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# GREENE EXTENDS OLIVE BRANCH

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A section of the crowd standing for prayer at the grand opening of the Barbuda International Airport last Thursday.



## Greene extends ‘olive branch’ to Barbuda Council

The Minister responsible for Barbuda Affairs, E.P Chet Greene, is extending an ‘olive branch’ to members of the Barbuda Council to join with the government to advance the development of the island.

Speaking on the Browne and Browne show on Saturday, Minister Greene said the opening of the new Barbuda International Airport should provide the opportunity for a new start in the relationship between the central government and the Council.

“Opportunities abound in Barbuda with the opening of the airport and the many possibilities this presents. I want to say to the Council that rather than boycotting, rather than bad-mouth-

ing, you need to ‘buckle-down’ to do the work that is required to plan the economy and to see what needs to be done to further advance Barbuda, how you can help plan the future of the island going forward,” he remarked.

The minister noted that already the Council has received approximately \$4 million in ABST payments from the PLH Project for this year, and with the opening of the airport along with the other developments that are taking place there, that amount will likely double and triple in a short time.

“The Council has already made this money ‘without lifting a finger’; without doing anything except to criticise and oppose, imagine what would



Minister responsible for Barbuda Affairs, E.P Chet Greene

happen if they came on board, lock horns with us to identify the profit centres, the business opportunities and the areas where taxation would flow to the benefit of the Barbuda people; it’s a win-win for the country,” he emphasised.

Minister Greene noted that the fact that Antigua and Barbuda now boasts of two international airports does a lot to enhance the country’s international profile with more opportunities for more flights, increased tourism and increased international trade.

He however issued a word of caution to the Barbuda Council noting that the government will not sit idly by while it makes up its mind. “As the minister responsible for Barbuda Affairs, we will not simply wait for the Council to find its way, we in the ministry will start to catalogue those opportunities and to promote them so that Barbudans can see the kinds of things that are possible in this new dispensation,” he stated.

With the anticipated growth in the population, Greene said there will be need for a pharmacy, hardware store and a host of other services that the island will require.

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## Airlines already showing interest in flying into new BIA

The new Barbuda International Airport has been open less than a week and already airlines are showing much interest in operating into and out of the airport.

That's the word of Tourism and Aviation Minister, Charles Max Fernandez, who appeared on Saturday's Browne and Browne show on Pointe FM Radio.

The BIA opened last Thursday to much fanfare even with the announcement that the airport has not only been certified and received its licence from the Eastern



Tourism and Aviation Minister, Charles Max Fernandez.

Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority, but the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has also given the airport its own code – TAPB.

Against this background, Fernandez said already one airline, WinAir, has submitted an application to operate into the island and he anticipates that more will come as this marks an 'opening up' for the island.

"We at the Ministry of Aviation already have WinAir applying to fly into Barbuda. Now that would not have happened if they didn't see the possibilities and wanting to get in on the 'ground floor'. Its now just a matter of time before the other airlines will be apply-

ing to fly into Barbuda as well. Already we are holding discussions with American Airlines about their future involvement (following the extension of the runway) as the island opens more," he noted.

The tourism minister also encouraged the smaller properties in Barbuda to consider adding more rooms to their properties and he indicated that he sees short-term rentals playing a big part in the future with the anticipated increased flights into the island.

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# Local News



## Acting Chief Justice says E-Litigation portal will enhance delivery of justice in Eastern Caribbean

The Acting Chief Justice of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, His Lordship, Justice Mario Michel, says the implementation of the E-Litigation portal will enhance the delivery of justice in Antigua and Barbuda and the eight other territories served by the court.

Justice Michel was at the time speaking at the launch of the E-Litigation Portal here in Antigua and Barbuda at a ceremony held in the High Court on Friday.

He said Antigua and Barbuda is the sixth territory to implement the E-litigation portal in the criminal division, having already implemented the technology transfer in the civil division in 2020 and the Family Court in 2022.

According to the Acting Chief Justice, the cases at the magistrate court must await the passage of the relevant



Justice Mario Michel

legislation before implementation. “Hopefully, the fourth and final phase of the implementation of the E-Litigation portal in Antigua and Barbuda should come on stream, if not later this year, then by early next year,” he re-

ported.

He added that on completion, this will mark a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts, not only to modernize the judiciary, but also to enhance accessibility to justice at all levels within all spheres of the judicial system in the Eastern Caribbean.

His Lordship also provided some context to the move to implement the E-Litigation portal in all nine member jurisdictions of the ECSC. “Creating and implementing an E-Litigation portal for the ECSC was intended to provide an electronic platform that would circumvent significant challenges associated with the traditional methods of filing and serving court documents. It was introduced in November 2018, in the British Virgin Islands in the civil division,” he recalled.

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## High Court introduces 'E Portal' to its criminal law division

The High Court in St. John's is making it easier to file cases in its criminal division by implementing the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court's E-Litigation Portal Criminal Module.

Acting Chief Justice of the ECSC, His Lordship, Justice Mario Michel traveled to Antigua last week to participate in the launching exercise held at the High Court last Friday.

In his remarks to the gathering, Attorney General Sir Steadroy Benjamin described the event as 'a momentous occasion' in the digital transformation of the criminal justice system'.

"This launch signifies far more than technological upgrade. It represents a resolute step towards a more accessible, efficient and transparent justice system for all. For too long, the wheels of justice have turned slowly, burdened by paper trails and procedural complexities. This digital leap allows us to streamline processes, reduce delays and enhance access to justice for citizens, legal professionals and the judiciary alike," he observed.



Acting Chief Justice of the ECSC, His Lordship, Justice Mario Michel, left, with Attorney General Sir Steadroy Benjamin.

The Attorney General also identified four benefits that will accrue from this development. 1. Increased efficiency; 2. Enhanced accessibility; 3 Improved case management; and 4, Reduced costs.

The new development

received the blessings of the Acting Director of Public Prosecution, Shannon Jones-Gittens, who noted that with this development, the court, which serves nine tiny island states, continues to walk among giants, yet leaves indelible footprints

that larger jurisdictions are studying and following. She is particularly pleased for the cost-saving which the new development will usher in.

"The substantial reduction in the requirement to produce as many physical copies of documents allows the allocation of our budget allowances to other expenses...I've heard it said that the State has unlimited resources –if that is so, it does not extend to our office," Jones-Gittens added.

She too welcomed the promised of a reduction in

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Until March this year, only civil matters were able to be filed on the E-Portal, but when Antigua being the sixth country to apply it to criminal matters, that process is now expected to be completed by the end of November this year.

Since its introduction, Chief Justice Michel said it has already transformed

what was a time-consuming and resource intensive process of filing and serving court documents in civil cases, into one which is now efficient, cost-effective, transparent and reliable. He expects that the court will see similar benefits with the E-Litigation portal being rolled out in the criminal division throughout the court system.

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delays brought about by the introduction of the E-Litigation portal in the criminal division. “It is not an issue confined to our smaller developing nations but our delays are more considerable which is attributed to the constrained resources of the countries and that allocated to the criminal justice system,” the Acting DPP stated.

President of the Antigua and Barbuda Bar Association, Cherissa Roberts-Thomas, described the development as an important advancement in the justice system of Antigua and Barbuda.

“This innovation represents a significant step forward in the administration of justice, specifically in the realm of criminal law, and it brings considerable benefits to all major stakeholders, including the judiciary, practitioners,



President of the Antigua and Barbuda Bar Association, Cherissa Roberts-Thomas, left, and Acting Director of Public Prosecution, Shannon Jones-Gittens. court personnel, and the general public,” she noted.

The ‘E-Litigation Portal’ was introduced in the civil division of the court

in January 2020 and in the Family Court in October 2022. Antigua and Barbuda is the sixth state within the ECSC where this has been implemented.

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## Deputy High Court Registrar highlights the need for more criminal lawyers

Deputy High Court Registrar, Kayode O'Marde, wants members of the legal profession to give consideration to taking up criminal law as there is a shortage of lawyers who practice this aspect of the law.

Speaking at an event at the High Court on Friday, O'Marde, who is responsible for the court's criminal division, revealed that this shortage is beginning to hamper the smooth operations of the court.

"Over the past several years, we

have lost stalwarts in the field, John Fuller and Ralph Francis, who carried heavy case-loads, but with their departure, we now have only a few lawyers practicing criminal law.

"The number is so small I can call the names on one hand, Wendel Robinson (Alexander), Lawrence Daniel, Michael Archibald and Wayne Marsh (from time to time), and no more," the deputy registrar explained.

He added that the shortage has led to delays in cases as the 'few'

lawyers are often in other courts with others cases when other matters in which they are involved are called.

"We have many lawyers in Antigua and Barbuda, perhaps hundreds, and if we are able to get other lawyers to do at least one criminal case at each session of the Assize Court, then this would be a great help. I want to especially appeal to the younger lawyers who are just entering the profession to not immediately jump into civil practice and ignore the criminal practice as this would be a great experience for them," he urged.

In his remarks, O'Marde called on the Antigua and Barbuda Bar Association to work along with the court to encourage its members to assist with getting more lawyers to practice criminal law, even if it is just a percentage of their overall practice.

He noted that some judges have gone as far as to send the files of un-represented individuals to law firms hoping that they would take up the challenge to represent these individuals.

On the question of whether lawyers turn to civil matters because these are more lucrative, O'Marde said he believes that the issue is that criminal lawyers often don't bill clients at the same rate as they do for civil cases.

But one criminal lawyer, Lawrence Daniel explained that if he followed the legal fees recommended by the bar association, many of the persons requiring a lawyer could not pay. He said it better to work out an arrangement with the client with the hope that at some future date, that client or family member may need a lawyer for a civil matter and would remember the assistance he offered previously.

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## ACB Caribbean named 'Title Sponsor' for 2024 Independence Schools' Panorama

The Antigua Barbuda Festivals Commission (ABFC) has announced the return of ACB Caribbean as the title sponsor for the 43rd Independence National Schools' Panorama.

The ABFC commends ACB Caribbean who was also the title sponsor for the 2024 Junior Party Monarch, for being an exemplary corporate citizen, by returning for the second year as the title sponsor for the National Schools' Panorama. ACB Caribbean continued investment in youth and culture is remarkable and is pivotal for the transference of the Culture from generation to generation.

"We are immensely thankful to ACB Caribbean for being an exceptional corporate citizen," stated Amb. Elizabeth Makhoul, Chair of the ABFC. "Their dedication and

investment in developing our young people and preserving our cultural heritage are truly praiseworthy."

"ACB's ongoing support as a title sponsor reflects their commitment to country and I urge every corporate citizen to collaborate and the results will only be global gains," declared Minister of Education, Sports, and Creative Industries, Daryll S. Matthew, noting that, "Such collaborations should be emulated to all our national initiatives as this is key in ensuring positive and impactful outcome for Antiguan and Barbadians."

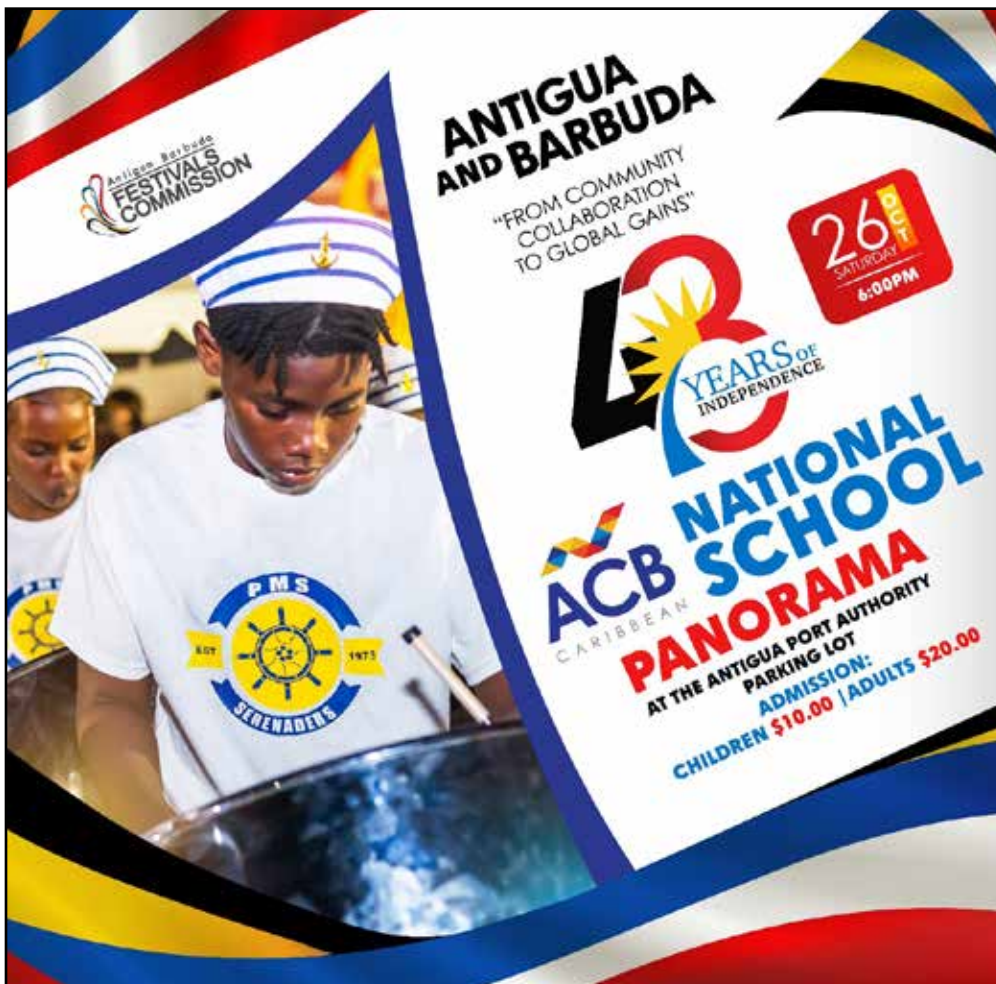
The ACB Caribbean National School's Panorama is a highly anticipated event on the Calendar of the National Independence Celebrations, which attracts thousands of

patrons each year; school children, their parents and pan lovers alike. "We commend each student and all those involved in the preparation for this competition and wish each participating school the best of luck on the big night. I look forward to hearing the end result of your hard work and commitment." Marita Laurent, Senior Manager, Marketing & Corporate Communications, ACB Caribbean.

Last year's competition Pigott Primary School and Princess Margaret Secondary School emerged as ACB Caribbean National Schools' Panorama champions. This year's Panorama promises to be an extraordinary showcasing of versatility, creativity and musical talent of youth and musical arrangers.

For the 2024 staging of the ACB Caribbean National Schools' Panorama a total of fifteen schools; six Primary and nine Secondary schools will battle for the converted title. Pigotts Primary School defending champion will come up against Green Bay, T.N Kirnon, Villa, Nelvie Gore (Willikies), and Sunny Side Tutorial. While Princess Margaret Secondary School will defend their title against Antigua Grammar, Ottos Comprehensive, Antigua Girls High, Christ the King High, St. Anthony's Secondary, Clare Hall Secondary, St. Joseph Academy, and All Saints Secondary.

The 43rd Independence ACB Caribbean National Schools' Panorama is scheduled for Saturday, 26th October 2024, at 6:00 pm, at the Antigua Port Authority Parking Lot. Ticket prices are \$10 for children and \$20 for adults. The ABFC invites everyone to come out and support the youth.





Alake Holder being presented with a bouquet of flowers.



Dr. Edda Hadeed



Another presentation

## 11-year-old panelist shares experiences of living with Sickle Cell

The challenges of living with Sickle Cell, a crippling blood-borne, disease were the focus of attention at an event held as part of the annual Sickle Cell Awareness campaign.

The University of the West Indies FIC's School of Health and Behavioural Sciences Committee hosted the event to raise awareness about sickle cell under the theme "Stronger Together."

The highlight of the event was a panel discussion with four inspiring individuals, Tierra Kelly, Abigail Mckenzie, Eunises Esther Nicholas, and Alake Holder, who shared their personal stories about living with sickle cell. Alake, the youngest panelist at just 11 years old, spoke bravely



Panelists discussing Sickle Cell disease with Alake Holder at the far right

about her experiences and challenges with the condition.

The programme also featured UWI FIC Dance Club performing a beautiful dance, adding an artistic touch to the proceedings. Dr. Edda Hadeed, Pediatrician, Neonatologist, and

President of the Sickle Cell Association of Antigua and Barbuda, delivered a diligent keynote address, providing insight into sickle cell and its impact on patients.

The event was a moving and informative session that brought together personal

stories and professional insights, fostering greater understanding and support for those affected by sickle cell.

Janay Pollard, representing nursing, gave a heartfelt vote of thanks, and the event concluded with closing remarks and a final prayer by Seymour Robin.

## High ranking Indian government official visits Antigua and Barbuda



Antigua and Barbuda is hosting a high-ranking member of the Indian Government who is paying an official visit to the country on the last leg of a trip to the region.

Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles, Shri Pabitra Margherita (MoS) arrived in the country on Sunday for a visit that ends tomorrow.

He is expected to hold

bilateral discussions with senior members of the Antigua and Barbuda government during which they will discuss matters of mutual interest. This evening he will attend a reception in his honour where guests will include government officials, members of the Indian diaspora as well as Antigua and Barbuda students who benefited from scholarships to study in India.

## Appeal for volunteers to serve as litter prevention wardens launched

A national appeal has been launched for volunteers to serve as litter prevention wardens to help tackle the problem of indiscriminate littering across Antigua and Barbuda.

The appeal is an initiative spearheaded by the non-profit organisation, Integrated Health Outreach Inc (IHO), in partnership with the National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA). It wants a cadre of up to 30 willing residents who will be trained, and then appointed as lawful Litter Prevention Wardens on a volunteer basis under the guidance of the NSWMA.

“Individuals who volunteer will be trained by the NSWMA and be appointed to serve as Litter Prevention Wardens in an unpaid capacity. They will have



the power to enforce provisions of the Litter Control and Prevention Act (2019) under the guidance and direction of the NSWMA. Volunteers must be prepared to appear in court to follow up on penalties that

have been issued,” according to a press statement.

The release noted that in addition to impacting communities, the pollution caused by littering and dumping also impacts sensitive ecosystems, such as

those found on Antigua’s northeastern coast within the North East Marine Management Area (NEMMA). Often, people choose these secluded areas for illegal dumping. As such,

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## The Department of Culture presents “Sunset Rhythms”

The Department of Culture is hosting a premier music event entitled “Sunset Rhythms” on Sunday, November 17th 2024 at 4:30pm.

This event is set to be hosted at the picturesque Weatherill’s Estate with first class performances by musicians and entertainers both local and international. The cocktail type setting promises to be family-friendly where everyone can enjoy some of the best percussive and rhythmic sounds with features in dance, spoken word, vocals and other musical performances.

This year’s features will explore the wide range of rhythmic and music possibilities through Afro-Caribbean, Calypso Jazz, neo-soul and so much more.

For more information about this event and other Department of Culture projects, follow us on our Facebook page; Department of Culture- Antigua and Barbuda, or email us at [cddanu.info@gmail.com](mailto:cddanu.info@gmail.com).



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IHO and the NSWMA hope to sign up volunteers from the NEMMA communities like Pares, Glanvilles, Fitches Creek, Willikies, and Parham, to name a few. However, this initiative is open to all residents regardless of where they live.

The NSWMA will host an orientation for those who sign up during the second to last week of October. The

deadline for registration is Friday, October 18th, 2024. Training will commence the first week of November for approximately three weeks.

Executive Director of IHO, Dr. Nicola Bird stated, “At the heart of this is our belief that the best way to tackle problems is to engage citizens in partnerships with organisations like IHO.

“We all know how prevalent lit-

tering and illegal dumping is in Antigua and Barbuda and how unsightly it makes our communities.

“It also clogs our drains and waterways, and impacts sensitive ecological spaces. The challenges are serious. This programme is an opportunity for invested residents to be part of the change – to change the littering culture and curb negative behaviours through engagement and action.”

# Opinion



## Little things that count

By Tony Deyal

Many of my friends know the story of my lady friend and I in what we called the ‘balcony’ in the village cinema. Most boys, or men, with other male friends went to ‘pit’. This was the ground floor of the ‘theatre’ where loud shouts, screams, ‘cussing’ and requests like “Kill him. Kill his mother ...!” were normal.

When this happened, the show inevitably became tough and violent, both on the screen and on the floor. Some of my friends even ‘pelted’ or threw the occasional bottle, just for the hell of it.

The ‘middle passage’ or ‘house’ was where you initially kept some of your distance between the girl you brought to the cinema and your hands. However, once this went without push, shove or “Stop that!”, it was time for ‘balcony’.

While the house was ‘touch and go’ with the young ladies, balcony was touch alone, and even more sometimes. It seemed that I had not read the signals well enough, or I took the young lady to balcony too early.

As the lights went out and I reached my hands to the front of her dress, she shouted at me for everyone to hear, “Look here man! Stop that you hear?” And I, not realising that that she had a huge bra over tiny

breasts, shouted, “Where? Where?”

Now, at 79, the “Look here!” and “Where? Where?” have moved upwards and beyond even the balcony. It has reached what the Americans call “O’Hare” which is an airport but which, for me and others, is a “hairport” where we tell the passengers, “Hair we go again folks!”

My only consolation is that I still have some grey hair at the front of my head and, when I see anyone who is totally bald, I consider myself very lucky. I know that my grey hair is hereditary. I got mine from my four children.

While I don’t understand the biology of hair growth, because it’s over my head, I have become afraid of hair, especially mohair, which does not suit me and for which goats are killed. And that is the truth and not a yarn.

As I told one of my friends, “A great cricketer like you should stick with your natural hair. Heroes never dye!” When he didn’t laugh, I added, “Take my advice. Stop washing your hair with shampoo. Instead, use real poo!”

When he started to tell me what I should do with my poo, I decided to cool him down a bit. I told him that, as a really good-looking young man with so much talent, he should read *The 13 Small Habits*



Tony Deyal

*That Actually Reveal a Lot About Your Personality* by the Reader’s Digest. The writer, Charlotte Hilton Andersen, started with “It’s the little things.”

I almost packed it up with, “These Yankees. Anywhere you go, is Trump!” In fact, when Trump went to a nature park and started to urinate, one of the elephants asked him, “How do you breathe through that tiny thing?”

However, even if you believe that it’s the little things that count, just don’t say it in bed. Worse, for many of us like Trump, and without his money, whenever you’re nude, the girls will laugh at you.

For those of you who are interested in improving your personality, the writer says, “You can read volumes into an innocent hair pull, a handshake or seemingly insignificant fashion choice.”

I may not be able to go through the full 13, but

I will go for a few of the more important ones. One of the simple but seemingly relevant ones is “The way you walk”. According to the experts, people who walk with a measured, even stride and with their heads up convey a confident personality and tend to be socially adept and open.

This is why many celebrities and politicians use this ‘power’ walk. It is like the walk of one of my drinking friends. It’s a five-minute walk from his house to the pub but a 30-minute return from the pub to his house.

The difference is indeed staggering! It is not just the walking from the pub but also from the hospital. My colleague Johnson claimed that he had a prostate exam and the doctor then walked out as the nurse walked in. The nurse then asked Johnson something he and no other man ever wants to hear, “Who was that?”

The next important area  
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is the handshake. It is not just about why Americans shake hands as a greeting, even though it helps you to know they're only holding one gun each. The expert, Patrick Wanis, PhD, says that your handshake expresses a lot about you in just a few seconds.

A simple firm and brief handshake with one up-and-down motion shows you have a confident personality, while a limp handshake indicates you are insecure or afraid. Even though I learnt that what men do standing up, and women do sitting down, and dogs do by lifting one leg, is to shake hands, I followed what Mr Wanis recommends.

He advised, "Never wipe your hand just after you have shaken hands with someone, because that communicates that you find the person dirty or that you are someone who is overly worried about germs."

All I can do is ask my friends if they heard the joke about the germ.

Then I change my mind because I don't want them to spread it around.

Another area is your 'email etiquette', especially with rich people, because they have a lot of manners. Christine B.L. Adams, MD, suggested, "If you want to really understand yourself or others, you need to look at behaviours ..."

She believes that most personality tests are a bunch of 'hokey' because they are too superficial and, if you're trying to pick up cues, the answer may lie in the emails.

Narcissists will generally use words such as "I, me, and mine" while extroverts tend to be more casual and talk about fun things, like music and parties.

More, it's not what you say but how you say it. An absence of typos is a sign of someone's conscientiousness, whereas poor grammar can indicate lower levels of IQ. Ms Adams also believes that long emails reflect energy and thoroughness but also

some level of neediness.

What she didn't say is what group this person belongs to. When on a romantic date with a lady, a male colleague felt the need to use the bathroom.

He excused himself by saying, "Excuse me, please. I need to go to shake hands with a dear friend of mine who I hope to introduce to you later tonight."

I'm sorry that I cannot go through the rest of the 13 small habits that will reveal a lot about your personality, not even later tonight. It's worse if you have a split personality.

A psychiatrist told one of my colleagues that he had a split personality and charged him \$200. My friend gave the psychiatrist \$100 and told him to get the rest from the other idiot.

*Tony Deyal was last heard laughing at this joke, "It's proper manners to knock on the fridge door before opening it. Just in case there's a salad dressing!"*

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## Google introduces new way to search by filming video

By Tom Gerken

Google has released a new feature which will allow people to search the internet by taking a video.

Video search will let people point their camera at something, ask a question about it, and get search results.

Android and iPhone users globally will gain access to the feature from 1700 GMT by enabling “AI Overviews” in their Google app, but it will only support English at launch.

It is the latest move from the tech giant to change how people search online by utilising artificial intelligence (AI).

It comes three months after ChatGPT-maker OpenAI announced it was trialling the ability to search by asking its chatbot questions.

Google introduced AI-generated results at the top of certain search queries this year, with mixed results.

In May, the feature drew criticism for providing erratic, inaccurate answers, which included advising people to make cheese stick to pizza by using «non-toxic glue».

At the time, a Google spokesperson said the issues were “isolated examples”. The results have since become better, with fewer inaccuracies.

Since then, there have been further moves to include AI in search, which included the ability to ask questions about still images using Google Lens.

The firm said this feature has increased the popularity of Lens, within its mobile app, which has motivated it to expand the feature further.

Google’s head of search Liz Reid said the new capability would let people ask questions about the world around them more easily.

She gave the example of a person



at an aquarium, who might want to find out why a group of fish are swimming in unison.

Instead of having to search for the fish online and write out the query, the new feature will let them point their camera, record a short clip and ask a question out loud.

Google’s AI will analyse the video, identify the fish, combine that with the question and produce search results.

Industry analyst Paolo Pescatore said this was a “big thing” for Google.

“We are now seeing AI in everything and people connect best with visuals,” he said.

“This latest development further demonstrates new ways of bringing content to life with something like search which is one of the most common tasks carried out on the internet.

“Here lies scope for AI to be truly collaborative and an innovator in everyday life - we are on the brink of AI becoming personalised and unique based upon our usage patterns and habits.”

As well as introducing a way to search by video, Google has also released several other updates.

It says it has improved its shopping results, which will now incorporate re-

views and pricing information from different sellers.

And it is also introducing a competitor to the music-identifying app Shazam, which is owned by Apple.

The rival tool, accessible through Circle to Search on an Android device, will let people identify songs from a website they’re on or a show they’re streaming without leaving the app.

Google’s new features come as it faces growing challengers in the search space, where it is estimated to have cornered more than 90% of the market globally.

This includes OpenAI, which revealed in July it was trialling a search feature within ChatGPT.

SearchGPT lets people search the internet by asking questions to a chatbot, and it is being tested by a limited number of users in the US.

OpenAI’s value surged to \$157bn (£120bn) on Wednesday after it raised \$6.6bn in its latest funding round from high-profile investors including Microsoft.

Google’s new announcements are likely a way to combat the growth of rival firms - though none are yet to truly threaten its massive dominance.

## Barbados launches first Bio-CNG vehicle powered by sargassum

Rum and Sargassum Inc., a local deep-tech start-up, and The University of the West Indies Cave Hill campus have launched the first vehicle powered by bio-compressed natural gas (CNG).

The bio-CNG uses rum distillery wastewater and a sargassum-based biomethane, an innovative fuel source derived from the invasive seaweed which is plaguing the region's coasts.

The seasonal issue posed by sargassum on the island's beaches is now being turned into a valuable resource as the country seeks to achieve its goal of becoming a 100 per cent renewable energy and carbon-neutral island state by 2030.

The project, spearheaded by Rum and Sargassum Inc., is an achievement for sustainable development in the Caribbean, thanks to partners like the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE).

Dr. Legena Henry and her team from the Renewable Energy Development Laboratory at the Cave Hill Campus are the innovators of the biomethane fuel.

Speaking during the launch of the vehicle, she said, "UWI Cave Hill Campus is really an incubator for creativity and innovation. Why I celebrate Cave Hill so much is because Barba-



Dr. Legena Henry, founder and CEO of Rum and Sargassum Inc., and Dr. Mohammad Rafik Nagdee, Executive Director of The CCREEE, celebrate the launch of the first vehicle powered by bio-CNG.

dos is a creative society, and we are leading the region right now in the energy transition."

Additionally, she drew attention to the contributions from The CCREEE, stating that the regional body has been incredibly supportive of the project.

Dr. Henry noted that the launch of the bio-CNG vehicle would not have been possible without The CCREEE, which offered the use of its electric car for the test drive. It is now the flagship vehicle bearing the slogan 'Runs on Sargassum'.

Building on this success, Dr. Henry also outlined the next phase of the project, which involves establishing a biogas station.

She said they currently have a small station at the

Guinea Estate on four acres of agricultural land and described it as a perfect example of the circular nature of this process. She explained that "the digestate feeds the land, but the gas fuels cars," creating a sustainable solution that benefits both agriculture and transportation.

In his remarks, Professor Clive Landis, Principal and Pro-Vice Chancellor of The UWI Cave Hill, praised Dr. Henry for embodying Cave Hill's mission to "create value from ideas." His comments came as he suggested that Dr. Henry's work represents the next phase of The UWI's strategy to evolve into an entrepreneurial university capable of leveraging research excellence to benefit society.

"Dr Henry is, firstly,

leveraging her research on how to convert sargassum into biofuel to create value in society by tackling this pernicious environmental scourge," Professor Landis stated, adding, "secondly, she is creating value for the university itself because the Cave Hill Campus is an equity partner in the venture. Taking an idea through the so-called tech transfer funnel, all the way from the point of conception to the successful pilot stage that we have witnessed today, the point at which it is ready for scale-up and investment, takes persistence and determination."

Professor Landis hinted that the sargassum-powered vehicle is just the beginning. He said The UWI plans to

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## Grenada: Government confirms teachers not paid for months

CMC - The Grenada government has confirmed that several teachers with temporary status have not received salaries for a number of months while others with permanent appointments have not been paid for last month.

Public sector workers are paid under a bi-monthly payment system and Acting Prime Minister Andy Williams said “We are hopeful that the matter will be resolved by next week.

“We are doing our best, the staff in the Ministry of Education are doing the best to ensure that teachers are being paid. You have the staff in the Ministry of Finance doing their best to ensure that teachers will be paid.”

Under Grenada’s public service systems, the finance ministry is responsible for processing payments. However, the Public Service



Commission, the Department of Public Administration and the Ministry of Education each has a role to play in ensuring that payment to any public officers is in compliance with the existing protocols.

Williams did not provide a specific reason for the

late payment, saying, “It’s a case where you have the Ministry of Education and the Public Service Commission working together.”

Williams told a news conference that once he became aware of the matters, he ensured that a meeting was urgently held with the

Grenada Union of Teachers (GUT) with a view to resolving the issue.

GUT president, Jude Bartholomew, criticised the government’s inability to pay teachers on time, expressing concern over the broader economic implica-

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introduce other sargassum-based innovations soon, including products for pest control and diabetes treatment.

Meanwhile, in her address, Senator Lisa Cummins, Minister of Energy and Business, lauded the project as a significant milestone in Barbados’ renewable energy journey.

She underscored the fact that Barbados has 150,000 fossil fuel vehicles, and this innovation is important in the transportation sector as Barbados strives to meet its net-zero carbon emissions goals.

“Electrification and the use of renewables in transportation are critical for our energy transition,” Minister Cummins noted, adding that the project has the potential to “change the hearts and minds” of the Barbadian public regarding transitioning to renewable energy.

Minister Cummins also highlighted the broader potential of sargassum beyond Barbados, urging the region to embrace the opportunity. “This is a regional and a global first-mover opportunity. Barbados has pioneered a technology that can change the way

the entire Caribbean treats to transportation, and I want us to not take that for granted,” she said, expressing confidence that Barbados will continue to lead in renewable energy.

The launch event was hosted by Rum and Sargassum Inc. and Supernova Lab of Future Barbados.

Sponsors included The CCREEE, The UWI, NGC Green Company Limited, the National Petroleum Corporation, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator, TOSL Engineering Limited, and RL Mark & Company.

## Children among 70 killed in Haiti gang 'massacre'

By Rob Corp

At least 70 people including children have been killed after an armed gang attacked a small town in Haiti.

Sixteen people were seriously injured, according to the UN, as Gran Grif gang members rampaged through Pont-Sondé in the central Artibonite region about 71km (44 miles) north-west of the capital Port-au-Prince.

Video footage shows groups of people fleeing the violence on motorbikes and on foot.

A government prosecutor described the attack as "a massacre", reported the Associated Press.

Armed gangs have taken control of large parts of Haiti and a UN-backed policing mission, led by officers from Kenya, began in June in an attempt to wrest back control.

Gang members report-



People could be seen fleeing the violence on motorbikes and on foot.

edly "set fire to at least 45 houses and 34 vehicles", the UN has said.

Gran Grif is said to be one of the most violent of Haiti's gangs. In January 2023 its members were accused of attacking a police station near Pont-Sondé and

killing six officers. It is also blamed for forcing the closure of a hospital serving more than 700,000 people.

The gang has about 100 members and has been accused of crimes including murder, rape, robberies and kidnappings, according to a

UN report cited by AP. Both its founder and current leader are subject to US sanctions.

Thursday's gang rampage comes almost a month after the Haitian authorities expanded a state of emergency to cover the whole of the country.

Prime Minister Garry Conille has vowed to crack down on the gangs, with the UN saying a "robust use of force" is needed.

It has approved the policing mission made up of 2,500 officers from various countries - including 1,000 pledged by Kenya.

Their deployment has been authorised for one year, with a review to be held after nine months.

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tions.

"Even if the contractual period ends, the information is already there, and we cannot understand the delay. The teachers cannot understand it; the nation cannot understand it," said Bartholomew.

He spoke of the detrimental effect on teachers' morale and the country's economy.

"A teacher comes into the system for the new school year, motivated and ready to teach, but when they don't get paid, it frustrates the teacher and, ultimately, the

economy."

Following an emergency meeting on Tuesday with the teachers, a decision was taken for them to begin industrial action by wearing red t-shirts and to take a few minutes during their lunchtime on Friday to raise the issue using placards.

Offering an apology for the late payment, Williams said that his government will work to ensure that this problem does not recur in the future.

"It is a case where we have to call all stakeholders involved to review the process," he said.



The area worst hit by flash floods and landslides was around Jablanica.

## Floods and landslides leave 18 dead in Bosnia

Flash floods and landslides in central Bosnia-Herzegovina have left at least 18 people dead, with towns and villages cut off and reports in some places of homes being almost submerged.

Some of the worst scenes were in the area around Jablanica, a town on the main route between the cities of Mostar and the capital, Sarajevo, about 70km (40 miles) to the north-east.

A number of other people have been reported missing and a state of emergency has been declared.

Development minister Vojin Mijatovic said the country had witnessed a terrible disaster and appealed for calm.

Search and rescue work continues as more than a dozen people remain unaccounted for.

On Sunday, two more bodies were found in the village of Donja Jablanica.

Heavy rain apparently triggered a landslide from a quarry above the

village that buried houses, with water levels rising to the roofline of some buildings.

Rescuers were clearing the mud from inundated houses by hand. Teams from Serbia, Croatia and North Macedonia had arrived to support, and EU countries were also sending help.

On Saturday, officials from the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton said 13 deaths had been confirmed in the area, rather than 16 as earlier reported.

In the town of Fojnica, three other deaths were confirmed.

Rivers burst their banks after an overnight storm and aerial photos showed many towns and villages left inundated.

Roads, bridges and railway tracks were washed away or blocked by debris, while landslides left houses buried in rocks and earth as high as their upper storeys.

The main M-17 route, which runs alongside the River Neretva was cov-

ered in debris close to Jablanica and a 17km-stretch of railway was badly damaged between nearby Ostrozac and Grabovica to the west. One 200m stretch of track was left hanging in the air by a landslide close to the river south of Jablanica.

The local authority in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton warned drivers to avoid dangerous roads around Jablanica.

Further east along the Neretva river, one homeowner told Bosnian media that water had flooded house at 03:30 on Friday and that they barely managed to save their son before escaping to neighbours and seeing their house collapse.

Meanwhile, 20km to the west of the capital around around Kiseljak, a torrent of water flooded the streets, leaving cars submerged.

The flooding was not confined to Bosnia. In neighbouring Montenegro, *cont'd on pg 19*

## New hurricane threatens Florida as it reels from devastation

By Zahra Fatima

A state of emergency has been declared in parts of Florida as a hurricane barrels towards the already-ravaged Gulf Coast.

The National Hurricane Centre confirmed that Milton - currently off the coast of Mexico - had intensified into a Category 1 hurricane on Sunday and could pose “life-threatening hazards” for parts of Florida’s west coast.

It comes just 10 days after Storm Helene - the deadliest mainland storm since Katrina in 2005 - tore through the south-east, killing at least 225 people, with hundreds still missing.

In Florida, where Helene left at least 14 dead, Governor Ron DeSantis issued the emergency warning for 35 counties and said preparations were under way to restore power and clear roads ahead of Milton’s arrival.

On Sunday, Milton had maximum sustained winds of 80mph (130km/h).

“There is increasing



Hurricane Helene made landfall in Horseshoe Beach, Florida, on 26 September.

confidence that a powerful hurricane with life-threatening hazards will be affecting portions of the Florida west coast around the middle of this week,” the Hurricane Centre said.

Heavy rain was expected in the region from Sunday into Monday, with more rain and strong winds

on Tuesday and Wednesday night.

Rainfall could be between 5-8in (127-203mm) across the Florida Peninsula and the Keys, with some areas receiving up to 12in (304mm), which could bring a risk of flash flooding and minor-to-moderate river flooding for parts of

the west coast, the centre said.

The new hurricane comes as the clean-up efforts from Helene could take years, according to the US government.

While a large proportion of the deaths occurred in North Carolina, others have been recorded in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Hundreds of roads remain closed, hampering efforts to send aid to hard-hit communities.

Helene, which made landfall as a category-four hurricane, damaged structures, caused flash flooding and knocked out power to millions of homes.

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roads were washed away leaving the village of Komarnica cut off.

Water levels were also rising in some of Croatia’s rivers, and the government in Zagreb said there was a risk of some areas in the city of Karlovac being flooded close to the Kupa river.

Much of Central Europe was hit by floods last month, with some of the worst devastation in Poland, the Czech Republic

and Romania.

Scientists from the World Weather Attribution (WWA) group said one four-day period had been the rainiest ever recorded in the region. They said the floods had been made much worse by climate change.

Europe is the fastest-warming continent. The last five years were on average around 2.3C warmer than the second half of the 19th Century, according to the Copernicus climate service.

# West Indies women beat Scotland in T20 World Cup

The West Indies Women delivered a clinical performance to claim an emphatic six-wicket victory over Scotland in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup on Sunday, bouncing back from their humiliating 10-wicket loss to South Africa in the opening match.

The West Indies, led by Afy Fletcher's impressive bowling, restricted Scotland to a modest total of 99-8 from their 20 overs, setting the stage for a confident chase in Dubai.

Fletcher was the stand-out bowler, taking three for 22 as she helped stifle Scotland's batting efforts. Hayley Matthews, Karishma Ramharack, and Chinelle Henry also chipped in with a wicket apiece, putting Scotland under immense pressure.

Ailsa Lister (26) and captain Kathryn Bryce (25) provided some resistance, contributing to a crucial third-wicket stand of 46 after Scotland had stumbled to 13 for two in the third over.

However, once Fletcher broke their partnership, the rest of the Scottish lineup crumbled, with only Lorna Jack-Brown (11) and Darcey Carter (14 not out) offering any additional resistance.

Scotland's total of 99 for eight seemed unlikely to trouble the West Indies,



West Indies women's Chinelle Henry, right, and Deandra Dottin celebrates after their match-winning stand against Scotland in their ICC Women's T20 World Cup match in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Sunday, October 6, 2024. (Getty Images)

but they suffered an early setback in their chase. Star batters Hayley Matthews (8) and Stafanie Taylor (4) were both dismissed cheaply, raising concerns of a potential collapse.

However, Qiana Joseph quickly turned the tide with a blistering knock of 31 from 18 balls, while Deandra Dottin's unbeaten 28 from 15 balls and Chinelle Henry's quick-fire 18 from 10 ensured a comfortable victory for the Caribbean side. The West Indies reached their target in just 11.4 overs, with 50 balls to spare.

The West Indies cap-

tain Hayley Matthews expressed satisfaction with her team's turnaround performance.

"100 percent, we were able to go out as a group and restrict them to 99. Qiana Joseph was positive and Dottin finished it off. We did pretty well with the ball, limited the boundary balls, and got ourselves in a secure position. We also had to think about the net run rate, and we executed that well," said Matthews.

"Next, we have Bangladesh, and if we win that and then against England, we'll be in the semifinals."

Player of the Match

Chinelle Henry also shared her thoughts on the team's effort.

"I first thank my teammates and coach. Our goal was to give the team a good start and improve our net run rate. We figured the wicket was slow, and batting was difficult, but we had a clear plan, we backed our skills, and we executed."

With this victory, the West Indies Women have reignited their World Cup campaign and will look to carry the momentum forward in their upcoming matches against Bangladesh and England.



Players of Antigua State College (black Shorts) and Jennings Secondary compete during their opening match in the 2024 secondary schools' football league at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park in St. John's. (Photo by Elwin Francis)

## State College make winning start in defense of Under-20 boys title

The Antigua State College has made a successful start in defense of their Under-20 Boys Division title in the Ministry of Sports, Cool and Smooth, Joma Patrick C. Whyte Cup.

State College romped to a 4-0 victory against Jennings Secondary in the opening match of the 2024 secondary schools' football league at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

Railique Browne opened the scoring in the 25th minute, and Jordan Francis scored from a free-kick in the 35th minute to give State College a two-nil halftime lead.

Micah George had a 49th-minute conversion, and Orian Isaac scored the final goal in the 70th minute.

Princess Margaret School (PMS) and All Saints Secondary School also kicked off their campaigns with victories in their opening encounters.

Princess Margaret School recorded a 2-0 victory against Irene B. Williams Secondary at the PMS playing field. Following a goalless first half, player of the match Howayne James scored in the 51st minute, and Greg Williams had a 56-minute conversion for PMS.

All Saints Secondary snatched a one-nil victory against Antigua Grammar School at the Mack Pond playing field in All Saints Village.

Amura Peters scored the only goal of the match in the 35th minute, while his teammate Wilton Rhodes claimed the player of the match award.

Teams from 10 learning institutions across the islands are contesting the Under-20 Boys Division of this year's secondary schools' football league.

The secondary schools' football league will continue with the open-

ing round of matches in the Under-16 Boys Division on Monday (today).

Defending champions Princess Margaret School will face Irene B. Williams Secondary in the first match of a double header at the PMS playing field at 2:15 pm.

St. Mary's Secondary School will kick off their campaign against Ottos Comprehensive School in the second encounter at 3:30 pm.

Clare Hall Secondary will tackle Sir Novelle Richards Academy in the first match of a double header at the Clare Hall School playing field at 2:15 pm.

All Saints Secondary School will face Antigua Grammar School in their second encounter at 3:30 pm. Jennings Secondary School and St. Joseph's Academy will clash at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park in St. John's at 2:15 pm.

## Newcomer Andrew in West Indies ODI squad for tour of Sri Lanka

Young Antiguan teenager Jewel Andrew has been named in the West Indies squad for a three-match One-Day International series in Sri Lanka later this month.

Andrew, who has already represented the West Indies at the youth level, has been called up for his maiden selection on the regional senior team.

Cricket West Indies (CWI) has recently announced the squads selected for the eagerly anticipated West Indies Senior Men's T20 International (T20I) and One Day International (ODI) series against Sri Lanka. The teams are set to compete in three (3) T20Is and three (3) ODIs from October 10 to 27.

Andrew is a notable inclusion as the young Antiguan wicketkeeper-batsman has impressed and earned his place in the ODI squad, which is set to face Sri Lanka in a three-match series from October 20 to 27.

Shai Hope will continue as captain, with vice-captain support from Antiguan fast bowler Alzarri Joseph.



Jewel Andrew

The squad also sees the return of several key players, including Brandon King and Sherfane Rutherford.

This series provides an opportunity for CWI to focus on building its ODI team ahead of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027. Head Coach Sam-

my, remarked on the ODI squad's balance and potential for growth.

"As we continue to build our ODI team, this tour offers a valuable opportunity to evaluate strategies and give opportunities to emerging talent. We are excited to see young play-

ers like Jewel Andrew, who has earned his place as an exciting prospect for the future."

The ODI series will start on October 20, with the first match at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium, followed by matches on October 23 and 26.

The T20I squad will take on Sri Lanka from October 10 to 17. After a resounding 3-0 series sweep against South Africa earlier this year, the West Indies have climbed the rankings, moving to fourth place,

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Forbes slammed 119 not out off 127 balls, including 12 fours and two sixes; Tuckett struck 101 not out off 94 balls, with seven fours and a six; and opener Ross Powell scored 60 off 29 balls, including 11 fours and a six. There was also a contribution of 34 extras.

Nevis clinched fourth place in the tournament, while the Combined Islands, which comprised players from Montserrat and the United States and British Virgin Islands, finished in the cellar after losing all four matches. Anguilla captured third place after winning two and losing their other two of their four matches.

## Sandals maintain unbeaten run in Business Basketball League

Sandals extended their unbeaten run in the latest round of matches in the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Cool and Smooth Business Basketball League.

Sandals maintained their perfect record by recording their eighth win with a 74-58 victory against Lava Smoke Shop during a double header at the JSC Sports Complex.

Keroi Lee sank 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, T-Shawn Lewis converted 14 points and claimed nine rebounds, and Selassie Brathwaite chipped in with 13 points and four steals for Sandals.

Lincoln Weekes shot a game-high 28 points and grabbed six rebounds,



and Michael Barton had 16 points, 23 rebounds, and seven assists for Lava Smoke Shop, who suffered their sixth loss in eight matches.

H. Wright Promotions recorded their seventh win

in eight encounters by securing a 74-64 victory against the Fearless Crew in the second game on Thursday.

Amare Browne scored 17 points; Donte Trimmingham produced 17 points, six

rebounds, and four assists; and Jevonte Valerie had 11 points, nine rebounds, and six assists for H. Wright Promotions.

Naheem Joseph sank 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds; Takeem Martin had 12 points, 11 rebounds, and four steals; and Joel Christian scored 10 points for the Fearless Crew, who slumped to their sixth loss in seven games.

The business basketball league will continue with a double header at the JSC Sports Complex on Monday.

Christos Supermarket United will face cup-holders Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board at 7 pm, and Lion Feast will tackle Lava Smoke Shop at 8 pm.

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and established themselves as serious contenders on the world stage.

Several senior players, including Nicholas Pooran, Andre Russell, Akeal Hosein and Shimron Hetmyer have opted out of the tour for personal reasons, opening the door for newer faces and returning players. Captain Rovman Powell will lead the side, with Roston Chase continuing in his role as vice-captain.

Head Coach Daren Sammy, who now leads on selection under the revamped selection system, noted the importance of this series in evaluating players for key roles and understanding the conditions ahead of future ICC Tournaments.

On the T20 squad, Coach Sammy said, "the tour of Sri Lanka gives us

a chance to test our depth and assess players in different situations, especially with several senior players missing out for various reasons, including a need for rest and rehabilitation from injury. We are confident in the squad's ability to compete strongly against Sri Lanka."

The T20 series will begin on October 13, with the first match at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium, followed by two more matches on October 15 and 17.

West Indies T20I Squad: Rovman Powell (captain), Roston Chase (vice-captain), Fabian Allen, Alick Athanaze, Andre Fletcher, Terrance Hinds, Shai Hope, Alzarri Joseph, Shamar Joseph, Brandon King, Evin Lewis, Gudakesh Motie, Sherfane Rutherford, Romario Shepherd, and

Shamar Springer.

West Indies ODI Squad: Shai Hope (captain), Alzarri Joseph (vice-captain), Jewel Andrew, Alick Athanaze, Keacy Carty, Roston Chase, Matthew Forde, Shamar Joseph, Brandon King, Evin Lewis, Gudakesh Motie, Sherfane Rutherford, Jayden Seales, Romario Shepherd, and Hayden Walsh Jr.

Team Management for both squads: Head Coach: Daren Sammy, Team Manager: Rowl Lewis, Assistant Coach (Fielding): Rayon Griffith, Assistant Coach (Batting): Floyd Reifer, Assistant Coach (Bowling): James Franklin, Physiotherapist: Neil Barry, Strength & Conditioning Coach: Ronald Rogers, Masseuse: Fitz Alleyne, Team Analyst: Avenesh Seetaram, and Media & Content Officer: Jerome Foster.

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## Antigua and Barbuda retain LICB one-day title

The cricketers of Antigua and Barbuda have retained the Leeward Islands Cricket Board's (LICB) Senior Men's 50-Over Championship.

The Antiguan team claimed back-to-back titles after playing unbeaten in winning all four limited-overs matches, which culminated with a 14-run victory against hosts St. Kitts in their final encounter at Warner Park on Friday.

Antigua and Barbuda made an impressive 314 for eight off their allotted 50 overs after being sent in to bat by the Kittitians. Opener Kadeem Henry led the way with a patient 78 off 119 balls, including four fours and two sixes, and Jewel Andrew hit a quick-fire 73 off 35 balls, with six sixes and six fours.

Henry shared a 77-run first-wicket partnership with fellow opener Tyrone Williams Jr., who struck 35 off 40 balls with three fours and two sixes, and Deran Benta chipped in with 32 off 27 balls.

Captain Terence Warde claimed three for 49, and Larry Audain captured two for 27.



The Antigua and Barbuda team celebrate with their trophy after beating St. Kitts to retain their LICB Senior Men's 50-Over Championship at Warner Park in St. Kitts on Friday, October 4, 2024. (ABCA)

In reply, despite a century from Jaleel Clarke, St. Kitts were dismissed for 300 in 47 overs. Clarke slammed 105 off 88 balls, including 10 fours and six sixes.

Opener Mikyle Louis struck 76 off 54 balls, with six fours and five sixes; Cameron Pennyfeather hit 27; and Tariq Newman made 22 not out. Left-arm spinner Kadeem Henry captured four for 46, Elroy Francis Jr. claimed three for 36, and left-arm pacer Javier Spencer took two for 27.

It was the only defeat for

the Kittitians, who claimed the runners-up spot after winning their other three matches.

After losing their first three matches, Nevis claimed their only win of the five-team round-robin with an impressive eight-wicket victory against the Combined Islands in their final outing at the Conaree Cricket Center on Friday.

The Combined Islands made 319 for nine off their 50 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat. Roniel Jeffrey slammed 73 off 37 balls, including six

sixes and six fours; opener Joshua Grant struck 69 off 100 balls, with 10 fours; captain Doyle Jones hit 43 off 53 balls; and Keion De Jesus scored 39 off 32 balls.

Theron Bussue captured three for 55, Jaden Carmichael took two for 37, and pacer Colin Archibald claimed two for 54.

In reply, opener Shelton Forbes and Carlon Tuckett both hit centuries as Nevis achieved their victory target of 320 for the loss of two wickets with 7.2 overs to spare.

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