barbuda Falcons at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua on Friday, August 30, 2024. (CPL T20/Getty Images)

play from Pretorius and the Warriors tail took them to victory.

Having won the toss, the Amazon Warriors chose to bowl first, and they claimed an early breakthrough when Teddy Bishop was run out by a fine piece of fielding from Shai Hope to leave them 10 for one at the end of the second over.

Fakhar Zaman hit 40 off 33 balls, and Kofi James struck 37 off 24 balls and led a recovery for the Falcons with a 73-run second-wicket stand.

But James' wicket was the start of a Falcons' collapse that saw them lose four wickets for the addition of just 29 runs. Motie was the destroyer in chief.

Motie bowled Sam Billings for 10 and had Jewel Andrew caught at deep mid-wicket by Shimron Hetmyer for 10.

From there it was about Imad Wasim, who played a brilliant counterattacking knock that brought the Falcons right back into the match af-

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Antigua and Barbuda Falcons' Jewel Andrew bats during his CPL debut against the St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua on Thursday, August 29, 2024. (CPL T20/Getty Images)



The Barbados Royals celebrate after winning the 2024 M Massy Women's Caribbean Premier League title at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarouba, Trinidad, on Thursday, August 29, 2024. (CPL T20/Getty Images)

Barbados Royals retain Women CPL title

The M Massy Women's Caribbean Premier League (WCPL) trophy will once again reside in Barbados as the Royals won their second consecutive title with a four-wicket win over the Trinbago Knight Riders in the final at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarou-

ba, Trinidad, on Thursday.

After winning the toss and choosing to bowl first, the Royals bowlers made use of some good conditions with the early wickets of TKR captain Deandra Dottin for six and ace Indian batter Jemimah Rodrigues for two.

With the loss of their two premier batters, the Knight Riders never recovered, eventually crawling to 93 for eight from their 20 overs.

Shikha Pandey with 28 and Jannilea Glasgow with 24 were the main contributors with the bat, as Aaliyah

Alleyne bowled beautifully on her way to grabbing four for 21 from her four overs. Captain Hayley Matthews took two for 13.

The Royals then made tough work of what should've been an easy chase, eventually reaching 94 for six with five overs to spare.

Chamari Athapaththu led the way with a patient 39 not out off 47 balls, including seven fours.

The Royals were, at one point, cruising at 66 for one in the 11th over, but lost five wickets for just 19 runs before Athapaththu and Afy Fletcher brought them over the line.

Sixteen-year-old Samara Ramnath bowled well for the Knight Riders and captured two for 18 from her four overs.

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ter a middle-order stumble. The Pakistani all-rounder scored 40 from 21 balls to propel the Falcons to a total that they could look to defend.

The Amazon Warriors opted to promote Motie up the order to open, and he scored a six in the first over but was bowled for six from four balls. Gurbaz also went inside the powerplay when he was dismissed for 20.

The Falcons spinners did a good job at tying down the Warriors once the fielding restrictions loosened as the rate began to climb. Shimron Hetmyer looked to steady things for the Warriors and build a plat-

form, but he was bowled by Imad for 19.

When Azam Khan, who made nine, hit his stumps with his bat after a vicious Springer bouncer, the Warriors had stumbled to 77 for four.

Shai Hope was still in the middle, and last year's Player of the Tournament was looking dangerous in the death overs, but he was bowled for 41, and it appeared that the game was gone for the Warriors with the required rate at more than 15 an over.

But Romario Shepherd slammed 32 off 16 balls with four sixes, and Pretorius, who made 20 not out off 10 balls, took 18 runs from the final six balls to snatch victory for the Warriors.

Leewards get first win in regional Under-17 one-day contest

The Leeward Island claimed their first win in the Cricket West Indies (CWI) Rising Stars Under-17 Men's 50-Over Championship in Trinidad and Tobago on Saturday.

After their first two matches against Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago were severely affected by rain and ended in no results, the Leeward Islands trounced the Windward Islands by 74 runs in their third-round match at Gilbert Park.

Set 134 to win, the Windward Islands were bundled out for 59 in 20.4 overs. Only Codi Grants with 17 and Khan Elcock with 11 managed to reach double figures as six Windward Islands batsmen were dismissed without scoring.

Isra-el Morton snapped up four wickets for six runs, Antiguan leg-spinner Mi-



cah McKenzie grabbed two wickets for nine runs, and fellow Antiguan pacer Mekaili Tonge claimed two for 18.

The Leewards made 133 off 42 overs after winning the toss and electing to bat. Opener Devanand Singh struck 31, Caiden Francis hit 21, Lawshorn Bergan got 19, and McKenzie chipped in with 18.

Medium pacer Cody Fontenelle snapped up six for 26, and fellow pacer Jelani Joseph grabbed two wickets for nine runs.

Defending champions Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago recorded wins in the other third-round matches.

Barbados claimed a seven-wicket victory via the Duckworth/Lewis Method against Jamaica at Inshan Ali Park in Preysal.

Jamaica was dismissed for 177 in 47.3 overs after being sent in to bat. Odane Binns hit 43, and Demarco Scott made 20. Zachary Carter captured three for 36, captain Joshua Dorne claimed two for 32, and Ja-keem Pollard picked up two

for 36.

Barbados was awarded victory after reaching 175 for four of 37.2 overs when rain stopped play. Zachary Carter slammed 57 off 56 balls, fellow opener Damarko Wiggins hit 40, Joshua Dorne made 29, and Joshua Branch was not out on 23.

Trinidad and Tobago defeated Guyana by eight wickets at the National Cricket Center in Couva.

Guyana was dismissed for 121 in 37.3 overs after being sent in to bat. Afraz Ali Budhoo scored 22, and Romesh Bharrat made 21. Captain Brendan Boodoo grabbed six for 22, and Renaldo Fournillier claimed two for 31.

Trinidad and Tobago achieved victory at 125 for two in 37.2 overs. Samir Saroop slammed 51 not out, and fellow opener Darrius Batoosingh struck 35.

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for 10 in the next over by Jason Holder.

After a quiet little period, Fakhar Zaman gave his side some much-needed impetus by taking on Obed McCoy for a flurry of boundaries, but he too perished immediately, leaving his side in trouble.

Dunith Wellalage then struck first ball to get rid of Sam Billings for eight, and Imad Wasim fell for two as the batting side lost four wickets before scoring 50 runs.

Things could have gotten a lot worse if not for Jewell Andrew stitching a vital stand with skipper Chris

Green to stem the rot. But just when it appeared like they would recover, wickets continued to tumble as the Falcons eventually finished with a below-par total.

Left-arm pacer Obed McCoy captured three for 31, Theekshana claimed two for 21, and Holder captured two for 25.

Any hopes of defending that total went up in smoke as early as the powerplay, in which openers Rahkeem Cornwall and Quinton de Kock pretty much killed the game as the Barbados Royals knocked off 76 runs in the first six overs.

De Kock slammed an unbeaten 87

off 45 balls, and Cornwall smashed 34 off 20 balls.

While Imad Wasim eventually broke the opening stand by dismissing Cornwall, the Antigua Falcons needed a miracle to storm back into contention.

That never arrived as de Kock and Shamarh Brooks, who made 21 not out off 28 balls, just opted to toy around with the bowling attack to finish the job.

The Antigua and Barbuda Falcons will be back in action when they host the St. Lucia Kings at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua on Tuesday at 8 pm.

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Winners' Circle

The Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Bodybuilding and Weightlifting Federation (ABAB&WF) held its 57th Annual National Bodybuilding Championships at the St. Anthony's Secondary School on Saturday night.

Among the winners in the various divisions were veteran Yvette Butler, who won the Masters Bikini (over 35) title.

Kayla Joseph claims the title in the Senior Wellness division, while

Trevon Giddings captured the Classic Physique crown.

J'Dinique Prince was crowned Novice Fitness Model, while Jon Ferris won the Novice Men's Physique and Senior Men's



Some of the winners at the 57th Annual National Bodybuilding Championships. From left to right: Yvette Butler, Kayla Joseph, Trevon Giddings J'Dinique Prince, Jon Ferris, Devonnie Chandler, Tony Phillip, and Tiffany Gordon. (ABAB&WF)

Physique titles.

Devonnie Chandler won Novice Bikini, Senior Bikini Class A, and was crowned

Overall Bikini Champion.

Tony Phillip captured Masters Bodybuilding (over 40) and Senior Bodybuild-

ing titles, while Tiffany Gordon was crowned Senior Bikini Class B Champion.

Royals off to flying start as Falcons remain winless

The Barbados Royals got off to a flying start in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) after thrashing Antigua and Barbuda Falcons by nine wickets at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua on Sunday.

The defeat leaves the new franchise winless so far, as they have now lost three out of three games at home in Antigua.

The Falcons got off to a poor start and were eventually restricted to 145 for nine off their 20 overs.

South African opener Quinton de Kock helped himself to a well-compiled half-century as the Barbados Royals cruised to victory at 149 for one with 27 balls remaining.

The Falcons were reeling at 47 for four before Antiguan teenager Jewel

Andrew hit a top score of 48 off 35 balls to add some respectability to their total. Captain Chris Green made 20 and opener Fakhar Zaman got 18.

Antiguan opener Kofi James made a brisk start by hammering Maheesh Theekshana for a six and a four in the very first over. But that joy was short lived as James was dismissed

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