

The 'People's Pope' is dead

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Pope Francis 1936 - 2025

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Catholics in Antigua and Barbuda mourn the death of Pope Francis



The Antigua and Barbuda Roman Catholic community is today mourning the death of their spiritual leader, Pope Francis, who died Easter Monday at 7:35 am, in the Vatican (Rome). He was 88 years old.

Hail as a progressive leader, who sought to transform much of the church's stance on many social issues, Pope Francis was widely loved and celebrated across the globe. He was the first Pope elected from Latin America and was a member of the Jesuits community.

He was hospitalized for nearly two months earlier this year for complications related to double pneumonia and was therefore in frail health. However, on Easter Sunday, he surprised the crowd at St. Peter's Square by making a brief appearance and offering blessings in a weakened voice.

He also held a brief meeting with the visiting US Vice President, JD Vance.

Those two appearances gave many hope that he was on the mend, so the news on Monday morning of his

passing sent shock waves throughout the Catholic community worldwide and the rest of humanity.

Here in Antigua and Bar-

buda, Bishop Robert Llanos of the Diocese of St. John's-Basseterre, said Pope Francis' papacy represented a major transformation for the Catholic Church and that he was the 'voice of truth and justice' for the wider world. He said there's no denying the humility and courage of a man who set out to transform the world by the witness of his own life in Christ. "His determination has left us a legacy from which we may draw strength and hope for the future of Catholicism and with

gratitude in our hearts we give glory to God, for the gift of Pope Francis; May he rest in Peace," Bishop Llanos stated.

The Vatican said he died of a stroke and a subsequent irreversible heart failure.

His death begins an official period of mourning, expected to be for two weeks, which will be followed by the traditional Conclave, a gathering of all the Cardinals for the sacred rites of the election of a new pope.

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Antigua Cruise Port completes successful Seatrade engagements

“It’s a wrap!” That’s how the Antigua Cruise Port’s social media page described the company’s successful engagement in the annual Seatrade meeting of the global cruise industry that concluded in Miami last week.

Antigua Cruise Port was represented by a high-level team at Seatrade Cruise Global 2025 in Miami, where it joined thousands of cruise professionals in marking the event’s 40th anniversary.

Representing one of the Caribbean’s most vibrant cruise destinations, the team from Antigua and Barbuda engaged with industry leaders and partners to discuss ongoing developments, future collaborations, and the island’s unique appeal as a port of call.

Led by the head of the Antigua and Barbuda operations, Gasper George, the delegation was part of the broader Global Ports Holding group, which manages 33 cruise ports in 21 countries. Together, they highlighted their collective commitment to shaping the future of cruise tourism. In a statement, Antigua Cruise Port expressed gratitude to all those who visited their booth and continue to support the destination’s journey as a standout in the global cruise market.



Global Ports celebrates its strengths at SeaTrade 2025



A Global Port representative addresses delegates at SeaTrade 2025



Gasper George at the ACP Booth at Seatrade

OECS Health Ministers to meet in St. John's next week



The OECS Secretariat and the Ministry of Health will convene a number of ministerial meetings in Antigua

and Barbuda from April 28th to 30th, 2025, at Roylton Antigua.

It is anticipated that the

meetings will attract participation from all the countries and associates that make up the OECS grouping.

In addition to meetings at the ministerial level, the organisers have also organised an exhibition that will be held at the University of the West Indies Five Island Campus. This exhibition

will be opened to members of the general public who are invited to visit various booths related to culture, climate change and much more.

An opening ceremony will be held for the exhibition on April 28th, 2025 at 9:00 am at UWI FIC.

11-year shows that compassion and caring know no age limit

Acousia Philip, celebrated her 11th birthday this month and appeared to have been motivated by the spirit of kindness because of what she did next; rather than accepting gifts or presents for herself, she asked family and friends to donate food items so that she in term could make a donation to the needy among us.

“When most kids are busy making birthday wish lists, Acousia Philip did something extraordinary for her 11th birthday; she asked her friends to bring canned goods and food donations instead of gifts—all to give back to those in need,” explained an equally moved Inspector Veldon Raggette, who heads a committee that operates the Soup Kitchen on Lower All Saints Road. The facility provides free, hot meals daily to those in need.

“In a world that often tells us to want more, Acousia chose to give more. Her selfless act didn’t just fill pantry shelves - it filled hearts with hope. At an age when many are learning about kindness, Acousia is teaching us all a lesson; generosity has no age limit, and even the smallest hands can lift up a community,” he added.

Inspector Raggette is calling on the nation to celebrate this young philanthropist and take a page from her book! “Whether it’s donating, volunteering, or simply choosing kindness, we can all follow Acousia’s lead. If an 11-year-old can reshape what it means to give, imagine what we can do together,” he remarked.



Inspector Veldon Raggette who runs the daily Soup Kitchen on Lower All Saints Road with Acousia Philip who arranged a donation of food items for the needy



The donated food items are on display at the Soup Kitchen

“No one has ever become poor by giving,” he added quoting the WW1 heroine, Anne Frank.

Acousia’s parents are Alana Blair and Prince Philip of Mount Pleasant.

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Plastic-Free Paradise: Expo Boosts Eco-Tourism Efforts in Antigua

Antigua's green credentials are getting a powerful boost with the **Commonwealth Clean Oceans Plastics Expo**, a cornerstone event accompanying the prestigious **King's Baton Relay** on its road to **Glasgow 2026**.

With the Caribbean nation's economy closely tied to tourism, the expo—slated from **April 23rd to 28th** in **John Hughes**—highlights how plastic pollution impacts not just marine life, but also the nation's pristine beaches and coral reefs.

Featuring a mix of eco-tourism exhibitors, recycling tech showcases, and sustainable business solutions, the expo offers a vision for a cleaner, greener tourism sector. Visitors and residents alike are encouraged to take the **"Plastic-Free Pledge"** and commit to

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JCI launches its annual Color Run and Fitness Jam



Senator Shenella Govia addresses launch event

JCI Antigua officially launched the 10th anniversary of its flagship initiative—the JCI Antigua **Color Run and Fitness Jam** with a recent event held at Sips and Tips.

The occasion marked the beginning of a milestone year in the organization's journey of advocacy, impact, and community empowerment through cancer awareness. Under the theme “*A Decade of Change, A Lifetime of Hope*”.

The launch event brought together past and present members, partners, sponsors, and supporters for a vibrant evening filled with reflection, celebration, and renewed purpose.

Project advisor, Government Sen. Shenella Govia shared insights into this year's activities, emphasized the purpose behind the movement, and outlined ways in which the public can contribute and be a part of the journey.

A touching moment came as Robert James, brother of the late JCI Senator Leandra James, delivered heartfelt words in honor of his sister, whose legacy remains deeply embedded in the roots of this initiative.

The **Color Run** traces its origins back to the early days of JCI Antigua's cancer awareness campaign, which began



The launch event held at Sips and Tips

in 2009 with Senator Leandra James and Senator Donna as founding champions. In 2011, the movement expanded across the region with the Ray of Hope campaign under JCI West Indies. JCI Antigua continued to break ground with its 2014 **Love Yourself**

concert, promoting wellness and early detection.

In 2018, the project was renamed in honor of Senator Leandra James, following her untimely passing in April 2017 from the very disease she fought so passionately against. Her courage, advocacy, and leadership continue to inspire every step of this journey.

Today, as the JCI Antigua Senator Leandra James Color Run and Fitness Jam turns 10, the organization recommit to standing with the fighters, celebrating the survivors, and remembering those we've lost. This milestone year promises to be bigger, bolder, and more impactful than ever.

The 2025 JCI Antigua **Color Run and Fitness Jam** will take place on June 21 at the Lion's Den.

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Easter Sunday supermarket break-in lands two in police custody

Two men are now in police custody in connection with a breaking and larceny incident at a supermarket on Market Street.

Around 2:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 20, police officers attached to the Criminal Investigations Department and the Special Services Unit responded to a report of a burglary in progress at the TINY Supermarket. Upon arrival, the police discovered two male suspects, a 24-year-old from Parham and a 29-year-old from Hatton hiding inside the building.

Both suspects were appre-



hended and taken into custody. Several items, believed to have been stolen from the business place, were recov-

ered at the scene. The police have since launched a full investigation into the matter, and charges are expected to follow.

The Administration of the Royal Police Force continues to encourage business owners to install and maintain proper security systems, including alarms and surveillance cameras, to help deter criminal activity.

Anyone with additional information related to this incident is asked to contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913 or call Crimestoppers at 800-TIPS (8477).

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Global Bank of Commerce Clarifies Settlement with Jack Stroll

Global Bank of Commerce Ltd. (GBC) issues the following statement in response to recent online media reports containing inaccuracies and misleading claims regarding its legal settlement with a former client, Mr. Jack Stroll.

FALSE CLAIMS CORRECTED

Certain media reports have irresponsibly claimed that “no payments have been made” and “not a cent has been paid” to Mr. Stroll under the settlement agreement. This is categorically false.

Mr. Stroll has been paid the full value of his original USD deposit, with agreed interest. Records provided to the Court have shown he deposited **under US\$ 11 million**, and to date has already withdrawn more than **US\$19 million**.

The remaining US\$ balance due to Mr. Stroll at this time is comprised of prior and current interest, and is less than **5% of the Court ordered value and amounts to under US\$350,000.00**. It is this sum that the Court has now ordered to be paid by May 16th, 2025.

Any assertion that the Bank has failed to make payments or owes Mr. Stroll US\$10 million is utterly false and deliberately malicious.

RESPECTING THE RULE OF LAW

The settlement has been governed by a confidentiality order issued by the Court. Global Bank of Commerce has fully complied with this legal restriction. Therefore, up until now, the Bank has limited its public disclosures out of respect for the Court. Other

parties in this have exploited the Bank's silence to peddle misinformation and sensationalism to harm the Bank, its staff and the international banking sector. It is this abuse of process that has now made it necessary for the Bank to respond publicly.

The Bank's prior silence must not be mistaken for a lack of transparency, nor should it be misconstrued as lending any credibility to the falsehoods being circulated.

COMMITMENT TO REGULATORY STANDARDS

Global Bank of Commerce is regulated by the Financial Services Regulatory Commission (FSRC) of Antigua and Barbuda which it has kept fully informed of all developments at every stage of these proceedings.

REAFFIRMING TRUST AND STABILITY

Established in 1983 as Antigua and Barbuda's first licensed international bank, Global Bank of Commerce has served clients and this jurisdiction for over four decades with integrity and stability.

The Bank remains firmly committed to:

- Protecting its clients' interests
- Complying with all legal and regulatory obligations
- Preserving public and depositor confidence

GBC condemns the pedaling of unverified and inaccurate information that undermines trust and distorts the facts. Media outlets have a duty to the public to exercise care in reporting claims and allegations, particularly when they impact public confidence in financial institutions.

Easter: The Sacrifice and the Celebration Lessons for Our Lives Today



by Garfield Joseph

Easter, one of the most profound Christian traditions, is a time of celebration, reflection, and renewal. It commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ—a pivotal event that embodies hope, redemption, and the triumph of life over death. To grasp Easter's significance, we must explore its historical roots, the variety of Christian perspectives, and the implications of this sacred observance for us today.

The Historical Perspective on Easter and Good Friday

Easter is inseparable from Good Friday, the day commemorating Jesus's crucifixion. Good Friday is a somber, yet sacred occasion observed by Christians worldwide, reflecting on the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus for humanity's sins. The term "Good" may seem paradoxical, as it marks a day of suffering, yet it signifies the sacredness of his act of love.

Jesus's journey to the cross began with his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, following the betrayal by Judas Iscariot. "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). His trial and condemnation unfolded swiftly. He was brought before the Jewish council, the Sanhedrin, accused of blasphemy. Subsequently, he was handed over to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, who found no guilt in him but capitulated to the crowd's

cries of "Crucify him!" Pilate famously washed his hands, symbolizing his reluctance and placing responsibility on the people.

Jesus was crucified alongside criminals and buried in a sealed tomb. Yet, his story did not end there. "It is finished" (John 19:30), he declared on the cross—but his resurrection transformed history. On Sunday morning, women visiting the tomb found it empty, and Jesus appeared to his followers. This miraculous event is the foundation of Christian faith, signifying victory over sin and death.

Christian Perspectives on Easter

For most Christians, Easter is a time of joy and gratitude. It celebrates the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation and the victory of light over darkness. Hymns like "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" echo through Easter services, celebrating renewal and hope.

Yet, not all denominations observe Easter. Groups such as Jehovah's Witnesses and Quakers abstain, citing theological concerns or rejecting holidays rooted in traditions beyond scripture. While they recognize Jesus's death, they emphasize doctrinal purity and adhere strictly to biblical commemorations. Others might focus instead on daily reflection of Jesus's teachings rather than annual observances.

Beyond Christian communities, some may find universal value in Easter's themes of hope, renewal, and triumph over adversity. These motifs resonate across cultures and beliefs, offering a moment of shared reflection even for those outside the faith.

The Utter Lostness of Humanity Without the Sacrifice

Imagine the state of humanity without Jesus's sacrifice—a world shrouded in spiritual lostness, separated from God by the burden of sin. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Without the resurrection, humanity would lack the path to reconciliation with God and the promise of eternal life. Easter reminds us that without this gift, we would remain trapped in despair, unable to escape the weight of our failures.

The Gift, the Giver, and Its Implications

Easter therefore serves as a profound reminder of the gift of salvation with four implications for our lives:

1. Acknowledging Our Failures

Easter compels us to confront our flaws and failures. It humbles us, reminding us of our reliance on divine grace. "By His wounds, we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

2. Compensation for Our Weaknesses

Jesus's sacrifice compensates for humanity's shortcomings, offering reconciliation with God. This act of mercy teaches us the transformative power of forgiveness and grace.

3. Restoration and Hope

The resurrection is a beacon of hope. It assures us that regardless of our circumstances, restoration is possible. "The darkest day brought the brightest light," a sentiment that encapsulates the power of Easter.

4. Humility and Compassion

Reflecting on Jesus's sacrifice instills humility and compassion. It urges us to extend grace to others, recognizing our shared vulnerabilities.

Calls to Action

As we celebrate Easter, let its profound message inspire us to action:

1. Live with a Heart of Gratitude

Let the gift of salvation fill us with gratitude, moving us to cherish blessings and share love.

2. Develop an Attitude of Sacrifice for Others

Jesus's sacrifice motivates us to serve others with kindness and compassion. In daily life, we can embody the spirit of Easter by making sacrifices to uplift others.

Easter is more than a celebration; it is a call to reflect, rejoice, and renew our commitment to living with faith, hope, and love. It is a testament to the ultimate gift and a reminder of the enduring implications for our lives.

Let us honor this sacred occasion with gratitude in our hearts and a resolve to impact the world positively, through the gift of sacrificing for others even as Christ sacrificed for us.

Antigua Classics 2025: Smaller Fleet, Same Spirit

By Zoë Carlton

The sails are fewer, but the soul is unchanged. Antigua Classics 2025 may have a leaner fleet — just 38 boats this year — but from the first snap of canvas in the breeze, it's clear: this regatta has lost none of its magic.

Masts still sway like poetry against the blue, hulls still carve up the Caribbean like they were born to, and the spirit of tradition is very much alive.

“We’re down a couple of boats from last year but still trending up,” says Regatta Coordinator Robin Stout, “the quality, the passion, and the beauty of these boats — that’s all still here. In some ways, it feels even more personal this year. More connected.”

That connection runs deeper than the boats. This event runs entirely on heart — and volunteers. From registration desks to race marks, beach parties to dock logistics, it's the local community that keeps the wheels (and winches) turning.

“It’s all hands on deck — literally,” Robin adds with a laugh. “We’re a small team, but the dedication is huge. Every volunteer, every local business that pitches in, every person who shows up just to help — that’s what keeps Antigua Classics alive year after year.”

Volunteer Caroline, who travels from the US each year just to help out admits “It’s really hard work,” but added, “it’s worth it just to spend the day on board this beautiful boat,” she says, gesturing to Marie, the elegant committee boat. “Where else do you get to work this hard and be surrounded by this much beauty?”

Although missing some of the larger classics such as Aschanti IV, this is made up for by the majestic fleet. Freya, Ticonderoga, Whistler, Escapado, Wavewalker, to name but a few.



Athena is back for her second year and wasted no time making an impression. She led the class around the first mark on day one and took line honours, to be pipped by Freya on adjusted time, this year’s Classic Racing Formula (CRF) rating system making a difference, showing that last year’s strong performance was no fluke.

Skipper Richard Fear said “it was a blast, just wait until we can use the

spinnaker!” Skippers in the “Spirit of Tradition” class are having to watch out! Antigua Caccia alla Volpe, more of a race boat than a classic, won the modern class. Meanwhile, first in fleet was Paul Deeth’s Petranus, another feather for Antigua and Barbuda.

Unlike last year’s barely-there breeze on the opening day (some boats didn’t even make it to the first mark), th-

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is year kicked off with near-perfect winds. Classic Antigua conditions — just the way it should be.

Single-Handed, Not Solo in Spirit

The single-handed race saw a boost this year, with 12 boats taking part on a new triangular course featuring some spirited reaching legs and an upwind finish. It proved popular — and tough.

Local favourites Freya and Huey Too each took class wins, with Rita and Petrana also coming out on top in their divisions. Solo sailors, but definitely not short on support from the Dockyard crowd.

One standout among the local entries this year is Warthog — a familiar boat

with a new lease on life. Formerly known as Taz, she's been beautifully restored by young Antiguan Jules Mitchell and his equally youthful, fiercely determined crew.

Fresh off a strong showing in the RORC Caribbean 600, Warthog is more than just a racing yacht — she's a symbol of what's next. "This is the future of Antiguan sailing," one onlooker noted. "Young sailors, local talent, and serious commitment."

And when you see Jules and his team in action, it's hard to disagree.

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Party Like It's Day One

Of course, Antigua Classics wouldn't be Antigua Classics without a proper party. The opening night bash set

the tone: tiny girls on towering stilts danced above the crowd like colourful sprites, the Hell's Gate Steel Orchestra filled the air with joyful rhythm, and a fire dancer lit up the night — literally.

"It's that mix of elegance and pure island exuberance that makes Antigua so unforgettable," said one visiting sailor, drink in hand and rhythm in foot. "You race all day, then this... it's magic."

Music pulsed from the Dockyard into the early hours, and everywhere you looked was laughter, colour, and movement. "You don't come to Antigua just to race," said another regular. "You come because this island knows how to celebrate sailing like no other."



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Regional News



Injured men from Belize plane hijacking recovering, one released from hospital



The ordeal lasted over an hour, with the plane circling Belize airspace and at times reaching as far as Turneffe Atoll.

The plane was carrying 13 adults and a two-year-old child.

The situation came to an end when Brown, who was carrying a licensed firearm,

shot Taylor in the chest as the plane landed at Philip Goldson International Airport (PGIA). Taylor was killed in the confrontation.

Tropic Air expressed gratitude “to the medical teams and to everyone who has reached out with love, support and prayers” and promised to provide further updates as they become

The Belizean national who was hailed as a hero after ending a dramatic plane hijacking last week has been discharged from hospital and is now recovering at home, according to a statement from Tropic Air.

“We are pleased to share that Mr. Fitzgerald Brown has been discharged from medical care and is now recovering at home,” the airline said in a press release issued today.

Brown was injured during his confrontation with hijacker Akinyela Taylor, a US national who attempted to commandeer a Tropic Air flight last Thursday.

The airline also provided an update on pilot Captain Howell Grange, who was also injured during the incident. “Captain Howell Grange continues to receive medical care and is in stable condition,” the statement confirmed.

The hijacking occurred shortly after the plane departed from Corozal Municipal Airstrip. Taylor, armed with a knife, demanded to be taken out of the country after the aircraft was airborne.

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Dominica: Health officials report seven new cases of leptospirosis

National Epidemiologist Dr Shallaudin Ahmed has emphasized the need for heightened vigilance and increased awareness following the recent uptick in leptospirosis cases in Dominica.

At a ministry of health press conference ahead of the Easter holidays, Dr Ahmed confirmed that since the last update in March, seven new cases of the disease have been recorded.

“Our team continues to closely monitor the leptospirosis situation across Dominica. Since the last update, seven new suspected cases have been reported, all requiring hospitalization,” he confirmed.

“Fortunately, all patients are responding to treatment and no fatalities have occurred,” he said.

Just last month, the Ministry of Health reported ten suspected cases on the island. Ahmed had reported that only two of those were confirmed positive for leptospirosis after testing from the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).

One man died as a result of the disease earlier this month.

He had sought medical attention at a



late stage of infection and died from multi-organ failure, a severe complication of leptospirosis, Ahmed reported at the time.

The new cases have been sporadically present in communities from Salybia in the east of the island to Stockfarm, which is near Roseau on the west.

Affected individuals were also found in other parts of the island, such as Calibishie, Bourne, and Colihaut.

“This geographic spread underscores the need for continued vigilance and

public awareness,” Dr Ahmed said.

Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease, which means it’s transmitted between animals and humans. You can get infected through direct contact with urine or reproductive fluids from infected animals, particularly rodents.

Health officials are urging persons that if they experience symptoms such as abdominal pain, fever, yellow coloration of the skin, diarrhoea, fatigue, general malaise or dark stools they should visit the doctor immediately.

(Loop Caribbean)

Human skeletal remains found in Portmore

The St Catherine South police are trying to identify human skeletal remains that were found in a gully near the Phoenix Vista community in Portmore on Saturday.

Residents reportedly stumbled upon the skeletal remains at about 10:20 a.m. and summoned the police.

Upon their arrival at



Madrid Way, the human remains were discovered near a gully in the community.

The remains were removed for storage.

The Portmore Criminal Investigation Branch is leading the probe. *(Jamaica Gleaner)*

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ICE “administratively” arrests member of Cuba’s Ministry of the Interior

The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) says it has “administratively” arrested an alleged member of Cuba’s Ministry of the Interior, who has been residing illegally in the country.

ICE said it collaborated with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency in detaining Daniel Morejon Garcia, 57, who was taken into custody at his residence in southern Florida following an investigation conducted by ICE Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

“The investigation cantered on fraudulent claims he allegedly made when entering the country. During the investigation, law enforcement agents obtained official Cuban government documents and credible source information indicating that Morejon Garcia had failed to disclose his affiliations.

“He allegedly omitted being a member of the Cuban Communist Party and an agent of Cuba’s Ministry of the Interior in his immigration applications,” ICE said, adding that Morejon Garcia “allegedly served as the President of the National Defense Council in the Artemisa region of Cuba and was a member of the Rapid Response Brigades.

“These groups, composed of civilians trained and organized by the government,

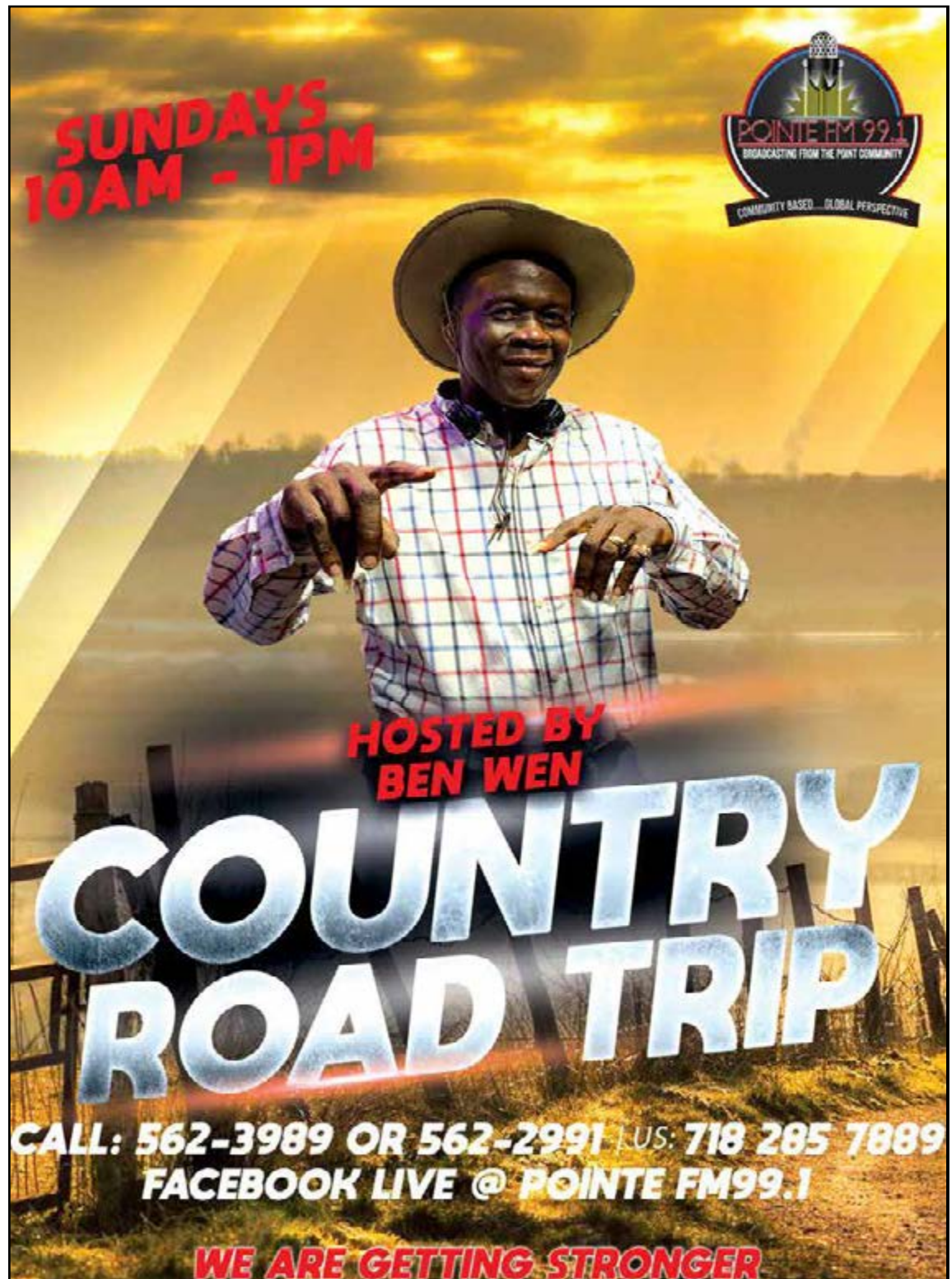
are designed to assist authorities during incidents of social unrest, protests, or disturbances,” ICE said.

It added that the authorities allege that Morejon Garcia

was activated by the Cuban government during the island-wide protests on July 11, 2021, and “in that role, there was evidence of Morejon Garcia assaulting pro-

testers as part of his duties”.

ICE said Morejon Garcia is currently in its custody pending his deportation to Cuba. (Loop Caribbean)



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Pope Francis, first Latin American pontiff who ministered with a charming, humble style, dies at 88



Pope Francis, history's first Latin American pontiff who charmed the world with his humble style and concern for the poor but alienated conservatives with critiques of capitalism and climate change, died Monday. He was 88.

Bells tolled in church towers across Rome after the announcement, which was read out by Cardinal Kevin Ferrell, the Vatican camerlengo, from the chapel of the Domus Santa Marta, where Francis lived.

"At 7:35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the home of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of his Church," Ferrell said.

Francis, who suffered from chronic lung disease and had part of one lung removed as a young man, was admitted to Gemelli hospital on Feb. 14, 2025, for a respiratory crisis that developed into double pneumonia. He spent 38 days there, the longest hospitalization

of his 12-year papacy.

But he emerged on Easter Sunday — his last public appearance, a day before his death — to bless thousands of people in St. Peter's Square and treat them to a surprise popemobile romp through the piazza, drawing wild cheers and applause. Beforehand, he met briefly with U.S. Vice President JD Vance.

Francis performed the blessing from the same loggia where he was introduced to the world on March 13, 2013 as the 266th pope.

From his first greeting that night — a remarkably normal "Buonasera" ("Good evening") — to his embrace of refugees and the down-trodden, Francis signaled a very different tone for the papacy, stressing humility over hubris for a Catholic Church beset by scandal and accusations of indifference.

After that rainy night, the Argentine-born Jorge Mario Bergoglio brought a

breath of fresh air into a 2,000-year-old institution that had seen its influence wane during the troubled tenure of Pope Benedict XVI, whose surprise resignation led to Francis' election.

But Francis soon invited troubles of his own, and conservatives grew increasingly upset with his progressive bent, outreach to LGBTQ+ Catholics and crackdown on traditionalists. His greatest test came in 2018 when he botched a notorious case of clergy sexual abuse in Chile, and the scandal that festered under his predecessors erupted anew on his watch.

And then Francis, the crowd-loving, globe-trotting pope of the peripheries, navigated the unprecedented reality of leading a universal religion through the coronavirus pandemic from a locked-down Vatican City.

He implored the world to use COVID-19 as an opportunity to rethink the economic and political framework that he said had turned rich against poor.

"We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented," Francis told an empty St. Peter's Square in March 2020. But he also stressed the pandemic showed the need for "all of us to row together, each of us in need

of comforting the other."

Francis was elected on a mandate to reform the Vatican bureaucracy and finances but went further in shaking up the church without changing its core doctrine. "Who am I to judge?" he replied when asked about a purportedly gay priest.

The comment sent a message of welcome to the LGBTQ+ community and those who felt shunned by a church that had stressed sexual propriety over unconditional love. "Being homosexual is not a crime," he told The Associated Press in 2023, urging an end to civil laws that criminalize it.

Stressing mercy, Francis changed the church's position on the death penalty, calling it inadmissible in all circumstances. He also declared the possession of nuclear weapons, not just their use, was "immoral."

In other firsts, he approved an agreement with China over bishop nominations that had vexed the Vatican for decades, met the Russian patriarch and charted new relations with the Muslim world by visiting the Arabian Peninsula and Iraq.

He reaffirmed the all-male, celibate priesthood and upheld the church's opposition to abortion, equating it to "hiring a hit man to solve a problem." (*Jamaica Gleaner*)

Tropical Shipping exempted from US port fee tariffs



American-owned shipping carrier Tropical Shipping has been granted a key exemption from proposed trade surcharges that could have severely impacted its operations and raised costs across the Caribbean.

The exemption comes as part of an executive order issued by President Donald Trump aimed at revitalizing the US shipbuilding industry.

The United States Trade Representative (USTR) had initially proposed surcharges that would have cost Tropical Shipping customers an additional \$3,000 per 40-foot container load. That proposal, which targeted carriers relying on Chinese-built vessels, has now been rolled back for companies like Tropical Shipping, which will be grandfathered under the new policy.

“This is a huge victory for us and the entire Caribbean region that we serve,” said Tropical Shipping President and CEO Tim Martin. “Our voices were heard. We could not have accomplished this without the relentless advocacy from our Caribbean representatives in Washington, DC, our customers, and the many organizations that wrote letters to the USTR describing the devastating multiplier effect these port fees would have had on all of us.”

Tropical Shipping, based in Riviera Beach, Florida, has served the Caribbean since 1963, providing refrigerated and dry cargo services, full-container-load and less-than-container-load shipping, and global logistics solutions.

The company plays a vital role in delivering es-

sential goods to island nations throughout the region.

Martin said the company’s successful exemption followed a wave of coordinated efforts from regional governments, private sector leaders, and international organizations. According to Martin, a member of the USTR committee expressed surprise at the widespread response.

“One of Tropical’s core values is, ‘Responsiveness is our driving force.’ Caribbean communities were our driving force on this issue, and I can’t thank you enough,” he said.

Martin offered special thanks to a wide range of supporters, including:

Tropical’s employees and customers

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The exemption provides immediate relief to Tropical Shipping and its customers, but Martin said the company is not stopping there. He plans to continue working with lawmakers in Washington, DC, to develop long-term strategies for rebuilding the US shipbuilding industry and preparing American carriers for the future. (*Loop Caribbean*)

Zelenskyy says Russia is trying to create an 'impression of a ceasefire' as attacks continue

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused Russia on Sunday of creating a false appearance of honoring an Easter ceasefire, saying Moscow continued to launch attacks after Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a unilateral temporary truce.

“As of Easter morning, we can say that the Russian army is trying to create a general impression of a ceasefire, but in some places, it does not abandon individual attempts to advance and inflict losses on Ukraine,” Zelenskyy said in a post on X.

Despite Putin’s declaration of an Easter ceasefire, Zelenskyy said Sunday morning that Ukrainian forces had recorded 59 instances of Russian shelling and five assaults by units along the front line, as well as dozens of drone strikes.

In later updates, Zelenskyy said that despite Ukraine declaring a symmetrical approach to Russian actions, “the trend of increasing the use of heavy weaponry by Russian forces continues.” He said, however, that it was “a good thing, at least, that there were no air raid sirens.”

He noted that some Ukrainian troops were killed in a Russian “ambush” on Sunday in the Donetsk region, and said the Russian soldiers responsible would be “eliminated.”

Russia’s Defense Ministry accused Ukrainian forces of overnight attacks in the Donetsk region despite the ceasefire. It said Ukraine had sent 48 drones into Russian territo-



ry. According to the ministry, there were “dead and wounded among the civilian population,” without giving details. It claimed Russian troops had strictly observed the truce.

Russia-installed officials in the partially occupied Ukrainian region of Kherson also said Ukrainian forces had launched attacks.

Zelenskyy said that Russia must fully adhere to the ceasefire conditions and reiterated Ukraine’s offer to extend the truce for 30 days when it ends midnight Sunday. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said Moscow had not responded to Kyiv’s proposal.

“In practice, either Putin does not have full control over his army, or the situation proves that in Russia, they have no intention of making a genuine move toward ending the war, and are only interested in fa-

vorable PR coverage,” Zelenskyy wrote.

Just hours after announcing the ceasefire, Putin attended an Easter service late Saturday at Moscow’s Cathedral of Christ the Saviour led by Patriarch Kirill, head of the Russian Orthodox Church and a vocal supporter of Putin and the war in Ukraine.

Putin offered no details on how the ceasefire would be monitored or whether it would cover airstrikes or ongoing ground battles that rage around the clock.

His announcement came after US President Donald Trump said Friday that negotiations between Ukraine and Russia are “coming to a head” and insisted that neither side is “playing” him in his push to end the grinding three-year war. *(Loop Caribbean)*

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Antiguans win LICB Under-19 championship



Antigua and Barbuda captured the Leeward Islands Cricket Board's (LICB) Under-19 Men's Championship at Warner Park in St. Kitts on Sunday, April 20, 2025. (Photo courtesy of the LICB)

Antigua and Barbuda have captured the Leeward Islands Cricket Board's (LICB) Under-19 Men's Championship. The Antiguan secured the title by pulling off a 33-run victory against St. Kitts in the final at Warner Park in St. Kitts on Sunday.

Antigua posted 188 all out in 49.1 overs after St. Kitts won the toss and elected to field. Jared Jno Baptiste hit an unbeaten 51 and shared a crucial and match-defining 59-run last-wicket partnership with number 11 batsman Ozan Williams, who made 17.

Opener Tanez Francis contributed 32, and debutant Vonde Bowers impressed with a quick-fire 28. Kittitian Kunal Tilokani picked up three for 21 to finish as the tournament's MVP and

highest wicket taker with 17 wickets, while Caiden Francis captured two for 29.

In reply, St. Kitts batters struggled early as the home side was reduced to 35 for four before Lawshorn Bergan (39) and Kunal Tilokani (21) added 75 for the fifth wicket.

However, Antiguan pacer Mekaili Tongue produced a devastating spell, claiming four for 12 from nine overs, including five maidens, as St. Kitts was bowled out for 155 in 43 overs. Captain Matthew Miller claimed two for 41, and Tanez Francis took one for 22.

Last year's winners, St. Maarten, defeated Nevis by two wickets in the third-place playoff at Conaree Cricket Ground. Nevis posted 154 in 40.2 overs, with

Deshawn James scoring 36 and Lythe Browne unbeaten on 27.

St. Maarten chased it down in 44.4 overs, thanks to T'yanick Honore's 48 and Devanand Singh's gritty 40, including a crucial 52-run stand with Chirag Aswani (58). The defending champions finished third after a disappointing preliminary round where they lost all three matches.

The Antiguan, who lost by 76 runs to Nevis in their opening match of the tournament, returned the favour to oust the Nevisians by nine wickets in the semi-finals at Conaree and book their spot in the final.

Nevis was bundled out for 101 in 35.5 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat. Captain Jevon

Manners, who was one of four players to reach double figures, topscored with 18.

Tayari Tonge grabbed two wickets for eight runs, Mekaili Tonge took two for 10, Jared Jno Baptiste claimed two for 12, and skipper Matthew Miller captured two for 27.

Antigua and Barbuda wrapped up the match by coasting to victory at 102 for one in 17.1 overs. Xaveek Toppin slammed an unbeaten 59 off 46 balls, including nine fours and two sixes, and Hosea Roberts hit 23 not out.

Antigua and Barbuda snatched a four-run win against St. Kitts at Warner Park in their last match in the preliminary round. Antigua and Barbuda made 226 for seven off their 50 overs.

Miller slammed an unbeaten 67 off 78 balls, Roberts cracked 55, Toppin hit 29, and Tayari Tonge made 24. Elijah Lewis took three for 52, and Kunal Tilokani captured two for 23.

In reply, St. Kitts was dismissed for 222 with three balls to spare. De-Antre Drew hammered 59, Lawshorn Bergan struck 47, and Eirette Richards made 40. Tanez Francis bagged four for 37, and Mekaili Tonge claimed two for 25.

Nevis crushed St. Maarten by 152 runs in their last preliminary round match at Conaree. Nevis made 227 for six off their 50 overs and dismissed St. Maarten for 75 in 17.4 overs.

Stingers win 19th Gillian Brazier Basketball Shoot-out title

The Juel Stingers, one of three Canadian teams that contested the event, have won the 19th Gillian Brazier Basketball Shoot-Out title.

The Stingers clinched the title by snatching a narrow three-point victory against fellow Canadian team, the Juel Canucks, in the final at the JSC Sports Complex on Saturday evening.

The keenly contested all-Canadian final was decided in five minutes of extra time after both teams finished regulation time deadlocked at 67-67, with the Stingers prevailing 76-73 at the end of overtime.

Player of the tournament, Hailey Fennema, led the Stingers with a game-high 38 points and 16 rebounds. In support, Caroline Chadwick produced 18 points, seven rebounds, and six assists for the Stingers.

Alexia Schryburt sank 24 points; Chelsea Hemeon produced 22 points, four rebounds, and four steals; and Anna Petridis chipped in with 15 points, 14 rebounds, and four assists for the Canucks.

The other Canadian team and last year's winners, the Juel Ravens, clinched the bronze medals after beating the Wings Tough Gals of Antigua and Barbuda 82-35 in the playoff for third place.

Asyslin Stevenson sank 13 points; Isabella Bertucci produced 13 points, four rebounds, and four steals; and Natasha Ives scored 10 points and snatched six rebounds for the Ravens.

Melissa Haywood converted 10 points for the Wings Tough Gals.

The Juel Ravens missed out on reaching the final despite snatching



The Juel Stingers, one of three Canadians teams that contested the event, won the 19th Gillian Brazier Basketball Shoot-Out title at the JSC Sports Complex on Saturday, April 19, 2025. (Photo courtesy of the CPTSA Wings Sports Club)

a one-point 77-66 victory over the Juel Stingers in their last encounter in the preliminary stage.

Sydney Cowans sank 21 points and snatched nine rebounds; Talya McNary produced 18 points, six assists, four rebounds, and three steals; and Isabella Bertucci scored 11 points for the Ravens.

Hailey Fennema shot a game-high 39 points with 22 rebounds and four assists; Alexa Burtenshaw sank 13 points; and Bryn Hardie converted 12 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the Stingers.

The result meant that all three Juel teams from Ontario, Canada, ended the preliminaries with identical records of three wins and one defeat.

However, the Stingers and Canucks advanced to the final by virtue of scoring more points and achieving their wins by much larger margins than the Ravens.

The Wings Tough Gals advanced to the third-place playoff after snatching their first and only win in

the tournament with a 44-42 victory against the Dover Tigers of Barbados in their final outing in the preliminary round.

Melissa Haywood produced 12 points, nine rebounds, and four assists, and Carissa Kentish scored 10 points for the Wings Tough Gals.

Myniya Hanes converted 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Barbadian Dover Tigers, who finished in the cellar after losing all four games in the preliminary round.

Fennema of the Stingers dominated the individual awards at the end of the tournament. She claimed the awards for the Most Valuable Player (MVP), most points, and most defensive rebounds.

Petridis of the Canucks captured the awards for the most assists and most offensive rebounds, while Myniya Haynes of the Barbadian Dover Tigers won the rookie of the tournament and most blocks awards. Ella Carrera of the Ravens claimed the award for the most steals.

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Antigua hosts 7th stage of King's Baton Relay for Glasgow 2026

Antigua and Barbuda is set to take center stage as the seventh stop in the opening leg of the King's Baton Relay (KBR) ahead of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

The twin-island state, which is one of 14 Caribbean nations participating in the KBR, will host the Baton from Tuesday, April 22, to Sunday, April 27, 2025.

This groundbreaking initiative was officially launched on Commonwealth Day, March 10, 2025, at Buckingham Palace by His Majesty King Charles III, Patron of Commonwealth Sport.

Each of the 74 participating nations and territories will receive their own uniquely crafted baton for the first time in Commonwealth Games history,



proudly designed and produced in Glasgow.

In a departure from previous museum-style designs, the 2026 batons offer an innovative opportunity for customization, allowing each Commonwealth Games Association (CGA) to decorate their batons to reflect their national identity, cultural heritage, and artistic vision.

Antigua and Barbuda's baton design was concep-

tualized and created by renowned artist Heather Doram, MFA, GCM.

On Tuesday, April 22, there will be the official welcoming ceremony under the patronage of His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams, GCMG, KGN, following a Glow Parade from Country Pond to YMCA, starting at 7 pm.

Then on Wednesday, April 23, the Baton Relay will visit the Adele School, School

of the Deaf, Sunshine Home for Girls, Bowers Boys Training School, and Fiennes Institute.

The excitement continues on Thursday when the baton will be on display at Heritage Quay before moving on to Barbuda the following day.

The activities will culminate on Saturday, April 26, when the baton returns to Antigua for a recycle pick-up initiative on Shell Beach.

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Windies women finish in style but fall short of World Cup Qualification



Players of the West Indies women's team celebrate the dismissal of a Thailand player during their final ICC World Cup Qualifying match at the Gaddafi Stadium in Pakistan on Saturday, April 19, 2025.

The West Indies Women ended their ICC Women's World Cup Qualifying campaign in explosive fashion with a six-wicket demolition of Thailand in Pakistan on Saturday, but even with fireworks from captain Hayley Matthews and Chinelle Henry and a ruthless display from their bowlers, it was heartbreak for the Caribbean side, who fell short of a World Cup berth on net run rate.

Needing not just a win but a massive one to leapfrog Bangladesh into the second and final qualifying spot for the global showpiece in India later this year, West Indies threw everything into their final match at the Gaddafi Stadium, and for much of it, they looked on course for a fairytale finish.

Matthews blazed her way to a stunning 70 off just 29 balls, peppering the boundary with 11 fours and two sixes in a whirlwind innings that epitomized intent. She shared an 81-run

opening stand with Qiana Joseph, who made 26 off 12 to give West Indies the perfect platform in their chase of 167.

By the time Henry entered the fray, the fireworks only intensified. The power hitter cracked five sixes and three fours in a jaw-dropping 17-ball 48, which kept hope alive for the run-rate boost the team desperately needed. But in the end, it wasn't enough.

Despite romping to victory at 168 for four in just 10.5 overs, West Indies' final net run rate sat at 0.626, just shy of Bangladesh's 0.639, who also finished on six points. Pakistan topped the table with a perfect record of 10 points.

Earlier in the day, it was the Caribbean bowlers who set the tone. Matthews won the toss and sent Thailand, and the decision paid early dividends.

Veteran spinner Afy Fletcher led the charge with 4-20, while Aaliyah Alleyne grabbed 3-41 and young

leg-spinner Ashmini Munisar chipped in with 2-15 as Thailand found themselves stumbling at 85 for six, seemingly out of it before a gutsy recovery.

Thai opener Natthakan Chantham provided the glue, as she compiled a defiant 66 from 98 balls with seven boundaries. She anchored the innings masterfully to help Thailand post a competitive 166 all out, albeit with 10 balls to spare.

But with the West Indies needing a dominant win to boost their net run rate, every ball and every wicket mattered. And a few too many of the latter fell during the chase.

Joseph, Matthews, and Henry all perished while going for broke, and Shemaine Campbelle (nine) went via the run-out route before Stafanie Taylor (seven not out) and Aaliyah Alleyne (five not out) eventually saw the team home with a whopping 235 balls to spare, but the damage to the net run rate had already been done.

Police lead Blackhawks in Dave Joseph one-day contest final series



The Police have taken a one-nil lead over the PIC Insurance Liberta Blackhawks in the best-of-three finals of the Antigua Commercial Bank (ACB) Caribbean Parish League Dave Joseph Limited Overs Championship.

Police took a major step towards capturing their first title of the 2025 ACB Caribbean Parish League domestic season by pulling off a five-wicket victory over the Blackhawks in the opening match of their series at the Clare Hall playing field on

Saturday.

The Blackhawks were dismissed for 104 in 23.3 of their allotted 30 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat. Brent Joseph struck 29, and Vishal Gobin scored 22.

Off-spinner James Corne-

lius grabbed five for 17, and pacer Trevorson "Jango" Atley bagged three for 19.

In reply, Police achieved victory at 105 for five in 17 overs. Malique Walsh slammed 37, and Garry Dugberry made 27.

Clayton Joseph snapped up three wickets for nine runs, and Nasri Brookes picked up one wicket for nine runs.

The second game of the series was abandoned due to rain at Barrel Beef in Liberta on Sunday. Game 2 has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 26, at the same venue.

If necessary, the third and deciding Game 3 will take place at Barrel Beef in Liberta on Sunday, April 27.

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Enter Jamaica's Shanoya Douglas, the World Under-20 200m bronze medalist, who seized her moment with authority. Blasting out of lane four, Douglas maintained composure and pace through the phases to storm to gold in 11.26 seconds in a slight 0.3 m/s tailwind.

Dowdye ran a strong race to secure silver in 11.43 seconds, while Shatallya Dorsett of the Bahamas claimed bronze with a time of 11.45 seconds.

Antigua and Barbuda's Ranique Richards picked up the bronze in the female Under-17 shot put. Richards threw a distance of 12.57 meters to become the first medalist for Antigua

and Barbuda at the 2025 CARIFTA Games.

Gabriella Linton of the Cayman Islands took gold in the Under-17 Girls Shot Put with a throw of 14.07 meters, and Jamaica's Jamie-Lee Tulloch claimed the silver with a throw of 13.02 meters.



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Charles and Fenton win gold medal at CARIFTA Games



Tyra Fenton celebrate with her gold medal after winning the Under-17 Girls 400-meter final at the 52nd CARIFTA Track and Field Games at the Hasely Crawford Stadium in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, on Saturday, April 19, 2025.

Zonique Charles and Tyra Fenton produced gold medal performances for Antigua and Barbuda at the 52nd CARIFTA Track and Field (athletics) Games that concluded at the Hasely Crawford Stadium in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, on Monday evening.

Zonique Charles won gold on the final day of the three-day meet with victory in the Under-17 Girls javelin with a personal best of 46.29 meters in the final.

It was a great improvement for Charles, who also represents Sir Novelle Richards Academy and Edu Sports, after achieving a personal best in a fourth-place finish in the same competition at last year's CARIFTA Games in Grenada.



Zonique Charles won CARIFTA gold by winning the Under-17 Girls javelin final.

Tatiana Sousa of Bermuda claimed second place with a throw of 42.24 meters, while Eboni Brathwaite of Barbados took the bronze with a throw of 39.16 meters.

The 400-meter action also brought joy to Antigua and Barbuda, as Tyra Fenton of St. Anthony's Secondary School and Roots Athletics Club delivered the country's first track medal of the games in the girls' Under-17 final.

Running with fluidity and control, she clocked a new personal best of 53.93 seconds, improving on last year's third-place (bronze) finish to claim the top spot.

Keyezra Thomas of the Bahamas claimed silver in 54.34 seconds, while De'Chynelle Thomas of St. Kitts and Nevis finished with bronze in 55.71 seconds.

"I feel amazing! Last year I got



Ranique Richards celebrates with the Antigua and Barbuda flag after winning bronze in the Under-17 Girls shot put at the 52nd CARIFTA Track and Field Games at the Hasely Crawford Stadium in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, on Saturday, April 19, 2025. (Photos courtesy of the ABAA)

bronze, so I'm happy I came back and got gold. I've been training really hard with my coaches, so I'm extremely happy," Fenton beamed.

Sprinter Geolyna Dowdye of Princess Margaret School and Power Speed and Endurance (PSE) Track Club also improved on her bronze-medal finish at last year's games to capture silver in the Under-20 Girls 200-meter final.

The girls' Under-20 final took an unexpected twist before the starter's pistol even fired, when defending champion Sabrina Dockery was disqualified for a false start, leaving a golden opportunity for a new champion to emerge.

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