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VIVA LA REVOLUTION! CUBA CELEBRATES 61 YEARS

The people of Antigua and Barbuda joined in both celebration and solidarity with the government and people of the Republic of Cuba which celebrated its 61st anniversary of the Cuban Revolution on Tuesday. *Cont'd on page 9*

WEATHER FORECAST

DAY 1/29	°F	NIGHT 1/29	°F
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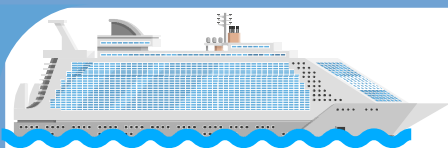
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Highlights

5AM - 6AM - TRUTH AND PRAISE GOSPEL**7AM - 9AM - TIME OUT****10AM - 1PM - TALKING POINT****1PM - 4PM - DRIVE POINT****4PM - 6PM - WE ARE THE ONES****6:30PM - NIGHTLY NEWS****8PM - 10PM - TALK THE TRUTH**

Cruise Ship Port Schedule 2019

Date Cruise Ship Arrive-Depart

29 January, 2020 Wednesday	 Norwegian Bliss	09:00 17:00
29 January, 2020 Wednesday	 Crown Princess	09:00 18:00
31 January, 2020 Friday	 MSC Preziosa	08:00 18:00
1 February, 2020 Saturday	 Anthem of the Seas	08:00 17:00
2 February, 2020 Sunday	 Marella Celebration	08:00 18:00
2 February, 2020 Sunday	 Norwegian Epic	10:00 18:00
3 February, 2020 Monday	 Azura	07:00 17:00
3 February, 2020 Monday	 Celebrity Reflection	08:00 16:00
4 February, 2020 Tuesday	 Costa Magica	07:00 17:00

The Living Word

An Old Clay Pot

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 (NIV) | Bible in a Year: Exodus 19-20; Matthew 18:21-35

We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 2 Corinthians 4:7

I've acquired a number of old clay pots over the years. My favorite was excavated from a site dated during Abraham's time. It's at least one item in our home that is older than I! It's not much to look at: stained, cracked, chipped, and in need of a good scrubbing. I keep it to remind me that I'm just a man made out of mud. Though fragile and weak, I carry an immeasurably precious treasure—Jesus. "We have this treasure [Jesus] in jars of clay" (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Paul continues: "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed" (vv. 8-9). Hard pressed, perplexed, persecuted, struck down. These are the pressures the pot must bear. Not crushed, in despair, abandoned, destroyed. These are the effects of the counteracting strength of Jesus in us.

"We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus" (v. 10). This is the attitude that characterized Jesus who died to Himself every day. And this is the attitude that can characterize us—a willingness to die to self-effort, trusting solely in the sufficiency of the One who lives in us.

"So that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal body" (v. 10). This is the outcome: the beauty of Jesus made visible in an old clay pot.

Antigua and Barbuda on guard against deadly coronavirus

With global anxiety about the recent outbreak of the dreaded coronavirus in the world's most populous country, the Ministry of Health and Wellness says it has been closely tracking the events taking place in the People's Republic of China where about 100 people are so far known to have died as a direct result of the deadly pathogen.

The Ministry held a press conference yesterday, Tuesday 28 January, at its headquarters on lower High and Long streets.

According to Minister Molwyn Joseph, the interaction was called specifically to update the public on related developments as soon as possible, and, as such, updates would thereon be provided three times daily at 7am, 1pm and 6pm.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr. Rhonda Sealy-Thomas stressed that there have been no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Antigua and Barbuda or anywhere else in the Caribbean, based on surveillance reports by the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).

An overwhelming majority of the confirmed (2,790) and suspected cases have been in the PRC, with less than 40 detected in 11 other countries, including the US.

Dr. Sealy-Thomas disclosed that an inter-agency task force has been established and it met for the first time last Friday. She said among the main areas of focus are early detection, with special attention being paid to the country's ports of entry where customs and immigration are being vigilant.

Health care providers have also been briefed so they can be alert to symptoms and other indicators of possible exposure, such as travel histories.

The CMO gave the assurance that the Mount St. John's Medical Center is equipped with facilities to isolate confirmed cases.

She said guidelines have been circulated to healthcare providers for clinical management of the disease, including obstetricians and gynecologists, because of concerns involving pregnant women.

Intense attention is also being placed on contact tracing (who the infected person has had contact with) and laboratory testing. According to the CMO, "CARPHA is currently developing the technology – because it's a new virus – to be able to confirm" the virus. "In the interim," Dr. Sealy-Thomas said, "any samples from suspected cases in Antigua and



Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Rhonda Sealy-Thomas

Barbuda would be sent to CARPHA, and until they develop the capacity, it would be sent either to the [US] Centers for Disease Control or the Public Health Agency in Canada."

Describing Antigua and Barbuda preparations against the coronavirus as a work in progress, the CMO urged the public to "continue good hygiene, wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and practice good cough and sneeze etiquette – that is, coughing into a disposable tissue and discarding it responsibly."

Teachers Boss Welcomes Education's Share

The president of the Antigua and Barbuda Union of Teachers, Ashworth Azille, is giving a nod to the fact that the government is allocating the largest slice of the 2020 National Budget to fund education.

He told *PointeXpress* newspaper that he is particularly pleased that much of the allocation for education will go towards repairs to the education plant, the schools. "We welcome the planned improvement in the education infrastructure, however, we are also hoping that in the process, the focus will not just be on the repairs and refurbishing of schools but actual expansion of schools as well," he stated.

The ABUT president added that he was also listening to hear some mention of adjustments to the salaries of teachers, but he noted that this may have been omitted in an attempt not to prejudice the ongoing negotiations taking place between the union and a team representing the government.

According to Azille...much progress has been made in those negotiations and the union is looking for a resumption in the talks that will lead to a speedy resolution.

He also drew attention to an issue where some 71 teachers have not been paid their one-month salaries as other public servants who received the

payout in December 2017. He is calling on the relevant government agencies to settle this matter expeditiously.

On the issue of the shift system introduced at the Jennings Secondary School to accommodate students from the St Mary's Secondary School, Azille said his union was very much part of the decision making that led to the shift system being put in place. He reported that the union's General Secretary, Annette Alexander, was an integral part of the discussion on the issue.

Debate on the 2020 budget starts on Monday.

Local Designer Celebrates 20 Years

One of Antigua and Barbuda's top local designers is this year celebrating 20 years in the business of designing carnival costumes as well as clothing items for both men and women.

Chandy Lewis of Chandy Lewis Designs staged a 'spectacular extravaganza' at the Multipurpose Cultural and Exhibition Centre on Sunday night to mark the occasion. The event was Blossom, dubbed the "MET Gala" fashion event of Antigua and Barbuda which was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance as it did not disappoint. The event also had a sub-theme of shining the spotlight on breast cancer.

Lewis has spent the last twenty years creating and designing what has been termed 'exceptional pieces' for both men and women locally, regionally and internationally.

The show, hosted by former Queen of Carnival, Miss Jaycees 2002 and former Miss World representative, Miss Shermain Jeremy and TV/Radio Personality Ercil Charles Jr, featured two dimensions; fashion and education about a disease which has impacted the lives of many, in one way or the other.

Focusing on the severity of breast cancer and the importance of early detection, Medical Oncologist at the Mount St. John's Medical Centre, Dr. Hanybal Yazigi, in a featured address encouraged both women and men to



Chandy Lewis

educate themselves about the stages and possible signs of the illness. He also congratulated Lewis for finding such a creative way to bring attention to the disease, celebrate survivors while bringing colour and vibrancy to the stage.

Breast cancer survivors, Mrs. Emelda Benjamin, Ms. Angela Durand and Mrs. Andrea Jeremiah -Finn also took to the stage at selected intervals to share their stories of courage, strength and the will to survive after being diagnosed with the disease at various stages. They too collectively gave kudos to Lewis and his team for organizing the event and were equally thankful

too grace the stage in their own unique way.

President of Breast Friends, Ms. Eunetta Bird, who is also a Breast Cancer Survivor noted that the organization is honoured to have been chosen as the recipients of the proceeds from the event. She assured that financial contribution will be used to assist persons suffering with the illness where treatment or other forms of comfort in concerned. She also congratulated Lewis on his commemoration of 20 years in the fashion industry and wished him continued success in his future endeavours.

The second highlight of the evening was the range of designs that graced the stage. The models, many of who have donned Lewis' designs over his 20-year career, commanded the runway flaunting pieces to the delight of the crowd in the following sections Cirque, Africana, Breakfree and tribute.

The man of the moment himself, then graced the stage with a surprise announcement true to his style, while thanking everyone for their unwavering support over the years.

The evening transformed into a festive phenomenon as the final segment was unveiled to be the 2020 launch of Lewis' costume line, Carnival Dolls, now rebranded Vice Carnival.

This is the first official launch for the year 2020 and features five vibrant, outstanding and eye-catching segments namely- Principalities, Dominions, Cherubim, Virtues and Seraphim.

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Photos of Blossom



A strong start to 2020 for Antigua and Barbuda



Antigua and Barbuda's Minister of Tourism, The Honourable Charles Fernandez led a delegation of Tourism Officials to CHTA's Caribbean Travel Marketplace where they met with travel trade partners to conduct tourism business meetings. Antigua and Barbuda Hotel and Industry partners were also present at the event.

Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Officials have wrapped up a series of successful meetings at Caribbean Travel Marketplace, held this year, in Nassau, Bahamas from January 21 – January 23, with travel partners reporting a strong start to 2020 for Antigua and Barbuda, reflected in increased bookings to the destination.

The Caribbean's largest tourism marketing event, Caribbean Travel Marketplace hosted by the Caribbean Hotels and Tourism Association (CHTA), brings together hotel and destination representatives; wholesalers and tour operators; online travel agencies; Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE) planners; and members of the media for several days of business meetings, including a busy program of thousands of pre-scheduled appointments.

Antigua and Barbuda's delegation led by Minister of Tourism, The Honourable Charles Fernandez, included CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA), Colin C. James, ABTA USA Director of

Tourism Dean Fenton, and ABTA Sales and Marketing Manager (USA) Norrell Joseph. Meetings were held with thirty partners to include British Airways, Air Canada Vacations, American Airlines Vacations, Sunwing Vacations, Caribbean Airlines, Classic Vacations, Apple Leisure Group, Kuoni, Flight Centre and holiday booking sites, such as, Expedia, TripAdvisor and Dial-A-Flight.

CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, Colin C. James, said "Antigua and Barbuda is coming off of 2019, having had our best year in stayover arrivals, with over 300,000 air arrivals reflecting a 15 % growth when compared to the previous year. Our trade partners are reporting strong forward bookings, strong demand for the destination, and more importantly that revenues are moving in the positive direction."

Key partners such as American Airlines Vacation reported an extremely strong year with room nights growing +51% in 2019, and the destination continuing to pace very

strongly in 2020. While, US Travel partner, LIBGO said Antigua and Barbuda "boomed" during 2019 and is presently up +255 in room nights for 2020. "Antigua and Barbuda is the hottest destination for the past two years" said a representative for Classics Vacations, who also commented that the destination is now in the top 5 for revenue in the entire Caribbean.

The good news continued as, Air Canada Vacations confirmed the strong year that they have had with the destination in 2019 with overall booking up +21% and group business up +36%. British Airways reported growth of +19% in 2019, with growth continuing into 2020.

The World's largest online travel agency, Expedia.com also had an excellent year with Antigua, delivering over 52,000 passengers in 2019 an increase of +11% year on year. Antigua and Barbuda is now on Expedia's top 20 search list for beach vacations across the globe.

Last year, following strategic direction by Minister of Tourism, The

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Plastics phased out, now all waste to be treated as a resource



Antigua and Barbuda has reached its goal of phasing out single use plastic shopping bags, which are no longer being issued at the check outs of shopping outlets in the country.

Also confined to the garbage dump of extinction are disposable Styrofoam food containers as part of policy-driven national stance taken by the current administration over the past three years.

This was highlighted by the Minister for Health, Wellness and the Environment – Hon. Molwyn Joseph – during the launch of another and closely related project workshop on Monday at the Jolly Beach Resort.

It is a partnership between the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, through the Ministry, and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

“It’s good that we can boast that we

have successfully eliminated single use plastic bags and polystyrene,” Minister Joseph noted. “But we didn’t believe that we had the technical capacity to go to the next step.

“And that next step,” he explained, “is a policy of the Government that simply states that all waste should be considered [a] resource.”

Joseph elaborated further that this policy stance means the Government is thinking in the context of ‘zero waste’

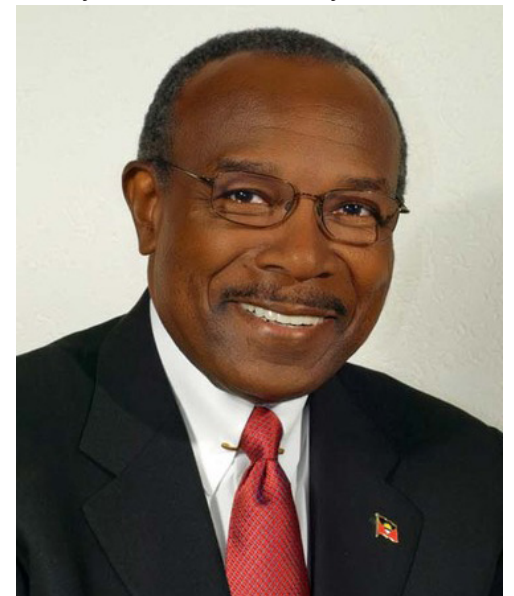
“But the idea of putting the necessary infrastructure, the necessary capacity for zero waste, was not within our grasp,” he stated. “And then we heard of IUCN and its capacity, being the longest-serving environmental organization in the world, and the largest.”

He said when IUCN representatives outlined project concept to him, he was at first incredulous. “It is a gift, because

we had been wondering where we were going to get that capacity,” the Minister said as he welcomed IUCN.

Minister Joseph said the country is now poised to take the next critical steps in its holistic approach to the elimination of plastic – and meeting its goal of replacing fossil fuel with renewable energy by the year 2030.

He said he expected there would be inertia and resistance, but he was nevertheless confident of progress. “By 2021 we anticipate that we will be able to generate approximately 25 megawatts of renewable energy, between solar energy and wind energy. If we are able to do that, we would satisfy all the electricity needs that



Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment, Hon. Molwyn Joseph.

are required by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda. That would leave approximately another 30 megawatts that would need to change from fossil fuels to renewable energy.”

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Hon. Charles Fernandez, the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, launched a #WhatCoolLooksLike Summer campaign, with aggressive marketing activities in the Caribbean US, UK and Canadian markets that significantly contributed to the destination’s tourism growth in 2019.

“The year 2020, will see us launch ‘#WhatCoolLooksLike reloaded’, as we continue to focus on driving business to

the destination during the summer, and on creating engaging experiences for visitors” said Minister Fernandez.

New events on the 2020 Calendar for the summer include Antigua and Barbuda Restaurant Week taking place from May 11 – May 24, a Lionfish Derby to be held from June 11 – June 14 and Kite Surf Week occurring June 24 – June 30 2020.

Overall Caribbean Travel Marketplace

was successful, not just for the destination but for Antigua and Barbuda Hotel and industry partners that were also present at the event, to include: Blue Waters, Elite island Resorts, The Inn at English Harbour, Keyonna Beach, Cocos, Ocean Point, Curtain Bluff, Carlisle Bay, Hermitage Bay and National Tours.

No Arrests Yet in Murder Case



Inspector Frankie Thomas

The police continue to seek information that will lead to solving the country's latest murder that took place earlier this month.

Police spokesman Inspector Frankie Thomas said while the police have been following what he termed 'several useful leads' provided by members of the public, there have been no arrests made in January 16 murder of Troy 'Monkey' Bailey. The Bendals man was shot to death in the village by a person or persons unknown.

Three men who were detailed and questioned by the police have

since been released without charge as the investigation continues.

Despite the failure, so far, to solve this crime, Thomas said the police remain proactive with the aim to keep crime at a minimum. He noted that over the past few weeks several raids have been conducted and a number of arrests for guns and ammunition as well as drugs have been made.

This past weekend the police were out in their numbers mounting several road-blocks on the country's major highways as part of efforts to combat criminal activities in the country.

These road-blocks are unannounced and they take place at different hours of the night in move designed to maintain an element of surprise on would-be criminals.

Inspector Frankie Thomas said the crime fighting measure forms part of the strategy employed by the police to keep crime in Antigua and Barbuda at a minimum.

During these searches, the police are looking for illegal firearms and ammunition as well as drugs.

NIGHTLY NEWS

WITH PHIL GEORGE

MONDAY - FRIDAY

6:30PM | 6:30AM



99.1 FM RADIO



Prince's Trust To Commence Work On Barbuda Housing Project

On Tuesday, Prime Minister The Hon. Gaston Browne met with Mr. Jeremy Cross of the Prince's Trust, which has committed to undertake a housing project in Barbuda to alleviate the hardship to homeowners there caused by Hurricane Irma in 2017.

The Prince's Trust, whose patron is Charles, Prince of Wales, heir-apparent to the British Throne, made a commitment over two years ago to assist in the rehabilitation of the housing stock in Barbuda.

In discussion with Mr. Cross, PM Browne asked that his best wishes and deep appreciation be conveyed to Prince Charles on behalf of the Government and people of Antigua and Barbuda for committing to the funding of the Prince's Trust Louis Hill Housing project, and for his leadership in leveraging other donors to provide additional funding.

During the substantive meeting, prime minister Browne reviewed plans and drawings for the project and was briefed by Mr. Cross on progress made so far. It was pointed out that the project is due to get underway by the end of February 2020, and that the work is being coordinated between the Barbuda Council, various contractors, the Development Control Authority (DCA) and the Ministry



Charles, Prince of Wales and Prime Minister Browne

responsible for Barbuda Affairs. Mr. Browne indicated that he was pleased with the size and quality of the two and three-bedroom houses which will become available to Barbuda residents on completion of the project.

'After discussions that started two years ago, we are now in a position to see this project get underway and take off,' PM Browne said, 'and what will emerge is a beautiful project that will be the pride of Barbuda and a project that will assist greatly with climate resilience,' Prime Minister commented.

In PM Browne's view, the Louis Hill Housing Project sponsored by the Prince's Trust will serve as a catalyst for other major housing plans for Barbuda that are in the planning stages, including a proposed housing development being sponsored by the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Cross undertook to keep PM Browne updated and briefed on progress as the project moves forward.

Tourism Investments to contribute tremendously to the economy in 2020.



The UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean has projected a growth rate of 6.5% for Antigua & Barbuda's economy in 2020. However, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Corporate Governance the Honourable Gaston Browne anticipates a growth rate of 7.5% based on the investments in tourism planned for this year.

Prime Minister Browne, in his January 23rd budget said in 2020, Antigua and Barbuda's economic performance will be primarily underpinned by tourism investments which will surpass \$2 billion as

several projects will be undertaken that will see significant construction activity and major investments in infrastructure which will produce more jobs, additional income for families, and overall improvement in the standard of living.

\$325 million will be spent on the PLH Ocean Club in Barbuda, a \$125 million renovation and expansion project at the existing Rex Halcyon Hotel will be undertaken by Sunwing, while \$270 million will be invested in beach club at Fort James by Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, \$540 million One and Only Hotel and Luxury Villas at Pearn's Point and \$100 million on the Armand Hotel Project in Barbuda.

NAMCO will assume 65% ownership of the Jolly Beach Hotel and will spend \$150 million to expand and refurbish the property. This will make it one of the largest and most beautiful hotels in the OECS sub-region, and \$540 million will be invested in a Port Oasis project at Side Hill. This Project will be undertaken by the Hadeed Group of Companies in conjunction with international partners and once completed has the potential to receive calls from Virgin Voyages and other vessels.

Prime Minister Browne outlined that work will continue on several other properties, including a Best Western Hotel, the Ayre Wellness Centre and Spa at Valley Church, Replay Halfmoon Bay project, and the YIDA projects. He also stated that work will commence on a Marriott Courtyard Hotel at the Airport and the new owners of Callaloo Cay will proceed with the hotel project at Morris Bay, starting construction later this year.

Beginning in the second quarter of this year, a US\$100 million Bungalows project at Devils Bridge by the Elite Island Resorts, will offer an opportunity for Antiguan and Barbudans, to acquire a stake in a hotel property. The Hon. Prime noted that up to one-third of the development will be made available for sale to locals and the developer will provide financing in addition to constructing and managing the units. This, he says is an opportunity for Antiguan and Barbudans to invest in a tourism property that will yield dividends for generations.

Many private luxury dwellings will also be constructed across Antigua and Barbuda: Pearn's Point, Jumby Bay, Mill Reef Club, Galley Bay Heights, Windward Beach, and the US\$50 million Baron Thyssen luxury home at Laurie Bay,



Tourism Officials visit work site of new property to come on stream



Yida Project Site

which is presently under construction.

The Government will make 10 acres of land available to locals, at \$3 per square foot for individuals, or a consortium of local investors, who are invited to make their proposals for the construction of a major hotel development in the Cedar Valley area for consideration by the Cabinet.

Building the Oasis class pier is vital to the growth of our cruise tourism sector, the public-private partnership between the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and Global Ports Holding Ltd. (GPH), will see the completion of a fifth berth, allowing Antigua and Barbuda

to host the world's largest cruise ships.

Over fifty thousand square feet of new retail, food and beverage and entertainment facilities is to be constructed and will to be leased to local persons, in addition, Heritage Quay shopping complex will be renovated and enhanced.

These investments, costing in excess of \$2 billion, will generate an economic boom, creating more jobs, increasing income, and enlarging demand for goods and services from which retailers, wholesalers and owners of every type of business will benefit.

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A night of celebration Viva La Revolution!



From page 1

Representatives of the government and the opposition parties joined members of the diplomatic corps and civil society in attending a special reception at the residence of the Cuban Ambassador, Maria Esther Fiffe Cabreja, at Blue waters to mark the occasion Tuesday night.

Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams, addressed the gathering highlighting the achievements of the Cuban government and its people to not only survive, but to thrive despite having to endure difficult challenges to

its very existence. He said the Cuban people have demonstrated resilience, independence, integrity and creativity.

Similar sentiments were echoed by Prime Minister Gaston Browne, who described Cuba as one of the most important developmental partners for Antigua and Barbuda. He said there are ongoing attempts to have Antigua and Barbuda discard its friendship with Cuba, but the twin-island state will remain resolute in supporting Cuba as a matter of principle.

He noted that Antigua and Barbuda's foreign policy is built on the principle of being a 'friend to all and enemy of none'.

Also addressing the gathering was the leader of the United Progressive Party, Harold Lovell, who singled out Cuba's help in liberating millions in Southern Africa as one of the greatest achievements of the 20th century.

Leader of the Democratic National Alliance, Joanne Massiah, noted that while on a visit to Cuba she saw many billboards erected across the country and when she inquired what they said...she learnt that they stated that 'Millions of children go to bed hungry every night around the world, but none in Cuba'.

Cuban Ambassador Fiffe Cabreja disclosed that there are thousands of Cuban health professionals assigned to 65 countries around the world. In Antigua and Barbuda there are 58 of what she termed 'the army of white coats' attached to the health services.

Regional

Dominica: Political opposition recommends “urgent” implementation of electoral reforms in key aspects

The United Workers Party (UWP) has recommended what they are calling “urgent” implementation of reforms in key aspects that will “save Dominica from the pitfalls of a defective electoral system.”

Leader of the Opposition Lennox Linton outlined ways that he thinks free and fair elections can be conducted.

Some of these include the enforcement of the rule of law, provisions against bribery, treating, impersonation, illegal voting and election offenses in general.

“We recommend lawful facilitation of registered, eligible voters living overseas to vote in general elections in Dominica,” Linton told a press conference held last week.

Other suggestions included fair



Senior members of Dominica's United Workers Party (UWP) which was defeated in the polls again in December.



Leader of the Opposition Lennox Linton

media access for the opposition in terms of news coverage of all state-

owned media, a campaign finance reform, an accurate register of voters and voter ID cards.

“We have a responsibility to reform our electoral system, not to deform it and we continue to advocate in that regard”, he said

UWP has maintained that there were voting irregularities during the elections and has accused the Dominica Labour Party (DLP) of stealing the elections.

DLP won by a margin of 15 seats (18-3), therefore the opposition has petitioned the court, seeking to have the election results invalidated in ten constituencies including Castle Bruce, La Plaine, Wesley, Roseau Central, and Roseau South among others.

Linton said given the gross misconduct of elections officials and ruling party manipulation of the electoral process UWP is confident that the court will agree with the illegalities



of the election results.

The delegates' conference of the UWP is scheduled for November 2020 where the leadership of the party will be decided.



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Bajan students in China 'rattled but healthy' as battle against coronavirus continues

By: Sandy Deane, Barbados Today

As the Caribbean continues to battle with the possibilities of the region's students studying in China becoming ill with the coronavirus, Barbados has come forward to confirm that three Barbadian of its students are in the central Chinese city of Wuhan, where a new strain of coronavirus has triggered a lockdown of the city and sparked a global fight back,

"I can tell you that I'm in regular contact with our students in Wuhan and they're fine so far," Ambassador to China Francois Jackman told Barbados TODAY from the Barbados embassy in Beijing.



Barbados' Minister of Health and Wellness
Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey Bostic

"Rattled but healthy," he added.

Ambassador Jackman said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had been fully briefed on the students, two males and one female, who are currently holed up in their college dormitory rooms. He declined to identify them.

He stressed that keeping students safe was his priority while not ruling out the notion that they may eventually have to be evacuated.

Ambassador Jackman said: "I wouldn't say that we are working to evacuate [them]. I would say we're

working to ensure their safety. This may include evacuation."

The diplomat said the Chinese foreign ministry continued to brief the international diplomatic corps as foreign governments jostled to remove their nationals from Wuhan.

But China has since tightened travel restrictions to curb the spread of the virus.

When Barbados TODAY contacted the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bridgetown, officials were today locked in meetings but in a statement issued this evening via the Government Information Service, the ministry said it has been monitoring the situation regarding the coronavirus outbreak centring on the city of Wuhan in China.

"The Barbados Embassy in Beijing has been in contact with the Barbadian community in China and in particular those students who are in Wuhan.

"All of the students in Wuhan who are registered with the Embassy have been contacted directly and have reported that they are in good health and they are following the instructions issued by the university authorities.

"The students report that they have been staying indoors and leaving only to source supplies. They are in contact with each other, the Embassy and the Barbadian community in China through messaging apps and social media."

The ministry assured that it would continue to monitor the situation closely in coordination with the authorities in China in order that the safety of the Barbadian community in China is ensured.

Minister of Health and Wellness Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey Bostic told Barbados TODAY while he led a tour of the Infectious Disease Facility at Enmore on Martindales Road that Government was also concerned about Barbadians there and Chinese who have to conduct business here.

He said: "This is also a concern for us in relation to persons returning to Barbados.

"These aren't just students, but persons going on seminars and other



Barbados' Ambassador to China Francois
Jackman

business including cultural, medical or sports and we also have Chinese who are coming here to work with China State Corporation and so on.

"So we have factored that in and the protocols outlined by [Chief Medical Officer] Dr [Kenneth] George certainly apply there.

"I have also been in contact with the resident Chinese Ambassador for the embassy and we are working together to see how best we can assist each other.

Since the outbreak in China, countries around the world have been scrambling to contain the spread of the coronavirus that has infected more than 2,700.

Beijing today reported its first coronavirus death as China's overall death toll passed the 100 mark. Sri Lanka and Cambodia confirmed their case, even as Canada reported its second "presumptive case" and the United States its fifth. So far, no one outside China has died.

In a statement issued today, the Ministry of Health advised members of the public to avoid non-essential travel to Hubei province in central China, including its capital, Wuhan.

This is in keeping with a recommendation issued today by the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the United States, is aimed at reducing the international spread of the coronavirus.

Officials meeting in Bermuda to discuss unlocking fin-tech's benefits



Central Bank officials in Bermuda this week.

Central bank officials will meet in Bermuda this week to agree on a framework that can help build robust fin-tech ecosystems in their countries.

Since the 1990s, fin-tech, the use of technology to improve and automate the use of financial services, has emerged as a cheaper, quicker and faster alternative to traditional banking. It has been growing faster than any other segment of the tech industry, reaching the global market value of about \$127 billion in 2018.

While some Commonwealth countries have become advanced fin-tech hubs, others have made relatively steady progress. The meeting will pool their experiences to identify model policy, legislation and regulation for a framework that can foster a healthy fin-tech environment.

The framework will be part of

a Commonwealth fin-tech toolkit, designed to help member countries improve financial inclusion, boost private and monetary sector development and achieve various other economic outcomes.

The fin-tech sector is known to have rapidly expanded access to finance through three major services.

First, in developing countries where most citizens do not hold a bank account, it has enabled them to send and receive money via mobile phones.

Second, the sector also offers several private-sector digital currencies such as bitcoin to help improve payment systems and cross-border transactions.

Finally, fin-tech companies give microloans to cash-starved entrepreneurs and small business

owners, which are normally uneconomical for traditional banks.

The proposed toolkit will guide all stakeholders including the treasury, central banks, telecom sector, and business industry to regulate fin-tech services, monitor the monetary system, improve cybersecurity and educate the public.

Premier of Bermuda David Burt will join Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General Arjoon Suddhoo to open the meeting on 29 January in the capital, Hamilton.

The Deputy Secretary-General said: "We are grateful to the Government of Bermuda for supporting the Commonwealth in this endeavour.

"Some Commonwealth countries have excelled in the fin-tech industry. They have functional and technical experiences that can help other member countries leverage this innovation to maximise economic benefits.

"In order for this technology to thrive in all our member countries, this toolkit will be a valuable asset to help countries develop a conducive ecosystem which not only makes a profit but can also address poverty and economic isolation."

The Commonwealth is hosting the meeting in partnership with the government of Bermuda from 29 to 30 January. Leading fin-tech experts and central banks officials from Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe will attend the meeting.

Saint Lucia to get Vehicle Pound

Local authorities in Saint Lucia have warned motorists who park illegally or drive without the required documents that their vehicles will be towed away to a new vehicle pound.

The new facility is expected to be in operation by the end of February 2020.

It will be located at Union, the same area as the island's transport board location.

Transport Minister Guy Joseph has lamented that citizens do not seem

to have any regard for traffic laws.

Joseph, a former President of the National Council on Public Transportation, expressed alarm at the number traffic accidents in Saint Lucia.

While also expressing concern about stray animals on the road, Joseph noted that the Ministry of Transport could not erect a pound for animals.

"We are putting the pound for the vehicles – that's our responsibility," he

told reporters.

"As I speak to you, the fencing is going up for the vehicle pound. I expect some time in February – by the time we implement our parking metres in Castries, the vehicle pound will be ready," Joseph disclosed Monday.

He said with the vehicle pound in place, the police will have a secure place to which to tow away vehicles that are found in violation of the laws. (St. Lucia Times)

International

Trump team to wrap up impeachment trial defense as Bolton controversy simmers

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Lawyers for President Donald Trump were set on Tuesday to wrap up their arguments urging acquittal in his U.S. Senate trial after making the case that explosive allegations by former national security adviser John Bolton - even if true - do not represent an impeachable offense.

The impeachment trial has been roiled by New York Times reporting about an unpublished book manuscript written by Bolton, who left his White House post last September.

The trial will determine whether the Republican president is removed from office after being impeached by the Democratic-led House of Representatives last month on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress arising from his conduct toward Ukraine.

Senate Republicans, who have



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so far refused to allow any witnesses or new evidence in the trial, faced mounting pressure from Democrats

and some moderates in their own party to summon Bolton.

China sure of slaying 'devil' virus, Hong Kong to cut links



BEIJING (Reuters) - President Xi Jinping said on Tuesday that China was sure of defeating a "devil" coronavirus that has killed 106 people, spread across the world and rattled financial markets.

Yet despite his confidence, international alarm was rising.

From France to Japan, governments were organizing evacuations, while Hong Kong - scene of anti-China unrest for months -

planned to suspend rail and ferry links with the mainland.

Among countries pulling nationals out of Wuhan, the central city of 11 million people where the outbreak started, the United States' Embassy in Beijing said a chartered plane would pick up its consular staff on Wednesday.

World Health Organization (WHO) chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and Xi met in Beijing to discuss how to protect Chinese and foreigners in areas affected by the virus and "possible" evacuation alternatives, a WHO spokesman said.

"The virus is a devil and we cannot let the devil hide," state television quoted Xi as saying.

"China will strengthen international cooperation and welcomes the WHO participation in virus prevention ... China is confident of winning the battle against the virus."

Investors are fretting about the impact on the world's second-biggest

economy amid travel bans and an extended Lunar New Year holiday. Global stocks fell again, China's yuan currency dipped to its weakest in 2020, and oil prices hit three-month lows.

OPEC wants to extend oil output cuts until at least June, with the possibility of deeper reductions if demand in China is significantly impacted, sources at the producers' group said.

CONTAGION

The flu-like virus has spread overseas, but none of the 106 deaths has been beyond China and all but six were in Wuhan, where the virus emerged last month, probably from illegally-traded wildlife.

However, cases in Germany, Vietnam, Taiwan and Japan where the virus has spread person-to-person - as opposed to a visitor from China arriving - have heightened concern.

"The reported human-to-human transmission in Germany and Japan is unsurprising to see," said

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Palestinians protest, Israel braces ahead of Trump plan



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GAZA CITY/JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Thousands of Palestinians demonstrated against U.S. President Donald Trump's Israeli-Palestinian peace plan on Tuesday hours before its scheduled release at a ceremony in Washington.

Israeli troops meanwhile reinforced positions near a flashpoint site between the Palestinian city of Ramallah and the Jewish settlement of Beit El in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

While Israeli leaders have welcomed Trump's long-delayed plan, Palestinian leaders rejected it even before its official release. They say his administration is biased toward Israel.

The Palestinians fear Trump's blueprint will dash their hopes for an independent state in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem - areas Israel captured in the 1967 Middle East War - by permitting Israel to annex large chunks of occupied territory including blocs of Jewish settlements.

Diab Al-Louh, the Palestinians' ambassador to Egypt, said on Tuesday they had requested an urgent meeting of the Arab League council at ministerial level - which Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas would attend.

GAZA PROTESTS

In Gaza City on Tuesday, protesters waved Palestinian flags and held aloft posters of Abbas. "Trump is a fool, Palestine is not for sale!" an activist shouted through a

loudspeaker.

Others chanted "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" as they burned tires and posters of Trump. More protests were expected after Trump announces details of his plan later in the day.

An Israeli military spokesman

said troops had been sent to reinforce the West Bank's Jordan Valley - an area which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pledged to partially annex.

Husam Zomlot, head of the Palestinian mission to Britain, told Reuters in London that Trump's peace plan was merely "political theater".

"It is not a peace deal. It is the 'bantustan-isation' of the people of Palestine and the land of Palestine. We will be turned into bantustans," he said, referring to the nominally independent black enclaves in apartheid-era South Africa.

"Jan. 28, 2020 will mark the official legal stamp of approval of the United States for Israel to implement a full-fledged apartheid system," he said.

Israel vehemently rejects any comparison to the former South African regime.

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Against US pressure, Britain allows Huawei "limited role" in 5G networks



The choice has been described as the biggest test of Boris Johnson's post-Brexit strategy to date.

(BBC) UNITED KINGDOM – The UK has decided to let Huawei continue to be used in its 5G networks but with restrictions, despite pressure from the US to block the firm.

The Chinese firm will be banned from supplying kit to "sensitive parts" of the network, known as the core.

In addition, it will only be allowed to account for 35% of the kit in a network's periphery, which includes radio masts.

And it will be excluded from areas near military bases and nuclear sites.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had previously suggested that use of Huawei's equipment posed a spying risk, saying that "we won't be able to share information" with nations that put it into their "critical

information systems".

But the Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab has said the decision would not affect the UK's intelligence-sharing relationship with the US and other close allies.

"Nothing in this review affects this country's ability to share highly-sensitive intelligence data over highly-secure networks both within the UK and our partners, including the Five Eyes," the minister told the House of Commons.

A document published by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) indicates that the UK's networks will have three years to comply with the caps on the use of Huawei's equipment.

"Huawei is reassured by the

UK government's confirmation that we can continue working with our customers to keep the 5G rollout on track," the firm's UK chief Victor Zhang said in a statement.

"It gives the UK access to world-leading technology and ensures a competitive market."

The prime minister had faced pressure from the US and some Conservative MPs to block the Chinese tech giant on the grounds of national security.

A Trump administration official has said the US "is disappointed" with the decision.

Beijing had warned the UK there could be "substantial" repercussions to other trade and investment plans had the company been banned outright.

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Senator Tom Cotton, a Republican member of the US Senate Intelligence Committee tweeted his dismay.

"Allowing Huawei to build the UK's 5G networks today is like allowing the KGB to build its telephone network during the Cold War," he posted.

"The CCP [Chinese Communist Party] will now have a foothold to conduct pervasive espionage on British society and has increased economic and political leverage over the UK."

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Michael Head, senior research fellow in global health at Britain's University of Southampton.

"We will continue to see further similar cases outside of China, but the indications are at this stage that onwards transmission will be limited, so there will likely not be too many cases for example across Europe, and on a much lesser scale

than we are seeing in China."

Chinese-ruled Hong Kong said high-speed rail services to the mainland would be suspended from midnight on Thursday, while the number of flights would be halved.

Thailand confirmed six more infections among visitors from China, taking its tally to 14, the highest outside

China. Far eastern Russian regions would close their borders with China until Feb. 7, Tass news agency said.

Wuhan is under virtual quarantine, with a lockdown on transport and bans on gatherings. Tens of millions of others in Hubei province, of which Wuhan is the capital, live under some form of travel curbs.

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West Indies Coaches Forum to launch new CWI Coach Education Programme



Phil Simmons

Led by West Indies Head Coach Phil Simmons and Director of Cricket Jimmy Adams, Cricket West Indies (CWI) hosted a West Indies Coaches Forum with regional franchise coaches on Tuesday, January 28, as part of a major initiative to develop the West Indies cricketers and coaches of the future.

This forum was the launchpad for the new CWI Coach Education Program, a key part of the new "Cricket First" strategy and investment plan to develop coaches and players to strengthen cricket in the West Indies for long-term success.

Newly-appointed Coaching Education Manager Chris Brabazon, international and franchise coaches are working together to develop a framework as to how all coaches in the region will work and communicate together to improve player development and shape the players of the future.

"This is something I tried to initiate a few years ago in my previous stint as head coach and it's great that this was initiated in 2017 under Director of Cricket Jimmy Adams. I feel we can all learn from each other and all work

together for the development of West Indies Cricket," said West Indies Head Coach, Phil Simmons.

Adams said he was happy that the programme has been getting the backing it needs to ensure success.

"I am pleased that CWI is putting resources behind player-development through the strengthening of its coaching pathway," he said.

"We need to have all our coaches in the region playing a consistent and integrated role in player development and this forum will be a significant part of the process."

CWI plans to use Tuesday's forum to start building consistency throughout its coaching pathway, from U15s to international level by identifying current and future playing skills critical for international success and then determining the coaching pathway and education to develop those playing skills.

Following the West Indies Coaches Forum, Coach Education Manager Chris Brabazon will visit all regional franchises to meet with regional pathway coaches to understand how CWI can better support regional

coaches and how all coaches can work together with the new Coach Education Program.

"There is no doubt that the role of the coach is vital at every level of the player pathway. These Coach Forums will be crucial to the creation of a coach development system that provides our coaches with the practical resources required to assist them to play their part in the player journey," said Brabazon.

CWI President Ricky Skerrett, who made opening remarks at the forum, said bringing cricket specialists together to learn from each other, establish standards and plan strategy is a crucial component of CWI's overall strategy.

"I am really pleased to see such a gathering taking place," he said.

The coaches participating in the Coaching Forum were Andre Coley, Nikita Miller, Emmerson Trotman, Fernix Thomas, Wilden Cornwall, Esuan Crandon, Stuart Williams, Andrew Richardson, Roddy Estwick, David Williams, Vasbert Drakes, Floyd Reifer, and Pedro Collins. (sportsmax.tv)

Fernandinho signs one-year contract extension with Man City

Manchester City midfielder Fernandinho has signed a one-year contract extension with the Premier League club.

Fernandinho has established himself as a key player for City since joining in 2013, winning three Premier League titles and four EFL Cups.

The extension will see the 34-year-old Brazilian remain at the club until the summer of 2021, by which point he will have completed his eighth season at the Etihad.

"This is the best possible news," Fernandinho said. "I have enjoyed every second of my time here. I never expected to build such a meaningful relationship with the club and the fans, but it has happened, and I am grateful every single day."

"Our fans are unbelievable; I am so happy that I will continue to play for them a year longer. I feel their love and passion and it genuinely helps keep me driven."

"My focus now is on making sure we continue to be successful. My time here has been decorated by silverware, but under Pep (Guardiola's) guidance we have really accelerated. I want that to carry on for as long as possible."

Fernandinho joined City from Ukrainian side Shakhtar Donetsk, where he had spent eight years after



Phil Simmons

departing Brazilian team Athletico Paranaense.

"He's not young anymore but he plays mentally as a young guy so it will be a pleasure to be together for another year," City manager Pep Guardiola told Sky Sports News.

With City facing an injury crisis at centre-back this season, Fernandinho has displayed his versatility by regularly deputising in defence, furthering his popularity with the club's supporters.

City director of football Txiki Begiristain added: "This new deal reflects Fernandinho's quality and commitment. He is not only a first-class professional and one of the best players

in world football, he is a fantastic person who leads by example every single day."

"We have a talented young squad - but making sure they are supplemented by senior players of Fernandinho's ilk is of paramount importance. What he brings in terms of leadership and professionalism is valued by everyone at the football club."

"He is a player with outstanding technical quality, and his appreciation of the game allows him to play multiple positions. He is also a player without ego, someone who values his teammates and recognises the importance of the squad." (skysports)

Daren Sammy pays tribute to Kobe Bryant

Saint Lucia's Daren Sammy is among current and former West Indies cricketers who have been paying tribute to US basketball legend, Kobe Bryant.

Bryant and his 13 year old daughter were among persons who died in a helicopter crash.

In a social media post, Sammy observed that heroes come and go.

"Legends live forever," he wrote.

"But this still hurts like hell. Very

sad day. #RIPKobeBryant, you inspired us all. God be with all the families who lost their loved ones," Sammy stated.

Kobe Bryant, 41, and his daughter, Ginna, died when the helicopter in which they were travelling crashed on Sunday.

Sir Vivian Richards was also among current and former cricketers who paid tribute to Bryant, describing him in a social media post as a true legend of the sporting world. (St.Lucia Times)



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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

Someone needs you to slow down. You're going full-steam ahead, and this person is feeling a little left behind! It will take everything you've got to quit working on what you're obsessed about today, but you need to take a break, at least long enough to give someone in your life the attention they deserve.



Taurus

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

It's good to have lofty ambitions, and it's wonderful to daydream every once in a while, but it's time that you rejoined the reality-based community. Right now, being grounded is the only thing that will enable you to connect with other people.



Gemini

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)

Sometimes it's hard for you to hear the truth. Then again, sometimes it's even harder for you to tell someone else the truth! Buck up and do what needs to be done. Whenever a difficult conversation needs to happen, a face-to-face conversation is required.



Cancer

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 21)

If you've been going out a lot lately, consider staying in tonight. Buy yourself a book you've been wanting to read. Rent a movie that will transport you to another world.



Leo

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22)

No matter where you go or who you talk to today, you're sure to make a very good impression on all the right people. This is a great time to move your social life into more exotic and stimulating territory.



Virgo

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sept 22)

Get bolder when it comes to your goals. If you err on the side of brash, you will transform your ambition from its current, 90-pound-weakling state to a healthy, strong, muscle-bound jock of an emotion.



Libra

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

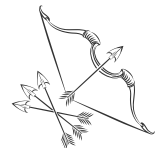
When other people are unsure about how to proceed with a challenging task today, you'll know exactly what to do. The only real challenge for you will be to get people to listen to what you have to say!



Scorpio

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Try to expose yourself to new ideas today by interacting with people who don't always agree with you. Meeting up with someone who comes from a different background, culture, or religion will also result in a good learning experience.



Sagittarius

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Listen to the conservative voice inside of you today. This is a day to play it safe and hold on tight to the things that are yours. As much as you would like to give your time to others, you need to let them fend for themselves.



Capricorn

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Some days fly by in what feels like ten minutes, while others drag on in a seemingly endless test of your stamina. Which category will today end up falling into? Well, it could certainly prove to be a bit of an endurance test.



Aquarius

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

You must be incredibly disciplined today, so keep your eye on the ball! There will be a multitude of distractions for you. These could range from some sort of spontaneous party to a nagging sensation that you're forgetting to do something.



Pisces

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Everyone and their brother has a tip for you today! Co-workers who've been there before, friends in high places, family members who worry about you, even strangers who are just busybodies, all of them think that they know what you should do with your life.

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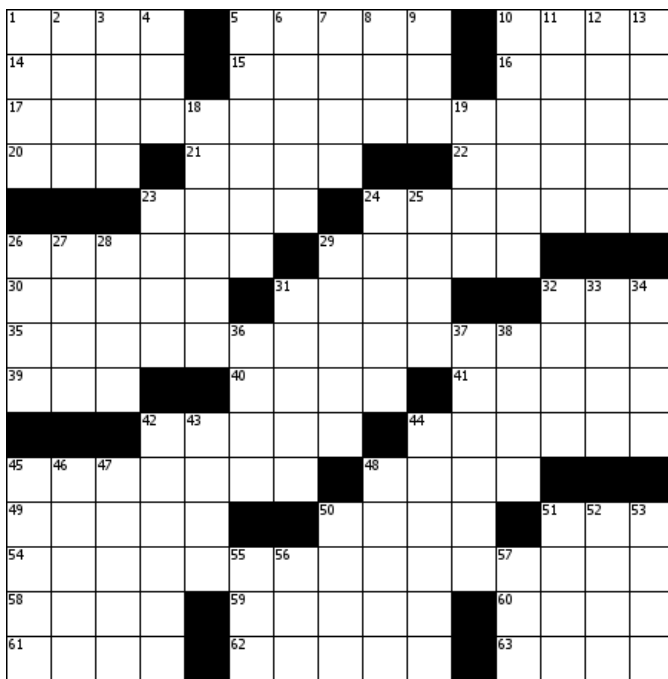
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14. Pawn taker, perhaps
15. Chiromancers read them
16. Roman numerals for Henry
17. Was right on time
20. Net judge's cry, perhaps
21. Eagle by the sea
22. Eat away at the beach?
23. Sound from the meadow
24. They're found beside temples
26. Shrubs with lavender blooms
29. Lawnmower part
30. Sign at a broadcasting station
31. Make judgments
32. Doctor of sci-fi
35. 19th-century England
39. Nice hot time?
40. Garner
41. ___ prosequi (charges will be dropped)
42. Awakens
44. Burns with water
45. Soft, light and fluffy
48. Galactic bit
49. Kind of zoo exhibit
50. Cripple
51. ___ Palmas
54. Starting location
58. Peter Fonda title role
59. Song accompanied by an alpenhorn, perhaps
60. "Peyton Place" first name
61. Stack part
62. One cubic meter
63. Lacking in liveliness



Down

1. Like some vaccines
2. Hole in a sweater?
3. Legal wrongdoing
4. Enjoy Snowmass
5. "Jenufa" and "Alceste," e.g.
6. Common contraction
7. Balm ingredient, perhaps
8. Former White House initials.
9. Low or high tail
10. Not favoring
11. Mischievous pranks
12. Tube invented in 1904
13. Internet destinations
18. Zipper substitute
19. Beer foam
23. Can of worms, maybe
24. Geriatric orbiter of '98
25. Item with a gooseneck
26. Puppy follower?
27. "What's ___ for me?"
28. Brussels export
29. Chicago squad
31. Memoir of a sort
32. It goes with a way
33. Don't sell
34. English I readings
36. Cayuse checker
37. Put down stakes?
38. Niagara Falls sound
42. Ear bone
43. Morrison or Tennille
44. Archie Bunker command
45. Cuisine featuring dirty rice
46. Rudimentary seed
47. What X may mean
48. Less hazardous
50. It's the way it's done
51. One not to be believed
52. First name in a Tolstoy novel
53. Seize with a toothpick
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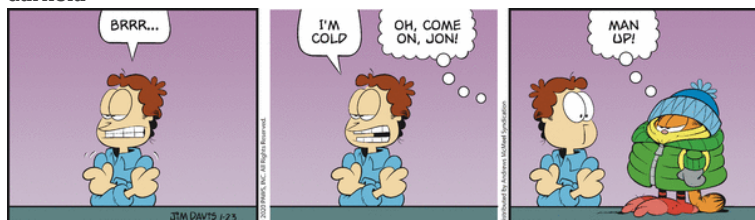
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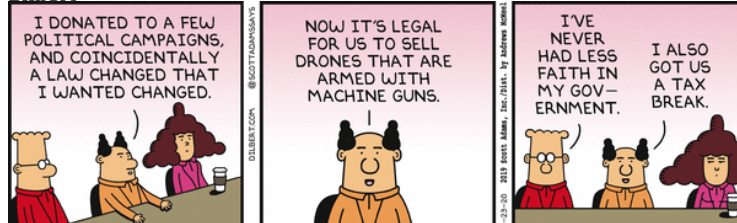
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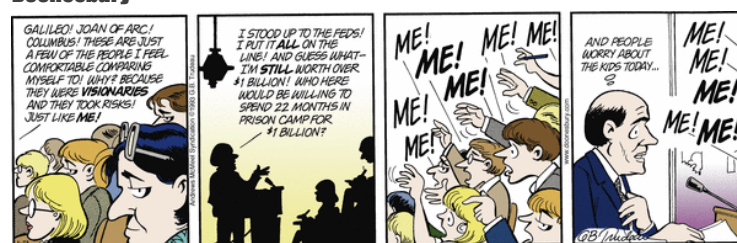
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Barcelona negotiations for Rodrigo 'open' - Valencia boss Celades



Rodrigo Moreno

Valencia coach Albert Celades has conceded negotiations for the transfer of Rodrigo Moreno to Barcelona are "open".

Rodrigo returned from injury on Saturday as Valencia beat Barca 2-0 at

the Mestalla, handing Quique Setien his first defeat since replacing Ernesto Valverde.

While the Spain international missed training on Monday to have a check-up on his knee in Barcelona, a

move to the reigning LaLiga champions appears to be on the cards for the Brazilian-born forward.

"Rodrigo is a player who can make the difference, that's why Barcelona want him," Celades told a media conference ahead of Valencia's Copa del Rey clash with Cultural Leonesa.

"The negotiation is open and we will not hide.

"Rodrigo and I have talked. I can't make a private conversation public."

The arrival of Rodrigo would give Barca cover for Luis Suarez, who is expected to be out of action for four months with a knee injury.

Barca are three points adrift of leaders Real Madrid following their loss to Valencia; Setien's men host Leganes in the Copa del Rey on Thursday before welcoming Levante to Camp Nou in the league on Sunday. (sportsmax.tv)

Leeward's Sheeno Berridge takes five as Hurricanes dismantle Windward's Volcanoes at Gros Islet

A career-best spell from Sheeno Berridge undermined hosts Windward Islands Volcanoes and set up Leeward Islands Hurricanes for their first win of the season by 165 runs at Gros Islet, Saint Lucia.

Berridge snared 5-22 from 10 overs and the Hurricanes swiftly dispatched the Volcanoes, dismissing them for just 51, their second-lowest total of all-time in the Championship.

West Indies off-spinner Rahkeem Cornwall grabbed 2-7 from six overs and West Indies pacer Alzarri Joseph supported with 2-11 from 10 overs, earning Hurricanes their biggest win (by runs) against the Volcanoes.

No Volcanoes batsman reached 20 and former West Indies Under-19 captain Emmanuel Stewart was the only member of the line-up to reach double figures with 11.

The Hurricanes gained a whopping 22.4 points from the contest, taking their tally for the season to 26.6 and moving them up from last to fourth. Volcanoes, previously second, dropped to third on 32.8, after gaining 3.4 from this match.

Starting the day on 234 for five,



Sheeno Berridge, Leeward Islands Hurricanes.

Hurricanes extended their first innings until they declared about 35 minutes before lunch, having gained four of the maximum five batting bonus points.

Joseph, coming at eight, again showed his batting prowess to rally the lower-order with a breezy 64 and Jaison Peters added 18 to his overnight score to finish with 57.

After Amir Jangoo was dismissed for 51 to the first ball of the day from Test pacer Shermon Lewis, Joseph

played the starring role in a seventh-wicket stand of 49 with Peters and an eighth-wicket stand of 58 with Cornwall to frustrate the Volcanoes.

Lewis was the most successful Volcanoes bowler with 3-80 from 18 overs; left-arm pacer Preston McSween and Josh Thomas took two wickets apiece.

Scores: Volcanoes 138 and 51, Hurricanes 354 for 8 declared. (sportsmax.tv)



‘This is a very difficult time for all of us’ – Lakers thankful for support

The Los Angeles Lakers said it is a “very difficult time for all of us” as the NBA franchise expressed their gratitude for the outpouring of support following the tragic death of Kobe Bryant.

Lakers great Bryant, 41, and his 13-year-old daughter Gianna were killed in a helicopter crash on Sunday, along with seven others in Calabasas, California.

Tuesday, January’s 28th’s NBA showdown between city rivals the Lakers and Los Angeles Clippers at Staples Center was postponed as the

world mourns the death of the five-time champion and 2008 MVP.

The Lakers released their first statement on Monday since the tragedy and it read: “In consultation with the NBA League office, the game scheduled between the Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Clippers for Tuesday, January 28 will be postponed and scheduled for a future date.

“The Los Angeles Lakers would like to thank all of you for the tremendous outpouring of support and condolences. This is a very difficult time for all of us.

“We continue to support the Bryant family and will share more information as it is available.”

Bryant, who entered the league with the Lakers in 1996, is regarded as one of the all-time greats following a career spanning 20 years in Los Angeles before retiring in 2016.

An 18-time All-Star and two-time Finals MVP, Bryant won a pair of Olympic gold medals, helping United States to glory in 2008 and 2012. (sportsmax.tv)



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